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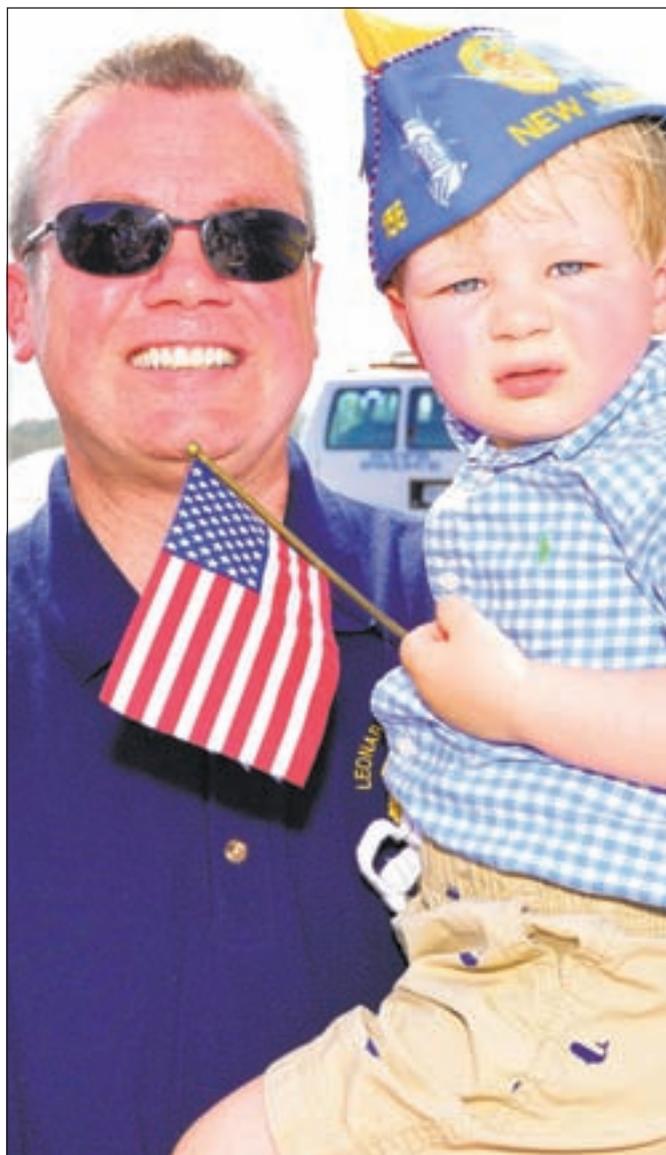
J.Lo at Orchard Beach

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Middle class Catholic school kid turned worldwide pop star Jennifer Lopez is finally back to her east Bronx roots.

Twelve years after J.Lo touted her supposed Bronx street cred in her hit "Jenny from the Block," the musical artist will perform for the first time in her home bor-

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Memorial Day On City Island

Dad Bill Clancy and son Deir enjoy the City Island Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26. For more photos of Memorial Day weekend, see pages 32 and 33.

MONTE, EINSTEIN MERGER

Med. college layoffs on tap

BY BEN KOCHMAN, JAIME WILLIAMS AND BOB KAPPSTATER

The Bronx's medical juggernaut is about to get even bigger - but some employees may lose their jobs in its wake.

Montefiore Health System announced on Tuesday, May 27 that it will merge with Yeshiva University to take a larger role in the financial management and day-to-day operations of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Morris Park.

The announcement came days after the Bronx Times-Reporter broke the news that financially troubled Einstein was cutting its workforce amid rumors of the merger with Montefiore, which is already affiliated with the school through its various teaching hospitals.

Hundreds of workers at the Morris Park campus had until

Monday, May 19 to respond to buyout packages, with layoffs expected to follow.

As part of the agreement to create a "new entity," Yeshiva will still grant degrees to graduating Einstein students. There will be one united faculty, with academic appointments from Yeshiva now employed by Montefiore.

The merger is still subject to various channels of regulatory approval, Montefiore said.

Einstein \$\$\$ woes

Einstein has been plagued with debt in recent years. The college's parent, Yeshiva University, lost about \$100 million in the Ponzi scheme scandal by now jailed swindler Bernard Madoff. A Yeshiva trustee, Madoff siphoned and lost millions of his clients' investments.

Einstein was hit particularly hard, and has since tried to stem

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Buhre biz blitz with subway fix

Merchants get first look at MTA station fixup plans

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Life in a construction zone starts in July —and Pelham Bay's small businesses are dreading the upcoming mayhem.

The east Bronx neighborhood's merchants are bracing for a rough stretch after getting their first glimpse of the MTA's plan to renovate the Buhre Avenue No. 6 elevated train station on Westchester Avenue.

"Parking in this neighborhood is atrocious to begin with, and this will make it much worse," said Raymond Macioci of Pilgrim Pharmacy, which sits directly under what will soon be a construction zone at the intersection.

Macioci was one of over 30 local merchants who packed local eatery Honey Thai Pavilion on May 20 to hear from NYC Transit

personnel and the city's contractor, Yonkers Contracting, first-hand.

Choosing a 'stage'
The city wrapped up the first stage of its multi-million dollar Number 6 line revamp, on the Castle Hill and Middletown Road stations, in early May of this year.

But the construction faces a whole new set of challenges when it starts work in July on the Buhre Avenue stop — a shopping area where five streets collide.

Plans call for much of Buhre Avenue to be blocked off until the work is targeted to be completed in February 2015.

Both sides of Pilgrim and Edison avenues will be used as so-called "staging areas" holding construction equipment.

Nearby Crosby Avenue, for now, is safe.



Raymond Macioci of Pilgrim Pharmacy is among the business owners bracing for a rough ride when the Buhre Avenue el shuts down in July.

Photo by Alex Belisle

Besides concerns over parking, local business owners are worried about

conducting day-to-day operations.

"I have no idea how we

are going to make our deliveries," said Sal Alrubai of Pruzzo's Supermarket, the neighborhood staple at the foot of the el.

"We have 18-wheelers coming in at all hours of the day, and we need at least 100 feet of empty area."

Other businesses that normally benefit from being so close to the train griped that customers will be less likely to make the trek to their shop through a work site.

"Of course it's going to affect me more than most," said Manny Manassakis at Quality Café at Buhre and Westchester avenues. "The subway steps end right at my door."

At least they're talking

MTA officials on hand said that they would work with businesses to coordinate delivery and sani-

tation schedules —and pledged that the workers would respect the local shops.

"If anyone is disrespectful, call me," said Jackie Carter, assistant director of community relations at NYC Transit. "These are your neighbors for the next seven months. You don't have to put up with that."

Merchants plan to go on a walk-through of the site with the MTA before June 10, when there will be another meeting, open to the public, at St. Theresa's Church.

"It's going to be a mess, but it's work that has to happen," said Irene Guannil, president of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association. "We at least appreciate that they came to us to initiate an open dialogue."

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Graduation

The family of Elliott De La Torre from Pelham Gardens congratulates him for graduating from SUNY Binghamton University with a bachelor's degree in Economics: We are so proud of you! We wish you the best in your future, love Dad, Liz, Chris, family and friends.

Rotary Club News

Rotarians in the Rotary Club of the Bronx had a lot to report from meetings on Tuesday, April 8 and Tuesday, May 6. The guest speaker on April 8 was Miriam Luciano who has spent the last quarter-century working with special needs children at P.S. 811

Performers Edge

This in from Performers Edge Dance Academy:

The 2014 season couldn't get any better for the competition team, and at the same time the staff couldn't be any more proud of their hard working dancers. The team consisting of 86 dancers, ranging in the ages of 5-18 years old, came together as a team becoming true champions. The season began at



ELLIOTT DE LA TORRE



PERFORMERS EDGE DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMERS

Star Systems early December in Long Island, NY as an optional competition. A few dancers set out to perform their solos before hitting the official competition season. They proved to be more than ready. Laurielle Echevarria receiving 1st Overall in the Petite Division, Nicolette Petriello, 1st Overall in the junior division and Serena Maldacker with a 1st Overall in the Teen division. Completing the sweep was Amber McCrink as Teen Miss Star Systems and Danielle Medici as Senior Miss Star Systems. Our next optional was January, where just a few dancers set the stage with solos but left a big mark - completing the streak with Top 1st Overalls, placing in the top 5 and a title win for Aleena Gil as Miss Sheer Talent in the junior division!

Our first "official" competition as a team was with Rainbow Competition with talented dancers from all over the Tristate area and of course Performers Edge came out on top. Many scholarships were awarded to these dancers as well as Overall High Scoring groups. Soloists were named Dancer of the Year holding the 2014 Long Island title. Laurielle Echevarria "Dancer of the Year" and highest scoring petite 8 and under, Aleena Gil "Dancer of the Year" in the intermediate junior division, Nicolette Petriello "Dancer of the Year" and highest scoring advanced junior, Amber McCrink "Dancer of the Year" and highest scoring advanced

teen. Our Petite, Teen and Senior small groups were all nominated for Video of the Week. Victoria Loran with her first season as a soloist wowed the judges receiving a first Overall in the junior intermediate category.

These dancers were ready for the rest of their season. They returned to the studio and continued to work hard day and night getting ready for their next competitions. Kids Artistic Revue is one of the toughest competitions in the industry so they needed to be ready. The competition was five days long with over 500 entries, but once again PEDA dancers proved that hard work and dedication will always shine through. Soloists placed in the Top 10 while others brought home titles. Aleena Gil "Miss Junior KAR" secondary division, Nicolette Petriello "Miss Junior KAR" intermediate division, Amber McCrink highest scoring teen in her division and first runner up as "Teen Miss KAR" in the advanced division. All groups placed in the Top 10 receiving platinum's, overall high score and special awards. Video of the week was once again awarded to our petite and senior small groups.

Our fabulous seniors: Dominique Lucariello, Nicolette Lucariello, Quori-Tyler Bullock, Danielle Medici, Maggie Sposato and Jorja-Rae Willis along with our amazing teens Amber McCrink, Serena Maldacker and Crysta Martinez were nominated into the Dance Industry Awards held in Hollywood

California for their breath taking performance choreographed by the incredible Tokyo. These young artists left their hearts on the stage bringing the judges to tears. It was a well-deserved win!!! The studio was awarded the highest scoring intermediate school which was an honor for all dancers as they all take part in that win...

Their next competition was Legacy Dance Champions in New Jersey. Once again they continued their victory winning 1st to top 10 Overalls with both solos entries and their award winning group numbers! With too many 1st Overall and Top 10 wins to list, the Minis to Seniors showed NJ what the Bronx was made of with their first place talent! Continuing with her Title winning streak, Amber McCrink was titled Miss Teen Legacy! Most important win of all was the 13 and over Legacy Award, which means they were once again the highest scoring studio there amongst many talented schools.

A huge congrats to our Boys Company, Scarsdale Company team, and to Jordan DeSimone, first time competitor and first time soloist, winning 1st Overall in the Novice division. These dancers went out for their first season and proved they have what it takes to be "Champions".

Now it's time to rehearse and continue their hard work getting ready for their final competitions in May and showcase all their talent at their four recitals in June.

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Benedetto: Curb towing abuse!

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Shoppers beware!

An east Bronx lawmaker is proposing legislation that he believes would curb abusive towing practices in strip malls where there is a continuous line of stores and sidewalk, but where the mall - or rather malls plural - actually have different owners and are subject to separate regulations.

A troublesome situation became evident recently where motorists at what are actually two separate, adjacent strip malls near the corner of East Tremont and Barkley avenues in Throggs Neck recently had their cars towed.

The parking lots look like a single lot, stretching from 7-Eleven to a dollar store without any barrier.

Benedetto announced at a press conference on Friday, May 23 that he is proposing legislation that would act as a "bill of rights" for shoppers who find themselves at the hands of arbitrary enforcement by private towing com-



The strip malls on the corner of Tremont and Barkley avenues.

panies without any clear notification of where they can park for which stores.

"As property owners and tenants of adjoining strip malls fight it out over limited parking, the general public is being victimized by the for-hire towing companies contracted by the property owners, who act with total impunity as they grab cars they allege are abusing the strip mall's parking policy," said Benedetto.

"The vehicle owner has no recourse once the car is towed except to pay the steep towing fee to retrieve the ve-

hicle," the elected said. "The tow truck driver, in essence, is the judge, jury and executioner in determining the validity of the alleged abuse."

Benedetto's legislation would require that the two properties be clearly defined by a fence stretching to the sidewalk, each parking spot clearly lined, a 10-minute grace period "good neighbor policy" that allows people shopping in one mall to walk to a store in a neighboring one, signage indicating the difference between two malls, giving local police oversight, video-recorded ev-

idence, and other measures.

"When adjoining strip malls share common walkways and driveways it's not the public's responsibility to understand the property ownership issue," added Benedetto.

One recent victim, Linda Mayer, said she parked her GMC on Friday, May 16 in front of E.T. Laundromat in what she believed was one continuous parking lot to go to a nail salon and to 7-Eleven, and got towed.

"When I picked my car up, I was forced to pay \$135, and they said the landlord had complete control over whose car is towed," she said. "It is his word against mine...I don't understand how this is fair, it is forcing me to shop elsewhere."

The representative of the landlord she spoke to overstated how much time she had spent in her parking space, and also said she had left the area and her car to shop elsewhere, which was not true, she said.

Local resident John Col-



Linda Meyer points to a sign at the strip mall where she had her car towed that does not indicate where exactly parking is permitted.

Photos by Silvio Pacifico

lazzi (who is also co-founder of the Bronx Times) said that his car was recently towed as he faced a similar situation in Westchester County, and said that this showed it was a problem not only in

the Bronx, but could happen anywhere in the state.

Also speaking on behalf of Community Board 10 at the press conference was Pat Caruso.

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BORO BEAT



by Bob
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Lordy! We thought we were back down at one of those Southern Baptist tent revivals, listening to challenger **Oliver Koppell** and his supporters hurling the wrath of regular Dems at Senator **Jeff Klein** May 22 at Riverdale's Ben Franklin Reform Dem club.

But the fire and brimstone speeches aimed at the evil betrayer of Senate Democrats with his breakaway Independent Democratic Conference just wasn't enough to stop Jeff from garnering the club's endorsement with a vote of 96-38, along with 11 votes for no endorsements.

We failed to hear any trumpets tumbling down the walls of the club, so we guess the membership will somehow manage to survive what many at the meeting fearfully predicted would irrevocably split the club asunder.

And kudos, by the way, to club president **Ellen Feld**, who kept her cool - and firm hand - keeping the pandemonium to a manageable level.

NEUTRAL GUY

While all the other Riverdale

electeds weighed in on Jeff Klein's side, Congressman **Eliot Engel's** staying neutral. Just sayin'.

PAYBACK

Brooklyn Democratic Boss **Frank (Judas) Seddio** ticked he's not getting any goodies from **Mayor de Blasio** and Council Speaker **Melissa Mark-Viverito** for backing her for Speaker, NY Observer reported recently.

Seddio screwed Bronx Dem Boss **Carl Heastie** and Queens Boss **Joe Crowley** who had a deal with him to deliver all their council delegation votes to Manhattan's **Dan Garodnick**. Instead, Seddio pulled out of the deal at the last minute and threw the winning votes to Melissa. But instead of his equivalent of 30 pieces of silver, he's now griping he got *bubkus* in council chairmanships, jobs and other goodies. Sigh!

DUH!BATE

After a flurry of negative publicity about them giving the brush-off to BronxTalk host **Gary Axelbank**, Congressman **Charlie Rangel** was still holding up the works for a full candidates' de-

bate, as of Wednesday, May 28.

Challenger **Adriano Espailat** finally did agree on Wednesday to show up for a candidates debate on Gary's Bronx cable-TV show.

Minor challenger **Michael Walrond** was all set to sit with three empty chairs (mini-challenger **Yolanda Garcia** never responded) to have the floor all to himself, but Gary tells us he's ready to set a mutually agreed upon time and place to either tape all three without Charlie if their schedules don't work for a live debate. If not, a taped debate will be aired Monday, June 16, just ahead of the June 24 congressional primary.

CUOMO'S GUY

Gov. Cuomo gets a doublet wofer by naming Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.** and Buffalo Assemblywoman **Crystal Peoples-Stokes** at the recent State Dems convention on Long Island as co-chairs of his reelection campaign. He gets both a Latino and an African-American, as well as a downstater and upstater to push his campaign.

And of course, it can't hurt Ruben any with his eye on a citywide prize.

COP CORNER

Congrats. To NYPD Deputy Chief **James O'Neill** being promoted as the department's Chief of Patrol. O'Neill is an old Bronx hand, having among other assignments, run the 44th Precinct in Highbridge and serving as exec at the 52nd in Norwood.

BORO BITS

New chair. **William Rivera** voted new chairman Community Board 9 covering Soundview/Parkchester/Castle Hill. Rivera had previously chaired the board's public safety and housing committees. He ran - for a short while before dropping out - for the E. Tremont City Council seat won by **Ritchie Torres**. He's currently running for re-election to a full term as Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda's** district leader in the 87th Assembly District.

Congrats. To **Jordan Moss** for resurrecting his borough news roundup at bronxmatters.com/, collecting the best and brightest

news from local borough publications.

Shame. On the guys who showed up in suits at the \$400-a-seat **BLACK TIE** Bronx Boro Ball. It's been getting less and less classier every year now.... (And message to Boro Hall flak **John DeSio**: City Councilman **Andy King** wants his (Bronx colors) orange vest back.)

Dr. Aguado. Congrats to retired Bronx Council on the Arts exec director **William "Bill" Aguado**, receiving an honorary Doctor of Arts Degree at Lehman College's 46th Annual Commencement Exercises on Thursday.

'I ROAST MY CASE'

From a Bronx night court arraignment:

"And furthermore, your honor, this defendant had a previous incident against these same complainants involving an assault with poultry."

Wonder if that defense lawyer managed to pullet off? Ouch!

