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Red light to prevent tragedies

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A Morris Park residential strip will no longer double as a speedway.

Motorists blazing toward a dicey neighborhood corner where two locals were mowed down within a month will now have to either slow down —or run a red light.

Neill Avenue, a residential stretch locals have long griped

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Breaking Bread At Jacobi

Niamh Moylan enjoys some Irish Soda Bread at Jacobi Medical Center St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, March 14. The celebration of Gaelic pride featured an Irish Step Dance Company and a bagpiper, who played for patients on the units. The tasty bread was sold to attendees and proceeds benefited the hospital's auxiliary. For photos of marching units in the Bronx St. Patrick's Parade, go to pages 43-45.

LEHMAN STUDENT SLASHED

Parent association questions security

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

School officials are being closed mouth over a razor attack inside Lehman High School that left a student slashed on his face and parents kept in the dark.

Now the head of the parents association is questioning not only school security, but lack of communication.

Both the school principal and the city Department of Education had no response as to how a student could have smuggled a razor through metal detectors set up at the 2900-student school on E. Tremont Avenue off Westchester Square.

A 15-year-old student was arrested in the attack on a 16-year-old student on Monday, March 17 and a razor recovered on the floor. The attacker also suffered a cut on his hand, police said.

"This is a police matter," a DOE spokeswoman said in re-

sponse to questions about security policies.

Principal mum

School Principal Rose Lo-Bianco, who has been trying to turn the once failing school around, did not respond to several requests for comment.

But Parent's Association President Elvin Flores was upset that the school did not alert the association or parents about the attack. He only heard about the incident when first contacted by the Bronx Times Reporter on Thursday, March 20.

"How come no one told me?" he asked.

He said the school should have notified everyone so that the parents could speak with their kids and the association could field parent concerns.

He said he was very concerned by the news of the secu-

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TN attacker cleared of murder

Victim's death a month later ruled from natural cause

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

An east Bronx supermarket worker and local sports coach who died a month after he was viciously punched died of natural causes, the city Medical Examiner's office has ruled.

Detectives were awaiting the ruling to determine if an assault charge against the attacker would be upgraded to homicide.

Salvatore Zambuto, 40, was initially charged with felony assault after punching out Michael Cavallari, 32, an assistant manager at the Super Foodtown on Bruckner Blvd. and Crosby Avenue in Waterbury-La-Salle on Dec. 17, 2013.

Cavallari, who coached at the Throgs Neck Little League, was found dead in his Howard Beach, Queens home on Sunday, Jan. 5 of this year.

Detectives at the 45th

Precinct squad had been checking regularly with the medical examiner. An initial autopsy was inconclusive, they said, and further toxilogical screenings take several weeks.

The final ruling came down recently, officially stating that Cavallari died of natural causes.

Medical Examiner's spokeswoman Julie Bolcer said it was determined that the cause of death was "Myocarditis of Probable Viral Etiology."

According the website WebMD, myocarditis is a disease marked by inflammation of the heart muscle, which often develops in people who are otherwise healthy, with a viral infection the most common cause of myocarditis - and death.

Police charged Zambuto punched Cavallari, 32, in the face, causing a broken right eye socket and broken



Super Foodtown market on Bruckner Blvd. where assistant manager Michael Cavallari was punched by Salvatore Zambuto. Cavallari died a month later, but city Medical Examiner ruled death was not related to the incident. Zambuto still faces assault charges. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

right cheek bone, forcing him to undergo surgery to put "plates" in his face.

According to the criminal complaint, the 5-foot-10, 225 pound Zambuto "with a very large physique" was caught on video surveillance entering the store while placing black gloves on his hands, then seen

punching the 5-foot-6, 140 pound Cavallari in the face.

While the cause of the attack remains unclear, one version has it as revenge for Zambuto's girlfriend being recently fired from the market, while another goes that it was a case of mistaken identity after Zambuto was misdirected to Cavallari instead of the store manager after his wife was escorted out after allegedly being caught shoplifting.

Zambuto was arraigned on January 10 of this year in Bronx Criminal Court and released in his own custody. His next court appearance date is set for April 14.

Responding to the Medical Examiner's ruling, Zambuto's attorney, Murray Richman, said "We have continuously maintained our client's total innocence of the underlying allegations. My heart goes out to the family, but Mr. Cavallari's death was clearly unrelated to the events that occurred several weeks before."

Cavallari's family could not be reached for comment. but an east Bronx resident who knew him, said at the time of his death that even though Cavallari was not from the Bronx, he volunteered his time as a coach for the Throgs Neck Little League for three years, and also coached the TNLL All-Stars.

"He tried to get involved with the community," said the resident, who asked not to be identified, "and that is what counts."





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CYO State Champs

Santa Maria School in Zerega fielded boys basketball team that captured the New York State Catholic Youth Organization state title with a recent victory over the upstate champs in the fourth grade division, St. Augustine from Rockland County. According to Santa Maria, this is the first time a boys team from the fourth grade division has ever captured the state title for the Bronx in the history of the league which dates back over 50 years and covers over 40 schools. Santa Maria also stated it was the first time a State Title was won in any division by any Bronx school in the past 25 years or so. "These boys have made history!" read a message from the school.

Coach's Message

St. Francis Xavier basketball coach John Musto wishes to congratulate his 7th grade basketball stars, who won the CYO downstate championship.

Honors Induction

From Bill Rizopoulos of Pel-Bay Realty: The Vacca and Rizopoulos family would like to congratulate Christina Rizopoulos on being inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the National Honor Society for Education majors, at Manhattan College. Christina plans to work with children with special needs, and we wish her continued success and the best in all of her endeavors. We're all very proud of your accomplishments.

Support the Troops

The Support the Troops Bingo fundraiser held every year in honor of fallen Throggs Neck hero Chris Engledrum was held on Fri-

day, March 28. The event is so popular this year that veterans advocate organizers can fill all 150 so seats strictly through word of mouth, according to organizers. It is run by the Theodore Korony Post and Auxiliary American Legion #253, and held at the Samuel Young American Legion #620 in Pelham Bay. The proceeds go to send care packages overseas and support the troops.



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Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$20 for those under 21.

more informa-For tion contact Pastor Paul Sauer at oslpaul@aol. com<mailto:oslpaul@aol. com> or 718-792-5665.

CB 10 2nd Annual Health Career Fair

The 2nd Annual Health Career Fair will be sponsored by Community Board 10 on Wednesday, April 2, 3:30 to 8 p.m., at the Greek American Institute, 3573 Bruckner Boulevard.

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Shopowner barks at city tree fencing

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The city is planting one million trees —but hey, you left one naked!

That's what a Morris Park Avenue shop owner is barking after the city fenced in all the other trees on the strip except for the one outside his store.

"It looks stupid when you walk down this block now," said Jimmy Lanzetta, who runs Morris Park Flooring between Paulding and Colden Avenues.

'Bare-ly' legal

Lanzetta was shocked when contractors working with the city's One Million Trees Project recently installed wrought-iron fences around the other trees on his block, while ignoring his tree.

He tries to keep his storefront looking sharp, with Christmas lights in the winter and Easter decorations in the spring. But he said the lack of a matching fence around his tree sends a bad message about his business.

"It's an eyesore," he said. "Everyone's been walking in the store and asking me: how come you didn't get one?"

Slip thru city cracks

The Parks Department has the answer, albeit a convoluted one — Lanzetta's tree is simply too old.

A city policy bars Parks from funding a fence around any tree planted more than two years ago. And the tree in front of his store at 1008 Morris Park Ave. misses the cut because it was planted in 2008, said Parks spokesman Nathan Arnosti.

The other three trees on the block were planted in 2013 as part of the city's One Million Trees program, a public-private partnership that aims to grow one million trees over the next decade, including 220,000 on city streets.

Fences have been proven to help keep young trees alive by shielding the trunk from damage and its soil from pet leavings.

Lanzetta said that city contractors got his hopes up last year when they expanded the concrete area around his tree the same way they did the others on the block. But his tree was passed over this spring, although it looks primed for a similar fence.

"If you look at the bottom, there is enough space to put one of those fences in," he said.

Parks has no problem with Lanzetta finding his own way to put a fence around the tree, as long as the city does not have to pay for it.

But the local businessman will have to jump through bureaucratic hoops to decorate his beloved trunk.



A tale of two trees: The city installed wrought-iron fences around every other trunk on the block except the tree in front of Jimmy Lanzetta's Morris Park Flooring.

He can ask the Borough President's office for help, shell out a donation to the New York Tree Trust, or even hire a private contractor, so long as he applies for a "Tree Work Permit" with the city.

"I'm happy to pay for it," Lanzetta said, "But I need a permit? You must be kidding."



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HEAT

Senator Jeff Klein has been on the hot seat lately, and though he's been givin' as good as he's gettin', it's not cooling off.

The latest issue is a legislative measure, first reported in the Riverdale Press, that Jeff put into the Albany hopper that would have the effect of stopping Montefiore Medical Center's plan to slap up an 11-story medical facility in Riverdale that locals are screaming about - including potential Jeff challenger and former Attorney General/Assemblyman/City Councilman/School Board Chairman Oliver Koppell.

Problem is, both Monte and the project developer, Simone Development, creators of the Hutch Metro Center where Jeff has his district office, are long time, deep pocket campaign contributors. And Simone stands to make - or lose - big bux building the \$50 million project.

The only exit strategy we can figure for Jeff to come out keeping both sides happy is if Dean Skelos, Republican co-leader in the senate with Jeff, steps in to kill the measure, leaving Jeff to say at he least tried.

Jeff has already taken heat for the timing of bringing the state tuition support DREAM Act for college age immigrants to the Senate floor, only to see it go down in defeat by two votes.

And of course, the Senate's regular Democratic Conference, which WOULD be in the majority but for Jeff's breakaway Independent Democratic Conference hooking up with the GOP side, is probably loving all this, if not fomenting some of it.

RUNNING SCARED

You can just about feel the sweat coming off of Congressman Charlie Rangel as it appears his support slipping away over to challenger northern Manhattan state Senator Adriano Espaillat, who came this close to beating last time by about a thousand votes.

Charlie has suddenly been showing up all over the 20% west Bronx piece of his Harlem district, making up for lost time at

the last minute, joining at every press conference and appearance that he can with supportive local electeds, primarily northeast Bronx Councilman Andy King. And his press releases suddenly overfloweth, like a burst PR dam.

Latest harpoon: Bronx Boro Prez Ruben Diaz Jr. throwing his support to Espaillat.

While Ruben beat a loud drum for Charlie the last time, including a big support rally outside the County Building, "this is Adriano's moment," said a Diaz ally.

Both Ruben and Adriano have been long time good friends, the source pointed out. And as for Realpolitik, an Espaillat win would certainly help Ruben garner support from the growing Dominican community for his future political plans.

Next big question, where does Dem County Boss Carl Heastie go with the party's endorsement? He's already lost any clout he had in the City Council by backing the wrong horse for council speaker. Or maybe he'll play it safe and just sit this one out. No smoke signals

yet out of County.

MONEY MEN

Councilmembers Jimmy Vacca and Andy King will be leading the charge for Bronx funding priorities for projects and organizations in the current City Hall budget talks with Mayor de Blasio - including them and fighting to restore the cut ones. Vacca and King were chosen by Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito to rep the borough.

VACANCY

We hear attorney LaToya Joyner is starting to look good to run for that vacant seat in the 77th Assembly District in Highbridge recently vacated by Vanessa Gibson, who stepped down to win a seat in the City Council. Joyner was a former intern for current Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene when she held the assembly seat.

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For Riverdale Press editor James Palmer, leaving after less than a year at the helm. Apparently not his cup of tea after working in the world of international journalism. Editor and publisher Richie Stein holding the fort while a replacement is sought.

REPLACEMENT

Since Gov. Cuomo has turned down invites to be guest speaker for the past three years, the North Manhattan Bronx Realtors Association is having his potential GOP challenger, Westchester County Exec Rob Astorino address the powerful real estate body at its 90th anniversary annual gala on Thursday, April 24 at the Marina del Rey.

QUOTE

We promised not to keep this quote off-the-record from a certain well-placed elected who said it, but it was too good not to print: "Cuomo plays chess; deBlasio plays checkers.'

MEA CULPA

We must not have been looking that hard. Boro gay activist Lew Goldstein and one of the vice chairmen at the Bronx Dem Party, took issue with us over last week's column that the local pols were trying to avoid him with his rainbow flag at the Bronx St. Patrick's Parade. Well, they DID keep on their outer flank on the march, but Lew said a couple of them posed for pix holding the flag, including Boro Prez Ruben Diaz Jr., who joked that Lew should send a copy to his senator dad, Ruben (The Rev) Diaz Sr., not the biggest supporter of same sex marriage, to say the least.

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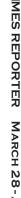
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Stringer: Strengthen cmty boards

City Comptroller takes 'wait and see' stance on FreshDirect deal

BY BEN KOCHMAN

What's next for the city's "auditor-in-chief"?

Newly elected city Comptroller Scott Stringer stopped by the offices of

We need to give the communities the tools they need to take on these developers when they roll into a neighborhood.

Scott Stringer
City Comptroller

Times-Reporter last week to provide some clues.

With just a few months in

office, Stringer has exposed collusion in the city school system's milk contracts, announced an audit of the city library system and alerted the city to improperly classified vacant lots that lost at least \$1.7 million in tax revenue.

In a wide-ranging interview, the city financial top dog dished on how he will continue to check city agencies and monitor how the city uses public funds.

We also quizzed him on his stance on some of the big issues facing the Bronx today.

Development q's

Stringer tiptoed around taking a hard position on the big development projects slated for the borough.

He praised Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s resolve on spearheading the deal to bring the world's largest ice center to the Kingsbridge Armory. But



CITY COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER

the city money manager said his office hadn't had a chance yet to review the specifics on the historic community benefits agreement (CBA) the developer signed with the city.

"Sometimes CBAs don't

meet the standard of what really promotes economic growth," the city money manager said. "In this case I believe it probably does."

The city financial chief also hedged on the boro prez-backed FreshDirect deal, in which the internet grocer netted over \$100 million in city and state subsidies to relocate to the Port Morris Waterfront.

"I do commend Borough President Diaz for recognizing that the future of the borough is maintaining and attracting strong businesses here," he said. But he added that "it remains to be seen" if the deal will be good for locals.

Stringer stressed that economic development is key for the Bronx —but only if local stakeholders are engaged.

"Going forward, we have to make sure that every time we have this type of economic activity, there has to be a relationship between the industry and the local community," said Stringer.

Backing CBs

Part of bettering that relationship is giving local

community boards, which are locals' first line of defense on big land-use issues, more resources. Stringer said he's long supported increasing boards' budgets, which have held steady for the last 20 years, as well as funding a full-time urban planner for each board.

"We need to give the communities the tools they need to take on these developers when they roll into a neighborhood," said the Comptroller.

Ending the gouging

Stringer also came out strong on small business, saying that his office would audit city agencies to ensure that they stopped "harassing" business owners with fines.

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40th PCT.

WED, FEB. 5th, 4:30 a.m. -Police were alerted to a series of crimes that took place minutes apart in the South Bronx. The first incident was reported shortly after 4:30 a.m. at 426 East 138 St. A check cashing store was robbed. Minutes later a cell phone was robbed from the McDonald's facility located at 85 Bruckner Blvd. Followed by a robbery of a gas station that is located at 164 Willis Ave. No. serious injuries were reported during all three incidents. Detectives are handling the inquiry.

FRI, FEB. 7th, 8:45 a.m. -Park Ave. and East 149 St. Detectives are looking into an incident where a victim of a "Knock Out" attack was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Quick police action resulted in arrest of the attacker.

FRI, FEB. 7th, 2:40 p.m. - 369 East 149 St. Investigation is underway as police look for an unknown bank bandit. The unknown culprit was wearing a scarf around his face to hide his identity officials report entered the local branch of the Hudson Valley Saving's Bank, A search of the area was conducted but ended with fruitless results for law enforcement officials.

SAT, FEB. 8th, 6:00 a.m. -375 East 154 St. Police are digging into an incident where cross complaints were filled. The medical staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a male for a stab wounds to the right shoulder and also the hand. Police ended up arrested two persons.

41st PCT.

THURS, FEB. 6th, 6:10 a.m. -627 Manida St. A suspect was taken into custody after being found by police officers with a gun. Upon checking authorities learned that the suspect failed to properly register the weapon in NYC. The 40-caliber pistol was removed from the culprit possession and vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

SUN, FEB. 9th, 5:45 a.m. -1030 Bryant Ave. Police officials were in the middle of a faceoff with an emotional upset female occupant. Authorities indicated that the female appeared to be drunk and refused to open the door. After talking with officials the woman opened the door and was then transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

43rd PCT.

WED, FEB. 5th, 1:35 a.m. -1155 Morrison Ave. Authorities conducted a search for two males who pulled off a brazen home invasion in the Sound View community. Officials reported that the two male culprits were waiting in a hallway until a person appeared to be entering an apartment. The two culprits armed with a gun, pushed the victim into an apartment that was



occupied by several other persons. The three victims were placed into a rear bedroom before the culprits fled with two-hundred dollars in cash besides a collection of watches. One of the victims received a head injury and was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for treat-

SUN, FEB. 9th, 2:30 p.m. -1740 Westchester Ave. Specially trained police officers from Highway 1 were summoned to the scene of a vehicle accident under the Pelham Bay train line. A vehicle struck one of the el pillars causing life threatening injuries to the motorist. The victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in extremely critical condition. The members of the Critical Investigation Squad will handle the inquiry.

44th PCT.

WED, FEB. 5th, 1:00 p.m. -725 Exterior St. First responded were alerted to a collapse situation An enclosed tennis court collapsed due to the buildup of snow. As rescue workers checked the structure it was determined that no one was injured

THURS, FEB. 6th, 9:30 p.m. - 800 Grand Concourse. A 23 year old Hispanic male was arrested by local police officers after being found with a gun. The weapon, a 357-caliber revolver, was vouched by the arresting police officer. The male culprit failed to obtain the proper NYC permit to own a gun within the city.

FRI, FEB. 7th, 4:20 p.m. - College Ave. and East 169 St. Officials are looking into an incident where a teenager was attacked. A 16 year old Hispanic male was transported to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a stab wound to the back. Police are looking for a group of males who fled from the crime scene.

SAT, FEB. 8th, 6:15 a.m. - 951 Woodycrest Ave. A middle-aged Hispanic woman was arrested by local police officers in the Highbridge section. The 31 year old woman was found to be in possession of two handguns. Both weapons were removed from the woman's control since she failed to have a NYC permit for either handguns. Both pistols were vouched pending the outcome of the legal pro-

SAT, FEB. 8th, 7:55 p.m. -Grand Concourse and East 166 St. Another teenager ended up being arrested by local police officers. The 18 year old male was charged with illegal possession of a hand gun. Taken away from the teen was a 380-caliber semi-automatic pistol. The gun was vouched by the arresting officer.

SUN, FEB. 9th, 12:15 a.m. -1125 Findlay Ave. Local undercover police officers arrested another teenager. This time a 16 year old black male was arrested after police found the teen with a 22-caliber revolver. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

45th PCT.

WED, FEB. 5th, 5:00 a.m. -3760 East Tremont Ave. Authorities are looking into another breakin that occurred in the Throggs Neck section. Investigators were informed that over one-hundred thousand dollars' worth of clothing was taken from the closed store. Detectives are looking into the in-

SUN, FEB. 9th, 4:00 p.m. -300 Baychester Ave. A city employee was arrested in the Bay Plaza Shopping Plaza. The government employee who works for the city's Housing Authority, was charged with petit larceny for an incident involving K-mart.

