

City Island wins bridge controversy

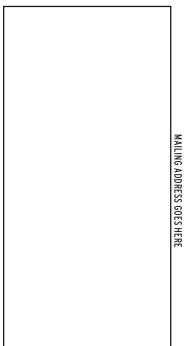
BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

City Islanders have finally won their bitter fight with the city to stop an unwanted bridge.

After brawling with the Bloomberg administration over one with a soaring tower, new city Department of Transportion Commissioner Polly Trottenbergt announced the city will now build a simple causeway to replace the current bridge onto the island.

 $Surrounded \ by \ elected \ officials$

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Smiles And Flowers For Mom

Delilah Mahony, 7, gives dad Louis a helping hand at his Jerome Florist shop on E. Tremont Avenue in Throggs Neck, getting ready for the big rush for Mothers' Day Sunday. See page 16 for story.

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Meets with leaders and officials

BY BEN KOCHMAN

East Bronx locals sick of long waits at Montefiore Medical Center's Weiler Division in Morris Park should take non-life threatening ailments elsewhere, according to a top ranking hospital official.

His comment came after hospital brass met with a slew of frustrated community leaders and elected officials on Thursday, May 1 to hopefully hash out a plan to combat severe overcrowding at the emergency room.

Montefiore did not commit at the meeting to adding any beds or nurses to the Morris Park hospital. But the borough's largest healthcare chain did lay out a strategy to shift locals suffering from non-life-threatening issues to other Monte sites, including a walk-in urgent care center on Westchester Avenue and the nearby Montefiore Westchester Square hospital.

Low wait at W. Square

"Patients should consider using our urgent care centers and certainly our Westchester Square Emergency Department for less critical issues," said Peter Semczuk, Montefiore's vice president of clinical services.

Since March 2013, Montefiore Westchester has been used as a "freestanding emergency department," handling some minor injuries and surgery on-site but with no overnight beds. The hospital instead busses those patients to other Monte hospitals.

But Semczuk said the average time to see a doctor at Westchester Square Medical Center is a mere 37 minutes – far faster than the wait time at Weiler, which locals complain has ballooned into sev-*Continued on Page 63*

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City braking Bronx speeders Lowering speed limits on two more Bronx corridors

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The city is slamming the brakes on two more busy Bronx thoroughfares.

The speed limit on three miles of E. Gun Hill Road from Jerome Avenue east to the Interstate 95 highway - will drop from 30 mph to 25 mph by the end of the month. Four miles of Southern Boulevard, between E. Fordham Road and Bruckner Blvd. will get a similar slowdown by July.

Both corridors will soon be outfitted with new blue and white 25 mph speed limit signs to go along with a new traffic signal timing system that city Department of Transportation brass say will help motorists cruise at the new speed limit.

Pursuing 'Vision Zero'

The most recent crop of slowdowns comes weeks after the DOT announced its first Bronx so-called "arterial slow zone," on over five miles of the Grand Concourse from Mosholu Parkway to E. 140th Street.

DOT has targeted wide, heavily used "arterial" streets as part of the citywide embrace of "Vision Zero," an originally Swedish idea of reducing traffic deaths entirely.

According to city statistics, arterials account for 60 percent of traffic deaths. though they only take in 15 percent of NYC's total mileage.

The stretch of E. Gun Hill Road that will soon get the slowdown saw four traffic deaths since 2008, while three people were killed in traffic on the Southern Boulevard corridor that will get the slowdown, said the DOT, which announced the new slow zones on May 1.

So far in 2014, 67 people have died in traffic-related



E. Gun Hill Road speedsters like this guy will need to slow their roll to 25 mph under new city guidelines. Some locals are skeptical motorists will take heed unless police ramp up enforcement.

incidents across the city, including six in the Bronx, according the public radio station WYNC, which has been tracking the deaths on its website. **Enforcement?**

want to know who is going to enforce it?" asked Vinnie Prezioso, co-chair of the transportation committee at Community Board 11, which borders E. Gun Hill Road. "Maybe if enough tickets are given out, people will slow down."

Local electeds were optimistic the slowdowns would work, and praised the city for choosing corridors within their districts.



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The Bronx Times Reporter will publish your announcements. Send announcements along with photo, to: Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd St., Bronx, NY 10454, or e-mail Bronxtimes@aol.com. The Bronx Times Reporter family send birthday wishes this month to our Salesman of the Quarter, Lenny Vigliotti, on May 5, 2014. Len, we all wish you a very happy birthday and a year ahead that is filled with health, happiness and success. Thanks for all you

do at the Bronx Times! Birth

Alexa Abigail Garcia was born at the end of March to Abigail Garcia and Julio Garcia of Waterbury-LaSalle. She weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces.

Maya Rosaria Lilkendey was born to Peter Liklendey and Daniela Messina of Morris Park. She was six pounds, 12 ounces.

Birthday

An article in a recently edition of Around Town wished a happy birthday to **Johanna Panebianco** from her daughter-inlaw. In fact, it is Johanna Panebianco's daughter Linda Antidormi.

Christening Shane Michael Sullivan was christened on Sunday, March 30. Shane is the son of Ryan Sullivan and Christine Sullivan of Silver Beach.

Thanks To Barnes & Noble!

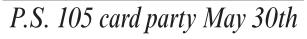
The 45th Precinct Community Affairs Office and its leadership wish to thank Bay Plaza's Barnes & Noble for graciously hosting a Thursday, May 1 meeting of the 45th Precinct Community Council. Special thanks to Barnes & Noble community relations manager **Suzanne Mendez** and store manager **Beatrice Rojas**.

Benedetto sponsors mammo van

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto, in conjunction with Project Renewal, formerly operating as Women's Outreach Network, will be sponsoring a free Mobile Mammography Screening Van which will be parked in front of Assemblyman Benedetto's office located at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue, on Saturday, May 17, beginning at 9 a.m. untilnoon.

This program is for women 40 years of age and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year. All insurance plans are accepted; however, if you do not have insurance, you can still sign up for the program.

An appointment is necessary. Please call 1-800-564-6868 This program is funded by Bronx Cancer Services Program Partnership. Screening coordination and Outreach/In-reach funded by the Komen Greater NYC 2008 Community Breast Health Grant.



P.S. 105, 725 Brady Avenue, will hold a card party on Friday, May 30, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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BY BEN KOCHMAN

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Chazz Palminteri and Co-

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ter way to celebrate the

best of our borough than

by welcoming home these

five individuals, who have

made a major impact in

their fields, back to where

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is Kasseem Dean, said his

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as a package deal with

haircuts at a barber shop

on Boston Road where he

officer turned actor who

starred in Showtime's

Zayas, a former NYPD

worked after school.

Love for the borough

Beatz, whose real name

the Bronx," said Diaz.

honorees.

"I can think of no bet-

Grand Concourse.

A Grammy-winning beat maker and popular TV actor are among those headlining this year's crop of Bronx Walk of Fame inductees.

Hip Hop producer Swizz Beatz – who has laid down tracks with the likes of Jay-Z, Kanye West and Bono over his 14-year-career – will join NFL lineman Willie Colon and actors David Zayas, Rachel Ticotin and Priscilla Lopez on the list of famous Bronxites honored on the Grand Concourse, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. announced at a Bronx Week 2014 kickoff event Monday May 5.

"The Bronx is the flagship for music, creativity, geniuses, great people," Beatz said at the announcement at the newly opened Gun Hill Brewery on Laconia Avenue. "I'm proud to be from here."

A power packing

"Dexter" series, grew up in Hunt's Point, moved to Soundview and now lives in Riverdale.

"Every country I've been, when they asked where I was from, I said the Bronx with pride," said Zayas.

'Fort Apache' gal The other honorees aren't too shabby either.

Sports fans might know Colon, who spent his early years in a Melrose housing project and who now plays offensive lineman for the New York Jets, while fans of the 1981 movie "Fort Apache: The Bronx" might know Ticotin from her role as Paul Newman's love interest, the Dominican nurse Isabella.

The announcement at Gun Hill Brewery kicked off a week of Bronx festivities, including a parade, art and music shows and a food festival. For a full schedule, check out ilovethebronx.com.



Reppin' the Bronx: Councilman Andy King, Swizz Beatz, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Deputy Boro President Aurelia Greene and David Zayas show their Bronx love. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

"Bronx week is not just for Bronxites," said Diaz Jr. "Bronx Week is where we invite all New Yorkers, mand people from the tribestate area. There are so ye

many people who haven't been to the Bronx in many years."

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Okay, now that **Oliver Koppell** has officially come out swinging at Senator **Jeff Klein** for his 34th Senate District seat, let the games begin.

Koppell officially announced Monday, May 5 that he's challenging Jeff, citing his "desertion of the Democratic Party" by allying his five-member breakaway Independent Democratic Conference with Senate Republicans as a co-leader, taking away majority rule from the duly elected Democratic Conference.

Most quarters are looking at this brawl as an uphill fight for Ollie, who has a lotta fundraising and endorsement work to do to match Klein's mega-war chest, multi-union loyalty and the political backing of just about every elected and party official in the Bronx. Democratic Conference spokesman **Mike Murphy** said leader **Andrea Stewart-Cousins** and her members will be supporting the former City Councilman/ Assemblyman/state Attorney General. How much, with some heated serious races elsewhere around the state, remains to be seen.

Ollie could be surprised by his own political clubhouse over past perceived political sins when it comes to who it endorses. A lotta club folks are still grumbling over him supporting former County leader Jose Rivera in the Rainbow Revolution that toppled Jose, and sponsoring the bill that gave councilmembers and Republican/Independent Mayor Mike Bloomberg third terms.

"This is going to be very divisive - *very* divisive," said one long-time insider at the Ben Franklin Re-



From oogling young Dominican girls with his ever-present video camera to a too-much-information selfie in his dentist's chair, Assemblyman Jose Rivera just can't seem to stop. But puleeeeze! No selfies at the proctologist's....

form Democratic Club, which will meet May 22 to decide on an endorsement. "I think Ollie is going to be surprised - and not for the better." BP SUED

Camilla Pinkney-Price, former deputy chief of staff to Boro Prez Ruben Diaz **Jr.**, suing for discrimination after her firing last year, has gotten the go-ahead for a full hearing before an administrative law judge – with subpena and sworn testimony powers – after the state Division of Human Rights found probable cause.

Camilla, who spent 17 years with Ruben and Ruben Sr. in various positions, claims, among other things, a pattern of African-American employees being separated and replaced by non-African Americans in the BP's office.

The BP's lawyer claims she was let go after a series of warnings over various issues, including inappropriate behavior. And the lawyers get rich....

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"Attorney exits covered head to toe in milk, poured on her by the same client.

Karma 1, Defense 0.

"I said to the attorney "I'd love to ask him what happened and why he did that to you, but, well, I can't, you see."

BRONX BIRTHDAYS

May 10 - Former Morris Park Assemblywoman **Naomi (Snooki) Rivera**. May 12 - Comedian

George Carlin.

May 15 - Actor/playwright **Chazz Palminteri**.

Sorry to all you hot gossip junkies, but we'll be taking a one week break to recharge the old batteries. See yuh two weeks from now.

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Subway repairs moving up line

Castle Hill, Middletown stops open; Zerega, Buhre next

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Enjoy a fully running No. 6 subway line while you can, east Bronxites — because you'll be losing two more stations soon.

The city reopened the newly renovated Middletown Road and Castle Hill Avenue on Sunday, May 4, complete with new mezzanines and platform walls to shield travelers from the elements.

But as the paint dries at those stops, locals at the nearby Zerega and Buhre avenue stations are gearing up for a more complicated commute when those stops come under the MTA's fixup plan in July.

Find another route

"I'll have to walk down to Middletown Road, which is way out of my way," said Brian Falco, who lives on Crosby Road. "It's just the wintertime I'm afraid of. If we have a winter like last one, that walk could be trouble."

The city started construc-



Brian Falco is all smiles now, but come July he'll be among the Buhre Avenue regular commuters who will need to make other travel plans as station undergoes renovations.

Photo by Ben Kochman

tion on the Castle Hill Avenue and Middletown Road stations in October 2013 – part of a massive multi-million dollar revamping of the No. 6 line that locals and elected officials had complained was in disrepair.

"It's going to be an inconvenience, but it's going to be worth it," said Maria Garcia, who uses the Buhre Avenue station now and will have to either walk to the Pelham Bay Park No. 6 train or take a shuttle bus from July 2014 to January 2015, when construction is expected to be done.

Tricky for local shops Merchants near the Buhre Avenue stop are expecting the construction to be rough for business. Pelham Bay merchants will be meeting with MTA officials on May 20 at Honey Thai Pavilion to brainstorm ways to weather the storm.

"It's going to be a mess, no matter how you slice it," said Irene Guanill, president of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association. "But we're hoping that we can minimize the effects as much as possible."

When the city started construction at Castle Hill Avenue, merchants there complained that the contractors swallowed up key parking spaces.

Near the Buhre Avenue stop, the construction equipment could pose problems for the many senior citizens who frequent the shops on Crosby, Buhre and Westchester Avenues.

"I feel bad for the local businesses," said Falco, the Pelham Bay local. "A lot of senior citizens won't want to cross, with the equipment



Hey there, hot stuff! The new and improved Middletown Road No. 6 line station opened Sunday May 4 after major renovations. Photo by Ben Kochman

and debris."

Residents who want to learn more about their transportation options during the construction can go to a public meeting on June 10 at 7 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church.

The end result, even inconvienced locals pointed out, will be a safer and nicer subway station. But in the meantime, business will be far from usual.

"We know that this needs to happen. The better the station, the more welcoming it will be in the future," said Guanill. "The hard part is: How are our shops going to operate in a construction site?"

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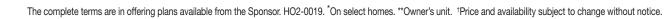
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New district manager for Board 7

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

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The newest district manager of Community Board 7 says he's up for the challenge.

The overarching theme is being the person who knows whaat's going on in the neighborhood.

> **Dustin Engelken** CB 7 District Manager

A former board member himself, Dustin Engelken, 27, starts the job Monday, May 12 after recently being appointed by his fellow board members.

Engelken, who lives in Bedford Park with his

wife Farah and 6-monthold daughter Ayala, was appointed a member of the board shortly after moving there two years ago in order to get involved in his new home.

Opportunity

"For me, the community board was a great opportunity to dive right in to the neighborhood, find out who's active in the community, what the issues are, and what kind of needs we have," he said.

As district manager, Engelken will manage the community board, respond to constituents, and act as a liaison to city agencies. The board also covers Norwood, University Heights, Jerome Park, Fordham and Kingsbridge Heights.

"The over-arching theme is being the person who knows what's going on in the neighborhood," he said about the job.

Originally from Salina, Kansas, he transferred to Manhattan College his



Dustin Engelken is the new district manager for Community Board 7. Photo by Jaime Williams

sophomore year and began to call the borough home. In love with Bronx "I immediately fell in love with the Bronx and for the most part haven't left since then."

After graduation, he got a job with Soundview Councilmember Annabel Palma, serving as a constituent liaison, communications manager, and legislative director.

"I really got to see from top to bottom how things work," Engelken said. "It was an invaluable experience I think is going to translate well to this job,"

In 2012, he took a consulting job at Mercury Public Affairs, working with lobbyists.

"It was very interesting work, but at the same time it really drove home to me that my place is in government," said Engelken. "I don't want to be the person that lobbies for policy change, I want to be the person who drives that change."

Board issues

Quality of life is important to Board 7, he noted, with issues including littering, vandalism, graffiti and parks, as well as the big pet peeve of dog droppings.

One of major changes in the area, he added, is the rezoning of Webster Avenue, which will bring new residents and businesses.

"It's really going to fundamentally reshape our neighborhood in the coming years," he said. "Hopefully as district manager I'll have an opportunity to actively shape that process."

"I think a lot of people don't understand what it is the community board does," he noted. "So I think part of the job as district manager is advertising that your board is there and the services you provide."

Getting people to come to the office and to board meetings, he said, is critical to its mission of serving the community.

"The more people you get involved in that way, the more you learn about the specific issues you need to address."



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FRI, MARCH 23rd, 2:15 a.m. – 256 East 138 St. Authorities were alerted to an assault that occurred at a bar. First responders arriving at the scene in the South Bronx found two males suffering from slash wounds. Both victims were transported to Lincoln Medical Center where they were treated for their wounds. Police investigators are looking to interview two black males whom fled from the bar.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 3:00 a.m. -350 Gerard Ave. A search was conducted for a male who broke into a school. Officials report that the unknown culprit was spotted leaving the school with a pack of apparent stolen items. An inquiry is underway.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 5:15 a.m. – 2520 Park Ave. Authorities were summoned to Lincoln Medical Center after a person arrived requesting assistance for a bullet wound. Police investigators were able to obtain information from the victim concerning the incident. The injured victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the chest area.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 9:00 p.m. – 526 East 138 St. An investigation was launched after officials were alerted to a robbery. A commercial establishment fell victim to a mask wearing male who was armed with a gun. The thief fled with four-hundred dollars.

SAT, MARCH 24th, 10:00 a.m. – 831 East 149 St. Police officials are looking for the owner of a missing bag that was recovered. The bag was discovered inside a store. Authorities were more interested in the contents of the bag. Three guns were vouched by officials.

MON, MARCH 26th, 10:50 a.m. – 598 Morris Ave. A 65 year old Hispanic male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center. The man required medical treatment for a bullet wound to the right forearm received during the robbery of a deli during an armed robbery of the store. Additional police officers were deployed into the area to help with the search.

41st PCT.

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 3:55 a.m. – 882 Bryant Ave. Police investigators are looking into an incident where several shots had been fired. Arriving police officers indicated that there were no injuries but they were able to recover evidence that indicated that at least ten bullets had been discharged.

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 8:00 p.m. – A female teen informed police investigator that she was forced to perform a sexual act. Police investigators spoke with the 16 year old black girl in addition to ensuring that she received medical treatment at Lincoln Medical Center. The incident is under investigation.



42nd PCT.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 3:30 a.m. – 1404 Crotona Park East. A suspect was arrested in connection of a multiple stabbing of a Hispanic male. The 35 year old victim was transported to St Barnabas Hospital suffering from stab wounds to the right torso and the right leg. Police have a suspect in custody.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 3:20 p.m. – 1088 Washington Ave. Police investigators are looking into the death of a male. The victim's body was discovered apparently by a neighbor officials reported. Authorities believe that the male died from a selfinflicted bullet wound to the head. The Medical Examiner's staff will make that determination once the autopsy is completed.

43rd PCT.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 5:00 a.m. – 1545 White Plains Rd. displaying a badge, an unidentified male robbed a cab driver. Taken during the incident was four-hundred dollars. The victim escaped iniuries.

SUN, MARCH 25th, 3:00 p.m. – 1800 Story Ave. Police officers hearing shots being fired in the Sound View community requested assistance. The undercover officers were backed up my local police officers. A possible suspect was located who hid inside an apartment creating a barricade situation. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were called to the scene. The experts were able to talk the culprit into opening the door. The suspect was taken into custody as police officers recovered a gun.

MON, MARCH 26th, 5:05 a.m. – Gleason Ave. and St. Lawrence Ave. Additional police officers were deployed into the Sound View area after a shooting had occurred. The victim, a 25 year old black male was suffering from two separate bullet wounds. One entered the victim's right forearm while the medical staff also treated the victim for a grazed wound to the abdomen. The injured man was treated at Jacobi Medical Center.

44th PCT.

