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Street named after local veteran

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A distinguished City Island veterans' advocate will be immortalized with a street named in his honor.

The New York City Council unanimously approved a bill to co-name the intersection of Cross Street and City Island Avenue, where the Leonard H. Hawkins American Legion Post 156 stands, after its longtime commander and community activist, William Clancy, who passed away in 2012.

The corner will be known as

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Photo by Laura Stone

Showing Her True Colors

Chastely Del Rosario is ready to watch the fireworks at Orchard Beach on Friday, June 27. More photos of the celebration can be found on page 23.

GROUP HOME OPPOSED

Van Nest site proposed for disabled women

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A service group has set its sights on a Van Nest house as the new home of women with developmental disabilities, but first it must face a resistant community board.

Unique People Services, which provides housing and support for individuals living with AIDS, mental illness, or developmental disabilities, would like to turn a two-family house at 620 Baker Street into a group home for four young women in their 20s who have aged out of their residential programs.

The organization will present the idea to Community Board 11 at a public hearing on July 27. The plan was initially introduced to the board at the June meeting by Sonji Phillips, director of developmental disability services.

The group home would be an Individual Residential Alterna-

tive for the four women, who all have mild-to-moderate developmental disabilities, Phillips said. It would be staffed around the clock, and the women, who either work or attend day habilitation centers, have no history of dangerous behavior, she said, adding the home would be well cared for and the women will receive lots of services, Phillips said she sees no negative impact on the neighborhood.

"They'll be receiving all the support the need to participate in the community," she said.

The organization is still entertaining other housing options for the women, but Phillips said the Van Nest house is the top choice because it has a great layout and meets state requirements.

Phillips said she received a negative response when she first presented the plan to the com

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Bronx River Art Ctr. building renovations

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx River Art Center broke ground on its building renovation on Thurs. June 26.

The ceremony, well attended by elected officials and community leaders, marked the start of a \$10-million project that has been years in the making.

The BRAC executive director said she's been imagining the

renovations to the East Tremont building since she took the job in 1999, but it took a long time to get the plans and funding in place to start the project.

The center vacated the building in 2010, Gail Nathan said, and in the interim, it has continued to offer all its educational and arts programming at space provided by other organizations.

When renovated, the center will have new artist work spaces that will be offered at below market value, in addition to a coworking space for creative or environmental entrepreneurs, and a multipurpose room for performance art or community rental, Nathan said.

Those spaces will help bring in some income for the center to help reduce the reliance on grants and government, she added.

"So we're more self sufficient," she said.

The center's core mission is still education, and the youth programming that touches upon all types of art will be enhanced by these other offerings.



Bronx River Arts Center leaders and elected officials break ground on the center's renovations to the East Tremont building in West Farms on Thursday, June 26.
Photo by Aracelis Batista



The design of the future Bronx River Arts Center, a collaboration between Sage and Coombe architects and graphic artist Tattfoo Tan.

Photo courtesy of Bronx River Arts Center

"Our education is expanding and integrating into all these functions," Nathan said. "So the students learn there are career prospects through the arts."

The educational mission also extends into environmentalism, which is also core pillar of the organization, and the center has an educational garden where kids can learn about local plants, wildlife, and environmental restoration.

"They learn about environmental issues relevant to the Bronx River," said Nathan.

The building itself is envi-

ronmentally friendly, and will include a green roof, along with more energy efficient systems.

The plans for the building have been designated with LEED Silver certification, deputy commissioner for Public Buildings David Resnick at the ground breaking.

"This will be a model of environmentally sustainable design," he said.

The building's new design is also visually unique, said Nathan, and it uses "super-graphics" to transform the existing structure's exterior into something striking.

It was important for the design to have a bold street presence to make people aware of the center and draw them in, said Resnick.

"People will know it's here," he said. "The outreach is performed physically by the building."

The center has a commitment to serving and helping to revitalize the community, Nathan said, and she feels they increase awareness of how important the arts are in terms of quality of life.

"Art makes everybody's life better," she said. "In terms of experiencing it, participating in it, and learning from it."

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around town

by Patrick Rocchio

The Bronx Times Reporter will publish your announcements. Send announcements along with photo, to: Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd St., Bronx, NY 10454, or e-mail Bronxtimes@aol.com.

Kit Kat Red Hats
The Kit Kat group of Red Hats had their monthly luncheon and June meeting at the Split Rock Golf Course. It was a pleasant time due to the excellent service and direction by



ANTHONY ALFREDO MADIA



The manager and the Red Hats at Split Rock Golf Course.

gracious manager Victor. The Queen of this Red Hat Group is Lorriane Nugent.