46th PCT.

FRI, FEB. 7th, 11:10 a.m. -Anthony Ave. and Bush St. Police were alerted that a teenager might have been shot. The 17 year old black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital where the medical staff indicated that the wound was not from a gunshot, but instead from a fall on ice.

47th PCT.

FRI, FEB. 7th, 12:15 a.m. -800 East Gun Hill Rd. The victim of a slashing was transported to Jacobi Medical Center suffering from a six-inch wound. Police officers took a 14 year old Hispanic girl into custody charging her with

FRI, FEB. 7th, 7:25 p.m. - 811 East 226 St. Police ended up arresting a 25 year old black male. The culprit was charged will illegal possession of a gun after he was found with a 32-caliber weapon. The handgun was vouched as evidence since the man failed to obtain the proper license to possess a gun within the city.

SAT, FEB. 8th, 4:20 a.m. -3855 Bronxwood Ave. Another gun was taken off the North Bronx streets. This time a 9-mm pistol ended up being vouched as evidence with the arrest of the 27 year old black male

SAT, FEB. 8th, 4:30 p.m. - 745 East 223 St. Authorities are looking into the death of a 9 year old black child. The young girl had suffered from Cerebral Palsy and died after being ill for three days. Detectives were summoned to Montefiore Hospital's Wakefield Division after the child expired.

48th PCT.

WED, FEB. 5th, 5:15 p.m. -2037 Belmont Ave. An inquiry was launched by local detectives after learning of a home invasion. Armed with a shotgun, three males forced their way into a home. The occupant was secured by the trio at gunpoint. The trio collected several cell phones, money, and various medications before fleeing. The incident is under investigation.

THURS, FEB, 6th, 9:00 a.m. -Park Ave. and East 179 St. Police officers arriving on the scene of a vehicle accident arrested one of the motorist. The vehicle operator, who is a city volunteer, was driving with a suspended driver's license.

SAT, FEB. 8th, 1:25 a.m. -761 East Tremont Ave. Another teen came under the eyes of law enforcement officials. An 18 year old Hispanic male was arrested after authorities found the young culprit in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was removed from the teen's control and was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

50th PCT.

WED, FEB. 5th, 9:15 a.m. -2731 University Ave. Emergency responders requested additional assistance after arriving at a private house in the Kingsbridge Heights section. The weight of snow apparently caused the roof of the private home near West 195 St. to collapse. Fire dispatchers sent a collapse response to the scene. Firefighters conducted searches of the remaining structure to ensure that all residents were accounted for, but due to the instability of the structure, secondary searches were delayed. Con Edison gas and electric crews were requested. No serious injuries were reported.

THURS, FEB. 6th, 10:30 a.m. 2975 Tibbett Ave. A 15 year old Hispanic boy at Middle School # 368 ended up in trouble not only with school officers, but also with the law enforcement community. The boy was arrested after he was

found in possession of a gun. Upon examination of the weapon it was determined to be a 'BB' gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence as the student was arrested.

52nd PCT.

THURS, FEB. 6th, 9:30 a.m. -2543 Jerome Ave. A suspect was arrested by police after a traffic agent was assaulted. The city worker was pushed by the unidentified culprit who also threw government property to the ground, a ticket printer. Responding police officers arrested the alleged attacker.

Housing

WED, FEB. 5th, 5:30 a.m. -1790 Story Ave. A crime victim reported that a person fired a gun in their direction. The bullet missed the person authorities reported. There was no property damage reported. Detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad are handling the inquiry along with Housing PSA # 8 officers.

SAT, FEB. 8th, 4:15 p.m. -800 Sound View Ave. First responders came to the aid of a two-year old child. The child apparent severed their finger by a closing door. The child was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for immediate care. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 are working with detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad looking into the incident.

SUN, FEB. 9th, 6:00 p.m. -1170 East 229 Drive South. Police were alerted that a young woman had been stabbed during a domestic dispute. The 21 year old Hispanic female was suffering from a stab wound to the back upon arrival of police officers from Housing's PSA # 8. The injured woman was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

Fire Log THURS, FEB. 6th, 11:11 a.m.

- 1420 St. Peters Ave. Firefighters responded into the Westchester Square area to battle a fire in a store. The blaze was located in an appliance store near Tratman Ave. Engine 64 upon arrival indicated that they were faced with a serious incident. Battalion 15 responded to take command of the extinquishing operation for the fire that was on the first floor of a six-story dwelling. By 11:40 a.m. Division 7 reported that all primary searches were completed and are negative. Fire Marshals were alerted since firefighters were faced with a serious fire upon arrival that they were unable to figure out how it started. At 11:58 a.m. the fire was declared under control.

THURS, FEB. 6th, 1:22 p.m. - 2468 DeVoe Terrace. Firefighters spotted a fire on the top floor of a private dwelling. Engine 75 reported upon arrival there they had visible flames with possible extension to the attic area of the two story dwelling. Battalion 19 ordered a second hose line to be stretched as ladder crews were busy conducting searches. In less than 30 minutes the main body of fire had been extinguished and the incident was declared under control.

FRI, FEB. 7th, 11:00 p.m. -1015 Ogden Ave. A fire damaged five stores in the Highbridge community authorities reported. Battalion 17 requested additional units before the blaze was declared under control.

SUN. FEB. 9th. 1:18 p.m. -2172 Ryer Ave. Firefighters arriving at a reported fire in an apartment house indicated that there was a working fire on the 5th floor, Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers relayed information to responding units that they received a report that children were trapped. Battalion 19 reported that all the units on the first alarm were being put to work and requested an additional engine and ladder company bring the total firefighters on the scene to over 60 before the fire was declared under control. Firefighters returned later that day after 8 p.m. to extinguish another fire on the 5th floor. That blaze was declared under control shortly before 9 p.m. by Division # 7.

SUN. FEB. 9th. 1:34 p.m. -450 East 169 St. Authorities assisted a family after they were burned out of their home. Two adults and three children were provided with assistance as smoke-eaters extinguished a fire that damaged their home at the Morris Housing Development. Battalion 17 new that they were faced with a serious fire and requested additional assistance. Upon arrival a woman was visibly observed in a window within the burning apartment. Ladder crews were assigned the task of removing the woman from the 5th floor apartment. Due to the amount of fire and smoke a signal was transmitted that brought additional units to the scene so that they could battle the blaze. ventilate the building, and treated the injured occupants. By 2:15 p.m., Division 6 reported that the fire was knocked down and searches were completed. The chief indicated that the situation was probably will hold. Officials reported that seven persons including firefighters were injured by this blaze.

SUN, FEB. 9th, 11:30 p.m. -600 East 141 St. Firefighters were greeted by flames dancing out of the windows as they arrived at a fivestory apartment. The fire was on the third floor. Ladder 29 crew raised the aerial ladder grabbing a trapped resident who was hanging out of a window. Division 6 after arriving reported that an emotionally disturbed person refused to come down off the top of the ladder threatening to jump. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad set up under the ladder as other additional police officers rushed to the scene. The man surrenders to police officers after hanging from a wire.

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St. Pat's and drinking

This year, the 16th Annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade was held on March 16th. This event celebrated not just the Irish. but all families in general. People hosted reunions, and those moved away came back to visit old friends. This parade has shown that St. Patrick's Day can be a community celebration without the problems that can arise from excessive alcohol consumption.

What made the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade so unique? Several factors came into play. First, there is large faith component to the parade. The procession began with a mass at St. Benedict's Church. This year, the parade also honored a clergy member, Mother Alice McGowan, who is the CEO of Jeanne Jugan Residence. Second, police monitored the parade, which means that issues were resolved quickly and were less likely to begin. Finally. the Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership (TNCAP) has worked with the community and local businesses to highlight familyfriendly activities, not alcohol, to promote the parade. In fact, the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade flyer stated: "After the Parade, the celebration of Irish Heritage will continue. Please join your family and friends for fine Irish food, traditional music and of course, fun!" In this way, the parade was a cross-generational celebration that strengthened community, families, and businesses alike.

Communities have become increasingly aware of the high costs of excessive alcohol consumption at public events, which can result in unruly behavior, noise, public urination and other negative consequences that dampen holiday spirit and pose a serious risk to life and limb. Drinking contributes to more than 1,000 car crashes per year in New York City. One in three pedestrians killed by cars is found to have been intoxicated. Nationally, one in four (26%) unintentional injuries and almost half (46%) of all murders involve alcohol use.

In addition to the initiatives in Throggs Neck, other organizations have been working to raise awareness about the negative impacts of excessive alcohol use. Bronx Health REACH is working with the Partnership for a Healthier NYC to organize the first-ever Alcohol and Violence Symposium in May. Experts and advocates from across the city will speak about the intersections between alcohol and gun/ street violence, domestic violence and sexual assault, elder/child abuse, and hate crimes. These kinds of events aim to inform community members and organizations alike on how to prevent violence that results from alcohol use.

We would like to commend everyone who attended parades and events like the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade that honor the true spirit of the holiday: Irish culture, family, faith, and of course, food! By supporting celebrations that do not promote drinking, you not only ensured a good time for your family and community, but also encouraged more of these kid-friendly events to take root. To learn more about TNCAP's initiatives or attend the Alcohol and Violence Symposium, please visit: TNCAP: http://adapp.org/services-programs/ community-coalition-activities/

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Where have our legislators been for the last 40 years! Are we/they so weak and helpless that we cannot wrangle a better deal!

If so, it is time for us little guvs to stand up or our children will not be able to live in our bungalows (Asian Indian term for small wooden hovel).

Tom Hansen

Missing signs

Anyone traveling for some time on the Eastbound I-278 Bruckner Expry from the RFK Bridge may have noticed something missing at one point.

At the area where the Sheridan Expry (I 895--Exit 49) and the Bruckner descending ramp leading to the Hunts Point drawbridge separates, there are no directional signs at this break. The last of such signs seen on the elevated part of the Bruckner Expry, where one sign states I-278 pointing to the left and I-895 pointing to the right, are approximately one half mile before the fork in the road.

But many would remember that indeed there were such signs at this break off point and subsequently wonder at what time did they disappear and why.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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The last time these signs were intact was over a year and a half ago -- within a few days after Superstorm Sandy.

The signs as well as the overhead base were disassembled and removed -- I personally witnessed this as I drove on the Bruckner, believing the storm had affected the structure of the overhead base and was not within safety standards to remain intact.

Since then, there has been no replacement of that base as well as the necessary signs which to my understanding is a requirement under traffic safety laws to notify motorists of these exits and breaks in the road to safely guide them, to avoid collisions as much as pos-

Ever since these signs were removed, I cannot begin to stress how many close calls, how many near-collisions I witnessed because the motorists were caught off guard as to when the road divides -- either near-collisions with other motorists or towards the fixed vellow cautionary structure wrapped around the concrete wall separating the two roadways.

Ironically though, after the removal of these signs, there is what appears to be a traffic camera erected to overlook the elevated Bruckner and Sheridan Expressways, located around Hunts Point Ave, within one quarter mile past a billboard advertisement.

This has me wondering: they want a traffic camera overlooking the expressway and would rather remove the safety directional signs to accomodate the traffic cam instead of removing and relocating the billboard sign and place the traffic cam in its place; that this billboard sign was placed solely to gain any and every motorist's attention.

I have placed several calls on the matter to Gridlock Sam Engineering (GSE), founded by former NYC Traffic Commissioner "Gridlock" Sam Schwartz, who not only posts traffic columns in the New York Daily News but also acts as a liaison for traffic and safety issues concerning motorists and commuters -they contact the appropriate officials relaying the info and concerns they received from the

Thus they informed me they had contacted DOT after each and every time I followed up on a call to them, and they said they get the same response from DOT -- that they'll look into it and it's not of a priority right now compared to other issues. I find this quite disturbing -since when is safety for all people NOT a priority??

As I stated earlier, we are now well past one year since Superstorm Sandy and the neglect of safety in the area in question remains high. The last time I wrote about a traffic safety issue which was successfully published in Bronx Times Reporter caught the attention of a State Senator who responded quickly to get the matter resolved. I'm hoping for the same from this writing--that this matter is now in writing and not just word of mouth or telephone conversation which some people may deem it to be "off the record".

When it comes to safety for all people, nothing should ever be "off the record".

Michael S. Wilbekin

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Benedetto burglar pleads out

Pattern burglar hit assemblyman's apartment

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

A burglar who wreaked havoc in the east Bronx, including ransacking a local assemblyman's apartment, is facing up to five years in jail and five more under supervision when he comes up for sentencing next week.

Michael Hererra, 34, is believed responsible for a string of burglaries in Country Club over a threemonth stretch.

He was finally caught Jan. 28, 2013, and pleaded guilty March 13 of this year in Bronx state Supreme Court to only one burglary - at east Bronx state Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's apartment.

Second-story job

Police said he entered through a bedroom window next to a fire escape in the early evening of Oct. 5, 2012 at the elected's Bruckner Blvd. building and made off with about \$250 in cash and several pieces of women's jewelry worth close to \$3,000, according to Benedetto's affidavit.

Benedetto said that when he returned home he noticed the bedroom window, which had been closed, was open, then discovered all the jewelry missing.

"He cleaned him out pretty good," said a police source.

"It's never a good feeling to see that someone has broken into your home and stolen your possessions," said Benedetto, "especially some things that had good memories."

And, he added candidly, "I was really stupid, not locking the window next to the fire escape. I'm just really grateful to the NYPD for making an arrest."

Sentencing Monday

Herrera, who has a previous burglary-related arrest in Queens, is due back

in court on Monday, March 31 for sentencing by Justice Denis Boyle on his guilty plea to attempted burglary in the second degree.

He has been in custody since his arrest, and despite the maximum fiveyear term, could likely receive both time served and a lesser sentence.

Hererra will also have to spend five years under probation supervision after his release from prison.

"A big mistake"

He was originally indicted by a Bronx grand jury on Feb. 3, 2013 on a string of felony charges, including two counts of burglary, grand larceny, petit larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, and trespassing.

In a signed confession, he told the arresting officer, Detective Bobby Rogers of the 45th Precinct detective squad, that he was sorry, stating "I am a very hard working man. But because I don't want to justify the wrong that I did I am just going to say that its just hard out in New York City keeping a job... [I] made a big mistake that now changed my life."

THREE-ALARM FIRE RAGES IN MT. HOPE



Firefighters wrestle with three-alarm fire that swept through eight stores at Walton and Burnside avenues in Mt. Hope on Sunday, March 23. Local City Councilman Fernando Cabrera was to meet with local merchants on Friday, March 28 to help with available recovery programs.

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Community remembers Sr. Thomas

Longtime leader who helped rebuild South Bronx passes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Sister Miriam Thomas, a south Bronx icon who helped build affordable housing and gave communities spiritual and material sustenance for decades, passed away on Thursday, March 20.

Thomas, 80, helped with the rebuilding of much of Longwood and residential parts of Hunts Point devastated during the late 1960s and 70s by arson and blight.

In Longwood during those years, the buildings may have been on fire, but the heart and soul of the community remained intact thanks to the efforts of people like her, friends

Thomas was a Sister of Charity who entered the order in 1951 and took an active role as a community service worker in Longwood's St. Athanasius Par-

ish beginning in the late-1960s.

A wake was held at St. Athanasius on Sunday. March 23 and a funeral mass on Monday, March 24. She was interred at St. Joseph Cemetery in Yonkers.

Saint Anthansius was at the epicenter of a wave of arson and abandonment, but also of rebuilding. An affordable apartment building at 870 Southern Blvd. built on the last vacant cityowned parcel of land was named in her honor as the Sister Thomas S.C. Apart-

"Sister Thomas was in the community during the worst of the burning, and while most people could have left, her and the fathers at St. Athanasius stayed because they knew that there were people that needed spiritual guidance," said dear friend, Antonio Centeno Jr., who said she had



Sister Thomas S.C.

photo courtesy of Sisters of Charity

helped him in his spiritual formation as a Catholic.

'To me, she will always be the angel of the south Bronx. She was the angel who was brought to us a time when we needed hope," he said.

From 1972 to 2004. Thomas worked as the administrator of the multiservice Simpson Street Development Association.

Her work at Saint Athanasius continued until 2013 as the director of a community outreach program.

She also worked with Father Louis Gigante at the South East Bronx Community Organization (SEBCO) to help develop housing on vacant tracts of land after the communities burned. and served as chairwoman of Community Board 2.

Condolences poured in from all over the political sphere.

"As a Catholic nun, her faith in God and in our community could move mountains," said Congressman Jose Serrano. "She was involved in every aspect of community life: serving on boards, feeding the hungry, helping to build and find housing for the homeless and giving of herself to all members of our community."

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said she was a person who dedicated her life to serving the commu-

"Sister Thomas always did God's work outside the church walls and gained the love and admiration of all through her tireless work in the Bronx," he said, adding "She became a beacon of hope and a leader in the tenants' rights movement."

On the spiritual side, the Sisters of Charity remembered a more personal side of Thomas.

"Sister Thomas was a fun-loving and outgoing person who took great delight in entertaining and emceeing shows for the sisters," they said in a statement. "Saint Patrick's Day at the Convent of Mary the Queen will be a different experience without our 'Trud.'"

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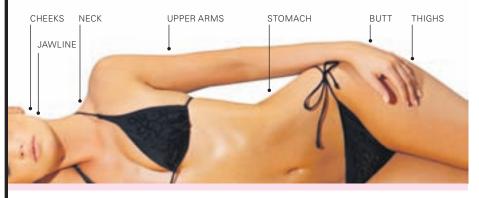
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Diaz pushes Harlem River district

Locals hope they're not priced out by development plan

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Borough officials want to turn a desolate stretch of Harlem River into a waterfront destination.

But to win local support, they'll need to convince nearby residents they are included in the redevelopment wave.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is touting creating a waterfront district along the river between E. 138th and E. 149th streets. according to a new report by his office.

A 2009 rezoning has made it possible for developers to build 400-feet high residential towers on the shoreline.

Beep dreams big

"The district has the potential to totally transform an underutilized section of The Bronx," he said, "while also creating new waterfront recreation opportunities for the entire borough."

Diaz dreams of apartment buildings with a gorgeous view of the Manhattan skyline. Residents and visitors would enjoy parks, restaurants, a theater and a waterfront path.

Local activists are excited about the chance to stroll across a long-lost area.

""You always knew the river was there, but you never really had access to it," said Marty Rogers, 59, a Melrose lifer.

That scary 'G' word

But some locals want to make sure the new development won't price the area out. They're even trotting out that controversial "g word" associated with any new development.

"Gentrification is scaring a lot of people in the south Bronx," said Ed Conde, an activist and real estate professional. "With any type of new develop-



A very, very preliminary rendering of what the Harlem River waterfront might look like, if the borough president has his way. Courtesy Borough President's Office

ment, there's always that worry that it's not going to include local residents."

Among the proposed \$500 million or so in new development included in the Harlem River plan are more than 1,500 housing units "of all types," acording to the report.

Including some low and middle-income housing in those units would go a long way in winning local support in an area starved for housing.

"The main thing I'd worry about is that it'd be like the parts of Manhattan that are total luxury," Rogers said. "Unless they really made a commitment about affordable housing and put it in black and white, I'd be skeptical."

