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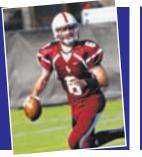
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Fighting squeezed buildings

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

An east Bronx community board is looking to stop this close zoning as new Mayor de Blasio's housing policy takes shape.

Community Board 10 is in preliminary discussions to stop or limit "lot-line to lot-line" building west of the Bruckner Expressway, with developers putting up build

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Rivera Immortalized In Ice

Michael Obernauer poses with an ice-sculpture of pitching great Mariano Rivera near Yankee Stadium on Sunday, Jan. 26. The image of Rivera on ice, created by internationally renowned sculptor Shintaro Okamoto, was part of the 161st Street Business Improvement District's Winterfest Celebration outside the stadium. Winterfest coincided with the National Hockey League's Stadium Series coming to Yankee Stadium.

BULLETS FLY ON MP AVE.

Cops fire 19 shots at van driver

BY BEN KOCHMAN

It was a heck of a way to kill a

He was high. Then he tried to take cops down. Then cops took HIM down after a demolition derby along Morris Park Avenue and surrounding streets.

Police officers peppered a minivan with 19 bullets after its driver—allegedly stoned on narcotics—tried to run them over during a Cat-and-Mouse chase through three East Bronx neighborhoods on Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, police said.

The driver of the black Chrysler Town and Country somehow survived the onslaught without a scratch, despite five cops shooting into the vehicle.

He was was busted moments later, when he rammed into a telephone pole on Morris Park and Wyatt Avenues.

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Police said they found over 100

pills of the illegal narcotic Oxycodone inside the van.

No police personnel or civilians were harmed during the mayhem, according to the 49th Precinct's preliminary investigation

Shots ring at corner

After he tried to back into them, a lieutenant and four police officers opened fire on the van as it sped away from Morris Park and Taylor Avenues, where police had cornered it. Cops had been following the van since an unmarked cop car tried to issue the van's driver a traffic summons five blocks east for failing to yield to a pedestrian on Morris Park Avenue and White Plains Road.

The cops had been on a special traffic detail in the city's new crackdown on driver's not giving the right-of-way to pedestrians

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The Bronx Times Reporter family mourns the loss of its patriarch,

Louis Collazzi

(Papa Lou),

son of co-founder John Collazzi, who passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2014.



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Birthday

 $The {\it Bronx Times Reporter}$ wishes its very own family member, Donna Marzi, a very healthy and happy birthday on February 4, 2014.

In Memory

On a sad note, the Bronx Times Reporter sends condolences to family member John Collazzi and his family on the passing of Louis Collazzi (Papa Lou). May he forever

Pelham Bay Little

League registration

Pelham Bay Little League baseball and softball registration will be held at the field house at 2680 Westchester Avenue on Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, Febraury 2. The times for all four registration dates is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For the next few weeks, board members will also be at the field house on Monday and Thursday nights from 8 to 9 p.m. for registration.

There will not be many more opportunities to register, so please attend one of the listed dates. If you are new to the league, bring proof of residency and a copy of your child's birth certificate.

rest in peace.

Bronx Rotarian News

The Bronx Rotary Club had busy months in November and December. There were three guest speakers before the club in November. Bitrus Vandy Yohanna, a Minister for the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations spoke about the workings of the UN on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Then on Monday, Nov. 11, Teah Wulah, a historian who established a scholarship fund for Liberian students who show potential, spoke to the club.

At that same meeting, photographer. insurance agency owner and Vietnam veteran Carlos De La Concha spoke about his experiences, and about he and his

wife participating in identifying families in need in his local community and then packaging meals for them at Thanksgiving through his church and a Rotary effort.

At that same meeting, Bill Gouldman was the "Man of the Day" when he showed up with \$494 in turkeys and trimmings for 12 Thanksgiving meals he donated to needy families.

Then on December 3, Sinsiri Tiwutanond, 23, a Rotarian originally from Bangkok, Thailand spoke about her involvement in the Rotary Club and her studies. She is the winner of the Rotary's 2012-13 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship and is currently in her first year as a graduate student at New York University, studying for



CARLOS DE LA CONCHA

her M.S. in Print & Digital Media. She did undergraduate work in Australia.

She has an interest in book production, specifically as it relates to creative design and children's books.

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Elected officials join push for 'Allerton'

But city says there is no official map

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A trio of pols have joined an east Bronx's campaign to put 'Allerton" on the map.

But the question may end up being: which map, exactly?

Rep. Joe Crowley, Councilman Jimmy Vacca and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj penned a letter Jan. 28 to the city Department of Planning urging it to pick up Community Board 11's push for recognize an 'Allerton' on "the official city map."

"Like residents of other parts of New York City, Allerton residents have an affinity for their distinct region within their borough," the electeds wrote to DCP Acting Director Richard Barth. "The reality is that many residents of the area define their residence in terms of their vicinity to Allerton Avenue."

But a DCP spokesman

said that no "official" city map exists that they can change.

Developers and real estate companies have long blurred NYC's nabe lines, especially in the Bronx, which underwent a rapid transition from farmland to urban sprawl in the early 20th century.

What City Planning can do to appease Allerton advocates is change its unofficial resources, which include neighborhood names on its website. DCP currently lists no "Allerton" and instead a "Bronxdale" and "Laconia", two names locals say are outdated.

The DCP spokesman said the department works with the community to produce the names on its maps and would be open to listening to the chorus of Allerton supporters in this case. Bronxites who live approximately north



Councilman Jimmy Vacca, here at a recent CB 11 meeting, is on board with the group's push to put 'Allerton' on the map. Photo by Ben Kochman

of Pelham Parkway, east of Bronx Park East and south of Gun Hill Road have long complained that they are unsure of what to call their neighborhood.

They say the media adds

to the problem by mixing up the nabe names.

A reporter from the New York Times called Jeremy Warneke, CB11's district manager, in the summer of 2013 to ask him about "life in Bronxdale."

"I told her, there is no such place," he said -and the reporter ended up writing about "Allerton."

In the meantime, locals who want the name changed on massively popular Google Maps can simply do it themselves.

The site allows users to create and edit their own city maps, similar to the way Wikipedia lets users create and curate encyclopedia entries.

So have at it, Allerton activists: www.google. com/mapmaker.

Having the DCP change its unofficial maps may help any Google Maps change stick.

The New York Times profiled a Matthew Hyland in September 2012 who spends his free time editing revisions to the city's Google Map, which back then came in at a rate of 2,000 a month.

His sources for checking if a nabe is properly identified, wrote the Times, include "city documents and community boards.





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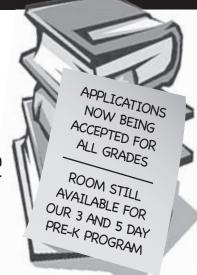
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by Bob "KAPPY" **Kappstatter**

In a world full of game playing people, goes one of our favorite sayings, God took pity and invented the empty smile.

This segues to our prior column on Bronx Democratic Boss Carl Heastie and his minions being mightily ticked off at west Bronx Senator Gustavo Rivera for his over-the-top support of Melissa Mark-Viverito in the Council Speaker's race while the party machine backed - and lost with - Manhattan's Dan Garodnick, only to be fed crumbs by winner Melissa in chairmanships and jobs.

We wrote that Boss Carl was angry enough to talk about backing a candidate against Gustavo, but softened it to thinking about letting Gustavo face reelection without party backing. Carl, of course, was reported furious that it leaked out to your humble ink-stained wretch.

Enter Gustavo, who called us to say he and Carl met and that everything was just hunky dory with them.

"I have always enjoyed a good relationship with the county organization, which was only strengthened with our work together to get [Assemblyman] Victor Pichardo elected over the summer," sayeth Gustavo. "I will continue working with them in years to come, and certainly during this election cycle."

To which we say maybe Gustavo should still think about relying on fellow Progressive electeds and unions to help keep him in office come primary time.

Meanwhile, we'll stand by our original column...

DIAZ vs. GUSTAVO

As if Gustavo didn't have enough tsuris with the Party, seems fellow state Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., making a speech on the senate floor about Martin Luther King and civil rights, pointed out Gustavo for making fun of his "heavy accent."

"Nothing has changed. People make fun of you, for your color, for your accent, for your kinky hair," sayeth The Rev, whom we admit to sometimes having a problem understanding. "People make fun of you."

ERIC'S SEAT

While folks tell us Michael Benjamin has been reaching out to build support for a run for his old Morrisania assembly seat now vacated by convicted Eric Stevenson, we hear the Bronx Democratic machine has already settled on backing Marsha Michaels, an attorney who worked to help Eddie McShane and Liz Taylor get elected judges. ∫Big edge: she's got strong roots in Concourse Village West, THE major voting bloc in the district.

UPPING HIS GAME

Wow, we haven't seen this much local activity from Congressman Jose Serrano in, well, since he was last running for reelection. Seems like the South Bronx rep has been all over the place lately, voting on the city's Industrial Development Agency board against funding FreshDirect's move (and saying some not so nice things about the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp.), opposing city subsidies for a soccer stadium, holding a forum on ferry service for the east Bronx, inserting legislative roadblocks to selling the General Post Office on the Conc.

Don't expect much help for Joe from the Bronx Democratic machine, smarting over Jose backing

Melissa Mark-Viverito for Council Speaker. And just wondering if the congressman might be expecting a challenge from somewhere? Like maybe a certain state senator from Soundview? Nah! And then again, he's always been reelected with no less than 92 percent of the vote.

TSK, TSK!

Buddy Stein, editor at the Mott Haven Herald, out with a story on FreshDirect's lobbying efforts through some big bux lobbying firms, noting that since the Herald broke the news that former Sustainable South Bronx head Majora Carter was a paid consultant to FreshDirect, "she has refused to speak to its reporters, saying through the company's communications director. Carter's husband James Chase, that the Herald would have to agree to submit any story in advance and agree to a series of pre-conditions governing what words it could or could not

GOP LUNCH

The Bronx Republican Party's Lincoln Lunch Sunday, Feb. 9 at the Villa Barone Manor is being touted as a preview of some candidates running for statewide office.

Former U.S. Attorney

chael Garcia, reported weighing a run against Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, will be keynote speaker, introduced by Westchester County Exec Rob Astorino, considering taking on Gov. Cuomo.

Bronx GOP Leader John Greaney will presiding over the affair in a county where Dems outnumber the GOP 12.2 to 1.

TECHIE JIMMY

Councilman **Jimmy Vacca** showing up at Community Board 11's meet in Morris Park Thursday night, Jan.23, talking about his new chairmanship of the technology committee, saying he don't know nuthin' 'bout technical stuff - but is excited to learn about the increasingly important field.

He boasted on his Facebook page about his four years as chairman of the transportation committee, successfully shepherding 44 bills into law, and planning "to soon be the most tech-savvy member of the body!'

COP CORNER

Touchy feely. We saw a lotta paranoia among former Bronx chiefs we ran into while covering 1 Police Plaza for the Daily News. But we hear that since Ray Kelly's departure and new PC Bill Bratton's arrival, the place now feels like the Wizard of Oz, going from black and white to Technicolor. We might even stop calling it The Kremlin and rename it The Palace.

LIBERTY NEWBIES

The Liberty Democratic Association held a special election Jan. 26, replacing outgoing president - and new City Councilman Ritchie Torres - with Monica Major, the borough president's education director. Also elected: new treasurer Marjorie Velazquez Lynch, and new secretary Andrea Siegel.

Club also endorsed Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj for reelection.

MOVES

Bronxite Ismael Malave moving over from City Controller's office as a senior investment analyst to Public Advocate Letitia James' office as director of government relations and community affairs.

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Jan. 31 - Bronx mover and shaker (and BFF) Kathy Zamechansky

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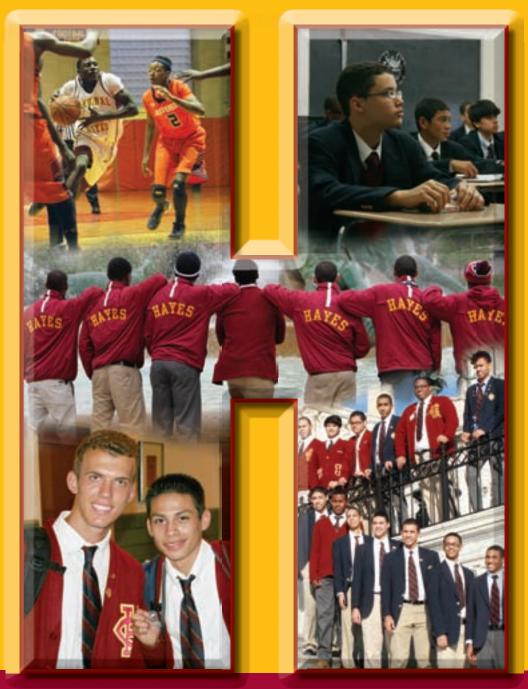
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Pelham Bay stores offer 'Safe Havens'

Merchants arrange safe spots to kids

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Pelham Bay is getting into the "Safe Haven" spirit.

Forty-five neighborhood businesses now double as spaces where children can duck in if they are feeling unsafe, followed or worried about being bullied.

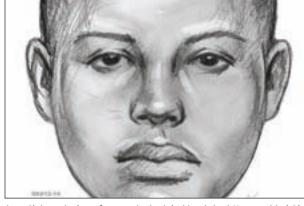
Stores lining Crosby Avenue and Westchester Square received Safe Haven decals this week from the Pelham Bay Merchants Association.

Participating shop owners are expected to follow a simple set of rules: allow a child inside a store until the danger passes and they feel comfortable.

Either storeowners or the children can call the police, or ring a guardian to pick them up-but in no circumstance should the storeowner leave the store to intervene, or take any photos of potential assailants.

Pelham Bay's program was inspired by nearby Morris Park, Pelham Parkway and Allerton, whose merchants adopted the "Safe Haven" program in 2012, months after an 8-year-old boy in Brooklyn was abducted off the street and

"This is a program that



An artist rendering of suspect who tried to abduct 11 year old girl in Sketch courtesy NYPD

works," said Joe Thompson, president of the 49th Precinct Community Council, which helped organize the original program. Thompson, who has lived in the area for nearly 50 years, worked for the NYPD for decades before starting a neighborhood patrol. He remembers a time when nearly all of the east Bronx's shops opened their doors to children.

But in recent years he'd seen the relationship between local shops and children sour. Some shops, worried about petty crime, closed for an hour when schools got out for the day, he said.

"A lot of kids are apprehensive today that they'll be thrown out of a store," he said. "These signs ensure that they can go in and be protected."

Bullying and abductions remain a citywide danger.

As of press time, the NYPD was still searching for the culprit who attempted to kidnap an 11-year-old girl on Wednesday Jan. 22 on Castle Hill Avenue near Lafayette Place and throw her into his blue Astro Van.

"We wanted to be able to do what we could before something happened," said Irene Guanill, Pelham Bay Merchant Association's pres-

Pelham Bay's program relies on a slew of community organizations working together. Representatives from local Community Board 10 alerted area school personnel and parents of the new program. The 45th Precinct Community Council ran background checks on the shop owners behind the businesses.

The idea is that children walking through the nabe's hub and in danger will see the Safe Haven sign in the window and have no second thoughts about taking shelter in local shops.

"It's not complicated, " said Patrick Caruso of CB 10. "This is just one more way to make our kids feel safe."



Kids in Pelham Bay should look out for these "Safe Haven" signs in nabe shop windows. Photo by Ben Kochman

Mayor promises kinder, gentler business inspections

BY BEN KOCHMAN

small Bronx business owners, battered by Bloomberg-era ticket blitzes, are hoping to take new Mayor de Blasio at his word they'll find a kinder, gentler administration.

The new Mayor promised that he would be less 'punitive' to small businesses at a press conference Jan. 21 as he introduced his next small business chief, Maria Torres-Springer.

"For too long the central relationship between small businesses and the city government," the mayor said, "has been when an inspector walks through the door of that small business ready to issue a fine."

Rattled by summonses

That tune rings true for area shop owners who have long been confused by how the city's rules function —and who have been crippled under the weight of citations adding up.

"They don't give you a warning," said Irene Guanill, president of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association, "and they don't give you any instructions."

Magdalena Makas, who operated the Forever Young Artemis hair salon on Crosby Avenue for decades before merging this year with another nearby salon, is still smarting from a \$350 fine she received from the city's Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) in 2011.

Makas' crime? Listing different prices for "men" and "women's" haircuts. DCA has a rule against the practice, which it argues is misleading, since women can sometimes have shorter hair than men.

But DCA ramped up enforcement of its obscure rule in 2011, doling out 580 violations compared to 212 in



Magdalena Makas, a long-time Pelham Bay hairstylist, says she was slammed with a \$375 fine for having different prices for "men's" and "women's" haircuts. Photo by Aracelis Batista

2010, according to city statistics.

Makas thought about appealing the fine, but could not afford to leave her office for a day to appear in court.

"I just paid the check,"

she said. "I can't afford to lose even one day of business."

Rosetta Lawless, owner of the Shamrock Inn, said she has nearly lost track of the amount of times city in-

spectors from the Department of Health have slapped her Crosby Avenue restaurant with petty fines.

She was once cited for using an ice scoop at the bar that the Department of Health deemed a few inches too short. The scoop's handle was dangerously close to touching the ice and potentially transferring germs into drinks, DOH argued.

Lawless said that she had no idea she was in violation of the rules and agreed to buy a larger scoop, but was still stuck with a \$200 fine.

"They should at least give you a certain amount of time to fix the problem," she said.

Mayor Bill: Savior?

De Blasio said at the Jan. 21 press conference that his office would release a detailed plan in the coming weeks on how he'll repair the city's relationship with small businesses.

If anyone can tackle the

issue, perhaps it's Mayor Bill. As Public Advocate, de Blasio accused city agencies of gouging small businesses with fines to raise revenue. His office sued DCA and DOH to release statistics on its fining practices.

But many small business owners' distrust of the city was furthered when the new mayor introduced legislation this month, expected to breeze through the City Council, that would compel businesses with at least five employees to provide five days of paid sick leave per employee.

"I have long known the City of New York as the enemy of all small business," said Steve Kaufman, president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association.

When asked if he thought de Blasio had a shot to remedy that relationship, Kaufman responded: "I'll believe it when I see it."



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Co-op City bus help on way

Board 10 spearheaded MTA ridership study

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Co-op City residents could soon be taken for a ride - a better one.

Under a new Metropolitan Transportation Authority proposal, riders on the Bx23 bus line may soon be able to travel on the route through the entire development at all times, not just peak times.

On June 21, 2013, Community Board 10 asked the MTA to conduct an analysis of bus service for the sprawling housing development.

The MTA has now released a comprehensive study of Co-op City buses after interviewing 1,400 riders in September and October, and analyzing electronic bus monitoring systems.

"This means that commuters [could] utilize the Bx23 to connect all the parts of Co-op City, to

points outside the development and the No. 6 IRT subway train," read a CB 10 statement. "The board extends its gratitude to the

duce confusion among the riders, and provide circular service throughout the entire development.

Assemblyman Michael

was guite pleased with the MTA on this, because they kept their word and did a real study.