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40th PCT.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 8:00 a.m. – East 149 St. and Park Ave. Police investigators were called to Lincoln Medical Center after a shooting victim arrived at the facility seeking help. The 35 year old man had been shot in both the chest and arm officials report. An inquiry is underway.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 11:30 a.m. – Eagle Ave. and East 156 St. First responders came to the aid of a 23 year old Hispanic woman. The young woman became a crime victim after a black male believed to be in his twenty's robbed the woman of three thousand dollars. During the attack the woman received a stab wound to her left thigh. The victim was reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are investigating.

42nd PCT.

WED, APRIL 9th, 8:55 a.m. – Tinton Ave. and East 165 St. A suspect was arrested after a traffic agent was menaced in the line of duty. Police investigators learned that the traffic agent was menaced by a person who displayed a gun. The suspect was arrested but the weapon was not recovered. After obtaining a search warrant for the suspect's home, a toy gun was found in the residence.

FRI, APRIL 11th, 6:50 a.m. – An investigation was launched after officials learned that a male had attempted to rape a woman. The female victim had just dropped her son off at the bus stop when returning to her home when an unidentified male forced the woman into a stairwell and attempted to attack her before he fled. Police searched the area but were unable to locate the attacker.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 7:40 a.m. – 1365 Lyman Pl. Authorities are looking for the person who attacked a Hispanic male. The 29 year old victim was treated at Lincoln Medical Center after being stabbed multiple times in the face and head areas. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

43rd PCT.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 5:30 a.m. – 559 Taylor Ave. First responders were alerted to a reported explosion. Upon arrival the emergency personnel discovered that a power transformer had exploded. The incident caused a block to be without electrical power until Con Edison workers were able to make repairs. No injuries were reported.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 1:50 p.m. – 1210 Stratford Ave. Police officers were summoned to help a woman. The female, a crime victim, told officials that she had been assaulted. The injured woman explained that she had been assaulted by her son who was currently barricade in another room. Emergency Service Squad units were requested to assist. Once in custody, the male suspect was removed from the home. The woman received medical attention.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 9:45 p.m.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

– O'Dell St. and St. Raymond's Ave. A local undercover police officer is being credited with removing two additions guns off of local streets. The Anti-Crime Police Officer nabbed a 22 year old black male who had control over two handguns. Taken away from the young man who failed to obtain the proper license to have a handgun in NYC was a 22-caliber semi-automatic pistol in addition to a 357-caliber revolver.

44th PCT.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 12:25 p.m. – Sheridan Ave. and East 170 St. A 34 year old male was arrested and charged with committing a bias crime. It's charged that the black male grabbed a 25 year old Caucasian male from behind calling the school teacher by a bias term.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 9:55 p.m. – 1478 Walton Ave. Police investigators were called to Lincoln Medical Center on East 149 St. Upon arrival of the law enforcement sleuths they learned that a 17 year old black male had been shot once in the abdomen. An inquiry is underway.

46th PCT.

WED, APRIL 9th, 4:20 a.m. – 260 East 188 St. A Hispanic man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being attacked. The injured victim was suffering from two stab wounds authorities reported. The medical staff treated the man for a wound to the right leg in addition to the abdomen.

WED, APRIL 9th, 12:20 p.m. – 2225 Webster Ave. Police were alerted that a student who was already in trouble with school officials made threatening remarks. The child while leaving a classroom heading to the detention room when a comment was made to a school official concerning 'Columbine'. The student was removed from the educational facility and provided with medical care.

WED, APRIL 9th, 5:25 p.m. – 1820 Grand Concourse. Another male suspect was arrested by local police officers. This time a 32 year old Hispanic male was taken into custody by authorities after being found with a 45-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence after police found out that the man failed to obtain the proper license to have a gun in NYC.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 1:00 a.m. – Fordham community. Authorities are looking into a report that a woman had been raped. The middle aged victim received medical assistance at Montefiore Medical Center as investigators

looked for the woman's attacker.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 7:00 a.m. – Police officers have launched an inquiry into a sexual attack upon a teenage girl. The 16 year old female victim was found in an unconscious state after being raped by numerous males and assaulted by several females. The incident is under investigation.

47th PCT.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 10:50 p.m. – 3445 Fish Ave. A young male was arrested by undercover police officers. The 23 year old black male was taken into custody after officers learned that the culprit failed to have the proper license to have a gun within the city. Police removed a 9-mm pistol from the culprit.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 10:30 a.m. – 3501 Hutchinson Ave. Police investigators are looking into the death of a black woman. The body of a woman in her late thirties was discovered lying on the bank of the creek just west of the New England Thwy. Investigators indicated that the death was under scrutiny by detectives from the Bronx Homicide Squad. First the sleuths have the tasks to identify the victim.

FRI, APRIL 11th, 12:45 a.m. – 3436 Fenton Ave. Another young male was arrested after being found in possession of a pistol. Taken away from the 20 year black male was a 9-mm pistol. The pistol was vouched as evidence once the police confirmed that the male failed to obtain a permit to have the weapon in NYC.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 12:30 a.m. – White Plains Rd. and East 228 St. Another gun was taken off of a Wakefield street thanks to an alert police officer. A 30 year old black male was arrested after police found the man with a handgun that the culprit failed to obtain the proper license for. The 25-caliber gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

4-21, 12:35 a.m. – Police were summoned to a hospital to receive information from a crime victim. Officers responded to Montefiore Hospital where a teenage girl informed them that she had been raped. The information will be turned over to investigators who handle sex related crimes.

48th PCT.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 9:00 p.m. – 2375 Southern Blvd. First responders came to the aid of a three year old child. The unconscious child was found in a tub unattended. Detectives are conducting an investigation.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 1:00 a.m. – West Farms section. Authorities look-

ing into a reported sexually assault made an arrest. Officials reported that the father of a five year old girl was arrested and charged with the crime.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 9:25 a.m. – Marmion Ave and East Tremont Ave. First responders removed all the riders aboard a city bus after an emotional disturbed passenger indicated that there was an explosive device aboard the vehicle. Authorities were able to remove the emotional person. The unidentified person was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital as expected took a closer look at the bag. Later on it was discovered that the bag contained hair pins.

FRI, APRIL 11th, 6:30 a.m. – 1908 Belmont Ave. Police were able to vouch another handgun. This time an undercover officer nabbed a 41 year old Hispanic man who had a 45-caliber pistol in his control. The weapon was removed from the man's control and marked as evidence for the pending trail.

49th PCT.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 5:35 p.m. – 3055 Bouck Ave. Another teenager ended up in trouble with law enforcement officials. The 17 year old black male was arrested after being found in possession of a 25-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 12:45 a.m. – 3055 Bouck Ave. A suspect was arrested after being found with an unregistered gun. Taken away from the unnamed 20 year old black male was a 25-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

50th PCT.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 10:00 p.m. – Van Cortland Park. A police officer was injured while making an arrested in Van Cortland Park. The officer was punched in the face receiving a minor injury. A police supervisor used a Tazer to help gain control of the culprit.

52nd PCT.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 8:35 p.m. – 2537 Decatur Ave. Additional police officers were deployed into the Bedford Park community after a home was invaded. Investigators learned that two black males at gunpoint forced their way into a home. The two culprits fled with an assortment of jewelry besides one-thousand dollars in cash. The occupant received an injury to the head officials indicated.

TUES, APRIL 8th, 9:20 p.m. – 28 East Kingsbridge Rd. Officials at the scene of a stabbing requested ad-

ditional resources. Members of the Bronx Task Force were deployed into the area after a 28 year old black male had been stabbed three times in the leg area. The injured man was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital and provided with medical assistance. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

WED, APRIL 9th, 10:20 p.m. – 2460 Davidson Ave. Responding police officers found a man who had been shot. The 59 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left foot authorities in the West Bronx reported. The injured man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 10:10 a.m. – 149 East Mosholu Pkwy North. Police officers came to the aid of a school safety officer. The school worker was scratched around the face while attempting to arrest a student. The student was taken into custody.

SUN, APRIL 13th, 8:50 a.m. – 55 East Gun Hill Rd. An inquiry was launched after authorities learned that a traffic agent had been assaulted. Police officers looking into the attack arrested a male suspect. The city worker was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital for medical care.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 11:45 p.m. – 2857 Valentine Ave. A search was conducted for two males. The suspects pushed their way at gun point into a home before fleeing with three-hundred dollars and a cell phone. Officials reported that the victim escaped injury.

Transit

WED, APRIL 9th, 3:20 p.m. – Pelham Pkwy train station. A suspect was arrested after a teen was stabbed at the train station. A 16 year old teen was transported to a local hospital suffering from a stab wound to the back area apparently caused by an ice pick. Transit District # 12 police officers assisted local detectives with the inquiry.

Housing

WED, APRIL 9th, 6:00 p.m. – 1686 Seward Ave. Housing police officers from PSA # 8 arrested a suspect for a house invasion. Officials were informed that two black males at gunpoint forced their way into the victim's home. Responding police officers nabbed one of the culprits while also recovering two guns besides some marijuana. A search is underway for the second male suspect. Local detectives are coordinating the inquiry.

WED, APRIL 9th, 7:40 p.m. – 731 East 161 St. Authorities are working with Housing PSA # 7 police officers as they search for the person who shot a teenager. A 15 year old Hispanic male teenager was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the left arm. The teen was reported to be in stable condition

THURS, APRIL 10th, 5:35 a.m. – 1686 Seward Ave. A 44 year old man was arrested after police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 found the suspect with two handguns. Taken away

from the culprit who failed to obtain a NYC permit for both weapons was a 38-caliber revolver besides a 9-mm pistol. Both guns were vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

Fire Log

WED, APRIL 9th, 3:42 p.m. – 4228 White Plains Rd. Firefighters covering the Wakefield area responded to a fire in the basement area of a commercial structure. The blaze was within the three story structure. Firefighters from Engine 63 indicated that there was a working fire that they were stretching a hose to try to contain. As additional smoke-eaters arrived the building was searched and ventilated to permit the smoke and gases to escape. As the water contained the fire, the flames started to darken down before being totally extinguished.

4-09, 11:10 p.m. – 160 West 166 St. Smoke-eaters from the Ogden Ave fire station had only to travel a few blocks from their Highbridge station to arrive at a burning building. The fire was in a once story commercial building. Coming in to back up Engine 68 and Ladder 49 were Engine 92 and Tower Ladder 44 from the Morris Ave station. The fire was located inside a deli on the first floor of the building. In less than an hour the incident was brought under control.

THURS, APRIL 10th, 10:30 a.m. – 2015 Belmont Ave. A fire was reported in an apartment house near East 181 St. Firefighters from four stations responded on the initial call for a blaze on the 5th floor. Members of Engine 88 dragged the hose line up five flights of stairs so that they could extinguish the fire. In no time the incident was declared under control once all the searches were completed.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 2:15 a.m. – 784 East 214 St. The occupants of a residential building in the Williamsbridge area were evacuated after a fire was discovered. Engine 62 upon arrival indicated that they were facing a working fire. There was a spreading fire on the third floor of the three story dwelling. Battalion 27 reported using the full first alarm assignment before the fire started to darken down. Arson investigators are looking to talk to a male who had texted a female occupant indicating that he had set the fire. Red Cross workers were on scene to assist residents.

SAT, APRIL 12th, 4:00 a.m. – 2709 Seymour Ave. A fire was reported in a private dwelling near Al-lerton Ave. The blaze was located in a two story dwelling. Battalion 15 reported that the blaze was traveling in the walls of the structure. Once the ladder crews ensured that all the residents were safely out of the building engine crews were able to quickly extinguish the hidden pockets of fire. By 4:25 a.m. the incident was placed under control.

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Homeless

Dear editor,

In a letter in last week's Bronx Times someone says that Pelham Bay doesn't have a homeless problem and therefore the Pelham Grand should not become a shelter.

Unfortunately, those days are gone.

New York City has a major homeless problem, as I have written about for many years. The past administration ignored this to the point of making it a humanitarian crisis. Thus, the City is now sharing the pain across the board.

Shelters are needed, but what is needed more is a subsidy program, like that proposed by Mayor de Blasio, to keep people in their apartments and transition people out of shelters.

This will effectively reduce the homeless population, so that every empty building will not need to become a homeless shelter.

His plan also calls for limiting profits to landlords contracting with the city for these shelters, putting that money instead into rent subsidies.

And there are quite a few homeless in Pelham Bay, you see them at the subway station, walking on Crosby Ave and riding down in the morning on the subway.

But an unending merry go round of shelters is not the way to help them. We finally need to get serious about this issue.

Sandi Lusk

Hurricane Sandy

Dear editor,

I would like to compliment two upstate legislators, Assemblyman Morelle and State Senator DeFrancisco for their courage and wisdom in sponsoring bills, which will mandate that insurance companies will have to include the scope of the damages in the appraisal process.

At the present time, the insurance companies refuse to include the scope of damages as an appraisal issue.

Due to Hurricane Sandy many homeowners and business communities could not repair or restore their property due to coverage issues.

I strongly recommend to notify your elected officials in the assembly and the state senate to vote yes for this bill.

Frank Porco

Evil landlords

Dear editor,

You should know that there are many landlords who are forcing people out of their homes so they can make more money by using those apartments as cluster-site housing for homeless families, and my Senatorial District has become a hot spot for this scam. These landlords are playing very dirty tricks, and this is ruining many people's lives and making our neighborhoods unstable.

You should know that when these landlords get their current tenants to move out and convert their apartments to cluster-site housing, they charge the city \$100+ per night/per apartment, which is comparable to a hotel nightly rate. (And the price they charge comes nowhere near the level of service any hotel might provide.) Cluster-site contracts are reported to have cost the city an estimated \$77.8 million last year.

You should know that there are constituents

from my Senatorial District who tell us that they are being harassed by their landlords to move out of their buildings. They say that the landlords offer them \$5000 to \$7000 dollars incentive to vacate their homes so the landlord can make money from these apartments by charging the City of New York a lot more money to let homeless families live there. While \$7000 might sound like a lot of money, people on fixed incomes will find themselves homeless in no time if they take these incentives - and it's a small investment for landlords who will profit greatly.

These families who are being forced out of their buildings by their landlords often have no place to go, especially if they are on fixed incomes. They cannot afford to move or rent elsewhere, and if they stay, their living conditions quickly deteriorate, some landlords won't renew their leases, and make life impossible for them to live there.

You should also know that to add insult to injury, the management companies that are being subsidized by New York City to provide maintenance services to these buildings have been neglecting their responsibilities.

These management companies ignore the residents' complaints about deplorable conditions. Rats, mold, debris, holes in walls and floors, leaky roofs, sparking electrical outlets, unreliable heating, and broken fire escapes are common complaints in cluster-site housing buildings in my district. Families and children should not be living in these conditions. No one should.

Families who reside in buildings where their landlords are converting these buildings to cluster-site housing tenants are not even allowed to have their personal mail delivered to their buildings. Instead, they must go to the local US Post Office and wait on line just to pick up their mail.

Families who reside in these buildings must suffer in silence. Of course they can join the ranks of other New Yorkers who call 311, but the complaints of cluster-site housing families are somehow not put on the same level as others who call 311 and ask for help.

Ladies and gentlemen, I hope that New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and his Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Lilliam Barrios-Paoli take notice, pay attention and work to put an end to those greedy landlords who come to

our community to feed themselves on the needs and suffering of our people. No more!

State Senator Reverend Rubén Díaz

Free lunch

Dear editor,

Prior to Wednesday, May 28th's City Council Education Committee Budget hearing to review the Executive Budget, the Lunch 4 Learning Campaign, including City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Public Advocate Letitia James and City Councilman Daniel Dromm, as well as students, parents, and pediatricians gathered to urge Mayor de Blasio to include universal free lunch for all public school children in NYC in the final budget.

The City Council and Public Advocate have championed universal free school lunch and have made it a top budget priority. One-third of 780,000 students who are eligible for free or reduced priced meals do not participate, many because they face shame and bullying.

Universal free and healthy school lunch changes the current system - which links school food with family income - by getting rid of the income stigma that greatly impacts participation, especially as children get older:

- 81% of elementary school students, 61% of middle school students, and only 38% of high school students eat school lunch; and

- Other cities, including Boston, Dallas, Detroit and Chicago have successfully implemented universal free school lunch citywide or will implement this coming school year.

Lunch 4 Learning is a diverse coalition-based campaign, spearheaded by Community Food Advocates, focused on making free and healthy meals available to all NYC public school students, regardless of income.

The Lunch 4 Learning campaign has brought together top chefs, celebrities and over 160 organizational and elected partners to elevate this issue and focus the attention of the new Mayor and Chancellor to make this an anti-hunger, health and educational priority.

This grassroots campaign has already garnered nearly 4,500 signatures and has prominent chefs and supporters tweeting at the mayor to support it.

Public Advocate Letitia James, City Council member Ben Kallos and New York State Senator Liz Krueger are all supporters and active tweeters.

For additional information about Lunch 4 Learning, please visit: <http://www.lunch4learningnyc.org/>

Lunch 4 Learning Campaign

Speeding cars

Dear editor,

with today's technology it would take a simple device to limit the speed of all non-emergency autos in any city.

Autos should be able to switch from normal to city speed limits with an outside light for enforcement.

The advertisements for cars on TV are a joke. There isn't a city or highway in the country where you need a car that can go from zero to sixty in ten seconds. Those that buy them are either juveniles or suckers.

Dante Barozzi

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City roots raising his sidewalk

City tree a roadblock on residential street

- John DiStefano
BY BEN KOCHMAN John DiStefano didn't give it a second thought when the city planted a tree in front of his Pelham bay home ten years ago.

But that was before the sapling started growing.

These days, the 87-year-old local is stumped by the damage the tree has caused to the sidewalk in front of his Wilkinson Street house.

The tree's roots have cracked and lifted the sidewalk, creating a three-inch gap between DiStefano's part of the street and the rest of the block. Passersby often stumble—and the trip is even more difficult during the winter, when the sidewalk gets icy.

"Each year it gets worse," said DiStefano, a former city worker who now uses a cane to get around. "People are going to trip and fall, there's no question about it."



THE GRISLY TREE TAILS: A city tree planted over a decade ago has created a three-inch gap in John DiStefano's Pelham Bay sidewalk. But the Parks Department has put off rooting out the damage for years.

Photo by Ben Kochman

One million issues?
 DiStefano is just one of the east Bronx residents griping about the dark side

of the city's Bloomberg-era plan to plant one million trees.