Far from fruition

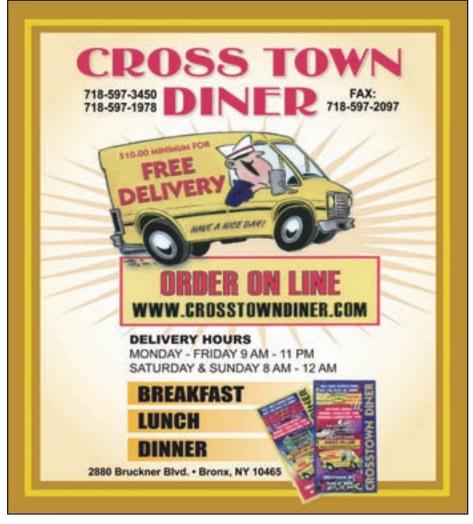
As of now, the idea is very much in its early stages. The South Bronx Overall Economic Corporation, or SoBro, will soon release a third-party planning report that details, among other things, how the project will tackle flooding concerns.

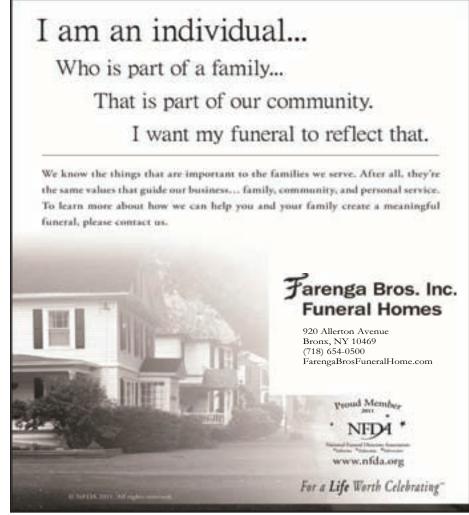
SoBRO Vice President, Lourdes Zapata said she's excited at the waterfront blank slate.

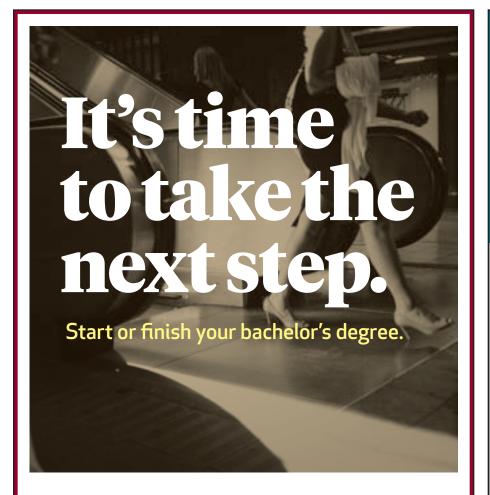
"It takes an area that's underutilized and has a tremendous amount of unrealized potential," she said, "and brings it to a use that is responsive to the community priorities and needs."

But the project is still a long way from fruition. Zapata warned that the cost of the development may end up being far more than outlined in Diazp's report.

We need to see if it will cost \$500 million or \$500 billion."she said. "We've got a nice start, but now we have to attach some more numbers to it. "







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Borough President Diaz: Bronx on a building boom

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The Bronx is building-and building. And then building some

Developers are pouring money into the borough at historic levels, according to a report from Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

The BP has been touting his idea of the "new Bronx," as a haven of economic development. And his office has the stats to back that up, including \$5.768 billion in total development since Diaz took office and \$894 million in financing closed on new buildings in 2013 alone.

\$\$\$ and more **\$\$\$**

The amount of money invested in Bronx building dipped a bit in 2013 from the year before, when it was over \$1 billion because of boosts from the Bay Plaza Mall and a \$350 million mental health facility near the Hutchinson Metro Center.

But a slew of shopping malls, housing complexes and expansions to schools and hospitals in the 2013 pipeline have Diaz excited.

"The 'New Bronx' is more than just rhetoric, it's a movement," Diaz said. "Our borough is seeing unprecedented new levels of development, with major new projects on

the horizon and even bigger ideas ready to take flight."

Housing takes lead

Most of the new building last year was residential, according to Diaz's report. Housing rung in at 67% of all new development. Leading the way as far and away the year's biggest housing project was the \$75 million Compass Apartments from Signature Urban Properties, which broke ground in February on the first two apartment buildings of its 10-unit complex hard by the Sheridan Expressway in West Farms.

Other housing developments in the year's top 10 biggest projects include the \$50 Crossroads Plaza slated for the South Bronx, a \$39.7 million complex from Omni Development on Morris Avenue in Melrose, a \$42 million multifamily building on West Farms Avenue and a \$25.2 million senior housing complex in the works for 6469 Broadway in Riverdale, according to the report.

\$\$ for public centers

Ringing in after residential construction kicked off in 2013 was institutional development — meaning renovation or new building of public institutions like hospitals and schools.

Over \$171 million was invested in that area. Some highlights:

•Simone Development closed a \$50 million deal on a Montefiore Outpatient Center in Riverdale.

•The city started building a \$25 million P.S. 106 school on Olmstead Avenue in Parkchester and put over \$27 million into an expansion

•A \$10.5 million pavilion at the New York Botanical Garden.

Shopping mall boom

Commercial building last year wasn't too shabby either, ringing in at \$121 million boroughwide. Two massive shopping mall projects led the way: the \$54 million Broadway Plaza development in Riverdale, and the \$42 million Triangle Plaza mall that broke ground near the HUB in the South Bronx in September 2013.

The booming building has borough officials crowing.

"The Bronx will truly benefit from these developments generating much needed economic activity," said Lenny Caro, president & CEO of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

New Development in the Bronx 2013



Building, building everywhere. New developments dot the entire borough in this slide from the BEEP's annual real estate report.

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Dos and Don'ts for College **Admissions Interviews**

It's college application time and your teen has taken the SAT or ACT, kept up his or her grades, written a stellar essay and completed all college applications. There is one more piece to the college admissions puzzle that could potentially gain your teen the acceptance he or she seeks: the college admissions interview. "Not all colleges require a college admissions interview, but many of the competitive institutions do, as do some colleges' departments or schools that require secondary admission," says Eileen Huntington of Huntington Learning Center. "The admissions interview intimidates many prospective students, but we encourage them to approach this as an opportunity to put a face to a name, make a good impression and articulate face-toface why they would be a great student at the college."

Huntington offers a few tips to students as they prepare for the college admissions interview:

Do spend time reflecting on yourself as a candidate for admission.

The interviewer might want to learn more about your reasons for wanting to attend the college and the components of your background that would make you an ideal fit. There are no wrong answers in an admissions interview, since the interviewer simply wants to get to know you better. However, the more you prepare, the more polished you will come

Don't present yourself as someone different than the real you.

While you might feel tempted to embellish your résumé or act in a way you think might impress the interviewer, it is better to be honest about who you are and what you have to offer. That may even mean discussing lessons you have learned from challenges or fail-

Do act professionally.

You should treat the admissions interview as a chance to share your goals, educational journey, future plans and excitement about the college. Although the interviewer wants vou to feel comfortable, treat this interview as you would a job interview. Come ready to answer a variety of questions about yourself in a direct and clear way.

Don't be aloof or act too casual.

Avoid cracking jokes, using inappropriate language or sharing too much personal information. Relax and be yourself, but remember that this is still an interview for college admission.

Do be prepared to ask auestions.

There is a good chance that you will be asked if you have any questions. Do vour research about the college and the program or programs in which you are interested and develop a list of questions before your interview. Have them ready just in case.

Don't waste valuable interview time asking about things you could learn elsewhere.

While there may be time allotted for questions, choose those questions wisely. You could easily find out about the admissions process and extracurricular activities on the college's website.

"The admissions interview is a great opportunity and should not be a source of anxiety," Huntington reminds students. "Look on the college's website for any interview guidelines or tips, spend time preparing for the interview, and most important, put your very best foot forward."

For more tips on effective interviewing, admissions success and more, contact Huntington Learning Center at 1-800 CAN LEARN or visit Huntington's Resource Library at http://huntington- helps.com/resource/library/.

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New plan for disabled vets

6% of NYS contracts for their firms

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Disabled veterans who own businesses will be getting a helping hand from New York State.

In a bipartisan agreement reached between the Assembly, Senate and Governor Cuomo's office, a deal's been brokered to implement the "Service-Disabled Veterans-Owned Business Act."

The act's goal is to award six percent of state contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. It was advocated for and sponsored by east Bronx Assemblyman Mike Benedetto, who is chairman of the assembly's Veterans Affairs Committee.

Help for Heros

"Those who put themselves in extreme danger in order to protect our freedom and our way of life deserve our respect, our gratitude and our assistance when they return to become operational.

This includes creation of an new Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Development Business within the Office of General Services. The division will certify businesses for five years that are disabledveteran owned.

The director of this division will collect information that will later be used to judge the effectiveness of the program, and see if it should be continued or if changes need to be made, said the assemblyman.

Three Cheers

Local veteran advocate Pat Devine said that he met with Benedetto, and also spoke to the bill's sponsor in the Senate, Senator Greg Ball, about the legislation.

Devine said he thinks it will help a good number of the 900,000 veterans in New York State, and that it has been in the works for a number of years.



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, who sponsored the bill.

affairs, said Devine. "He has a passion for it."

Helping Vets

According to stats released from Benedetto's of-

The leadership qualities and specialized skills our troops learn help make them successful business owners stateside.

Michael Bendetto

Assemblyman

home," he said. "We must help these highly skilled veterans find jobs when they return. Supporting the businesses they own is one important way we can do that."

The new action, which implemented be through the executive branch to avoid a complicated and costly study, will apply to businesses that are 51% or more owned by a person who is at least 10% percent service-related-disabled, he said.

Benedetto believes that after the law is finalized, it will take effect immediately, though it might take awhile for key provisions

"You don't have to be 100% disabled," said Devine. "I know a lot of veterans who are 10% or 20% disabled, and it is going to help those people at least get a shot at what the state has to offer."

After several years of advocating for the legislation, he was glad to see it implemented, along with other legislation that's finally getting the recognition it deserves.

He praised Benedetto's

"I see a lot of legislation that Michael is working on that would help veterans, and I am so glad that he is our chairman of veterans

fice, about one in seven veterans in New York either own their own businesses or are independent contractors. The law complements similar laws in 44 states, according to stats furnished from his office.

"The leadership qualities and specialized skills our troops learn help make them successful business owners stateside," said Benedetto. "The beauty of this program is we're spurring job creation while helping veterans and their families get ahead and honoring the sacrifice these brave men and women have made for our country and our state."

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Sisters to the sick centennial

Sister Servants of Mary celebrate 100 years of helping

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick are celebrating their 100th anniversary in the United States.

The group of Roman Catholic religious sisters ministers and cares for the chronically and terminally ill in 20 countries around the world, but they call their Country Club convent their home in New York.

The sisters visit local people with terminal illnesses, usually spending about eight hours a night caring for them during everv visit. They have medical training, they do this for free, and do not receive any financial help from the government or the church.

Meeting costs

To survive and pay costs for everything from food and clothing to maintenance on their Country Club Road convent, they rely on private donations and an annual fundraising luncheon that will be held this year at Marina del Rev on Sunday, Nov. 16, said Sister Rita Miguel, treasurer of the Sister Servants of

"For us to be able to continue our mission, we need donations," said Miguel, adding that "His Eminence Cardinal Dolan has confirmed that he will be in attendance."

"We hope that many people will join us for this joyful and significant celebration not only for the sisters, but also for the people that had and will benefit from our services," she added.

She said that by the summer, tickets for the luncheon will be available, and that volunteers will help spread the word and organize the event.

"Most of the people who attend do so every year,"



Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick in front of their Country Club convent.

she said. "They will often purchase a table of 10 or 12 tickets."

This year the sisters will also kick off a \$250,000 fundraising campaign.

Helping caregivers Key parts of the sisters' mission are offering relief to exhausted and needy caregivers who are looking after sick family members; helping with household chores; buying food and clothing for these families; and offering prayer and advice for those who question the meaning of suffering.

They see patients without regard to religion, social stature, race, and creed, said Miguel

"All we need to know is if they are sick," she said.

Their patients are recommended to them by Calvary Hospital, doctor's offices, and hospice services. Sister Miguel said that currently there are about four times as many requests as the convent can handle.

The Sister Servants of Mary first landed in the United States in 1914, at the invitation of U.S. soldiers, she explained.

The soldiers had been sent to Vera Cruz, Mexico to intervene in a revolution. While there, the soldiers noticed how helpful the sisters were in locating clean drinking water, teaching Spanish to the U.S. officers, and working with the Red Cross in helping to care for townspeople afflicted with tuberculosis and other contagious diseases.

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All classes are \$20 per person per class. If you would like to attend all four classes, you can purchase the series for \$75 per person. You must be 18 to attend classes. Anyone 16 to 18 must be accompanied by a parent and will be charged the same. All classes are being held at the Locust Point Civic Association, 3300 Tierney Place

Class 1: Monday, April 7 from 6pm to 9pm will be Macaroni and Cheese from Scratch. Class 2: Monday, April 21 from 6pm to 9pm will be a Stock and Soup Workshop. Class 3: Monday, May 5 from 6pm to 9pm will be Basics of Vegetarian Cooking, and Class 4: Monday, May 19 from 6pm to 9pm will be It's a Pizza Party!

The **Bronx WritersCorps**, a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, celebrates twenty years of giving voice to Bronx youth on Wednesday, April 2nd, from 5:00-8:00pm, at the Bronx Museum of the Arts.

In this premiere event, the program's talented teaching artists — all renowned in the hip-hop and spoken word communities — will perform for their students.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts is located at 1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street.

Admission to the event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

For information on this event, or on other programs

and activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, visit www.bronxarts.org or call 718-931-9500.

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Councilman Andy King is holding a meeting for home and property owners to meet with representatives of the city Department of Finance to determine whether the city has liens on their property, if they qualify for property tax exemption or where they can set up a payment plan with the City to ensure that their property is removed from the lien sale.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Williamsbridge NAACP ECE Center, 680 East 219th St. off White Plains Road.

The last day to pay a debt or enter into a payment agreement is on May 15. The Lien Sale will take place on May 16, 2014.

Anyone with questions about the meeting or about the lien sale, should contact King's office at (718) 684-5509

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Registration is now underway http://www. bronxriverart.org/education-children-classes.cfm The New York City Bar Association's Legal Referral Service, together with the New York State Courts Access to Justice Community Outreach Program, is holding a free legal information fair in the Bronx in observance of National Law Day, marking the 20th anniversary of City Bar participation.

The Bronx fair, Friday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bronx County Building at 851 Grand Concourse, will offer residents the opportunity to learn about their legal rights, discover whether they have a legal issue and when to consult with a lawyer or with an agency, receive material on legal topics, and confer with experienced attorneys free of charge. Community leaders and representatives from local bar associations and social service organizations will be on hand to answer questions and provide information.

"Every year on the first of May, our country celebrates the legal system and the freedoms that Americans enjoy. In honor of Law Day, the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program sponsors annual Law Day events to provide the public with more opportunities for justice and empowerment by delivering legal information and assistance directly into the communities it serves," said Judge Fern Fisher, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts.

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JACOBI'S ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION



Bagpipes filled the Building 8 Atrium at Jacobi Medical Center Friday, Mar. 14 at the facility's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Festivities featured the Irish Step Dance Company, and soda bread was for sale with proceeds benefitting JMC Auxiliary, Inc.

Photos by Aracelis Batista

P.S. 36 ART SHOWCASE





(Above) Students at P.S. 36 in Castle Hill transformed parent teacher conferences into a bonafide art show Tuesday, Mar. 11. Paintings and drawings were on display. (Above): Fatema Islam, Rubaiyat Islam, Tasmima Begum and Safowan Islam check out the work their classmates put together.

(Left) Art Teacher Mr. Holt and Principal Elvira Maresca observe students' sculptures.

Photos by Edwin Soto



Our Lady of Assumption School students bring in some of the gifts, donated by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, for the school's French-themed card party at Villa Barone Manor Thursday, March 20.

OLA HOLDS A CARD PARTY



Toniann Porrico, Jeanne Amaroe, Marlon Venderhorst smile over their card party prizes.

Photos by Aracelis Batista

RIBBON CUT FOR BX. HOUSE COMPUTER LAB

Councilman Jimmy Vacca joined members of Bronx House on Pelham Parkway South for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the center's new computer lab on Tuesday, March 25. The lab will be exculsivly for seniors, and will house eight computer and one printer. All was paid for by over \$15,000 in funding provided by Vacca. Vacca took a look at the new computers with some of the seniors who will be using them.

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BY JAIME WILLIAMS

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Charlie Vazquez, the director of the Bronx Writing Center, said the goal of the project is to give a voice to ordinary residents of the Bronx.

The locations of the memoir writing shops include the Bronx Council on the Arts office on E. Tremont Ave in Westchester Square, the Kingsbridge branch of the New York Public Library, the Melrose NYPL, and the Poe Park Visitors Center, among other places.

"Each destination will attract a different demographic," said Vazquez.

The workshops will

also attract a wide range of ages, with some workshops geared toward teens and some towards seniors. Others have specific writing focuses such as "Setting as Character" or "Elements of Suspense."

Vazquez said there will also be two workshops offered in Spanish, with Spanish submissions accepted, although there is not a bilingual focus to the book.

He also encouraged people of varying writing abilities to attend the workshops and contribute to the proj-

"I don't want to exclude anyone from this," said Vazquez.

The workshops are meant to help writers develop drafts of their personal stories, but Vazquez said anyone can submit their work for consideration. The only requirements is that the writer be a current Bronx resident; their stories can take place outside the borough.

Vazquez said he hopes the project might help elevate the perception of the Bronx, which he feels is misunderstood. He thinks the finished product could surprise people.

"I think that when people hear the residents of the Bronx sharing stories in their own words their jaws will drop."

The Bronx has its own literary culture, he noted, and the goal of the writing center is to promote and maintain that culture. Since Vazquez became director in January, he said he's met hundreds of writers through various work-

"I'm really impressed by the quality of writing that happens here."

The anthology will be published as a hard copy and ebook in July, thanks to funding by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Visit http://www.bronxarts.org/BronxMemoir-Project.asp for a schedule of workshops.

Submissions must be between 500 and 1,000 words and should be sent to bronxwriters@bronxarts.org in the email body or as an MS Word document by May 25.