Michael Benedetto

Assemblyman

MTA board and its executive team and staff for undertaking this study."

The MTA's "Co-op City Transportation and Bus Service Improvements" study was released on Friday, Jan. 17.

It stated that having the Bx23 bus run one uniform pattern during peak and off-peak times would reBenedetto also wrote his own letter urging the MTA to study the situation.

"I was quite pleased with the MTA on this, because they kept their word and did a real study," said Benedetto, adding that the despite the initial cynicism after budget cuts in 2010, the agency worked with Co-op City leaders

and gradually improved service since then.

"I will be eagerly awaiting implementation of this plan," he said, adding "I think it will address a lot of the issues that people in Co-op City

Gabriel Rosado, 19, who takes the bus every day, said as he waited at an Einstein Loop stop recently that the cuts diminished the quality of service, and that service was needed where buses go through all of the loops that make up the infrastructure in Co-op City.

In addition to improvements to the Bx23, the study also called for adding a new bus stop at Asch Loop and Adler Place, rerouting the Bx28 through Asch Loop, and adding a new limited stop on the Q50 bus route to Flushing, Queens.



Improvements to the Bx23 bus service was one of several recommendations from an MTA bus study of Co-op City.

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FRI, DEC. 13th, 10:25 p.m. – 849 East 149 St. Officials were alerted to a robbery. Apparently a Hispanic male passed a note to an employee demanding money. The thief was provided with over three hundred dollars before fleeing.

SAT, DEC. 14th, 10:40 a.m. – 430 East 149 St. The victim of a robbery was assaulted by a gun displaying culprit. The culprit was described as a black male believed to be in late twenties struck the victim in the face before taking over a hundred dollars from the cash register. Detectives have been assigned to the inquiry.

WED, DEC. 18th, 2:40 p.m. – 847 Prospect Ave. detectives are looking for a black male. The unknown male culprit robbed a cell phone store at gun point of seven hundred dollars. No injuries were reported.

42nd PCT.

SAT, DEC. 14th, 11:30 a.m. - 500 East 165 St. Officials are looking into a home invasion that occurred in the Morrisania community. Authorities were informed that three Hispanic male pushed their way into an apartment while exhibiting a gun. Taken during the armed robbery were several computer game systems, besides a cellphone. Detectives are looking for the culprits.

43rd PCT.

THURS, DEC. 12th, 4:00 p.m. – 711 White Plains Rd. Law enforcement officers were looking for a male wanted in connect with a stabbing. Police officers arriving at the crime scene indicated that a male victim has been stabbed once in the buttocks. Before being transported to Lincoln Medical Center police were informed that the culprit was wearing a ski mask.

FRI, DEC. 13th, 4:00 a.m. – Officials learned that an elderly woman had been sexually assaulted. A 79 year old Hispanic woman was raped by a male armed with a knife. The woman was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for treatment. Specially trained sleuths are handing the inquiry.

FRI, DEC. 13th, 9:45 p.m. – 1825 Bruckner Blvd. A 34 year old Hispanic man was arrested after being found with a weapon. Taken away from the culprit was a 22-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

SAT, DEC. 14th, 8:30 a.m. – 1726 Metcalf Ave. Officials started an inquiry after learning that a male had been stabbed. A 32 year old Hispanic man was suffering from



a stab wound to the stomach after being involved in a dispute with a female. The injured man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

SUN, DEC. 15th, 12:00 p.m. – 1120 Fteley Ave. Investigators are looking into a reported incident where shots had been fire. Police officers at the scene indicated that five bullets ripped into a parked vehicle. Officers at the scene were unable to find any injured victims.

WED, DEC. 18th, 11:00 a.m. – 1265 Olmstead Ave. Police officers required additional assistance from specially trained officers. A female suspect who was wanted for previously assaulting her husband, decided to remain inside the apartment. Experts from the elite Emergency Service Squad were dispatched to the scene. Upon making entry into the home, the woman was taken into custody.

THURS, DEC. 19th, 6:00 a.m. – 1254 Manor Ave. Additional assistance was needed by police officers looking for a wanted suspect. The culprit decided to remain in the apartment until police officers from the Emergency Service Squad forced the door and took the suspect into custody.

44th PCT.

TUES, DEC. 17th, 6:10 p.m. — 103 West 165 St. A love triangle left two people being transported to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from stab wounds. Apparently a former boyfriend stabbed his former girlfriend in the hand. Her new flame was suffering from a stab wound to the left side of his torso. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

45th PCT.

THURS, DEC. 12th, 7:40 p.m. – 3233 Ampere Ave. A search was conducted for a Hispanic male who was armed with a shotgun. The unidentified culprit entered the local pizzeria forcing all three employees into a freezer. The culprit fled from the Country Bay Pizzeria with over eight-hundred dollars before police were notified.

MON, DEC. 16th, 4:35 p.m. 379 Huntington Ave. Police were looking for a male suspect thinking that the culprit was at a Throggs Neck home. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad in addition to Hostage Negotiation Team and the Technical Assistance and Response Unit were summoned to the scene. The suspect was wanted in connection with a previous assault charge, but when the officers gained entry to

the home, the suspect was nowhere to be found.

46th PCT.

SAT, DEC. 14th, 7:00 a.m. – 1775 Davidson Ave. Five suspects were arrested by police looking into a series of cab robberies. While making the arrest, police officers recovered a loaded 4-caliber pistol.

MON, DEC. 16th, 1:00 p.m. – 2335 Tiebout Ave. An apartment house superintendent summoned police to the building. The employee while checking the trash found a gun. The weapon was turned over to responding officers who vouched the weapon.

THURS, DEC. 19th, 8:00 p.m. – Officials were alerted that a 24 year old female had been raped. The young woman was on her way home when she was attacked by a Hispanic male at gun point. The female victim was forced into a playground and raped by a male who was described to be about 300 pounds.

47th PCT.

MON, DEC. 16th, 5:55 p.m. – 3939 Pratt Ave. Investigators are looking into an incident where a male was shot. Suffering from a facial wound a 49 year old Hispanic male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

TUES, DEC. 17th, 11:55 a.m. —
East 233 St. and Edenwald Ave. A
call for assistance was issued by an
off duty police officer. The off duty
police officer was chasing a male
suspect who was spotted attempting to break into a vehicle. The suspect was arrested.

WED, DEC. 18th, 9:20 a.m. – 3750 Bronx Blvd. First responders transported a non-responsive nine month old baby to Montefiore Hospital's Wakefield Division in critical condition. The infant apparently had a medical history of suffering from seizures, was found in its crib. Detectives are looking into the incident.

THURS, DEC. 19th, 7:00 a.m. – 4129 White Plains Rd. Additional police officers were dispatched into the Wakefield community after an armed robbery occurred. Authorities were alerted that an unknown male at gunpoint entered a neighborhood grocery store. The thief fled with two-hundred dollars in cash. No injuries were reported.

48th PCT.

FRI, DEC. 13th, 1:00 a.m. – 480 East 185 St. Officials have ordered an inquiry into a stabbing. A 45 year old Hispanic male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being stabbed twice in the back. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

FRI, DEC. 13th, 2:45 p.m. – Longfellow Ave. and Boston Rd. First responders were summoned to the scene of a vehicle accident. Nearly 15 passengers required medical assistance after the city bus that they were traveling in was involved in a multi-vehicle accident. The passengers received minor injuries authorities indicated.

FRI, DEC. 13th, 4:00 p.m. — Mapes Ave. and East 180 St. An ambulance crew transported a 23 year old black male to St. Barnabas Hospital. The young man was suffering from a stab wound to the abdomen officials reported. The inquire is being handled by local detectives

SAT, DEC. 14th, 9:20 a.m. – 2384 Hoffman St. A three month old baby was found lying in an unconscious state by a family member. The infant was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital where doctors indicated the baby had expired.

SAT, DEC. 14th, 9:00 p.m. - 800 East 180 St. Police officers again were able to remove a loaded gun off of local street. This time a loaded 9-mm pistol was vouched as evidence after its owner was arrested.

MON, DEC. 16th, 3:15 – 2477 Belmont Ave. Investigators are looking into a shooting that sent a male to a local hospital. The male victim, who was reported to be stable condition, was suffering from a bullet wound to the shoulder area.

WED, DEC. 18th, 3:55 p.m. – 797 Crotona Park North. First responders came to the aid of a child who had been shot. The 9 year old victim was shot in the left foot officials indicated. The young child was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for emergency care as local detectives started looking into the incident.

49th PCT.

MON, DEC. 16th, 8:10 a.m. – 2400 Lurting Ave. Con Edison personnel were alerted that there was an interruption of electrical service in a several block area near Mace Ave. The outage affected buildings on both side of Mace Ave. Once the trouble was located by the utility crews, repairs were made with power being restored.

TUES, DEC. 17th, 11:40 a.m. – 752 Allerton Ave. A 21 year old Hispanic male was arrested by local police. The suspect apparently failed to obtain the proper NYC per-

mit to possess a gun within the city. Taken away from the young man and vouched was a 380-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

50th PCT.

SUN, DEC. 15th, 8:05 p.m. – 3873 Orloff Ave. An emotional upset was transported to an area hospital after jumping out of a window in the Van Cortlandt Village community. The 26 year old man was transported to a local hospital. He was reported to be in stable condition.

52nd PCT.

THURS, DEC. 12th, 12:40 a.m. – 20 West 190 St. Two more black males were arrested after police found them with a gun. Upon checking authorities found out that either of the two males failed to have the proper NYC license to possess a hand gun in the city. The 9-mm pistol was vouched as evidence.

WED, DEC. 18th, 5:35 p.m. – Detectives were busy trying to gather the facts concerning a double stabbing. It seems that a female and her new beau were stabbed by the former boyfriend. Both victims were transported to local hospitals as investigators attempted to gather additional information about the incident.

Housing

THURS, DEC. 12th, 2:00 p.m. -1455 Harrod Ave. Two police officers from required medical attention after being assaulted. A police officer from Housing's PSA # 8 was issuing a summons to a male for smoking a cigarette in a building's elevator. The male turned on the officers and was assisted by another male who came running out of an apartment. A call went out indicating that the officers needed assistance. Police officers from the 43rd Pct, responded. A police officers from PSA# 8 received a shoulder injury while an officer from the 43rd Pct, fractured his hand. The injured officers were treated at Jacobi Medical Center.

TUES, DEC. 17th, 11:30 a.m. – 1781 Bruckner Blvd. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 and detectives from the 43rd Pct. are looking for three males. The unknown culprits acting as a delivery service pushed their way into an apartment. The trio fled with ten thousand dolars. The occupant was not injured.

MON, DEC. 16th, 4:00 p.m. –

1428 Webster Ave. Specially trained members of the detective bureau are looking into a home along with Housing PSA # 7 officers. Two masked male forced their way into a home pistol whipping one of the three occupants. The culprits fled with electronic equipment besides some clothing.

FireLog

FRI, DEC. 13th, 8:52 p.m. – 1723 University Ave. An investiga-

tion into the course of a fire in a University Heights building is underway by Fire Marshals. The two alarm blaze damaged the two story structure that houses a store on the ground level. Engine 43 arriving first transmitted a radio signal indicating that they found a working fire. Additional units were dispatched to the scene. Battalion 19 reported using all the units who were on the scene before requesting an additional engine and ladder companies to respond. Division # 7 requested a second alarm to be transmitted almost doubling the number of personnel on scene to battle the fire before the blaze was contained and placed under control.

WED, DEC. 18th, 7:10 a.m. -820 East 220 St. A fast traveling fire in the northern section of the Williamsbridge community send two 11 old twins to the hospital. A tenant in the three story dwelling spotted the fire and was alerting neighbors as the second floor fire was spreading. Trapped on the third floor above the burning apartment were a man and his wife with their 11 month old twin boys. The father was unable to leave by the interior stair well with his boys. Instead he ended up dropping each of his babies from a window down to a neighbor who had climbed atop of a one story setback. One by one each of the infants were caught prior to arrival of the firefighters. The father then leaped from the third floor window to safetv. The mother had started down a rear fire escape, but because of the smoke and flames coming from the second floor home, she was also forced to jump. Based on information received by Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers the initial response was increased to ten units. By 7:49 a.m. Division # 7 declared the fire under control. Three persons were transported to area hospitals

THURS, DEC. 19th, 10:35 p.m. -2700 Grand Concourse. A call was received indicating a fire in a building near East Kingsbridge Rd. Within minutes as firefighters arrived on scene, a signal was transmitted to Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers indicating that a serious fire had been located. The spreading flames were located within an apartment house on the top floor. An additional engine company and ladder company were dispatched as a hose line was being stretched via the interior stairway. Ladder company crews were busy conducting searches of neighboring apartments besides the burning home. During the extinguishment operations, firefighters located two male victims within minutes of each other. Both male victims were reported not to be breathing. Fire dept. personnel were performing CPR on both victims before they were transported to area hospitals. The victims, two brothers in their forties expired, one at Montefiore Hospital and the other at Jacobi Medical Center. Officials indicated that smoking most likely contributed to the incident.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

Property taxes

Property owners should have recently received this year's property tax assessment from the Department of Finance, which will be used to produce the assessed value of their house for property tax purposes.

I want to advise residents that you have the right to appeal! If you believe there are any errors in your assessment, you must provide any corrections to the Department of Finance by March 17th. For instructions or to obtain the correct forms, visit www.nyc.gov/dof. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Matt at my office at 718-931-1721.

Also, the Tax Commission and the Department of Finance will be holding public outreach sessions about the assessment process and how taxpayers can appeal their valuations. The event in the Bronx is on Tuesday, February 11th, from 10 AM to 12 PM at 3030 Third Avenue, 2nd Floor.

So be sure to check your assessment thoroughly for mistakes. Corrections you find could save you hundreds of dollars!

City Councilman Jimmy Vacca

Snow job

Dear editor,

I am a citizen of the forgotten borough, The Bronx, and I am tired of hearing how the upper east side is up in arms because their streets weren't plowed. Every news station had footage and interviews about poor job the city did in their community. We have been living with this problem for years and I never heard one news caster mention it. The Mayor is right all boroughs should be treated equally. I'm afraid the old adage will hold true "The squeaky wheel gets the snow plows"

Al D'Angelo

Youth football

I see where Assemblyman Benedetto has increased his attack on youth football to 14 and under vouth.

At least he is going in the right direction. Let me know when he reaches the college and pro level where concussions actually take place. Frequently.

In coaching 13 and under youth in tackle football for the last 62 years I oppose his ill advised bill on several levels.

First of all, parents should maintain the right to put their children in activities of their choice. Secondly, if you think something is broken, don't you try to fix it before you throw it out? Great strides have been made in rules and equipment over the past 10 years.

What clear minded person thinks that cutting a program for thousands of players as well as cheerleaders, parents, referees and spectators is a good idea in this age of obesity and withdrawal from human contact by kids who build their self confidence by killing aliens on Xbox?

I hereby challenge Assemblyman Benedetto to come out and be a volunteer coach on the Warriors so he can get some first hand knowledge of the type of contact that happens on this level and most of all experience the love of the game by all involved and the camaraderie it produces as well as the discipline, self confidence, respect and memories it instills for a lifetime.

Jerome Demers

Bad roads

Dear editor,

I've lived in the Bronx all my life and I can honestly say that the roads are in a worse condition than ever before. The pot holes along Pelham Parkway North are so bad along with most of the other streets.

The new mayor should take a tour of this area. It would be nice to see our taxes going to good use.

I hope some of our "elected" congressmen and councilmen read this complaint and do something about it. We are paying high taxes at the pump for these services.

The Bronx is part of NYC and is entitled to its fair share of services.

Peter Bieniewicz

Traffic violations

Dear editor,

I would like to commend both Michael S. Wilbekin and Ken Reynolds for their recent letters to the B.T.R regarding speeding, talking while driving, and other traffic violations that seem to be more blatant and frequent lately.

I am amazed sometimes at how some of these drivers don't seem to care nor hesitate when committing these moving violations, as if they know that they can talk their way out of a summons.

That is why I believe many of these acts of aggressive, reckless driving are being committed by off-duty members of law enforcement and their close friends and families who produce PBA cards and gold shields when pulled

That's why they carry these "get out of a ticket" items. They have nothing to lose.

Fred Deschler

French fried

Dear editor,

I feel it necessary to comment on Arlene Soto's letter regarding the Borough President's reaction to a perceived insult of the Bronx by

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While I agree with Arlene that a misconception of the Bronx is worldwide and largely due to negative media coverage, I must take exception to her final statement that "the French have never liked us as a people and a nation."

Arlene is forgetting her history. If it were not for the unwavering and active support of the French during the American Revolution (remember Lafayette and Rochambeau?), there might not be a United States of America.

Remember too that there is one monument in America that stands in New York harbor as a beacon welcoming all who come to our shores for a better life and was a gift from the French people to the American people—the Statue of Liberty.

Paulette Sorg

Metro-North

Dear editor.

There is more to "Metro-North service ok'd for borough" (Patrick Rocchio -- January 17).

Perhaps some have forgotten about Riverdale and other communities in both the north and west Bronx.

Governor Cuomo and other public officials' enthusiastic embrace of a potential \$1 billion dollar investment which could provide Metro North service from Co-op City, Morris Park, Parkchester and Hunts Point to Penn Station on Manhattan's West Side was nothing new.

The service was previously advocated by elected officials on and off since the opening of Co-op City at the old Freedom Land Amusement Park site in the 1960's. One reason it went out of business was the lack of good public transportation access.

I have always been curious why elected officials and transportation experts of that generation never considered extending the #6 subway line beyond Pelham Bay Park Station directly into Co-Op City. Imagine how many thousands of Co-op City residents would benefit by direct access to the subway? During the same period a number of feasibility studies were conducted for potential commuter rail service. What was missing is potential new service options for residents of Riverdale and other communities in the north & west Bronx. This could be provided via the Metro-North Hudson line using existing Amtrak Empire Hudson line connections into Penn Station. It might also include new stations in Manhattan to serve the growing communities of Inwood, Washington Heights, Harlem and the West

Imagine an intermodal connection to the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. Reverse commute opportunities to jobs and colleges in the suburbs could be provided for both Manhattan and Bronx residents. The midtown west Hudson Yards series of investments adjacent to Penn Station are becoming a reality. This will result in thousands of new jobs and residential units. It is a fair question to ask Governor Cuomo and other elected officials why they left out Riverdale and other nearby communities in their respective support for better commuter rail connections for all Bronx residents to Penn Station.

Larry Penner

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Neighborhood icon Louis Collazzi passes Father of Bronx-Times founder a man of many talents Py Bret Nolan Collazzi, who for nearly 30 years oversaw an hour each way from his an hour each way from hi

nearly 30 years oversaw newsstand sales for the Bronx Times Reporter and in his weekly travels became a beloved neighborhood icon known adoringly as "Papa Lou," died on Tuesday, January 28. He was 93.

Lou, father of Bronx Times co-founder John Collazzi, joined the paper parttime in 1983 after a 38-year career with Con Edison. With an invariably cheerful disposition and booming voice, Lou took on tasks large and small, whether managing the paper's archives, picking up pizza for weekly staff lunches, or advising his son during the paper's sale in 2007.