MON, MARCH 26th, 11:40 p.m. – East 138 St. and Major Deegan Expwy. A Hispanic male was transported to Jacob Medical Center after being shot in the South Bronx. The 21 year old victim was suffering from two bullet wounds. The first bullet ripped into the victim's left torso while the second bullet entered the left arm. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

45th PCT.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 2:40 a.m. – Police investigators are looking for the culprit who attacked a 16 year old girl. The teenage victim appeared at Jacobi Medical Center seeking assistance. The girl told officials that she had been raped several days ago. Members of the Special Victim's Squad were alerted to the incident.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 7:45 a.m. – 100 Cassals PI. Officials are investigating a robbery in the Co-op City community. The victim lost a purse to the unknown thief.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 12:00 p.m. – 1411 Zerega Ave. A young teenager was arrested for slashing an older relative. The 13 year old male was taken into custody and being charged with the attack on a 17 year old cousin. The older teen was treated for a slash wound to the arm.

46th PCT.

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 4:15 a.m. - 2155 Grand Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident that sent two persons to a local hospital. A 42 year old black male was suffering from several bullet wounds upon arriving at St. Barnabas Hospital. The man had been shot twice in the facial area in addition to two wounds to the leg area, and one to the arm. The second victim, a 26 year old Hispanic male was transported to the same hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the right thigh. Both men were reported in stable condition.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 4:00 a.m. – Jerome Ave. and East 182 St. A search was conducted as authorities looked for a group who attacked three males. Three Hispanic males were assaulted by an unknown group causing one of the victims to receive fracture skull during the attack. Police officers searching the area were unable to locate the attackers.

MON, MARCH 26th, 11:00 a.m. – 1935 Ryer Ave. Police officials are looking for the person who committed a robbery. The unknown culprit choked a person before fleeing with a cellphone. The thief also fled with personal papers from the victim. Not willing to be a victim, the crime target chased the culprit into Echo Park. While in the park it's reported that the culprit fired a shot at the victim. The bullet missed. Detectives are looking for the culprit. cial injuries.

MON. MARCH 26th. 7:50 p.m.

- Weeks Ave. and East 174 St. An-

other male ended up in trouble with

the law enforcement community. A

20 year old black male was arrested

after being found in possession of

a gun. Taken away from the young

47th PCT.

- 3478 Boston Rd. A search was

conducted for a black male believed

to be in his fifties. The unknown

man entered a neighborhood bank

demanding money at gun point or he

would shot the people in the lobby.

The scared teller proceeded to give

the man over three thousand dol-

MON, MARCH 26th, 10:55 p.m.

861 East 223 St. Investigators

are looking into a shooting where

a teenager was the victim. An 18

year old black male was transport-

ed to Jacobi Medical Center suffer-

ing from a bullet wound to the right

hand. The injured teen was reported

in stable condition as local detec-

48th PCT.

2060 Crotona Pkwy. First respond-

ers were needed at an East Tremont

building. An elderly woman acci-

dently threw a lite match into a gar-

bage can instead of the toilet bowl.

The contents of the garbage can ig-

nited the entire room into flames.

Fire officials indicated that respond-

ing units were able to contain the

- 1974 Hughes Ave. Additional po-

lice officers assisted local police

officers who were faced with an

emotional disturbed person in the

Belmont community. Police officials

were able to talk the person into

opening the door and corrected the

situation once police gained control

- 707 East 175 St. 12:05 a.m. Three

more persons were arrested as

police removed another oun from

Bronx streets. This time a 22-caliber

revolver was vouched as evidence

- 2179 Washington Ave. First re-

sponders were needed to assist a

man who had jumped three stories.

The 31 year old Hispanic man land-

ed on the roof of a school gym. The

injured man was transported from

the roof to St. Barnabas Hospital in

serious condition suffering from fa-

SUN. MARCH 25th. 11:40 a.m.

for the pending court procedures.

SUN, MARCH 25th, 12:05 a.m.

SAT, MARCH 24th, 9:20 a.m.

blaze in apartment 6C.

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SAT, MARCH 24th, 7:00 p.m. -

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MON, MARCH 26th, 10:25 a.m.

male was a 380-caliber pistol.

49th PCT.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 1:00 a.m. – A black male was arrested after police officials verified that the man failed to obtain the proper license to have a gun in New York City. Taken away from the culprit was a 40-caliber pistol.

50th PCT.

SAT, MARCH 24th, 9:30 p.m. – 2751 Sedgwick Ave. Police officials are looking into a home invasion where five Hispanic males invaded a home in the West Kingsbridge area. The unidentified culprits fled with seven hundred in cash, a cell-phone in addition to other property.

52nd PCT.

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 1:45 a.m. – 350 East 195 St. Law enforcement officials ordered additional police officers into the Fordham – Bedford Park community. Authorities were on the scene of a shooting where the victim was a 16 year old black male. The teen was suffering from a bullet wound to the chest area when he arrived at St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the chest area. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 4:05 a.m. – 3505 Decatur Ave. Police officials were faced with a stand-off with an emotional person. Local police arriving at the barricade situation requested assistance of the Emergency Service Division. Once in police custody the person was removed from the building without any additional problems.

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 3:15 a.m. – 2240 Cedar Ave. A search was conducted for the culprit who invaded a private home. The armed culprits found their way into the home and at gunpoint robbed the victim of unknown amount of money besides other property. No injuries were reported.

MON, MARCH 26th, 1:30 p.m. – 100 West Mosholu Pkwy. A member of the high school staff was arrested. Police officers were in the process of arresting two students when a teacher interfered. The students were taken into custody after a fight had occurred. Joining the two students on the ride to the station house was also the teacher who was also in custody.

Transit

MON, MARCH 26th, 4:00 p.m. – Jerome Ave. and West 183 St. A suspect knew that police were about to arrest him, so he attempted to get away from the law enforcement authorities. Instead the male culprit jumped from the IRT 4 line train station to the street below. The culprit now in police custody was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from two broken legs.

Housing

THURS, MARCH 22nd, 3:55 p.m. – 1330 Webster Ave. A crime victim was arrested after receiving emergency medical attention. The victim had been smoking a cigarette when he was approached by two black males. The pair pistol whipped the male and then stabbed him in the shoulder besides slashing the male victim. The two male culprits fled before police could arrive. Responding police officers checked on the victim, ended up arresting the male after finding out that there was an outstanding warrant waiting his arrest. The male was taken into custody.

Fire Log

WED, MARCH 21st, 4:10 p.m. - 1849 Paulding Ave. Members of Engine 90 upon arriving at a private home indicated that they were faced with a working fire. The blaze was located in a rear bedroom of a two-story home. Battalion 20 took command of the operation indicating that used 'all hands' to battle. Ladder crews removed a seriously injured person who was transported to an area hospital in critical condition. In 15 minutes the main body of fire had been extinguished by the engine crews as ladder crews continued with their searches and overhauling operations.

FRI, MARCH 23rd, 4:00 a.m. -FRI, MARCH 23rd, 10:38 a.m. - 82 East Burnside Ave. The crew from Tower Ladder 33 reported a working fire in a one story commercial building. Battalion 19 who responded to take the initial command of the extinguishment operations reported using a full first alarm assignment by 10:41 a.m. for a fire in a 300 feet long building. The chief requested an additional engine and ladder crew to respond before an urgent second alarm was sounded around 10:43 a.m. Division 7 arrived on scene to assume command of the operation. Two additional tower ladders were requested to respond to help prevent the fire from spreading to a nearby apartment house. Three hose lines were in operation besides Tower Ladder 33 pouring several hundred gallons of water on the fire every minute. Fire officials were forced to set up a defensive operation. There was fire in numerous stores with flames spreading through the cockloft area. Before the fire was contained, four tower ladders in addition to five hose lines continued to pour water onto the dancing flames. A third alarm was transmitted at 11:10 a.m. but the fire continued to burn for an additional hour before it was totally extinguished.

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Common Core

Dear editor.

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Like Patrick Sprinkle I am teacher in the South Bronx who wants to see my students succeed in life.

However, I do not regard the Common Core as a panacea or "magic bullet" that will enable students from poor districts to overcome the obstacles to success that confront them.

Effective teachers have challenged their students on a daily basis without the benefit of the Common Core. Simply formally enshrining higher standards will not solve the problem of the achievement gap, the disparity that exists between the performance of those students who live in poverty and those who have sufficient resources.

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds will not magically perform better by holding them to higher standards; recent history has demonstrated just the opposite, as test scores in Math and English have plummeted in the first year of Common Core implementation. Wishing does not make it so.

What is needed to assist students in poorer districts is a higher and more equitable level of support, not higher standards that are more than likely unattainable under present circumstances and may have the unintended consequence of discouraging those students who need the most encouragement.

A good first step would be if the money lavished on charter schools by corporate interests was instead directed to the neediest public school districts.

Pasqual Pelosi

Georgia guns Dear editor.

Georgia Governor Signs "Guns Everywhere" Into Law I do hope that Georgia will now buy and distribute guns to all poor citizens that can't afford to buy one. It's just not fair that poor people should be without a gun. I'm sure the Gun Manufacturing lobbies and the NRA will agree that poor people should have the right to protect themselves als

The money to pay for this can come from the police department since every citizen will now be armed making most Police obsolete.

One Sheriff with his or her volunteer posse is all every Georgia town now needs.

Here I am a 86 WW 2 Vet living in "The Bronx" wondering if I had a strapped on gun would that make me feel any safer, I don't think so, you see, to compete in New York City you need a Brain, Not a Gun!

Dante Barozzi

Taxes

Dear editor,

Did you see the "Don't Let Tax, Water, Or Repair Charges Come Between You and Your Property" which appeared in the May 2nd Bronx Times & Bronx Times Reporter along with other daily and weekly neighborhood newspapers?

Even worse, was the 72 page recent supplement which appeared in the New York Daily News on April 30th. It listed line by line the name of every New Yorker who owes real estate tax water sewer, emergency repair or other

property - related charges "the City

of New York may sell a lien on your property" advertisement.

Is this the best way the NYC Departments of Finance, Environmental Protection along with Housing Preservation and Development can spend taxpayers dollars?

Why can't all three agencies compare their respective lists of people who owe money with those filing city and state tax returns? Surely the technology exists to place a lien on any tax refunds? You could also extend citizens the courtesy of a telephone call or letter or E-mail informing them of their overdue obligations.

What's next, will the City send out Marshals going door to door serving subpoenas?

Larry Penner

Climate change Dear editor.

Let's assume all the scientist on global warming are wrong and the Exxon Koch Tea Party is right, aside from some embarrassing red faces so what? BUT IF THEY'RE RIGHT!

This is a no brainier. Same thing about the Keystone XL pipeline which threatens the Ogallala Aquifer which supplies drinking water and irrigates middle America where our food grows. I'd rather walk than go thirsty or hungry.

I don't want any Pipeline or Fracking near there or near my NY water or food supply either. **Dante Barozzi**

MTA contracts Dear editor.

Just how will Governor Cuomo and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) find the \$525 million dollars over four years to pay for the proposed contract with Transportation Workers Union Local 400 representing over 34,000 subway and bus workers?

Governor Cuomo reminds me of the cartoon character Wimpy who said "I'll gladly pay you on Tuesday for a hamburger today".

As they say, the devil is in the details. Raiding pension funds and retirees health care accounts along with other book keeping tricks are the equivalent of robbing Peter to pay Paul.

Remember the old NYC Board of Transportation passed on control of the municipal subway system, including all its assets to the newly created New York City Transit Authority. Under late Governor Rockefeller in the 60 s, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority was created. The Governor appoints four board members. Likewise, the Mayor four more and the rest by suburban county Executives.

All have long forgotten including that buried within the 1953 master agreement between the City and NYCT is an escape clause. NYC has the legal right at any time to take back control of its assets which includes the subway and most of the bus system as well.

Actions speak louder than words. Do you believe you could do a better job negotiating a contract with the Transport Workers Union? If so, ask Mayor Bill de Blasio to take back legal control of both the subway and bus system. NYC rather than the MTA could directly negotiate any contracts with the Transport Workers Union

Larry Penner

Ridership

Dear editor.

The recently released American Public Transportation Association report highlighted that public transportation ridership in 2013 was greater than any time since 1956.

Various operating agencies of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority including New York City Transit bus and subway, MTA Bus, Long Island Rail Road and Metro North Rail Road along with Westchester Bee Line Bus had a 3% plus increase in ridership during the same time period. This increase in ridership took place despite a fare hike in 2013.

Fare hikes are periodically required if the MTA is to provide the services millions of New Yorkers on a daily basis count on. They are inevitable due to inflation along with increasing costs of labor, power, fuel, supplies, materials, routine safety, state of good repair, replacement of worn out rolling stock, upgrades to stations. yards and shops along with system expansion projects necessary to run any transit system.

In the end, quality and frequency of service is dependent upon secure revenue streams. We all will have to continue contributing -be it at the fare box, tolls or tax revenues generated by different levels of government redistributed back to the MTA. Increasing ridership can also be traced back to one of the late President Lyndon Johnson's greatest accomplishments which continues benefiting many Americans today. On July 10th, 1964 he signed the "Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964" into law. Subsequently this has resulted in the federal investment over time of several hundred billion dollars into public transportation.

In 1996, Metro Cards were introduced which provide free transfers between the subway and bus. This eliminated the old two fare zones making public transportation an even better bargain. Purchasing a weekly or monthly subway/ bus pass reduced the cost per ride and provides virtually unlimited trips. In many cases, employers offer transit checks which help subsidizes a portion of the costs. More riders utilize this and reap the benefits.

Millions of Americans including many Bronx residents today on a daily basis utilize various public transportation alternatives. They include local and express bus, ferry, jitney, light rail, subway and commuter rail services.

All of these systems use less fuel and move far more people than conventional single occupancy vehicles. Most of these systems are funded with your tax dollars thanks to President Johnson. The ability to travel from home to workplace, school, shopping, entertainment, medical, library etc. is a factor when moving to a new neighborhood. Economically successful communities are not 100% dependent on automobiles as the sole means of mobility. Seniors, students, low and middle income people need these transportation alternatives.

Investment in public transportation today contributes to economic growth, employment and a stronger economy. Dollar for dollar, it is one of the best investments we can make.

Try riding a local or express bus, commuter van, ferry, light rail, commuter rail or subway. Larry Penner



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Mom's Day gifts big local biz

Local shops fielding rush for flowers, presents

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Okay, relax. There's still time for that last minute Mother's Day gift or restaurant reservation.

And local merchants and restaurateurs are definitely saying God Bless moms everywhere.

For those in the gift industry, including florists and jewelry stores, the holiday can mean a big boom in sales.

Flowers for mom

Louis Mahony, owner of Jerome Florist and Gifts in Throggs Neck, said that Mother's Day is absolutely the shop's biggest holiday – "Bigger than Christmas or Valentine's Day."

Customers include kids buying gifts for moms, husbands buying for wives, grandmothers buying for daughters and vice versa, said Mahony.

"There's a long list of people who need flowers," he said.

The holiday also means a boom for local restau-

rants, including Don Coqui on City Island. **Craziest day**

"It's the craziest restaurant day of the year," said Jimmy Rodriguez, whose kids run the restaurant. "Nobody wants mommy to cook on Mother's Day."

Rodriguez said the restaurant doesn't take reservations because no one knows quite how long it will take to get there with City Island traffic, but the restaurant will begin filling up for lunch between 12 and 1 p.m. and will be packed throughout the day.

"Come early," he said. "Because everyone has the same idea."

While Christmas is the busiest time of year, Vito Caputo, owner of Caputo Jewelers in Morris Park, said Mothers Day is about on par with Valentine's Day for sales.

Caputo has seen Mother's Day trends come and go during the 33 years he has owned the shop. Mother's rings with kid's birthstones and engraved charms have given way to pendants with birthstones or monograms of their childrens' initials.

"Mother's Day gifts, in general, are a little bit of everything," said Caputo.

Pre-order

Florist Mahony noted Mother's Day bouquets or arrangements can range from \$50 to \$300, so it helps to let the salesperson know right away what you're looking to pay.

Because of the high demand on Mother's Day, Mahony said that people who want specific flowers should pre-order their arrangements, otherwise they may be out of luck.

"There's always an insane rush because everyone waits till the last minute."

But despite the hectic aspect to Mother's Day in a flower shop, Mahony said he enjoys it each year.

"It's nice when people come in and they're all excited about it."



Angelina Zippo, 2, may want to break open her piggy bank to buy a Mother's Day gift for mom Erica at Caputo Jewelers in Morris Park. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

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One Morris Park local is having an especially rough ride with petty car crime.

A mere week after bandits stripped one vehicle in the Indian Village enclave of its rearview mirrors, thieves returned to swipe all of the car's four tires.

The bandits also smashed a rear window on the car, and snooped around for loose change, said witnesses of a black car parked in a driveway on the corner of Tenbroeck and Rheinlander avenues during the night of Friday, May 2 and early morning Saturday, May 3.

The petty crime spike has locals spooked.

"These guys seem to have found a comfort level in Indian Village over the last few months," said Bob Nolan, who lives on nearby Narragansett Avenue. "It's gotten really bad."

Police at the Four-Nine Precinct say they are investigating. The criminals are likely repeat offenders, some of whom have been arrested for the crime in the past but



This vehicle in Indian Village had all four of its tires swiped over the weekend, just days after bandits snagged his rearview mirrors. Photo courtesy Peter Enea

are now out of prison and back on the streets, said 49 Community Affairs Officer, Detective Vic DiPierro.

Complicating the hunt is how quick the thieves can pluck the mirrors or tires off a car, which happens in a matter of seconds, said DiPierro.

For now, cops are urging locals to lock their car doors and remove valuables. Residents can also invest in tire locks and rearview mirror covers.

"It's a crime of opportu-

nity," said DiPierro. "All we can suggest that residents keep nothing in their cars that is tempting.'

But the locals who have seen vehicle parts swiped are getting fed up.

"The bottom line is that we need more police patrols," said Nolan. "The first thing I do every morning is look outside to see if my car, mirrors and tires are still there. This is a nice neighborhood. We should not have to live like this."

Television fame leads to mugging blame

Security cam leads to Zerega mug suspects' IDs

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Smile, you're on securitv camera.

Two muggers who attacked a female postal worker leaving the subway at the Zerega stop on Westchester Avenue, throwing her to the ground, wound up posing for their mug shots after a security camera led to their eventual arrest.

One suspect's girlfriend spotted him in the security video after it was provided to local cable News 12 The Bronx, cops said, while the other suspect was the talk of his Hunts Point neighborhood after his face was splashed on the screen there.

Michael Muniz, 26 was arrested after a police source said "he was watching TV with his baby mom when there he was, big as life, on the TV screen."

"The girlfriend, who apparently was none to happy over it, called her Godmother, who then called a retired police officer she knew," said the source, who then contacted the 45th Precinct squad and spoke with case detective Paul Maldonado.

Maldonado arrested Michael Muniz April 24, pect Christopher Delapaz, 25, who had become embarassed over neighbors

pointing the finger at him after the TV broadcast of the video.

"He was getting ribbed in the neighborhood for going from being a drug dealer to a drug user to robbing old ladies," said the police source.

When detectives finally arrested Delapaz on April 28, he reportedly told detectives "I knew you were coming to get me. I saw myself all over TV."

Both suspects were charged with felony robbery, assault and possession of stolen property. They were being held on Rikers Island pending a May 14 court hearing.

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Groups vying for Pelham Grand

Board 10 meeting to review proposals

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO After a proposal for vet-

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erans housing fell through at the vacant "Pelham Grand" building in Pelham Bay, four non-profit groups have designs on the former hospital building for social service programs.

Some of the groups could be undercapitalized, and would have to vie for government dollars, possibly giving Community Board 10 an opening to express its views on the matter, said Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns

It is also up to the owner. communications mogul Moujan Vadhat, to approve of any plan, said Kearns.

'Pipe dreams'

"Their proposals are only their pipe dreams," said Kearns. "These organizations run programs and they have heard of a vacancy in the area, and each

one of them wants to move their program in. But I have no idea what the owner wants, and I have no ideas what the owner thinks."