Graduation

Anthony Alfredo Madia graduated with honors from Saint Clare's of Assisi Elementary School in Morris Park on Sat. June 14. His family had a message for him:

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born, you were a go-getter, you set your goals and never looked back! We are all so very proud of you and the amazing young man you are becoming. We know that you will accomplish whatever you set your mind to and will always strive to be your best. You have a strong moral center and served your school and community very well.

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NY Salutes America Fireworks Extravaganza

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Bronx celebrated America with live music, a promenade celebration and fireworks in what proved a fun time for all.

The annual New York Salutes America Fireworks Extravaganza was a beautiful display of fireworks by Grucci and community unity at Orchard Beach on Fri. June 27.

The event was hosted by Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and state Senator Jeff Klein. They were led onto the stage in front of the Orchard Beach Pavilion before the start of the fireworks by a group of bagpipers, and were joined by many of the borough's elected officials.

Diaz took the opportunity to note that this year also marks the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Bronx as a county, and asked the crowd to give a round of applause to the attendee veterans who had made sacrifices to uphold American freedoms. Klein



Fireworks in the shape of a happy face were part of the dazzling and varied fireworks display at Orchard Beach.

Photo by Laura Stone

paid tribute to the war heroes.

"This is a terrific event and I am so glad year af-

ter year many more people come because this is about the Bronx," said Klein. "This is our way of kicking

off the Fourth of July celebration and I think everyone understands that it is a time to celebrate with fami-

lies, but it is also a time to remember our veterans."

Klein added: "The freedoms we enjoy — really the

sacrifice that went through the life and limbs of veterans — was the coinage used to purchase that freedom."

Diaz said the event celebrated the borough as "one big Bronx happy family" of great multiculturalism.

"Everybody talks about diversity, but the Bronx is diversity, and we have been living that for a long time," said Klein.

The pair of politicians was joined by elected and appointed officials, including state Sen. Ruben Diaz Sr., Sen. Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Assemblyman and Bronx Democratic County Committee Chairman Carl Heastie, and Assemblymen Mark Gjonaj, Marcos Crespo, and Michael Benedetto, and Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene, Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, 80th Assembly District State Committeeman Joseph McManus, and Thomas Messina, an aide to Congressman Joseph Crowley.

For more photos, see page 23.



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Cops of the Month receive awards

Officers Lee and Paterno honored

BY BEN KOCHMAN

He snagged a suspect who may have swiped a woman's purse, and now he's grabbed the honor of top cop.

Officer Tai Lee of the 49th Precinct received the "Cop of the Month" award from the precinct's community council for his savvy handling of an April pocketbook robbery.

Nabbed a snagger

The officer responded to the purse grab on April 6 at around 9 pm on E. Gun Hill Road by quickly canvassing the area with the victim, before tracking down the suspect, according to a police report.

Officer Lee apprehended the perp, who was carrying marijuana and a knife.

Lee received high marks from his boss.

"It's that bravery, really acting quickly not know-

ing whether this guy was armed or not, which is why he earned this honor," said Four-Nine commanding officer Captain Tim McCormack at the council's June meeting.

Steady vet honored

Lee was not the only NYPD officer to get some community love.

Officer Bill Paterno was also honored, as "Cop of the Month" for May.

The six-year force veteran made 12 arrests in that month, collaring alleged lawbreakers for a variety of offenses.

"It's those noise complaints that you call up, and then they refuse to abide by the noise ordinances, or that guy that's driving down Pelham Parkway recklessly with no registration and no insurance, he's making those collars,"



(L-r) Joe Thompson, Senator Jeff Klein, Officer Tai Lee and 49th Precinct Commanding Officer Tim McCormack. Courtesy Sen. Klein's office

said Captain McCormack, as Paterno received his award.

McCormack said that Paterno earned the honor

through his consistent efforts to combat crime, more so than through one specific moment of police work.

"His award is not for one act, or one thing that he did," crowed the commanding officer. "It's about his overall dedication to the

community."

The council will break until September, when its monthly meetings will start up again.

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40th PCT.

TUES, MAY 6th, 11:00 a.m. – 700 East 140 St. Police are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. Arriving police officers indicated that there was no one injured, but they found property that had been damaged. Inside an apartment, a window was damaged besides a bullet being found in a ceiling. Authorities are looking for the culprit.