He frequently declared he would never give up working, and indeed it was only after his wife, Dorothy, and their children made numerous pleadings and his eyesight began to fail that he an hour each way from his home in Brookfield Center. Connecticut, for over a dozen vears.

"There was nothing Dad loved more than making the rounds on Tremont Avenue and seeing so many familiar faces," John Collazzi said. "He was a true peopleperson, and he had countless fans who were sad to see him finally retire. I know they'll remember him very fondly."

Born in 1921 in the Ital-

ian province of Podenza, Lou moved to the Bronx with his family five years later and spent the majority of his life here, first in Morris Park and later as an early settler on Harding Avenue in Throggs Neck. There, he and Dorothy raised their four children, John, Linda Servedio, Louis Collazzi, and Gina Servedio, and cared for over a dozen foster children over



At Lou Collazzi's retirement party in 2009 were (L-r) his wife Dorothy, Lou, son John and grandson Bret.

two decades.

Lou's professional and personal lives were full of variety. He held numerous roles at ConEd, spending the latter part of his career as a high board operator at the Hell Gate power plant in Port Morris. On the side, he was a professional painter, work-

ing in his brother Joe's art studio. Thousands of his still lifes and landscapes sold at major outdoor art shows and remain in circulation.

During World War II, Lou worked stateside as a riveter. In addition to building pontoon boats on City Island that were deployed in

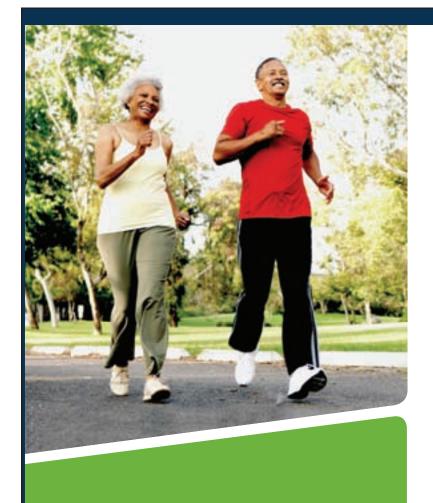
the Normandy invasion, he helped construct the wings of Howard Hughes' famously overambitious war plane, the H-4 Hercules, also known as the Spruce Goose.

But at heart, Lou was an artist. He painted personal works into his 80s, offering them as gifts to friends and family. He was also a talented pianist — a hobby that took off at age 15 when he entered a contest to play all three parts of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata and won a \$50 prize. From then on, he would compete regularly at theater open houses, winning \$50 or \$100 a time.

As recently as a few years ago, during Christmas gatherings at his house, Papa Lou would settle behind his baby grand and serenade his family with sounds from his favorite composer, Chopin. Swaying peacefully with a broad smile on his face, even into his 90s, he didn't miss a

Lou is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 70 years, their four children, eight grandchildren, and five greatgrandchildren.

Services were held on Thursday, January 30, near his home in Brookfield Cen-



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Board hopes three's the charm

West Bronx Board 7 seeking new district manager

BY BEN KOCHMAN

This local community board is hoping the third time is the charm —or at least that its new district manager sticks around a bit longer this time.

After two of Community Board 7's district managers resigned within just 13 months, the board is seeking a new manager to deal with its coverage area of Norwood, Kingsbridge, University Heights, Bedford Park and Fordham.

"We're looking for someone who really has it in their heart for this neighborhood," said Board chairwoman Adaline Walker-Santiago.

With a string of big community projects in the pipeline, the new DM will be dealing with a host of local

The Board, whose power is mostly advisory, wields major power on land use is-

sues. It is currently weighing its options as new developments come in on the Webster Avenue corridor.

CB7 will also have a say in the ongoing project to convert the long dormant Kingsbridge Armory into the world's largest ice rink complex. The City Council approved that plan, with CB 7's blessing, in December.

The Kingsbridge National Ice Center is set to break "ice" in 2017 and rake in around \$42 million a year. Developers are expected to follow through on their massive community benefits agreement signed with the city.

The DM spot has been open since December 2013, when Socrates Caba left the Board after just six months at the helm to head back into the healthcare industry, sources on the Board said.

Beyond juggling numer-

ous projects and navigating city agencies, Caba's replacement should be ready for a job that is not just nine-to-five. That means meetings at nights and on some weekends.

The full qualifications for the job are listed on the Board's website at http:// www.bronxcb7.info.

Applicants must have either graduated college and had two years working in government, community work or public relations, or have finished high school and have at least six years of experience.

Knowing Spanish is a plus, Walker-Santiago said, since much of the community is bilingual. Also crucial is mixing well with the existing Board.

"The main thing I'm looking for is somebody that gets along well with evervone," Walker-Santiago said.

Resumes are due to the CB7's office at 229-A E. 204th Street by Feb. 21 and should be marked ATTN: Screening Committee.

Walker-Santiago said

she hopes to have a new district manager in place by April.

Free family-friendly craft workshop

the Arts and the Huntington Free Library present a family-friendly, handson "Headdresses Making" craft workshop with Lucracia Novoa on Saturday, February 15, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square. This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Master mask-maker Lucrecia Novoa shares her techniques on how build headdresses, choose a simple character, create it and develop a feeling over the head, and leave with a beautiful and unique piece. Seats are limited. Reserve your seat at https://021514headdresses. eventbrite.com.

The family craft workshop series continues on Saturday, March 15, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., when BCA presents Recycle Art with Star Nigro at the Huntington Free Library. Join artist Star Nigro as she shows you cool and clever ways to make great eco art. Learn to construct a masterpiece by creatively recycling old & new elements. Make eco-logical art. Fun for everyone!

For information, call 718-931-9500 x33 or 718-829-7770. On the day of the workshop, call 917-972-2386 for information. Visit www. bronxarts.org regularly for updates on the 2014 Saturday Family Craft workshop series as well as other programs and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts.

Workshops are made possible with the support and contributions from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, the NYS Council on the Arts, Lambent Foundation Fund of Tides Foundation, Scherman Foundation, and Council Member James Vacca.

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16th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Get your green colors ready - the Bronx's St. Patrick's parade promises to be a great event again this year.

This year's 16th Annual Bronx St. Patrick's Parade will step off at noon on Sunday, March 16 at E. Tremont and Lafayette avenues in Throggs Neck.

As it is every year, the parade steps off on the day before the Big One in Manhattan on the official St. Patrick's Day.

The grand marshals this year are Denis and Noreen Donoghue, who are being honored for their volunteer work, said parade committee member Sheila Haney.

"Mr. and Mrs. Donovan are originally from Ireland, they live here in the Bronx and they raised their family here," she said. "They've donated a tremendous amount of their time to Calvary Hospital over the years, ever since they retired. It is a very worthy cause that they champion, so we recognize them for that."

Denis is originally from County Kerry, while Noreen hails from County Cork.

This year's honored clergy will be Mother Alice



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McGowan, a Little Sister of the Poor, and a life-long Bronx resident who serves as Mother Superior and CEO at Jeanne Jugan Residence on Schurz Avenue in Throggs Neck.

"Mother Alice heads up the Jeanne Jugan Residence, which does a great job," said Haney. "She is an integral part of the Throggs Neck community."

Mother Alice said that residents at Jeanne Jugan participate in the festivities by being driven in their handicapped accessible bus as part of the parade, and also by being wheeled to the reviewing stand at Harding and East Tremont avenues to watch the parade.

McGowan said that she was excited because she would be riding in the parade.

"I can't get over the size of it, there are so many marching bands, and the parade does a lot for unity and collaboration," she said. "It shows the spirit of the community."

The format of the parade

will follow the same tried and true format as in previous years, and has become something that families from all over the area and those who have moved out of the community look forward to every year.

"I think it has become a beautiful family tradition," said Haney. "The streets are lined, people come back, it is like a big reunion for anyone who has moved away. I think it is a date on people's calendars now. We are 16 years in now and it is fairly established."

Families and attendees hold parties, celebrations and family reunions in homes and even rent out local beach clubs the day of the parade, she said.

Local pubs and Irishrelated restaurants also stock in extra Guiness and corned beef fare for the hungry crowds.

The final deadline for journal ads is Friday, Feb.

For more information, go to www.tnsaintpatricks-dayparade.blogspot.com.

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Break ground on W. Farms housing 1,300 housing units planned near Sheridan A group of protestors phase will offer housing positive Workforce crashed

velopment in West Farms and Crotona Park East, after seven years of fighting its way through public review, is finally rising.

And its first phase is bringing low and middleincome apartments to one of the poorest areas of the borough.

Officials broke ground Jan. 23 on Compass Residences, the first phase of what will bring two 15-story apartment buildings -and with them 237 housing units — to a former industrial site at E. 172nd Street and Boone Avenue hard by the Sheridan Expressway.

Once all ten of the project's buildings are completed, developer Signature Urban Properties will have converted land once allotted solely for industrial warehouses into over 1,300 housing units.

phase will offer housing entirely priced at under the area's average median income. A slew of city agencies chipped in subsidies to fund the low-income apartments, all rentals, scheduled to be completed by 2016.

"We know that these two buildings will not only provide affordable housing to 237 families that need it, but will start the process of transforming these derelict industrial blocks into a beautiful addition to the surrounding neighborhood," said Gifford Miller. one of Signature's head honchos and a former City Council Speaker.

The five-acre plot where the buildings will rise was once used by warehouses, but was dormant for decades, though a stretch of Boone Avenue became of one borough's top hubs for



Artists' rendering of how the completed, 10-building site will look. Photo courtesy

street art and will be destroyed by the development.

The City Council cleared Compass' way when it approved one of the largest zoning changes in the city's history in 2011.

Jobs protest

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. praised the project for offering affordable housing and bringing jobs to locals —but not everyone at the groundbreaking was as pleased.

A group of protestors from labor activist group Positive Workforce crashed the event, claiming that Monadnock Construction, the company tasked with finding workers for the first phase of the project, hires a "labor-lease" contractor that pays its workers an unfair rage.

While the 10 or so protestors raged on with megaphones outside, city officials tried to stay on message inside their heated tent.

"I'm just going to speak louder," Diaz Jr. said, "Because nothing is going to stop me from saving how much this project will benefit the Bronx."

Miller said he had not heard these protestors' cries once over the project's seven-year review process.

"It's hard for me to address their concerns," he said, "when the first time we've met is this morning."





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Boro seeing manufacturing growth

GBCUpholstery latest to move into Port Morris

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Bronx is up when it comes to manufacturing - and upholstery.

The newest example is the move into the borough of GBCUpholstery, a "to the trade" wholesaler of high-end custom-made residential, commercial and hospitality furniture that just moved its factory from Long Island City, Queens to Port Morris.

It could be one of many similar stories in the borough as residential development replaces industrial space in such places as Long Island City and parts of Brooklyn.

Owner Gary Buxbaum, who just signed a 10-year lease at 728 E. 136th Street, is happy to be a part of the borough's renaissance.

"The Bronx is undergoing a rejuvenation," he said, adding he believes Port Morris "is going to be the next hub with a lot of manufactures coming up here."

"I love it and I think this area is fabulous."

Business incentives

Right now, there are tremendous incentives for manufacturers to move to parts of the borough, he said, showing a number of applications for business tax credits.

Among the possible incentives are a "Sales Tax Exemption for Manufacturers" from the New York State Department of Finance and Taxation, the city Department of Small Business Services "Industrial Zone Relocation Credit," the city Finance Department credit for commercial and industrial manufacturing expansion, he said.

The credits apply to neighborhoods that have industrial space that could be used for manufacturing, such as Port Morris,



Gary Buxbaum checks out one of his pieces on the factory floor in Port Morris.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Hunts Point, Bathgate and opposite Co-op City in Baychester/Eastchester.

Bronx Overall Economic

Development Corporation president Marlene Cintron said she is noticing manufacturing businesses moving to the borough, citing businesses producing food, vitamin supplements, and medicine from places as far away as Virginia, with food manufacturing one of the growing sectors.

"Access to the entire region through transportation and bridges," she said, "is also an incentive for manufacturers to locate here."

Location benefits

Besides the incentives, the area offers great highway access to the entire region, along with nearby mass transit.

The location is also close to many GBCUpholstery suppliers, such as lumber yards - an important factor since the company builds its own furniture frames.

Founded in 1987, the company opened its first factory in Farmingdale, LI, later moved to Ridgewood, Queens, then lower Manhattan, before moving to Long Island City.

Aside from making it own frames, which is fairly unusual in the business, the firm creates sofas, sectionals, lounge chairs, dining chairs, headboards, bedding platforms, and upholstered walls and panels.

Buxbaum grew up in the business, with his family owning another upholstery firms on Long Island before he ventured out on his own and started GBCUpholstery.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce welcomed the business to the borough.

"We are proud to welcome manufacturers to our borough," said Lenny Caro, chamber president and CEO, adding "We hope this business brings job creation and much needed revenue. The Chamber is here to assist in their growth."





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Catalytic converter thefts up

Cops warning vehicle owners to be on the alert

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Up til now it's been car radios, GPS devices and expensive tire rims as prime targets for car thieves.

Now you can add catalytic converters.

The pricey parts of vehicle exhaust systems have become hot property to steal usually with a car jack and a battery-operated saw by fast moving teams of thieves.

The Bronx started experiencing a wave of such thefts last October when 15 Toyota Seqouia's, which have two converters, were hit. Starting in December, thieves began hitting U-Haul trucks. striking eleven times.

To date, police said 149 converters have been stolen since the pattern was established.

Bronx cops most recently collared a gang of "cat" thieves who hit several vehicles near the Throggs Neck Houses, and are on the

alert for more crews seeking to saw and run with the expense car parts.

Capt. James McGeown, commander of the local 45th Precinct where the four thieves were nabbed, said he's made his officers "aware of the situation. It's something that we are on the alert

Unlike car radios and tire rims, the emission-control devices, required since 1975 on all vehicles produced in the United States, contain precious metals that act as catalysts.

When hot exhaust enters the converter, a chemical reaction occurs that renders toxic gases, such as carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons, into less harmful emissions.

With the price of precious metals skyrocketing, thieves are targeting the converters, which contain enough platinum, palladium or rhodium to make it worth the risk to cut it from the underbelly of a vehicle.

While they can get up to \$100 for each unit at a scrap metal dealer's, the hapless victims may wind up paying up to \$1,000 to replace the units.

victims become aware of the theft when their vehicles start with ear jarring gravelly roar.

Larger vehicles, such as trucks, pick-ups, SUVs and Jeep Cherokees, are favorite targets, police said, because they are higher off the ground and easier for a thief to slide under, saw away and be gone in a matter of min-

To combat catalytic converter thefts, a number of states have passed laws tightening the restrictions on metal scrap dealers. In many cases, dealers are required to verify the seller's identity with a photo ID and maintain complete records of sellers for 5 years.

Police said thieves typically look for vehicles that parked for long periods in large lots, such as shopping centers, commuter lots and or company parking lots.

They have issued some helpful hints:

·Always park in well-

•At shopping centers and other similar parking lots, park close to the entrance of the building or near the access road where there's a lot of traffic

·If you own or work at a business or factory, park within a fenced area that's

busy during the day and secured at night

•Engrave your license plate number on the converter to make it traceable

·Purchase a vehicle security system and make sure it's set to trigger with just the slightest motion

Sentenced to life imprisonment

District Attorney Robert T. Johnson announced that a 25-year-old man who violated parole was sentenced to life imprisonment for the attempted murder of his parole offi-

Jonathan Lee, of 1381 Crotona Avenue, was found guilty on one count of Attempted Murder in the first degree, two counts of Assault in the second degree, one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the second degree, and one count of Resisting Arrest.

The incident for which Lee was sentenced occurred on September 2, 2011 one month after his July 29, 2011 release from prison on a gun charge. Three officers from the NYS Division of Parole went to an apartment at 1381 Crotona Avenue in order to take Lee into custody for violating his parole by failing to report. During the scuffle that ensued when the officers attempted to execute the warrant Lee seized one of their firearms and began striking one of the officers with it. Lee then attempted to fire the weapon which failed to discharge when one of the officers grabbed the slide. Lee also bit all of the officers during the melee.



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Ceremony in honor of slave burial ground

Hunts Point seeks state recognition

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Local leaders hope a plan to honor what might be a slave burial ground in Hunts Point won't be buried in bureaucracy.

Students and faculty from Public School 48 joined elected officials and community leaders Friday, Jan. 24 to call on the state to give an overgrown patch of land on the south side of Joseph Rodman Drake Park -where students have discovered evidence that African and Indian slave workers were buried — official historic recognition.

"This area is covered with asphalt, grass, dirt. It's not something that we can stand, not something that we can just let happen," said local state Sen. Jeff Klein.

An untold history

Drake Park currently contains a fenced-off cemetery that harkens back to a time when wealthy slaveowning families had mansions in Hunt's Point.

But up until now there

was no telling where those families' slaves were bur-

A group of fifth and sixth graders at P.S. 48, along with their teachers Justin Czarka and Grace Binuya, have built up a wealth of evidence that the slaves were also buried in the park, but without any graves. They've been reviewing census data, maps and other historic documents since Spring 2013.

The interactive history project was sparked when Philip Panaritis, an official with the city's Department of Education, passed along an old photo of the area labeled "slave burying ground."

A team of federal scientists strengthened the students' claims in September 2013, when they used ground-penetrating radar to find "anthropologic features" —evidence of human activity — at a site nearly identical to where the students believe the slaves are buried.

Gaining offical status

Project backers want the site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Recognizing the slave burial ground would be an important reminder of what Hunt's Point used to be, they say.

"This will give us an opportunity to not just know what happened here," said local Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, "but also an opportunity to reflect on that past and continue to address the problems that exist today."

But first the state must give it historic recognition. A spokesman from the state's Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation said the agency "will be happy to review the information collected by P.S 48."

Any sort of monument, or official marking at the site, would go a long way.

"We've worked so hard on this." Czarka said of his students, "that it'd be great to have any kind of recogni-



A group of P.S 48 students, teachers and local officials stand next to a map of the "ground penetrating radar study" that found evidence that humans were buried under Drake Park. Photo by Aracelis Batista

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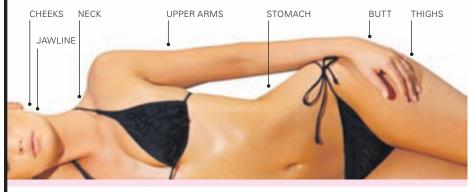
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More than just pizza

Frank's serves slew of Italian eats

BY BEN KOCHMAN

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The no-frills Throggs Neck joint has served up a bunch of more substantial hearty Italian dishes from its E. Tremont Ave store since owner Tom Caruso took over nearly 20 years

Of course, hungry Bronxites are still invited to stop by the neighborhood staple on E. Tremont between Miles and Lawton Avenues for a simple slice -or four or five slices— to

But Caruso's worried that new folks in the neighborhood might be missing out the freshly made penne ala vodka and eggplant parm that his place also offers on its menu.

"A lot of people come in and say 'I didn't know you had all this food, I thought it was only a pizzeria," he said.