"We have not spoken to the owner, and he has not spoken to us," he added. "It is private property and the only real jurisdiction that we have is to comment if government funds are used."

The Community Board 10 municipal services committee will discuss the ideas at a meeting at the board office, at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue, on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The programs, all referrals from the city Human **Resources** Administration or Department of Homeless Services, run the gamut of social services: recovering veterans, homeless housing, housing for single mothers with children, and drug programs, said Kearns.



A veterans housing proposal for the closed Pelham Grand on Pelham Parkway South has stalled. Now four more ideas are being floated. file photo

List of groups

According to the district manager, the organizations with the ideas are: •Neighborhood Associa-

tion for Inter-Cultural Affairs Love Conquers All

•Toulwani Helping Hands

•ACE NY

Ben Randazzo, chief-ofstaff for Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, said that his office was also contacted

by one of the organizations. He has also gotten a small amount of information on the other three ideas.

He also said that his office had been in touch with Vadhat.

"We have spoken with the owner over a period of time, telling him the use has to meet with community approval, or be something we feel would really be good for the community," said Randazzo, "or I hate to say it, the lesser of the evils."

"They all have something sticky about them, from the little bit that I have read." he said of the latest plans.

The building, at 1870 Pelham Parkway South at the corner of St. Paul Avenue, was home to Pelham Bay General Hospital for many vears. It was later a branch of Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center.

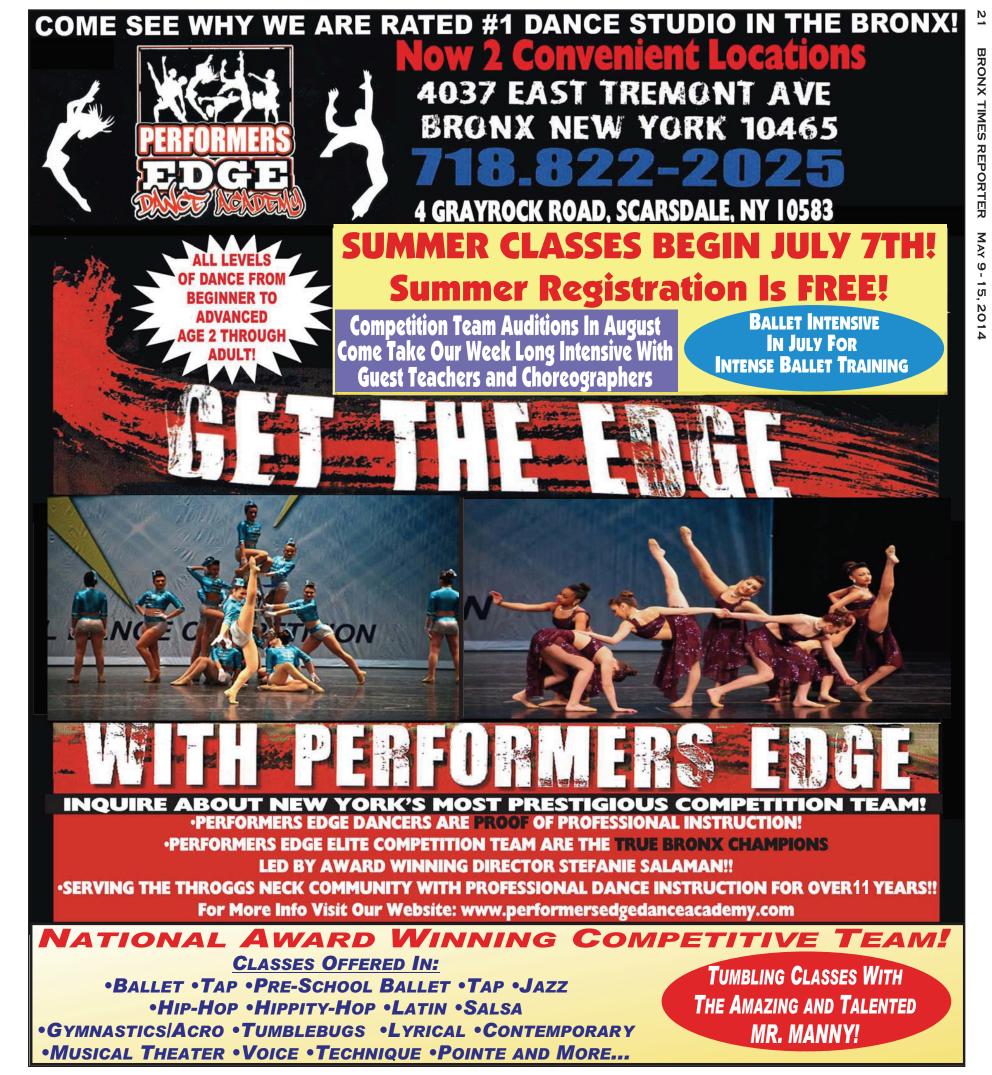


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Council push on mayor's budget

Vacca, Torres voice concerns

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

In what can best be described as another part of the annual "budget dance", the City Council has responded to Mayor de Blasio's preliminary budget with their own shopping lists.

Several Bronx council members said their recommendations are in the response that Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito crafted for her 51-member legislative body.

The Mayor's executive budget was due out this week, with Council hearings and then a final budget to be passed in June, said east Bronx Councilman Jimmy Vacca. In previous years, Vacca and others termed this process the "budget dance."

Cops and Ferries

Vacca's recommendations making it into the 46-page document were calls for hiring 1,000 new police officers, expanding ferry service, and restoring funding for CUNY Prep, a Pelham Parkway-based program that helps young people get their GEDs and get ready for college.

Vacca wants the added cops – costing an estimated \$100 million – above and beyond any regular attrition retirement. It will cost \$100 million, he said.

"The 45th and 49th Precincts in my district have traditionally been shortchanged when it comes to manpower, we have not gotten our fair share," he said.

The city is down about 6,000 police officers from the time of the September 11th attacks, and the city spent almost \$650 million last year on NYPD overtime, he said.

With Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero traffic initiative to curb pedestrian injuries and death, a new a net gain of 1000 new officers is needed to meet all the policing demand, he added.

The cut for CUNY Prep was the only real cut to the City University of New York system, said Vacca.

"CUNY Prep services atrisk high school students, and it has a very high percentage of success," he said.

"It is a program that should be replicated elsewhere, not eliminated."

Ferry service to outer borough communities like Throggs Neck in Vacca's district, he said would be a welcome way to shorten their commutes.

Housing shortfall

Councilman Ritchie Torres wants better funding for New York City Housing Authority projects.

Torres said NYCHA, home to eight percent of the city's renters, currently needs \$18 billion in capital improvements.

He is also calling for security cameras, intercoms, and better lighting for those projects most affected by crime, with a citywide pricetag of \$520 million.

"There is no dedicated funding stream for security investments in public housing, it all depends on the vicissitudes of individual council members' items," he said. "I feel that there should be a coordinated central funding stream for security investments."





On May 1, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula guidance department hosted a Career Day for their junior class. Among the attendees were professional women in various industries who spoke of their experience and gave advice to the junior class. Alumnae speakers included: attorney, Lee Llambelis; NBC producer, Michele Leone; Director of Admissions, Julia Myers-Bartley; College Professor, Dr. Rosemary Farley; construction manager, Yahaira Vargas; and dentist, Dr. Janet Keane. Additionally, a few friends of AMSU were present: nurse, Jennifer Daley and FDNY Firefighters, Tracy Lewis and Sarinya Srisakul.

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Bronx Zoo's newborns & toddlers

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

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Spring is busting out at the Bronx Zoo, with some cuddly newborns and frisky toddlers enjoying the season.

More than a year old now, four African lion cubs who debuted last fall are out and about enjoying the weather and eyeing all those strange looking creatures staring at them.

Born on Aug. 16, the litter is comprised of three males, Thulani, Ime, and Bahati, and one female, Amara. Their mother is Sukari (9 years old) and father is M'wasi (11 years old). This is Sukari and M'wasi's third litter.

Meanwhile, two western lowland gorillas were recently born at the zoo.

Still unnamed, with zookeepers still not sure of their gender, the infants will be clinging to their moms, Julia, 33, and Tuti, 19, for at least four months, living with the rest of the zoo's Congo Gorilla Forest, the largest group of gorillas



These growing toddlers growl when they want their supper. New males, Thulani, Ime, and Bahati, and one female, Amara, nestle around mom Sukari at the Bronx Zoo.

Photo credit Julie Larsen Maher © Wildlife Conservation Society

in North America.

Just when the babies can be seen by visitors this spring will vary day-by-day depending on weather, temperature, and other environmental factors, zoo officials said. Meanwhile, first-time Gorilla Baby Daddy Ernie, 31, was passing out the bananas.



One of two new additions to the Bronx Zoo's Congo Gorilla Forest gets some cuddlin' from their mom. Photo by Julie Larsen Maher @ Wildlife Conservation Society





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Vet advocate Durante honored

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A late civic leader and veterans advocate is getting his due after more than 60 years of community service.

Lou Durante, a World War II veteran and longtime member of in Pelham Bay's American Legion 1498 Lawrence F. Keane Post, was honored by Congressman Joseph Crowley on Monday, May 5.

Crowley presented Durante's family with a framed copy of the Congressional Record where Durante's advocacy in recognizing the brave men and women of the Armed Forces was honored on the floor of the House of Representatives by the congressman.

Crowley also presented them with a flag flown over the Capital.

'Spirit of selflessness'

"Lou Durante epitomized the spirit of selflessness," said Crowley. "Lou devoted much of his life to making sure those who gave back to our community and country were never forgotten. It is only fitting that we now make sure his legacy lives on and honor his contributions to the Bronx community and our great nation."

Durante, who died Feb. 22, helped with his post's annual holiday toy distribution for the children of Pelham Bay, and more recently made sure the names of deceased area veterans were inscribed annually on a granite monument in Keane Square Park. He also recently helped secure funding to help renovate the Keane Post building at 2879 Buhre Avenue.

Joining Crowley was Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and representatives for Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Benedetto.

A humble man

"Lou Durante was a great American patriot, veteran and Bronxite," said Vacca. "Whether he was fighting in World War II or acting as commander of the Lawrence Keane Memorial Post 1498 in Pelham Bay, his time was always spent in service to his country or community. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this honor."

One of Durante's daughters, Rosemarie Tangredi, said her father did his work in the community in a respectful and humble manor.

"Our family can't thank Congressman Crowley enough for honoring my father," said Tangredi. "This is a special day that we will never forget. My father would have been humbled by this recognition."

Durante's grandson Louis Navarro, who grew up around the American Legion post, said "I saw everything that he did to make it so special for these veterans who served our country. He did that until the very end while he was suffering with cancer, on chemothearpy, he did not want to let it go."

Note: A previous story on Durante erroneously stated that Durante was married in 1961. He was married to his wife Lilly Durante in 1951, according to his daughter.



Late veterans' activist Lou Durante/s family stands with Congressman Joseph Crowley, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Ben Randazzo, chief-of-staff for Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, on Monday, May 5 as Durante was honored. Photo courtesy of Congressman Joseph Crowley's office

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BY JAIME WILLIAMS

This student is defining what it means to be a student-athlete.

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In recognition of his achievements, the student at Jane Addams Hight School for Academic Careers drecently was named a Foot Locker Scholar Athlete and received a \$20,000 scholarship to help him pay for Middlebury College, an elite school in Vermont.

Caraballo, from the Grand Concourse area, plays baseball, soccer, and wrestles throughout the year but keeps his priorities straight.

"The most important thing is time management and knowing your academics are first," said CaraHe said that in his neighborhood environment he's constantly surrounded by drugs and other negative influences, but that his activities have kept him out of

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trouble. "I've been involved in sports, and that doesn't give me time to hang out after school with the wrong people," he said.

He said he's had help from great mentors, including his wrestling coach, who has tried to mentally prepare him for what to expect in college. And he participates in the Urban Ambassadors, a leadership and college prep program for the past three years, which he said gave him a strong support system.

Caraballo also volunteered throughout high school with the organization buildOn, completing enough local service hours



South Bronx student-athlete Bryan Caraballo was presented with his scholarship from the Foot Locker Foundation at a Knicks' game, alongside fellow winner Travis Gayle. Photo courtesy of the New York Knicks

to be sent on their trip to build a school in Malawi last year.

He stayed with a family, and said that the challenges his host brother faced to get an education made the challenges Caraballo faced feel small. He said his experience helped him fight "senioritis" throughout his last year.

"I said I wouldn't make excuses when I came back from that," said Caraballo. Caraballo will be the first in his family to attend college, and he said he's excited to get out of the South Bronx, meet new people, and learn about new perspectives.

He said the scholarship, which is funded by the Foot

Locker Foundation and administered by the organization DoSomething.org, is not the only scholarship he has, but it means a lot in terms of reducing his college costs each year.

"It takes that much more of a financial burden off me and my mother," he said.

Caraballo was one of more than 27,000 applicants for 20 scholarships through the Foot Locker Scholar Athlete Program.

Mary Signorino, a spokeswoman for the Foot Locker Foundation, said the organization was impressed by Caraballo because he was so motivated and well-rounded.

"It's been amazing to see deserving kids get opportunities that maybe they wouldn't get on their own," she said. "It's kids like Bryan that make it so worthwhile for us."





New urgent care for Morris Park

ProHealth offers quick service for minor ills

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Sick of emergency room wait times? Not dying? Morris Parkers now

have another healthcare neighborhood option.

ProHealth, offering "urgent care" treatment for unexpected but non-life-threatening ailments, opened up in March on Morris Park and Hone avenues, within eyeshot of the emergency room at Montefiore Medical Center's Weiler Division on the Einstein campus that locals gripe is overcrowded.

Quick wait times

"The wait time here is usually how long it is to fill out your paperwork," said Juan Feal, facility supervisor. "If it's a primary care issue, and you can't get in to see your primary doctor, it's the quickest way to be treated."

ProHealth's stable of emergency room doctors stitch up cuts, x-ray minor bone injuries and treat fevers, the flu, insect bites and other dire but not lifethreatening conditions. If an issue proves more serious and may require surgery or an overnight bed, the doctors there can ship patients to a nearby emergency room.

Popular with Nabe

The site is winning support from neighbors happy to see more healthcare options in the area and tired of the long waits at Weiler/ Einstein, which they say have ballooned in the last few years to several hours. "It's clean, consumer friendly, and convenient.

friendly, and convenient. It's a no-brainer," said Al D'Angelo, vice president of the Morris Park Community Association.

The convenience of urgent care sites can often prove valuable in either addressing minor problems fast or uncovering larger



ProHealth urgent care facility in Morris Park is ready to take in walk-in cases. Photo by Alex Belisle

ones.

D'Angelo said that a friend of his went into Pro-Health recently with pesky cold symptoms and was diagnosed with pneumonia and sent to the emergency room, where he spent a few

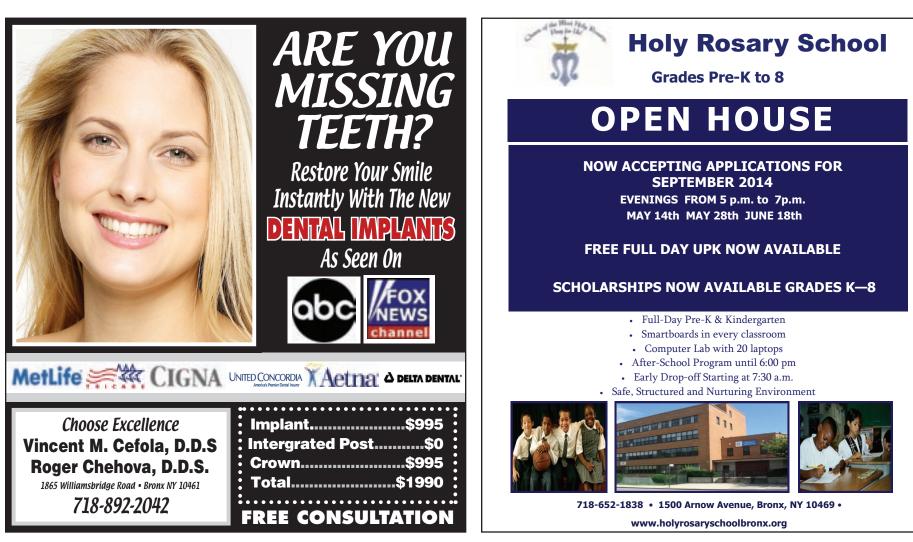
nights.

"He thought about just waiting it out, but since it was convenient, he stopped in," said D'Angelo. "Otherwise he never would have known how bad it was."

Monte's got sites too ProHealth, which is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m to 9 p.m and on weekends from 9 a.m to 6 p.m, is by no means the only option for east Bronxites looking for quick treatment of minor but urgent issues.

Montefiore has some its own urgent care sites in the area, including its Bronx East site on Westchester Avenue near Castle Hill Avenue, which is open until 10 p.m on weekdays and 5 p.m on weekends, though the healthcare titan has no urgent care sites in Morris Park.

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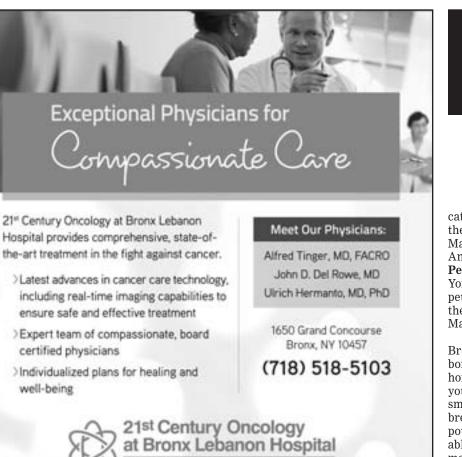
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The Van Nest Library, and all locations of the New York Public Library, will be closed Saturday, May 24 through Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day weekend.

More information can be found at our website: http://www.nypl.org/locations/van-nest

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As part of the 10-day centennial celebration of Bronx Week (May 8 – 18), **St. Barnabas Hospital** will host a free health fair on Friday, May 16.

The St. Barnabas Hospital Health and Family Day will offer free screenings for blood pressure, dental, Body Mass Index, and HIV testing, and provide information on making healthy eating choices, smoking cessation and offer free mammograms through its mobile mammography van.

The fair runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the hospital grounds, located at 4487 Third Avenue. For more information, please call 718-960-3794.

R&B singer, Elle Varner will join participants of the **Bronx Nutrition and Fitness Initiative for Teens** (B'N Fit) Program for a two mile walk on Saturday, May 17 at 8 a.m. at The New York Bo-

tanical Garden. Teen obesity and limited access to health education and fitness outlets are some of the biggest issues facing Bronx youth. The B'N Fit Annual Teen and Community Walk is presented by B'N Fit, a joint program of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC) and The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), in conjunction with Teen Diaries' Pretty Girls Sweat (PGS) program and serves as the culmination of the year long program.

MMCC provides the physical and nutritional education portions of the program. CHAM provides clinical, medical and curriculum support.

Eligible participants are adolescents between the age of 12 and 21 who have a body mass index (BMI) greater than the 95th percentile for age and sex.

To register, create a team or become a sponsor go online at www.mmcc. org.

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The **We Are The Bronx** (WATB) Fellowship is now recruiting mid to senior level Bronx non-profit leaders for a year-long professional development and networking program. Fellows can look forward to connecting with experts on key non-profit issues while building partnerships and increasing their awareness of resources in the Bronx.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday, June 27.

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The WATB Fellowship offers monthly trainings on topics such as public speaking, resource development, navigating local government, working with the media, understanding local demographics, and board development. Fellows are able to engage in dialogue with key Bronx-based leaders during training sessions and strengthen relationships through interactive exercises.

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For further information, visit www.wearethebronx.org or contact Simona Caplan at caplans@ jcrcny.org or 212-983-4800 x122.