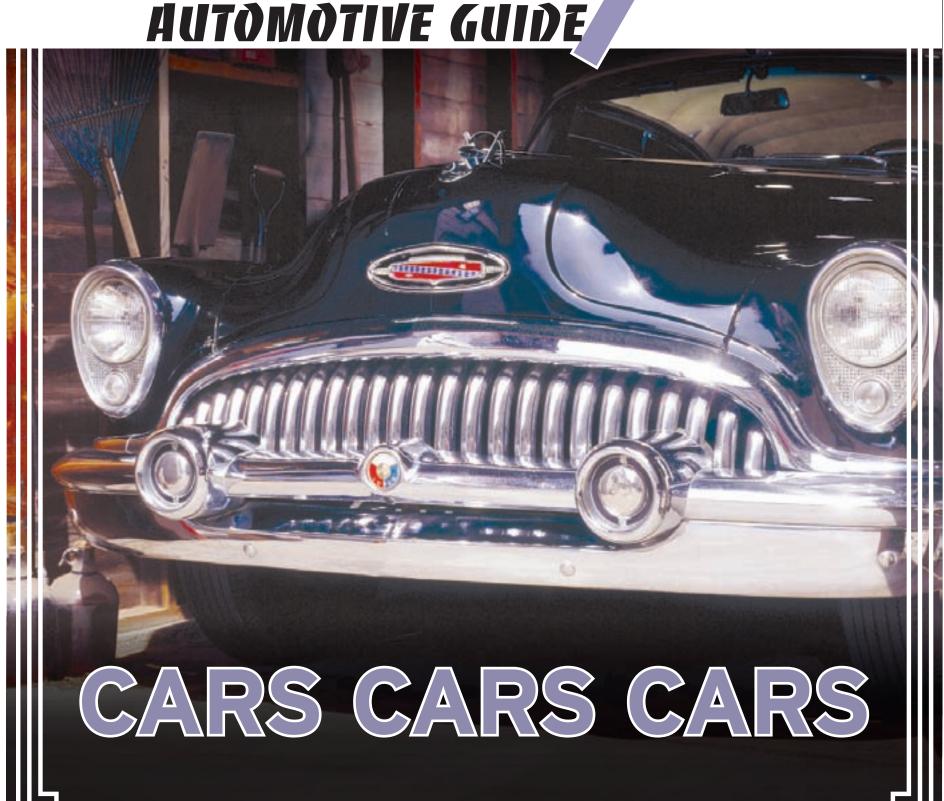
DINOSAURS INVADE THE BRONX ZOO

The Dinosaur Safari is returning to the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo for the 2014 season. Dinosaur Safari: Mysteries Revealed will feature more than 30 dinosaur species and will teach safari adventurers how scientists reconstruct the past through examination of fossils. The exhibit will open to the public on Saturday, April 12. The narrated ride will run through a two-acre area of the zoo past more than 30



fully-animatronic dinosaurs as they move, snarl, and roar. Returning for the Dinosaur Safari: Mysteries Revealed, the ever-popular 40-foot long tyrannosaurus rex will send chills up the spines of Bronx Zoo adventurers. Nine new dinosaur species have been added this year including the deinonychus, prodohadros, stegosaurus, and edmontonia. Each dinosaur encountered will move and vocalize as if it was 200 million years ago. At the end of the experience, there will be a field site that will include a fossil dig for children; a Tyrannosaurus rex photo-op; a paleontologist's tent that will include a fossil museum; and an interactive robot dinosaur shows how the animatronics work. There will be other Dinosaur Safari-themed activities and performances throughout the zoo. -Photo by Julie Larsen Maher





Topics to discuss before hiring your next mechanic

Few decisions weigh as heavily on automobile owners as their choice of mechanic. A good mechanic goes a long way toward ensuring drivers and their passengers stay safe on the road and that those drivers' vehicles perform at their peak for years to come. That's an important role to play, and it's why many drivers acknowledge that choosing a mechanic is a decision that should not be taken lightly.

Rest assured you don't need to be a car guy or gal to find a trustworthy and talented mechanic. You might just need to open a dialogue with a prospective mechanic, discussing a handful of topics that can help you feel more comfortable and know you have made the right choice in automotive service provider once a final decision has been made.

CERTIFICATION

Certification can go a long way toward helping drivers find mechanics they can trust. The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence was founded in 1972 and continues to work to improve the quality of automotive service and repair by testing automotive technicians and certifying those who live up to or exceed ASE standards. An ASE-certified technician should have his or her credentials readily available to prospective customers, and these credentials list each professional's area of certification. When shopping for a new mechanic, make sure that he or she is ASE-certified. In addition, discuss with the mechanic his or her work history, including any additional areas of expertise.

PRICING POLICIES

Many mechanics offer free estimates, but that should not be taken for granted. When bringing a car in for an estimate, drivers should confirm with the mechanic who will conduct the examination if the estimate is free or if they will be charged an inspection fee.

In addition to any fees regarding estimates, drivers should also inquire about labor costs and the payment policies at the facility. Labor can be quite expensive, so it's best that you know these rates in advance of any repairs being conducted on your vehicle. It's also important to get a rundown of the company payment policies, especially if your vehicle is in need of potentially costly repairs. You don't want the bill to shock you once the work has been completed. so don't hesitate to be inquisitive before leaving a car at the garage.

PARTS

Replacing parts on a vehicle is a cause for concern for many drivers, and rightfully so. Consumer advocacy groups have exposed many mechanics who pass off used auto parts as new parts, charging their customers new part prices along the way. While there's no way drivers can guarantee they won't fall victim to such criminal behavior, they can inquire about company policies regarding vehicle parts. Does the garage even install used parts? If so, do they let drivers choose either new or used parts before any work is done? If the garage only uses new parts, ask for parts with solid warranties, so if the part must be replaced, you won't have to pay for it again.

DOCUMENTATION

The preowned vehicle market is thriving, and drivers who take care of their vehicles have earned the right to reap their rewards for being good owners when it comes time to sell the car. When interviewing prospective mechanics, ask if they are willing to provide detailed documentation of any work they do on your vehicle. Such documentation can then be shared with prospective buyers when you want to sell the car, and it also serves as a way to keep the garage accountable for all the work they have done on the car throughout your relationship.



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Protecting visibility is essential when driving in hazardous conditions

(MS) -- Driving defensively is the best way for motorists to avoid accidents and protect themselves and their passengers from the risks of the road. But the importance of defensive driving is magnified when driving in hazardous conditions, especially when drivers' vision is potentially compromised.

Driving when visibility is poor can test the skills of even the most seasoned and careful motorists. Though even novice drivers know to be especially cautious when driving in snow or heavy rain, extreme weather is not the only thing that can make roadways hazardous for motorists and their passengers. Highway construction that produces debris, poorly lit roadways and driving during certain times of the day when everyone seems to be in a rush can all compromise drivers' vision. As a result, it's imperative that motorists take steps to protect their vision when driving in hazardous or even potentially hazardous conditions.

* Replace old or ineffective wiper blades. Maintaining wiper blades is an easy preventative measure drivers can employ to protect their vision, vet many motorists are unaware of just how frequently their vehicle wiper blades need to be replaced. Wiper blades should be changed every 90-120 days, as the blades can easily grow brittle and ineffective over time. Depending on how frequently they are used, wiper blades can wear out rather quickly, especially on older vehicles with pitting on the windshield. Wiper blades are relatively inexpensive to replace, and can make a world of difference when driving in hazardous conditions.

* Don't forget to maintain your windshield. A windshield can be a motorist's best friend or his worst enemy when driving in hazardous conditions, but savvy drivers know there is no excuse for the latter. Windshield clarity is especially important when driving in hazardous conditions, and windshields that have been treated with a repellant are significantly safer than those that have not.

"Driving weather is inherently dangerous, and driving risks considerably increase with the inability to see clearly through the windshield," said Dennis Samfilippo, General Manager of Philips Automotive.

A one-time treatment just a few times per year keeps windshields clean and visibility at a maximum. The Philips Windshield Treatment Kit is a do-it-vourself kit that can make windshield glass easier to clean for up to six months after application and can be used by anyone, from veteran auto enthusiasts to novice doit-yourselfers. In just a few minutes, drivers can dramatically improve their vision thanks to the kit's unique, long-lasting hydrophobic technology designed specifically to coat windshield glass and make it easier to remove items that may obstruct a driver's vision, including ice, dirt and even bugs. Drivers can even take advantage of a new instructional You-Tube video titled "Windshield Treatment Kit Video," which shows users the exact steps they need to take to help improve their field of vision in difficult driving conditions. The video can be found at www. philipsautolighting.com/ windshieldkit.

Check windshield

washer fluid. Windshield washer fluid is one of those things drivers typically only notice when it isn't there. Routinely inspect windshield washers to ensure they're working properly, and top off windshield washer fluid so you know it will be there when you need it.

* Clean interior glass and mirrors. It's easy to overlook interior glass and mirrors when cleaning a car, but a dirty vehicle interior can be as dangerous as it can be unsightly. While coffee-stained cup holders or spilled snacks

under vehicle seats are largely cosmetic concerns, dirty interior glass and mirrors can significantly compromise a driver's vision. When cleaning the interior of their vehicle, drivers should remove any film that has built up on interior glass and mirrors. Such buildup, which is often thicker in smokers' vehicles, can reduce vision and create a hazy reflection from the sun, putting drivers and their passengers at risk.

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(MS) -- It takes mere seconds for a pebble or road debris to damage a windshield. What starts out as a small bullseye or chip in the glass can quickly grow into a crack that compromises the safety of drivers and their passengers. Fixing the damage before it escalates into a safety issue used to require an expensive trip to the repair shop. However, now most drivers can tackle dings and chips from the comfort of their own driveways.

An unattended chip in the windshield could get worse with time, because constant vibration in the vehicle and changes in temperature can cause the chip to expand and spread. Eventually, you may be left with a larger, unsightly crack stretching across the glass, and what started as a inexpensive repair job has now turned into a costly windshield replacement.

Glass repairs may or may not be covered by your insurance. Repair bills for damaged windshields can range from \$75 to several hundred dollars. Many drivers are unaware that windshield repair does not have to be a difficult or expensive venture. With do-it-yourself kits, repairing chips can now be done in mere minutes for right around \$10.

Permatex(R) has developed a special Windshield Repair Kit that fills in the ding and stops the damage from spreading while minimizing the blemish on the glass. It comes complete with everything needed to make a permanent, professional quality repair in minutes, including step-by-step instructions and an online demo video. There is no mixing required and the repair cures automatically under natural sunlight.

For the kit to be effective, the chip or bullseye should be no more than a 1 inches long and must be on the outside of the windshield. It is a good idea to make the repair as soon as possible after it happens. This prevents the crack from getting contaminated and spreading.

The Windshield Repair Kit follows the same steps that a repair shop would, including sealing the crack with resin under a vacuum. View the Permatex how-to demo video at www.permatex.

In addition to quickly repairing a ding in the windshield, there are other windshield maintenance tips to follow.

* Clean the windshield regularly. Regular cleaning prevents the buildup of dirt, sand and debris on the glass and helps avoid scratches when you use your wipers.

- * Check the windshield washer. Test your windshield washer regularly to make sure it works properly. In addition, keep the washer fluid level topped off so it's there when you need it to clean the windshield.
- * Drive defensively. Avoid following a large truck that may be kicking up debris. Move into another lane, if possible. Also, do not follow vehicles that are transporting unsecured items on the car roof or in a pick-up truck bed.

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Trimming the costs of automobile ownership



According to the Automobile Association of America, the cost of owning a vehicle is on the rise. In its 2013 "Your Driving Costs" study, AAA determined the cost of owning a vehicle is somewhere between \$7,000 and \$11,000 annually depending on the type of vehicle. That's a substantial amount of money and may leave many motorists looking for ways to reduce the cost of automobile ownership.

Driving is a way of life for many people left with little choice but to keep a vehicle. Thanks to mass transportation, city dwellers might be able to get by without owning a vehicle, but those who live in rural communities or even the suburbs often find that public transportation runs too infrequently or inefficiently to meet their needs. There are ways for those who need their own automobiles to reduce the financial burden of vehicle ownership.

* Downsize your vehicle. In its study, AAA found that the average cost of owning a vehicle varied considerably depending on the size of that vehicle. That should come as no surprise, as larger vehicles tend to consume more fuel and, as a result, cost more money. But drivers might be surprised to learn just how much less it costs to own a small sedan than it does a fourwheel-drive sport utility vehicle. Small sedans cost the least amount of money to own at \$6,967 annually, four-wheel-drive while

SUVs cost nearly twice that amount, setting their owners back \$11,599 per vear. But the most surprising thing from the AAA study might be its findings as to the costs of owing a large sedan. Such vehicles are nearly as expensive as larger SUVs, costing drivers more than \$11,000 per year. So drivers who downsize their vehicles to a small sedan will likely save themselves a substantial amount of money over the life of the vehicle.

* Drive safe and cash in on lower insurance premiums. Though numerous factors, including individuals' driving histories, influence the cost of auto insurance, drivers with clean track records might be able to buck the industry trend and pay less for their auto insurance policy next year than they did this year. In its study. AAA found that the cost of insurance rose by nearly 3 percent in 2012 from the year before. But drivers who can avoid accidents and citations are likely to see their rates decrease from year to year.

* Buy a used car. Buying a used car may not give buyers the initial excitement of driving off a car lot behind the wheel of a brand new vehicle, but it might prove quite exciting for your bank account. Revisiting a study they conducted in 2001, in 2013 experts at automotive Web site Edmunds. com examined three different financing methods and the cost of each over a six-year period, which the global market intelligence firm Polk estimates is the average car ownership period. The study examined the costs, including interest rates and fees, of leasing or buying a 2013 Honda Accord EX and buying a used 2010 Accord EX. The total cost of buying used after six years was \$20,960, while the cost of leasing was \$24,768 and the cost of buying new was \$28,330. Buying used even saves buyers money when factoring in equity. Of course, leasing saves drivers the cost of maintenance and repairs, which can be considerable when buying used vehicles. However, an older used car won't cost as much to insure as a vehicle that is being leased or financed.

* Drive less. Of course, the easiest way for automobile owners to trim the costs of owning their vehicles is to drive less. Though vehicle manufacturers have improved fuel economy in recent years. driving less will save money on fuel, the cost of which hinges on a host of factors, including petroleum demand and economic conditions. Such factors may cause a dip in fuel prices one day, but a sharp increase in price the next day. Regardless of those fluctuations in fuel prices, drivers who can cut back on their driving are certain to save money.

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45th Pct. Breakfast gearing up

Five civilians to receive honors May 14

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The 45th Precinct Community Council is looking to another successful year for its third annual break-

The breakfast has been set for Wednesday, May 14 at Villa Barone Manor, from 8:30 to 11 a.m., said Bob Bieder, the council president.

Tickets cost \$15 per person, and should be available soon. Last year there were about 370 attendees, and this year, the goal is to top 400, said Bieder.

"We are hoping to continue to grow," he said. "We talk about bridging police and community, and to me the nicest thing about this event is that we have representatives from every neighborhood in our precinct. Every organization, every community group and people from every walk of life are repre-

He praised the cultural diversity of the precinct's service area, saying: "It is just nice to see all of the people from different cultures and neighborhoods sit down together to a celebration of the 45th Precinct and the good work that the men and women of the precinct do there."

Captain James McGeown, 45th Precinct commanding officer, said the breakfast had tremendous turnout last year and that the community council had done a great job of putting together the event. with Villa Barone being a great host.

"This year's honorees are well deserving of recognition for dedication to their organizations, commitment to the community, and support of the Police Department and the 45th Precinct," said McG-



Sandi Lusk, one of this year's honorees.

Honored at the breakfast will be Gerard "Skip" Giacco, president of the City Island Chamber of Commerce; Leo Johnson, director of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center in Co-op City; Sandi Lusk, one of the founders of the Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization; Anthony Orza, manager, Villa Barone Manor catering hall; and Anita Valenti, Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Community Association presi-

Upon hearing about the honor, Lusk said that "it was a lovely surprise," while Valenti was praised by PBCTA treasurer Joseph Oddo, who said that honoring her was long overdue, and it was something that was earned by Valenti, a community activist involved in the Pelham Bay community for 40 or so years.

So far, the first sponsors of the breakfast are Bieder's own Westchester Square Plumbing Supply Co., at 2255 Westchester Ave., and Schuyler Hill Funeral Home at 3535 E Tremont Ave.

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able to the "45th Precinct Community Council" and mail to Annie Boller, C/o Abalon, 1040 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10459. Boller is the precinct council treasurer. For information call: Robert Bieder at (718) 828-4400 or Joe Boiko at (718) 320-3300, ext. 3409.

Historical Society exhibit

The Bronx County Historical Society will present an exhibition at the Museum of Bronx History titled "Bronx County - 100 Years" with an opening reception on April 9, from 4:30 to 7

The address to the Museum of Bronx History is 3266 Bainbridge Avenue. Call (718) 881-8900 for more information.

This following lecture will be held at The Bronx Archives Building, located at 3313 Bainbridge Avenue: "People V. Boyd: The Murder Trial That Nearly Redrew The Map Of New York City," Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m.

The society will also hold the following two lectures at The Bronx Library Center, located at 310 East Kingsbrdge Road: "Edgar Allan Poe at Fordham," Wednesday, April 16, at 6 p.m. and "Highlights in Bronx History," Monday, May 12, at 6 p.m.

For directions, call (718) 579-4257.

City Island deals with traffic backup

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A popular new restaurant and an established one on City Island that draw crowds are also drawing some traffic backups that concern local islanders.

Police are stepping in to deal with the situation by eliminating some street parking before their parking lot entrances to move the backup off the main road on the island.

Locals said they really began noticing the traffic backup shortly after popular restaraunteur Jimmy Rodriguez opened the Puerto Rican-fare themed Don Coqui in February in the former Lighthouse Restaurant at 565 City Island Ave., near Bridge Street.

Weekend jams

The traffic backup was especially noticeable on weekends, long before the annual summer crush of tourist and dining traffic to the island between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

The City Island Civic Association reached out to the 45th Precinct for help, writing to precinct Capt. James McGeown on March 14 that "the establishment's location at the north end of the island causes delays for evervone who comes to City Island,"

To remedy the traffic tieups, and prevent motorists from driving around cars as they wait to turn into the parking lot for Don Coqui and Portofino restaurants, the precinct is experimenting with barring parking at 10 spaces on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and creating a turn-in lane.

Spaces eliminated

"After speaking to the commanding officer, we looked at it and decided to eliminate about ten parking spaces from Seashore to Portofino," said Lt. Paul Trapani of the 45th Precinct, who called the measures temporary, so far.

He said there is some

concern that some motorists seeing the orange cones outside of the restaurant may think that the turn inlane is a police check-point.

It should take some time

We are very excited about how Don Coqui, Seashore and the Chamber of Commerce are working with the community and the police to try to ease congestion.

Jimmy Rodriguez Don Coqui Restaurant

before the precinct knows how well the plan works, he said, adding that the traffic experiment was a good example of police and community working together.

Rodriguez, the founder of Don Coqui restaurants and past-owner of Jimmy's Bronx Cafe and Jimmy's City Island, said he thinks the turn-in lane is a good example of local businesses working together with the island community, other enterprises, and police.

"We are very excited about how Don Coqui, Seashore and the Chamber of Commerce are working with the community and the police to try to ease congestion," said Rodriguez. "When you think about it, the residents can get on the island much easier, and the people who are visiting the other establishments in the middle and latter part of the island don't have to wait 20 minutes for



Traffic backups from cars turning into two City Island restaurants are being addressed by eliminating parking spots on weekends to create a turn-in lane. Photo by Patrick Rocchio

our guests who are trying to get into the restaurant."

Rodriguez said that he did not want impact other people's businesses or jobs.

Traffic seems to being running smoother so far, said Barbara Dolensek, CICA second vice-president.

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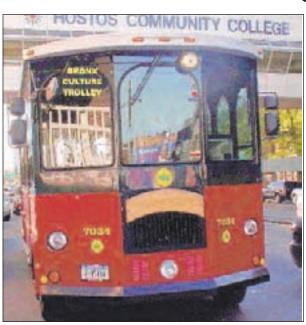
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Bronx Trolley rolls April 2

ley! The Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour returns on April 2nd with an evening of exhibitions at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, and Bronx-ArtSpace.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts additionally features a book signing and reading along with a special 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bronx WritersCorps performance in which BCA's teaching artists mix it up and perform for their students, plus a Big Read in the Bronx book giveaway.

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



The Bronx Culture Trolley.