Current city policy says that homeowners cannot refuse a tree being planted on their property. Yet damage caused by those trees can sometimes take years to repair, with property owners forced to pay for clogged pipes and other issues in the meantime. They can also be liable for lawsuits by people who trip and hurt themselves.

DiStefano's family has been trying to convince the city to fix his Wilkinson Street sidewalk since 2009, to no avail. Foresters from the Parks Dept. have dropped by twice to assess the tree, most recently prioritizing it as a mere 70 out of 100.

The agency claims on its website to prioritize repairs by both the extent of the damage and the site's foot traffic. The city spends around \$3 million

to repair 1,500 sites each year through its Trees and Sidewalks program, said a spokesman for the Parks Department.

But DiStefano's ever-rising sidewalk – located one block from Colucci Playground – has not yet made the cut.

Country Club spoiled

The snub has angered the senior's daughter, Celeste Russo, who says that other neighborhoods nearby get preferential treatment.

She's seething over the sidewalks and tree protections built by the city in nearby Country Club.

"Parks told us that they ran out of funds, they couldn't do it," said Russo. "But I saw what they did in Country Club, and those trees weren't half as bad as my dad's tree."

More costs for retiree

The family hopes that city brass, along with local elected officials, will hear their pleas. Until then, they



ROOTS OF DISPAIR: 87-year-old John DiStefano has seen what was once a quaint city tree slowly destroy his Pelham Bay sidewalk and meddle with his sewer system. He says the Parks Dept. told him they'd fix the concrete gap in the sidewalk years ago. He's still waiting.

Photo by Ben Kochman

are crossing their fingers that no one gets hurt on the sidewalk and sues for damages.

DiStefano will continue paying a plumber around \$400 every 18 months to clean out his pipes. He says he also shells out a hefty fee each fall to someone who

cleans out his roof gutter, which collects leaves from the overhanging tree.

But the Pelham Bay local refuses to hire a contractor to fix the root of the problem.

"The city built this tree," he said, "and they are the ones who should repair it."

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50 years and waiting for light

Elected officials calls for fairness

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

These east Bronx residents are losing patience - after almost 50 years - of waiting for a traffic light.

The corner of Coddington and Crosby avenues has been a dangerous intersection for as long as anyone living in Waterbury-LaSalle can remember, with at least five accidents and any number of close calls in just the past three years, said local community activist Joe Oddo.

That included a car careening onto a sidewalk and hitting the fence of a corner house, and another crashing into a local Chinese restaurant at the corner, said Oddo.

Luckily the accident happened at night, said Nickki Zhang, 33, who works in her family business, Six Happiness Chinese Restaurant. Nevertheless it cost her family income for six weeks.

Stroller protest

The problem was evi-



Local activists Joe Oddo and Annie Boller (in car), say Coddington and Crosby avenues in Waterbury-LaSalle is a rough intersection for motorists in need of a traffic light. Photo by Patrick Rocchio

dent more than 50 years ago, when a group of local mothers with small children staged a traffic "slowdown" at the intersection by walking baby strollers back and forth across Crosby Avenue, said local resident Mary Collins who participated in the demonstration.

"Nobody was paying any

attention to us, so we decided to have a slowdown, and we took baby carriages and kept walking across street," she said. "My daughter, who was a baby then, turned 53 recently. I would like to try to put a bonnet on her now!"

Oddo pointed out several issues he said have led to numerous crashes, including a bend on Crosby Avenue that

pushes southbound motorists to one side of the corner with Coddington Avenue, where there is a blind-spot on both sides of the streets.

The blind spots are so bad for motorists looking to continue past Crosby Avenue on Coddington Avenue that have to drive out into the street, often into on-coming traffic, said Oddo.

Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association board member Annie Boller and other local drivers agreed, saying that tall SUVs and trees often make it difficult to see oncoming traffic going eastbound on Coddington through the intersection.

Petition to DOT

"I collected over 200 signatures in 2 1/2 hours on a petition for a traffic light at this intersection," said Oddo. "It is unheard of. We have discussed this for 53 years.

Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns said that the board



Cars have to jut out into oncoming traffic in order to make it through intersection at Coddington and Crosby avenues. Local residents are asking for a traffic light and have been for 50 years.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

asked DOT for a traffic light, citing low visibility.

"We had put in a request and it was turned down because there are traffic lights already at both Waterbury and Zulette avenues, and there are only two cross streets between the two lights," he said. Local City Councilman Jimmy Vacca also added his voice to the need for a traffic light, saying "Crosby Avenue is becoming a speedway."

A spokesman for DOT, Nicholas Mosquera, said a new traffic study is now underway.

"DOT had received earlier community requests on this location and currently has a study underway at the intersection of Crosby and Coddington avenues," said Mosquera. "This is scheduled for completion this summer and we will provide an update when available."

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Bx Puerto Rican Parade minus one

Boro Prez skipping annual parade over feud with organizer

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Puerto Rican pride - and for that matter, Latino pride - will be on display Sunday, June 1 as the 27th annual Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade steps off on the Grand Concourse.

But one usual marcher, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., will be missing this year, skipping the parade on purpose.

Seems there's no love lost between the BP and parade organizer Francisco Gonzalez.

Diaz and the longtime district manager of Soundview's Community Board 9 have had a rocky relationship over various local issues over the years, with Diaz trying to oust him from the board.

The estrangement came to a head last year when the city's Conflicts of Interest Board fined Gonzalez \$7,500 for performing

parade organizing work on city time out of the district office.

Gonzalez remains the CEO of the non-profit parade organization.

Diaz's office said Wednesday that the borough president would be spending Sunday attending the Bronx Historical Society's annual ceremony honoring Bronx high school valedictorians.

But Diaz' absence from the parade won't stop a host of smiling borough and citywide elected officials, many of them up for reelection, from marching up the Grand Concourse, waving Puerto Rican flags to crowds lining the sidewalks.

This year's parade, featuring more than a hundred local, national and international groups, will again reverse its long standing traditional course, stepping off



Teen royalty rolls down the Grand Concourse at a previous Bronx Puerto Rican Day parade.

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from 190th Street at 1 p.m. and wending its way up to Van Cortlandt Avenue East for a post-parade festival.

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LaSorsa Auto Group, the parade's opening ceremonies will be at 192nd Street at 11 a.m. after a VIP reception in Poe Park at 10 a.m.

Organizers are calling the parade "the largest Multi Cultural Event held in the Bronx that is celebrating the diversity of the

Puerto Rican Culture and People."

The parade, founded by Angel Luis Rosado in 1987 with about 10-15 organizations marching that year, is representative of the growth of Puerto Ricans in the Bronx, with the largest population of Puerto Rican outside to the their beloved Caribbean island numbering over 350,000 strong in the borough.

This year's honorees are the La Fiesta Folklorica Puertorriquena, Aurea Mangual, President and Special Recognition to Oscar Lopez Rivera.

The group held a press preview on Wednesday, May 28 at which it presented its "queens, kings, princes and princesses," selected after earlier competitions.

The "Godfather" of this year's parade is George Hulse of Healthfirst.

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Locals: We've got Coops' back

New narcotics team scoping Allerton Coops

BY BEN KOCHMAN

If the landlord won't help, the community will.

A group of local leaders took to the Allerton Coops Tuesday May 27 with a clear message to the drug dealers holding court in the Bronx Park East housing project—we've got our eyes on you.

"We want them to know that we are here," said Joe Thompson, president of the 49th Precinct Community Council. "We know that they will be peeking through their windows."

And the local precinct commander announced the addition of a new narcotics team to the area to turn the heat up.

Drug crime rampant

Residents at the 732-unit complex have long complained that drug crime is rampant there. In 2012, federal prosecutors took down dozens of gang members at

the Coops and nearby Park-side Houses.

But locals say the drug trade remains a factor, with residents afraid to come out at night for risk of being caught in the middle of a deal gone wrong. The problem has been made even worse by a landlord—identified in property records as Bronx Park East LLC—who understaffs the complex and recently cut security staff.

Residents have also complained of grimy conditions, illegal apartments and rats running wild at the Coops.

'We've got your back'

Thompson was among a team of community activists—and one elected official—who stormed the housing development May 27 armed with signs urging residents to share information about the drug trade to local authorities.

The team offered a tip line that they said was anon-

ymous: 1-800-571-TIPS.

"Too many residents are living in fear. Many are afraid to go outside their own homes and walk around their own neighborhoods," said local City Councilman Ritchie Torres, the City Councilman representing the area, who was on hand at the demonstration. "It was important to show them that we have their backs."

Flooding flooded room

In another show of support, the 49th Precinct Community Council then held its monthly meeting in the Coops' community room, where Four-Nine commanding officer Timothy McCormack announced that the NYPD had transferred eight new narcotics detectives to the area.

The community room opened to much fanfare in 2012, but since then the landlord has had a padlock on



Drug dealers in the Coops, beware: The 49th Precinct Community Council, and Councilman Ritchie Torres, have their eyes on you. Photo by Ben Kochman

the door, locking residents out, said Janice Walcott, a 65-year-old resident who runs the Allerton Coops Tenants Association.

Local officials were able to convince management to open the room for one night

—and even then, the room was partly flooded, dank, and without enough chairs.

Tens of Coops residents packed the room anyway—many of them standing for the entirety of the 90-minute meeting—to voice their

concerns.

"We haven't been in here even once since the place opened," said Walcott. "But tonight, we are here, which means a lot. We need to keep working together."



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Fort Apache remembered again

Band of Blue Brothers reunion

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Age and gravity keep taking their toll these days on once proud chests, and their numbers have slowly diminished.

But the Band of Brothers (and Sisters) in Blue who once worked a patch of Hell called Fort Apache will gather together once again next week, as they have done every four or so years, to give each other bear-hugs, half-hearted insults and share tales of “the time that...” as former members of the 41st Precinct during the Bronx is Burning years of the 70’s and 80’s.

While other surrounding precincts in the South Bronx went through the same turbulence and sheer violence, Fort Apache stood out, largely thanks to a book of the same name by former precinct Capt. Tom Walker and of course, the movie with Paul Newman.

All those nicknames

Real cops, with nicknames like Nutsy Ryan, the Fuhrer, Bucky, Pinhead, Scruffy the Red, The Riddler, Big Bird, The Head, The Whale, The Pope,

Cisco, Young Buck and Mad Dog patrolled the streets, alleys and dark stairways of Longwood-Hunts Point, the epicenter of the devastation that roiled the South Bronx and left it’s negative mark for decades.

The festivities, Friday, June 6 at the Redwood Club on Schurz Avenue in Throggs Neck, will come a week after NYPD brass gathered at their old stationhouse on Simpson Street to dedicate a plaque marking its 100th anniversary as a stationhouse.

That ceremony, on Thursday, May 29, also featured a block party for local residents living in newer townhouses where only the station and one lone apartment building once stood amid the rubble of a block looking more like Berlin 1945.

Little House on the Prairie

The stationhouse looked so desolate among the rubble that it went from being called Fort Apache - named by desk Lieutenant Lloyd Gittens on the phone while the stationhouse was liter-

ally under attack - to being called The Little House on the Prairie.

A new stationhouse was eventually opened on Leggett Ave & Buckner Blvd., and after major renovation, the old house became headquarters for Bronx Detective Command.

Retired Lt. Billy Rath, who rose from patrolman to sergeant to detective working there at the height of the urban Armageddon, has been organizing the reunions for several years now. He said he’s already received 173 RSVPs for this one - “the most ever.”

“Most the guys are in their 70’s now,” he noted. “You look around the room at these reunions, and you remember how you looked when you walked out after the roll call. You were young, you were out there to help people, you felt you could handle anything.

“You look now and you see guys coming in on walkers, bald, older. They’re lucky they can catch a beach ball. But even though we’ve aged, the brotherhood hasn’t changed.”



The old 41st Precinct stationhouse, known as Fort Apache during the Bronx is Burning years, is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

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Father and daughter pen book on laughter

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A Throgs Neck father-daughter duo have written a new feel good book on the healing power of laughter.

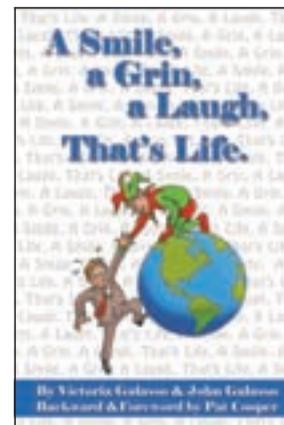
Building on scientific research and anecdotal evidence in 23-plus interviews with diverse groups of people, including well-known comedians, faith leaders, and medical doctors, their book *A Smile, a Grin, a Laugh, That's Life* is now on sale through the website justlaugh.org, and through Amazon.com.

"The aim of the book is not only to bring a smile to people's faces, but also to have them face life with a renewed sense of hope that a healthier, happier life is within reach," according to the book's synopsis. "This should help the reader put things in their proper perspective, especially in times of despair."

Throgs Neck resident John Galasso co-wrote the book with his daughter Victoria Galasso, a Pelham Bay middle school teacher and recent Boston College grad.

"This book is about raising awareness that laughter can help us, we just have to let it," said Victoria.

It features a forward, along with a "backward", from legendary comedian Pat Cooper, as well as a special section on Norman Cousins and a star-studded



A Smile, a Grin, a Laugh, That's Life.
Photo by John Galasso

line of interviews on the positive effects on laughter with well-known and everyday people.

"We just feel that everything is so negative, and that there is a need for more positive projects," said John, adding the laughter is good for people physically, emotional, and spiritually.

The idea for the book came about from an educational documentary film co-author John produced a few years ago that dealt with a similar theme, he said.

Host of interviews

Among the interviews on how laughter has helped in people's lives are the likes of televangelist and author Joel Osteen; radio personality and clinical psychologist Judy Kuriansky; radio host Valerie Smaldone; comedian Jackie "the Joke

Man" Martling; magician Lance Burton; and Chris Costello, daughter of Lou Costello of the comedy duo Abbot & Costello.

"Everyone interviewed gave their perspective on the power of laughter through stories, testimonials, and jokes," said John. "Everybody said that laughter had a pivotal role in their lives and careers."

Being authors of a book is a first for both John and Victoria, but Victoria has published articles and John is a contributing editor for *Back in the Bronx* magazine.

"It was a really nice experience because not too many people get to write a book with someone they are friends with, let alone, their dad," said Victoria. "It is something we will always have."

Research was done before the interviews and they both already knew about the medical advantages of laughter going into writing the book, she said, but the process of interviewing really drove the idea home.

"We heard story after story of the people that we interviewed," said Victoria. "Everyone said that laughter helped them in some, way shape, or another."

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(L-r) John Galasso, comedian Pat Cooper, and Victoria Galasso.

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Arts center coming to Little Italy

Belmont group turning long-vacant ballroom into arts center

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A born and bred Belmont native sees potential for the neighborhood to become a different type of cultural center.

That potential lies in the long unused Rex Hall ballroom, which sits in the heart of Little Italy.

We want to feed people's minds as well as their stomachs.

Frank Franz

The Belmont Society of Arts and Culture, with support from the Belmont Business Improvement District, is working to turn the hall on 187th Street near Arthur Avenue into the Arthur Avenue Performing Arts Cen-

ter.

Frank Franz, chairman of the Belmont BID and board member of the Belmont Society of Arts and Culture, said the ultimate goal of the center is to revitalize the neighborhood and create a more well-rounded community.

The BID supports the project, he said, because entertainment options would encourage more people to come to the neighborhood and patronize existing businesses.

"It's a good practical business relationship," Franz said.

Franz envisions Little Italy as a new destination for dinner and a show, he said, and he's interested in providing unique cultural experiences.

"We want to feed people's minds as well as their stomachs," he said.

The type of program-

ming the center might be interesting in hosting varies widely, Franz said, from music to theater to visual arts exhibits.

"Good quality stuff of any genre," Franz said, emphasizing the idea of quality.

Franz said the group hopes to start offering programming in the fall, and that the group is just waiting on a public assembly license for 325 people. The old ballroom, used for local weddings and parties before it was vacant for decades, still has an original tin ceiling and vintage charm.

When the license comes through, Franz said the society will take a grass roots approach to creating buzz around the center. He said there is already a group of Fordham students who are excited about and invested in the center, and it's those youthful ideas and energy

that are the key to revitalization.

"You need young people for the future," Franz said. "We have an old and aging community."

Franz said he sees potential for the center to be both an asset to the existing community as well as a regional draw.

"A legitimate goal would be to have a recognized arts center that is well respected in the metro area," he said.

But while Franz has big goals for the center, the society is still working on the first steps.

They are currently raising money through the crowd funding website RocketHub.com to help get the space up and running with stage equipment, physical improvements to Rex Hall, and a heating and air conditioning system.

More information can be found at bsaoc.com



Frank Franz, chairman of the Belmont Business Improvement District, stands in the long-unused Rex Hall, which will soon be converted into a performing arts center by the Belmont Society of Arts and Culture. Photo by Jaime Williams

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Three brown-collared lemur babies (*Eulemur collaris*) are on exhibit in Madagascar! at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo. The births include a rare set of twins born to mother Vera and father Antoine on April 1. The single baby was born to mother Jakara and father Gerard on April 6. All three infants like to nestle in their mothers' fur. They live in the Spiny Forest exhibit in Madagascar! along with ring-tailed lemurs, radiated tortoises, vasa parrots, red fodies, grey-headed lovebirds, crested couas and ground doves. Collared lemurs use their long tails to balance when leaping through the forest canopy. They live in groups of males and females but are not matriarchal like many other lemur species. The young ride on their mother's back hiding in her fur for the first few months of their lives. The birth of these three lemurs bolsters the relatively small North American population of collared lemurs to 34 living in 10 zoos.