LEHMAN COLLEGE FIRST CITIZENSHIP GALA



Lenny Caro of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce was honored at Lehman College's first annual Citizenship Gala on May 1 at the Villa Barone Mano. LI-r) Caro, Suyapa Greenberg, Amanda J. Dubois, director of community engagement at Lehman, and Suyapa's father. Photo by Walter Pofeldt





BRONX PARK EAST GRAFFITI CLEANUP

The Bronx Park East Community Association held a graffiti cleanup at Ganzo's Food Market at 2200 Boston Road on Saturday, April 26. (Left) Senator Jeff Klein stopped by to help with a paint roller.

Photo by Edwin Soto (Above) Several volunteers took part in the grafitti cleanup effort.

PELHAM PARKWAY GRAFFITI CLEANUP



The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association held it's spring graffiti cleanup on Saturday, April 26, with volunteers cleaning up a graffiti strewn overpass at Lydig and Bogart avenues. Senator Jeff Klein stopped by to take a few swipes with a roller.



Pelham Parkway North Association chair Edith Blitzer and Kay Cardona pitch in painting over grafitti on elevated subway pillar at White Plains Road.

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Paula Richards explains her ailments to Dr. Rani Gundavarapu of Jacobi Medical Center and Dr. Margaret Soon Mei Ling, of Tan Tock Seng Hospital in Singapore, who came with a group of fellow doctors to learn about Jacobi,Äôs highly regarded reputation for providing care to seniors. According to the most recent U.S. Census, the senior population represents 14.7% of all Bronx residents and 17.2% of all residents citywide, with the national senior population expected to nearly double in the next 20 years Courtesy Jacobi Medical Center



ST. FRANCES PRE-K PIZZA MAKING

It's a pizza party for pre-K students in the Early Beginnings Program at St. Frances DeChantal. Kids made their very own pizzas for the April 8 affair.

Photo courtesy of St. Frances DeChantel

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRESENTS "ANNIE"



Schoolmates/junior thespians give themselves a celebratory cheer after presenting successful threeday run of the musical "Annie" at St. Francis Xavier School in Morris Park May 2-4.

Photo by Ken Carozza

KLEIN'S EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS



Healthfirst, TD Bank and Senator Jeff Klein (center) recognized outstanding educators and principals at an Educational Leadership Awards Breakfast on Friday, April 25.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

SPECIAL OLYMPICS AT SUNY MARITIME



Over 50 SUNY Maritime Academy student athletes, along with Maritime mascot Privateer Pete, volunteered their time on Sunday, April 6 to help Maritime Athletics host its Inaugural Special Olympics New York Swim Meet as a kickoff event for 2014 NCAA Division III Week on campus.

BRONX NAACP FREEDOM FUND AWARDS



Bronx's branch of the NAACP held its annual Freedom Fund Awards Dinner Dance on April 25 at Eastwood Manor. Among those honored for their contributions as community leaders: Christopher Bates, Heather Callender, Crystal Collins-Duck, Denise Gordon, Daouda Kone, Reverend Verdell Mack, Veronica Medina, Jesse Mojicia, Lorraine Montenegro, Beverly Robinson and Luis Torres.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



BRONX MANHATTAN NORTH REALTORS DINNER

The Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors hosted their annual dinner April 24 at Marina Del Ray, with guest speaker Westchester Country Executive and candidate for New York governor Rob Astorino. (standing I-r) Eliezer Rodriguez, BMNAR; Jim Slattery, Original Energy; Richard Guarino, President of BMNAR; Billy Schur, Schur Management. (sitting): incoming BMNAR president Kathy Zamechansky of KZA Realty Group, and Duncan MacKenzie, CEO of New York State Association of Realtors

(Right(A dapper looking Assemblyman Mike Benedetto chats it up with Marlene Cintron of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp.





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BronxNet, the borough's public access television station, celebrated its 20th anniversary with a luncheon Thursday, May 1 at Marina del Rey. The celebration was hosted by NY1 anchor Dean Meminger, who joined 300 guests in honoring Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. for his support of BronxNet; Lehman College president Ricardo Fernandez for providing space and services for its studio, and to NBC co-anchor Darlene Rodriguez, who started her television career at BronxNet. Among the other honorees were Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro, Derrick Adkins, and Suyapa Greenburg. Above, Michael Max Knobbe, BronxNet's executive director, addresses the audiance.



Environmental business consultant Majora Carter and former Lehman College President Roscoe Brown smile for the camera.



BronxTalk interview show host Gary Axelbank has the tables turned on him.



(L-r) Cliff Sperber, representing honoree Derrick Adkins; Lenny Caro; and Suyapa Greenburg.



BronxNet executive director Michael Max Knobbe (I) and BronxNet chairman Paul Gentile flank honoree Darlene Rodriguez holding elegant award.

Dancers from the Del Monte Carmelo Church perform, wearing their native best.

Mariachi Band entertains festival goers Photos by Edwin Soto

Mariachi from Del Monte Carmelo Church. (L-r) John Bautista, 12, Christian Calderon, 6, and Alexis Perez, 13.

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Food, music and dancing filled Crescent Avenue in Belmont May 3 as El Groupo Unidos de Belmont hosted the 9th Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

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New college program for Bronx

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This program is bringing its college access strategy to the Bronx.

Breakthrough New York will begin operating out of the New York Junior Tennis & Learning's new center in Crotona Park in June 2015.

The program, which currently has a Manhattan and a Brooklyn site, helps guide high-potential but low-income sixth graders all the way through the college preparation process.

One special part of the program is that it uses high school and college students as teachers for the after-school and summer programs, said Director Rhea Wong, which provides the middle schoolers with young role models.

"If those people are the ones carrying the message, I think it really resonates in a different way," said Wong.

The program also starts relatively young, "so our

kids can really start to see themselves as college-going people," Wong said.

Breakthrough New York currently serves 70 students from the Bronx at their Manhattan location, and will accept 34 student next spring for their first class of students at the NYJTL Carey Leeds Center in Crotona Park.

"They travel a pretty long way to get to us," said Wong. "We've long felt we need to be in the Bronx."

The after-school program provides academic support for the middle school students and guides them through the city's high school admission process so that they end up in a school that will prepare them for college. (More than one third go to private schools.)

High school students attend monthly workshops on such topics as time management, internships, financial literacy and more to help



Students at Breakthrough New York's Manhattan location, at The Town School on the Upper East Side. Organization will soon be opening a center in Crotona Park. Photo courtesy of Breakthrough New York

Wong.

to guide them through the long college process – "All of the stuff more affluent kids get in a more collegebound family culture," said

During the summer, the program includes art and sports, and is "intense academically, but also fun," she du

said.

Wong herself was a graduate of a Breakthrough program in San Francisco during the late 80s. She said that she was a nerd and was ashamed of it, but the Breakthough program created a place for her where it was cool to be smart – "It changed the whole direction of my life."

Oge Ezekwenna, an 8th grader from Clason Point, feels the same way about the program.

"They've surrounded me with people just like me," he said, "People who come from public school and want to be successful but don't have the means to do so."

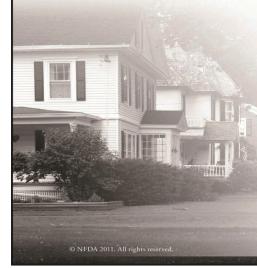
Ezekwenna said he's received a lot of personalized support through the program, and as a result he will be attending Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire on a full-scholarship in the fall.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I think it will be a great opportunity for me academically and personally."



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Master and ambassador teachers by Tom Allon

When I briefly taught English at Stuyvesant High School more than 25 years ago, I had the good fortune of meeting a witty, impish Irish man who had already been a teacher for two decades.

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He was the school's popular creative writing teacher and was legendary among students who graduated from that selective high school for his unorthodox teaching methods.

Two assignments of his that students loved to complete were to write the most creative absence note from a parent and to write a restaurant review of your dinner from the previous evening. He asked students probing questions in class about the quotidian details of their lives and he made them listen closely to their classmates' written work so they could critique each other. That man — who after he retired as a teacher went on to become a world-renowned author as the most famous memoir writer ("Angela's Ashes," "Teacher Man") was Frank McCourt, and I am proud to say he was my friend and mentor.

He was a "master teacher" before anyone started using that term for talented and experienced teachers who take young pedagogues under their wings.

When I was a young and inexperienced teacher at Stuyvesant, he took me under his wing, gave me some pointers, allowed me to watch his class and occasionally we'd combine classes so we could teach together. He was masterful to watch in action and, to this day, some of my fondest moments in my brief career as a teacher were learning from Frank. One of the things that has not been given enough attention in the new New York City teachers' contract is the provision to include master teachers and "ambassador teachers," which are new concepts for our local public school system. In the new contract, master teachers will be paid up to \$20,000 more each year for working more and helping to mentor younger teachers.

What a fantastic idea. There is now a career ladder for teachers which allows them to make more money and advance their professional careers. I have been espousing this policy idea for a few years now and I am thrilled that Mayor Bill de Blasio, city Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña and United Federation of Teachers President Mike Mulgrew have made it a reality. There is no greater way to ensure young teachers get the proper training they need than giving them mentors who are successful and experienced teachers. It will be interesting to see how this new program is implemented.

But one thing is for sure. It's a new day in public education in New York — between universal pre-K and master teachers, the de Blasio administration is thinking big on education in its first year in office.

Our children will be the beneficiaries of these new, bold programs.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Partybacked mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.



TOM ALLON

BY FATHER RICHARD F. GORMAN Adiós y Bienvenido

The first, great, big "GOOD-BYE!" this week goes to our nemesis of the past few months, "Ole Man Winter." It appears as if he is finally on his way. He goes with our best wishes for an absence of long duration. The Spring weather, a touch tardy in arriving, is a welcome change. May it please the God of our Ancestors, Lord and Creator of the Universe, to afford us the blessing of some wonderful Springtime weather before the heat of the Summer months is inflicted upon us.

For those who keep their finger on the pulse of local public safety and police issues, many significant changes have taken place in our Borough and localities since the inception of the new year. It was long argued that few, if any, transfers would probably be affected within the command echelon of the New York City Police Department (N.Y.P.D.) in The Bronx in the waning days of the Bloomberg Administration and the extended tenure of his Police Commissioner, The Honorable Raymond W. Kelly. With the arrival of Mayor Bill de Blasio at City Hall and the return of William J. Bratton for an encore in the Office of the Police Commissioner at One Police Plaza, a number of noteworthy personnel shifts have occurred.

Assistant Chief Carlos M. Gomez, formerly Commanding Officer of Patrol Borough Bronx (P.B.BX.) has relocated to "1 P. P.," to which it is frequently referred, and has picked up an additional star on his shoulders. He has succeeded Bureau Chief Joanne Jaffe, another former P.B.BX. C.O. and newly-appointed Chief of the Community Affairs Bureau, as the Chief of the Housing Bureau. As such, he will be responsible for policing our public housing developments throughout the five (5) Boroughs. Recent events, such as the

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tragic death of Housing Bureau Police Officer Dennis Guerra as a consequence of a mattress allegedly set on fire by a sixteen-yearold by the name of Marcell Dockery, immediately found their way to the Chief's desk. Police Officer Guerra's death in a Coney Island New York City Housing Authority (N.Y.C.H.A.) development, which leaves his widow with the task of raising four (4) children by herself, was an immediate ordeal for our new Housing Bureau Chief. It undoubtedly will not be his last. All of the talent, creative strategizing, policing experience, and patience exhibited by Chief Gomez will be put to the test on a daily basis at Police Headquarters. I assure you, though, that he is, without question or

qualification, up to the task. Having been privileged to become acquainted with the Chief while at he was at the helm of Patrol Borough Bronx (P.B.BX.) and having witnessed his command capabilities "up-front, close, and personal" during the Ramarley Graham ordeal in our Forty-seventh Police Precinct last year, I know first-hand of Chief Gomez' collected and calm, yet firm command capacity, particularly in difficult, possibly violence-prone conditions. He will do us well and proud as I am certain that his successor. Assistant Chief Lawrence Nikunen will, who comes to The Bronx by way of the Manhattan Detective Bureau. Chief Nikunen. upon his arrival on the mainland, immediately set out to meet the "movers and shakers" in our Borough, setting a most propitious tone at the onset his tenure. Chief Nikunen is most welcome and I am sure that all of my fellow Bronxites look forward to the benefits of his service as our Borough

to Locally, on Laconia Avenue in our "4-7" Precinct house, a new face is now found behind the desk in the Commanding Officer's a office. Deputy Inspector Brian M. Mullen has gone south to the Forty-fourth Precinct after his stint with us in the "4-7" Deputy Inspector Mullen distinguished himself by his handling of the thorny concerns attending the shooting of Ramarley Graham and by his watchful attention, not only to major crime, but to the knotty complaints about wullity of life violations in our neighborhood. I espe-

Commander.

Ramarley Graham and by his watchful attention, not only to major crime, but to the knotty complaints about quality of life violations in our neighborhood. I especially want to congratulate and compliment Deputy Inspector Mullen for his involvement with the numerous complaints relative to the new homeless facility operated by PROJECT RE-NEWAL on Bronx Boulevard at the intersection of East 238TH Street/Nereid Avenue. In addition to setting the parameters of the problems relative to the fa-

cility, he greatly assisted in

establishing a protocol for the ongoing evaluation of conditions at the site, which I am certain, will be of great benefit to those of us previously entrusted to his care. I am eagerly anticipating my initial, getting-to-knowyou sit-down with his successor, Deputy Inspector Ruel R. Stephenson, who has not let any grass grow under his feet since arriving at 4111 Laconia Avenue.

While new faces have appeared in our Bronx N.Y.P.D. command structure, many of the longstanding challenges remain. I again heartily welcome those to whom we entrust our safety and that of our homes, businesses, Churches, schools, and families. I trust all are committed to the "collaborative" approach to policing advocated by Police Commissioner Bratton and pray that they will continue to build upon the successes of those who have already served The Bronx and Bronx Community District #12 so well.

Until next time, that is it for this time!

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Mark Twain's former home, Wave Hill House.

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Empire City Casino Sunday concert series

As the city continues to thaw out after a long winter, Empire City Casino prepares to turn up the heat with some of music's biggest stars every Sunday all summer long! Concert goers will be treated to the incredible musical talents of the best country, pop, and rock artists spanning four decades of music, all part of Empire City Casino's 2014 Summer Concert Series. For the third consecutive year, music fans of every kind will find a favorite performer in Empire City's Outdoor Summer Concert Series lineup.

Fans of the 80's will want to waste no time grabbing tickets to see renowned rockers Starship, starring Mickey Thomas("We Built This City", "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now"), and Survivor ("Eye of the Tiger", "Burning Heart"). Legendary country star Kenny Rogers will be making a much-anticipated return appearance as well singing hits such as "The Gambler", "Lucille," and "Through the Years".

Later in August, your favorite 90's bands will take the stage, and Gin Blossoms ("Hey Jealousy," "Follow You Down"), 38 Special ("Hold on Loosely", "Fantasy Girl"), and The Stylistics ("You Make Me Feel Brand New", "Can't Give You Anything But My Love") with special guest, The Manhattans ("I'll Never Find Another", "Shining Star") will keep the party going with their performances in the following weeks.

The series comes to life

trackside at Empire City Casino beginning Sunday, July 6th with a performance from legendary country quartet The Oak Ridge Boys, who have been performing country hits such as "Elvira" and "Bob-bie Sue" all over America since 1973.

Ticket prices start at \$27.50 and can be purchased starting Monday, May 12th at www.empirecitycasino. com. Limited premium seating packages with preconcert dinner and artist meet and greet are available as well.

Residents will have the chance to write about themselves via a series of free workshops and through a public celebration of the

African-American literary classic Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston.

Bronx Recognizes Its Own 2013 literary winners Jon Lewis Katz, Patricia O'Hanlon, Leah Maddrie, Phyllis Bowdwin and Jamali Corniel will fulfill their BRIO Artists for Community Enrichment (ACE) community service programs for two Bronx Council on the Arts programs in this spring with the Bronx Memoir Project and The Big Read.

Katz and O'Hanlon will be conducting two of the workshop cycles for the Bronx Memoir Project at the Melrose Branch of the New York Public Library and Bronx Library Center, respectively.

Visit bronxarts.org for complete workshop schedule.

Maddrie, Bowdwin and Corniel will compose, perform and conduct workshops for The Big Read, tailoring their presentations to themes related to Their Eyes Were Watching God, while also claiming their mutual public spaces as women of color in the arts. * * *

Once again this spring, The Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) offers a host of exciting classes in a variety of media, for students 7 and up. These classes, taught by working artists from in and out of the community, emphasize practical experience learning the tools of art creation, as well as ways to stimulate creative thinking and problem solving for the personal enhancement of all students.

Classes are now running through June 21 in ten weekly sessions. Class fees, which include all supplies, are an affordable \$75 for youth and teens, and \$100 for adults. (That translates into \$7.50 a session for voung students and \$10 a session for adults!)

The Spring Schedule includes classes in Digital Photography and Drawing & Painting for teens 14-andup and adults. The offerings for youth are Animation & Game Design (ages 9-13); Cartooning (ages 7-12); Drawing & Painting (ages 7-10); Drawing & Painting (ages 11-13), and Sculpture with Clay, offered for the first time for kids 7-12.

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Bartow-Pell Plant Sale May 17th

As part of Bartow-Pell Conservancy's ongoing centennial celebrations, the museum will host its first plant sale in many years on Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 18. The sale, which will take place

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sale, which will take place on the grounds of the museum, will include over 100 varieties of annuals, perennials, herbs, and roses inspired by the newly restored formal garden.

"The grounds of Bartow-Pell—with spring in full-bloom—are the perfect place to host our Centennial Plant Sale," said Alice Dean, Bartow-Pell Board Member and Chair of the Garden Committee. "We look forward to celebrating 100 years this way and hope it becomes an annual tradition. In addition to the sale and related activities, we will have a raffle for a big, beautiful planter filled with succulents."

A number of other garden-related activities will take place throughout the day at the museum. From 10 a.m. to noon, Children's Garden Manager Lauren Gill will lead an Edible-Gardening Workshop in the Children's Garden, demonstrating sustainable methods to create an edible mini garden for your backyard, deck, or window box. Editor and writer Barbara Burn will be on hand from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of her new book, The Little Green Book of Gardening Wisdom, a compilation of inspiring horticultural tidbits that will delight and inspire gardening and literature lovers alike. In addition, potting demonstrations by skilled gardener and artist Geri Smith will take place throughout the day.

Bartow-Pell is also offering a limited time Centennial Membership-for new members only-which allows you to enjoy all the benefits of a Heritage Membership, normally \$180, for only \$100. For more information visit www.bpmm. org. Continuing with problems a band may face. Sometimes one band member out of the entire group has lost the underlying battle to control the direction of the band. That band member will have resentment but not leave the band.

The other members in this situation are wearily glad that they don't have to start a replacement search for a new musician but at the same time, although they truly want to believe everything will be alright, realize that it's just a mat-

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seeking vendors for its an-

nual Community Tag Sales

rock on the bronx by Fish Altieri

ter of time before problems surface.

Having one band member not on the "same page" can begin the long walk to a slow break-up. It's best to address this and face up to it as soon as possible. Some bands try breaking up and reforming without the offending member but that game rarely works. The best thing to do is not ignore the signs of a member who is pulling a band in the wrong direction. Rarely do they change; in fact they may be correct in their analysis of the band but if it's three-to-one then it's an uphill battle that can only waste time.

Next week Rock on the Bronx looks at another band problem: the member who embarrasses the other members.

See you next week. Rock on. Rock out.