Dining room expand

Frank expanded into the space next door in 2011, opening a dining area. It was the final part of the restaurant's transition from a simple pizza spot offering slices, pies and calzones to a full-fledged dining experi-

Though he's still working on getting a liquor license, Caruso said locals



Frank's owner Tom Caruso in front of his restaurant, which has served Throggs Neck for 40 years.

should stop by and stay awhile next time they visit.

All of his pasta dishes are made fresh to order, the recipes honed from his years working at an Italian restaurant out in Scarsdale, he said.

"We're trying to push our quality and taste, instead of pushing out food as quick as we can," Caruso said. "At some places, the food will just sit around: that's not what we do."

'Best in town'

Case in point—the pasta with vodka sauce, cooked with tomato sauce, cream, shallots, some spices and a wee bit of booze that gets cooked off in the process.

"My vodka sauce is the

best around," bragged Car-

His quest to get more customers to the sit-down restaurant side is made a bit complicated by the fact there's another Italian restaurant, the more upscale and larger Tosca's, just a block away.

The Frank's owner said he's got no beef with Tosca's, but that customers should give his smaller eatery a shot as well.

"A lot of people see Tosca's nearby and compare us just by size value," Caruso said. 'They can be a little hesitant to come try our food. But our fans call us a diamond in the



Owner Tom Caruso with 'lasagna pie and' 'white pie,' while a co-worker shows off a square pie in the background. Photos by Ben Kochman

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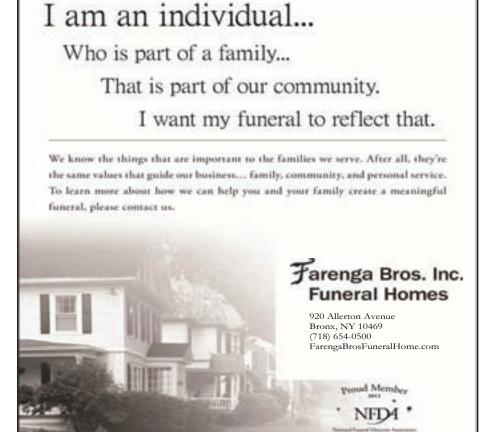
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Montefiore Center has appointed Dianna Jacob, R.P.A.-C, M.B.A., as vice president and executive director of the Wakefield Campus.

Jacob initially launched her career as a physician assistant at Montefiore before transitioning to senior administrative roles. She recently was recruited back to Montefiore from NYU Langone Medical Center.

Jacob previously served as vice president for Faculty and Academic Affairs at NYU Langone where she was responsible for providing strategic direction for the School of Medicine.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from St. John's University and a Masters in Business Administration from CUNY Baruch College-Zicklin School of Business/Mt. Sinai School of Medicine.

Hostos Community College President Félix V. Matos Rodríguez has been named to New York City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito's transition team.

He was also named to City Comptroller Scott Stringer's Transition Committee this past November.

Rodríguez took office as the 6th President of Eugenio María de Hostos Community College of The City University of New York (CUNY) on July 1, 2009.

He served as Secretary of the Department of the Family for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from 2005-2008. Earlier, he had served as Senior Social Welfare and Health Advisor to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

While at Hostos, Dr. Matos Rodríguez is on leave from his tenured position at Hunter College of CUNY, where he teaches courses on Caribbean, Latin American, and Latino history. He has also served as director of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter, which is important Latino research centers in the United States.

New York Cares is collecting coats for the needy this winter through Feb. 7. Bronx donation sites include the Office of the Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at 851 Grand Concourse (room 209) from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other drop-off sites include the 52nd Police Precinct, 3016 Webster Ave. For more information, visit www. newyorkcares.org.

Some upcoming cultural and recreational events at JASA Van Cortlandt Se**nior Center** in February:

On Tues. Feb. 4th, Latinos al Frente group will host guest speaker David Badillo, Associate Professor of Latin American and Puerto Rican Studies at Lehman College, who will present "The Changing Face of NYC Immigrants: Past, Present, and Future" at 1PM.

On Tues. Feb. 11th, Richard Kagan will conduct a book discussion on The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak at 1:00 PM. Richard is an avid reader since childhood. He moderated phone chats for home bound seniors as part of the Queens Library Mail-a-Book program and led book discussions with this group.

Wed. Feb. 12th: Nutrition Talk on "Valentine's Day and Healthy Snacking" by Amelia Jalandoni, RD at 11:15 AM.

Fri. Feb. 14th: Celebrate Valentine's Day with a Broadway and cabaret concert by soprano Carol Vinson at 1:00 PM. Ms. Vinson will perform songs by Irving Berlin, Richard Rogers, Burton Lane, Jule Styne and George Ger-

Sun. Feb. 16th: Don't miss the Dancing Crane Georgian Performing Art Company's dazzling performance at 1:00 PM. They present dances and songs from all regions of Georgia includswords, elegant court dances and refined women's dances. all in authentic costumes. A delicious meal of Chicken Chow Mein will be served at 12:15 PM. Please reserve in advance for the meal by calling the center office 718-549-4700 by Feb. 12th.

Thurs. Feb. 20th: Sonya Mittelman, Esq. will speak about wills, trusts and health care proxies at 1:00

Tues. Feb. 25th: Visit the Hispanic Society with Latinos al Frente group.

Wed. Feb. 26th: Celebrate February birthdays with Gregory Press, keyboard player at 1:00 PM.

For more information about these events, call the center office at 718-549-4700.

A nutritious kosher lunch is served at 12:15 PM daily. Please call the center office for specific menu information. An alternate meal choice is available daily. Senior meal contribution is \$2.25. Non-senior guest fee is \$6.15. Please call in meal reservations 3 - 5 days in advance to the office: 718-549-

JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center offers Senior Fitness on Mon. AM, Exercise or Tai Chi on Tues. AM, Gentle Exercise on Wed. AM , Flowing Yoga on Wed. PM, Yoga on Thurs. AM and Tone & Stretch on Fri. AM. All exercise instructors are certified. Call the center at 718-549-4700 for dates and times of these classes.

All meals at JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center are catered by Mauzone (kosher) Meal Service. We offer a daily alternate choice of main dish.

Refreshments are served at every cultural arts and/or celebratory event.

The Center is located in the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center at 3880 Sedgwick Ave. For more information, please call the center office at 718-549-4700.

LIBERTY DEM CLUB NEW LEADERS



The Liberty Democratic Association, in the 80th Assembly District, elected a new executive board on Sunday, Jan. 26. At the election are the new board members (I-r, standing) Harry Hertzberg; Andrea Siegel, secretary; Zena Twyman, vice-president; Joseph McManus, Democratic state Committeeman; Congressman Rangel; Marjorie Velazquez, treasurer; Monica Major, president; Charles Gorelick, sergent of arms, (siting) Maria Gonzalez, Democratic State committeewoman, and Miriam Schwartz, district leader.

Photo courtesy of Liberty Democratic Association

TN AMERICAN LEGION HOLDS CANCER BINGO



The American Legion Throggs Neck Memorial Unit #1456 in Country Club held its annual "Bingo for Cancer" fundraiser on Sunday, Jan. 19. The proceeds of the fundraiser were donated to Calvary Hospital. At the function are (I-r) Barbara Warkentine, Brend Faix, Barbara Doherty, Marcyl DePhillis, Pat Cremins, Colleen Pallindo, Michelle Lynch, and Sandy Champlin.

Photo courtesy of Throggs Neck Memorial Unit

AMERICAN LEGION MERRY XMAS AT BRONX VA



The American Legion Post held its annual Christmas Party with the Bronx Veterans Administration at the VA hospital Dec. 7.

With Xmas gear on display, the group gathers for a team shot.

Photo courtesy American Legion



BIG BETHUNE BAND VISITS PROVIDENCE REST

The Big Bethune Band, entertaining residents of Providence Rest for almost 20 years, played for them again on Thursday, Jan. 9. The band, which performs big band classics, is now entertaining a new generation of Providence Rest residents.

Photo courtesy of Providence Rest

HIBERNIANS ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



The Ancient Order of Hibernians' Bronx County Board celebrated their annual Fall dinner and Rory Dolan's in Yonkers recently. Over 110 guests attended, and Bronx county president Robert Nolan praised honorees John Dearie, Joseph Kelleher and Jeremiah O'Connell for their support and contributions to the advancement of AOH concerns and interests. Enjoying the festives and awards were (I-r) Chip McLean, national director; Kelleher, chairman of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce; Dearie, veteran former Assemblyman and attorney; James Burke, state president AOH; Dan Dennehy, national director; Nolan; O'Connell, a past AOH president; and Michael Flynn, district director of region 4.

Photo courtesy of Bronx County Board of AOH



KLEIN & SEPULVEDA HOST THREE KINGS EVENT

Senator Klein and Assemblyman Sepulveda hosted their first annual Three Kings event celebration Saturday, Jan. 11 at Melcher Hall at the Church of Holy Family

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Annual Eye Exams: Screen, Prevent, Treat

Quick! Can you name any conditions of the eye? Often the first things that come to mind are nearsightedness (myopia), pink eye (conjunctivitis), "lazy eye" (amblyopia, commonly found in children)... then there are the more serious conditions like cataracts, glaucoma, and detachment of the retina. What do all of the above have in common? They range in how critical they are, but all are detectable during the course of an annual eye exam.

Did you know that everyone, starting around age 40 or even before, will experience age-related presbyopia (the need for reading glasses)? Repeated exposure of the eyes to sunlight also has many negative effects:

Short term: risk of photokeratitis (corneal inflammation, like a sunburn to the eye)

Longer term: Retinal damage, increased risk of cataracts, pterygium (a growth in the corner of the eyes) and pinguecula (a lesion on the surface tissue of the white part of your eye)

From a cosmetic perspective, we all know that over time, the very sensitive skin that surrounds your eyes will naturally get thinner, drier, and start to wrinkle. However, ongoing exposure to the sun's powerful rays will accelerate this process – and can cause skin cancer.

Once again, an annual eye exam will detect the above and your optometrist can provide treatment options where available. In some cases, the answer is simple: a pair of reading glasses with your correct prescription, a pair of sunglasses with total UVA/UVB protection (polarized lenses are always a good choice) is all you need to protect your eyes from the sun. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure...

Unfortunately, too many people self-diagnose and rationalize the need for a full eye exam merely because they can "still see OK." Refraction, or the test that determines your eyewear prescription, is



only one part of the comprehensive eye examination. Proper eye health really requires you have your eyes examined every year.

However, due to employment changes and other life events, some people do not have vision benefits; or they have insurance, but it only covers an exam every other year. Enter the Metro Optics Vision Club, the ideal choice:

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Metro Optics has three Bronx locations: in Parkchester at 1332 Metropolitan Avenue, in Hunts Point at 1038 Southern Boulevard, and Pelham Bay at 25 Westchester Square. A vast library of eye health information is available on the main Metro Optics website www.metrooptics.com. Reach a live operator at 1-800-230-EYES.

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Workmen's Circle Multicare Center, a sub-acute rehabilitation center in Baychester, teamed up with GlamourGals to provide complementary make overs to more than 40 female residents living in the home. The event took place on Thursday, Jan. 16 at the center, located at 3155 Grace Avenue. The make overs included facials and manicures. Volunteers for GalmourGals, a non-profit dedicated to providing make overs and companionship to women living in senior homes, came from Lehman High School.



Lehman High School volunteers Christine Munoz and Karla Then do nails for resident Inetta Dennis. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Noelia Gutierrez and Yalinette Munoz make senior Maria Izana beautiful during the event.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION AT CO-OP CITY JASA CENTER

It was senior showtime on Jan. 17, when JASA (Jewish Association for the Aging) brought together 100 seniors at a Co-op City Senior Center for a Martin Luther King Day celebration. The seniors put on skits and musical performances, and others had MLK-inspired art on display in a gallery.



Lehman High School volunteers Christine Munoz and Karla Then do nails for resident Inetta Dennis. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



An appreciative audience takes the performances in.

Throggs Neck Benevolent Association











The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association held its annual dinner dance on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Marina del Rey. About 350 people attended and a good time was had by all. All of the money raised from the dinner dance goes into a TNBA fund used to help neighbors in need.

- 1. The well-dressed attendees are seen here reciting the pledge of allegiance during the fund-raising dinner dance.
- 2. Matthew O'Brien delivered the keynote
- 3. Posing are main organizers (I-r) Chris Dalton, Sheila Haney, Karin O'Connor, and Matthew O'Brien
- 4. The attendees pose for the camera and show smiles.
- 5. Jose Guerrero and Venio Ventura enjoying themselves at the dinner dance.

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Evaluating the Mid-year Report Card

When your child brings home his or her mid-year report card, it is important to read it carefully and take note of a number of key areas. And with the Common Core State Standards going into effect this school year, Eileen Huntington of Huntington Learning Center reminds parents that report cards may look different this year than in years past. "The report card format may change from last year, as states roll out report cards that are aligned to the Common Core State Standards," savs Huntington. As you evaluate your child's report card this month, keep in mind the following:

Understanding the report card format is critical. If your child's teacher did not provide an explanation of the report card format that is being used, be sure to request one so you are clear on how your child is being evaluated. The newly enhanced report card structures that many schools are now using are not only aligned with state standards (Common Core), they also are supposed to provide parents a more meaningful assessment of their children's progress.

Effort and comprehension are areas of focus. One major change with the introduction of Common Core is the greater emphasis on critical thinking skills. Those changes will very likely be reflected in the report card, which will not only assess a student's detailed content knowledge, but also his or her demonstrated understanding of higherlevel concepts and more. Pay attention to these marks, as they are a significant measure of students' performance moving forward with the new standards.

Progress toward mastery of grade-level standards is the new norm. While every school district may be different, parents across the nation can expect report cards—particularly in the elementary grades—to measure students' growth over the course of the school vear, not just the term for which they are evaluated. As such, it is important that you understand the different progress indicators and what any numeric codes used actually mean regarding your child's achievement of grade-by-grade benchmarks.

It's all about college and career readiness. The Common Core State Standards were created to ensure all students graduating from high school are capable of succeeding in college-level classes and in their careers. That overarching purpose is reflected in the details of your child's report card by showing what a student is expected to know and your child's progress toward those targets. Keep that in mind as you read through your child's report card.

As always, contact your child's teacher with specific questions. "The great thing about Common Core and the way teachers will now be assessing students is that there is a big-picture goal in mind," says Huntington. "This creates a perfect opportunity to notice your child's strengths and progress, while keeping an eye on areas to work on."

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College-bound students come and find out about the admission process, financial aid and a college tour.

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Movies at Bartow-Pell Mansion

Love is always in fashion on the big screen, even more so when watched in a timeless setting. In its new Movies at the Mansion series, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will present tales of star-crossed lovers in the mansion's romantic double parlors.

Filmed in black and white, the twists and turns of the plots are anything but. In The Heiress (1949, 115 minutes), a spinster (Olivia de Havilland), turns the tables on the fiancé (Montgomery Clift) who rejected her years earlier. Directed by William Wyler, based on the 1880 novel Washington Square by Henry James, The Heiress also stars Sir Ralph Richardson. Playing in the parlors on February 6 at 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, students & members. Registration requested: 718.885.1461 or info@bpmm.org.

Despite the film title, you're invited to return on the 20th for The Uninvited (1944, 99 minutes). When a music critic (Ray Milland) and his sister (Ruth Hussey) move into Windward House, despite protests from the owner's granddaughter, they learn its truth and mystery. The house is haunted, revealing the relationship intricacies of both its former, and present, inhabitants. Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Cinematography, this American supernatural romantic mystery was directed by Lewis Allen. Playing in the Parlors on February 20 at 7 p.m. Cost: \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, students & members. Registration requested, 718.885.1461 or info@bpmm.org.

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Genealogy Workshop at Woodlawn Cemetery

On Saturday, February 22, , the Woodlawn Conservancy will host "Cemetery Records: A Key for Your Genealogy Research" at The Woodlawn Cemetery.

All members of the public are encouraged to join us and to learn how burial and memorial records can help as you unravel your family's story. In celebration of Black History Month, Andrea Ramsey, a long-time Conservancy member and chair of the Caribbean research group of the Jean Sampson Scott Greater New York Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), will conduct a workshop on researching African American and Afro-Caribbean heritage using cemetery records.

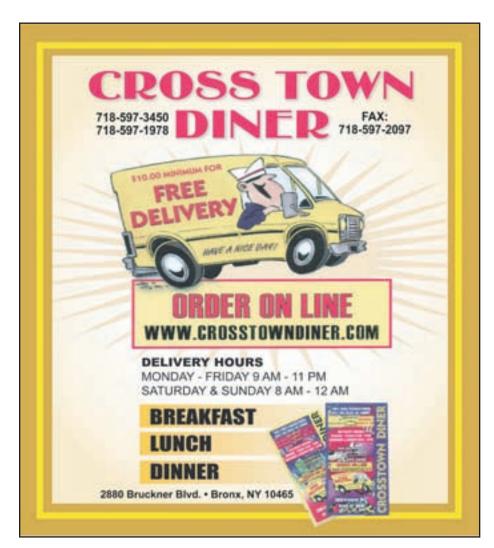
Program will take place in the Jerome Gatehouse from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. RSVP required, as space is limited. This program is free to all members of the public.

In addition to this program, the public may pick up free self-guided tour maps which explore Woodlawn's African American legacy. These maps share, in brief, the achievements of individuals such as Hubert Harrison, "the Harlem Radical"; boxer-turned-actor Canada Lee: Florence Mills. singer and the inspiration for Duke Ellington's "Black Beauty." Maps can be picked up, starting February 3rd, at cemetery security booths and at the Conservancy office, located in the Jerome Gatehouse.

For more information about this exciting program: Online: www.woodlawnconservancy.org; Email: Cristiana Peña, cpena@thewoodlawncemetery.org; Phone: (718) 920-1469.

The mission of the Woodlawn Conservancy is to enhance Woodlawn Cemetery as a historic, natural and cultural landmark; to create a superior visitor experience to the Cemetery; and to build a community of supported dedicated to preserving Woodlawn for the enjoyment of present.

The Woodlawn Cemetery was established in 1863 to provide a more accessible. peaceful burial ground for Manhattan residents. Located just 30 minutes from Manhattan just below Westchester County, the 400acre cemetery is the final resting place for more than 300,000 historically relevant American figures of various races, cultures and religions, including Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Herman Melville, Madam C.J. Walker, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Celia Cruz and many others.