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April 2nd's Trolley begins at 5 p.m. at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street) with GAY, an exhibition that examines the cultural shift that has taken place in identity within the last decade by looking at the production of gay male artists of color from 2003-2013.

On view through May 7, 2014. This show contains adult content.

BCA's Bronx WritersCorps celebrates twenty years of giving voice to Bronx youth at the Bronx Museum of the Arts that evening, from 5 p.m. to 8

In this premiere event, the program's talented teaching artists — all renowned in the hip-hop and spoken word communities — will perform for their students. Artists include Brother Earl (your host for the evening), Intikana, Caridad "La Bruja" de la Luz, Kasim Allah and Divine who will perform for their students in a tableturning event where the instructors take the stage to showcase their performance strategy and wordsculpting skills. This special event will be cohosted by Bronx hip-hop music and media group Circa '95 (Reph Star and Patty Dukes).

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

The Bronx Culture Trolley runs on the First Wednesdays of each month (except January and September).

In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and attractions include the Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Bronx River Art Center at Bronx-ArtSpace.

For more information, visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org or call 718 931-9500.



Man of La Mancha at Lehman Center

The internationally acclaimed Tony Award-winning musical Man of La Mancha will arrive on stage at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 5 at 8 nm

Jeffrey B. Moss - an award winning director - directs an all new production that features Jack E. Curenton as Don Quixote, Jessica Norland as Aldonza and Rick Grossman as Sancho.

The play-within-a-play is based on Cervantes's Don Quixote, a poignant story of a dying old man whose 'impossible dream' takes over his mind. Against all odds, a man sees good and innocence in a world filled with darkness and despair. Man Of La Mancha won five Tony Awards including Best Musical, along with the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical and the Outer Critics Circle Award.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets start at \$25, children 12 and under \$10 for any seat, and can be purchased by calling 718-960-8833

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Internationally-renowned contemporary artist Philip Haas' one-person exhibition, titled Four Seasons, will conclude its extended run at **The New York Botanical Garden** on Sunday, March 30.

The exhibition of four monumental sculptures opened on May 18, 2013, and has been viewed by hundreds of thousands of visitors in spring, summer, fall, and winter.

In Four Seasons, Haas has created four 15-foottall portrait busts that reference each of the seasons and are displayed in the round.

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Join the Bronx Council of the Arts (BCA) for the kick-off celebration of The Big Read in the Bronx 2014 on Wednesday, April 2, from 5:00-8:00pm, at BCA's Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street).

The evening will include readings from Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God and free copies of the book will be distributed.

Audience members will be encouraged to participate in the evening's activities.

One of the most important and enduring books of the twentieth century, Their Eyes Were Watching God brings to life a Southern love story with the wit and pathos found only in the writing of Zora Neale Hurston.

Out of print for almost thirty years—due largely to initial audiences' rejection of its strong black female protagonist—Hurston's classic has since its 1978 reissue become perhaps the most widely read and highly acclaimed novel in the canon of Afri-

can-American literature.

Most Big Read in the Bronx 2014 events are free and open to the public. Most Big Read activities will take place at BCA's future headquarters at 2700 East Tremont Avenue (corner of St. Raymond Avenue) unless otherwise noted. Information: 718-931-9500 x21.

Songwriting chores in all-original bands: sometimes a local rock band will write songs by committee. They will plan songwriting sessions.

This can be productive or a waste of time depending on the personalities involved.

This communal method of songwriting, although meant to rid the band of any of the hard feelings already addressed in recent columns, can still cause a shock when even this effort does not allay any of the problems of songwriting but simply bring them into tighter quarters. Even then, lyrics are usually never written on the spot but in-

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by Fish Altieri

stead a general riff or chord structure is created and the singer will take this and bring it alive.

This territory is usually untouchable once a singer has come back to a songwriting session with something he loves.

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Actually one could say the same is true of a guitarist, drummer, bassist or keyboard player who is married to their part. It can be an artistic miracle when an original band comes up with a set of solid rocking self-written songs.

This means the band really likes each other and/or there is a visionary among them guiding the band. As you can tell being in an original band is harder to get a set of material down than a cover band in which the material is already written and pre-tested with audiences.

Of course that's not to say being in a cover band is an easy ride. See you next week

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The Grand Concourse was designed by Louis Aloys Risse who studied drawing and art in Paris as a teenager. It should come as no surprise, therefore, that when designing the Grand Concourse, he chose to pattern it after the Champs Elysses in Paris. He was the chief engineer for the 23rd and 24th wards when he conceived the idea for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse circa 1890 but it would be another five years before the needed properties could be acquired. Construction began in 1902 and it was its huge width of 182 feet that made it a grand route for parades and an attractive option for architects.

Real development, however, would have to wait for the arrival of rapid transit. The nearby Jerome Avenue overhead IRT line was introduced in 1917 opening up that section of our borough to development. The opening of Yankee Stadium and the Concourse Plaza Hotel in 1923 drew the attention of some families who looked

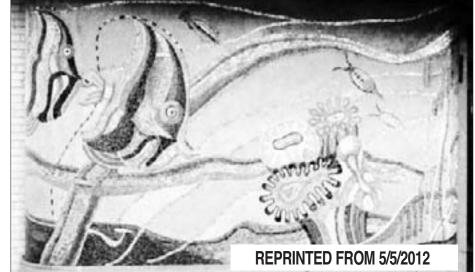
native to the congestion of Manhattan. The real boon to the Concourse, however, would have to await the arrival of the IND line in 1933.

The Grand Concourse was ideally suited to development since no demolition was required. Builders could save money when working with vacant land and no time was lost when it came to developing the Grand Concourse. Architects and builders soon began filling the vacant land with five and six story apartment houses, many in the Art Deco style. They built about three hundred by the mid-1930's and they were rented almost as fast as they were constructed. The masses from Manhattan saw an opportunity to move into a bright airy apartment with elevators and doormen

at the area and saw an alter- on the spacious boulevard close to public transportation and parks. It was like a dream come true for many.

> Today the Art Deco designs attract quite a bit of attention and some buildings are identified by their design. The six-story Fish Building at 1150 Grand Concourse off McClellan Street, designed by Jacob Felson, is so called from the fancy mosaics of fish and marine life adorning its facade. The lobby contains murals of dreamy sea maidens, frogs and swans and the floor is ornamented terrazzo. It's the wrap-around windows and tawny brickwork with brown banding, however, that really define the building as Art Deco. It has 117 apartments and can be found on the east side of the concourse

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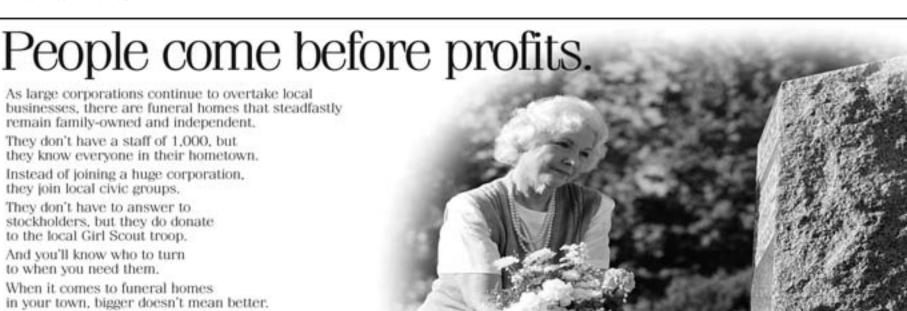


This photo of the Fish Building on the Grand Concourse from Forgotten New York shows the detailed mosaic that draws in tourists and Art Deco lovers from around the world. It is located at 1150 Grand Concourse at McClellan Street.

Deco building by Felson is nearby at 1188 Grand Concourse. This six-story buff brick building has 101 apartments and was built between 1936 and 1938. The dark orange brick ornamentation and saw tooth pattern arrest vour attention. The entrance has pink marble

framework and the lobby ated the Grand Concourse features four nature scene murals and a terrazzo floor of varied colored concentric circles. It's well worth a visit when checking out the Art Deco glories of the Grand Concourse.

The National Register of Historic Places creHistoric District in 1987. It stretches from 153rd Street to 167th Street and includes 78 buildings most of which are on the famed boulevard. Should you visit this historic site, bring along a camera.





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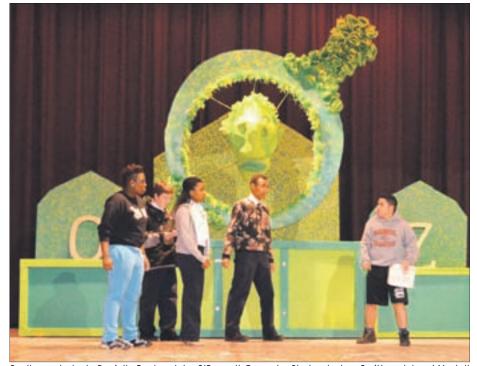
Students from Cardinal Spellman High School practice during a recent rehearsal for the production of The Wiz in the school's auditorium.

Since October, the young actors and actresses have been preparing for opening night.

The Cardinal's Players will present The Wiz, the 1975 Broadway play with music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and book by William Brown, based on the story "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum on Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 8:00 P.M., and Sunday, April 13at 2:30

Tickets are available at: www.cardinalspellman.org and click on the link to buy

For more information, email: playtickets@cardinalspellman.org or telephone (718) 881-8000, ext. 231.



Spellman students Danielle Bagley, John O'Donnell, Romeche Clarke, Joshua Smith and Jared Martell during a rehearsal for the upcoming performance of The Wiz.

Special Assembly at St. Catharine Academy

Carla Harris, Morgan Stanley Managing Director, acclaimed gospel singer and performer, and accomplished author, wowed an SCA student assembly with the powerful message "Owning Your Own Power". Her captive audience was 75 students representing Trustee Scholars, chorus members, and the Praise Dancer troupe.

Harris, who recently was

appointed by President Barack Obama as Chair of the National Women's Business Council, has performed to four sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall and authored the book "Expect to Win".

Born to humble beginnings in Jacksonville, Florida. Harris offered a blueprint for success: Never count yourself out. Give it your best. Don't be afraid to try. Do not let money be

an issue and network, network, network. She encouraged students to find their grounding in a rich spiritual life, strong academic background, personal experience, and networking with people.

A lively period of discussion followed which covered everything from the college application process (Ms. Harris earned BA and MBA degrees from

Harvard) to voice lessons. Leaving the Assembly one student was overheard to say, "I got up this morning thinking something good was going to happen. It happened right here in this Assembly."

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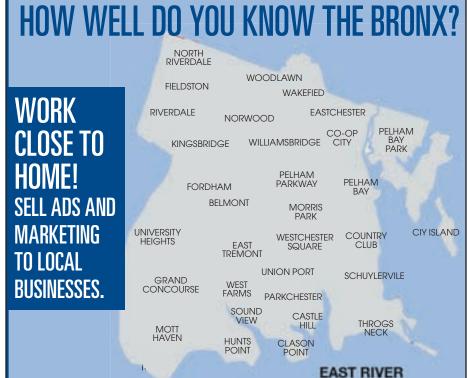
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Nominations for Bronx Volunteers of the Year

The Bronx Volunteer Coalition (BxVC) is a memberled coalition of Bronx organizations with a mission to increase volunteerism in the Bronx through information-sharing and collaboration among member organizations while acting as a hub for Bronx residents to give back to their community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC, a city-wide one-toone mentoring organization has taken a lead role in the BxVC. "Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC is currently facing what we call a mentoring gap in the Bronx, where 29% of the children we serve reside in the Bronx, but just 5% of our mentors do. The Bronx Volunteer Coalition is going to help us close this gap," says Michael Coughlin, Chief Quality Assurance Officer of Big Brothers Big Sisters of NYC and a founding member of the Coalition.

The Bronx Volunteer Coalition seeks to honor members of our Community who have uplifted the borough through volunteering. The

Thousands of volunteers contribute to hundreds of organizations throughout the Bronx.

Marlon Molina

Bronx Volunteer Coalition will recognize 4 outstanding Bronx Residents in the categories of "Young Volunteer Leader", "Neighborhood Impact", "Lifetime

Volunteer Service", and "Organized Volunteer Impact". The nomination process is open to the public through March 31st. Voting will also be open to the public and run throughout the month of April. Awards will be presented during Bronx Week in May. To nominate a Bronx Volunteer of the year visit www. bxvc.org/votya.

"Thousands of volunteers contribute to hundreds of organizations throughout the Bronx. Their work has a profound effect on the lives of many Bronxites. We want to celebrate their contribution and achievement," says Marlon Molina, a founding member of the Bronx Volunteer Coalition.

For more information on the criteria for each award category as well as the nomination process please contact Samara Weiss at sweiss@bigsnyc.org.

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Forum of Italian American Educators I, Inc.

We cordially invite you to attend FIAME's Thirtieth Annual Awards Dinner Dance Friday, April 4, 2014 at 6 pm Villa Barone Manor, 737 Throggs Neck Expy Bronx NY

Honoring:

Maria Scarpinito Quail Network Leader, Children First Network No. 109 Donna Rapaccioli, PhD Fordham University, Dean, Gabelli School of Business Charles Sperrazza Principal PS 108 Sister Diane Mastroianni, ASCJ Principal, Santa Maria School Christie Cirillo Crosby Grade Two Teacher, PS/MS 498 Roseann Leone Kindergarten Teacher, St. Benedict's

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Upcoming events: March 28, Support the Troops, courtesy of Sam Young Post 620 is sold out, maybe hang out at their bar and say thanks for assisting us.

On April 11, we will have our National Commander's visit to Antun's in Queens, sold out too I believe.

On May 18, the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corp. will have a fun fundraiser at Preston High School. Please support this important neighborhood organization!

On May 19, we will have a new GI Film Festival starting in the VA - DC area. More info to follow - a young man who made a film

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Korony American Legion Post 253

about our Bronx Military Museum is a past winner of this worthwhile event.

On April 27, the Korony Post Color Guard will open the 82nd Assembly District award luncheon at Villa Barone in Pelham Bay. JP got our crew looking sharp and in demand for gigs and I am one of the honorees this year.

Committee Reports: A great day for the St. Patricks Day Parade! Thanks, marchers.

Thanks to Senator Jeff Klein for his Annual Ms. America Valentine Day visit to the VA Hospital.

Our Hill Day visit was a success, thanks Pat and Guy for keeping an eye on what's going on.

Gene will be working on a Gen. Colin Powell mural at Allerton and Wallace avenues. More to follow on the exact dedication day for this special Bronx resident.

"Belly Bomber Bingo" was a big success, thanks to Tony F, and all the helpers.

Discount tickets for plays and such are available at www.vet.tix.org.

The Dept. of NY Legion College may have two new students, Gene and Christine, for a fun but worthwhile veterans learning experience.

Harold Glackin from American Legion Judo was recognized for 50 years membership!

Pat reported on the possibility of \$600 million to help homeless vets. Always more to follow on this most important endeavor.

Until Next Time: Check out www.TheodoreKorony253.com and participate! Thanks, Colleen.

BY JOANNE TIMMINS March is Women's History Month

This month is Women's History Month. Comprising a bit more than 50 % of the population, women have uttered many words of wisdom but the words quoted in this article seem especially relevant to those of us who do the work of TNCAP, a community coalition dedicated to preventing underage substance use and abuse. Do you recognize any of the 3 quotes in this article? Answers are provided at the end.

1."Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

When you think about it, mountains have been moved by a combination of confidence and hope. People have righted wrongs, achieved goals and persevered in the face of daunting odds with generous helpings of confidence and hope. Those of us in substance abuse prevention have seen the wonders that can be worked when people commit themselves to creating healthier, safer communities by tackling the thorny issues of under-

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age drinking and drugging. Since 1998, the Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership has been meeting to steadily build support and consensus among community residents, educators, faith groups, law enforcement, merchants, & local legislators on how best to safeguard our youths' fu-

ture by promoting an antidrug message.

2. "Energy rightly applied can accomplish anything."

TNCAP needs to acknowledge the contributions of all of our members, whose energy, confidence and hope has led us to accomplish so much! Our collaboration with the 45th Precinct through the years has been especially meaningful. Their responsiveness to community concerns has led to increased "hot spot" checks for teenage drinking, DWI checkpoints, and compliance checks of businesses to ensure that they are not selling alcohol to under-21 year olds.

Local merchants attend our Alcohol Training Awareness Program to help them comply with the laws and regulations of New York State in selling alcohol. Our attendees have consistently told us that they find the training to be helpful & informative. Our reputation as a provider of this merchant training is expanding beyond the borders of the Bronx! For this, we have to acknowledge the consistent support and involvement of CB #10 in promoting this program.

OurParent Coordinators are tireless in their dedication and efforts to spread the prevention message to the students and their families. Talk about energy! Our Annual Poster Campaign is soon to be underway in area middle schools, thanks in large part to them. Our message this year is, "The Risk is Real. I Make Good Choices about Pedestrian Safety." As you know, the Mayor of New York City has identified pedestrian safety as one of his important initiatives and we here in Throggs Neck stand ready to do our part! Soon you will see the children's posters in local store windows. Please be sure to take a look and to thank the merchant for his community-mindedness in allowing the poster to be hung. Senator Jeff Klein's generous donation of the posters must also be acknowledged.

3. "The most effective way to do it is to do it."

If you've ever seen one of our Bottle Tags gracing the neck of a bottle of beer, you can thank Lehman High School and Preston High School students. These kids have periodically volunteered to go into local stores to tag bottles with a message to adults that says, "Teach your teen to think, not drink." These tags serve as a reminder to over 21-year olds and to parents that it is both illegal and unsafe to provide alcohol to minors. These young students, full of optimism and hope for their future, deserve accolades for setting a great example to their peers and the communityat-large.

We could go on (and we will in future columns) to highlight the determined participation of our members to make a difference by getting things done. Our members volunteer their time, share their resources, offer meeting space accommodations, & wear down their shoe leather to get our message out to all. The future is looking good, and we're helping to make it happen.

As always, your feedback is welcomed at jtimmins@adapp.org.

Answers: 1. Helen Keller 2. Nelly Bly 3. Amelia Earhart

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BY MARCIA ANNE PAVLICA

The scuttle butt from NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) still considered unofficial, since DDC has not put it in writing and since they are still evauluating the tunneling approach, is that the tunneling approach MAY not happen in the construction of the new storm water line as previously planned. The three chambers that have been dug revealed too many boulders and boulders too large in size to be effectively drilled through to accept the new storm water pipe.

Boulders have been found in many areas of this project. Those who read our dribble may recall that one boulder which was excavated was 11 feet by 9 feet in size, certainly not your garden size variety. Others were of similar size. The anticipated form of construction according to DDC now being considered is the digging of an open trench from

Stadium west to Baisley. It is also highly probable, according to DDC, that all utility poles will have to be moved (and the lines that are attached to them -cable, telephone, etc.) from the south side of the street to the north side of the street, due to an open trench

Once that is accomplished by each of the companies who own the lines, the street will be dug open by the contractor with a proposed trench (per DDC) of 11 feet wide and 35 feet deep. Access to the street by the homeowners?

You can read between the lines as well of we can. The schedule for the open trench will potentially start the Summer of 2014 if this method is chosen (our Neighbors in Riverdale on West 238th Street are currently living through similar street closures and an open trench 8 feet wide and 35 feet deep.) Our concern is of course access to our homes not only by us but by

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Police, Fire and Sanitation as well, during the digging. I can hear the cat calls out there by some as they read this: "Again, with the dumb sewer" and we would hope there would be some who would have compassion for what we are going to be living through.