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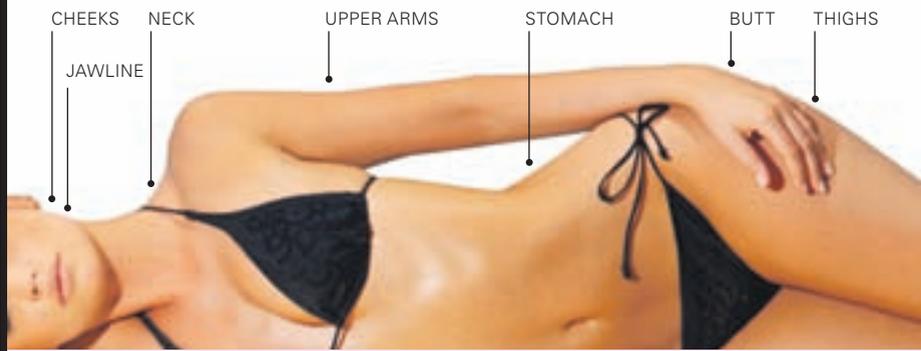
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Seeing students as healthy sprouts

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

These young sprouts are learning about healthy sprouts.

Stephen Ritz, dean of students at Hyde Leadership Charter School in Hunts Point, has brought urban farming into the classroom.

Fourth and fifth graders in a windowless classroom at the school tend to three plant towers that grow vegetables including lettuce, cucumbers and tomatoes.

The project, started this year, is an effort to teach the kids about natural food and encourage healthy eating in an area with extremely high rates of obesity and other health problems, said the teacher.

"If kids grow kale, they'll eat kale."

Ritz said he believes whole heartedly that growing healthy food in the Bronx can change the future for struggling kids — "We're harvesting hope and

cultivating minds."

Green Bronx Machine

Ritz' urban farming mission started years ago with a box of daffodil bulbs he was sent while working at Discovery High School. The box was put behind a radiator and one day began to sprout, much to the interest of the students. That year, his students planted 25,000 bulbs across the city.

It led to he and his students taking over unused community gardens in the South Bronx and went on to installing the first green roof in the area, with attendance rates increasing dramatically.

Years later, Ritz founded the non-profit Green Bronx Machine to get more young adults learning in urban farming.

Ritz's ideas are also implemented through JVL Wildcat Academy, a charter high school for over-aged and under-credited students with a culinary fo-



Stephen Ritz, Dean of Students at Hyde Leadership Charter School, shows off classroom-grown produce with students Jayda Polanco, Christian Salguero and Amari McKinnon. Photo by Jaime Williams

cus, which now has 20 plant towers growing 37 kinds of fruits, vegetables and herbs.

The training his students get has helped them

find living wage jobs, he noted, with his kids hired across the city and country to build green roofs and green walls.

Urban farmers

"We're growing the next generation of farmers in the South Bronx," he said. "I'm rooted in the belief that it's easier to grow healthy children than fix broken men."

That's why he brought farming into the elementary school, noting that growing plants teaches youngsters life skills including patience.

"When you teach them about nature," he said, "you teach them about nurture."

National attention

Because of his success in the classroom and with Green Bronx Machine, Ritz and his students have been invited across the country by other groups who want to learn from them.

His efforts also have been featured on TNT and on The Disney Channel.

Most recently he has been featured in a series of Office Depot videos called "Teachers for Change," found at www.officedepot.com/teachers.

The big moment will come in June, he said, when a group of students from the Hyde Leadership Charter School will be visiting the White House Garden.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 695(2)(b) of the General Municipal Law, Section 1802(6)(j) of the Charter and Section 1804 of the Charter, notice is hereby given that the Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") of the City of New York ("City") has proposed the acquisition of the following property in the Borough of the Bronx:

| Address | Block/Lot(s) |
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and the subsequent sale of such property together with the following property (collectively, "Disposition Area") in the Borough of the Bronx:

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Under the Section 202 Supportive Housing Program For The Elderly, not-for-profit sponsors selected by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") purchase land from the City or from private owners and then construct residential buildings (or rehabilitate existing vacant buildings) on such land. HUD provides acquisition, construction, and permanent financing through a capital advance and the City provides tax exemption pursuant to Section 422 of the Real Property Tax Law. The completed buildings provide rental housing for elderly persons of low income and receive operating subsidies from HUD through a project rental assistance contract.

HPD has designated Neighborhood Restore Housing Development Fund Corporation ("Sponsor") as a qualified and eligible sponsor and the City proposes to sell the Disposition Area to the Sponsor at the price of \$1 per tax lot pursuant to Article 16 of the General Municipal Law. Upon the transfer of the Disposition Area by the City to the Sponsor, the Sponsor in turn will transfer the Disposition Area to Artsbridge Housing Development Fund Corporation ("Artsbridge"). Artsbridge will undertake the new construction of a seven-story elevator building in the Disposition Area. When completed, the project will provide 61 units of rental housing for elderly persons of low income, plus one unit for a superintendent, and approximately 22,557 square feet of community facility space, as well as accessory parking and open space for performances and art exhibition.

The portion of the Disposition Area (Block 2874, Lot 27), which the City will first acquire prior to the disposition of such property to the Sponsor, was previously sold by the City, pursuant to the Vacant Cluster Program under HPD, for use as accessory parking and/or open space that has since been underutilized.

The appraisal and the proposed Land Disposition Agreement and Project Summary are available for public examination at the office of HPD, 100 Gold Street, Room 5-A4c, New York, New York on business days during business hours.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on June 11, 2014 at Second Floor Conference Room, 22 Reade Street, Manhattan at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached on the calendar, at which time and place those wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed sale of the Disposition Area pursuant to Section 695(2)(b) of the General Municipal Law and Section 1802(6)(j) of the Charter.

Individuals requesting sign language interpreters should contact the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, Public Hearings Unit, 253 Broadway, Room 915, New York, New York 10007, (212) 788-7490, no later than seven (7) business days prior to the public hearing. TDD users should call Verizon relay services.



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Community Learning Schools get \$1.5 mil

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

“Community school” has a whole new meaning for two local schools and others across the Bronx and the rest of the city.

NYC Community Learning Schools Initiative, launched by the United Federation of Teachers, aims to improve student achievement by enabling schools to meet more of the health, safety and social service needs of students, parents and communities.

The initiative

The organization designated six Community Learning Schools in its first year, and expanded to 16 schools citywide the next. Local Community Learning Schools include P.S. 83 in Morris Park and P.S. 14 in Pelham Bay, both in their first year of the program.

In early May, State Senator Jeff Klein, along with United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew announced that \$1.5

million was secured in the state budget for citywide investment in the initiative.

The initiative brings partnerships between designated Community Learning Schools and non-profits, local businesses and government agencies to bring needed services to public school buildings, making each school the hub of its community.

“Community Schools have a profound, transformative effect in the lives of our school children and their families...,” said Klein. “These schools truly are schools for the 21st century, recognizing that the health and wellness of our students is as vital to their learning experience as educational programs.”

New schools

P.S. 83 in Morris Park was selected to be a community learning school at the beginning of the academic year and is still in the planning stages.

Teacher and UFT chap-



Ribbon cutting at P.S. 18 when it was named a community learning school in January 2013.

Photo courtesy of the United Federation of Teachers

ter leader Reinis Visners said that the school has been reaching out to parents and conducting a needs survey.

So far, he said, what people want seem to be more opportunities for aca-

dem and social support for students.

The school is also searching for a resource coordinator, Visners said, who will manage the programs and partnerships created through the CLS

program.

Success story

P.S. 18 in Mott Haven is a little further along in implementing the CLS vision.

Teacher Sophie Aponte said that since being selected to the program in

the fall of 2012, the school has taken a grassroots approach, starting with a town hall meeting.

“We asked families if they could envision a school, what would it look like and what would it feel like?” said Aponte.

Since then, Aponte said, the school has partnered with the Food Bank for NYC to periodically send home bags of food with students, gotten free vision screenings for the kids, and hosted the Colgate Van for dental check-ups.

The school has also added a long list of student-driven after-school activities, including a journalism club and a basketball team.

Aponte said that since students have become invested in after-school activities attendance has improved improved, while parents aware of the CLS program have become more engaged

“You see a change in culture,” she said.

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Bronx beat

Sandy relief at Bd 10

The de Blasio Administration will hold office hours at the **Bronx Community Board 10** office next week to provide direct support to homeowners impacted by Hurricane Sandy, including troubleshooting for applicants who have run into issues with the Build It Back process.

Build It Back applicants usually must travel to a center in Queens for their meetings; these office hours will bring staff directly to the Bronx.

The office hours are open to all Build It Back applicants in the Bronx. They will be held at the CB10 offices at 3165 East Tremont Avenue on Wednesday, June 4th from 10am to 6pm; Thursday, June 5th from 10am to 6pm; and Friday, June 6th from 10am to 8pm.

Build It Back is currently reaching out to applicants to schedule appointments; Bronx applicants can also call Build It Back Customer Service directly at 212-615-8329 to schedule an appointment.

Staff will be able to assist with casework, answer questions, and speak directly with applicants.

They will also have case files on hand in order to provide applicants with updates on their status, next steps, paperwork, and other key information.

Bronx House School for Performing Arts announces the appointment of Deborah Kreisberg as woodwind instructor.

Saxophonist/clarinetist Debra Kreisberg performs, composes, arranges and records with the NYC-based Latin jazz octet Los Mas Valientes, Brooklyn singer-songwriters Matt Singer and Steve Waitt, the neo-Oktoberfest band, Zum Biergarten, as well as award-winning klezmer bands Metropolitan

Klezmer and Isle of Klezmos, with whom she has toured in the U.S., Canada and in Europe.

She is also the leader of East Harlem Trio a new jazz project dedicated to showcasing her original, soulful voice as a player and composer.

Bronx House School for Performing Arts accepts ongoing registration for private music instruction in clarinet, saxophone, flute, piano, guitar, voice, violin, drums, and other instruments.

Group instruction in piano, guitar and pre-school violin, and dance instruction is offered four times a year.

The next session of group and dance instruction begins the week of June 28th.

All classes are held in a state-of-the-art 7,000 square foot wing that includes soundproof and sound enhanced music rooms and dance studios. The school offers scholarships to students who qualify for financial assistance as well as instruments available for loan, free of charge.

Bronx House is located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

For more information or to register call 718-792-1800 ext. 235 or check the website at www.bronx-house.org.

The free adult programs at the **Pelham Bay Library** will feature "The History of the American Flag" on Saturday, June 7 in celebration of the upcoming Flag Day celebration, with American Legion Commander Joseph Mondello giving a brief history of our American flag, followed by a video presentation and a free personal flag giveaway.

On June 14, it'll be "Cooking Organically Foods on a Budget," with

nutritionist Mona Laru discussing ways to cook organically on a budget, and the benefits eating healthy has on the body. Laru will share delicious recipes that you can try at home and perform a cooking demonstration.

Both free programs begin at 2pm on Saturdays. They're open to everyone.

The Pelham Bay Library is at 3060 Middle-town Road. For information, call (718) 792-6744.

Parents are invited to visit **Mosholu Day Camp** in Bear Mountain, New York.

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Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. (no transportation provided).

Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. (transportation available from MMCC at a cost of \$10/person).

Additional information about Mosholu Day Camp is available at www.mmcc.org.

You may also call 718-882-4000 or email daycamp@mmcc.org.

Mosholu Day Camp is an accredited by the American Camp Association.

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Throggs Neck pony riders got their chance to horse around May 17 at the Throggs Neck Merchants Association street festival. Here, Johnny Munoz sits on top of Mohawk, waiting for Jessie King to lead them out in front of Zero Cab Company, which sponsored the rides.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

TNCAP POSTER CONTEST



The Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership drew on the artistic talents and social studies knowledge of the community's youngsters for their annual poster drawing contest, focusing this year on the theme of pedestrian safety. It drew over 500 submissions. On Friday, May 16 at Fort Schuyler House, representatives from elected officials, Community Board 10, and the 45th Precinct honored 19 young people in the contest for their drawing prowess. In addition, Police Officer Rhonda Morris-Davoren, School Crossing Guard Coordinator for the 45th Precinct, was honored. Pictured (l-r) are Sergeant Cesar Polanco; Frances Maturo, executive director of TNCAP; Police Officer Rhonda Morris-Davoren; Thomas Messina, representing Congressman Joe Crowley; and Ciara Gannon, representing Senator Jeff Klein's office.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



ORCHARD BEACH MARINE INVASION

Members of the U.S. Marine Corp gave an aviation demonstration at Orchard Beach Park on Friday, May 23, as part of the 26th annual Fleet Week. During the demonstration, a Marine disembarks a helicopter and takes a defensive position.

Photo by Alexander Belisle

VACCA DISCUSSES BUDGET WITH SENIORS



Councilman Jimmy Vacca invited seniors from Bronx House on Pelham Parkway to his City Hall office to discuss the New York City Budget process recently. Vacca (far right) engaged the seniors and spoke of how the budget process works.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca's office

COMMITTEE FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP



The Committee for Effective Leadership honored four Bronx community leaders at its 30th anniversary celebration April 27 at Villa Barone Restaurant. Shown left to right, honorees Charles Baylor, Sonny Vataj and George Clarke, with City Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, Committee leader Lewis Goldstein, and honoree Tony Salimbene.



MEMORIAL DAY



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Senator Jeff Klein, and Community Board 10 district manager Ken Kearns march in a parade during Edgewater Park's ceremony. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Showing the colors (flags) at Hawkins Park on City Island.

Photo by Alex Belisle



Lily Schafer, 3, enjoys the Van Nest Memorial Day celebration, sponsored by the East Bronx History Forum. Bottom right: Van Nest community holds its Memorial Day ceremony.



Marines, followed by Navy contingent, march in the City Island Memorial Day Parade. Right: Enjoying the City Island Memorial Day Parade are the Cottrell family: dad Steven, baby Troy, mom Laura and Leah.

Photos by Alex Belisle



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2014 IN THE BRONX



49th Precinct Commanding Officer Timothy McCormack (left), new to the precinct, joins Assemblymen Michael Benedetto and Mark Gjonaj and community leaders at the remembrance ceremony at Peace Memorial Plaza.

Photo by Edwin Soto



The fallen are remembered with wreath laying at the Peace Memorial Plaza's war monument on Williamsbridge Road and Pelham Parkway.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Thomas Lucania (c) with his children Katie, 9 and Christopher, 4, at the Peace Memorial Plaza celebration.

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World War II veteran Frank Slattery (l) sits as taps is played by the 9/11 Memorial at Silver Beach during the Memorial Day service.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto speaks during a ceremony at Silver Beach's Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Bringing music ed to schools

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

One non-profit is bringing music to students ears.

Education Through Music partners with city schools to bring music education back in to the classroom, with 19 of the 27 elementary and middle schools they serve in the Bronx.

Allerton native and program director Katherine Damkohler said the goal of the organization is to motivate children through music education and to help them become better learners.

Education Through Music provides partner schools with quality music instructors who receive ongoing professional development, with the benefits, Damkohler said, going beyond children knowing how to read music or play an instrument

"Music becomes a great catalyst for children to want to be great learners," she said. "Great music edu-

cation can unlock a lot of potential for students."

Damkohler emphasizes that Education Through Music provides music education to every single student in its partner school, not just those who are talented or motivated.

The program also is designed for long-term partnership with schools, she added, with the goal being for partner schools to hire Education Through Music teachers and bring them on to their staff. If and when that happens, the schools continue to receive support from Education Through Music.

Rachel Donnelly, principal at partner school P.S. 121 in Allerton, said that music education can give students some much needed confidence.

"It gives them an opportunity to succeed in ways that are not purely academic," she said. "Sometimes the children who



Fourth grade students at P.S. 76 in Allerton put on the play Go West! on Wednesday, May 28, thanks to the school's ongoing partnership with Education Through Music. Photo by Aracelis Batista

struggle the most in academics succeed the most in music."

The students have fun in music class and it makes them want to come to school, Donnelly said, plus learning music makes the students better learners

overall.

"It's brain exercise," she said. "It's good for them."

Louise Sedotto, principal at P.S. 76 in Allerton, said that she's seen the focus kids have while learning music carry over into the classroom. Music also

develops math skills like fractions with notes and recognition of patterns, said Sedotto.

She said one benefit of the partnership has been increased parent involvement because of music and theater performances, while

another is an increased sense of responsibility for students who carry instruments and practice music for the band program in 5th grade.

The band program has been involved in joint Education Through Music events, and Sedotto said those motivate the students as well.

"They care about their school because they're part of something bigger," she said.

Education Through Music serves 15,000 children, said Damkohler, and has many passionate supporters across the city.

One such supporter is vocalist Beverly Taki, whose June 6 concert with O Sole Trio at Carnegie Hall will benefit Education Through Music. Details about the concert can be found at carnegiehall.org/calendar and more information about Education Through Music can be found at etmonline.org.

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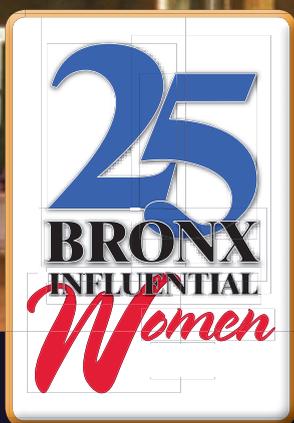
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Unplug at the Bronx YMCA this summer

The dog days of summer conjure images of sand castles and ice cream cones, long days by the pool and long nights at the baseball stadium. Sadly, the summer months can also mean long stretches of unsupervised time for children, an over-reliance on television viewing and social media, and “summer brain drain.”

“It’s important for kids to be tapped into technology, but equally vital for them to learn the importance of putting down their phone or tablet or leaving the TV off,” says Dorothy Kardash, Bronx Y CAMP DIRECTOR. “During the summer months, when children might have an awful lot of unsupervised time, it’s especially important to teach kids the value of unplugging, getting outside, and making connections to nature, their family, and

their peers.”

As the end of school grows near, the Bronx Y offers parents and guardians the following helpful tips to help teach their kids to unplug and enjoy a most productive summer:

1. Establish Regular Playtime: Designating specific times each day for playtime, creative activities, and outdoor doings is a good way to pull kids out of the virtual world and into the real one.

2. Keep the Toys Organized: Studies have shown that children play more and are more actively engaged in playtime—and less likely to watch TV or reach for the gadget—when their toys are well-organized and not in overwhelming abundance. Consider donating toys your kids no longer play with to charity and investing in some inex-

pensive organizers.