WED, MAY 7th, 2:55 a.m. – Park Ave. and East 138 St. An inquiry was launched when officials learned that a man had been shot. A 28 year old black male was shot three times and was reported to be in critical condition at Lincoln Medical Center. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

WED, MAY 7th, 4:00 p.m. – 400 East 147 St. An inquiry was started after authorities learned of a shooting. A 25 year old black male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center where he was provided with medical care for a bullet wound to left leg in addition to the right hand, in addition to the lower back. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

WED, MAY 7th, 6:40 p.m. – 331 East 146 St. Police were able to remove another hand gun from possible future street use. This time a 22 year old black male ended up in trouble with the law enforcement community. The weapon was removed from the man's control since he failed to obtain a permit for the gun.

41st PCT.

MON, MAY 5th, 2:10 p.m. – 940 Kelly St. A male was taken into custody after authorities recovered three weapons. Taken away from the suspect were a revolver, a pistol, in addition to a shotgun. All three guns were vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

SUN, MAY 11th, 5:00 p.m. – 550 Fox St. A search was conducted for a black male. The unknown thief was wearing a mask when he forced his way into a home. The bandit fled with over a thousand dollars in cash in addition to an assortment of jewelry. The victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for emergency care. The inquiry is underway.

SUN, MAY 11th, 6:00 p.m. – Intervale Ave. and East 169 St. A crime victim was injured during a robbery. Two Hispanic males were robbing the victim of a dirt bike when one of them struck the victim in the back of the head. The injured victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for treatment.

42nd PCT.

WED, MAY 7th, 11:10 p.m. – 3738 Third Ave. Two more persons were arrested as police were able to remove another gun off of Bronx streets. This time a 22-caliber revolver was recovered. The weapon



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was vouched as evidence for the upcoming trail.

THURS, MAY 8th, 1:15 p.m. – Claremont Pkwy and Fulton Ave. Authorities arrested a school bus matron. The culprit was charged with assaulting a 13 year old female student. The teen suffered from minor injuries.

43rd PCT.

MON, MAY 5th, 8:55 a.m. – 1670 Watson Ave. Police investigators are looking into the shooting of a teenager. A 17 year old boy was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg and shoulder. The teen was taken to a local hospital where he was reported to be stable.

THURS, MAY 8th, 9:50 p.m. – 1605 Metropolitan Ave. Police were summoned to the Parkchester community after a home invasion had occurred at gunpoint. The victim was injured authorities reported, when the culprit struck the person on the head with the gun.

SAT, MAY 10th, 9:20 a.m. – 1161 Westchester Ave. A Hispanic male was admitted to a neighborhood hospital after being attacked. The victim was assaulted by three black males in the lobby of a relative's building. The victim received a puncture wound to the right butt cheek in addition to having his fingers slashed. The male victim was cared for at Lincoln Medical Center.

SAT, MAY 10th, 10:10 p.m. – Police officers arrested a 25 year old black male. The culprit was charged with forcible rape that occurred in the Parkchester area.

SUN, MAY 11th, 4:40 a.m. – 1183 Castle Hill Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where two males ended up being shot. A 58 year old Hispanic man received a graze wound to the neck area. He was taken to Jacobi Medical Center for treatment. A 19 year old black male was not as lucky. The teen was shot twice, once in the head and the second bullet ripped into his chest. The young victim died within an hour according to officials. Bronx Homicide detectives are handling the inquiry.

SUN, MAY 11th, 9:10 a.m. – White Plains Rd. and Cross Bronx Expwy Service Road. First responders were dispatched to the scene of a serious accident on the service road of the busy interstate roadway. Investigators from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were needed at the scene after a moving a vehicle smashed into a parked mini-van. The three occupants of

the van were injured. The driver attempted to flee the scene on foot but was chased down by witnesses. The man, due to the accident, had to have a partial arm amputation.

SUN, MAY 11th, 12:30 p.m. – White Plains Rd and Cross Bronx Expwy. Police officers working on the investigation of the earlier serious accident were surprised when they were approached by a male about a stabbing. The man would not offer any additional information about the incident and left the crime scene. Next police investigators were summoned to Jacobi Medical Center when the male victim arrived there seeking assistance for his injury. The inquiry is ongoing.

44th PCT.

MON, MAY 5th, 3:00 p.m. – 1387 Grand Concourse. Authorities were able to voucher another gun. This time the handgun was found inside an apartment.

TUES, MAY 6th, 5:45 p.m. – Walton Ave and East 175 St. A vehicle accident sent three persons to area hospital. One motorist was reported to have received a minor injury. The second vehicle was carrying two police officers. The driver was admitted to Montefiore Hospital suffering from internal bleeding. The second officer, a sergeant, also required medical attention. The accident is under investigation.