When our association was formed 41 years ago, we became part of a greater community and their problems and needs always were a part of the quality of life of our community.

At our February meeting, I broached the delicate topic of Potter's Field- the island one mile off our neighbors of City Island- 130 acres in size where lies the mass graves of one million poor, indigent, still-born infants and the bodies of men

and women unclaimed from City Hospitals and the City Morgue. The Potters Field on Hart Island is the only remaining active cemetary of its kind in New York City. There used to be numerous Potters Field sites like it, filled to capacity and then re-designated as City Parks (City Hall Park, Bryant Park behind the 42nd Street Library, and even Washington Square Park). Our Island Neighbor Hart Island was also used through the years as a reformatory for boys and also as an insane asylum. It was also used as a military operations site.

Now the only active Potters Field in NYC, the wooden pine coffin boxes arrive several days a week from all boroughs. The wooden coffins are now logged in with a GPS location, but the mass grave can only be viewed from a wooden gezebo at the end of a ferry boat ride, denying emotional closure to those who might like to visit,

stand, pray and/or lay flowers.

Since the island is under the jurisdiction of the NYC Dept. of Corrections, visitors can only arrive from City Island by Ferry and must relinquish their cell phones, cameras and such, returned to them after their brief visit.

Families are requesting that the island be turned over to the NYC Parks Department and that the site be opened to family members. A bill on this subject has been introduced into NYC City Council. Many have concerns that this subject may best be served by the creation of a consortium of concerned City Agencies so that this cemetary and its occupants can be treated with dignity and respect.

Currently, a detail of inmates from Rikers Island are those who bury the pine boxes in the mass grave. City Island's "The Current" has respectfully covered this subject for their readers as has the New York Times. A series of meetings have been held on City Island and at our Community Board 10 on this subject. If you have feelings on this, there will be a decision reached by NYC City Council

Currently in C.B. 10 listing of Capital Budget items for 2015, the Department of Parks items are annotated "no funds available" and/or "see your elected officials".

So, how can the Department of Parks maintain the island and its current use without funding?

Our elected Councilman is of course James Vacca, and our point person in his office is Jeff Kohn (718-931-1721). Some at our members wanted to voice their opinion on the bill. We share the information with you.

And as always, "Your Home extends beyond your property line.Take pride in your Community.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

Tonight is the LPCA CSA Open House and Pot Luck Dinner. I still need to decide what I'm cooking, cook it and prep for the evening. I'll try to keep this simple.

After Superstorm Sandy knocked out our civic house, we appealed to all of our elected officials for help. We promised everyone that the investment in repairing the damage to the civic house would be returned to as many people as we could. Part of that promise was to begin offering "Adult Enrichment" classes to all our Throggs Neck neighbors.

With that in mind, Locust Point Civic Association is excited to announce our four part cooking class series.

Classes are being taught by our CSA Core Members and will cover a variety of techniques for everyone from beginners to experienced home cooks.

All classes require advance reservations and are limited to 12 people, so please RSVP to: cnapolitano@netzero.net. All classes are \$20 per person per class. If you would like to attend all four classes, you can purchase the series for \$75 per person. You must be 18 to attend classes. Anyone 16 to 18 must be accompanied by a parent and will be charged the same. All classes are being held at the Locust Point Civic Association, 3300 Tierney Place.

Class 1: Monday, April



7 from 6 to p.m.: Macaroni and Cheese from Scratch

Teacher: Chrys Napolitano, CSA Core Member and Food Writer

Forget the box with the powder, make Macaroni and Cheese from scratch. Inspired by the fact that many of us count Mac 'n Cheese from a box one of our first culinary adventures, our first cooking class will be devoted to making this comfort food. The class will cover the whole process from beginning

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to end, resulting in a delicious meal for the class to share. During the class, we will discuss ways to change the recipe to add variety to your menu plans.

Class 2: Monday, April 21 from 6pm to 9pm

Stock and Soup Workshop

Teacher: Chrys Napolitano

The class will begin with a review of the basics for making stock from meat bones and will allow attendees to see the process from beginning to end, including jarring up enough stock for attendees to bring home a quart for their use. After reviewing the stock making process, instructor will review two basic soup recipes and the many variations that can be tried at home. The class will end with a delicious soup tasting.

Class 3: Monday, May 5 from 6 to 9 p.ml: Basics of Vegetarian Cooking

Teacher: Ann Kelly, CSA Core Member and Certified Holistic Health Coach

Have you been wondering about how to get more Veggie into your life? Have you heard of the Super grain Quinoa but don't know what to do with it? Come to this hands-on class and have fun while we make three delicious Vegetarian dishes. You will learn all the skills to make these dishes and more variations. Two dishes will be cooked and the third dish will be raw. You will walk away with all the recipes and shopping list so you can recreate these dishes at home. At the end of class we will share our creations which will have enough protein to keep you satisfied.

Class 4: Monday, May 19 from 6 to 9 p.m.: It's a Pizza Party!

Teacher: Lourdes Harkins, CSA Core Member & Graduate of JustFood's Cooking Classes

The class will begin with a demonstration of how to make your own pizza dough from scratch. Participants will then be able to make a batch for themselves to bring home and use on their own. Afterwards, the class will work with prepared dough to make their own pizzas, utilizing a variety of toppings. Instructor will review additional toppings that can be added to your menu plan to utilize seasonal and local toppings. Students are encouraged to bring their own pizza stones or pizza pans if they

have one.

But wait, there's more: Yoga Open House, Wed. April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. We are so excited to have Patty Haney, a lifelong Throggs Neck resident and licensed Yoga Instructor, to teach this class. To reserve your space at our open house, contact Patty at kycnyc@aol.com. This event is free and open to all. Regular classes will begin at the civic the following week. If Zumba is more your thing, our Open House will be on Thursday, April 17 at 7pm. This class will be taught by Natasha Soto, a Certified Zumba Instructor. Regular classes will begin the following week.

Last week, we started an Exercise Class for Seniors, which is being taught by Debbie McKillop, another Throggs Neck local, Certified Fitness Instructor and formerly with Fusion Fitness. This popular class is open to all and is being held on Tuesdays at 11am. The cost per class is \$6.

We have more classes planned, so check out the Locust Point Civic Center Column for more updates. In the meantime, be the change you want to see in the world.



Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 14. Our guest speaker will be John Doyle, Associate Director of the Department of Marketing, Public and Community Relations at Jacobi Medical Center. He will speak about the many wonderful programs at Jacobi . He will also inform us about the steps that are being taken to decrease hospital born infections such as staph. It is important to be knowledgeable about our neighborhood hospitals so I hope you can attend this important meeting.

This is also a time to make suggestions about what we, as a community, need to make our healthcare safer, more responsive and of a better quality. Jacobi is really making an effort to improve and they are

very community oriented. So, come and learn about what's new at one of our best neighborhood hospitals.

Primavera Italian Language Program

On Saturday, March 1, 40 students from the Primavera Italian Language Program received certificates of completion for their hard work and diligence. course, it was fun too! They learned about the culture and customs of Italy as well as learning the Italian language. And, oh let's not forget about the delicious food!

Senator Klein Tommy Messina (from Congressman Crowley's office) gave out the certificates and congratulated each student. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to do so.

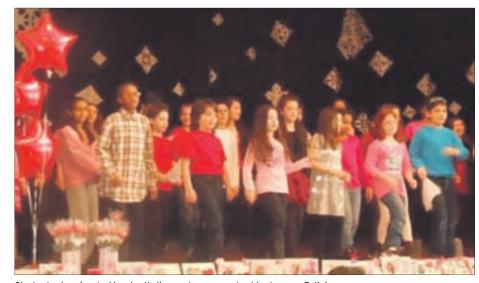
The theme for the ceremony was "Amore" (Love). Each student wrote a mes-

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sage in Italian on their picture frame and gave it to a loved one along with a chocolate rose. At the end of the ceremony, students gave supporters of the program a chocolate rose to thank them for helping to keep this wonderful program accessible to the children in our neighborhood.

Waterbury LaSalle Community Association is a proud supporter of this program. We are particularly happy that children of all backgrounds attend and learn the beautiful Italian language. While tasting Italian foods, learning Italian customs and learning another language they are



Students dancing to Mambo Italiana, choreographed by Lenore Feliciano.

also preparing for High School entrance exams. Learning Italian has been proven to increase vocabulary skills! What a great way to prepare for that big

The ceremony ended with a delicious lunch and sweet desserts for all.

A special congratulations goes to Anthony Longhitano who received a scholarship to La Scoula d'

Italia High School in Manhattan. Also, we'd like to congratulate all of the 8th grade students from the program that were accepted into the High School of their choice. Great job!

BY LYNN GERBINO

Our next meeting will be on Earth Day, April 22, at 7:30 at the Villa Barone Manor. Currently we have one speaker on the agenda. Dorothy Poggi, of the Friends of Ferry Point who will give us a power point presentation on different projects in the community, including what is coming into the community including the 911 center, new retail stores, the Metro North station, environmental applications for added green areas and other park and waterfront issues.

Locust Point Events... Now that the Locust Point Civic is back in action, here

are some programs and upcoming events that are being offered to the community:

Tuesday, March 18 at Senior Exercise 11am: Class beginscnapolitano@ netzero.net

Friday, March 21 at 7pm: Kids Night

Sunday, March 23 at 10am: Civic House Work Day

Monday, March 24 at 6pm: CSA Pot Luck Dinner and Open House

Thursday, April 3 at 7pm: Bingo (Sen Klein's Office will be sending out a flyer but we are so excited to be hosting the opening night!)

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Cooking Classes, Monday, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5 and 5/19 (additional flyer with more information will be emailed ASAP).

Wednesday, April 9 at 7pm: Yoga Open House (classes to begin the following Wednesday night)

Saturday, June 7: Save the Date - Comedy Night more info to come

Feel free to email Chrys Napolitano at cnapolitano@ netzero.net or call her at347

607 7705 for details.

For anyone who is interested, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 1634 Mahan Avenue, has the Catholic Widows and Widowers Club, which meets on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the basement meeting room of the Church. The entrance is up the driveway to the side door. All are welcome to this non-denominational club. For more information. please call Jim at 914-637-6203

If you are interested in free trees here is some information I received from the Borough President's Office:

Spring Tree Giveaway Information:

> Date: March 29, 2014 Time: 10am-12pm

Place: Hunts Point Riverside Park (Intersection of Lafayette Ave and Edgewater Rd)

RSVP: www.nyrp.org/ ssbx

Though registration is not required to receive a tree, a limited quantity of trees will be available on a first-come, first-served ba-

Join Sustainable South Bronx, MillionTrees, and NYRP for the Annual Spring Tree Giveaway! This year, we have 100 trees to distribute to Bronx residents for free. At the event we will have our trained Tree Care Captains demonstrating how to care for your new tree. Each participant who claims a tree will also be able to take home free organic mulch.

TREE REQUIRE-

To pick up a free tree, you must agree:

- · To plant in one of the five boroughs.
- · To keep trees properly watered and maintained.
- · Not to plant along streets, in containers, terraces, balconies or on roofs.

Have a wonderful week!! As always, you can reach us at 718-823-0327.

BY AL BELFIORE

This past Tues. night we called a special meeting of the Locust Point Board of Directors in order to deal with the cat problem that has been plaguing our neighborhood for the longest time. I truly believe that our hearts are in the right place, as we don't want any harm to come to any of God's creatures.

That being said, it was decided that the cats that have taken up refuge in the civic building, would have to be humanely trapped, spayed and brought to Animal Care and Control, to, then, be put up for adoptioni. As hard as that decision was, we all felt that is in the best interest of the cats. The other problem is that one of the females is pregnant or might

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have possibly given birth by now. So, for now, we will have to wait a few weeks to accomplish this. At that time, we will have to repair their entrance in and out of the building.

The next event will be Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 12 from 10 am to 12 noon. Immediately following the breakfast there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the beach. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. All Locust Point members are welcome.

Comedy night will be Sat. June 7. For reservations contact Jerry Landi @landijerry@yahoo.com. Price will be \$30 p/p paid donation in advance, \$35 p/p donation at the door. Doors open at 8 pm, show starts at 10 pm. We are told there will be between 7 and 10 comedians. Snacks will be provided on each table and beverages will be available for a nominal fee.

"Dancing Under The Stars" event will be held in July (possibly Sat the 5th). My band, "Just Nuts" will be the featured entertainment and, I'm sure there will be special guests as well. This event will be bigger than ever and will be a major source of revenue for the civic.

Thank You for reading!

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Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1277015 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1201 Evergreen Ave., Bronx, NY 10472 for on-premises consumption; Vista Hermosa Deli Restaurant Inc.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 3/17/14, bearing Index Number NC-000076-14/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) Marie (Middle) Grasse (Last) Sarr. My present name is (First) Marie (Middle) Katherine Grasse (Last) Sarr AKA Marie Katherine Grasse (Last). My present address is 1255 Stratford Avenue, F 1, Bronx, NY 10472. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is May 21, 2012.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on March 11, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000077-14/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) Cashmere Curtis. My present name is (First) Cashmere (Last) Rodriguez. My present address is 675 Morris Avenue, Apt 8Q, Bronx, NY 10451. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is January 15, 1987.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 2/28/2014, bearing Index Number NC-000053-14/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) Christopher (Middle) Alan (Last) Perry. My present name is (First) Christopher (Middle) Alan (Last) Robertson AKA Christopher A Robertson Perry. My present address is 1225 Hollywood Avenue, Apt 2R, Bronx, NY 10461. My place of birth is Manhattan, New York. My date of birth is October 27. 1985.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on Oct. 3, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000401-13/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) Yolanda (Middle) Denise (Last) Wilson. My present name is (First) Yolanda (Middle) Denise (Last) Van Nooten AKA Yolanda Denise Wilson AKA Yolanda D. Wilson AKA Yolanda D. Wilson AKA Yolanda Wilson. My present address is 3225 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. My place of birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is March 31, 1972.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on February 18, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-00031-14/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) Maurice (Middle) Chavalier (Last) Johnson. My present name is (First) Marris (Middle) C. (Last) Johnson AKA Maurice C. Johnson AKA Maurice Johnson. My present address is 2018 Monterey Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is October 15, 1968.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 280 shares of stock of 3065 SEDGWICK OWNERS CORPORATION. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 3065 SEDGWICK AVE, Apt. 6C, BRONX, NY 10468. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on April 21, 2014 at 01:15 PM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York. County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court Suite 301 Fishkill, NY 12524 845.897.1600

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. NYCTL 2012-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Pltf. vs. JOHN EDOZIE, et al, Defts. Index #260226/13. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Feb. 3, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Apr. 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 772 East 233rd St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4846, Lot 76. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$5,640.72 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of LAWRENCÉ ŠHEEHAN, Referee. SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC, Attys. For Pltf., 105 Maxess Rd., Ste. N109, (631) 844-9611 (File No. Melville, NY. 13-024239 - #83811)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY GREENTREE SERVICING, LLC; Plaintiff(s)

vs. ZAIDA SANTAMARIA; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 23, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On April 21, 2014 at 02:00 PM

Premises known as 2100 EAST TREMONT AVENUE 7-E, BRONX, NY 10462

Block: 3944 Lot: 2892

The Unit known as Apartment No. 7E thereinafter called "the Unit" in the building known as number #7 and by the street number 2100 East Tremont Avenue in the Borough and County of The Bronx, City and State of New York, designated and described as Unit No. 7E in the Declaration establishing The Parkchester North Condominium. TOGETHER with an undivided .0290 per cent interest in the common elements of the Property thereinafter called the "common elements".

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$96,849.04 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381374/10

William F. Mackey Jr., Esq., REFEREE

The art of the compromise by Tom Allon

It is often said that good politics involves the "art of the compromise." To get things done and make progress, which should be the goal of every elected leader, there needs to be give and take.

This lesson seems to have been lost in Washington in recent years, where a polarized Congress has passed fewer and fewer pieces of legislation each session. If Republicans take over the Senate in the upcoming election cycle, we may expect even less during the last two lame-duck years of the Obama administration.

Here in New York, it is budget season in Albany and we're witnessing lots of horse trading to get things done.

Will it produce a compromise on the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act, otherwise known as the Dream Act? Probably not, but there's still time until the legislative session ends in late June to get that important progressive vision realized and help our immigrant young get great educations.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has been exemplary in his ability to use compromise to move his agenda forward. Some think he sacrificed a lot of important goals over the years - such as independent redistricting - but his signature achievements of marriage equality and capping property taxes came about because of his willingness to wheel and deal.

Mayor Bill de Blasio has exhibited his ability to cut deals in his first few months in office. He traded air rights for more affordable housing with the Domino Sugar development in Brooklyn, a move that could serve as a model for the mayor's future relationship with the real estate development community.

The mayor's signature education initiative, universal prekindergarten, is a great idea that many have pursued unsuccessfully in the past two decades. The governor decided to push this idea forward throughout the state, but he squashed the mayor's plan to raise taxes on high earners to fund it.

The mayor is making a mistake by continuing to push for the tax. Instead, he should accept Cuomo's compromise and focus his team on implementing this ambitious plan to add thousands of new seats in city public schools for early childhood edu-

After all, once kids are in those seats, it won't matter to constituents who is paying for it.

There's an old saying that should apply here for the new mayor: "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good."

Compromise is an important skill in life. Let's hope the new mayor's early signs of deal-making continue.

Tom Allon, president of City

TOM ALLON

& 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.

BY FATHER RICHARD F. GORMAN Why "As-of-Right" Is Wrong (Last in a Series)

The nascent housing development in Woodlawn Heights at the intersection of East 236TH Street and Vireo Avenue continues to grow in size in direct proportion to the amount of agita and angst it continues to engender. Questions persist as to who exactly is responsible for the development, what his/her/ their intentions are with regard to the building, who is going to live at 524 East 236TH Street, what its impact upon the local neighborhood and Woodlawn Heights as a whole will be, what ultimately will come to be at the site, and whether or not Woodlawn Heights should be preparing for some sort of development and population with which it will neither be satisfied or com-

Even as I pen the last of my columns to you relative to "asof-right" development and this particular instance of it, despite ongoing attempts and persistent efforts on the part of our vigilant New York State Senator, The Honorable Jeffrey D. Klein, and his assiduous staff to arrange a meeting with the principals behind the project, none has vet transpired, although yet another prospective date is on the calendar. This circumstance highlights a particularly exasperating and frustrating aspect of "as-ofright" development -- viz., that, since the individual(s) behind the project are permitted and empowered to develop by the specific zoning category of the site, there is no need or mandate to seek the approval of government agencies, including those entrusted with zoning and development issues, or even to conduct outreach to the residents of the area that the undertaking will affect, whether beneficially or detrimentally. Of course, it can be argued that an individual who 'has a right" to engage in a legal activity should not be made to either forgo an opportunity or to have said legal prerogative proscribed. Nonetheless, conversely, do folks living in a certain area have any rights to preserve and/or further their interests? Could not a reasonable and feasible balance between these two aforesaid and diametrically-opposite points be formulated? Could not some form of compromise and give-n'-take brought into being?