3. Get Out of Here!: Make sure your kids get outside each and every day during the summer.

4. Digital and Water Don’t Mix: Institute a no-digital devices by the pool or beach policy.

5. Create Daily and Weekly Schedules: Kids are more likely to feel a sense of purpose about their time and activities—and less likely to fill dead hours vegging out in front of the TV or surfing the Web—if they have a hand in the creation of daily and weekly family schedules.

6. Create Tech-Free Zones Around the House: Establish “no-tech-zones” where parents and children are not allowed to use digital phones, tablets, or other mobile devices. These areas might include the kitchen table during meal-time and

bedrooms at night. Consider instituting small penalties, such as taking on additional household chores, for multiple infractions!

7. Take a Tech “Time Out”: Set aside a day each week, or an entire block of the summer, as an official “tech-free” stretch.

8. Go on Family Field Trips: Get everyone involved in planning family field trips to local parks, museums, free shows and concerts, overnight camping trips, and more.

9. Earn Your Minutes: Rather than allowing your kids unlimited time watching television and playing with digital devices, set parameters around TV watching and digital device usage. Incentivize them by having them “earn” minutes by taking on more household chores, doing more volunteer work, and

engaging in more physical play.

10. Enroll in Y Day Camp and Sleepaway Camp!: YMCA summer camps—accredited by the American Camping Association (ACA)—provide children with positive and fun experiences that build confidence, new friendships, lifelong memories and a feeling of community that will last beyond the summer. Learn more at www.ymcanyc.org.

“Summertime is the best time to connect by unplugging,” says Dorothy Kardash. “Summer is growing season at Bronx YMCA Camp. It’s a special time and place where kids grow as much on the inside as they’re growing on the outside.”

To learn more about enrolling in Bronx YMCA Day Camp and New York YMCA

Summer Camp, visit www.ymcanyc.org/bronx

For more than 115 years, the Bronx YMCA has been providing vital programs and services to the Bronx neighborhoods. Through its full-service Branch operation and 10 program sites, the Bronx YMCA helps more than 10,000 kids and 3,500 adults develop to their fullest potential in spirit, mind and body, in an environment steeped in our core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Supported in part through contributions to the Annual Campaign, the Bronx YMCA provides membership assistance and scholarships to programs like summer camp, child care and teen activities, so that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Visit ymcanyc.org/Bronx to learn more.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

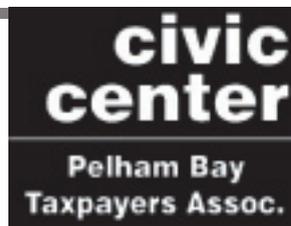
Reminders: Please note our new mailing address. You can find it in our last paragraph. We will no longer be using a mailbox address. Our June 10 meeting will begin at 7pm. This is one half hour earlier than usual.

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.

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BINGO anyone! On June



5, at 7pm, Senator Klein will be visiting our Pelham Bay Community and along with the Pelham Bay Taxpayers be offering a night of BINGO. The event is free and local business have donated

prizes. So come-on-out, and play your hand. Who knows maybe lady luck will be with you.

Our June 10, meeting along with BINGO night will be held in the Saint Theresa School Cafeteria. It is located at the corner of Saint Theresa Ave. and Hobart. Both events will begin at 7pm.

Our Community Board District Office has a lead for

all you job seekers out there.

“Target Store in the Throggs Neck Mall in Ferry Point on Brush Avenue has started their hiring process.

Please go to www.target.com and go to Careers to fill out an on-line application.

They will start the interview process in a few weeks based on the on-line applications”.

So don’t wait! Go on line and sign up now.

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!

Play ball with Temple Hatikva

Play ball with Temple Hatikva on Sunday, July 6 at 5 P.M. when they go to watch the Brooklyn Cyclones play on “Jewish Heritage Night” at the home of the Cyclones, MCU Park in Coney Island.

Temple Hatikva has reserved a luxury suite at the ballpark, and admission includes hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, sodas, programs and a free souvenir hat. The cost for this wonderful evening of fun is only

\$75 per ticket. However, there are only 20 tickets available for this event, so we urge you to reserve your tickets now by calling (917) 453-7557 or via e-mail at TempleHatikva@aol.com.

But that’s not all! Those attending the game will hear Rabbi Harry Hertzberg broadcast an inning in Hebrew over the public address system at the ballpark. This Hebrew broadcast has been a tradition with the Cyclones for many years and will continue on July 6.

Come on out and root for the Brooklyn Cyclones (the Class A minor league affiliate of the New York Mets) on Sunday, July 6 at 5 P.M. and support Temple Hatikva at the same time. It’s a “double-header” opportunity that you can’t afford to miss.

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade. If you need more information, please call Temple Hatikva at (917) 453-7557 or e-mail TempleHatikva@aol.com

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Remember, last week I wrote that May is Veteran Appreciation Month. So, to all of my loyal readers, find a Vet and appreciate the hell outta him or her. Yes, there are plenty of woman Vets who served. Get to it!

The Throgg’s Neck Memorial Post 1456 is having a “Buy a Brick “ Program to facilitate the re-doing of their Post. This includes a new front, featuring bronze plaques representing all the Services as well as 24x36 inch plaques depicting WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam and the War on Terrorism. There will be a Marble Headstone memorializing



those who have fallen in battle. A 20 foot Flagpole will dominate the entrance along with new lighting and security system. Donations may be sent to The Throgg’s Neck Memorial Post 1456 at 1456 Shore Drive, Bronx, NY 10465. Help them out, Buy a Brick.

Remember, we here at the Post are going to the VA Hospital on June 29 to host a BBQ for the shut-ins. Volunteers are welcome and

needed. We do the buying, cooking and serving.

Trivia Time!!

The first Major League night game was played on May 24, 1935 with the Reds beating the Phillies 2-1.

The Brooklyn Battery Tunnel opened on May 25, 1950.

May 26, 1805, saw Napoleon being crowned King of Italy. Boy, he got around.

On the same date in 1927, the last Model T Ford rolled off the assembly line.

The WWII Memorial was dedicated on May 29, 2004.

Joan of Arc was lit up on May 30, 1431.

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Bronx schools

Preston High School senior Gates Scholarship recipient

With the rise of college tuition over the years, more and more students are wondering "How am I going to pay for my college education?" Happily, Preston High School senior Yanette Rosario will no longer need to stay up at night worrying about her college tuition. Yanette is just one of 1,000 students nationwide who will receive a college education from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Gates Millennium Scholars Program. This program fully funds undergraduate tuition and, depending on the field of study, will fund graduate studies as well.



YANETTE ROSARIO

"Life can be cut off at unexpected moments, so you must try now and push yourself," said Rosario who will attend and board at Columbia University to study psychology in the fall. "I was so happy when I found out that I was a recipient of the scholarship. I feel like it will give me more possibili-

ties than I could ever dream of."

Yanette was born in the United States but didn't learn English until the age of 5. Her parents emigrated from the Dominican Republic and spoke only Spanish at home. Rosario says she remembers learning English and sitting with her

father, who worked in a factory, while he would teach her new words every day that he had learned at work. "My parents pushed for me to work hard so that I could have more than they did. They always emphasized the beauty of an education," Rosario stated.

Rosario came to Preston High School with the help of the Student-Sponsor Partnership program. The SSP program is designed to help subsidize Catholic school education for urban youth who are at risk economically. At Preston High School, Rosario is the President of the Student Council and an academically outstanding student. Despite her father sudden passing during the summer before her sophomore year, Yanette made sure to stay on track with her schoolwork, keeping her grades up and staying involved in her extra-curricular activities. "I did things that I knew would make my father proud," Rosario said of the decisions she made throughout her high school career. Yanette feels most fulfilled when she helps other people and enjoys having many responsibilities at home and at school. Her most recent accomplishment was spear-heading Preston High School's first annual "Springernational" Fair, which she coordinated along with her Student Council peers and members of the Asian Club.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program, established in 1999, provides outstanding, low income, minority students with the funds needed to complete their college educations in any subject of their choosing. The goal of this scholarship is to promote academic excellence and allow these students to reach their full potential.



SPELLMAN ARTISTIC TALENT ON DISPLAY

On April 29, the annual Fine Arts Showcase at Cardinal Spellman High School displayed the artistic work of over fifty students. Under the direction of Marie Murray and Meghan McCaffrey of the Fine Arts Department, the afternoon featured great variety, including paintings, illustrations, and sculptures. Many of the participating artists currently take an Advanced Art course. In this class, students learn studio skills, design, and composition. Emphasis is on real life drawing and painting, and many mediums are explored throughout the year. Pictured are three seniors, Karina Lozada, Jemma Dilag, and Alex Feedor. Karina is holding her work, "Snow Leopard", Jemma, standing to the right of the easel, displays two works, "Kiss the Rain", inspired by a song of the same name, and a still life in the center, drawn from direct observation of objects. Alex painted the work at the bottom, "Thames Under Westminster" based on the Impressionist Art of Monet. In all, several hundred students, faculty, and staff attended the showcase and came away impressed with the artistic ability displayed by Spellman students.

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St. Catharine Academy National Honor Society inductees

At a ceremony on the evening of May 20, thirty-one Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the Mercy Chapter of the National Honor Society; eighteen Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the National English Honor Society; eight Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the Italian Honor Society, eighteen Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the Spanish Honor Society; and nineteen Seniors were inducted into the National Beta Honor Society. The societies are moderated by the following faculty: Carmela Melucci-Ivanov (NHS), Doreen Emerita (English), Margo Gilberg (Italian), Patricia Linardi (Spanish), and Sheree Petrignani (Beta).

The induction ceremony featured keynote speaker Kamali Hawthorne O'Meally, an SCA alumna 1996. Mrs. O'Meally trained as a biomedical engineer graduating from Syracuse University. She is now a

financial analyst with Citi Private Bank with an MBA from Fordham University.

The following students were inducted into the National Honor Society: Class of 2015: Genevieve Aguilan, Kiana Chen, Arrianna Colquhoun, Xhesilda Gjyriqi, Allison Griffith, Gisselle Lara, Karina Meythaler-Falcones, Brianna Picone, Rabeea Rafiq, Shelda Zajmi, Dana Austin, Martine Cioffi, Diana Djurasevic, Erica Gonzalez-Brown, Hue Huynh, Tamie Le, Serena Molina, Melody Pujols, and Pamela Udoe. Class of 2014: Briana Arnao, Laura Delgado, Briana Guadalupe, Shanti Olivero, Nandi Piper, Megan Rodriguez, Jacklyn Borja, Jacqueline Figueroa, Nicole-Anne McDonald, Ariana Pazmino, Kaila Quinones, and Karla Veras.

The following students were inducted into the English Honor Society: Class of 2015: Gbemisola Adaramola, Dana Austin, Danielle Cavaluzzo, Arrianna

Colquhoun, Arta Gjonbalaj, Xhesilda Gjyriqi, Cindy Hidalgo, Gabriella Mordan, Melody Pujols, Pamela Udoe, Bianca Valenti, and Shelda Zajmi. The Class of 2014: Briana Arnao, Victoria D'Alessandro, Lilybeth Delgado, Briana Guadalupe, Christina LaStarza, and Katherine Nunez.

The following students were inducted into the Italian Honor Society: Class of 2015: Harianne Hewitt. Class of 2014: Victoria Avellino, Nicolette Cibelli, Laura Delgado, Kelly Gomez, Maria Healy, Paola Labastida, Alondra Ramirez-Benitez, Sabrina Venegas Suazo.

The following students were inducted into the Spanish Honor Society: Class of 2014: Joanna Abaroaha, Genevieve Aguilan, Briana Arnao, Natasha Castro, Ashlica Malcolm, Desirae Pena, Nandi Piper, Enid Ramos, Megan Rodriguez, and Karla Veras. Class of 2015: Karina Meythaler Falcones.

The following students



SCA students who were inducted into the National Honor Societies with their moderators.

were inducted into the National Beta Society: Joanna Abaroaha, Jamie Abudo-Solo, Victoria Avellino, Leanna Bonanno, Xhesika

Corraj, Kelly Gomez, Albenita Haxhaj, Gina Lall, Ashlica Malcolm, Shanti Olivero, Desirae Pena, Nandi Piper, Mehar Rafiq, Rima

Reda, Megan Rodriguez, Alyssa, Rosario, Samantha Santos, Ashley Sencion, and Jenesis Veras.

Big Apple Greeter receives Yankee grant

Big Apple Greeter, a non-profit organization that connects volunteers with visitors to New York City, is the recipient of a \$9,600 grant from The New Yankee Stadium Community Benefits Fund, Inc.

The fund is a grant-making, not-for-profit organization which came into existence in conjunction with the construction of the new Yankee Stadium. Solidifying the partnership between the Yankee organization and the people of the Bronx, it was created for the purpose of providing funds to service the civic, socio-economic and/or educational needs of the communities of Bronx County.

Greeters are New Yorkers who love their city, and volunteer to

show it to the world (free of charge). Visitors, primarily international, get to see the city through the eyes of a resident who shows them the ease of using public transportation, as well as introducing them to off-the-beaten-path shops and restaurants.

Many Greeters are Bronx residents, eager to show the attractions, shopping, restaurants and highlights of their home borough. Big Apple Greeter is actively involved in increasing volunteer recruitment in the Bronx, to introduce neighborhoods and cultural sites to future visitors.

According to Executive Director Alicia Pierro, "We are so grateful for this support. It will enable us to continue to promote New York City as friendly and inviting, to foster economic development and create opportunities for New Yorkers to show

pride in their city and 'give back.'"

Greeters take visitors on informal, unscripted walks through one or more neighborhoods in any of the five boroughs, promote tourism throughout the city, and help visitors discover the ease of using public transportation. Over 300 volunteer Greeters speak collectively almost 25 languages and enjoy giving their time and energy back to their hometown. Since its founding, Big Apple Greeter—a free public service—has welcomed over 120,000 visitors and been featured in newspapers, magazines, and television and radio programs, reaching an audience of over two billion potential visitors to New York City.

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Bronx scene

NY Botanical Garden BBQ/music fest

What better place to welcome to get into the summer mood – and celebrate Father's Day weekend – than the New York Botanical Garden, which kicks off a Big Backyard BBQ & Music Festival June 14 and 15.

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. that weekend, the garden will transform the sprawling lawn of Daffodil Hill into a two-day celebration of great American music, gourmet food, and New York craft beer.

The outdoor fun includes games for all ages, a selection of food styles for purchase, and food and beer samplings from around New York State. An array of local New York craft brews are also on hand.



The Defibulators will be among the music groups at Father's Day weekend BBQ/music fest at the NY Botanical Garden

- Get Healthy At Wave Hill 43
- Rock On The Bronx 44
- Do You Remember: Astronaut Mario Runco, Jr 45

Beginning at noon each day, visitors can enjoy live music by some of the best Americana bands that have been rising in popularity at festivals across the country.

Americana, as described by the Americana Music Association, "is contemporary music that incorporates elements of various American roots music styles, including country, roots-rock, folk, bluegrass, R&B, and blues... While acoustic instruments are often present and vital, Americana also often uses a full electric band."

Saturday's headliner act is The Lone Bellow, one of People magazine's "Best Albums of 2013," playing soulful, acoustic-based rock Americana. With swell-

ing three-part harmonies and rousing group-sung choruses, the critically acclaimed band was named one of the "10 Artists to Watch in 2013" by Billboard magazine.

Other Saturday acts include Caravan of Thieves, and The Defibulators.

The fun continues on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15, with Roosevelt Dime, an original mix of Appalachian, Memphis, and New Orleans sounds, described as "a perpetual crowd-pleaser" by The New York Times.

Cricket Tell the Weather, winner of last year's Fresh-Grass Award at MASS MoCA, bring their electrifying act to the Garden. Miss Tess and The TalkBacks

rounds out the afternoon, paying homage to some of Tess's favorite singers and songwriters, including Willie Nelson, Bonnie Raitt, Neil Young, and Hank Williams, through a set of rousing covers.

Festival Tickets include all festival activities plus All-Garden Pass admission, which provides access to special exhibitions such as Groundbreakers: Great American Gardens and The

The festival will feature open lawn seating and visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket or low-backed chairs.

For more information, go to nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.



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Get healthy at Wave Hill with Yoga, Tai Chi, meditation

Get healthy this weekend at Wave Hill, choosing from yoga, Tai Chi and meditation classes.

SAT, JUNE 7, take a beginner level Tai Chi class, a sequence of gentle movements based on images found in nature. In this beginner-level class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits. Sessions are held outdoors; indoors in inclement weather. Session fee: \$25/\$15 Wave Hill Member. **MEET AT PERKINS VISITOR CENTER, 10-11AM**

SAT, JUNE 7 COMMUNITY YOGA AT WAVE HILL. Once a season, Wave Hill offers a free, drop-in yoga session, led by Yoga for Bliss founder and director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors. All levels welcome. Please bring your own mat. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon—but advance registration required, online only at www.wavehill.org. Online registration closes at 8AM on the day of the session. **ON THE GROUNDS, 11AM-12:15PM**

SUN, JUNE 8 HATHA YOGA. Reduce stress, increase your energy and bring strength and flexibility to mind, body and spirit with a yoga practice. Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors. All levels welcome. Session fee: \$25/\$15 Wave Hill Member. Online registration closes at 8AM on the day of the session. Participants must present their Member's ID card or a printed program registration form at the front gate. **MEET AT PERKINS VISITOR CENTER, 10-11:15AM**

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Three events in Bronx venues will highlight the second In Scena! Italian Theater Festival (www.inscenany.com), which will be presented by Kairos Italy Theater in all five boroughs from June 9 to 24, 2014.

On June 9, the festival's Opening Night will take place at the Arthur Avenue Market in the Bronx. The evening will be dedicated to playwright Eduardo de Filippo on the 30th Anniversary of his death. Special guest will be laia Forte, a leading actress in Paolo Sorrentino's film "The Great Beauty" (Best Foreign Language Film, 2014 Academy Awards).

At the event, photos of Eduardo de Filippo never seen before in the USA will be on display courtesy of the Marcello Geppetti Archive. Marcello Geppetti was one of the most famous paparazzi together with Rino Baril-

lari.