PEP for seniors vendors

Donations for Jeanne Jugan Home

Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged located at 2999 Schurz Avenue, is always in need of brand new or near new items that can be sold in its gift shop and annual Christmas Sale. These items include jewelry, gift sets, electronic items, toys, specialty items, new tagged clothing, accessories, collectibles. If there are any other items you think might benefit the home and skilled nursing unit, call Joanne at 347-329-1800.

on Saturday, June 14 and Saturday, July 19. The tag sales will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Metropolitan Oval (Metropolitan Ave and Unionport Road) around the fountain. Anyone can be a vendor; no license is required. Vendors can sell any

new or used items, house wares, antiques, clothing, and toys but not food. The fee for vendors is \$25 per space. Vendors must bring their own standard size folding table (not to exceed 6 feet long) and chair. One table per space. Vendors are welcome to purchase additional space if needed. Vendors who would like to purchase a space in the tag sale should call PEP for Seniors at 718-409-1619 as soon as possible to reserve a space or email ntambini@centerlight.org. Rain dates are Sunday, June 15 and Sunday, July 20.

For more information about our program, visit us Facebook by searching for "PEP for Seniors," or contact us at pepinfo@centerlight.org or at 718-409-1619.

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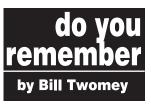
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Keck War Mem'l on E. 138th

Last week I wrote about the war memorial, sculpted by the Menconi brothers, at 139th Street and Third Avenue. Lest some readers get confused. I should remind you that it has nothing to do with a similar monument just south of it at 137th Street and Third Avenue. That memorial, designed by architect Albert E. Davis, was created from Deer Isle granite by sculptor Charles Keck (1875-1951) and features a globe atop a polished granite column that rises from a rectangular base. It was installed in 1919,



and the overall height is 31'. Davis, by the way, was vice president of the North Side Board of Trade and passed away in 1929 from a stroke.

The monument long held an important piece of Americana. The battleship USS Maine was sunk in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898



The bronze plaque created by sculptor Charles Keck from metal salvaged from the battleship U.S.S. Maine in Havana Harbor was attached to the base of the granite Spanish-American war memorial at 137th Street and Third Avenue. The ship was salvaged in 1912 and Keck designed the tablet the following year. It has since been removed from the monument.



The 1919 Spanish-American War Memorial still graces the intersection of 137th Street and Third Avenue but the bronze plaque has been removed.

and Spain was blamed for the sinking although it was never proven. Charles Keck salvaged the bronze from The Maine and used it to create a thousand plaques which were sold throughout the country. One was attached to the base of 137th Street memorial where it remained for many years.

The plaque features Columbia carrying a shield bearing the word "Patriotism" at the top and "Devotion" on the bottom. It has the words "This tablet is cast from metal recovered from the U.S.S. Maine."

I mentioned that one thousand plaques were created and this one has #613 stamped on the edge. It measured 13" by 17 1/2". A smaller bronze plaque mounted on a wooden backing was attached to the rear of the memorial indicating the sculptor's name and 1913, the year it was cast, along with the foundry's name, John Williams Inc., NY.

The foundry was located on West 26th Street in New York City and was in business from 1875 to 1956 and John Williams learned the trade from his former employer, Tiffany and Company. Williams' Foundry was used by all the leading sculptors of the day including Anna Hyatt Huntington, Karl Bitter, and Daniel Chester French. The plaques, by the way, can still be found on the secondary market for about a thousand dollars.

Among his other wellknown works is his bronze statue of Father Francis Patrick Duffy (1871-1932) standing in front of a 17' green granite cross at Times Square. The Canadian-born priest who is best known as the chaplain of "The Fighting Sixty Ninth" in World War One, founded Our Saviour Parish here in the Bronx in 1913, and later served at Holv Cross Church near Times Square. When Father Duffy passed away, he was interred at St. Raymond Cemetery near the Whittemore Avenue entrance and his grave site is marked by a large granite cross. Such was his popularity that there were reported to be 5000 at his burial. The Keck monument of Duffy at Times Square was dedicated on May 2, 1937.



Parkchester Chorus The 74th Annual Spring Concert The Heavens are Telling A Journey through the Cosmos in Music and Song Sunday May 18, 2014, 3 p.m. Lorraine C Nanko, Director Diane Marazzi, Accompanist The star studded program includes works by: Beethoven, Haydn, Rutter, Thompson, Verdi, Bernstein, Berlin and many other spectacular compositions. With Instrumental Accompanists Susan Eberenz **Jeff Kane** Steve Marks Flutist Percussionist Bassist The First Presbyterian Church at Throggs Neck 3051 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, (entrance on Dudley Avenue) Tickets: Adults: \$20; Students: \$10 Children 12 and under FREE - (Payment by cash or check) For information call: 718-409-1051 and please leave a message. Visit: www.parkchesterchorus.org THIS PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH PUBLIC FUNDS FROM THE BRONX COUNCIL ON THE ARTS, THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM 660.00

BY AL BELFIORE

Greetings to everyone. There are plenty of things on our agenda this week. First, Comedy Night on Saturday, June 7th.

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There are a few tickets left, for more info contact Jerry Landi @yahoo.com.

Saturday, July 5th will be our annual "Dancing Under The Stars" event with The Just Nuts Band and DJ Dennis Dion Nardone from WVOX radio and other surprise guests.

Contact me at abelfi361@ aol.com for more information. The net proceeds from these events will be used to repair/replace our front fence and to introduce a new key card entry system.

We will be having a general cleanup on Sunday,

Civic Center Locust Point Civic Association

May 18th.

Lunch will be served for any volunteers and did I mention that it's free? We are also planning a Memorial Day Party on Monday, May 26th. Details will follow.

The NYC Office of Emergency Management encourages all New Yorkers that were affected by this past week's massive storm to report damage to their homes and businesses to 311 or online @ nyc.gov/311. Thanks for reading!



Ridgwood Bank Honoree Institutional Member Of The Year



Anthony J. Simeone, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, Ridgewood Savings Bank, was honored as Institutional Member of the Year at the 90th Annual Banquet of the Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors (BMNAR). Held April 24, at the Marina del Rey Caterers, the event was attended by hundreds of professionals active in the business and real estate communities. Anthony Simeone has more than 20 years of distinguished experience in the lending industry. At Ridgewood Savings Bank, which he joined in 2002, he manages and oversees all lending functions including its comprehensive portfolio of residential, commercial and consumer loans. Ridgewood Savings Bank-founded more than 90 years ago- is the largest mutual savings bank in New York State and the second largest in the country. With more than \$5 billion dollars in assets, Ridgewood maintains 35 branches, including 8 throughout the Bronx, and serves customers throughout the New York metropolitan area.

(L-r) Eliezer Rodriguez, Esq., BMNAR Executive Director; Anthony Simeone, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer for Ridgewood Savings Bank; and Richard T. Guarino, BMNAR President.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

SPECIAL ANNOUNCE-MENT: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, at Saint Theresa's School Cafeteria is cancelled. Repeat the May 13, monthly meeting is cancelled! Our scheduled speakers will be rescheduled for a later date to be announced. So keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for additional information.

Instead we will be attending the Community Board meeting of the Municipal Services Subcommittee meeting that is scheduled for the same night May 13. The subcommittee will be meeting at the community board offices located at 3165 Tremont Ave near the corner of LaSalle Ave. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. If you want to find parking and get a seat at the meeting please be there by 7pm.

The reason for this change is that the committee will be considering 4 and possibly five proposals for the Pelham Grand. The old Pelham Bay Hospital site. These proposals are all social services oriented. As of the writing of this article, I do not yet have full details to report.

It is best to attend the meeting and hear first hand what is being proposed.

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Anita and the rest of the board hope to see you all there. Thanks!

The primary within the Democratic Party is on. Senator Jeff Klein is being challenged by Oliver Koppel.This is a race to watch and to participate in by voting on Primary Day.

The Middletown number six line subway stop is back in service. But the Crosby Ave./Bhure Ave. stop is scheduled to be closed for repairs in July.

At our June 10 meeting Ms Jackie Carter will represent the MTA and be our guest speaker. She and her project contractors will be here to inform the community as to what to expect. It is very important for all to attend. Especially if you are a commuter who works in our neighborhood, a business who depends on deliveries, or a parent who has children that use mass transit to get to or from school.

Local Business should attend an informational meeting that is being offered by the Pelham Bay Merchants Association. Additional information and contact information can be gotten by visiting the Merchants Facebook page.

Reminder: Please note our new mailing address. You can find it in our last paragraph. We will no longer be using a mailbox address.

May 14, the 45 percent council will be honoring our own Anita Valenti for the 40plus years of selfless service to our community. This event shall take place during their annual community breakfast. It will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 am at the Villa Barone Manor, Throggs Neck. A donation of 15 dollars will get you an admission ticket. The tickets may be purchased from Annie Boller. Please make checks out to 45th Precinct Community Council and mail them to Annie Boller, Abalon, 1040 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10459.

For information call: Robert Bieder at 718-828-4400 or Joe Boiko at 718-320-3300, ext 3409

Our new mailing address is Maryann Maiorana, attention Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association, 1720 Mayflower Ave. apt. 9H, Bronx, NY. 10461. Our annual dues is ten dollars.

Please feel free to come to our meetings. They are open to all. If you are new to our community we would love to meet you. See you soon

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

If you missed our Tree Giveaway you still may be able to get a free tree. We gave away 125 trees but there are still 25 left.

If you'd like a tree, please call me at 718 792-6385 and I'll tell which species we have.

It really does make me so happy to be able to offer trees to the people in our community.

The more trees we have, the more beautiful our com-

munity will be. Trees make our air and water cleaner and they buffer noise. Did you know that trees add to your property value? They also shade your home in summer which lowers your Con Edison bill and they help to block wind and hold in heat in the winter.

Of course, it takes many people to bring an event such as this to our community.

The MillionTrees Campaign, created by Mike

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Bloomberg, has pledged to bring one million trees to NYC. We are almost at that point and now there is talk of continuing the program.

NY Restoration manages the program. They choose the trees and get them to

the sites throughout the city. And their staff helps out at every Tree Giveaway. It's a massive undertaking and they do a great job. Our Tree Giveaway

could not take place without the help of many people. Our partners, The First Lutheran Church, have st at that worked with us for every giveaway and we have been doing this twice a year for at least five years.

If it were not for the use of their yard, we could not

hold such an event.

So, thank you to our friends at The First Lutheran Church, especially Debbi Burke and Pastor Lunow.

We have many volunteers who help remove trees from the trailer the day before the event or help on the day of the event.

So, to all of you, our association is very grateful for your help.

A big thank you goes to Linda DeVito, who not

only helps on both days, but baked cookies as well!

Thanks to Joanne Murphy, James Scheflen, Annie Boller, Maria Sclafani, Danny Gerardi, Joan Gerardi, Frankie Granieri and Fannie Sclafani who not only volunteers but brings a carafe of coffee for our volunteers to enjoy!

And to all who adopted trees, I hope they bring you peace and good health for many years to come!

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR. Recently, government at the city, state and national levels has become involved in all sorts of activities that have nothing to do with their traditional responsibilities.

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Washington wants to be in charge of your health care, but can't find the funds to insure that Social Security is solvent. Famously, Mike Bloomberg wanted to tell vou what to drink but sought to close fire stations. Albany wants to fund political campaigns, but can't afford to maintain our roads and bridges adequately.

In New York City's past, transit planning not only followed development, on occasion it even preceded it. Unfortunately, that intelligent trend ended decades ago. A prime example is the current commercial construction taking place in the Northeast Bronx. While traffic will skyrocket, virtually no transit planning has been done to accompany it.

In the absence of government doing its job, the community has had to act on its own.

In an unusual move, the leadership of the Country Club, Locust Point, Throggs Neck Homeowners, Spencer Estates, City Island, and Waterbury-LaSalle civic associations, along with the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, met at a joint meeting to discuss those

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significant challenges coming to the Northeast Bronx area.

The opening of new malls at Bay Plaza, the Bronx Golf Center, the Whitestone site, and the new Target location, along with the new hotel, Trump golf course, and 9/11 facility, all in the Northeast Bronx, will dramatically reshape traffic patterns throughout the area.

The meeting, which took place at the Knights of Columbus facility on Ampere

Avenue, was organized by the Country Club Civic Association and hosted by the Spencer Estates Civic Association.

The participants were not against the new developments, but expressed deep concerns over the absence of any planning for the extraordinary increase in traffic. Despite the fact that the development of these projects has been known for some time, little to no planning has been done for the impact it will have on residents throughout the Northeast Bronx.

Currently, the Cross Bronx Expressway, Bruckner Expressway, 195, and the Hutchinson River Parkway are all overcrowded.

the Stock and Soup Work-

shop was very informative.

All attendees get to go home

with some sort of "goodie

bag" at the end of the night.

Tonight is the Vegetarian

Cooking Class and our last

class of the series is on May

if you are interested in join-

ing us for the Pizza class,

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19, "Pizza Party Class".

tional passenger and delivery vehicles will make this currently over-congested situation wholly intolerable. That problem will have an exceptionally negative impact on the quality of life of residents, and discourage those coming from outside the area from patronizing local restaurants and businesses.

The impact of so many addi-

When new stores were added years ago at Bay Plaza, then-Assembly member Stephen Kaufman, (currently head of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association) introduced a planning proposal for traffic planning in that spot. State officials didn't follow-up. Current Assembly member Michael Benedetto recently discussed that proposal with Albany. Other than that conversation. there has apparently been no known work done by the area's elected representatives in anticipation of this challenge.

The various community organizations agreed to a plan of action that includes informing the public of the problem, making the issue a priority at their local meetings, and urging the areas' elected officials to take appropriate action.

Contact COMACTA nycommunityaction@ at gmail.com; tune into our affiliated radio broadcasts, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

Finally nice weather! Needless to say, I have been out in the garden getting the beds ready for planting. I cleaned out the compost pile a few weeks ago and quickly went through the three garbage pails of sifted compost. The asparagus I planted last year came back up and we have already made a few meals with the delicious spears. My seedlings are doing well in a sunny window in my workroom/office and should be ready for planting in a few weeks.

I did a good job this year of limiting the amount of seeds I started and for the first time I will not have dozens of seedlings leftover.

Our cooking classes are a big hit and we are looking forward to putting together another series of classes for the summer. Of course, our Monday night CSA distribu-

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Hopefully, together, we

can come up with a solu-

tion! More to come as we

always, we can be reached

at 718-823-0327.

are complete.

progress.



tions are always an opportunity to do a quick demo for our members, but we're hoping to offer another series of four "intensive classes". The Mac n Cheese class was a lot of fun and

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Our next regular post meeting will be May 18th at The Turner Club, American Turners NY on Clearance Av (parking around the corner at Philip Av.). Commander Joe requests we arrive at 10am to view a continuing series on the history and operations of The American Legion. Complimentary coffee and buns provided! We have nominations from the floor for post officers so please try to be

Also on the 18th of May Church. The commander has assigned our new and sharp Color Guard to par-

civic center **Korony American** Legion Post 253

ticipate while we have our post meeting (of course, if it is your religious conviction to attend, not a problem). We will all meet up at this year's host, Throggs Neck Memorial Post 1456 on Shore Drive afterwards.

Memorial Day Weekend

Park Volunteer FD to the Memorial Circle for their wreath ceremony at 11am.

Sign up for our CSA is ongoing. We are so excited to see new members signing up and old members rejoining. We've also seen a number of the City Island CSA members signing up for our site, now that this CSA is no longer.

If you want to sign up, go to www.stoneledgefarmny. com. You can also email me or call me if you need more info or would like a half share and need to be part-

This was the starting point

of the Korony Post back in

1927 and home to many vet-

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wreath laying ceremonies

at BVM Park, 10:30, TN Me-

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VETS Post (next door to

1456) at 12:30 and 1:45 at the

Hawkins Post on City Is. Av.

for a 2pm step off of their

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American Legion Conven-

tion, 7pm, at Sam Young

We will also be trying

annual parade.

On the 26th, Monday,

troops.

nered with another family. A full vegetable share is \$525 for 24 weeks and feeds a family of four or can be split between two couples. A full fruit share is \$235 for 20 weeks. This is a great way to eat a local, seasonal diet of fresh, certified organic vegetables and fruit.

Short column this week, lots to catch up on. In the meantime, be the change you want to see in the world.

Post 620 which is also the time for election of county officers.

Don't forget www.KO-RONYPOST253.org and Friends of Korony Post 253 on facebook.

Until Next Time: I read with disgust vet another incident of waiting lists and mismanagement resulting in deaths and cover ups, this time at Phoenix VA Medical Center. It is our almost sacred obligation to monitor the care of our buddies, especially those in dire medical condition. How? Stay informed, participate (vote, call, write, compute) and stay active and recruit for outfits like the American Legion so our voices will be heard strength in numbers!

BY LYNN GERBINO

Thanks to Dotti Poggi for her informative talk on burgeoning business growth in the community. We appreciate her presentation and hope that we can come up with some solutions in the future to remediate traffic issues.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone Manor. The FDNY will be there to give a presentation on h ow to keep you and your family safe in your home.

We hope to see you all there!

We have been in preliminary discussions with other local homeowner groups to acquire a united front in re-



We wish all moms and root efforts to improve the there. surrogate moms a wonderactivities: Van Nest Monument, at a ful Mother's Day! May your it's our annual Blessing of On Sunday the 25th, noon ceremony, on Memoday be filled with love and the Colors (flags) at 9:30, there will be a traditional rial Day. relaxation! courtesy of St. Benedict parade from the Edgewater On Friday, June 6th, we Have a great week! As will have the Bronx County

gard to the increased traffic we will be facing when all of the new business projects

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Clinical pharmacist plays detective and psychologist

Valerie Chu, a clinical pharmacist with St. Barnabas Hospital's new Comprehensive Center for Care – with separate centers for diabetes, asthma and geriatric care – knows well the disconnect between patients and their medication.

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Many patients, as a result of any or all of the above reasons: miscommunications, hospitalizations, changes in their care, lack of compliance, don't take their medications properly. This can lead to hospitalizations, side effects, and/or a failure for the medications to work as prescribed.

"When you have patients, primarily elderly, who may be taking a number of different medications, there can be both confusion and adherence issues," said Chu, who has a doctorate in pharmacy and is one of relative handful of clinical pharmacists in the U.S. to receive board certification in ambulatory care. "As a result, I often find myself playing both detective and psychologist."

Take the case of a 70-yearold man who was taking a half dozen or so medications for such chronic diseases as atrial fibrillation, hypertension, ischemic heart disease, and an enlarged prostate.

"Over time, I could see that he took his medication with no assistance and was very organized about it, with reasonably good knowledge of what each was for and how to take it correctly," she said. "His lab work was stable, which is an indirect marker of consistent medication adherence."

Several hospitalizations, however, and a series of new medications that were prescribed for him, in addition to questions about which of the old medications could still be filled, left him unsure.

"The next time I saw him, he came in with four bags of medication, one from prior to the hospital admissions and the other three filled after each discharge," said Chu. "Some of his medications had been switched to formulary equivalents during admission but had not been switched back on discharge, and so he had taken two meds from the same class simultaneously, which may have led to one of his hospital readmissions. The combination of discharges so close together, restrictions on medications, refill frequencies and the expectation that the patient would be able to sort out the changes led to him taking some medications incorrectly."

Chu went through all the medications with him and reviewed tablet count and dosages. He quickly got back on track with his regimen as a result.

"A major learning point from this case is that even if a patient is ordinarily competent to manage his medication – and for most patients, that's a big if – it doesn't mean they can easily handle sudden changes," said Chu.

For those patients who are not compliant, or who are utterly confused, or who make their own decisions on what they do or don't take, Chu works with families or third-party providers (e.g. home care attendants). This requires forming relationships and educating members of the patient's entire family.



ALEXANDER STEM

Kings Harbor leadership award

The American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) honored Alexander Stem, FACHCA, Administrator of Kings Harbor Multicare Center, with the 2014 Eli Pick Facility Leadership Award.