Of course, "YOURS TRULY" would certainly be interested in bringing about such a situation. I truly have no problem with someone playing by the rules of the game and trying to make a buck. On the other hand, even if legally permissible and protected, why does such an endeavor have to take us "ninetynine percenters" to the cleaners in so many cases? At the very least, could it not be lawfully prescribed that those seeking to develop a site or to locate an enterprise in an established neighborhood communicate with and be both expected and obliged to communicate with us locals? Certainly, it does not hurt to talk or to listen. Doing so, though, can facilitate tolerance or understanding -- and, perhaps, even acquiescence and acceptance, grudging or otherwise -- between opponents having contrasting and conflicting viewpoints. Moreover, it is

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not unfathomable or impossible that a developer with an idea can refine, improve, or even discover a better substitute for a proposed project. True, it takes time to talk and listening entails and compels patience, openmindedness, and, perchance, a bit of humility. Not all success comes in the form and can be measured by dollars and cents. Some in business and in Government need to be reminded of this fact.

At some point, I am confident that State Senator Klein and his assistants will successfully arrange and conduct a meeting with Mr. Ray Kahn, the so-called Managing Member of record for "LIMITEC LIABILITY COMPANY (L.L.C.)", the supposed "Entity Owner" listed on documents pertaining to the 524 East 236TH Street development on file with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (N.Y.C.H.P.D.). However, curiously the developing business called the "East 236TH Street L.L.C." is a "limited liability company," which in law is defined as "a flexible form of enterprise that blends elements of partnership and corporate structures, a legal form of company and business structure that provides limited liability to its owners in the vast majority of jurisdictions throughout the United States" -- please excuse me for being suspicious. My antennae are was up on this one. Who, in real point of fact, is the owner and person behind this scheme? Who really will reap the harvest and take home the big bucks from this building? What are this person's genuine intentions? Does this individual have any alternative or back-up plans should the initial -- or merely professed -- one fail? Oh, by the by, just to further tweak your interest and to thicken the plot, "limited liability" is where "one's financial liability is limited to a fixed sum, most commonly the value of a said person's investment in a company or partnership. If a company with limited liability is sued. then the plaintiffs -- i.e., those undertaking to sue -- are suing

the company, not its owners or its investors. A shareholder, or investor, in a limited company is not personally liable for any of the debts of said enterprise, other than for the value of his/ her investment in that company. This usually takes the form of that stakeholder's dividends in the company being zero, since the limited company has no profits to distribute." HMMMNM! This sort of makes you wonder now, doesn't it?

It is not unheard of limited liability companies (L.L.C.'s) suddenly springing up for the purposes of construction and development and subsequently disappearing just as quickly after the building comes to an

end. It is not unusual for an alleged business enterprise to function as a shield and camouflage for the authentic owner/ developer who is really putting up the money and/or intending to garner the profits from a given endeavor. It is not outof-the-question for a crafty and cunning developer to propose a purpose for a project that is deliberately designed to fail so that said developer can allegedly fall back on a more unpopular proposal that was always intended to produce a pot of gold.

Is this the case with this new development in Woodlawn Heights? We shall see. STAY TUNED!

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Sorry about last week's lack of column. My computer was acting stupid. Stupidly, adverb. It corrected itself without any help from me except foul language.

The Edgewater Park Social and Welfare Association is collecting clothing for homeless vets.

They need good, clean slightly used men's clothing. New underwear all sizes and many socks. they can also use trial size toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, soaps deodorants, shampoos and lotions.

These items can be dropped off at the Edgewater Park Firehouse on April 5, between the hours of 10 AM-3 PM. Any questions, Call Barbara Lindsay at

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

239-784-3789. Thanks for the

This in from Sandy Rolon who should have her own column in the BXTM-SRPTR.

Save the date: Thursday May 22 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the New Yorker Hotel. This is an employment opportunity event Contact RecruitMilitary,LLC West Loveland Rd. Loveland, Ohio, 45140.

The City of Mount Vernon is looking for vets who have a NYS Security Guard License to work at locations throughout New York State. Full uniforms are provided. Pay rate is \$13 per hour/ \$500 per week to start. For more info: Chanese Coleman at 914-699-7230 xt132. E-mail ccoleman@cmvny. com or Tamarris Lewis 914-699-7230xt113 E-mail tlewis@cmvny.com

Trivia Time!!

Elvis was sworn into the Army on March 24, 1958.

On the same date in 1989, the Exxon Valdez leaked in Alaska.

The first Medal of Honor was awarded to Jacob Parrott on March 25, 1863.

On March 25, 1911, The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire happened with the loss of 146 lives.

On the same date in 1990, The Happyland fire was set with the loss of 87 lives.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY NYCTL 1996-1 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN; Plaintiff(s)

FRANKLIN JÍMINEZ A/K/A FRANKLIN JIMENEZ; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, NY 12524. 845-897-1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about October 31, 2002, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 118, Bronx, NY.

On April 7, 2014 at 02:00 PM

Premises known as 370 WILLIS AVE, **BRONX, NY 10454**

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$36,560.69 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 23035/97 Susan Lubowitz, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

SRMOF 2009-1; Plaintiff(s) vs. AHMED ABUBÁKAR; et al;

Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI,

ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524. 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about November 18, 2013, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on Any Monday Except Holidays.

On April 7, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 4304 GRACE AVE, **BRONX, NY 10466**

Block: 5055 Lot: 3

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

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$410.423.92 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380188/11

JOYCE A. BROWN, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF9; Plaintiff(s)

WAYNE GONZALEZ; et al; VS. Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 18. 2013. I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On April 7, 2014 at 2:00 PM Premises known as 278 ROBINSON

AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10465

Block: 5599 Lot: 140

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, known and designated on the Map for the City of New York, County of Bronx, as Block 5599, Lot 140.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$731,762.49 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381828/09 Carl Lucas, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE.

Plaintiff.

Against

EULOGIO GOMEZ; NAIDA GOMEZ. et

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 06/14/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/14/2014 at 2:00 PM premises known as 1150 East 225 Street Bronx, NY 10466.

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

Block 4903 Lot 171

Approximate amount of lien \$595,200,10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380924/07

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 attorney.

Charles Taibi, Esq., Referee.

Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 2/28/2014 File Number: 705751832 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF **BRONX**

U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3 HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3

Plaintiff(s) Against

CARLOS DE LA CONCHA: et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 1/16/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/21/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 216 Betts Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.

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

Block 3461 Lot 13

Approximate amount of lien \$482,903.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380677/10

Eleanor P. Valle, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road , Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 2/18/2014 File Number: 20580

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF **BRONX**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFC 2007- WMC1 TRUST FUNDING BACKED CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007- WMC1.

Plaintiff(s) Against

DENNIS JOHN O 'GARA, JANE RODRIGUEZ.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 1/28/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/14/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2033 Lurting Avenue Bronx, NY 10461.

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 BRONX Block 4303 Lot 10

Approximate amount of lien \$532,847.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380848/2010

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

Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

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

Dated: 3/4/2014 70848130

File Number:

LEGAL NOTICE

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

FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, Plaintiff(s),

Against JULIO RIVERA; CARMEN SANBRAJA; et

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 11/29/2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/7/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2701 Dewitt PI, 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Block 4564 Lot 1

Approximate amount of lien \$341,334,16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380318-08

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

Gary S. Basso, Esq., Referee Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY

Dated: 2/3/2014 File Number: 7090800694 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-EQ1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-EQ1

Plaintiff(s), Against

GARY ST ARMAND; Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 1/7/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on

4/7/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as

1594 Unionport Road # 3g Bronx, NY 10462. ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, the City and State of New York.

Section 15 Block 3944 Lot 1645

Approximate amount of lien \$183,901.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381990/10

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

David P. Lesch, Esq., Referee Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 2/1/2014 File Number: 71064661 MNH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against MICHAEL NUGENT, MARCIA NUGENT, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/24/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse,

Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/28/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2742 WESTERVELT AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 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 4537 LOT 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$265,575.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381055/11. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: March 7, 2014 1085671

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs vs. MIRANDA DURANT, AS EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ROSA DURANT A/K/A ROSA MAE DURANT AND LENORA DURANT, et al., Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 25, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on April 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1288 East 224th Street, 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 4898 and Lot 77. Approximate amount of judgment is \$5,244.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale, Index Number 308064-11

Steven K. Lovitch, 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 Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, against Harso-French Anderson a/k/a Harso French Anderson; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 18, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx New York on April 28, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3276 Bouck Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 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 NY, Block 4734 Lot 112. Approximate amount of judgment \$457,830.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381041/12. Edward H. Lehner, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attornev(s) for the Plaintiff 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Suite One, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 13, 2014 1085982 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 04/18/2014



(L-r) Frank A. Calamari, President & CEO; Margaret M. Pelkowski, RN, Vice President, Patient Care Services; Carmen Vega, CCT, Honoree; Camelia Brown, RN, Patient Service Manager; and Michael J. Brescia. MD. Executive Medical Director.

Meviar Smith Humanitarian Award winner

Calvary Hospital recently honored Carmen Vega, a long-time Cancer Care Technician (CCT), with the 2014 Meviar Smith Humanitarian Award. The award, which has been bestowed since 1988, was created to honor the memory of 28-year Calvary veteran, Meviar Smith. Until her death in 1987, Meviar was famous for her lovalty, conscientious work ethic, and dedication to the patients at Calvary Hospital. This vear's selection committee felt that Carmen best demonstrated the qualities for which Meviar was known.

Carmen was born in the small town of Fajardo in Puerto Rico and raised in the Bronx. In 1980, her sister-in-law's experience as a CCT at Calvary, inspired Carmen to join the Hospital as a nurse's aide. Not long after, she graduated from Calvary's CCT herself.

During her 34-year tenure, Carmen has worked on four patient care units at the Hospital. For the past 19 vears, she has been one of the unsung heroes working nights on the 5 North unit. Carmen takes great joy and satisfaction in providing all her patients with the best care. She knows that her work makes a difference every day to her patients and to their families. She can't imagine working anywhere else. Carmen is among several members of her family who work in healthcare. The proud mother of three adult sons. Carmen and her family, reside in the Bronx.

Established more than 50 years ago, Calvary Hospital's rigorous six-month training program for Cancer Care Technicians has produced hundreds of outstanding health care professionals with the necessary skills to help people with advanced cancer achieve the best possible quality of life. These talented, dedicated professionals are responsible for skin care, wound care, assistance with feed-

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Temple Hatikva is sponsoring a complete Passover Seder on Sunday, April 13 at 5:30 P.M. at the synagogue.

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St. Barnabas names new Dept. of Medicine chairman

St. Barnabas Hospital has named Dr. Edward Telzak, an infectious disease specialist, as its new Chair, Department of Medicine. Dr. Telzak, who began his professional career in infectious disease and AIDS research as an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the New York City Department of Health in the late 1980s, most recently served as Chief of Infectious Diseases, Director of the AIDS Program and Vice Chair, Department of Medicine, at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center.

"We are thrilled to add someone as accomplished as Dr. Telzak to our medical leadership team," said Dr. David Perlstein, SBH's Chief Medical Officer. "We feel that with the additions of Dr. Telzak and Dr. Shabsigh, we are well positioned as a health system to manage the many challenges presented by the changing health care environment."

Dr. Ridwan Shabsigh, a nationally renowned expert in the field of urology and men's health, joined St. Barnabas Hospital as its Chair, Department of Surgery in September 2013.

Dr. Telzak has written extensively and been a principal investigator on studies



DR. EDWARD TELZAK

involving HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and other infectious diseases. He was the co-author of a book on the management of the HIV-infected patient.

A long career in clinical care and public health, he said, taught him that managing chronic diseases takes more than a one-to-one relationship between doctor and patient.

"It means offering a multiplicity of services in the same place, as we did with HIV/AIDS -- providing treatment for substance abuse, social services, housing, and access to mental health services," said Dr. Telzak. "My goal at SBH over the next 5 to 10 years is to take what we've learned from the world of HIV/AIDS primary care and provide this kind of comprehensive care to patients with

congestive heart failure, kidney failure, asthma, diabetes and the other chronic diseases we see in the Bronx in order to keep them well, out of the hospital and to manage their ED visits more effectively."

As a means to this end, St. Barnabas Hospital recently opened an 8,000-square foot Center for Comprehensive Care. The center provides chronic disease management for older patients, as well as for adults and children with asthma and diabetes.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Dr. Telzak is a graduate of Columbia University and The Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He did his residency at Tufts University School of Medicine-New England Medical Center and was a Clinical Fellow and researcher in Infectious Diseases at the major hospital affiliates of both Harvard University and Tufts University. He has been a Professor of Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine since 2001 and continues to be a member of the New York City Commission on AIDS. New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Scientific Advisory Committee, American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

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Susan Starr, Esq., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 4614

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, GOSHEN MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. LISA THOMAS, ET AL., Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006-7 Plaintiff, against EDWARD L. STEWART, JR., PAULINE B. STEWART, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/20/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/14/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1226 UNION AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10459 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 2682 - LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$549,412.06 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381372/08. Robert Michael Brill, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: March 7, 2014 1085167

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In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action. dated October 25, 2012, and entered in the Bronx Clerk's Office on November 9, 2012, Marc E. Elliott, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on April 21, 2014 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, Bronx County, New York, at 2:00 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto, Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Bronx County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.

Said premises is commonly known as 2630 Third Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$519,692.09, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,510.00 and attorney fees in the amount of \$2,482.00, all with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment.

DATED: March 6, 2014 Marc E. Elliott, Referee Hiscock & Barclay, LLP Jennifer M.S. Byrne Attorney for Plaintiff

Office and Post Office Address One Park Place 300 South State Street, Syracuse, New York 13202-2078

Direct all inquiries to: Ruth Stegner, Paralegal

Phone No. (716) 566-1452 SCHEDULE A

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the 23rd Ward, Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known as Lot No. 3 in Block 12 on a map of Section A and B of North New York, and on file in the office of the Register of Westchester County, August 10, 1863, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southeasterly side of Third avenue, opposite the division line between lots Nos. 3 and 4 on said map and distant 27 feet 4-5/8 inches northeasterly measured along said avenue from the northeasterly corner of Third avenue and 141st Street;

Thence northeasterly along the said southeasterly side of Third Avenue, 28 feet 1/8 of an inch to a point opposite the division line between lots nos. 2 and 3 on said map.

Thence easterly along said division line and parallel with 141st Street, 67 feet 9-7/8 inches to the rear line of lot no. 6 on said map;

Thence southerly along said rear line of lot no. 6 on said map, parallel with Alexander Avenue and distant 100 feet westerly therefrom 25 feet to lot no. 5 on said map;

Thence westerly along said lot no. 4 on said map and parallel with 141st Street, 80 feet 5-1/8 inches to the point or place of Beginning.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FLEET NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff against

SANDRA DAWKINS AKA SANDRA M. DAWKINS, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 24, 2013.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 14th day of April, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 3327 Edson Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10469.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4881-22,

Approximate amount of lien \$ 176,865.21 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381319-11. Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

McCabe Weisberg & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against CLAYTON STONE, ICYLIN STONE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 27, 2013. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 21st day of April, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of East 218th Street, distant 148 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of East 218th Street and the easterly side of Paulding Avenue; being a plot 109.33 feet by 48.56 feet by 109.33 feet by 48.56 feet. Block: 4700 Lot: 40 Said premises known as 1016 EAST 218TH STREET BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 428,994.28 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380970/09.

CARL LUCAS, ESQ., Referee. KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against

LARHONDA KING, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 6, 2014.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 7th day of April, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 2079 Cedar Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10468.

Tax account number: SBL #: 3233-101.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 324,569.74 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382515-09. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee.

McCabe Weisberg & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 18, 2013.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 14th day of April, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Tax account number: SBL #: 4857-28.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 429,833.63 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381842-09. Dominick Calderoni, Esq., Referee.

McCabe Weisberg & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

WILLIAM VERLEGER and CAROLINE VERLEGER Plaintiff against KENNETH W. PIRRAGLIA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated February 11, 2014 and entered February 25, 2014, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 28th day of April, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of City Island Avenue distant 33 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of City Island Avenue with the northerly side of Fordham Street; being a plot 74.02 feet by 94 feet by 74.12 feet by 94 feet.

Section: 18 Block: 5644 Lot: 13

Said premises known as 312-316 CITY ISLAND AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 734,991.97 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381366/11.

LEROI J. ANDREWS, ESQ., Referee.

Warren L. Cohen, Esq.

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

107 Lake Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY 10707

rity breach.

"How something like that could happen, I have no idea," he said.

Flores said that the school has a lot of security and that when he goes through the metal detectors the process is very thorough.

"How does a piece of metal this sharp get in to the school?"

A police source raised the possibility that the student could have eluded the metal detectors by stashing the razor in a hiding spot outside the school, "then going to a door with no alarm and retrieving it from outside."

Flores said he will meet with principal to find out what happens next, and to help develop a plan of action to make sure this never happens again. The incident will also be discussed at the next Parent Association meeting.

"sad distraction"

He also called the incident a "sad distraction" from the good work students, faculty and parents are doing.

Nevertheless, the situation makes him very uncomfortable and worried for the safety of the students. Flores said he tells his son to never let his

guard down and to constantly pay attention to what's going on around him.

"I can't wait for my son to graduate," Flores said.

Council member Jimmy Vacca was also upset by the news, and said he would also like a further explanation of how security failed.

"I was surprised to hear that this could happen with metal detectors in place."

Vacca said he was very concerned by the violent incident at a school in his district.

"It's our job to protect students who are there to learn," he said.

Police normally have

both unarmed NYPD School Safety Division officers and a uniformed 45th Precinct detail stationed at the school mornings and afternoon dismissal times.

The precinct itself has a school detail of six officers and a sergeant responsible for covering Lehman and Truman High School at Co-op City as part of a total number of 30 school buildings in the precinct's coverage area.

(Right) Parents are concerned over security at Lehman High School after a student razor attack. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Vacca nets traffic light on 'death corner' drag strip

From page 1

has been used as a racetrack, will finally get a traffic light this summer, the Department of Transportation (DOT) confirmed in a letter to local elected officials on Mar. 11.

Morris Park 'raceway'

The city will install the stoplight on Neill and Tomlinson Avenues by the end of July, DOT said. That spells good news for locals fed up with cars whizzing by.

"It's a total horror over there," said Louise Alzano, who has lived steps from the corner of Neill and Tomlinson for 44 years. "The skies have parted. Thank God."

Nabe activists have pressed the city for a light for years. But the fight picked up steam when two Bronxites were killed after being struck by cars at Neill and Williamsbridge Road, one block east from where the traffic signal is coming in.

Corner turns deadly

Albert Marku, 40, was struck by a car and killed at that corner on Dec. 22, 2013 while riding his motorcycle. A month earlier, on Thanksgiving Eve, a driver turning left from Neill onto Williamsbridge struck 55-year-old Maria Lucaj steps away from her home. She died days later at Jacobi Hospital.

"We don't want drivers to pick up a head of steam as they head into that intersection," said Councilman Jimmy Vacca, a long time champion of traffic slowdowns. "This is a win-win for residents."

Another local official who fielded complaints about the speeding strip,

State Sen. Jeff Klein, said he wished DOT would have taken action before all of the recent carnage.

"Unfortunately, it took a history of complaints and the tragic death of Maria Lucaj to bring a traffic light to this dangerous intersection," said Klein.

Enforcing a neighborhood issue

Locals had long claimed that motorists use Neill Avenue as a shortcut. The stretch currently has no stoplights between Bronxdale and Williamsbridge Avenues, while nearby Rheinlander and Morris Park Avenues have many traffic signals.

"They speed, they cut people off, they race to the red light [on Williamsbridge]," Joe Reda, a local who has chaired Community Board 11's public safety committee

for decades, told the Times-Reporter in January.