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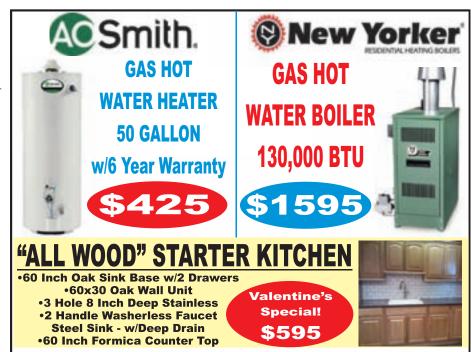
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Benedetto provides seniors with free tax prep

Assemblyman Benedetto is once again offering free income tax preparation for seniors 62 years of age or older who reside within the boundaries of his district (Co-op City, Throggs Neck, Morris Park, Pelham Bay, Zerega and City Island). Tax papers can be dropped off at the Assemblyman's office beginning on February 3rd and is limited to seniors over the age of 62 who meet the following criteria:

- · Simple taxes only
- Complete copies of 2012 federal and state returns must be included
- Name, social security number, and date of birth of all people claimed on the return as a dependent and Date of Birth of Taxpayers

- · Adjusted gross income (AGI) for 2012 must be under \$50,000
- · All necessary paper work must be included as a complete file and brought to the office, otherwise they will be returned
- · You must provide us with a telephone or cellphone number at which you can be reached during normal business hours and on Saturdays
- · Let us know if there have been any changes in taxpayers or dependents from your 2012 return, such as birth or death of dependent, death of taxpaver, etc.
- · All returns will be prepared by volunteers and students from Iona College as a service to the community.

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Seniors are encouraged to bring all their tax documents to Assemblyman Benedetto's office at 3602 East Tremont Ave, Suite 201 or 177 Dreiser Loop, Room 12, anytime from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. (The tax preparer will collect documentation until March 7 and no more tax papers will be accepted after that date. All participants will be contacted when the forms are completed.)

For more information, contact Assemblyman Benedetto's at 3602 E. Tremont Ave., Suite 201, (718)892-2235 or 177 Dreiser Loop Room 12, (718)320-2220.

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Mayor de Blasio's agenda by Tom Allon

Mayor Bill de Blasio has already had a few impressive successes in implementing his agenda during his first 30 days in office.

His expanded sick leave bill has the strong support of new Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (D-Manhattan) and will mark a big victory for the progressive treatment of workers throughout the city.

Its predecessor was a contentious piece of legislation delayed for a long time by former City Council Speaker Christine Quinn that ordered companies with 15 or more workers to pay up to five sick days a year. The latest version applies to companies with as few as five employees.

The widespread use of stop-and-frisk by the Police Department, which had already been dropping in 2013 in Ray Kelly and Mike Bloomberg's last year, seems to be a relic of the past as Bill Bratton takes the reins at 1 Police Plaza.

The new mayor has picked a diverse and talented group of commissioners, a deputy mayor and city schools chancellor who have vast experience and will know how to navigate the bureaucracy as they implement de Blasio's vision for "one city."

But perhaps the most impressive win thus far, the governor's promise to fund universal pre-K in New York for the next five years, has gotten lost in the argument of paying for this through additional taxes on wealthy New Yorkers.

Whether you agree or not that high earners can pay more to help improve our city for all — and there may be a compelling argument here — the idea of raising taxes in 2014, a gubernatorial election year, seems like a non-starter.

Although I find the

mayor's conviction and consistent message impressive, in this case he probably should declare victory, take the state funding right away and begin the daunting task of setting up schools for these early learners and explore how to best implement this long-overdue educational reform.

Where the funding comes from is secondary to the great opportunity to erase the achievement gap before kindergarten. We should be focused on figuring out how to get this accomplished as quickly as possible. Even if it happened tomorrow, it will be years before we see the potential positive impact of this new education reform

Kudos to de Blasio for making this a big issue in his campaign and for getting Cuomo to include it in his budget — a week after de Blasio's inauguration.

As President Barack Obama once said about something else, de Blasio should feel the fierce urgency of now to get universal pre-K off the ground. Take Cuomo's generous offer in 2014 and perhaps in 2015, when the governor is safely ensconced for four more years, and after Hillary Clinton's declaration that she running for the White House in 2016, the mayor can convince Albany to raise taxes for the long-term funding.

Although there is a lot to do in education — from teacher training to rebuilding crumbling schools — universal pre-K is a quick and great first step for de Blasio and Chancellor Carmen Fariña to begin improving our school system.

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.



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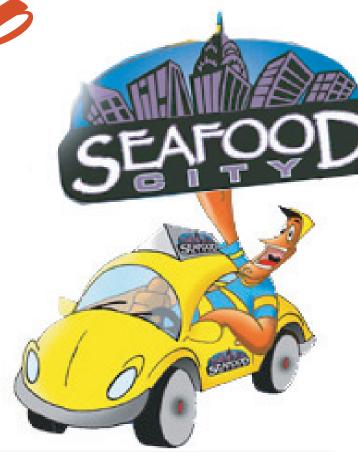
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Fine fare at Bronx Museum

The Bronx Museum of the Arts is a happening place in February, not only with firstrate exhibits, but a number of live events.

Its First Fridays series on Feb. 7 will feature EN MASSE, celebrating the music of Haitian-American violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain, in collaboration with the Kaufman Music Center.

The EN MASSE performance embeds musicians within the Museum's galleries, with each work selected to encourage audience participation and reflection to create what Roumain affectionately calls "an orchestra of life": an orchestra of both musicians and audience, each with a role and responsibility to fulfill.



The Pulsar Quartet performs at First Fridays at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. Photo by Jim Anness

Kaufman Music Center's Face the Music is composed of 170 NYC pre-college musicians and has been called "a force in the new music world" by The New York Times.

The evening performance will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with free admission and suggested donation bar

On Saturday, Feb. 8 it'll be FAMILY AFFAIR: FROM THE BRONX WITH LOVE from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the museum in an afternoon filled with art-making activities for the family. Free for children 12 and under with parent(s) or guardian.

Pre-registration online is encouraged: http://goo.gl/

Catch a panel discussion

on the impact of cultural institutions on Tuesday. Feb. 18, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Small to mid-size public and private museums and art institutions are vital to the creative life of the city. but they struggle to balance financial and political imperatives in an evolving cultural landscape. Having an Impact will feature esteemed New York City cultural leaders who will examine the issues faced by institutions working to make their voices heard locally and across the city. Panelists will also discuss the importance of leadership and vision at the helm, the development of a strong board and core constituency, and methods for getting their messages heard

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Panelists include Holly Block, Executive Director, The Bronx Museum of the Arts; Tom Finkelpearl, Executive Director, Queens Museum of Art: Linda Lees. Founder, Creative Cities International and the Vitality Index; and Stephanie Roach, Director, The FLAG Art Foundation. The panel will be moderated by Fran Kaufman, Kaufman Vardy Projects (kv-projects.com).

Free admission and bar (donations suggested).

The museum is located at 1040 Grand Concourse. For information, call 718-681-



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Larry Chance returns

BY DENNIS NARDONE

A week ago at Lehman College Larry Chance and the Earls returned home to the Bronx to sing all their top 40 hits including "Remember Then," "I Believe," "Never," etc.

This past Friday night Larry Chance was at Scott Corner Cafe on East Tremont Avenue along with his longtime friend and drummer of the band "Bobby

They were there not as the Earls, but as the "Bobby T Trio," as the full house at Scott Place was treated to the sound of jazz music.

Larry showcased and expanded his talents delighting the crowd with his voice and vocals to the sound of popular standards and jazz music and of course an occasional joke or two.

In the audience was Bobby Falcone of the "Regents," Jane Fox of "Twin

Gold," Sal Corrente, who sang with the "Belmonts" and the "Dials," as everyone marveled of the talents of the man that I call the "Legend" Larry Chance!

Welcome home, Larry, and thank you Scott Place Cafe for bringing talented music back to the Bronx.

Check out my Doo-Wop/ oldies Music Radio Show every Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on WVOX1460AM.



Pictured (I-r) at Scott Place Cafe were Larry Chance, Dennis Nardone, Jane Fox and Bobby "T".

Five different members in your average local rock band (maybe four-sometimes three); five personalities all with a vision in their head of what their rock and roll band will look like, sound like, act like, think like. It gets daunting. Is there a natural leader emerging?

Is there a natural leader emerging but this doesn't sit well with the unnatural

rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

leader: the one who sees himself/herself as a leader but obviously can't lead due to any number of unforeseen lacks. Is it the type of band that will say "we are all leaders" knowing full

well that there is a natural leader amongst them but for the peace of all will not admit this.

To join a band is to start a tiny country. It's a great country though because your only export is going to be rock and roll and your only import is going to be fun and fame! Sound easy? Yes, it sounds too easy.

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Weekend events at the New York Botanical Garden

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Tropical Paradise, till February 23. Take refuge from winter by retreating to Tropical Paradise—a showcase of the Haupt Conservatory's permanent collection, including palms, tropical fruit, flowering vices, birds of paradise, and heliconias. You'll feel like you're on vacation without leaving New York!

Four Seasons through March 30. Four Seasons is an installation of four sculptures, each standing more than 15 feet high-Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter—by contemporary American artist and filmmaker Philip Haas. Haas was inspired by the 16th-century Italian Renaissance artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, who painted eccentric, yet scientifically accurate, composite heads composed of flowers, ivy, moss, fungi, vegetables, fruit, bark, and branches. The colossal size of Haas's sculptures accentuates the visual puzzle of natural forms as they are recycled to form four human portraits, each representing an individual season.

Close: The Photography of Allan Pollok-Morris through March 16. The New York Botanical Garden brings breathtaking Scottish landscapes to New York City with this photography exhibition. Close features the creations of 21 notable contemporary designers and artists working in the Scottish landscape.

The landscape design and land art featured range widely and include earthworks and labyrinths, gardens on grounds of private houses and castles, and sculptures located on land and by the sea. The exhibition's use of the word "close" refers to an ancient Scottish term used to describe a landscape so inspirational that heaven seems closer to Earth in that place.

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Garden is open yearround, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the All-Garden Pass, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Native Plant Garden, and Tram Tour.

For more information, call 718.817.8700 or visit nybg.org.<http://www. nybg.org>

The New York Botanical Garden is located at 2900 Southern Boulevard.

The New York Botanical Garden and its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural

Affairs. A portion of the Garden's general operating funds is provided by The New York City Council and

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The Bronx Borough President and Bronx elected representatives in the City Council and State Legislature provide leadership funding.

The Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center will present In Progress: From Memory to Memoir on Monday, February, 10 (6:30-8:30pm), a free hands-on workshop on the basic elements of memoir, held at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts, 2700 E Tremont Avenue (at St. Raymond Ave) in Westchester Square. Admission is free and all are

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welcome!

Charlie Vázquez—published author, freelance editor and Director of the Bronx Writers Center—will lead this two-hour workshop, which begins with a 6:30-7:00pm speed writing session. Attendees will also have an opportunity to share their work with fellow writers and discuss the elements of great memoir and storytelling. Bring worksin-progress, a notebook, and pens. Get feedback and make friends! Info: www. bronxarts.org

Contact: bronxwriters@ bronxarts.org or 718-931-9500 x21

Visit Woodlawn Cemetery during Social Media Week NYC (February 17th through 21st) and document your trip with social media.

Use the hashtag #Insta-Woodlawn to share images from your time spent at this National Historic Landmark and be automatically entered in its photo contest.

In 2013, visitors to Woodlawn meandered about the cemetery's 400 acres, using the social web to document their experience. Their photographs captured incredible sculptures, impressive architecture and Woodlawn's magnificent collection of trees.

In 2014, how will you capture Woodlawn? Connect with the Woodlawn Conservancy online and show it.

Top photos will earn complimentary membership in the Woodlawn Conservancy, copies of special selections from its library, and bragging rights as top photographer!

For more information call (718) 920-1469.

Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue, will present "Artist's Choice." from February 7 to 28, with an opening reception on Friday, February 7, from 7 to 10 p.m.

There is still time if you are an artist to get your work in. Deadline Wednesday, February 5.

Call 718) 885-1403 for more information.





Santa Maria Church was established for new immigrants

Until this past Sunday, I had only been in Santa Maria Church, located at 2352 St. Raymond Avenue at the corner of Parker Street. twice that I recall. The first time was for Mike Medora's funeral mass in August of 1991 and the second time was when his wife, Mary, passed away. Mike was the kind of person often referred to as a pillar of the church, meaning that he was involved in every aspect of parish life. Today you would have a hard time finding someone who remembers him as so much has changed. Father Antimo Fiorillo was pastor then but he retired in 1993.

The Medora family and Father Fiorillo were leftovers from when Santa Maria was largely an Italian parish. When the parish was established by Patrick Cardinal Hayes in 1926, the expressed purpose was to provide a place of worship for the growing population of Italian speaking immigrants. The elevated line of the #6 IRT line had just

by Bill Twomey

been extended to the area in 1920 and a population explosion came with it. Soon eggplant, tomatoes, zucchini and basil were growing in backyards throughout the neighborhood. Many of those Italian homesteaders have since been replaced by Hispanic and Asian households who still keep the parish vibrant.

Father Edward Marcuzzi, who was born, educated and ordained in Italy. was chosen as the founding pastor and he obtained the temporary use of a storefront for his first mass. Thus the parish got its start at 1605 Parker Street on July 8, 1926. Property for a permanent structure was soon acquired and within a few months mass was being offered in their own church. It was dedicated in February of 1927.

Father Marcuzzi passed away in 1932 and Father Anthony Profilio, also born, raised, and ordained in Italy, was installed as the second pastor of Santa Maria. He helped to build up the parish by establishing many of the parish societies so necessary to parish life. He was recalled to Sicily in 1947 to become the Vicar General of that diocese.

Francis Cardinal Spellman then assigned Father John Caldarola as the third pastor of the parish. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1926 and named a monsignor in 1957. It was he who opened the new school in 1951 with Sister Dolorita as principal. He also oversaw the construction of the convent for the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1964.

When Father Caldaro-



Santa Maria Church at St. Raymond Avenue at the corner of Parker Street on January 29, 2012.

the parish from 1981 to 1993.

la retired in 1972, Terrence the safe hands of Father Cardinal Cooke appointed John Carbo until November Father Joseph Adamo as his of 1994. It was then that he replacement. He, in turn, invited the Idente Missionwas replaced by Father Anaries of Christ Crucified to timo Fiorillo who served administer the parish. That religious congregation had John Cardinal O'Connor been established by Ferthen placed the parish in nando Rielo on the Spanish

island of Tenerife in 1959. Father Fernando Real was then appointed pastor and his chief aim appears to be the bolstering of the spiritual lives of the parishioners. It appears to be doing quite well under the care if the Idente Missionaries.



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are wired for action, for impulse, for emotionally-colored thinking. Ask a teen why s/he did something and they'll likely respond, "I don't know." They're not being difficult. They're being honest. They really don't know because they did not think it through beforehand. Oh. the contradictions of raising a teen!

Since teens face many challenges regarding the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs nearly every day, it's important that they do know the facts about these drugs and what the consequences of using them might be. It's hard to make a good decision if you don't have good information. Knowledge really is power and can help a teen deal with social pressure to experiment with substances. National Drug Facts Week is January 27

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through February 2. There are great websites that can educate you and your teen on the specifics of various drugs. Among them are www.RiskisReal.org where there are many short but compelling videos of actual teens discussing the havoc that their drug use caused in their lives; www.adapp. org where there are videos and information pages for teens, parents and educators; and http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov where there are interactive events, chats, etc. for teens during this week.

Since some aspects of our popular culture seem

to glorify drug use, parents can feel outmaneuvered when it comes to reinforcing a drug-free lifestyle. The truth is, parents remain the major influence in their teens' lives and there is much that we can do to promote healthy decisionmaking regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

- 1. Eating family meals together at least a few times per week has been shown to promote family togetherness, which in turn supports teens in their ability to say no to drugs.
- 2. Role-modeling the responsible use of alcohol and other legal drugs and never drinking and driving says more to a teen than words ever can.
- 3. Having heart-tohearts with your teen as often as possible, and not just about drugs, school grades or cleaning his/her room,

but about topics that he/she is interested in.

- 4. Never allowing teens to use drugs in your home. Don't provide alcohol or other drugs to teens with the thought that "they're going to do it anyway." It's dangerous and illegal.
- 5. Not letting embarrassment or fear prevent you from reaching out to a professional if you suspect that your teen is depressed, sad for long periods of time, or changing in ways that alarm you. Your school counselor or your child's pediatrician can be a great place to start.

In the current climate of debate over legalization of marijuana, your teen may get confused about "natural" ingredients or "legal" drugs being safe and harmless. Help your teen to understand that "natural" does not equal "safe". Many

things are natural but not safe for humans, among them, poisonous mushrooms, certain berries, poison ivy, rhubarb leaves, etc. Wild birds, insects and animals do not consume everything they come across for this reason. Humans need to be at least as smart. Similarly, "legal" does not mean harmless. Cigarettes are legal and are the leading cause of death in the US. Alcohol is legal and is a major contributor in the deaths of teenagers due to accidents, homicide, suicide and overdose.

Parents are their kids' first and best teachers and while technology may change at a frightening pace, that fact does not, and it's good to know the facts. Catch up on them and then contact us with any comments you may have at jtimmins@adapp.org.

BY AL BELFIORE

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cal decisions. Their brains

Greetings to all! deep freeze of winter is upon us as we all anxiously await news of warmer temperatures. So much for global warming....oh well.

The Locust Point Civic Association would like to

invite all Locust Point residents to our Grand Re-Opening Saturday, Feb 8th. from 6 to 9 pm. in order to show off our new civic house. Refreshments will be served. We want to hear what YOU have to say about the plans to take the association to

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Locust Point Civic Association

new levels in the coming years. Some of the ideas

already being discussed are the continuation of the CSA, cooking classes, comedy night, movie night, mu-

Yoga) and a key-card lock system. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have and we also will be taking applications for membership. The best part is that it's free! So, come on down and join us for a great celebration!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on Saturday. April 12 at 10 am.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Hope everyone had a productive and fun experience at Mid-Winter Conference. I have not received anything from Albany PD so I guess we have mellowed with age. On to convention in June.

As always, our next regular meeting will be the 3rd Sunday in February, 11am sharp at American Turners NY, the Turner Club. Coffee and buns before, drinks, snacks and additional discussions afterward.

February 1st is the Parade Committee Dinner. On the 8th is Post 347 Larchmont SAL "Night at the

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Races" fundraiser. Starts at 7pm, plenty of food and drink, only \$25.00. Sign-up by the 6th, or give them a call. At the end of February we will have the Amazing Annual Belly Bomber Bingo at the VA Hospital. At the end of March we have our Support the Troops Bingo, courtesy of the Sam Young Post - "Until they all come home."

Attention - call to pa-

rade! Post 253 Color Guard will be leading veterans down the avenue in honor of St. Patrick! All veterans are Irish on this day and are welcome to form up with us at Lafayette Ave, the Sunday before the 17th, more info to follow.

The American Legion has a 'group' on the Linked In computer site. Looks like a lot of good job, education and entitlement info available.

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baby services, local prod-

ucts and resources, and

shop for their baby's needs,

Mommy to Bee will be dedi-

What's new this year?

It's a baby shower for

ilv this fall.

a one-stop shop.

Expectant moms, new

Barone Manor.

cating a space to vendors and sponsors that cater to toddlers (ages 1-3) and their moms.

Acevedo-Vil-Jackie lanueva of MAS, Inc. was quoted as saying "Our moms from 2013 will now have given birth, and babies have grown into toddlers. Luckily, the baby industry is constantly evolving and a trend we are seeing a lot this year is gear that grows with your child: accommodating them from infant to toddler and into school age. We need to bridge the gap of growing families with vendors and services for not just moms to be, but their children as well. We'd like to call it 'GROWING TO-GETHER'.'