Opening Night tickets are \$75 and include a buffet dinner by featured chef of the Food Network, Italian food expert Chef David Greco, as well as drinks by Bronx Beer, Punzone' and others. Tickets are available for sale on the festival's website, www.inscenany.com.

The Opening Night is presented by Kairos Italy Theater in association with the National Italian American Foundation, Belmont Business Improvement District, and Mike's Deli and Arthur Avenue Caterers.

On June 14 at noon in Belmont Library and Enrico Fermi Cultural Center, 610 E 186th Street (at Hughes Ave, Bronx), YoungKIT will perform "Homage to Eduardo de Filippo," a reading drawn from the great playwright's leading works. The piece is performed in English and admission is free.

YoungKIT is the youth division of KIT, the Italian Theatre Company in NY, and is comprised of performing artists in their 20s, all of Italian origins.

On June 19 at noon, Free Verse meets In Scena! at NeON

Center, 198 East 161st, Bronx. "Free Verse," the first poetry program born in a probation center waiting room, will host a workshop/performance in conjunction with the festival.

The event will be a dynamic cultural exchange between professional Italian actors and writers and emerging writers from the South Bronx community. It features performances of both classic and original works in English, Spanish, and Italian. Events at NeON are led by Dave Johnson, poet in residence for the Department of Probation, and are free and open to the public.

All events are bilingual. For complete info and advance ticketing visit www.inscenany.com. Most productions are \$15 and most readings are \$5. Call 866-207 3465.

Join Avery Corman, author of Kramer vs. Kramer and The Old Neighborhood, as he showcases his film documentary based on his new upcoming memoir My Old Neighborhood Remembered, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at The Bronx County

Archives, located at 3313 Bainbridge Ave.

The film documentary re-members The Bronx of the 1940s and 1950s and will run for approximately 37 minutes, followed by a brief discussion with the audience.

The Bronx Historical Society is celebrating the borough's centennial as a county with an exhibition at the Museum of Bronx History titled "Bronx County - 100 Years". The society museum is at 3266 Bainbridge Ave. Call (718) 881-8900 for more information. Museum hours on Saturdays are 10AM-4PM and Sundays 1PM to 5PM.

Contact The Society for group reservations during the week. The exhibition will run until October 19, 2014.

Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda is hosting a Family Day 2014 on Saturday, June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Vidalia Park, on E. 180th Street between Daly and Vyse avenues., with food, fun, games, and musical entertainment, featuring a live performance by Toby Rivera y Su Orquesta.

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As a band becomes more popular the outside opinions of loved ones, boyfriends and girlfriends, can start creeping into the mix. It's always good to get outside opinions but certain opinions can be biased because of who is offering them.

**rock on
the bronx**

by **Flak Alford**

For example if the lead guitarist's girlfriend or the singers boyfriend start pushing for them to do more, get more, say more, this can lead to resentment on many levels. Suddenly a band member may find themselves in the untenable position of either having to ignore a request of a lover, thereby earning that persons wrath, or challenge

his band mates to appease the lover but annoy the band members.

In the latter case the band members may easily spot who is pulling the strings on this new demand and have resentment towards their bandmates significant other, which definitely will not sit well at the next gig or rehearsal. There is no answer here.

A strong band can only hope the good luck they had in finding perfect members extends to those members having confident significant others.

Rock on. Rock out.

Top Dog Animal Shelter needs volunteers; Tag Sale May 31st

Top Dog Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers to walk dogs, and clean cat cages. Items needed are dog and cat food, treats, cleaning supplies, paper towels,

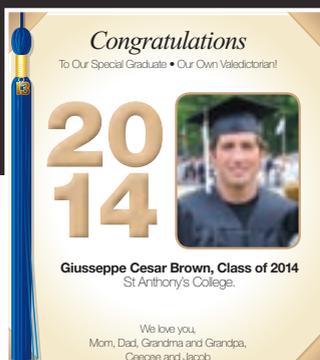
mops, plastic bags, etc.

The shelter is located at 2515 Newbold Avenue and is open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Sale on Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1612 Plymouth Avenue, to benefit the animal shelter. All proceeds will be donated to NYC Top Dog.

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Young Musicians winners

The Bronx Arts Ensemble announced two winners of its Young Bronx Artist Contest held on Saturday, April 26 at Vladeck Hall, Amalgamated Houses - pianist Judy Liang, a senior at Hunter College High School, and violinist Andrew Kirjner, 10th grade student at Horace Mann School. Each winner will receive an award of \$500 and a solo performance with the BAE at a subscription concert during the 2014-2015 season. The annual contest is open to music students who either live in the Bronx and/or attend school here.

Runners-Up in this year's competition were alto sax player Ashley Dookie, a senior at Celia Cruz

Bronx High School of Music; mezzo-soprano Linda Collazo, LaGuardia High School senior; and Ethan Cobb, a cellist and 9th grade student at Riverdale Country School. Runners-Up receive cash awards and encouragement to re-enter the competition in the future.

Pianist Judy Liang is a student of Shufen Huang, and has attended the Manhattan School of Music and Song of Songs music program. She won the New York State Music Teachers' Association competition in both 2012 (2nd Prize) and 2013 (1st Prize), and has been pianist at the Mt. Pleasant Community Theatre. Andrew Kirjner is a violin student of Elizabeth Faidley at

the Pre-College Division of Manhattan School of Music, and he was First Prize Winner of the 2013 Shining Stars International Concerto Competition and in 2012, Gold Winner in the Young Maestro Competition. He has also appeared as soloist with the New York Concerti Sinfonietta.

Judges for the contest included William Scribner, Executive/Artistic Director of the Bronx Arts Ensemble and bassoonist/artist member of the BAE; Mitchell Kriegler, clarinetist and artist member of the BAE, and free-lance bass player Richard Fredrickson.

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Astronaut, Mario Runco, Jr., from Highbridge

Astronaut Mario Runco Jr. was born on January 26, 1952 and raised in the Bronx at 1215 Nelson Avenue in Highbridge where he attended Sacred Heart Elementary School which is located at 1248 Nelson Avenue just across the street on the next block within view of his home. Upon graduation in 1966, he attended Cardinal Hayes High School on the Grand Concourse at 151st Street, graduating in 1970. He then enrolled in City College where he earned a bachelor's degree in Earth and Planetary Science in 1974. He earned his Master of Science degree in Atmospheric Physics from Rutgers University two years later.

He worked briefly as a New Jersey State Trooper before enlisting in the Navy in June of 1978 where he worked in a variety of positions. He served aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau as a meteorological officer until December of 1983 after which he taught at the Na-

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by Bill Twomey **remember**

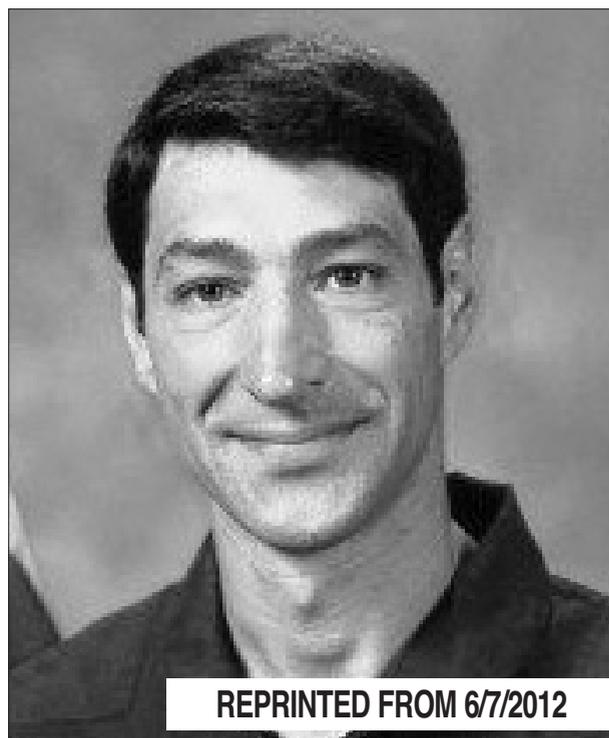
val Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. His next shipboard assignment was as commander of the USNS Chauvenet, a survey vessel. He was chosen as an astronaut candidate on June 5, 1987 and qualified in August of 1988. Thereafter, he took part in three space flights: 1991, 1993 and 1996 and logged over 551 hours in space.

His first mission was aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis which was launched on November 24, 1991 and completed 110 orbits of earth. It successfully launched the 5,200 pound Defense Support System Satellite before landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California on December 1, 1991, several days early. The total time in space for the mission was 6 days, 22 hours, and 50 minutes.

His next mission was aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor (STS-54) which was launched from the Kennedy Space Center at Merritt Island, Florida. It was launched on January 13, 1993 and successfully deployed a NASA Tracking and Data Recovery Satellite.

Also of significance to Mario Runco is that he then became the 48th American to walk in space. The space suit, as an aside, cost 10 million dollars. The mission lasted for 5 days, 23 hours, and 38 minutes before returning to the Kennedy Space Center.

His final space mission was aboard Space Shuttle Endeavor (STS-77) which was launched on May 19, 1996. That flight successfully deployed two satellites which included the Spartan



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Mario Runco, Jr., Bronx astronaut.

/ Inflatable Antenna Experiment and a small satellite test unit. The mission lasted 10 days and 39 minutes, returning to earth on May 29,

1996 at 7:09 a.m. The Bronx can be very proud that a native son was among the select few chosen for NASA's space program.

Giglio Feast in Belmont

The Giglio will return to Little Italy in the Bronx during the Feast of St. Anthony to be held from June 6 to 10 at E. 187th Street and Arthur Avenue. The feast is sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church.

The focus from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, will be on the Giglio, with a procession scheduled for Sunday, June 10, at 5 p.m.

The Giglio is an approximately 60-foot wooden structure adorned with religious articles. There are full-size statues of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony, St. Paulinus and St. Jude. The structure weighs several tons and will be carried by approximately 120 people. There will also be an authentic Giglio band to accompany the dancing of the Giglio.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on May 13, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000178-14/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) Carlos (Middle) Manuel (Last) Beltre. My present name is (First) Carlo (Middle) Manuel (Last) Beltre AKA Carlos M. Beltre AKA Carlos Beltre. My present address is 2105 Walton Avenue, Apt A 1, Bronx, NY 10453. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is January 11, 1973.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 494 shares of stock of LENRU APARTMENT CORP. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 3400 WAYNE AVENUE, UNIT F51, BRONX, NY 10467. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on June 9, 2014 at 1:00 PM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any condi-

tions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356 ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Secured Party Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court Suite 301 Fishkill, NY 12524 845.897.1600

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF COOP APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT

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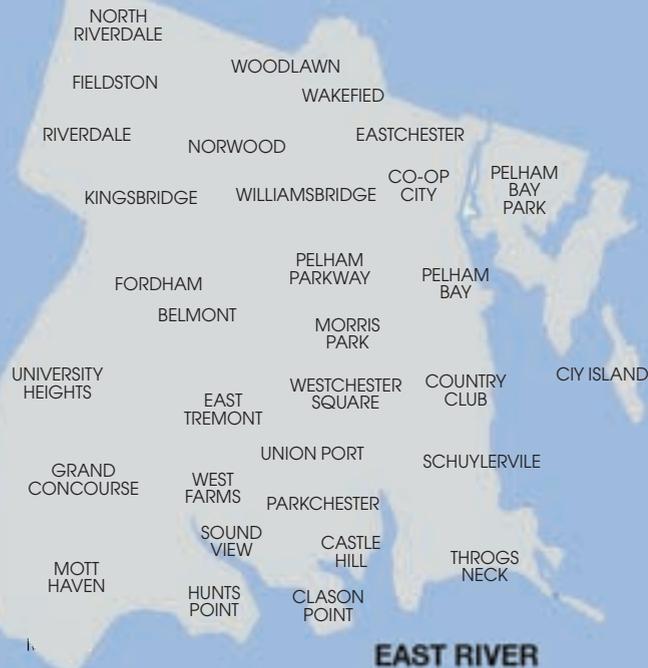
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NOTICE OF SALE
 SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-FM2, Pltf. vs. DAWN ALLWOOD, et al, Defts. Index #300978/2007. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated April 7, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 931 Tilden St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4683, Lot 90 f/k/a 190. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANIEL P. ROMANO, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. - File No. 23279 - #84128

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
 SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY, NYCTL 2012-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Pltf. vs. BRADDOCK PARTNERS LLC, et al, Defts. Index #301905/13. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 19, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a Coster Street, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 2765, Lot 336. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$8,431.59 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. IRVING ROSEN, Referee. SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC, Attys. For Pltf., 105 Maxess Rd., Ste. N109, Melville, NY. File No. 13-024329 - #84076

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
 SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE5, Plaintiff(s)
 Against
 Index No: 380844/11
 AUSTIN ARRINDELL JR, et al.
 Defendant(s)
 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/9/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at The Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 6/16/2014, at 2:00 pm, premises known as 420 Bolton Ave., Bronx, NY 10473, and described as follows:

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, designated on the tax maps of Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3500, and Lot 19.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$438,880.85 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380844/11
 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagees attorney.

Lorraine Coyle, Esq., Referee.
 Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504
 Dated: 4/29/2014 File Number: 71020564 RAW

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
 SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,
 -against-
 DENZIL M. ROWE, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated FEBRUARY 4, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at THE BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK 10451 on June 16, 2014 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 711 EAST 235TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10466. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City of New York Block 4999 Lot 48 p/o oldlot 46 Approximate amount of lien \$ 210,837.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380073/09 STUART ADLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: May 8, 2014 FILE #: SUN-CN 51490

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2712 Tenbroeck Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4524 and Lot 3. Approximate amount of judgment is \$242,108.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380085/10.

Robert M. Brill, Esq. Referee
 Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX 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 Krollian, 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 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, Esq., 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 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-HE5, Plaintiff, against THOMAS HARVEY, MICHELLE TOOLE, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/19/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/16/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4219 BOYD 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, SBL No.: 17-5006-53. Approximate amount of judgment \$551,096.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380772/09. Michael H. Maizes, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: April 29, 2014 1092220

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
 BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - 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 Judgment 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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust,

Plaintiff against MARIO SALGADO, if living and if he/she be dead, etc., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 10, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 30th day of June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2423 Lot 38 on the Bronx County Land and Tax Map as it presently exists. Said premises known as 947 COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 6,873.02 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 309025/10.

JOSEPH JEDNAK, 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
 INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.,
 V.
 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 BANK, F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and 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 AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, 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, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff against STEFANIE SKERRITT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated February 4, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY

on the 30th 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 and described as follows: Block: 3595 Lot: 45 Said premises known as 741 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 59,133.47 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 309028/10.

DENNIS E. KROLIAN, 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

NYCTL 2012-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2012-A Trust, Plaintiff against RAYMOND LAGUNA, RAFAEL LOPEZ, et al

Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 28, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 23rd day of June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2675 Lot 19 on the Tax Map of the City of New York. Said premises known as 701 PROSPECT AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 11,089.54 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 260238/13.

KIM RAMOS, ESQ., Referee.
 Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
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Fordham Road BID news and highlights

BY DANIEL BERNSTEIN

Fordham Road is the busiest and largest shopping district in the Bronx with over 300 businesses ranging from large national retailers to small independent mom and pop shops. If you take mass transit it's easy to get to, with many buses running east to west on Fordham Road as well as D and B subway stops and the Metro-North Harlem line station. There is this perception that it is a traffic nightmare and there is nowhere to park and it is unsafe. I am from the Bronx originally and have been working here on Fordham Road since 2005 and many changes have occurred over the years. I know firsthand that there is parking available. There are at least six, yes that's right six parking lots located in the area (most are less than one block walk from Fordham Road) and I also know they have spaces available, meaning they are not at capacity. Fordham can be very busy as it is a major east/west artery of the Bronx. Over 100,000 people visit Fordham Road every twelve hours so it

can be very crowded, like a running back trying to get through both the offensive and defensive lines, but isn't that the beauty of New York City? I also know that the area is safe. Fordham Road is a bustling business district with many NYPD police patrols each day and night. Students from neighboring colleges shop, residents from the areas run errands, etc. Tourists organize bus trips to shop here as well from Syracuse, Pittsburgh and even Toronto!! I think of Fordham Road as a kind of main street of the Bronx. Fordham Road is the new midtown Bronx!

There are many neighborhoods in New York City and most of them are very crowded. The Bronx is on the rise with many developments and projects. It is exciting to be here and that is why you have to check out Fordham Road. It really is the place to go in the Bronx. Not only do we have all the big stores (American Eagle, Best Buy, Foot Locker, Marshalls, Modell's, PC Richard, TJ Maxx), but we also have long-time indepen-

dent family owned stores (Original Products, North End Wine and Liquor, Webster Lock and Hardware). In addition, Fordham Road has art. There is a nine-foot, 600 piece Douglas fir sculpture, "Tomorrow" by Akihiro Ito, on display through next spring on the NE corner of Webster Avenue and East Fordham Road by the Metro North Station. You need to check this out and there are free tours available with the artist for groups of 10 or more people.

I work for the Fordham Road Business Improvement District (BID), a great community organization that tries to make Fordham Road better. In addition to cleaning the area, we organize and host a slew of free events in the area and I want to tell you about some of the upcoming events. We will be showing two free community movies for local youth and families at Muller Park and Plaza (Fordham Road and Creston Avenue) "Frozen" will be shown on Friday, June 20th at 8:30 p.m. and "The Lego Movie" on Friday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m.

These events draw large crowds who set up blankets and chairs under the summertime sky. Another upcoming event is our "Fordham Fever Fridays," which takes place the first Friday of the month from June to October at Muller Park and Plaza from 4 to 11 p.m. (excluding July 4th). Each month will feature a different theme, with activities ranging from health screenings to children's book giveaways, and a free raffle at each event. And we also host seasonal Sidewalk

Sales in which stores display seasonal merchandise at great prices: June 5-7th, July 3-5th, July 31-August 2nd, September 4-6th, and October 2-4th, all from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

I had to let you all know about these events and I hope to see some of the readers of this article. I will be writing this column monthly to let you all know about what's happening on Fordham Road. I want you give Fordham Road a try even if you think it is too crowded or you won't

find a parking space, etc. It is just like a regular busy area in NYC. I also want your feedback on what you think about some of the topics I write about. Until next time, ciao!