Police at the 49 Precinct have ramped up enforcement at the deadly corner, doling out over 300 summonses for speeding and

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moving violations since last summer. Officers have added 78 moving infractions at the corner in 2014, said Deputy Inspector Andy Johnson.

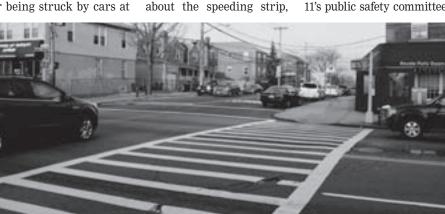
That number should

sink with the new traffic light, Johnson said —but cops will still be on alert.

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"Hopefully the enforcement will go down," he said.
"But I'll still have my personnel out there."



A new traffic light on Tomlinson and Neill Avenues, should slow down drivers headed into this corner at Williamsbridge and Neill Avenues, where 18 traffic collisions happened in 2013.

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Probate Citation File No. 2011-1254 Supplemental Surrogate's Court-Bronx County Citation The People Of The State Of New York

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TO: The Attorney General of the State of New York and The Public Administrator of Bronx County and to Gregory Pryce, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wifes or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Dolores Pryce, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wifes or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Veronica Pryce, who is domiciled at 266 19th Avenue, Apt. 5, San Francisco, CA.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on April 15th 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Dolores Pryce lately domiciled at 3911 Barnes Avenue, Bronx, 10466 admitting to probate a Will dated 12-29-2010, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Dolores Pryce deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Veronica Pryce

Dated, Attested and Sealed February 26, 2014 HON, Nilda Maiave-Gonzalez Surrogate Michael P. Hausler Chief Clerk Attorney for Petitioner: Karl A. Scully Telephone Number 646-3348445

Address of Attorney: 33 Del Rey Drive, Mount Vernon, New York 10552 (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

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2014-141 Surrogate's Court - Bronx County CITATION The People Of The State Of New York.

By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Public Administrator of Bronx County, New York State Attorney General, and the unknown heirs-at-law, and next of kin of JAMES S. COLEMAN, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors. Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors-in-interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Barbara E. Scott, who is domiciled at 900 Baychester Ave., Apt. 14J, Bronx, NY 10475.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County at 851 Grand Concourse, 4th Fl., Bronx, New York on May 6, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day in Room 406 why a decree should not be made in the estate of James S. Coleman, a/k/a James Coleman, deceased, lately domiciled at 1020 Grand Concourse, Apt, 4T, Bronx, NY admitting to probate a Will dated May 17, 2012 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of James S. Coleman deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Barbara E.

Dated, Attested and Sealed March 17, 2014 HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate Michael Hausler Chief Clerk Christopher Marengo, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 718-829-3207 Telephone Number 2116 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY

Address of Attorney

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LEGAL NOTICE

FILED: BRONX COUNTY CLERK 03/I8/2014 INDEX NO. 35106/2012E NYSCEF DOC. NO. 45

RECEIVED NYSCEF: 03/18/2014 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff

-against-

Xavier Olivaria, if living and if he be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and widows, grantees,

mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees

successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Department of Housing Preservation and Development. States of America-Internal Revenue Service. New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Nathan Shivers, Rebecca Shivers, Artisha Shivers and Fred Mangavit

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the Mortgage premises IS 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 \$277,600.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on August 26, 2003, at CFRN 2003000308972, covering premises known as 1227 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456.

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.

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Dated: Williamsville, New York

July 17, 2013

By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq.

Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff.

53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 No.:01-056839-FOO situated. Our File

LEGAL NOTICE

Index No. 380260/2010. Date Filed: 7/24/2013.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS.

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1361 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472.

(SBL #: 15-3861-141).

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action.

Plaintiff's principal place of business is 7700 West Permer Lane, Building D, Austin,

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

COUNTY OF BRONX.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACQUISITION LLC. Plaintiff. -against-

UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF CORINNE SMITH, DECEASED, IF THEY BE LIVING AND IF THEY BE DEAD, THE RESPECTIVE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES DEVISEES, LEGATEES, **ASSIGNEES** CREDITORS LIENORS. SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SAID DEFENDANTS WHO MAY BE DECEASED. ВҮ PURCHASE INHERITANCE, LIEN OR INHERITANCE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR TO THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, ALHSDIE NDOW, THERNO NDOW, IDEY KHAN, FATOU NGUM, DARYLE DENSON, ANDREW MARTIN, Defendants.

To the above-named defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

New Rochelle, New York. Dated: December 6, 2012.

McCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

By: /s/_

Megan R. Sterback, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street, Suite. 210

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The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-226-5697 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

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LEGAL NOTICE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IN TAX

LIEN FORECLOSURE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX - NYCTL 2012-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2012-A TRUST, Plaintiffs, against ARTHUR J. OCCHINO a/k/a ARTHUR OCCHINO, DOROTHY OCCHINO, if living and if he/she be dead, et al. Defendants. Index no. 302050/13. 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 filed on February 10, 2014. 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 8, 2012, recorded August 20, 2012, CRFN 2012000329425 and covering the premises known as 1569 Bogart Avenue, Bronx, New York, NY located at Block 4058 Lot 15. Dated: February 14, 2014

WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF

Attorney for Plaintiffs, NYCTL 2012-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2012-A TRUST,

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Final Four

I have Florida, Virginia, Louisville, and Creighton as my Final Four and Florida winning the whole thing. But remember, my record is terrible.

Roster Feng Shui

Ohm Youngmusic (ESPNNY. com) wrote about the tasks facing Phil Jackson. "Jackson will have to find a way to apply his own brand of feng shui to Madison Square Garden and the disorganized clutter that is the Knicks.

Moving some of the expensive furniture to improve the balance and flow of the Knicks' energy is now the biggest basketball challenge of Jackson's career. Convincing Michael Jordan to sacrifice his ego, coaxing Scottie Pippen to get over Toni Kukoc and getting Kobe and Shaq to coexist and play nice is child's play compared to fixing the Knicks. Jackson's first major decision to meditate on is whether to keep Carmelo Anthony as the franchise's centerpiece. Can Jackson build championship harmony around Anthony? Does Anthony have the kind of greatness in him that Jackson has been so fortunate to have been surrounded by throughout his charmed basketball life?

Should Jackson decide to build around Anthony, then Melo should listen to Jack

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Federation tournament roundup:

Bronx native Delarosa leads CK to state title, eyes college

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

ALBANY— Bronx-native Adonis Delarosa sat on the victorious Christ the King bench with his head between his legs and teammates celebrated around

The 6-foot-10 center's mind was else where despite just leading the Royals past Long Island Lutheran 58-52 for their second straight state Federation Class AA boys' basketball crown last Saturday night at the Times Union Center in Albany. Delarosa, while elated with the victory took a moment to remember that this was his last high school game.

"One that that was mind boggling was my season was over," Delarosa said. "Win or lose the season was over. Now it's a new stepping stone in life.'

He will make his college decision on April 18. Delarosa has offers from St. John's, Fordham, South Carolina, Rutgers, Miami and Purdue among others. South Carolina head coach Frank Martin, Alabama head man Anthony Grant, Rutgers assistant Van Macon and Miami assistant Michael Hunger all watched Delarosa compete in the Federation tournament this weekend. He said he's used his senior season as a distraction from make a choice.

'Now I really have to sit down and think over that school I will be attending in the fall," Delarosa

The program he picks will be getting the city's best big man in the class of 2013. Delarosa 13 points and six rebounds in Christ the King's 54-51 overtime win over Benjamin Cardozo in the semifinal had six points and 23 boards in the title game. His two-handed follow slam of a Rawle Alkins miss pit the Royals up 55-50 with 1:57 left in the game.

"I think that dunk probably sealed the game," Delarosa said.

Kirkland leads Dwight in Class B semifinal loss: Senior guard Pee Wee Kirkland, a Bronx native, scored 22 points for Dwight in an 80-52 loss to eventual state champion Westhill in the boys' basketball Class B state Federation semi-



(Above) Bronx native Adonis Delarosa goes up strong for Christ the King against Long Island Lutheran. (Insert) Christ the King center and Bronx native Adonis Delarosa gets emotional on the bench after winning the state Federation Class AA crown. Photo by Ken Maldonado

finals last Saturday. Dwight fell behind 25-2 after the first quarter, but only outscored by a point the res to the way.

"I just tried to start scoring because I saw the lead going up and up and up," Kirkland said.

He said his college plans are still up in the air and he plans on hitting the travel ball circuit again to get looked at by more

coach. Despite not winning a Federation title, Kirkland enjoyed earning Dwight its first NY-SAISAA crown since consecutive titles from 1997-98.

"It's amazing," he said. Notes: Westhill coach Kevin King and Regis headman Kevin Cullen have both called the Bronx home and squared off for a Federation Class B girls basketball crown. Westhill (Section 3) bested Regis 56-46 in the final on Sunday afternoon.

Bronx native and Drexel commit Tyshawn Miles scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School in a 71-65 loss to Holy Trinity in the Class A state Federation boy's basketball semifinals last Friday

Jaspers season ends in first NCAA tournament game since 2004

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The glass slipper nearly fit for Manhattan.

The No. 13-seeded Jaspers men's basketball team put a real scare into No. 4 Louisville before falling 71-64 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament last Thursday night in Orlando. Manhattan led 60-58 after an Ashton Pankey hoop with less than three minutes remaining in the game before the defending national champions halted the upset bid.

"This loss definitely hurt," guard senior George Beamon said. "All my guys. I mean, at least we lost to a great Louisville team."

Luke Hancock, the most outstanding player in last year's tournament, was the difference in the closing minutes. He hit consecutive 3-pointers including one with 28 seconds to go to push the Car-

dinals' lead to 68-62 and put he game out of reach.

"I thought we played well for about 39, 38 minutes, but that's what happens when you play great teams," Jaspers coach Steve Masiello said. "You give them that one opportunity, they make you pay, and that's why this team is a defending national champion and top five in the country."

Louisville coach Rick Pitino, Masiello's coaching mentor, spoke highly of his former pupil after the game. Masiello played for Pitino at Kentucky and was his assistant at Louisville for six seasons. The Cardinals headman said he was proud of Masiello's game play and said it was hard to play against each other, a sentiment Masiello echoed.

"It's emotional." he said. "You look down, and the guy who kind of made you who you are is your enemy for 40 minutes. So it's tough. You know, it's an honor to be on the other sideline, but it's about the kids, it's not about me."

Masiello's players gave him everything they had in the school's first NCAA tournament game since 2004. Pankey scored 16 points and Emmy Andujar added 13 points. Senior Michael Alvarado tallied 10 points and classmate Rhamel Brown chipped in nine. Russ Smith led Louisville with 18 points and Hancock 16 as four Cardinals scored in double figures. Manhattan was still never intimidated by Louisville.

"We knew we could match the aggressiveness and their toughness and their strength in the front court, and in the backcourt, as well," Brown said. "We made some mistakes here and there, but that's in the past. You live and you learn."



Jaspers center Rhamel Brown scored nine points against Louisville in the NCAA Tournament Manhattan College Athletics

The Jaspers ended the season 25-8, the second most wins in program history after the 1994-95 squad. Manhattan says goodbye to a senior class of Alvarado, Beamon and Brown, all of which were 1,000-point scorers. They combined for 66 victories during their four years after winning just six as freshman.

"I couldn't be prouder of these three guys and what they've done for Manhattan basketball and what they've done for the program and where they've brought it, and it's all because of them." Masiello said of the trio. "They are everything I could ever want in a student athlete, and I'll never have a senior class like this again, ever."

Mount St. Michael JHS 2014 CSBA League Champions!



Congratulations to the Mount St. Michael Junior High School Basketball Team for their 2014 CSBA League Championship. The team defeated Villa Maria Academy by the score of 48-29 on March 10th at St. Raymond's High School. The squad was coached by Ricky Rodriguez and finished the year with a 21-0 record. Go Mount!!

Velocity Track Club New York officially on break

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York is officially on break and will resume practice on Monday, April 7th at Truman High School at 6:00pm. It's important that our Student Athletes take 1 month off from running to allow the mind and body to refresh. If we ran our children every week for 10 years, by the time they reach high school, they will be tired of track & field. But we do other things to keep them active, such as bike riding, swimming, playing basketball and jump rode. On Saturday, March 22nd, VTC had its bike ride around Co-op City. This gave me a chance to discuss safe riding with the children and to see which child will be able to make the ride to Orchard Beach.

The break will also give our Student Athletes some extra time to focus more on their school work. Our goal is to ensure our student athletes attend college or university with a full scholarship. They must be able to balance school work and track & field. On Wednesday, April 19th, Jacqueline Kendall and Adrian Swift-Henry (6 graders) who attends **Equality Charter School** were inducted in the National Junior Honor Society. Council Member Andy King was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony. Both Jacqueline and Adrian qualified and competed in the USATF In-door National Championship. They are able to manage both, track & field and education at a high level. Great job!

Anyone interested in joining Velocity Track Club New York, we will be having orientation on



ouncilman Andy King with two Velocity Track Club members that were inducted in the National Junior Honor Society.

Friday, April 11th in the Bartow Community Center. 2049 Bartow Avenue, room 28 at 7:00pm Co-op City, Bronx, New York 10475. Parent or guardian must be present for child to try out. For additional information, please visit our web site www.velocitytrack.org. or contact 914-441-6196.

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fordham University will have to wait to add the program's first NCAA tournament victory to its recent revival, but boy was it close.

The tenth-seeded Ford-ham women's basketball fell to 64-63 to No. 7 California in the opening round of the NCAA tournament Saturday afternoon in Waco, Texas. It ends one of the best seasons in program history as the Rams finished 25-8. They won the school's first Atlantic-10 title and made its first appearance in the Big Dance in more than 20 years. Ford-ham won just 12 games three years ago.

"We took a Cal team that went to the Final Four [last year], that is a nationally ranked team and was second in the Pac 12, and we took them right to the wire," Fordham coach Stephanie Gaitley said. "So I think that shows a lot about where Fordham has come as a program."

Fordhamled No.2-ranked Cal 63-62 on a layup by Erin Rooney with 22 second remaining in the game. The Golden Bears (22-9) went ahead for good when Brittany Boyd (22 points, 10 rebounds and six assists) hit the game-winning jumper with 14 seconds left. The Rams had one more chance to go ahead, but Cal forced Rooney in a tough shot that fell short.

"It was kind of a clearout play, so top screen and everyone else was running through to the other side for an iso," Rooney said. "On the right hand side I pulled up, and you're right, I didn't get a good look at it."

It was a rare miss on a hot-shooting day for the Rams. They shot a blistering 51 percent from the field and 53.8 percent from three-point land. Rooney scored 17 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Emily Tapio had 15 points and six boards and Samantha Clark added 15 points of her own.

Fordham led 30-28 at the half thanks to a sagging defense that made scoring tough for the Cal post players. The Rams were out-

rebounded the taller Golden Bears 35-27 and Cal had eight more points in the paint. Afure Jemerigbe added 13 points for the Golden Bears, who were able to adjust in the second half when Boyd got hot.

"They were able to use their screens more effectively and drive off their post players," Tapio said. "It was tough to switch onto their guards and have them just dump it inside, and obviously rebounds were a huge factor for us."

Gaitley wants her to remember the whole experience and use the joy of making the tournament and the disappointment tough loss as motivation for next season. The Rams loss three key players in Rooney, Abigail Corning and Mary Nwachukwu.

"I think when you go through games like this, and obviously being in the NCAA tournament, once you get a feel for being here, you always want to come back," Gaitley said. "And you want to keep that feeling."



Fordham University's Erin Rooney scored 17 points in a loss to Cal in the NCAA tourament.

Fordham Athletics/Chris Jones

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son's plan and stay. While Anthony likely won't have Jackson to coach him, the Knicks' superstar should see if Jackson's tutelage can have a transformative effect on his game. All the proof he needs is to look at the profound and lasting impact the former Bulls and Lakers coach had on Jordan and his good friend Kobe Bryant.

We had a statement that we must have repeated so many times to the players," Jackson once said in an interview with Oprah Winfrey on OWN. "No man is an island. No man goes his way alone. What I put into the lives of others will come back into its own." "Those words, sometimes, are difficult for the boys to hear," Jackson said of the "no man is an island" statement. "So then I would say, 'Do you understand what I'm saying? No man goes his way alone. We're in this together."

While Melo isn't yet a top-50 all-time great like MJ or Kobe, he is a top-10 talent with top-three scoring ability in today's NBA. For all the things Melo does well, he still can improve on the two most vital skills for an elite superstar -- winning in the playoffs and making his teammates better.

Those are two of Jackson's strengths. It remains to be seen whether Anthony, who turns 30 at the end of May, can still improve and make that great leap from elite scorer to ultimate winner.

But Jackson, more than anybody else, can show Melo how he doesn't have to do everything on his own and hopefully provide him with the kind of supporting cast he desperately needs.

"Carmelo has to be a better passer," Jackson told HBO's Real Sports in 2012. "And the ball can't stop every time it hits his hands. They need to have someone come in that can kinda blend that group together." "Anthony says," Ohm Youngmusk (ESPNNN. com) wrote, "He will opt out of his contract and become a free agent this summer. He can re-sign with the Knicks to a max deal worth \$129 million over five years. If he signs with another team, he can do so for four years and \$96 million, barring a sign-and-trade.

"As far as knowing what it takes to win, Phil is the best to ever do it," Anthony said. "So for me to be able to have the opportunity and have him by my side, for him to teach me, you know, because I'm still willing to learn the game of basketball.

"And I haven't won anything [and] he's won a lot. I can learn a lot from him

and his system, things that he wants to incorporate here. I'm hoping and praying this all works. "From a basketball standpoint, he's a great mind to dissect," Amar'e Stoudemire said. "And also from a spiritual standpoint, he is known as the Zen guy, so that would be great to sit down and have a great conversation with him."

"Everybody as an organization, as a city, as a whole, our fans in general as well, everybody's excited to see that," Anthony said. "We are playing good basketball right now too, so it's like a lot of things coming into place right now."

How-Evah

Stephen A. Smith (ES-PNNY.com) gives us a warning, "Before New York Knicks fans get themselves all up in a tizzy just because Phil Jackson is coming to town, they would be wise

to check the fine print, scour the particulars and triple-check exactly what stipulations owner James Dolan has insisted upon. Because, chances are, the Knicks' billionaire chairman didn't institute real change. In fact, I believe he plans on keeping things just the way they have been.

Which means Jackson will primarily serve as a figurehead -- a prop -- to fend off the media. Which means Carmelo Anthony will see right through it all and leave the team this summer. Which means that no real marquee free agent will want to come to Madison Square Garden, unless it's only for the money.

Oops, I forgot -- Hello, Mr. Phil Jackson. How ya doing? Question: Why, exactly, did you take this job? To be fair, no aspersions should be cast against a man with 11 championship rings and two more as a player with the Knicks in 1970 and 1973. Show me the fool who'd turn down a \$12 million per-year deal to run a franchise, and we'll have learned what a new fool looks like."

Sports Recap

From Greg Cote (Miami Herald), "Bacardi Sailing Week ended. Nobody finished the race because everybody was too drunk on rum."

"Idaho hockey fans are suing a Boise arena for selling large beers with the same amount as small beers. That's shocking. Who knew there were hockey fans in Idaho?"

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) Says-"Peavy Does It"

"Red Sox pitcher Jake Peavy finally made his spring-training debut after he cut a finger with a fishing knife.

Coincidence? Scouts say he suddenly has a much nastier hook and sinker."

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