The leadership award was celebrated during the awards luncheon at ACH-CA's 48th Annual Convocation and Exposition in Las Vegas, Nevada on Sunday, April 6. Two hundred and seventy six administrators were awarded leadership awards nationally, 42 of which were at the awards luncheon.

Mr. Stem, was one of234 receipts who received the Eli Pic.k Facility Leadership Award with virtual recognition. Based on the premise that facility excellence is a reflection of leadership excellence, this award recognizes the administrator of record who provided that leadership throughout the award year. Eligibility for this award is based on three years of skilled nursing facility (SNF) survey data, including the Health, Fire (Life Safety), and Complaint Surveys, as well as top quartile performance on designated Quality Measures. The criteria also included an 80% or greater facility occupancy and a three year avoidance of a Special Focus Facility status. This prestigious award is made possible with the support of

eHealth Data Solutions.

This award is in memory of Eli Pick who was a consummate member of ACHCA, dedicated to advancing professionalism and leadership in long termcare.

Founded in 1962, the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) is the only professional association devoted solely to meeting the professional needs oftoday's long term care administrators and executives. Focusing on advancing leadership excellence, ACHCA provides professional education and certification to administrators from across the spectrum oflong term care. For more information contact (202) 536-5120.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO Hello all!

Write this next stuff down! Sunday, May 18, The Blessing of the Colors at St. Benedict's Church at 9:30 AM. Monday, May 26, The Memorial Day Parade at City Island sponsored by the Leonard Hawkins Post 156 also on City Island. Friday, June 6 The County Convention held at 7PM at The Sam Young Post.

Remember, on Saturday, June 14, Flag Day at 1PM, we here at the Post will host the Flag Retirement Ceremony. On Tuesday, May 13, the Flags at the old section of the St. Ray's Cemetery will be replaced. On Saturday, May 17, The rest of St. Ray's will be done as well as the Graveyard of St. Peter's Church in the Square. We can use some volunteers, you know who you are, don't make me come looking.

There are pension scams out there. People will

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pay you a lump sum in return for your monthly retirement payments. This includes disability payments as well. Don't go for it as the interest payments are sky high. Additionally, some individuals and companies use the VA. Aid and Attendance pension benefits as a hook to sell services. When in doubt with any individual or company trying to get your money, call the VA or any Post or me. I have a list of folks who can help. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is a scam!

Hey, most of you know that I tend Bar at the Post on Fridays from 12 Noon-6PM. Come on in and say hello. Trivia Time!!

The Soviets shot down Gary Powers and his U-2 ride on May 1, 1960.

J. Edgar Hoover died on May 2, 1972.

The Kent State debacle took place on May 4, 970 AT 12:22 PM. Kent State is in Ohio.

The Japanese Bombed Bly, Oregon on May 5, 1945 resulting in 6 deaths. Come on in Friday and I'll explain it to you.

Alan Shepard was the first American in space on May 5, 1961.

The Hindenburg blew up on May 6, 1937.

Germany surrendered on May 7, 1945.

V. E. Day was May 8, 1945.

Dr. John Pemberton invented Coca-Cola May 8, 1886 and yes, the color was green.

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

Israel independence celebration

Yom Ha'atzmaut, or, as it's known in English, "Israel Independence Day", will be celebrated by Temple Hatikva on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The temple will have its Shabbat Services and a very special Oneg Shabbat, dedicated to Israel's founding and independence; directly after the services. Israel will be celebrating its 66th birthday and you're all invited to take part in this wonderful "simcha" (happy event).

The temple will be do-

ing everything the "Israeli" way on the 16th, and the entire community is invited to this free event. It's a great way to spend a Friday evening and to start enjoying the warmer weather with your friends, family and neighbors.

With all of the recent events in the Middle East, this would be the perfect occasion to show your solidarity and support for Israel. It's a time to stand up and to be proud of being a supporter of the only democracy in the Middle East. Cantor Kyle Cherry will lead the very special services on the 16th along with Rabbi Harry Hertzberg. Both Cantor Kyle and Rabbi Harry issued a special invitation to the entire community to join Temple Hatikva for this wonderful celebration on May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade.

If you need more information, call Temple Hatikva at (917) 453-7557 or e-mail TempleHatikva@ aol.com

Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY KENNY AGOSTO

The Bronx Park East Association Community cordially invites you to attend our monthly meeting Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. Sharp! B-PECA, your monthlyopportunitytomake a difference meets every second Thursday of the month at CenterLight [Wallenstein Ctr.] 2401 White Plains Road on the corner of Waring Avenue across from the Walgreens. Our special guests are; NYS Senator, the Honorable Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary & Crime, Crime Victims, Corrections Committees; and Community Board 11 District Manager Jeremy Warneke. Topic of discussion: Domestic Violence, Crime/Violence in our neighborhood, the inner workings of our state & local government and ways to improve our community. We will be requesting to our Mayor Bill de Blasio & the great folks at D.O.T. as part of our VISION ZERO efforts to lower the "Arterial Speed Limit" of Boston Road down to 25 mph from 35. We realize that Boston Road is part of the old US 1, But, we really need to "SLOW DOWN" the culture of speeding and distracted driving in our local community. Let's get this done!

In the past month, B-PECA has transformed our B-PECA Neighborhood Watch into a 4 shopping cart "Rapid Response Team." Armed with paint and solving agents, B-PECA NW defied the "Broken Window" theory by patrolling our community, and quickly attacking illegal graffiti and gang tags from our walls and street infrastructure as we spot it. Like elves working into the night, B-Peca literally transformed our tagged mailboxes, littered strewn streets into a beautiful neighborhood oasis. Last weekend, members of B-PECA and the Allerton-Mace Block Association headed by Keith Davis & Angela Roker threw the gauntlet down aggressively painting the rusty gates and tagged walls in and around Zimmerman Park. After a day of Beautification the Children of Zimmerman Park enjoyed pizza and Emily Soto's Cinco de Mayo birthday cake, which incidentally quickly diffused a potential fight in the play ground by a quick-thinking Keith. All's well that ended well!

B-PECA and all of our block associations will be joining forces on Saturday, May 17 for "It's My Park Day," as we volunteer and team up to clean up our venerable park. We will be formally restarting our Friends of Bronx Park in memory of FOBPAC founder & Bronx Park East Activist - the late Julio Torres. Declare your love and allegiance to our beautiful Bronx Park. Let's make a difference. Come, Work, Play!!!

This week we remember longtime Educational Activist & Para-Professional Extraordinaire Mrs. Maria Diaz of P.S. 72 in Woodlawn; 4th Grader Rebecca Ramnarine, 9 years old, who was tragically killed by a speeding motorist; Anthony Drexel Duke, 95, Scion of Wealth who aided the underprivileged of The Bronx; and long time Bronx Park East fixture, who always ate at the Rainbow Diner known only as "Joe." May they all Rest In Peace...

B-PECA congratulates George, Mary, Alex, George, Jr., & Emily Arsenis, owners of The Bronx's famous Rainbow Diner for 41 years of service. B-PECA pays homage to the family of longtime Bronx activist, the late Mary V. Lauro, who now has a stretch of Matilda Avenue renamed in her honor-"Mary Lauro Way." And, to famed retired NY Yankee closing pitcher Mariano Rivera, the legendary Bronx Bomber & humble philanthropist was given the rare privilege of having River Avenue & E. 161st Street renamed "Mariano Riviera Avenue" in his honor and is alive to receive it in person! Thank you Ms. Mary and "Don Mariano", The Bronx is better because of you, congrats!

Birthday wishes go out to: longtime community activist and district leader Hon. Miriam "Mimi" Schwartz; Junior B-PECA member EmilyIris Soto, and Hayden Benjamin, grandson to Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson. Happy Birthday to "y'all" with much happiness, health & blessings!

If you have a question or need more information on any of our "Spring to Life" community activities, Please don't hesitate to call or text us at: 347.654.7044 or email us at: BxParkEast@gmail.com or you can follow us on facebook at: www.facebook.com/ groups/BxParkEast to see what's going on in the neighborhood.

And finally, B-PECA would like to thank the hard work of; our Chairman, Raphael Schweizer, Cecilia "Cee Cee" Smoker, Angela Roker, Keith Davis, and all of our friends at Zimmerman Park & the Coops for helping us take back our community one block at a time. Remem-



Senior Breana Eubanks, Collegiate Institute of Math & Science students showcased artwork in the Christopher Columbus High School Campus Library at the Night of the Art", organized by Principal Shadia Alvarez and AP Art Teacher Larry Minetti.

ber, when you're out with your pet, PLEASE, bring a baggie" and curb your dog. If you choose to eat on our beautiful benches or in our parks, PLEASE pick up your litter and put it in the trash. Until next time, let us Love & Respect one another. PEACE!!!



Your Mammogram Can Be A Lifesaver

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) urges women 40 or older to get a mammogram every I-2 years. HHC public hospitals and health centers offer mammograms at little or no cost. Call today to make an appointment for a mammogram screening at a location near you. For more information, visit nyc.gov/hhc.

Visit any Bronx HHC breast cancer awareness event in May to learn more:

Jacobi Medical Center* 1400 Pelham Parkway South, Mezzanine – Building 6 May 7, 14, 21 & 28 (Wednesdays) 9am – 8pm (718, 918-4716

Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center 234 East 149th Street, Medical Pavilion

May 6, 13, 20 & 27 (Tuesdays) 4pm – 6:30pm May 8, 15, 22 & 29 (Thursdays) 4pm – 6:30pm Women Health Clinic (1A2) May 3 & 17 (Saturdays) 8am – 2pm (718) 579-5550

North Central Bronx Hospital* 3424 Kossuth Avenue, Lobby May 8, 15, 22 & 29 (Thursdays) 10am – 2pm (718) 519-3086

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Morrisania Diagnostic & Treatment Center Women's Health Clinic – 3rd Floor 1225 Gerard Avenue May 5 – 30 (Monday – Friday) 9am – 4pm (718) 960-2701

* Call for an appointment

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2744 E. TREMONT LLC Art. of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 03/31/2014. Off. Loc .: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The Limited Liability Company, 2744 East Tremont Street, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Christopher Lehman Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/26/14. Office location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 622628, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: any lawful activity

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Notice of Formation of (Constellation Blondell LLC), a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (02/14/2014), NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of Štate shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O (Constellation of Blondell LLC

1800 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015)Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NEW YORK LLC, a domestic or foreign

Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of

Organization filed with Secretary of State on

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LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of

NY (SSNY) on 03/19/2014. Office location:

Bronx County. SSNY designated agent upon

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copy of process against LLC to principal

business address: 710 E 217TH ST 2FLR

SUITE 1 BRONX, NY 10467. Purpose: any

LEGAL NOTICE

Label LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited

Liability Company (LLC). Articles of

Organization filed with Secretary of State on

March 10, 2014. NY Office location: BRONX

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Corporation Agent Inc., 7014 13th Ave., Suite

202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any

LEGAL NOTICE

liability company (LLC). Name: GOTHAM BI-CYCLE TOURS, LLC. Articles of Organiza-

tion filed with Secretary of State of New York

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County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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The LLC, 4380 Vireo Avenue, Apt. #5S,

Bronx, NY 10470. Purpose: any lawful pur-

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Notice of formation of Llorens Transport, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 4/01/2014. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Llorens Transport, LLC, Luis Llorens, 537 Soundview, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Norma & Dez LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on March 20, 2014, Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 1079 Gerard Ave Apt 3B, Bronx NY, 10452 ? The principal business address of the LLC is: 1079 Gerard Ave Apt 3B, Bronx NY, 10452, Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of Palacio Dorado LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/28/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Acacia Network, Inc., 300 E. 175th St., Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Educator Collaborative, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/10/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, P.O. Box 622628, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Quality Services International, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/8/14. Office location: Bronx County, LLC formed in TX on 10/10/00. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, read, agent upon whom process may be served. TX and principal business address: 314 E. Commerce, Ste. 500, San Antonio, TX 78205. Cert. of Org. filed with TX Sec. of State, 1100 Capitol Bldg., Rm. 1E8, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given a license, number (PENDING) for on-premises Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3604 C East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465 for on premises consumption.

Café at Scott Place Inc. D/B/A Scott Place Cafe

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license (number to be assigned) for a liquor, wine and beer license has been applied for by the undersigned* to sell liquor, wine and beer at retail in a full service restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 200 Baychester Avenue, Suite 208A, Bronx, NY 10475 for on premises consumption. *N and D Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #4482

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on May 2, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000507-13/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) Angelina (Middle) Thalya (Last) Rodriguez. My present name is (First) Angelina (Middle) Thalya (Last) Gonzalez AKA Angelina Gonzalez (infant). My present address is 1720 Hutchinson River Parkway, Bronx, NY 10461. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is March 22, 2006.

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on April 24, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000155-14/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) John (middle) Bolivar (Last) Ferreira. My present name is (First) Hoan (Middle) Bolivar (Last) Ferreira AKA Hoan B. Ferreira AKA John Bolivar Ferreira AKA John Bolivar Ferreira Marte AKA John Ferreira AKA Hoan Ferreira. My present address is 680 Union Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455. My place of birth is Dominican Republic. My date of birth is June 24, 1989.

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on April 10, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000130-14/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) Amir (Middle) Yasiin (Last) Day. My present name is (First) David (Middle) Duwan (Last) Day AKA David D. Day AKA David Day. My present address is 1241 College Avenue, Apt 1B, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Paterson City, Passaic, NJ. My date of birth is May 28, 1988.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. Plaintiff against

Leticia Paredes, et al Defendants

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) The Law Office of Fein Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered February 24th, 2014

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 on June 2nd, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Premises known as 3326 Colden Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469.Sec N/A Block 4636 Lot 23. 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 . Approximate amount of Judgment is \$550,261.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380778/10

Deidra R. Moore, Esg., Referee

birth is July 12, 1967.

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Serrano announces \$6.2 million in health grants

In a follow up to the millions in health grants that Congressman José E. Serrano announced last week, today he announced that Bronx-focused HELP/PSI and Urban Health Plan had also been awarded substantial federal grants for their work in the Bronx. HELP/ PSI, which provides primary care, dental, adult day healthcare and health home services in the Bronx was granted \$714,000. Urban Health Plan, which offers a vast array of services, was awarded \$5.5 million for their work.

"I was so pleased to

see federal funding flowing to great organizations like HELP/PSI and Urban Health Plan," said Congressman José E. Serrano. "They are on the front lines fighting to bring healthcare and health equity to the Bronx. Residents who use their services are getting some of the best care right in their community. We can turn around the health statistics of the Bronx with the work of groups like HELP/ PSI, Urban Health Plan and their partnership with the federal government."

"The renewal of HELP/ PSI's federally qualified

health center designation and grant in a competitive process allows us to continue providing thousands of New Yorkers with healthcare and demonstrates the strength of our partnership with HRSA and the community," said Paul Vitale, President and CEO of HELP/PSI. "Our programs and services are specially designed to bring the most underserved vulnerable, and at-risk into our comprehensive integrated care, an approach that increases overall health while reducing costs to the healthcare system. With our flagship location in The Bronx, Congressman Serrano is an essential partner and we are forever grateful for his unwavering support."

"The renewal of this competitive grant is a testament to the work that Urban Health Plan does to ensure that Bronx residents receive the quality care they deserve. As we celebrate our 40th year of service to the Bronx community we are proud to provide a wide array of patient-centered primary and specialty health care services at more than eighteen clinic and program sites throughout the

Bronx and Queens," said Paloma Hernanez, President and CEO of Urban Health Plan. "Community health centers like Urban Health Plan have long been recognized for the critical role they play providing access to quality primary health care services and cost savings to the health care delivery system. In addition, they have an economic effect on communities by creating jobs and fueling additional economic activity. Congressman Serrano understands this and that is why he supports the work of community health

centers." The grant were awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration as part of the Health Center Cluster competitive grant program. These grants, which go to community health centers around the nation, to "improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by ensuring access to comprehensive, culturally competent, quality primary health care services."

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HHC raises breast cancer awareness with screenings

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) today launched its annual breast cancer awareness campaign to remind women that mammograms can be a lifesaver and to urge women 40 and over to schedule a mammogram every one to two years. HHC chooses May in honor of Mother's Day to remind all women that prevention, screening, and early detection are the best defense against breast cancer. Breast cancer education and screening events (same day mammograms are not available at every location) will be held in every borough throughout the month at HHC's 11 acute care hospitals and six diagnostic and treatment centers for members of the community. Bronx residents can visit HHC's website for a list of mammogram education and mammogram screening events.

"A lifesaver is designed to help us in a crisis - to potentially save lives. For women, that lifesaver can often be a mammogram," said HHC President Dr. Ram Raju. "This was the case for Virginia Lopez, a patient and staff member at HHC Gouverneur Health, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011. Virginia was lucky to have her health crisis averted early due to her mammogram, and we are lucky to have her back with us."

HHC hospitals and health centers performed more than 102,000 mammograms last year. Patients wanting to schedule a mammogram are encouraged to call 311 to identify the HHC facility most convenient to them, where confidential mammograms can be performed regardless of the patient's ability to pay, or health insurance or immigration status.

This year's HHC's breast cancer awareness campaign uses an image of a pink lifesaver to remind people that a mammogram helps women maintain good health. Women will be encouraged to take their photo with a large cutout of a pink lifesaver and post it to social media using the hashtag #HHCmammograms. HHC facilities will feature an "I Pledge" recognition wall for staff and patients to post pink ribbons with their pledge to schedule a mammogram.

Virginia, 56, a lead technician who performs mammograms on other women every day, became complacent about her own health after a few years of regular mammograms. "I was too comfortable with the idea that if nothing happened to me for a few years, nothing will ever happen," she said. When she got her mammogram at Gouverneur Health after waiting three years, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Virginia was later treated with surgery and still takes preventive medication. "A mammogram helped diagnose the disease, luckily in its early stages, making it easier to treat."

"Women need to realize that when detected and treated in its earliest stage, the survival rate for breast cancer is 97 percent," said Margaret Kemeny, MD, Director, Queens Cancer Center, HHC Queens Hospital Center. "Preventative screenings such as mammograms for women over 40 (every one to two years) are important proactive steps women should take in the fight against this disease."

HHC hospitals and health centers in the Bronx will host the following breast cancer screening and informational events throughout the month of May (mammograms are also available at HHC facilities year round) in the Bronx: Jacobi Medical Center, 1400 Pelham Parkway South, Mezzanine - Building 6, May 14, 21 and 28 (Wednesdays), 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Call (718) 918-4716 for appointment; Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, 234 East 149th Street, Medical Pavilion, May13, 20 and 27 (Tuesdays), 4 to 6:30 p.m.; May15, 22 and 29 (Thursdays), 4 to 6:30 p.m.; Women Health Clinic (1A2),

May 3 & 17 (Saturdays), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., (718) 579-5550; Segundo Ruiz Belvis Diagnostic & Treatment Center, 545 East 142nd Street, Breast Health information station, Lobby 1st floor, May 5 (Monday) – Kick Off, 1:30 to 5 p.m., (718) 579-4010; Morrisania Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Women's Health Clinic – 3rd Floor, 1225 Gerard Avenue, May 5 – 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday - Friday). (718) 960-2701; and North Central Bronx Hospital, 3424 Kossuth Avenue, Lobby, May 15, 22 and 29 (Thursdays), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (718) 519-3086 for appointment.

Bronx Doctors' Day awards

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) today honored five Bronx physicians with Doctors' Day awards for their leadership and commitment to advancing the mission of the public hospital system and providing the highest quality healthcare to New Yorkers. Overall, HHC honored 23 physicians with Doctors' Day awards.