For more information on directions, business listings and shopping, log on to www.fordhamroad-bid.org, give me a call at (718) 562-2104 and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fordhamroad-businessimprovementdistrict and Twitter at www.twitter.com/FordhamBID.

- BID meeting June 5th -

The Board of Directors of the Fordham Road Business Improvement District (BID) will hold their 2014 Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m. at Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus, Walsh Library, 441 East Fordham Road.

Featured speakers will include Carolina Al-duey Joaquin Elizando

Chef Harold Villarosa, Founders of Insurgo Project.

Nominees to the Board of Directors Class A (Commercial Property Owners): Michael Hirschhorn, Jenel Management; Samuel Jemal, Fordham Associates LLC; Joseph P. Muriana, Fordham University; David J. Rose, Automotive Realty Corp.; and Donald E. Simon,

Monroe College.

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If you have any questions, contact the BID at (718) 562-2104 or email dbernstein@fordham-roadbid.org.

Dinner with a Doctor at St. Barnabas

St. Barnabas Hospital's popular Dinner with a Doctor series returns in June with a presentation on a subject that is of vital importance to all of us - sleep (or lack thereof). A seminar for the public entitled "Can't Sleep? We Can Help!" will be held Tuesday, June 10th (in English) and Thursday, June 12th (in Spanish) beginning at 6 p.m. in the hospital's Braker Building boardroom on the St. Barnabas Hospital campus (Third Avenue and 182nd Street). There is no cost to attend the event, which includes the serving of a delicious and healthful meal.

Presenting will be Dr. Daniel Erichsen, a board certified sleep specialist and director of the hospi-

tal's Center for Sleep Medicine, and Dr. Guido Macchiavello, a board certified internist.

Many people, whether it's because of their work schedule, personal life, stress, or one of any number of different sleep disorders, fail to get enough sleep. As a result, their work performance, their relationships, their health, and their safety may all be compromised.

The upcoming "Dinner with a Doctor" event will explore some of these common sleep disorders, point out the consequences of not getting enough sleep, and offer solutions for alleviating the problem.

The Center for Sleep Medicine does both in-hospital and at-home sleep studies, and treats both adults and children with disorders

ranging from insomnia to night terrors, from sleep apnea to restless leg syndrome.

Dr. Macchiavello, an attending physician at St. Barnabas Hospital, will do the Spanish language presentation. He trained at St. Barnabas Hospital and got his medical degree from the Pontificia Universidad Catolica Del Ecuador.

Dinner with a Doctor is free and is limited to 60 people. You must be 16 years of age or older to attend and reservations are required to assure that space will be available. To RSVP contact Diana Loubriel at 718-960-9295. Parking is available by entering the hospital campus at Third Avenue and 183rd Street.

Holy relic comes to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

This June, in honor of the Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, three Friars from the Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua, in Padua, Italy, will bring three distinct relics to three different corners of the English-speaking world. Father Paolo Floretta will be in New York and Long Island, Father Mario Conte will be in Australia and Singapore, and Father Riccardo Giacom will visit our northern neighbor of Canada.

They will bring Saint Anthony of Padua, in the form of a holy relic, to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 627 East 187th Street, on Thursday, June 12th, the Eve of

Saint Anthony of Padua's Feast Day.

Last year, the relics awed and inspired so many Catholics during the 750th anniversary of the saint's incorrupt tongue by Saint Bonaventure. Devotion to Saint Anthony is an accepted part of life for many New Yorkers and Long Islanders, but an encounter with the relic moves it to the forefront.

So many people describe it as a confirmation of their Catholic faith. Father Mario Conte, Executive Editor of The Messenger of Saint Anthony, in Padua, Italy, reflected that the first Jesuit pope was deeply inspired

by Saint Anthony and Saint Francis' love, care and concern for the poor and marginalized.

Pope Francis once said "Relics are parts of the body of a saint which was the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Through this body, the saints practiced heroic values recognized by the church."

The schedule will be as follows: 8:30 a.m. followed by Veneration, noon followed by Veneration; 6 p.m. Rosary and Veneration, 7 p.m. Mass followed by Veneration

For details, call Tom Muscatello with the Anthonian Association at 914.263.8841.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against JOSEFINA M. ANGELES A/K/A JOSEPHINE M. ANGELES, DONALD ANGELES, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 25, 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 23rd day of June, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 1074 Pierce Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10461.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4066-1.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 635,208.33 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380227-12. William F. Mackey, Jr., Esq., Referee.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Probate Citation
File No. 2014-101/A
Surrogate's Court, Bronx County
The People Of The State Of New York,
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Olga Kuca, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if they be dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of Stella O. Kryklyw, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wives of successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Oleh Vorobets who is/are domiciled at 20 Rochelle Terr., Farmingville, New York 11738.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, on June 24, 2014 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Olga O. Kryklyw lately domiciled at 120 Erdman Place, Apt 26B, Bronx, New York 10475 admitting to probate a Will dated August 8, 2013, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Stella O. Kryklyw deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Oleh Vorobets.

Letters of Trusteeship issue to Oleh Vorobets f/b/o Dmytro Vorobets

Dated, Attested and Sealed, May 8, 2014

Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez

Surrogate
Michael P. Hausler
Chief Clerk

Bernard J. Zimnoch, Esq.
(Name of Attorney)
631-789-1200
(Telephone)

Law Office of Bernard J. Zimnoch
(Firm)

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New York 11726

(Address)

NOTE: This citation is served upon you

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

LEGAL NOTICE

BRONX INDEX NO.: 35170/2013E - SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS filed on 4/7/2014 Plaintiff designates BRONX County as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Block 04656, Lot 10, Bronx, NY, County of BRONX, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2007-WMC1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-WMC1, Plaintiff, -against- LINDA SANON, if living, and if either be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs-at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assignees of such deceased, any and persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs-at-law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR WMC MORTGAGE CORP., NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered against you and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon.

Lizbeth Gonzalez, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated April 7, 2014 and filed with the BRONX County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclosure a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Block 04656, Lot 10, Bronx, NY, County of BRONX, as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 638 EAST 222ND STREET, Bronx, NY 10466. Dated: Syosset, New York May 2, 2014 Peter T. Roach, P.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 125 Michael Drive, Suite 105, Syosset, NY 11791 516-938-3100 P#1093202 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 06/06/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX In the Matter of the Commitment of ESMERALDA CELESTE NAVARRO ZAMORA SUMMONS A minor under the age of eighteen years, to the guardianship and custody of Docket No.:B29453/13 CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES pursuant to Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: RAUL NAVARRO CAMPOS & ROBERTO CHUY 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 2, Bronx, NY 10451 on JUNE 25, 2014 before JUDGE PITCHAL at 9:30 in the forenoon 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: 5/20/14 BY ORDER OF THE COURT /s/Michael Williams Clerk of the Court

LEGAL NOTICE

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New York City Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 2:00 P.M., at 55 Water St., 9th FL., Room 945 on the following petition for revocable consent in the Borough of the Bronx,

1775 Grand Concourse LLC - to construct, maintain and use two ramps, stairs and fences on the east sidewalk of Grand Concourse, south of E 175th St.

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the proposed agreement or request a sign-language interpreter (with at least seven days prior notice) at 55 Water St., 9 FL., New York, NY 10041, or by calling (212) 839-6550.

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

With Memorial Day now over, federal politicians can safely put away their standard speeches and return to their recent practice of ignoring both the needs of our active and retired service members, as well as the defense of the nation.

The level of disdain for both issues has risen to a critical mass. The very same government that has found the assets to increase food stamps by 41% over the past five years somehow can't find the resources to give our veterans adequate health care, provide decent benefits to our active service members, provide fair cost of living adjustments to the social security payments of our "Greatest Generation" retirees, or keep our military competitive with the growing threats from Russia, China, Iran and North Korea.

The worldview of the current Executive Branch is nothing less than stunningly upside down. Its appointees subscribe to the insulting and wholly warped view that returning veterans are more of a threat than al Qaeda. This concept was first enunciated in 2009 by a Department of Homeland Security report under former Secretary Janet Napolitano. That irrational idea continues, and has been used as an excuse for providing war fighting equipment to civilian federal agencies. This despicable concept has been filtering down to lower levels of government, as well. A recent televised report from Morgan County, Indiana quotes local police officials stating that they need armored vehicles "partly to deal with returning veterans."

One wonders what the men and women who gave

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their lives for this nation and the freedoms it stands for would say about the current course of our government. Over the past several years, we have seen America's founding principles largely rejected by its own leadership.

The men who faced the redcoats at Lexington and Concord fought because King George III and his ministers raised taxes unfairly, interfered with the local governments of the colonies, and limited personal freedoms. In 21st Century America, taxes are bankrupting the middle class, our state and local governments are treated as mere pawns of the federal

bureaucracy, and the Bill of Rights is treated as an inconvenience.

One of The White House's recent appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court has wholly rejected the central theme of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. During Elena Kagan's screening process, she made it clear that she does not believe in the concept of inalienable rights. Her view is that rights descend from the government.

Her concept precisely contradicts the reasons America was established in the first place. What makes the U.S. unique is the very idea that sovereignty rests not with any leader or governing body, but with the people themselves. Numerous other nations have laws specifying wonderful sounding rights, but, due to a lack of a belief in inalien-

able rights, their leadership can and do suspend those rights whenever adhering to them is inconvenient.

David Barron, a Harvard Law professor, is waiting to be confirmed to the First Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Among his more salient concepts is that government has the right to nullify private property rights and should be able to do so with relative ease.

The central theme apparent in Professor Barron's political and philosophical outlook is the limitless authority of government over individual rights. He also appears to reject constitutional tenets on the separation of powers among the three branches of government. He does not look favorably even on limits to the federal government by states.

The very freedoms that our soldiers, sailors, ma-

rines and, in the 20th Century, airmen fought and died for are being ignored.

These are the views of those whom America's service members fought against, from Bunker Hill to the mountains of Afghanistan.

Memorial Day has passed. But the beliefs and principles that led America's heroes to give their lives, from the fields of Saratoga, the farms of Gettysburg, the beaches of Normandy, the islands of the Pacific, the frozen wastes of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam and the hilly terrain of Afghanistan remain alive. We owe it those who perished to insure that their ultimate sacrifice was not in vain.

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BY JOANNE TIMMINS Ya Can't Roller-Skate In A Buffalo Herd

The Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership, inspired by Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan to reduce pedestrian traffic fatalities in New York City, recently held our 15th annual poster contest

for middle school students themed, "Ya Can't Roller-Skate in a Buffalo Herd".....ummm, just joking. Our actual official theme was "The Risk is Real. I Make Good Choices about Pedestrian Safety." But the concept is the same--the importance of awareness when walking, biking or skating through a buffalo herd.....or the streets of New York.

Mayor De Blasio's "Vision Zero" campaign is inspired by the frightening statistics on crossing the street in New York City. Four thousand New Yorkers are seriously injured and more than 250 are killed each year in traffic crashes. Being struck by a car or other vehicle is the leading cause of injury-related death for kids under 14, and the second leading cause of injury-related death for seniors. Cars or other vehicles seriously injure or kill a New Yorker every 2 hours (1). So far this

year, 67 people have died in traffic-related accidents, including 6 right here in the Bronx (2).

We received over 500 posters from kids in PS 72, Mott Hall Community School, St Frances de Chantal, St Benedict School, Phipps Beacon at the Piagentini & Jones Center, Preston Center of Compassion Afterschool Tutoring Program & Preston Center of Compassion Big Sisters / Little Sisters. We were gratified by the enormous response and by the creativity with which the kids illustrated the safety messages that they had absorbed. It was tough, but we identified 19 posters that we felt showed exceptional effort and understanding of pedestrian safety rules. Our Poster Campaign Honorees are Aurelio Ayala, Paul Mikulka, Amber J. Rivera, Emily Rivera, Britany Jutrzenka, Gracie Ortiz, Saima Choudhury, Sokol Kukic, Israel Torres, Katie Anne Gannon, Dylan Castori, Christina Apuzzo, Nicholas Murillo, Christian Freeman, Carmine Murano, Mahnur Hossain, Angel Kounphom, Madison T. Rosado. We will display the remaining posters in store windows throughout the area in the coming weeks, so keep an eye out

civic center Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership

for them!

We could not help but be struck by the number of posters that included a School Crossing Guard. As we looked through them, it became clear that the kids appreciated their work and viewed them as essential! In 2010, more than 80 % of child pedestrian deaths occurred due to jaywalking, that is, crossing the street at non-designated spots (1). This led us to understand that the Poster Campaign would not be complete without formally recognizing the daily contributions of the school crossing guards to the health and safety of the children. We seized the opportunity to honor PO Rhonda Morris-Davoren, School Crossing Guard Coordinator for the 45th Precinct, for her absolute dedication and commitment to this community.

TNCAP has long had a positive and collaborative relationship with the 45th Precinct, now under the command of Captain James McGeown. TNCAP's work in reducing access of adolescents to alcohol and

other substances could not be effective unless we had the cooperation of the police in doing compliance checks of stores, delis, bars, etc., running DWI and "hot spot" checks, and issuing C Summons to youngsters ages 16 and 17 for "quality of life" infractions, like disorderly conduct, fighting, drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana, etc. The parents/guardians of the adolescent are also notified through a Parent Notification Letter of the C Summons and the steps that must be taken to address it. In this way, parents have an opportunity to intervene in

the teen's behavior and seek out further help if needed. The 45th Precinct's policing reinforces the work we do through our Alcohol Training Awareness Program, where merchants, restaurateurs, bar owners, bartenders & others learn New York State laws and consequences for serving those under 21 and/or those who are approaching intoxication.

Awareness and continuing education for the community are keys to preserving life and limb when it comes to drinking, drug-ging, driving and walking the streets. TNCAP grate-

fully acknowledges our community partners in helping us accomplish our mission. As Roger Miller sang in his immortal song "Ya Can't Rollerskate in a Buffalo Herd", you can't drive around with a tiger in your car (or open containers of alcohol) but you can be happy if you've a mind to. A long, healthy, productive life for our teens—that's what makes us happy. You too, we bet.

1. www.nyc.gov/html/visionzero/pages/home/home.html

2. Bronx Times Reporter, May 9, 2014, pg. 3

Relay For Life fundraiser

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Residents can join the fight against cancer by visiting RelayForLife.org to register. Funds raised

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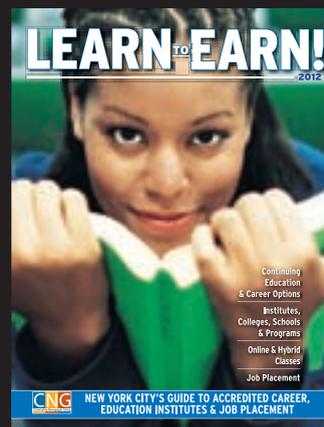
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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Kerr-Fuffle

I'm glad that Steve Kerr didn't take the Knicks' job because he was asking a lot for having no experience as any sort of BB coach.

I have the same number of wins and would have asked for a lot less.

I'm in favor of the St. John's guy, Mark Jackson.

Call Jackson

Stephen A. Smith wrote: "Pick up the phone, call Mark Jackson and offer the former Warriors coach the job as the next coach of the New York Knicks. It'll be the first thing Jackson has done right since accepting \$12 million a year for the next five years as the Knicks' president of basketball operations two months ago. And it needs to be done in a hurry because, quite honestly, the clock is ticking.

For those wondering why a man who never even coached prep players was hired, let's just say if there's such a course regarding schmoozing with all the right people, the now-\$25 million man who is Steve Kerr would pass with flying colors.

Hello, Mark Jackson! How ya doing? This is the play the Knicks need to make right now. Not just because Mark Jackson has proved he can coach. Not just because he guided the Warriors to back-to-back ap-

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Wings center Jessie Govan picks Georgetown University

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jessie Govan wants to work to fulfill his dream where others like him has seen theirs come true.

The Wings Academy junior center recently verbally committed to play basketball at Georgetown, picking the Hoyas over UConn, Seton Hall, Miami and Syracuse. Georgetown has a long history and proven track record of sending big men to the NBA. For Govan that and his relationship with coach John Thompson III and the coaching staff was too much to pass up.

"They have a great history," he said. "They have the Patrick Ewings, the Alonzo Mornings, the Roy Hibberts. They just have a lot of great history allowing the big men to excel in their offense. I just want to be a part of that."

The 6-foot-11, 263-pound Govan said he wasn't planning on committing this early, well before the July live viewing period where he could be watching by college coaches. Wings coach Billy Turnage wasn't surprised with the timing because he could tell Govan had taking a real liking to Georgetown after his visit three weeks ago.

"It's a great fit for both parties," Turnage said. "You know Georgetown's reputation for big men and being able to put them into the league. Being in the league is Jessie's ultimate goal, so why not?"

The school's closeness to home and the fact that it plays in the Big East was also a factor. It will allow Govan to stay close to New York City and a number of the Hoyas opponents are in the tri-state area, so his family and friends can still watch him play. His picked Georgetown over UConn, Seton Hall, Miami and Syracuse.

"They are coming to the Garden at least twice a year," he said of Georgetown. "They play teams in the New Jersey area. I'll be close to home. D.C. is really not that far from New York."



Wings junior center Jessie Govan (c.) has verbally committed to play basketball at Georgetown. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

The Hoyas are getting one of the area's best players and a throwback, back to the basket big man. Govan, who plays his travel ball with the new York Lightning is the No. 4 ranked prospect in New York State, according to Yahoo.com. He averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds in PSAL play last season, his first at Wings after transferring from St. Mary's

on Long Island. Wings was upset in the quarterfinals by Brooklyn Collegiate last season.

"He's 6-11 and he understands he's a center and he plays with his back to the basket," Turnage said. "He understands where is money is."

Govan is happy to have the decision over with and said a weight has been lifted off his shoulders.

His focus can now turn to have a stress free summer, working on his conditioning and then shift his attention to helping Wings reach its potential next season.

"Now I can just worry about leading my AAU team to victories and I can concentrate on leading my high school team Wings Academy to a championship," Govan said.

Small ball, big first inning power

Fieldston to second straight NYSAIS softball crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Small ball led the way to a big first inning that produced an even bigger celebration for Fieldston.