Relax while your toddlers and up attend onsite daycare, as you enjoy the conference program with light fare and 'Mommy Mocktails' in a serene setting! Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Godparents, Aunts, Uncles, and Infants are all welcome, and strollers are welcome too. Tickets to the event also include access to 60+ vendors and sponsors, conference program, light refreshments, door prize raffles, a fully loaded Baby Shower gift bag, valet parking, and CleanBeeBaby offering free stroller cleaning while moms shop, and more! Register in advance http://mommytobee3. eventbrite.com/PR for a chance to win a year's subscription to an early parenting magazine.

Space is limited and tickets are really going quickly. Over 85 ladies secured their space at the event in the first day of preregistration! This event is made possible by our generous sponsors and vendors, and moms too!

For more information visit MommyToBeeNY.com or Facebook.com/Mommy-ToBeeNY.

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Why should we be concerned? Well, according to the Center for Disease control, almost 70% of us take at least one drug regularly and the majority of Americans age 60 and older take two or more prescription drugs while 37% take at least five or more. So, it seems that most of us are providing a stream of income to the drug companies. I guess that's pretty good for them but it's proving to be deadly for many of us!

In addition to being costly, most drugs come with a wide range of serious side effects, and some are so serious that they may be lethal. While the drug companies get rich we are entered into a vicious downward spiral as our doctor prescribes drugs to treat the side effects of the medications we are taking for the original condition.

Don't get me wrong, there are definitely times that we need conventional medications but certainly not at the rate we are taking them. We need to become more knowledgeable and the information is not easy to come by.

There are many products that have proven to be as good or better than conventional medications and they are inexpensive, read-

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ily available and come with very few minor side effects. The Chinese have used red yeast rice for many years to lower cholesterol. A 2008 study compared people who took red yeast rice and fish oil with those that took Zocor/Simvastatin and cholesterol levels were reduced at the same rate in both groups. Other studies have shown that red yeast rice reduced cholesterol by up to 34% over placebo.

The ancient Greeks have used St. John's wort to treat a variety of conditions, including depression. The Cochrane Collaboration, which reviews the effectiveness of health treatments, studied the results

of 29 trials that compared St. John's wort to prescription antidepressants. They found that the herb treated mild to moderate depression as effectively as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI's), which include Prozac, Celexa, and Zoloft. In addition, St. John's wort doesn't appear to depress sex drive, a common side effect of prescription antidepressants.

Ginko biloba, one of the oldest trees on earth, boosts mental functioning by increasing blood circulation to the brain. Doctor Adrian Fugh-Berman told WebMd that Ginko biloba is as helpful for treating dementia in the same range as those drugs that are being heavily pushed to treat Alzheimer's. Other studies have proven that Ginko biloba is effective in treating dementia.

A study at Baylor University found that curcumin, the main component in the spice turmeric, worked as well as the antidepressant Prozac. The study participants took 500 milligrams of curcumin twice a day. Ajay Goel, MD was surprised at the results and said that, "This is amazing news." He probably would be surprised to learn that curcumin is also an effective treatment for pain and inflammation.

S-Adenosylmethionine (SAMe) is a naturally occurring compound in the body and many well designed studies have proven that it can reduce the pain of arthritis. Studies found that it was just as effective as NSAIDs in reducing pain and joint swelling. Another study found that a daily dose of 1,200 mg of SAMe was as effective as Celebrex, a cox'2 inhibitor, in relieving pain. A meta-analysis of studies also found SAMe to be as

effective as prescription tricyclic antidepressants, such as Elavil, in reducing symptoms of depression.

Don't get caught up in a downward spiral of medicating the side effects of your medications. Try the natural alternative first. Give it time to work and if it does you will be healthier and probably happier, too!

Membership

Thanks to the members that have sent in their membership dues. If you have not done so yet, please make a point of doing it today. We are planning for the upcoming year and we depend on your dues to plan for exciting and informative meeting and events

You can send your \$10 membership fee to Waterbury LaSalle Community Association, PO 291, Ponton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461 or you can bring it to the March 13th meeting.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Remember the Super Bowl at the Post on February 2. Come on down and enjoy. Four TV's, food at half time and for every touchdown a comp same beverage. Should be fun.

Happy Year of the Horse to all my Asian Friends. Much Health, Happiness and Wealth to you all. January 31 is the day.

Here is something from my Triviologist, Joe Cusimano.

The Hollywood Fluffs out there pale in comparison to these folks.

Sterling Hayden was a Marine and OSS. He smuggled guns into Yugoslavia

civic center

Samuel Young Legion Post 620

and parachuted into Croa-

James Stewart was a Bomber Pilot and rose to the rank of General.

Ernest Borgnine was a Gunner's Mate 1c on the Destrover USS Lamberton.

Ed McMahon was a Marine Fighter Pilot in WWII and flew OE1 Birdogs in Ko-

Telly Savalas was in the

Walter Matthau was a Air Corp B-24 Radioman/

Gunner and Cryptogra-

Jonaththan Winters was a Marine anti-aircraft gunner on the Battleship USS Wisconsin and Carrier USS BonHomme Richard. Fought in the Battle of Okinawa.

Paul Newman was a in the Navy and served as a Rear seat Gunner/Radioman on Torpedo Bombers on the USS Bunker Hill.

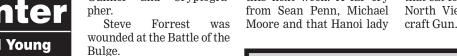
Kirk Douglas served on a US Navy Sub Chaser in the Pacific, was wounded in action and medically discharged.

There will be more of

this next week. A far cry

that sat for a photo-op on a North Vietnam Ainti Aircraft Gun.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.







LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Conversion of Brothers Seven Realty Co., a partnership, to Brothers Seven Realty, LLC. Cert. filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/25/10, Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 1140 Bronx River Ave., Bronx, NY 10472, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Aroma Dominican Cigars, L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on March 26, 2012. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 323 E, Gun Hill Road, Store #3, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JR Appraisals L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on December 17. 2013. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 5700 Arlington Avenue, Apt 4V, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kids Zone Day Care, LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles or Organization filed with Secretary of State on December 20, 2013. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon Rosa Conde, Kids Zone Day Care, 2020 Daly Ave., 1st Floor, Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: Any lawful

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Logo Hut LLC, domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company The Logo Hut LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 12/30/2013. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O PO BOX 520575- 1315 INWOOD AVE- BRONX NY 10452-9998. Tel # 646-200-1681 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of The Sustainable Biodiesel Company, LLC Articles of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 8/21/08. Amended Articles filed 1/16/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Joshua Sabo, Esq., 287 N Greenbush Rd., Troy, NY 12180 Principal business location: 531 Barretto St., Bronx, NY 10474. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Tri-State Biodiesel, LLC Tri-State Biodiesel, LLC, organized in Delaware on 2/2/06, filed authority with the NYS Dept. of State on 11/3/06 and amended authority on 1/17/14. Principal business address located in Bronx county. The Sec. of State shall mail process to Joshua Sabo, 287 North Greenbush Rd., Troy, NY 12180. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Illustradent Yonkers Dental Services PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/14. Office location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Ronald L. Rosenberg, 329 E. 65th St., New York, NY 10065, Purpose: practice the profession of dentistry.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

Morvin Omar Pennant v Elizabeth Re: Tanette Aladegbemi

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

CLAIM NO. M. 1734 of 2013

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed on October on behalf of MORVIN OMAR PENNANT for the dissolution of the marriage that was lawfully made on July 7, 2000 between MORVIN OMAR PENNANT ELIZABETH TANETTE and ALADEGBEMI .

in the island of Jamaica on the basis that the marriage has broken down irretrievably.

ALL persons claiming to be affected by the dissolution of marriage must, before the expiration of twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the publication of the 2nd advertisement of this Notice of Proceedings, file with the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Judicature of Jamaica and serve on the Petitioner c/o his Attorneys-at-Law, Myers, Fletcher & Gordon of No. 21 East Street, Kingston (telephone nos. 876-922-5860-8; fax no. 876-922-4811), an Acknowledgment of Service and an Answer within fifty-six (56) days from the date of the 2nd advertisement of this Notice of Proceedings.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an on-premise license, #TBA has been applied for by 684 Restaurant Corp to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 4653 White Plains Rd Store #7 Bronx NY

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on January 24, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000014-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Donnel (Middle) Dontee (Last) Jones. My present name is (First) Donnel (Middle) Dontee (Last) Hordge AKA Donnel Dontee Jones AKA Donnel D Jones. My present address is 160 West 174 Street, Apt 11F, Bronx, NY 10453. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is May 11,

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 11/04/2013, bearing Index Number NC-000473-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Manuel (Middle) Luis (Last) Alejandro. My present name is (First) Manuel (Middle) Luis (Last) Oquendo AKA Manuel Oguendo, AKA Manuel Oguendo Aleiandro. My present address is 1050 Carroll PL., Bronx, NY 10456- My place of birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is August 14,

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on January 13, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000534-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Kofi (Middle) Oppong (Last) Wireko. My present name is (First) Kofi (Middle) Aqyei (Last) Akuoku AKA Kofi A. Akuoku AKA Kofi Akuoku. My present address is 165 E 179th St. Apt 3D, Bronx, NY 10453, My place of birth is Ghana. My date of birth is July 01, 1971.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF **BRONX**

U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION. TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SAIL, 2006-1,

Plaintiff(s),

Against

PAULETTE MORRIS: et al.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 7/10/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/10/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 4114 Dereimer Avenue Bronx, NY 10466.

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

Block 5021 Lot 4

Approximate amount of lien \$393.051.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 16346/07

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

Ezra Glaser, Esq., Referee

Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80
Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY

Dated: 12/16/2013 7100528772 MNH

File Number:

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF **BRONX**

AURORA LOAN SERVICES. Plaintiff(s),

Against

CELESTE RUIZ; et al.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 1/29/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/24/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 3143 Mickle Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469.

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

Section 16 Block 4763 Lot 116

Approximate amount of lien \$550,636.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381484/08

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee

SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 1/9/2014 File Number: 24712

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX EverBank, Plaintiff, against Fritz Guillaume; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 23, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on February 24, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2034 Haviland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10422 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx and State of NY, Section: 14 Block: 3800 Lot: Approximate amount of judgment \$338,392.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 17614/05, Gerald L. Sheiowitz, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney for the Plaintiff State of New York Mortgage Agency 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Suite One, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 10, 2014 1078171 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 02/14/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN. Plaintiff(s), vs. GWENDOLYN MCIVER-WILLIAMS, Defendant(s),

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 30, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,

Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on March 3, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1059 Ward Avenue, Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 3715 and Lot 41. Approximate amount of judgment is \$66,178.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 306071-12

Harold Beeler, Esq., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID N. COOPER, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2712 Tenbroeck 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 4524 and Lot 3. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380085/10.

Robert M. Brill, Esq, Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN. Plaintiff(s), vs. UNICOL REALTY LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 3, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse. Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 10, 2014 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, premises known as 125 St Anns Avenue, Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2261 and Lot 43. Approximate amount of judgment is \$85,886.58 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 304514-12

Joseph A. Carofano, Esq., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY Thirty3 Sixty3 Steakhouse, on E. Tremont Avenue, presented its first annual "Coquito Kings" event on Monday, January 20 as a tribute to Three Kings Day.

Bronx Best "Coquito Kings and Queens" exhibited their unique and very popular blend of this holiday favorite coconut rum treat that is enjoyed through Three Kings Day. This gave contestants from all over the Bronx the chance to participate in a friendly competition. Judges, were none other than the actual customers, who voted for the best "Coquito."

In addition, the event also included an enticing open buffet that allowed attendees to sample Puerto Rican traditional and cultural holiday favorites.

Since everyone loves their "coquito," the participants brought it and gladly allowed the customers to sample and judge it! There were over 12 participants and winners won an actual crown. Two "Coquito Kings: Benito and Jayson who won first place and Bigi Ramos at second place for Coquito Queen! It was one of the greatest Mondays at Thirty3 Sixty3 Restaurant

with a turnout of more than 100 people.

"I have found a diamond in the ruff in our neighborhood! No one will be disappointed by the culinary choices! Our plates were empty! A nice change from all the Italian restaurants in our nabe!" ~ Yelp! Review, Tasty Ladies of the Bronx, NY

"We are excited to host special events in our restaurant during normal business hours. We want to offer customers more than just a dining experience. Thirty3 Sixty3 can help make all events, dinner



Thirty3 Sixty3 Steakhouse Coquito Kings and Queens event participants.

parties, private or not, special, with custom packages. Please call for package details, some spring dates are still available" says owner, Jacqueline Villanueva. For more information, visit www.thirty3sixty3.com or call us at 718.828.3363.

This event was co-sponsored by BX on the GO, Tasty Ladies, and El Flanadero.

Bronx Park East Community Association highlights

BY KENNY AGOSTO A Few Good Volunteers Needed

With the recent spike in crime negatively affecting our Bronx Park East and Allerton Community, we are looking for volunteers to join our B-PECA Neighborhood Watch.

We patrol our areas in groups of 2 to 10 for different shifts during the night and on weekends to make sure our streets and vehicles are secured.

We have already been instrumental in apprehending an alleged car thief and will be monitoring these perpetrators all the way through our court's judicial system, until justice is served.

Community Board 11 Meeting

At this past Thursday's Community Board 11 general meeting, B-PECA's Raphael Schweizer, James Vargas, & Cecilia "Cece" Smoker presented in gallery session to discuss at length their biggest public safety concerns:

There are three 24-hour grocery stores co-located on adjacent corners of Britton Street and White Plains Road where gang colors, illegal graffiti, violence and illegalities are often on display. Our members have observed illegal alcohol sales in these very same establishments well after hours.

Just recently an altercation resulted in a young man getting shot in the neck inside the E & J grocery store; his condition is unknown.

"These combined stores open 24/7 contributes negatively to the unsafe environment and rampant violence in the Allerton community" said B-PECA chairman, Raphael Schweizer.

Community Board 11 monthly full board meetings on are the 4th Thursday of the month (subject to change), inside Einstein Hospital at 1200 Van Nest Avenue.

If you are interested in attending a Community Board meeting, call (718) 892-6262 and ask for either Harriet or Bharati.

They'll be happy to let you know where and when you can make your presence felt!

Each meeting has a "Gallery Session" where anyone, including YOU, can speak about anything on your mind: crime concerns, education, anything! It's up to you to attend and make your voice heard.

Operation Pooper Scooper

Our enterprising B-PECA kids have been hard at work designing new and creative ways to stop that dreaded minefield of "doggie poo" that creates

havoc wherever we walk our streets.

B-PECA has worked diligently to "clean up the crap" by reminding owners that they can be subject to a hefty \$450 fine for failure to pick up after their dogs.

We have cleaned our streets, placed light-hearted signs to gently remind them to clean "it" up, as well as built tree guards to protect nature's oxygen makers from destruction. Now we need YOU the owners to carry bags and CURB YOUR DOGS NOW!!!

If you see these violators tell them they live here too and should not make our neighborhood a terrible place to live. Our beautiful Bronx Park East should not have to be buried in anonymous fecal matter.

Doggie poo can pose a significant health hazard as our children tend to play in the very same places lazy pet owners choose to make their dubious deposits. Help us take back our streets!

Friends of Bronx Park East Conservancy

At our next meeting, we will be signing up volunteers to help create FOB-PEC to help transform our dilapidated playgrounds into an oasis for all of our children and their families to play free from

drugs, crime, and garbage. B-PECA will continue our "Love Our Park" clean-up days. We will also be enlisting the help of the New York & New Jersey Trail Conference to assist our awesome NYC Park's Department to help better maintain our nature pathways and wooded trails. JOIN US!

B-PECA

Constitutional 101

Even though we as an unincorporated organization have accomplished a great deal of things in this past year with little or no money, B-PECA has decided to formally initiate our incorporation process for our non-profit status.

We have put together the building-blocks of our charter in order to file with the Internal Revenue Service and NYS Department of State to be duly recognized as a not-for-profit organization.

Up until now our organization has relied solely on our network of volunteers, participating with NYC volunteer and environmental organizations, as well as individualized neighborhood grants from Citizen's Committee for New York City, Partnership for Parks and MillionTrees NYC. We have also formed a by-laws committee to create our mission as well as our governing constitution.

It is our goal to serve our community by bringing positive programming for our diverse group of neighbors.

Our chief endeavor is to band together with the express desire of changing every negative aspect of our neighborhoods, transforming our community for the better one block at a time until our children, our seniors and our most vulnerable feel safe in their homes and on their streets.

Intergenerational Mitzvah in the Spring

In showing our gratitude to our long standing community partners at CenterLight, our B-PECA kids shall endeavor to partner up with our seniors, veterans and people with disabilities to help them get involve in healthy and happy activities, from music, dance, exercise, computer lessons, food, art, poetry, percussion and FUNI

Condolence Call

We express our sincere sentiments and well-wishes to M.S. 135's beloved retired music teacher, Mr. Mitch Rubensky on the passing of his mother, who lived to 90 years old, and to the 49th Precinct Community Affairs Detective Victor DiPierro on the death of his father, Frank, 85. RIP...

Just B-peCAN!

Please join us at our next meeting of the Bronx Park East Community Association which will be held at 6:45pm on Thursday, February 13th.

Our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month at the Center-Light building, located at 2401 White Plains Road near the corner of Waring Avenue

Our special guest will be NYS Senate President, Pro Tempore, Senator Jeff Klein. Come bring your ideas, thoughts, solutions, and comments! You can contact us at: 347.654.7044, via email at: Bxparkeast@ gmail.com or follow us on facebook for daily updates at: www.facebook.com/ groups/bxparkeast.

We would like to thank our B-PECA faithful; Angela, Keith, Norma, Joey, Ralph, Neteara, Fran, James, Patricia, Yadira, Paula, Adam, Iris, Carolina, Christian, Mohammed, David, CeCe, Hazel, Donal, Kenny, and Raph for always being part of the solution!

Until next time, Live, Learn, Laugh, and Love!

"As we start 2014, we look back at an event which epitomized our mission of unifying and uplifting the community:

Norma Lopez' & BPE-CA's September 2013 "Cruger-Mace Back-to-School Block Party". A classic!"