"Today's physician must be an innovative leader who knows how to connect the dots on behalf of patients and use proven new models of collaborative care delivery," said HHC President Dr. Ram Raju. "At every point across the continuum of care, this year's Doctors' Day honorees - and all the HHC physicians they represent are at the forefront of collaborative care delivery. We are proud of their leadership, their innova-

tion, and their consistent provision of efficient, highquality health services."

The awards were presented at the annual HHC National Doctors' Dav Ceremony, held at Baruch College in Manhattan. The award-winning physicians represent every borough and New York City residents' diverse ethnicity, and vary in age, education, specialties and years of service. Together they bring several hundred years of medical experience to bear on the expert care they provide to New Yorkers.

The 2014 HHC Doctors' Day honorees are:

Doctors' Day Awards – Bronx

Tewodros Kiros, OD, Chief of Eye Clinic, Morrisania Diagnostic & Treatment Center

Paul Moh, MD, MBA, Chief of Radiology, Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center; John Morrow, DDS, Dentist, Segundo Ruiz Belvis Diagnostic & Treatment Center; Haseen Sharma-Cooper, MD, Associate Director of Psychiatry, Director of Psychiatric Hospital Services, North Central Bronx Hospital; and Robert Sidlow, MD, MBA, Vice Chair of Medicine, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, North Bronx Healthcare Network.

National Doctors' Day, officially observed on March 30, dates back to 1933 and marks the anniversary of the first use of general anesthesia in surgery. In 1991, National Doctors' Day was established by Congress to show appreciation for the contributions of physicians to increase scientific knowledge of treating disease, and for the work they do to apply modern and patient-centered methods to improve healthcare and patient well-being.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Miguel White; Diamond Morales Raife; Michelle Acevedo;

New York State Department of Taxation & Finance; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of LEEANN WHITE, also known as LEEANN WHITE MORALES, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and BRONX cannot be ascertained after due diligence;

Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on June 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of LEEANN WHITE, also known as LEEANN WHITE MORALES, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 746 East 179th Street; Bronx, New York 10457, be judicially settled; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307, EPTL 5-4.4(b) and SCPA 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that any possible funeral claim of Diamond Morales Raife be disallowed in its entirety for a failure to substantiate; that the possible claim of Michelle Acevedo be disallowed in its entirety for a failure to substantiate: that the net cause of action proceeds, including any further proceeds related to the portion of the cause of action that remains pending against Defendant JUAN S. SANDOVAL, be allocated 50% to wrongful death and 50% to conscious pain and suffering; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent=s distributees, grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate, and apply the provisions of EPTL 4-1.4 to disqualify the decedent=s parents, Diamond Morales Raife and Miguel White, as distributees on the grounds of having failed and refused to provide for the infant decedent and having abandoned the infant decedent, if appropriate; and that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, April 8, 2014.

(L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate, Bronx County, Chief Clerk.

This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 Address: 85 P.C. Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HARBOUR POINTE SHOREHAVEN AT CONDOMINIUM II, PItf. vs. OLGA L. SANTANA, et al. Defts, Index #380720/12, Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 6, 2014, I will sell at public auction in the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on May 19th, 2014 at 2 p.m., prem. k/a 142 Mermaid Lane, Bronx, NY. Said property situate and being a part of a condominium in the Borough and County of Bronx, State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 284, together with an undivided 1.0870% interest in the common elements defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled "Harbour Pointe at Shorehaven Condominium II", establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the land and the buildings thereon erected, made by Grantor pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 31st day of July, 2007 in CRFN 2007000392546. Said Declaration being further amended by Correction Declaration dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 1st day of August in CRFN 2007000396163. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$4,512.96 plus costs and Sold subject to terms and interest. conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HARRY M. FÓRMAN, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW, Attys. for Pltf., 1400 Old Country Rd., Ste. 309, Westbury, NY, - #83950

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

LoanCare, a Division of FNF Servicing,

vs. DONALD L. MILLER JR: SU WANG-

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and

ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit

Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524,

sale granted herein on or about July 17,

2013, I will sell at Public Auction to the

highest bidder at the Bronx County

Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room

Premises known as 1650 MELVILLE

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of

land, situate, lying and being in the Borough

of the Bronx, County of the Bronx, City and

State of New York, designated on the Tax

Map of the City of New York, for the Borough

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As more particularly described in the

Sold subject to all of the terms and

Approximate amount of judgment

conditions contained in said judgment and

On May 19, 2014 at 2:00 PM

STREET, BRONX, NY 10460

04/28/1882 in Block 4023, Lot 1.

judgment of foreclosure and sale.

terms of sale

Block: 4023 Lot: 1

NOTICE OF SALE

MILLER; et al; Defendant(s)

Inc.: Plaintiff(s)

845,897,1600

600, Bronx, NY 10451.

\$561,340.07 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 380058/2012 Jeanette Westphal, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY Wells Fargo Bank, NA; Plaintiff(s)

WAYNE RAMJOHN; 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 January 16, 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 May 19, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 1133 E 213 STREET, BRONX, NY 10469-2409 Block: 4708 Lot: 28

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.

- 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 \$236,827.03 plus interest and costs.
 - INDEX NO. 381404/09 YOLANDA CORION, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY JPMorgan Chase Bank, National

Association: Plaintiff(s) vs. MÁRIE E.C. ANYANECHI: 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 February 19, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On June 2, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 1821 ANDREWS AVE, BRONX, NY 10453

Block: 2879 Lot: 308

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.

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 \$476,123.91 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 380164/12

Dinorah Figueroa, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-2; Plaintiff(s)

vs. WENDELL CHUNG; 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 April 25, 2013. I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at THE BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE ROOM 600 AT 2 P.M. AT 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK

On June 2, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 941 EAST 213TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10469 Block: 4684 Lot: 76

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLAT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOBOUGH AND 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

Approximate amount of judgment \$301 309 47 plus interest and costs INDEX NO. 380266/11 Joseph Strasburg, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

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AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff(s)

Index No: 380924/07 EULOGIO GOMEZ: NAIDA GOMEZ. et

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al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office entered on 06/14/2013, J, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, New York, on 6/02/2014, at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1150 East 225 Street, Bronx, NY 10466, as described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, and piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4903 and Lot 171.

The approximate amount of the current Judament lien is \$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.

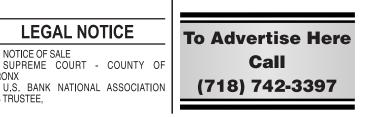
Charles Taibi, Esq., Referee.

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

Dated: 4/29/2014 File Number: 705751832 MNH

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Wachovia Mortgage Loan Trust, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AMN1, Plaintiff, against ELVI CASADO, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/24/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/02/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1114 METCALF AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10472 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City and State of New York, County of The Bronx, BLOCK 3747 - LOT 96. Approximate amount of judgment \$654,275.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380495/10. Michael H. Maizes, Esg., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: March 26, 2014 1088156



terms of sale. 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 NOTICE OF SALE

terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$495,088.48 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381566/09

Betty Lugo, Esq., REFEREE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE

ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. HALE N. KENT; et al; Defendant(s)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 30, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York. On June 2, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 4320 GUNTHER AVE, BRONX, NY 10466

Block: 5051 Lot: 11

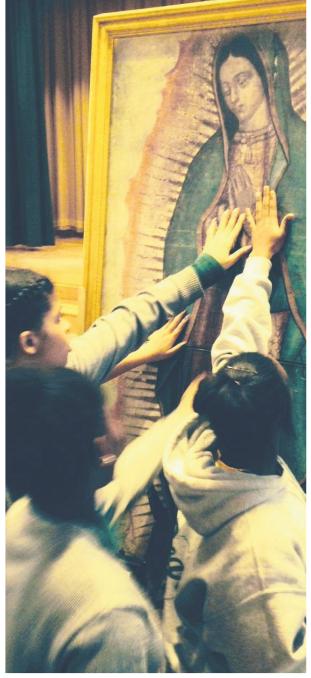
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Bronx Schools Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Barnabas Parish

BY LORETA DREJAJ

For four days in April, St. Barnabas Parish in Woodlawn was fortunate enough to have the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe displayed at the parish. Only three official visiting replicas of this image exist and it was with great honor and reverence that St. Barnabas welcomed the image.

The faithful parishio-



Students venerating the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ners welcomed the image with a prayer service during which many petitions were offered to the Virgin Mary. Students at the high school and the elementary school also joined in on this joyous occasion. Fr. Brendan Gormley presided over the prayer service which was held in the high school chapel. During the prayer service there were celebrations in honor of the Virgin Mary: traditional Mexican dance, prayers in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and singing by the high school choir. The Italian Club copresidents read the story of the miraculous apparition which occurred in 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego, a local resident at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary and she left a sign. Her holy image was imprinted miraculously on his tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth. The image should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no signs of decay 480 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin.

This story has captured the hearts of many Christians around the world. The imprinted image inspires hope and prayers in the hearts of many.

From this observer's point of view, "It was an amazing experience to see this image up close and to receive a blessing from it. I was honored to be a part of such a rare and holy occasion and I will never forget it." The event was made possible through the efforts of Ms. Caterina Lamanna, a teacher in the Foreign Languages Department. For more information about the high school visit http://www.stbarnabashigh.com.

Scholarship applications available

Dr. Timothy J. Mc-Niff, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, has announced that new regional scholarships are now available, on a first come, first served basis for 1,000 families entering regional elementary schools across the archdiocese, as part of the "Children's Scholarship Partnership - Regionalization Awards Program."

Information about the scholarships will be available at the archdiocese-wide open house event "TOURING TUES-DAY," on May 13 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, or by appointment, at more than 100 schools in nine regions. Reservations in advance are required and can be made at www. buildboldfutures.org or by calling a bilingual hotline, 646-794-2885.

The partial-tuition scholarships will be offered to public and charter school children who will enter grades K-6 in a participating regional Catholic elementary school in the fall. Current Catholic Pre-K4 children entering Kindergarten at a regional school in September are also eligible. The scholarships are renewable through Grade 8 if the families' financial needs continue and funding remains available. Families that are awarded a scholarship are responsible for tuition and fees not covered by the partial tuition award. Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale, to a maximum of \$2,900 for the 2014-15 school year.

Funding for these scholarships is provided by the Children's Scholarship Fund, a national scholarship organization, and administered by school principals. Funding has become available as a byproduct of the transition to a regionalized system of schools, completed in 2012-13. The Children's Scholarship Fund currently administers multiple archdiocesan scholarship programs.

"TOURING TUES-DAYS" are held throughout the school year and were developed by the archdiocese as a way to introduce new families to the life-long benefits and academic excellence of a Catholic education. Prospective parents are invited into schools for an opportunity to meet with principals, faculty, other parents and students to learn firsthand what Catholic schools have to offer in programs from Pre-K 3 through Grade 8. The 2013-14 school year marked the first time all nine regions in the Archdiocese of New York participated in the program. 5 V

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"Our academic success story begins in our early childhood programs and elementary schools and continues with 98 percent of our graduating seniors going on to college," stated Dr. McNiff. "Choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions a parent can make for their children's future, and with these scholarships, we look forward to offering 1,000 new children a high-quality, lifechanging Catholic education."

St. Ray's May Crowning

St. Raymond Elementary School will celebrate the May Crowning on Wednesday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the plaza outside of St. Raymond Church. St. Raymond students who made their First Communion on May 3 will crown the statue of Mary, the Blessed Mother of Jesus. In the Roman Catholic Church, the month of May is traditionally devoted to honoring Mary. An annual event, the May Crowning "recognizes Mary as queen of heaven and earth." Monsignor John Graham, pastor of St. Raymond Church, will lead the ceremony in prayer and the entire student body will sing.

Located at 2380 East Tremont Avenue, St. Raymond Elementary School, the parish school of St. Raymond Church — the "Mother Church of the Bronx" — offers full-day academic

programs for Pre-K3 through Grade 8, advanced level math and science, an Italian language

program, sports, afitness center and a broad array of extracurricular activities. For more information about the school, visit www.straymondelementary.org or call 718-597-3232.



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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-EQ1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,

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ERIES 20	06- EQ	1
Plaintiff(s)	
Against		
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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 B-129 (Ground Floor), Bronx, NY on 6/2/2014 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 known as apartment No 3G (hereinafter called "the unit"), being a part of the Condominium known as the Parkchester North Condominium, in the Borough and County of the Bronx, the City and State of New York, together with an undivided .0282 percent interest in the Common Elements.

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: 4/1/2014 File Number: 71064661 GS

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUSTS 2006-AR6. Plaintiff. against SHAWN C. HILL, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 7/23/2009 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/09/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 3637 BARNES AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10467 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: 4662 LOT: 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$548,440.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380458/08. Christina Romano, Esg., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 8, 2014 1089503

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST 2006-4, Plaintiff, against Anesia Jordan, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/26/2012 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse in Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/02/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 873 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 2668 LOT 49, FORMERLY PART OF, LOT 50. Approximate amount of judgment \$687,405.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380474/08. George B. Headley, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: March 27, 2014 1066548

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, LEX SPECIAL ASSETS LLC, Plaintiff, vs. PRISCILLA FISHER, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 07, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 02, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 3410 Bruner Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4884 and Lot 68. Approximate amount of judgment is \$672,933.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380491/10.

Daniel A. Padernacht, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, against NORMA DELVILLAR, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/7/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600. 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/09/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 832 EAST 220TH STREET, Bronx, NY 10467 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 4678 LOT 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$164,054.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380057/11. Dennis Edward Krolian, Esq.,

Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 15, 2014 1090464

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for GSAA Home Equity Trust 2006-15, Plaintiff, against Rita D. Marks, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/27/2012 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/02/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4155 WILDER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected. situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5021 - Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$478,443.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382903/09. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 16, 2014 1090805

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY, AS NATIONAL TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC, TRUST 2006-NC4, Plaintiff against JUSTINA ANUSIONWU BELLAMY A/K/A JUSTINA ANUSIONWU A/K/A BELLAMY, DONATUS JUSTINA ANUSIONWU, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/8/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/02/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4024 GRACE AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate. lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4980 LOT: 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$486,165,41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381791/08. Hyong Son Hong, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 23, 2014 1091546

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, against SHAMSUNNAHAR RIPA A/K/A S. RIPA, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/21/2008 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 05/19/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 624 COSTER STREET, Bronx, NY 10474 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: 2766-Lot: 47. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,749.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 15778/07. Edward L. Koester, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 9, 2014 1089831

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-WL1. Plaintiff, against Miluska Rios; Luis Lendeborg; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 10, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on June 2, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3093 Mullen Place a/k/a 3093 Mullan Place, Bronx, NY 10465 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 5521 Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$540.848.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380457/12. Joseph Strasburg, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 21, 2014 1091200 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 05/23/2014

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff(s), vs. SALVATORE BUTTAFUOCO, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 13, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on June 2, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1008 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2512 and Lot 4. Approximate amount of judgment is \$160,494,56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 380277-09.

Robert Gardner, Esq., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM,

on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, against - FRANCES LUNA, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated February 27, 2014, I will sell at public auction on June 9, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 12G, in the building known as N-6 a/k/a 103, and by street address 1501 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2635, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0247 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judament is \$12.278.02, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for JPMorgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2007-CH2, in the original principal sum of \$143,100.00 with interest. Index No. 381168/12, LAURA C, BROWNE, ESQ., Referee

ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff - against - LYNETTE WILSON, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 20, 2007. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 f/k/a B-129, Ground Floor, 851 Grand Concourse, in the City of Bronx, NY on the 2nd Day of June, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Premises known as 2658 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458.

(SBL #: 12-3287-28)

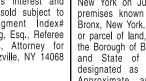
Approximate amount of lien \$429,545.21 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 16580/06. Howard Vargas, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: April 4, 2014





Monte lays out ER strategy plan

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eral hours waiting time over the last few years.

Ratcheting up heat

A group of east Bronx pols - including Assemblymen Mike Benedetto and Mark Gjonaj, and Councilmember Jimmy Vacca - held a press conference with Community Boards 10 and 11 outside Weiler's emergency room at the Einstein campus on May 1 to put public heat on the hospital to answers locals' gripes.

Besides the long wait times, patients and nurses have reported the facility is so cramped that some patients spend the night on gurneys in hallways.

"We need to hold their feet to the fire," said Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez, vice president of the New York State Nurses Association. "We know there's places where beds can be opened [in Weiler], so our patients don't have to languish in hallways and on stretchers cramped in the emergency department."

Monte brass said the hospital is launching a marketing campaign and handing out pamphlets pushing patients to go to other facilities and ease the pressure on Weiler.

Montefiore operates a Bronx East site on Westchester and Castle Hill avenues. Morris Parkers



Nurse Judy Sheridan-Gonzalez (r) and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto (I) exchange ideas after a press conference on Thursday, May 8 about conditions at Einstein/Weiler.

ရွ **BRONX TIMES REPORTER** MAY 9-15 MKHU) R. BUMPETTO 82" District Assemblyman Benedetto (c) called a press conference with fellow elected officials and community leaders on Thursday, May 1 after a meeting with Montefiore brass. To his right is Councilman Vacca and

to his left Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj. Photo by Patrick Rocchio

now also have a new. non-Montefiore option in Pro-Health on Morris Park and Hone avenues.

No solid committment But Monte's Semczuk said he would not commit to adding any beds to Weiler.

He would only say that the hospital would "carefully look at opportunities to expand in-patient bed capacity."

"We've already added

100 beds, and if we need to add more beds, we will add more beds," he said. "It is not exactly clear where in the system we would do that.'

The hospital would also not commit to hiring more nurses to deal with the overcrowding.

"We continue to look at our staffing levels each and every day to make sure we are meeting the needs of our

patients," said Semczuk. Benedetto called Thursday's meeting a "giant step forward."

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Elected officials said they would be keeping tabs on progress and would check back in three months.

"The bottom line for me is, I'll believe it when I see it," said Vacca.

City Island wins bridge controversy

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and island leaders, Trottenberg announced the breakthrough on Sunday, May 4 at the foot of the current bridge.

It was a ray of sunshine for islanders who had fought Mayor Bloomberg - and especially former DOT Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, whom angry islanders charged repeatedly ignored their pleas for a bridge more in keepingh with the quaint little island's low-rise character.

The previous design called for a modern looking "cable-stayed" bridge with a tower in the shape of a sail soaring 160-feet in the air.

The DOT will is presenting the new design by the project's contractor, Tutor Perini, to City Planning on Friday, May 6, and if all goes well, it should be approved by the end of May.

Based on artist render-

ings, much of the cause way's color and street furniture may mirror the same shade of green as the 113-year-old City Island Bridge, .

Solved Problem Trottenberg was joined at Sunday's announcement by city Comptroller Scott Stringer, Senator Jeff Klein, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Councilman Jimmy Vacca, Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, and a representative from Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, as well as leadership from the City Island Chamber of Commerce and the City Island Civic Association, and other stakeholders.

"When Mayor de Blasio offered me the job of transportation commissioner, he asked me to listen to and respect communities and be a problem-solver," said Trottenberg. "And with a new, simpler causeway design for the 113-year-old City Island Bridge, that is exactly

what we've accomplished today.'

She said the city is expected to save more than \$5 million with the new design.

City Island Civic Association second vice-president Barbara Dolensek, a petitioner in a lawsuit filed with the help of Klein, praised the development.

"In a very short time, they have come up with a bridge design that is compatible with City Island's low-rise historic character and with the beauty of Pelham Bay Park," said Dolensek, "and for that we are immensely grateful."

All agree

"The City Island Bridge is more than a means of transportation," said Comptroller Stringer, "it is literally a lifeline for the residents of this Bronx neighborhood and its visitors."

Gerard (Skip) Giacco, president of the CICC and owner of an island ice cream



Proposed design of causeway to City Island that would replace current bridge. Photo courtesty of city Department of Transportation

shop, gave away vanilla ice cream at the announcement, a reminder that Trot-

tenberg had previously told island leaders the de Blasio administration would work

with them to give them want they wanted - a "plainvanilla causeway."