The top-seeded Eagles used well-placed bunts and some timely hitting to post three runs in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back. Fieldston grabbed a 6-0 victory over No. 4 Long Island Lutheran in the NYSAISAA softball title game last Wednesday at Manhattanville College to claim its second straight crown.

"We really wanted to do it for our seniors," junior shortstop Savannah Stern said. "We were all really glad we got to get that last win for them."

Stern, who was 3-for-4, delivered a two-RBI single in the first inning to drive in Carolyn Susman, who had three hits, and Kat Gil-

roy. Alexa Mendel later followed by scoring Temma Levis with a single of her own to make it 3-0 against Crusaders starter Robbi Reed.

"We start with the small ball," Fieldston coach Stefanie Gozdziwski said. "We have great speed. We know how to put the bunts down and drive them in with our big three, four, five hitters. It really worked out well."

Fieldston didn't stop there. It plated two more runs in the second to increase its lead to 5-0. Mendel tripled and scored on a pass ball in the fifth to provide the final margin. The Eagles bats came alive at the right moments after slumping late in the regular season.

"It was a good time to peak," Gozdziwski said.

That was more than

enough run support for Levis, who also had two hits. The sophomore scattered five hits, struck out five and walked just one. She used her off-speed pitches to set up her fastball all afternoon.

"We jumped out to a 3-0 lead with Temma on the mound, it's a big relief," Gozdziwski said.

LuHi's best chance to score came in the top of the sixth. Stephanie Rinaudo tried to come home from first when Reed drove a ball to centerfield. She was denied crossing the plate when Mendel, Stern and Gilroy completed a perfect 8-6-2 relay to tag Rinaudo out at the plate.

"I knew I was going to get the relay throw and



The Fieldston softball team celebrate its second straight NYSAISAA title.

Stefanie Gozdziwski

throw it home," Stern said. "I knew where I was going, but I didn't process it that much until it actually happened. We got the out and we were all celebrating."

There was plenty to

cheer about after the final out as well. The title will be the last memory Fieldston's six seniors have of softball at the school. They leave the Eagles with two state titles and the remain-

ing players want to keep the school's run going.

"We are going to miss the seniors next year, but we are going to come back hard next year and try or another title," Stern said.



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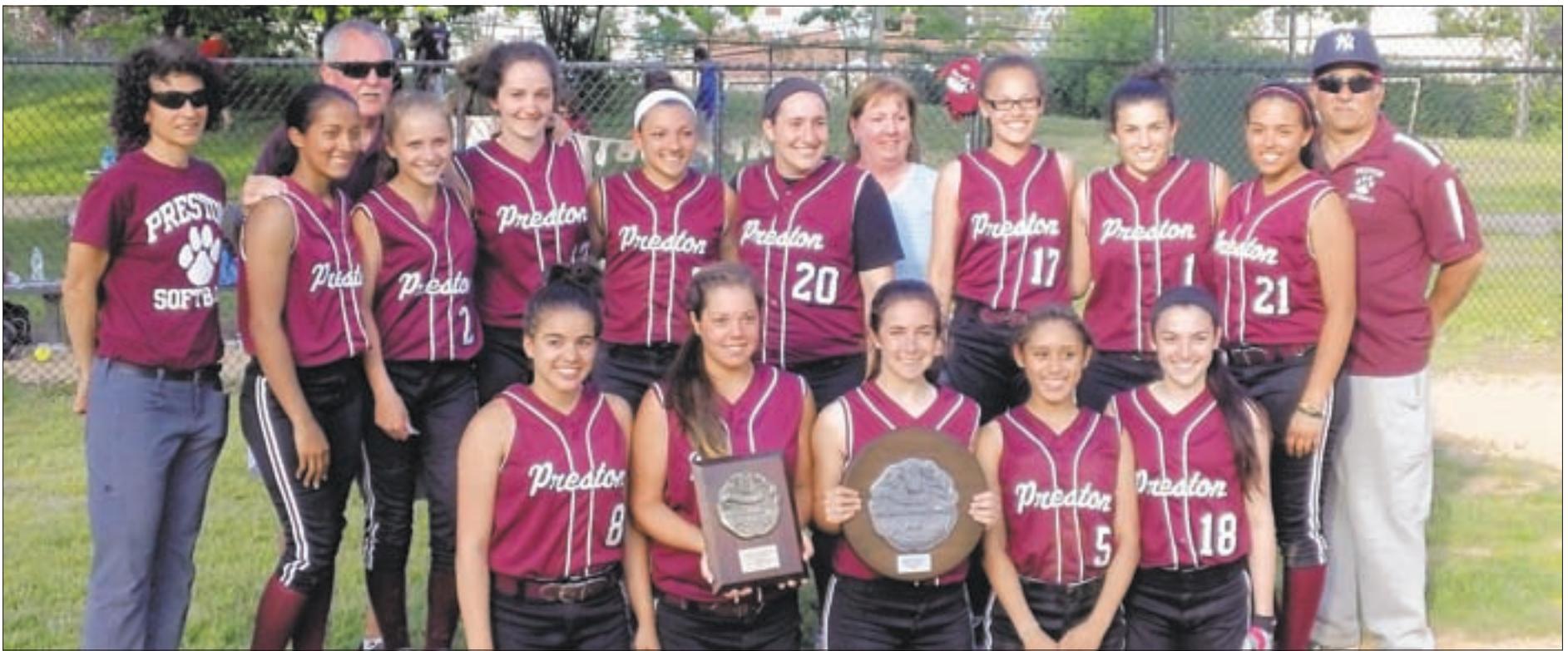
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The Preston softball team ended its season with a 3-1 loss to St. Joseph by the Sea in the CHSAA Archdiocesan final.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Shaky first inning dooms Preston in quest for Archdiocesan softball title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Preston's hope of claiming its first diocesan title hit a snag early, leaving the Panthers to have to wait yet another year.

Two first-inning errors led to three runs that the Panthers could not get back in an eventual 3-1 defeat at the hands of St. Joseph by the Sea in the Archdiocesan softball final on May 20 at Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park. It is Preston's third straight close loss to the Vikings in the title game. The Panthers lost 1-0 in 2012 and 3-2 in 2013.

"It was done in the first inning," Preston coach Rachel Mazza said. "We had our chances. They just beat us."

Shannon Damon led off the game with the double and scored when Preston pitcher Julianna Orrico's threw the ball away on a sac bunt. A single by Alannah Dawson got under the left fielder's glove allowing Nicole Meilak to score the second run. An RBI ground out from Vanessa Jioa made it 3-0.

"I knew since we were a young team a lot of the girls were nervous," said Orrico, a junior.

Preston (20-2) tried to rally in the bottom of the second, but managed just one run on a one-out RBI single by Ashley Puig. Sea ace Amanda Bassano stranded the bases loaded with two away by getting Nicolette McPartland to ground out. Bassano settled down after that and retired 10 of the final 11 batters she

faced. The senior allowed just three hits, struck out three and walked three for the Vikings (17-0).

The Panthers felt it was hitting the ball hard off Bassano, but right at defenders. Mazza credited Sea with superb defense. Vikings centerfielder Danielle Messina made a one-handed, running catch to rob Danielle

Kibler of an extra base hit to start the second inning.

"I had no doubt in my mind we were going to hit and we did hit, but they made the plays," Mazza said. "Sometimes they made a heck of a play."

Orrico after the first inning was stellar. The hard-luck loser her first two years as well, scattered six

hits, struck out six and did not walk a batter. Mazza was proud of her team performance after a first inning that ultimately did Preston in.

"It's not like we didn't play well," she said. "Julianna pitched great today. She pitched well but the team didn't play well enough to win. Period."

The good news for the Panthers is that none of their players graduate and Mazza expects to add help from the junior varsity and incoming freshman. Preston's core will get one final shot at winning the school's first diocesan title.

"It's our last year," Orrico said. "We have to go out with a bang."

Preston holds Annual Sports Award Night

Preston High School celebrated their athletic program on Thursday, May 15th, during an awards banquet held in the school's gymnasium. Jamie Skrapits, Preston High School Athletic Director, hosts the event each year to pay tribute to each team while reflecting on Preston's rich athletic heritage. Festivities kick off with the Preston Athletic Department Hall of Fame Induction. This year's honorees were

Christina Damo '04, who played on the varsity basketball team for all four years while at Preston, and Carolyn Damo '08, who played on the varsity basketball and varsity volleyball teams while at Preston.

The next portion of the event is marked by individual team recognition and award presentations including "Most Outstanding Player," "Most Improved Player," and a special

"Coach's Award." Skrapits also gives special recognition to the many scholar-athletes who received First or Second Honors or Commended Achievement for three consecutive quarters.

Of special note are three overarching awards for graduating senior athletes. This year's winner of the Lou McSwigin Award for displaying "outstanding achievement and commitment to student athletics

and sportsmanship" was Melissa Cwikla. Cwikla played volleyball during her years at PHS.

Christine Albin, member of the varsity soccer and basketball teams, was awarded the Babe Leath Award. This award is for "outstanding commitment to the Preston Sports Program, and for the leadership and spirit exemplified by Babe Leath."

This year's winners of the Donald Collins "Heart Award," an award given to an athlete, who is the heart of her team, were Jahmila Ketcham and Nicole Kibler. Ketcham played on the varsity basketball team and Kibler played on the varsity

soccer team. Ketcham and Kibler received this award by portraying what a leader can be to a team. They both practiced a strong love and commitment to their individual sports.

A fourth special award is given to Preston's most dedicated fan in honor of Richard Donovan, father of four PHS daughters and two granddaughters, all alumnae. Richard attended every game he could during his time with Preston. The 2014 Donovan Award winners were Nancy Denner and Richard & Ann Kittle, grandparents of sophomore Marissa Denner. Marissa played varsity volleyball, basketball and softball.

Pipe Dreams: Draft Notes, One-Shot Deal

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appearances in the playoffs for the first time in 22 years. But because, as a product of Queens, a St. John's alum and a former NBA Rookie of the Year for this Knicks franchise, he also qualifies as one of the rare few individuals this city would welcome with open arms. Plus, Jackson actually wants the job, wants to work the sideline and isn't asking for \$12 million per year to do it. Insane, but true! Jackson is gone now, but his loss could be the Knicks' gain. He's intelligent enough to be taught President Jackson's triangle offense. He's savvy and knowledgeable enough to handle the local New York media. He can win any locker room, and chances are Melo would love to play for him. If nothing else, it's worth it for President Jackson to make a phone call. Especially if he understands New York. And given that

he's telling players he'll be around and he plans on running training camp in October, what's the harm? To know Gotham City is to accept one thing: We appreciate you until you provide us with a reason not to ... by not giving us something to appreciate, cherish and cheer for.

Draft Notes

The Sports Curmudgeon sent along some of his draft notes:

"New York Jets: (I have no notes on the Jets' first pick in the Draft.) Jace Amaro, TE, Texas Tech: "Big man with quick moves and decent speed." "Good hands." "Blocking is OK but nothing more." Dakota Dozier, G, Furman: [This info comes from a reader who saw Dozier play; I did not. The informant is a Furman grad.] "Furman has a big offensive tackle this year and you'd love this guy. He is off

with the snap and is still on his block when the whistle blows. He's big enough too at 305 lbs and he can block on the outside." My comment: If he makes the Jets' roster, how long until one of the NYC tabloids nicknames him, "Bull" Dozier? Tajh Boyd, QB, Clemson: "Lots of hype but FSU defense dominated him." Good throwing short ball but does not hit receives in stride on long ball." "Late round pick only." Trevor Riley, LB, Utah: "Tall and fast." "Not ready to play the run in the NFL." "Covers well."

New York Giants: Odell Beckham, WR, LSU: "Not big, but he can run." "Pretends to block on running plays." Finally, just in case you ever wonder how the GM of your favorite team could possibly have made the bone-headed decision to take Joe Flabeetz in the

second round of a draft when there were actual competent football players still to be had, consider this item from Greg Cote: "Dolphins general manager Dennis Hickey, in an NFL Draft news conference Friday, said he'd nominate Leslie Nielsen to portray him in a movie — problematic only because Nielsen died in 2010." Grand Decision

Ian O'Connor wrote about Curtis Granderson, "The Yankees did make a qualifying offer of \$14.1 million to Granderson, this after injuries reduced his 2013 to a 61-game mess. The pending free agent could've gambled that he'd remain healthy and return to his long-balling form in a long-balling park, setting himself up for a lucrative offer from the Yanks after the 2014 season. Or he could've taken the sure, multiyear money from a desperado

like the Mets, who play in a cavernous stadium known to leave the most powerful of sluggers cowering in their cleats. Granderson reached for the security of the longer guarantee, and odds are he will regret that choice for years to come.

Sixty million bucks over four years persuaded him to pack up his belongings for Citi Field, the same office that made 66 million bucks over four years the worst deal Jason Bay ever made. (another NLER who switched leagues).

Truth is Granderson would've had the Yankees job in right, and Beltran's bone spurs would've likely been some other team's problem. Granderson would've found the kind of lineup protection the Yankees forever provide with their superpower resources, and he would've actually earned a higher salary this year than the

\$13 million the Mets are paying him. So no, Granderson didn't have to take the outside risk taken by Max Scherzer, who rejected a \$144 million bid from Detroit in favor of a \$15.525 million wage and a shot at free agency in the fall. The outfielder could've waited here rather than steer his career toward a dangerous corner of Jason Bayville at Citi Field.

As it is, nobody's surprised that Granderson has hit four of his five homers on the road and twice as many in two games in the Bronx than in 19 games at Citi."

One-Shot Deal

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Montefiore merger with Einstein

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the flow of red ink by cutting spending, including freezing faculty salaries.

The campus operated at a deficit of nearly \$106 million in 2012, according to Bloomberg News.

Workers outside the Einstein campus on Morris Park Avenue and Eastchester Road said on Friday, May 23, that all employees – both union and non-union – who have worked at Einstein for over 10 years received a one-time-only severance offer about a month ago, with the May 19 deadline to respond – after which they expected layoffs would begin.

Einstein responded to an inquiry that it has no “target number” of layoffs.

A spokesperson for healthcare union SEIU 1199, which covers many workers at Einstein, said that

the union was still mulling a response.

Turmoil in workforce
One long-term employee, who asked not to be named, said he turned down a buy-out offer of six months’ salary and a year of medical insurance, calling it “very insulting.”

Employees received a packet identifying the other workers who had received the offer, listing them only by age and job description – which gave fellow workers clues to their identity.

“It’s poisoned the waters,” said another worker with close to 20 years working there. They also asked not to be identified for fear of reprisal. “There’s tension. People are looking at each other, trying to figure out who’s at a higher grade.”

Businesses hurt
The loss of workers at

the campus is expected to also have an impact on the local neighborhood economy, including several restaurants, luncheonettes, delis and candy stores in the immediate area.

Jerry Christopher, owner of GOOD TO GO restaurant across the street on Eastchester Road said he gets a good portion of his business from Einstein workers.

“It would hurt the business. I’d hate to see it happen,” said Christopher. “Einstein workers are a big part of my business.”

Montefiore growing
Already the borough’s largest healthcare network and largest employer, Montefiore has been actively expanding in recent years.

The healthcare titan took over the bankrupt Westchester Square Medical Center in 2013, convert-



Part of the Einstein College of Medicine campus in Morris Park, where workers face layoffs.

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ing it from a full emergency room into a “freestanding emergency department,” offering urgent care with no overnight beds. It had

previously taken over the former Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center in Wakefield. Montefiore is also trying to build a hi-rise urgent

care center in Riverdale, but was recently stymied through legislation by state Senator Jeff Klein.

J.Lo to perform at Orchard Beach

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ough.

Jenny from “the block” will now be Jenny at the beach, headlining a free concert at Orchard Beach on June 4 sponsored by the State Farm insurance company.

More than 25,000 J.Lo fans quick enough to score a free ticket will flood the Riviera of the Bronx to see their hometown star hit the stage.

“I’m humbled and honored to be doing my first ever concert in the Bronx,” the 44-year-old Lopez said in a statement. “I can’t wait to go back home and give a show to the people and community that inspired me. Of all the summer days I spent in Orchard Beach, this is going to be one to remember!”

Truly a Bronx gal?

J.Lo has long repped the Bronx in her songs. On “Jenny from the Block” she

brags, “No matter where I go, I know I came from, from the Bronx!”

But the entertainment icon has hardly set a public foot in her home borough since becoming a world star.

She’s done so while leveraging her Bronx roots to boost her career, charge critics.

Lopez grew up in Castle Hill and attended Preston Academy, an all-girl’s high school in Throggs Neck – not exactly roughing it.

“She likes to use this false ‘woe-is-me’ story, and she’s never corrected that narrative,” said Ed Conde, who has criticized the pop singer for years on his blog Welcome2theBronx for being a Bronx no-show.

Giving \$\$\$ back
This year though, J.Lo is finally showing the Boogie Down some love.

All Bronx residents were eligible for a free ticket,

which sold out in a matter of minutes. On top of that, 150 more free tickets were offered to volunteers who cleaned up the Orchard Beach shoreline on May 28.

Besides headlining the June 4 concert, the pop star recently teamed up with Montefiore Medical Center to announce the building of a new community health facility.

J Lo is also involved with the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club.

“It’s clearly a PR move, and a good PR move,” said Conde. “But if you were going to use the Bronx narrative for so many years, why is she just coming back now?”

City Island traffic woe
Meanwhile, locals in City Island are also not impressed, but for a different reason. Concerned neighbors are sounding the alarm about potential traf-



Pop star Jennifer Lopez and sister Lynda (l) visit with moms and children at Montefiore Medical Center. J.Lo foundation will partner with Monte for a healthy children’s program.

Photo courtesy of Montefiore Medical Center

fic mayhem.

The concert is begin admitting folks at 5 p.m on a Wednesday, which they charge will mar the work-day commute.

“We are simply asking

that this entertainment event not significantly disrupt our lives,” the City Island Civic Association stated in a letter to the Parks Department and local officials.

“Already, residents are being told to take the day off from work if they can to avoid being caught in this apocalyptic situation. Who can afford to do that in today’s economy?”

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