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006-7, Plaintiff, against ANA JIMENEZ, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/8/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 02/10/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 209 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, Bronx, NY 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3455 LOT: Approximate amount of judgment \$479,498.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380662/09. Lee Michael Huttner, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: December 30, 2013 1076260

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against STEPHEN YOUNG, DENISE YOUNG, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 02/10/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4067 WILDER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4983 LOT: 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$307,477.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380704/08. Laura C. Browne, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540. Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: November 25, 2013 1072380

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff(s), vs. SOCIETE D'EXPLOITATION AGRICOLE-CI, LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 23, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 334 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2345 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$114,381.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of

Sale. Index Number 304516/12.
Lorraine C. Corsa, Esq., Referee
Phillips Lytle LLP
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LEGAL NOTICE

TICE OF CALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - LEE SANCHEZ, et. al.,

Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated March 5, 2013, I will sell at public auction on March 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment MF, in the building known as W-6 a/k/a 157, and by street address 1420 Wood Road, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3273, in Block 3937 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided 0052 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$5,482,42, with interest, costs. etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein. Index No. 381008/11. MARK BERNSTEIN, ESQ., Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, against - DYE-ANNE C. MARTIN, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated December 17, 2012, I will sell at public auction on February 10, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 3G, in the building known as N-4 a/k/a 98, and by street address 1940 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 1928, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided 0211 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$9,490.21, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Lend America, in the original principal sum of \$133,873.00 with

Index No. 381889/09. KENNETH DAVID BURROWS, Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff 828 South Broadway, Suite 100

Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-772.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - QUEENS COUNTY

In the Matter of the Application of PETER M. WOLF, as Guardian of the Person and Property of SAMUEL M. PINNOCK, an incapacitated person to sell certain real property pursuant to an order of this court dated January 2, 2014, by Hon. Robert L. Nahman a Justice of this Court, an application to sell the premises 4462 Park Avenue Bronx, NY. 10457,

Block 3037 Lot 56 being a plot 25 feet by 141 feet will be made on the 25th day of February 2014, at 9:30 A.M. at I.A.S. Part 25g of the Supreme Court at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard Jamaica, N.Y. 11435.

Said property is presently under contract, subject to the approval of the court, for the purchase price of \$650,000.00.

Contact PETER M. WOLF, ESQ. of Kew Gardens, N.Y. Attorney for the Guardian 125-10 Queens Boulevard Kew Gardens, N.Y. 11415 (718) 261-7580

LEGAL NOTICE

File # 2011-1615/B SURROGATE'S COURT-BRONX COUNTY

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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TO: LILLIAN ECHEVARIA, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to her heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if she died subsequent to the decedent herein, to her executors, administrators, legtees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of MARGARITA CAMBRELEN the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.

The Attorney General of the State of New York.

A petition having been duly filed by ANNA L. VARGAS who is domiciled at 27-20 Grand Concourse, Apartment 517, Bronx, NY

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on March 4th, 2014, at 9:30 in the forenoon of that day, in Room 406, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of MARGARITA CAMBRELEN, lately domiciled at 2960 Decatur Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458, authorizing ANNA L. VARGAS, as Administratrix of the Estate of MARGARITA CAMBRELEN, deceased.

1. To distribute and allocate the net settlement proceeds of \$16,926.09, derived from the gross settlement with defendant NAMVILLE now being administered through the MANVILLE TRUST in the sum of \$26,250.00, the adequacy of the gross settlement from defendant MANVILLE now being administered through the MANVILLE TRUST in the sum of \$26,250.00, as well as attorney's fees to WEITZ & LUXENBERG, PC in the amount of \$5,642.02 and return of disbursements incurred by WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. in the amount of \$3,681.89 having been approved by Order of the Supreme Court, New York County, dated March 27, 2013, leaving net settlement proceeds of \$16,926.09, it being respectfully requested that this Court approve the allocation and distribution of the net settlement proceeds as set forth herein;

2. To allocate ninety percent (90%) of the

net settlement proceeds to the cause of action for conscious pain and suffering and ten percent (10%) of the net settlement proceeds to the cause of action for wrongful death against the aforementioned defendant:

3. (a) To allocate the net sum of \$15,233.48, representing ninety percent (90%) of the net settlement proceeds, to the conscious pain and suffering claim belonging to the decedent's Estate, to be distributed in accordance with EPTL Section 4-1.1:

TO: ANNA L. VARGAS, as Administratrix of the Estate of MARGARITA CAMBRELEN deceased.

TOTAL: \$15,233.48

(b) To allocate the net sum of \$1,692.61, representing ten percent (10%) of the net settlement proceeds, to the wrongful death of said decedent, to be distributed pursuant to EPTL Section 5-4.4 as follows:

To: ANNA L. VARGAS, as and for her share as surviving issue and distributee of said decedent, pursuant to Section 5-4.4 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 1/4 of net wrongful death proceeds \$423.15

To: LILLIAN ECHEVARIA, as and for her share as surviving issue and distributee of said decedent, pursuant to Section 5-4.4 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 1/4 of net wrongful dearth proceeds. \$423.15

To: IVETTE JUDITH ALEJANDRO, as and for her share as surviving issue and beneficiary of said decedent, pursuant to Section 5-4.4 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 1/4 of net wrongful death proceeds \$423.15

To: JEANETTE VARGAS, as and for her share as surviving issue and beneficiary of said decedent, pursuant to Section 5-4.4 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 1/4 of net wrongful death proceeds \$423.16 TOTAL: \$1,692.61

4. To remove and/or modify the restrictions in the Limited Letters of Administration issued to ANNA L. VARGAS, petitioner as such Administratrix, to the extent necessary to carry out the provisions of such decree:

5. To dispense with the filing of a bond;

6. To discontinue this action against the defendant, MANVILLE now being administered through the MANVILLE TRUST, listed herein, and to continue against all other non-settling defendants; and

7. To judicially settle and allow petitioner's account with respect to the total amount of \$26,250.00 and to grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

8. To pay Lillian Echevaris's share of the proceeds to the Commission of Finance of The City of New York for the benefit of Lillian Echevaria.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 8, 2014 (Seal) HON. Surrogate Michael Hausler Chief Clerk Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C. Attorney for Petitioner 700 Broadway, New York NY 10003 Address of Attorney (212) 558-5687

Telephone Number

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

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURTOF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

In the Matter of the Application of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES for the Custody and Guardianship of the person

ISABELLA MARIE RODRIGUEZ

A minor under the age of 18 years of age pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York

Docket No. B-19543/13

SUMMONS

In the Name of the People of the State of New York:

TO: Lisa Marie Cowell Whereabouts Unknown

A petition having been filed in the Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, an authorized agency; a copy of said Petition being annexed hereto;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue in the County of Bronx, City, and State of New York, on the 2nd day of April. 2014 at 11:30 in the forenoon of said day, before the Honorable Sarah P. Cooper at Part 9, to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the Petitioner, as provided by law.

PLÉASE TAKE NOTICE that upon your failure to appear, all of your parental rights in the child may be terminated.

PLEASÉ TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the child's care, custody or guardianship or in the child's adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer and if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to have a lawyer assigned by the Court.

In the event of your failure to attend, the Court will hear and determine the petition as provided by law.

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT
/s/
Clerk of the Family Court
County of Bronx
Dated: January 24, 2014

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The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) has issued its report card on the nation's infrastructure, and the news is not good. The overall rate, covering items such as dams, drinking water, waste systems, levees. transportation, bridges, waterways, ports, rail, roads, mass transit, parks, schools, and energy was a terrible D+.

Many of these areas were supposed to be addressed by all that Stimulus money, but most were not. In some cases, dollars were spent foolishly, on things like bike lanes instead of maior, urgently needed transportation projects. Other examples cited by a Fiscal Times report: \$2 million was spent on a "replica railroad," a tourist attraction, not a transportation need in Nevada, and \$1 million was spent on beefing up security on cruise ships.

New York's Fulton Street project was the largest single item funded, at an original cost of \$750 million and a scheduled completion date of 2007. The project remains incomplete (it may open this year) with a reported price tag of \$1.4 billion, including \$423 billion in stimulus funds.

Far too much of the funding was spent on paybacks to big political con-Many needs tributors. were left unaddressed because they weren't "shovelready," meaning politicians couldn't use them as feathers in their caps before the next election.

According to the ASCE, "For the U.S. economy to be the most competitive in the

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world, we need a first class systeminfrastructure transport systems that move people and goods efficiently and at reasonable cost by land, water and air; transmission systems that deliver reliable, low-cost power from a wide range of energy sources, and water systems that drive industrial processes as well as the daily functions in our homes. Yet today, our infrastructure systems are failing to keep pace with the current and expanding needs, and investment in infrastructure is falter-

Mistrust of how future spending will be handled prevents a bipartisan solu-

Among New York State's most severe challenges, according to ASCE:

- 2,169 of its 17,420 bridges (12.5%) are considered structurally deficient;
- 4,718 of the 17,420 bridges in New York State (27.1%) are considered functionally obsolete.
- · Driving on roads in need of repair costs New York motorists \$4,551billion a year in extra vehicle repairs and operating costs--\$403 per motorist;
- · 60% of New York's roads are in poor or mediocre condition;
- The state's parks have unmet needs of \$95.4 million;
- · New York's schools have \$2.1 billion in infrastructure funding needs.

New York's commuters top the nation in tolls paid. The MTA ranks first in the nation in collections, followed by the Port Authority in second place, and the New York State Thruway Authority coming it at number seven nationally.

The urgently needed replacement for the Tappan Zee Bridge, costing at least \$4 billion, is one of America's costliest new projects. There are concerns that motorists may be charged extraordinary tolls to finance the project, which has received a 33%, 35 year loan from Washington despite hopes for an amount as high as 49%.

Both the Governor and the legislature are seeking to address the issue. Governor Cuomo has announced a \$17 billion initiative to strengthen the state's infrastructure from catastrophic events. Earlier this month, the Senate Finance Committee received Brooklyn State Senator Martin Golden's legislation, S2176, which "Establishes the commission on the infrastructure of New York state to ensure that the infrastructure of the state meets current and future demand and facilitates economic growth, is maintained in a manner that ensure public safety, and is developed or modified in a sustainable manner."

New York, similar to the U.S. as a whole, faces serious budgetary choices. Many politically popular entitlement programs, such as food stamps which expanded up to 41% over the past four years, may have to be trimmed to keep our roads, bridges, power lines, and water pipes operational.

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BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

I got a wonderful present in the mail recently from my good friend, Camille LoParrino – her new book, "Dancing in the Street, A Journey into Wellness". And so this weekend, with my husband of to work for a few hours and the sun shining through my living room window, I sat on the couch with my two pups and started reading. Camille was nice enough to ask me to read the book while she was still in her first draft, so I am quite familiar with her story - and her success.

In early 2011, Camille heard the words so many people dread they will hear from their doctor -You have "insert chronic disease here". In her instance, it was diabetes. But Camille did something few of us have the inner strength to do: she changed her diet, she exercised and she changed her life. Within a remarkable amount of time, she was off the diabetes medications. I encourage you to check out her book at www.ourlittlebooks.com. Even if you don't have diabetes, this book is a must.

Camille and I became friends because of my writing in the Bronx Times Reporter. I love cooking and

this was something Camille struggled with in her own journey of wellness. She, like many people, considered cooking a chore. I'm one of those crazy people who love to cook, and I know that my family background in restaurants made me more enthusiastic about food. But one of the things that she found is that eating a varied diet of whole grains, fresh vegetables and fruit, lean meat and avoiding processed (AKA Salt, Sugar & Fat) foods is the secret to good living. If you adopt the correct attitude, learning to cook and learning what your body needs to be healthy is not a "task" or a "chore", but rather an adventure.

One of the best ways to eat a variety of fresh vegetables and fruit is to join a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). The CSA in Locust Point is through a family owned organic farm in Upstate New York, Stoneledge Farm. And luckily, the 2014 CSA Season is now open! Go to www.stoneledgefarmny. com and click on "Join" and go to the Locust Point site (there is also a CSA at City Island, if that's more convenient, by all means join there!). Our CSA in Locust Point is distributed at the civic center, where

food for thought

they have a kitchen. That's what makes our CSA special - we use the kitchen to host cooking demonstrations so that members can taste some of the great recipes that experienced CSA members have used through the years.

Last year, if you had a full vegetable share, you received over the course of the 24 week season, the vegetables listed at the end of this column. A full share of vegetables, costs \$525 (or \$21.88 per week). A full share of fruit is \$235 for 20 weeks (or \$11.75 per week). You can also purchase shares of fair trade coffee and fresh mushrooms. Once you purchase a vegetable share, you can purchase as many fruit, coffee and mushrooms shares as you like. For example, we split our vegetable share with another couple but we each purchase a fruit share. I split the mushroom share with another member. So when we place our order, it's one vegetable, one mushroom and two fruit shares.

If you want to know more about what a CSA is all about, stop by our Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 6pm to 9pm at the Locust Point Civic Association. If you can't make that event, we will be hosting a "CSA Open House" in March or April, keep checking out my column for updates on that. I'm also working on putting together some cooking classes for the springtime, if you would be interested in this, email me at cnapolitano@netzero.net. And now here's the list:

14 heads of assorted fresh lettuce including Red Buttercrunch, Red Sails, Encino and Tropi-

5 heads of Romaine let-

- 1 head of Escarole
- 1 bunch of Sorrell
- 5 bunches of Bok Choi
- 5 bunches of Mustard Greens
 - 4 bunches of Mizuna
 - 1 bunch of Rhubarb
 - 1 pint of Currants
- 2 heads of Napa Cab-
- 2 heads of Chinese Cab-
- 8 heads of assorted cabbage including basic white and red varieties plus heirloom Early Jersey Wakefield & Caraflex
- 3 bunches of Collard

Greens

3 bunches of Spinach

8 bunches of Chard including Swiss Chard and Bright Lights Swiss Chard

14 Garlic Scapes

2 bunches of Garlic Chives

3 bunches of Scallions (4 to 6 scallions per bunch)

16 Shallots

10 Onions including Red, Walla Walla and Red Wing varieties

5 bunches of Leeks (4 leeks per bunch)

1 bunch of Purslane

5 bunches of Kohlrabi (3 medium sized or 2 large per bunch)

6 bunches of Radishes 2 Daikon Radishes

6 pounds of Summer Squash

2 pounds of Sugar Snap

pounds of Green 2 Beans

18 cucumbers including heirloom varieties Marketmore Slicing Cuke, Boothby Blonde and Poona

Kheera 9 eggplants including Japanese, Globe, Bianco and Purple Stripe

1 bunch Celery

1 head Fennel

1 bunch of Carrots with

greens 1 bunch of Beets with

20 sweet peppers including green, red, Cubanelle, purple

4 Ancho Peppers

9 weeks of hot peppers for members to take as many as they liked

15 pounds of Heirloom Tomatoes

5 pints of Cherry Toma-

5 pounds of Tomatillos 18 small heads of Broccolli

1 bunch of Edamame

6 bunches of Kale including White Russian, Lacinato and Red Russian

7 bunches Turnips (usually either two large or one very large per bunch)

10 pounds of beets including Red, Gold and Chioggia

10 pounds of carrots

21 pounds of potatoes 4 Winter Squash includ-

ing Acorn and Butternut 4 heads of Cauliflower

1 head of Romanesco

Cauliflower 3 bulbs of Celeriac

12 heads of Garlic

2 stalks of Brussell Sprouts

8 cobs of Popcorn

1 bunch of Oregano 4 bunches of Sage

1 bunch of Lemon Balm 1 bunch of Summer Sa-

3 bunches of Dill

4 bunches of Parslev

5 bunches of Basil

4 bunches of Thyme

1 bunch of Rosemary

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Index No. 305308-12 Borough: Bronx Block: 2331 Lot: 18 NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTO-DIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. ERIKA HOLMES; 298 EAST 150TH STREET REALTY LLC; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRAN-SIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU: EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB; RENE PRINCE A/K/A RENEE PRINCE; MICHAEL PRINCE, if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-atlaw, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said MICHAEL PRINCE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; LENISE PRINCE A/K/A LANIECE PRINCE, if living, or if she be dead, her husband, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said LENIŠE PRINCE A/K/A LANIECE PŘINCE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; DAVID PRINCE; AKIAH PRINCE A/K/A KIA PRINCE; KENYATTA PRINCE; MONREE PRINCE A/K/A MONEE PRINCE; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through CURTIS PRINCE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiff; AARON PRINCE; CLINTON PRINCE; CHERISE PRINCE: NEW YORK STATE DEPART-MENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE: LISA FISCHEL-WOLOVICK, ESQ., AS REFEREE; DAVID B. GELFARB, ESQ., AS RECEIVER; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; BRONX SUPREME COURT; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CON-TROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY DEPART-MENT OF HOUSING AND PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclo-

sure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in 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 demanded in the complaint.

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

Dated: August 18, 2013

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable John A. Barone, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated December 3, 2013, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office.

This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 298 East 150th Street, Bronx, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Block 2331 and Lot 18. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$81,798.62, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. Anthony J. lacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York

Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION File No. 2012-199 SURROGATE'S COURT, Bronx County

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: MARK WELLS and PETER WELLS and NAOMI WILKERSON and GABRIEL WELLS If they are living and if one or any of them is dead, to his/their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if either or both died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his/their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by Kathy N. Rosenthal who is/are domiciled at 8 Oxridge Road, Elmsford, New York 10523.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx Room 406, New York, on February 18, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Solomon A. Wells, aka Solomon Wells lately domiciled at 2922 Barnes Avenue, Apt. 2K, Bronx, New York 10467, United States admitting to probate a Will dated March 31, 2010 (and codicil(s), if any, dated__), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Solomon A. Wells, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: [x] Letters Testamentary issue to Kathy N. Rosenthal.

[] Letters of Trusteeship issue to [] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to [] Further relief sought (if any): Dated, Attested and Sealed, December 30, 2013 Seal HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez Surrogate

Michael P. Hausler Chief Clerk Kathy N. Rosenthal, Esq. Print Name of Attorney (914)347-1292 Telephone Rosenthal & Markowitz, LLP Firm

45 Knollwood Road, Suite 305, Elmsford, New York 10523

Address

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IN TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX - NYCTL 2009-A TRUST AND BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2009-A TRUST, Plaintiffs, against JOHN MCAULIFFE, if living and if he/she be dead, et al. Defendants. Index No. 260040/11. Plaintiffs designate Bronx County as the place of trial site of the real property. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty days after service is completed if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint, Plaintiffs designate Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county in which the property, a lien upon which is being foreclosed, is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. John A. Barone dated on September 24th, 2013. The object of this action is to foreclose a New York City Tax Lien as evidenced by a certain Tax Lien Certificate No. 2A, dated August 18, 2009, recorded August 25, 2009, CRFN 2009000271364 and covering the premises known as 422 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY 10302 located at Block 3496 Lot 17. Dated: November 20, 2013

WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF

Attorneys for Plaintiffs, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2009-A TRUST,

By: Rachel P. Reiser, Esq. 156 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019 (212) 237-1000.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, NA Index No. 35048/2012 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff, -against-

Paul Grant, David Cohn, if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff.

Criminal Court of the City of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Dolores Gonzalez, Frankela Albury and Miambi Oyewole

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the

Mortgage premises is situated.

Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure

\$522,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on December 22, 2008, at CRFN 2008000483970, covering premises known as 736 Commonwealth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

NOTICE

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cer walk. Ms. Kathleen Alexander of the Theology Department is the Director of Christian Service. She coordinates events held both in and outside the school, working with students, faculty, staff, and alumni to make all these efforts a success



Spellman High School students at the Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

Preston senior named a NY Times Scholarship semi-finalist

Preston High School senior and National Honor Society member Alicia Lewis was recently named a semi-finalist in the 2014 New York Times Scholarship Program. To qualify for the scholarship, funded by The New York Times Company Foundation and the Starr Foundation, applicants must

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Alicia wrote in one of her essays of her life in her home country of Trinidad, "At the time there were numerous crimes and acts of violence occurring throughout the country." Her parents, not wanting her to grow up in that difficult setting, decided they needed to leave Trinidad and, at age seven, Alicia emigrated to the United States.