"Where before we were

tremely hopeful," he said.

-with Patrick Rocchio

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EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against SAID HARRATI, OSAMA HARRATI, SAMIRA SECKI, KHALED HUSSEIN, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated March 27, 2014 and entered March 31, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 2nd day of June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Morris Park Avenue with the easterly side of Taylor Street; being a plot 25 feet by 95 feet by 25 feet by 95 feet.

Block: 4021 Lot: 1

Said premises known as 574 MORRIS PARK AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 441,042.96

plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380729/10.

ALLISON YVETTE BROCKINGTON, ESQ., Referee.

KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF WHITE BEACH CONDOMINIUM AND MARINA, Plaintiff against DANIELLE FEDEROFF, JOYCE M. PIZZUTO, et al

Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated February 3, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 19th day of May, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York. In the Condominium known as "White Beach Condominium and Marina" known as Residential Unit No. M-1. Together with an undivided 1.3769% interest in the common elements.

Block: 5604 Lot: 1045 Said premises known as 2730 SCHURZ AVENUE, UNIT M-1, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 21,474,62 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 309154/12.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee.

Novick Edelstein Lubell Reisman Wasserman & Leventhal Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 733 Yonkers Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704-2659

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.,

MOHAMMAD R. ISLAM, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to

a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 7/2/10, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein INDYMAC

F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and BANK. MOHAMMAD R. ISLAM, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE 851 GRAND CONCOURSE BRONX, NY 10451, on 6/9/14 AT 2PM, premises known as 1243 COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10456: BLOCK 2439 LOT 67:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS IMPROVÉMENTS THEREON AND ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380751/2008. JOSEPH MARIA, ESQ. -Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse Westbury, New York 11590, Attornevs for Plaintiff

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Defendant(s).

and described as follows:

AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Block: 2887 Lot: 20

Attornev(s) for Plaintiff

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK

OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and

Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust,

Plaintiff against MARY WILLIAMS, if living

and if he/she be dead, etc..., et al

and Sale entered herein and dated February

at public auction at the Bronx Supreme

subject to provisions of filed judgment

Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102,

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK

OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and

Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust.

Plaintiff against MEENA RAMASAR,

MAYWATI RAMASAR, LUTCHMAN RAMASAR, GHAGROO RAMASAR,

CHURAN RAMASAR, EKTAN RAMASAR,

and Sale entered herein and dated December 18, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851

Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 2nd day of June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises

situate, lying and being in the County of

Said premises known as 2068 CROTONA

Approximate amount of lien \$ 48,187,13

plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold

subject to provisions of filed judgment

and terms of sale. Index Number 303994/11.

JANKI RAMASAR, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

Bronx, City and State of New York.

Block: 3118 Lot: 49

PARKWAY, BRONX, NY

and terms of sale. Index Number 380974/10.

STEVEN J, BAKER, ESQ., Referee,

Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP

156 W 56 ST NEW YORK, NY 10019

2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure

JOSEPH MARRA, ESQ., Referee, Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W. 56 ST. NEW YORK, NY 10019

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against JEROME TYNER A/K/A JEROME FREEMAN, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 7, 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 19th day of May, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 403 Torry Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10473.

Tax account number: SBL #: 3508-60. Approximate amount of lien \$ 464,467.45 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381719-09. Leroi J. Andrews, Esq., Referee.

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

SUMMONS Docket No.: B29466/13 Pursuant to Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. In the Matter of the Commitment of ALEXANDRIA ISABELLA MARIN A/K/A ALEXANDRA MARIN A minor under the age of eighteen years, to the guardianship and custody of CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: JUAN BILLINI

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN A petition having been filed in this Court, alleging that the above- named child in the care of Catholic Guardian Services, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of Catholic Guardian Services, an authorized agency. A copy of said petition being annexed hereto.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Part 10, Bronx, NY 10451 on JUNE 11, 2014 before JUDGE LUPULOFF at 12:30 in the afternoon of said day to show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York as a dependent child as provided by law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said child is found to be a destitute or dependent child as defined by Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law and if guardianship and custody are awarded to said authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York, said child may be adopted with the consent of said authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York without further notice to you. In the event of your failure to appear before the Court, all of your parental rights in the child may be terminated.

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

You are entitled, as a matter of law, to be represented by Legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings herein. If you cannot afford to retain private counsel, the Court, at your request, will assign an attorney to represent you throughout these proceedings without charge to you.

Dated: 4/28/14 BY ORDER OF THE COURT/s/Michael Williams Clerk of the Court

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 MARIO DELBRUN, CHARLES W. MALONE, if living and if he/she be dead, et al., Defendants, Index no. 301709/13. 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 915 Ogden Avenue, Bronx, New York located at Block 2524 Lot 25. Dated: April 11, 2014

WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF IIΡ

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

By: Michael H. Resnikoff, Esg. 156 West 56th Street, New York, NY 10019 (212) 237-1102.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE: "Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to modify wireless telecommunications antennas at an overall height of 76 feet above ground level at 270 Longstreet Avenue, Bronx, New York 10465, Public comments regarding potential effects from the site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Marianne Walsh, E2PM, 87 Hibernia Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866, by email to: marianne walsh@e2pm.com, or phone: (973) 299-5200. Please refer to E2PM Tracking Number P-14-02-05."

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PUBLIC NOTICE: "Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to modify wireless telecommunications antennas at an overall height of 83 feet above ground level at 1981 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York 10453. Public comments regarding potential effects from the site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Marianne Walsh, E2PM, 87 Hibernia Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866, by email to: marianne.walsh@e2pm.com, or phone: (973) 299-5200. Please refer to E2PM Tracking Number P-14-02-03."

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Said premises known as 1350 CLAY Approximate amount of lien \$ 56,479.86 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold

Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 2nd day of June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded

LEGAL NOTICE FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

"It's been a clean life. It's very rewarding. You meet a lot of people."

TOM MURRAY.....PAGE 66



PIPE DREAMS By Bob Connolly

Marc Cuban Warned Of A Slippery Slope

NBA Dallas Mayericks owner. Marc Cuban thinks that the league would be a better place without Donald Sterling but forcing him out of ownership of the LA Clippers because of racist remarks allegedly made by him could create a slippery slope. "Cuban was concerned about an arbitrary line being set for forcing people out of the league because of controversial beliefs that could be considered offensive.

"In this country, people are allowed to be morons," Cuban said. "They're allowed to be stupid. They're allowed to think idiotic t "Within houghts. an organization like the NBA, we try to do what's in the best interest of the league, and that's why we have a commissioner and a constitution, and I think Adam will be smart and deal with Donald with the full extent available. But, again, if you're saying a blanket, 'Let's kick him out' -- I don't want to go that far because it's not about Donald, it's not about his position, it's about his mess -- and what are we going to make a decision on? Cuban added that it was "damn scary" to ponder the thought of attempting to remove somebody from the NBA because of his personal beliefs. "In

no uncertain terms am I supporting what Donald Sterling said, Continued on Page 67

Spellman wastes Padilla's gem

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bronx sports

A base running mistake and fielding error wasted a dominant performance by Cardinal Spellman ace Nick Padilla.

The hard throwing senior right hander allowed just two hits, struck out 12 and retired 22 straight batters at one point over nine innings of work, needing just 106 pitches. The Pilots however managed just a first inning double by lead off batter Anthony Crissone and had five base runners total in a tough to swallow 2-1 loss in 12 innings to visiting Salesian in CHSAA baseball on May 1.

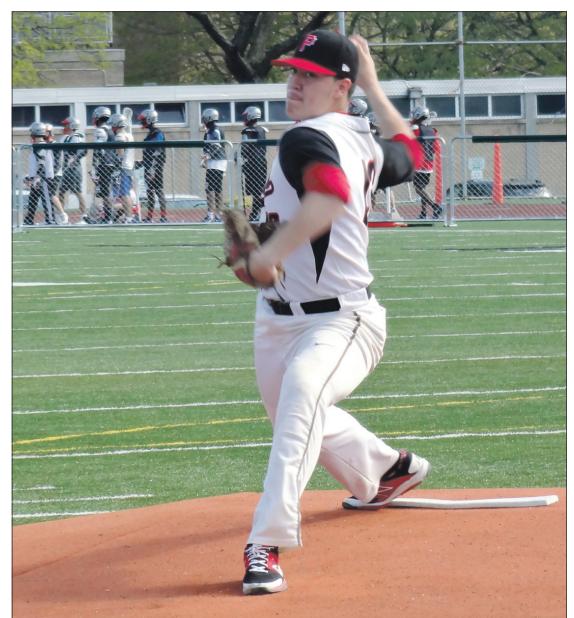
"We fought this entire game and at the end a little mistake means the entire game," Padilla said. "We play them again. We will be sure to fight back"

The Eagles (10-2) got a run in the first on an RBI single by Tyler Chen and scored in the top of the 12th thanks to a dropped throw at first base on what would have been the final out of the frame. Spellmen (5-7) felt it should have won before extra innings, but a base running mistake in the first inning coast them a run. Crissone did not break for third on a ground ball to second base with no one out. The Pilots ended up stranding him at third with one away.

"We are suppose to win that game in seven innings," Spellman coach Lou Brescia said. "Man on second base that's common baseball. Ball is hit to this side you got to be at third base."

Despite the Pilots struggles at the plate, Padilla did everything he could to keep his team in the game. He was nearly unhittable after two walks and a hit led to first inning run with one out. From then on a runner didn't reach first for Salesian until a bunt single by Joel Mendez in the eight on a close play. Padilla began to trust is high 80's fastball, pounding the strike zone and mixing in his off-speed stuff masterfully. He turned in a performance fitting of a No. 1 starter.

When I started getting in a rhythm I knew it," Padilla said. "I got the ball and threw a



Cardinal Spellman ace Nick Padilla allowed just one run over nine innings of work in a 12-inning loss to Salesian. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

strike. Went back to the mound and threw a strike."

Her counter part Nick Gennrarelli was able to match him nearly pitch for pitch over nine innings for Salesian. He struck out eight and walked just two. Spellman's only run came in the fifth when Tyrone Bowman was hit by a pitch and went to second on an errant pick off throw to first. He later stole third and came home when the throw from the catcher skipped past the third baseman to tie the score at 1-1. Derrick Wade tossed three innings of perfect relief. The lack of hitting left Spellman talking about improving its approaches at the plate. It wants to be more selective at what they swing out after feeling like they chased too many pitches out of the strike zone.

"It's choosing the right pitches and taking the right swings," Padilla said.

Spellman left the field miffed at Salesian's post game celebration. One player jumped on the mound after the final out and the team took part in a long, load chant near their dugout. It something the Pilots won't forget when they play the Eagles again on May 12 on the road.

"We definitely will [remember]." Padilla said. "Absolutely."

Cardinal Hayes great Tom Murray inducted into the GCHSAA Hall of Fame

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Former Cardinal Hayes coach and CHSAA administrator Tom Murray (I.) posses with GCHSAA President Denise Hillig after being inducted into the organization, \"A\"os Hall of Fame. #xA;

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BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Tom Murray became one of the most respected people and administrator in the CHSAA not by doling out decision, but by fostering real discussion amongst his peers. The former Cardinal Hayes boys' baseball coach and athletic director is known for giving out suggestions, not edicts.

"You try to be taught provoking," Murray said. "I do that at home. I start a conversation and go in and watch the Mets. I think you have to have people

think."

His approach during meetings and his knowledge have made him one of the league's most influential people for more than 50 years. His accomplishes as a member of the CHSAA Executive Board helping the girls wing of the league earned him in induction in the GCHSAA Hall of Fame along with 10 others on April 30 at Russo's on the Bay.

"His experience you can't replace that," GCH-SAA President Denise Hilliag said. "All the knowledge that he has is parallel. Anytime I have a question you just pick up the phone and ask Tom because she will be able to give you the answer and the history behind the answer."

Murray feels he "fell into" his early roles in the league after coming to Hayes from coaching at Stepinac. He went back to school for physical education credits because Msgr. Matthew Peters, the athletic director as the time, felt that was were he could best be used and became the Vice President of the Catholic Football League because former Chaminade football coach Joe Thomas suggested he'd be good in the role. Murray was president of the CHSFL for 15 years and has enjoyed all the thinks a life in sports brings.

"It's been a clean life," Murray said. "It's very rewarding. You meet a lot of people."

He coached basketball at Cardinal Hayes for 40 years and was the school's athletic director for 25. Murray won 582 games, reached seven CHSAA city championship games. He won the 'AA' crown in 1990 with future NBA star Jamal Mashburn and also took home an 'A' title. Murray also coached baseball, soccer and JV softball when the situation demanded it.

"As an athletic director you see what has to be done and you step up to the plate and do it," Murray said.

He retired from coaching basketball at Hayes in 2008, but since 1985 he has served terms and president and vice president of the NYCHSAA Executive committees. Murray is also involved with the state Federation. He hasn't given up coaching basketball completely. Murray helps his son Tom at Yonkers High School.

During his time with the CHSAA he has led with humility, class and intelligence.

"He just poses a question and he walks away and everyone else is left to think about it," Hillig said. "And when you think about it and talk about it we are all like, 'Yeah it's probably a good idea."

Truman girls hoops star Smith signs with New Haven

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

DaQuana Smith wasn't interested in chasing a Division I dream like so many other athletes. The Truman girls' basketball star was just looking for the best college fit for her and believes she found it at New Haven.

The 5-foot-11 wing signed her National Letter of Intent to play for the Chargers and coach Ty Grace next season surrounded by Mustangs coach John Burke, her parents, facility and teammates at Truman on May 1. Smith had interest from Robert Morris and Northeastern, but chose not to wait until the spring to make a decision. Burke believes she would have gotten a Division I scholarship had she stuck it out. Smith however knew her heart was at New Haven. She was comfortable there and was close enough to home.

"In the beginning it was difficult to know I would be going DII and not DI, but I had to look at the bigger picture," Smith said. "I would be getting more playing time instead of going to a factory school where I might have to sit a year. I could do better going DII and using my talents."

Burke compared the decision to her deciding to come to Truman over Kennedy for high school. The Knights at the time were a more established program, but Smith wanted a place where she could play right away and leave her mark. That's exactly what she did. She averaged 16.5 points per game and 13.4 rebounds as a senior.

Smith led the Mustangs to a 13-6 record in PSAL play and a trip to the quarterfinals. Truman has become the best public school team in the Bronx during her four years on the varsity.

"Her wingspan makes her much taller than 5-11," Burke said. "She can shoot. She can dribble. She can pass. She has a tremendous work ethic. She's smart, so they are getting a steal."

Her mother Pia's face lit up with a smile as Burke spoke about Smith and mentioned the \$250,000 in scholarship money she had earned. Pia Smith joked that it saved her father Darren from having to pay for college, but she knew her daughters determination was going to get her what she wanted. DaQuana Smith, who wants to study business and sports man-



Truman wing DaQuana Smith (c.) signs her National Letter of Intent to play basketball New Haven surrounded by family, coaches, teammates and faculty. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

agement, is just the second member of her family to her an athletic scholarship. Her cousin Russ Smith was a star men's basketball player at the University of Louisville.

"She is the type of person, the type of daughter that you just love," Pia

Smith said. "There is nothing that this world isn't going to offer her. She just goes and gets it."

DaQuana Smith hopes that her time at Truman leave behind more than just her wins and state. She wanted to show the current and future players that you could achieve great things there both on and off the court even if you aren't at one of the traditional New York City basketball powers.

"Just keep on going," DaQuana Smith said. "Don't be scared when you play."

Pipe Dreams: Bryce Harper; Sticky Thoughts; Upon Further Review

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or his position," Cuban said. "He's obviously racist, he's obviously bigoted. And in this day and age when you're in the public eye, you've got to be damn careful -- if that's your position, and that's unfortunately where you're at, you better be damn careful what you say, even in the privacy of your own home. "But regardless of your background. regardless of the history they have, if we're taking something somebody said in their home and we're trying to turn it into something that leads to you being forced to divest property in any way, shape or form, that's not the United States of America. I don't want to be part of that."

Bryce Harper

The Sports Curmudgeon commented about my Bryce Harper piece, "Keep your eye on the "Bryce Harper matter". This guy is going to be one of the most polarizing figures in sports. He is going to become a "Love

him or Hate him" guy VERY soon. (Well, after he gets back from the DL) There is no question he is an incredible talent; there is also not much of a question that he is not the best teammate in the world. The problem will be that people will try to argue that his lack of hustle or lack of putting team over self somehow diminished from his talent. In reality he is "Both of the Above". And that is what is going to make him polarizing." Robinson Cano and Yasiel Puig, of the Dodgers own multi-year, multi-million dollar contracts along with headshaking egos. So Harper isn't alone here.

"Bardware" Bob McKenty reminded me of the time when Gil Hodges was managing the Mets, that he called time out, slowly walked out to left field and removed Cleon Jones from the game because of his unenthusiastic play. Jones never let that happen again. Sticky Thoughts Bob Molinaro (HamptonRoads.com) wrote, "So if I understand this right, Yankees pitcher Michael Pineda's biggest transgression wasn't that he used pine tar to get a better grip on the ball, but that he wasn't smart enough to abide by one of baseball's famous unwritten rules that allows you to cheatbut discreetly. Silly, but noted. Also, if it hasn't been

Also, if it hasn't been established that pine tar helps a pitcher sink or curve the ball, maybe as some are saying now, the stuff shouldn't be outlawed for pitchers. I mean, hitters get to use it on their hands, right?"

Upon Further Review

Norman Chad had some thoughts about instant replays, "Here's a novel concept: Play the games, make the calls and move on. This worked really, really well for a really, really long time. These days, the overriding focus at the game is the officiating; if you're

watching the games for the officiating, you're not watching the games anymore. In addition, the repeated delays interrupt the flow of the action and suck away all the drama and, to put it mildly, it goes against the natural order of things. Replay just upsets the balance of life, like a sabermetrician at a strip club. With replay, for all I know Brown v. Board of Education gets overturned rather than Plessy v. Ferguson.

With replay, there's no Columbus Day — upon further review, officials would've seen throngs of Native Americans greeting the Italian explorer and his three ships upon his "discovery" of the New World. With replay, God probably doesn't create heaven and earth, the sea and all that's in them in under a week; on the seventh day he wouldn't have rested, he'd be warding off legal challenges and environmental impact studies about his placement of the Brazilian rainforest. It's too late for me, but I

want my children's children to enjoy a replay-free American future.

The New Broom

The press is playing up a possible rift between "Garden Dolan" and the "Big Triangle," but I think that this might be just wishful thinking on the part of the press. I understand why Jackson wants to clean house- Dolan spies would be gone. Information leaks are only useful to people who want to sow seeds of misinformation. They don't help new systems.

The Sports Curmudgeon gave us some Machiavellian reasoning (I love this cryptic stuff), "Perhaps you should ponder the words of Niccolo Machiavelli from 500 years ago with regard to your possible new venture:"It must be remembered that there is nothing more difficult to plan, more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to manage than a new system. For the initiator has the enmity of all who would profit by the preservation of the old institution and merely lukewarm defenders in those who gain by the new ones."

Giants/Jets

The NFL released the new schedules and I don't want to delay my GUESSES for the season's records- Giants 8-8 Jets 7-9.

LPGA

Michelle Wie won her first LPGA title in Hawaii after 4 years on the tour and countless media ink about her being the "next big thing." So far this season she's taken in \$600K in winnings- not too bad, huh? Perhaps she's settled into tour playing. The Sports Curmudgeon set this along, "Here is a comment from Greg Cote of the Miami Herald with regard to another young winner on the LPGA Tour:"Coral Springs' Lexi Thompson, 19, last week became the second-youngest woman to win an LPGA major. When I was 19, I first tried to solve a Rubik's Cube before stomping on it in frustration."



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