Alicia wrote, "Growing up in a different country has been difficult, but I have realized that every challenge I've faced has molded me into the person I am today, someone I am proud to be – an independent young woman striving to succeed and do well for others, as well as for herself." She wrote of one such challenge, when her mother was diagnosed

with breast cancer during her sophomore year of high school. She explained how she saw firsthand the struggles her parents went through to pay bills. To help, Alicia took her newfound independence and got a part time summer

job. She gave her parents her paycheck to assist with expenses. Alicia states, 'I have overcome many of the obstacles placed before me, and there is no doubt that there are more to come".

Today Alicia is busy with the college applica-

tion process. She has been accepted into both Fordham University and Drexel University. While she has yet to decide on a major, Alicia is looking forward to studying subjects such as biology, English, journalism and business while in college.

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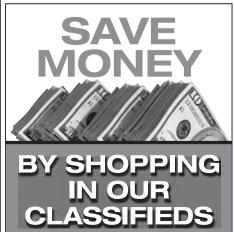
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Nineteen shots fired by police on Morris Park Avenue

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crossing on the walk sign.

Police began the pursuit just before 5 p.m. For the next five minutes, the van drove erratically through Van Nest, stopping and starting numerous times and vexing the cops trying to pull its driver over, Deputy Inspector Lorenzo Johnson told the Times-Reporter.

The van veered against traffic on Garfield Street and again careened the wrong way down Taylor Avenue, where it mounted the sidewalk at Morris Park Ave. and came to a stop, said Johnson.

Police thought that the driver would then give himself up, and five officers approached on foot to arrest him. But when the van suddenly launched backwards, the cops shot at it 19 times.

The battered van then escaped onto Morris Park Avenue, where it smashed into a parked civilian car and turned left. Moments

later the out-of-control van hit the telephone pole, on Morris Park and Wyatt, where police finally moved in for the arrest.

A history of crime

Cops nailed Jason Henry, 39, from the Hunt's Point area, on a slew of charges including driving while impaired by drugs, vehicular assault and reckless endangerment.

Henry had already been arrested more than a dozen times for marijuana possession and driving without a license, police said.

The investigation raged on Wednesday morning, Jan. 29, when police shut down the affected stretch of Morris Park Avenue as investigators gathered evidence at the scene.

A toxicology report that should confirm or deny if Henry was driving while high, Johnson said, would be released soon.

He was arraignment in Bronx Criminal Court as of deadline.



Police rope off shooting scene on Morris Park Avenue near Taylor Avenue where a driver tried to back into five police officers.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

CB 10: limit lot-line building

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ings inches away irom next door private homes.

Things are up in the air right now at the Department of City Planning, with a new commissioner yet to be selected as of press time. But CB 10 had a preliminary meeting with DCP last year that seemed to show the agency receptive to zoning changes that would discourage the practice.

"This is currently a conceptual plan that the board will pursue with the Department of City Planning," said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns. "It is not about a particular site, but rather, about sites in the area west of the Bruckner Expressway that could potentially be exposed to lot-line to lot-line development."

Three cases

The board's move comes on the heels of three cases in rapid succession last year in Pelham Bay.

Zoning there allows developers to construct apartment buildings within a

causing windows and ventilation systems to be walled off, and forcing repairs and alterations that cost the neighboring homeowners, not developers.

Any new proposal would mostly affect Pelham Bay and possibly also Zerega, which were not that impacted by local downzoning in the last decade.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca submitted his own proposal to DCP about six months ago that would restrict building on lot-lines in R-6 and R-7 zones.

"The DCP Bronx office has my proposal," said Vacca. "This is something they are already studying, however it is taking them a long time...this will be high on my agenda and I want to sit down with the new commissioner and explain the proposal and the ramifications that lot-line to lot-line has on residential locations."

Squeeze play

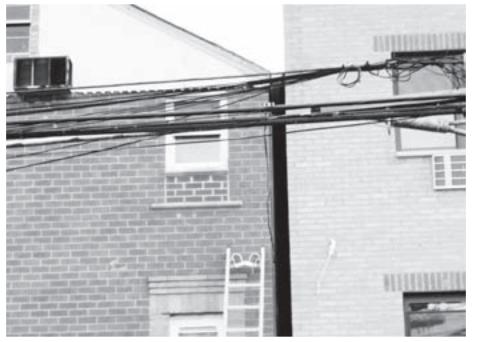
Under Vacca's plan, the distances required from the property line required under R-5 would apply to foot or less of private homes, higher density R-6 and R-7

Kearns cited the example of a building at 3529 Bruckner Blvd., built about a foot from Patty Justinano's private home next door at 3525 Bruckner Blvd., as a example of building that violates the spirt of the Citywide Zoning Resolution and its amendments, which go all the way back to 1916.

He pointed out that even in developments where there are very large buildings, such as in Co-op City or Parkchester, the buildings themselves are set back from the street and there is green space between the sidewalk and the entrances. This can be attributed to the Citywide Zoning Resolution, he said.

Justiniano, who had 10 windows on the side of her home effectively walled in by the neighboring development, said she will assist CB 10's effort in any way

"This issue has been going on for about six or seven years," she said, citing an example in Waterbury-La-Salle on Gifford Avenue, ac-



Seen here are 3525 and 3529 Bruckner Blvd. side by side.

Photo courtesy of Patty Justiniano

tually in an R-4 zone, where the lot-line to lot-line loopholes became evident.

Making sense

Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association board member Mary Jane Musano, who took part in last year's Bronx DCP meeting, said that the agency took a long time to respond, but when it finally did months later, the response was favorable.

She said that to people in her community, rules that allow lot-line to lotline building do not make

Neither do zoning regulations that sometimes allow developers to waive parking space requirements.

Musano said the WLCA and concerned citizens have now hired an architect to review various building projects in the area after Vacca found many mistakes last year on about seven projects.

She believes that even more mistakes are likely to be found.

"I felt like it was all on me for most of the year. I was the senior I was the leader. I had to step up and help the team as much as I could."

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Conference Titles

The Broncos and the Seahawks will meet in the Super Bowl, and at first look the Denvers looked a lot better than the Seattles. Denver topped the Patriots, 26-16, but the game wasn't that close. Manning threw for 400 yds with 107 yds. rushing and was protected like an egg in bubble wrap. As much as players talk about not missing injured teammates, it was pretty obvious that Brady missed Gronkowski and Welkerwho played for Denver. Yet his overthrows had nothing to do with their absence.

Seattle topped 'Frisco 23-17. Kaepernick had 2 ints, was sacked once, while Wilson was sacked 4 times. This was a slug fest that showed Seattle's ability to overcome. The final quarter had the biggest Seahawk plays. QB Wilson threw 35yds. for a TD on a 4th and 7 after coach Carroll changed his mind from kicking a field goal. The other big one, in my mind, was when corner Richard Sherman tipped a 'Niner pass for a INT/TD from the Seattle 18 in the final seconds.

You'll be reading enough about all of this before the game.

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Jackson thriving at Adelphi

Former Aquinas star leads Division II women's basketball in assists

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Speaking up was something Sade Jackson just didn't do when she when she arrived at Adelphi.

Panthers coach Heather Jacobs admitted to calling Jackson, a former Aquinas high school star, by the wrong first name early on as a freshman. The guard, now a senior, never said a word about it.

"She didn't correct me," Jacobs said. "She didn't say anything. Finally I realized, 'Am I saying your name wrong?' We joke about it now."

Jackson couldn't be more different now and the player she's become is no laughing matter.

"It's taken a lot of time," Jackson said. "I feel like I'm still growing."

She leads vocally, not just by example, and has matured into the one of the nation's top points guards in Division II women's basketball. Her 9.1 assists per game are the best in the nation. She is also averaging 14.1 points per game and 5.9 rebounds. Her strength attacking the basket and an improved jumper makes her tough to defend.

The 5-foot-8 Jackson doesn't lead by just barking instructions and critiques. Her goal is to build confidence and comfort in and for teammates. She will ask the coaching staff how she can get a particular player better or ask a question in practice when a teammate may be too shy to speak up.

"This year I feel more comfortable, more than I've ever felt," Jackson said. "It's the last go around. You can't really hold anything back."

The Panthers, who feature 10 players who are juniors or seniors, have been hard to stop. Adelphi, which was 8-18 her freshman year, is 14-4 this season and 7-4 in the Northeast-10 conference. The Panthers are ranked No. 20 in the country. Jackson has been a big reason



Former Aquinas guard Sade Jackson has grown as a leader at Adelphi.

Photo Courtesy of Adelphi Athletics

"She has always been really good about making players around her better and really getting the best out of her teammates and I think that's what makes her truly special," Jacobs said.

The Panthers had to wait until the August following her senior year of high school to finally land her game-changing talents. That's because Jackson, like all high school kids, dreamed of playing Division I basketball, but the offer never came. She though about walking on at Old Dominion before realizing the great opportunity she had at Adelphi to play at a high level and earn a degree.

"I didn't want her to land at a place where she could get lost and get frustrated," said Rock Rosa, her New Heights travel ball coach. "I felt at the Division II level she could excel." Jackson understands now how important that decision was and going elsewhere could have cost her becoming the player she is today. She understands how special a ride she is on, going from a small school at Aquinas to a college star.

"It's definitely gratifying," Jackson said. "If I had to look back four years to see if I would be here, I wouldn't have thought I would be."

Fordham Prep quarterback McHale picks Holy Cross

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fordham Prep quarterback James McHale had fallen out of touch with the Holy Cross staff over the summer. He wasn't able to make it to the camp and felt their focus may have turned to other recruits.

The Crusaders program was one of the ones he liked the most and the senior decided to give it one last shot in September and emailed assistant coach Chris Nugai.

"I emailed me and he was all excited," McHale said. "A couple guys went else were and they were really interested in me. I just kept in contact."

He gave Holy Cross another reason to be excited when he verbally committed to play football there after this official visit two weeks ago. McHale chose the Crusaders over Dartmouth. He completed a

four-year goal of playing Division-I football after being put at quarterback as a freshman.

"It means the world," McHale said. "It's always been my dream to play Division I football."

He felt Holy Cross gave him the best balance of athletics and academics. McHale sees a chance to be able to compete for a starting job down the road as the Crusaders roster has five quarterbacks, four of which will be seniors next season. Holy Cross also plays in a pass happy spread offense, something that was music to McHale's

"I definitely like throw it around," he said. "It's definitely one of the main things I like."

McHale, a four-year varsity player and threeyear starter, was one of the top quarterbacks in the CHSFL. He helped lead the Rams on the Class AA title as a sophomore and to the semifinals the following season. The All-Bronx first team selection by the Bronx Times was asked to do a lot this season as the Rams struggled without injured running back Malik Crossdale. McHale led the CHSFL in passing yards by completing 170 of 359 passes for 2,060 yards and 10 touchdowns

"I felt like it was all on me for most of the year," he said. "I was the senior I was the leader. I had to step up and help the team as much as I could."

McHale feels the pressure is off him now that he has a school with National Signing Day approaching on Feb. 5

"I knew I had to make a decision soon," McHale said. "I kind of wanted to end it all and know where I was going.'



Fordham Prep's quarterback, James McHale, rolls out to pass during game between Xavier and Fordham Prep, at Fordham University, Bronx New York, on November 22, 2012. Photo bt Robert Cole

Quinnipiac outlasts Manhattan in overtime for season sweep

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Manhattan men's basketball team has established itself was one of the best squads in the MAAC conference and one of the top mid-major programs in the country. Quinnipiac obviously didn't get the

The Bobcats, who are in their first season, in the MAAC, completed a season sweep of the Jaspers with a 90-86 overtime victory Sunday afternoon at Draddy Gymnasium. Quinnipiac won the first meeting 81-76 earlier this month. It was one of just two losses in Manhattan's last 13 games coming in. This defeat dropped the Jaspers out of first place,

"They have our number," Manhattan coach Steve Masiello said of Quinnipiac.

Quinnipiac, one of the nation's top rebound-

ing teams, has been a bad matchup for the Jaspers because of their size. It outrebounded Manhattan 50-39 and limited it to just six second chance points. Quinnipiac coach Tom Moore said he tried to keep four players in the paint to clog of the lane on George Beamon and Mike Alva-

"We sag quiet a bit in our man and I think that gives the appearance that there is more blue shirts in the lane," Moore said.

The Jaspers (14-5, 7-3) still had four players in double figures. Alvarado and Rhamel Brown each had 15 points. Beamon scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Shane Richards chipped in 12 points, Center Ike Azotam led Quinnipiac (11-7, 7-3) with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Zaid Heart had 25 points and 10 boards and Umar Shannon chipped in

Masiello felt Quinnipiac exploiting matchups and an inconsistent whistle kept his team's defense from having the effect it usually does.

"If you allow them to get their way and position and we can't be aggressive the way we want to be and you are going to call things 80 feet from the basket, but not call them three feet from the basket, it's very difficult for us to put our strength on the game," Masiello said.

The Japers quickly erased a 10-point Quinnipiac lead in the second half by executing its offense and controlling the defense glass thanks to the return of Brown from first-half foul trouble to spark 11-0 run. Alvarado converted two 3-point plays and Richards buried a trey to put Manhattan ahead 71-70 with 3:50



Manhattan's Rhamel Brown scored his 1,000th career point in a loss to Quinnipiac.

Photo courtesy of Manhattan Athletics

to play in the game.

"When he is not on the court we are not as good," Masiello said of Brown.

An Andujar bucket put Manhattan up, but Umar made two free throws after a questionable foul

call on Brown to tie the score at 77-77 with 21 seconds remaining. Alvarado missed a clean look at a step back 3-pointer and Azotam stole an attempted lob to Brown with .6 seconds left to send the game to overtime. The Jaspers were within 82-80 with 2:41 remaining in overtime, but did not score again.

"They came in and took it to us the whole night," Masiello said.

The Velocity Track Club New York boys 12 & under

BY WINSTON DINKINS

The Velocity Track Club New York 12 & under boys 4 x 200 meter relay received an invitation to compete in the New Balance Games.

On Friday and Saturday, January 24 and 25, The New Balance Track & Field Center at The Armory, played host to the New Balance Games.

The New Balance Games is a two-day track and field meet that featured more than 5,000 high school students and showcased a number of Olympians and top American stars. Our young athletes had the opportunity to meet Olympians and top American stars, plus compete in front of thousands spectators.

Our children enjoyed the atmosphere, but once

they stepped on track, it was all business. Velocity's 12 & younger relay team of Joseph Webster-Rutledge, Jordan Samuels, Adrian Swift-Henry and Kristian Cadiz ran their fastest time of 1 minute & 58.86 second (1:58.86) in the 4 x 200 meter relay race, which earned them Silver Medals and New Balance Games T-shirts.

On Saturday, February 1, Velocity Track Club will be competing in the 2014 USATF New York Youth Indoor Track & Field Championships at the United States Military Academy, West Point NY.

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



The Velocity Track Club

Pipe Dreams: Yankees At First Look; The Knicks' Knot Is At The Top

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YANKEES AT FIRST LOOK

Andrew Marchand (ES-PNNY.com) looked at the Yankees and wrote: "What they have now is closer to 80 wins than 90 wins," one NL general manager said.

The GM liked what the Yankees did with their checkbook so far, upgrading at catcher with Brian McCann and in the outfield with Jacoby Ellsbury and Carlos Beltran, but the pitching still has question marks, making this GM believe the Yankees will make sure to sign Masahiro Tanaka.

"I'd guess the Yankees," the GM said when asked who he thinks will win the sweepstakes. And they didfor seven years and \$155million.

The Yankees have improved, but their infield -- which in recent vintage years has been a major strength -- has nothing definite about it. The starting staff is led by three pitchers (CC Sabathia, Hiroki Kuroda and Ivan Nova) who are not sure things for various reasons. After that, from Michael Pineda, David Phelps, Vidal Nuno and Adam Warren, the Yan-

kees will need to find some strong innings.

The bullpen is unsettled with David Robertson set to take Mariano Rivera's place. Grant Balfour is still out there and could be a fit, adding a proven closer and keeping Robertson in the eighth inning. If not, Robertson will be supported by Matt Thornton, Shawn Kelley and Preston Claiborne.

The Yankees are trying to spend their way back to the top -- but, at least according to one GM, they need take out their wallet one more time.

Now that the spending limit has been eliminated, let's see who else they go after.

THE KNICKS' KNOT IS AT THE TOP

It's been 17 months since Steve Mills replaced Glen Grunwald as the GM for the Knicks. How has that been working out?

Well, both Mills and "Garden Dolan" know very little about creating a talented basketball team so now we're seeing the results of their talents and will continue those visions until someone like Rod Thorn replaces

KERSHAW! GO BLESS YOU

The Sports Curmudgeon talked about Kershaw's new Dodgers contract: "Cross Clayton Kershaw's name off the list of underpaid athletes. The Dodgers signed Kershaw to the largest contract ever for a pitcher - 7 years and \$215M. Oh, by the way, if Kershaw continues to dominate hitters the way he has for the past couple of years, he has an "opt out clause" at the end of the fifth year of the contract that would allow him to become a free agent. He can void the contract in 2018 and 2019; if he stays in the contract, he will earn \$65M in those two seasons. Shed no tears for his financial future... Last season, Clayton Kershaw pitched 236 innings and struck out 232 batters; that is .98 strikeouts per inning. In those same 236 innings, he gave up 164 hits and walked 52 batters; 216 batters reached base. He struck out more hitters than reached base against him last year. Those are elite numbers." That weekly pay

The SC also quoted Greg Cote (Miami Herald). "Baseball's Carl Crawford and re-

is more than \$500K.

ality TV's Evelyn Lozada (Chad Ochocinco's ex) are engaged. A date for their inevitable divorce has not yet been set."

A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE GIANTS

Dan Graziano (ESPNNY. com) wrote: "Ben McAdoo has been hired to run the Giants' offense, it's worth taking note that this is the Giants doing something they don't normally do. They're taking a chance on a fresh, new face with ideas that differ from theirs. They're dipping their staid blue toe into new waters, mainly out of an admission that what they were doing for so long had stopped working. It's

a pretty big deal, and however it works out, it speaks to the state of the franchise right now. After 10 years of Manning and Coughlin, they don't believe their run is coming to an end, but they're at least admitting to themselves that they'll need to try something different if they want to be right."

A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Norman Chad gave his opinion of NHL over-times, "The NHL used to award teams two points for a victory and one point for a tie; it eliminated ties in 2005, and now it's two points for a victory, one point for an overtime/shootout loss and no points for a loss in regu-

lation. Theoretically, you could lose all 82 games in overtime, make the playoffs with 82 points and capture the Stanley Cup after going winless in the regular season."

OLYMPIC EYE STRAIN

Norman Chad warned us that the Olympic cameras will rolling from Feb. 6 to 23. The total air time will be 1539 hours over18 days. Don't get a headache doing the math- that's 85 hours a day. OK, OK, it will be carried by 6 NBC outlets but that's still 14 hours a day. How much Rhythmic figure skating and live Curling can you watch?





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