THURS, MAY 8th, 7:15 a.m. – 347 East 173 St. A Hispanic man apparently jumped from a window as police officers were knocking at his front door. The 20 year old Hispanic male had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Police went to take the young man into custody. The man fell to the below ground. He was reported in critical condition at St. Barnabas Hospital.

SAT, MAY 10th, 10:00 p.m. – Walton Ave. and East 169 St. Police officers were able to voucher another pistol. This time the officers arrested a 21 year old male Hispanic who was previously in possession of the 9-mm pistol.

45th PCT.

MON, MAY 5th, 10:00 p.m. – 2203 Hunter Ave. Police were summoned after receiving a report that shots had been fired. Arriving officers indicated that there were no injuries. A vehicle connected to the incident was found in the area of the Pelham Bay IRT train station. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

WED, MAY 7th, 3:30 p.m. – 3070 Roberts Ave. First responders were needed after two persons were attacked by a pit bull. The dog managed to get loose attacking a young girl and an older man. The ten year old girl was bit in the face while a 59 year old man bites to the thigh, hand, besides the elbow. Both victims were treated at Jacobi Medical Center.

46th PCT.

MON, MAY 5th, 9:20 p.m. – 2416 Webster Ave. Police arrested another teenager. This time a 16 year old Hispanic male was taken into custody by undercover police officers. The officers arrested the teen who was in possession of a 22-caliber handgun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

TUES, MAY 6th, 12:20 p.m. – 2225 Webster Ave. A student was arrested inside one of the city's schools. The 15 year old black male student was charged with assaulting a teacher at Middle School # 391. The injured teacher was transported to Einstein Hospital suffering from a punch to the face.

TUES, MAY 6th, 11:30 p.m. – 2195 Walton Ave. An arrest was made after police made a weapon recovery during a vehicle stop. The gun was vouched and the suspect was lead off to jail.

TUES, MAY 6th, 11:50 p.m. – 2120 Ryer Ave. Police arrested a 22 year old male. The young man was taken into custody after police recovered two weapons that were not registered in NYC. Both guns were vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

SAT, MAY 10th, 3:50 a.m. – 1663 Jerome Ave. A Hispanic male was arrested along with five other persons during a vehicle stop. Police went to check the vehicle after the 25 year old occupant and friends after a gun was found. The weapon was vouched as evidence for their pending trial.

SUN, MAY 11th, 2:55 a.m. – Marion Ave and East 188 St. A man in his early twenties was arrested after police officers found him with a gun. The man failed to obtain a permit from NYC to have the weapon within the city. The gun was vouched as evidence.

SUN, MAY 11th, 6:50 p.m.

– 1605 Nelson Ave. A victim of a shooting was transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital. A 22 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the foot upon arrival at the medical facility. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

47th PCT.

MON, MAY 5th, 7:00 p.m. – Barnes Ave. and East 227 St. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated a man who had been stabbed multiple times. The 33 year old victim was suffering from a wound to the leg, shoulder, and two wounds to the back area. The victim was reported to be in serious condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

TUES, MAY 6th, 10:30 p.m. – Furman Ave and East 240 St. Two more persons were arrested for illegal gun possession. Police took a 37 year old black woman and a 29 year old male after authorities recovered a 22-caliber gun that was not registered within NYC. The gun was vouched as evidence as the two culprits headed off to jail.

THURS, MAY 8th, 3:00 a.m. – 906 East Gun Hill Rd. Authorities are looking for the culprit who broke into a closed restaurant. Apparently the culprit was wearing a mask and had gloves on each hand as he forced his way into a Jamaica Restaurant. Detectives are handling the inquiry.

FRI, MAY 9th, 4:45 a.m. – 3730 Rombouts Ave. Additional police officers were dispatched into the Baychester community. Police officials reported that two persons had been shot. Witnesses were being interviewed as the victims were transported to Jacobi Medical Center. Two weapons were recovered at the crime scene with both being vouched as evidence. Officials indicated that one of the victims had expired.

SUN, MAY 11th, 1:05 a.m. – 3647 Holland Ave. A search was made for two males after shots had been fired. The unknown culprits fired several shots through a window into an apartment on the 2nd floor. No injuries were reported. The culprits fled before police could arrive.

SUN, MAY 11th, 3:10 p.m. – 630 East 221 St. Detectives are looking into an armed robbery that netted the thief only thirty-dollars in cash. The thief also made off with a cell-phone after the gunpoint robbery. The victim escaped injuries.

SUN, MAY 11th, 9:35 p.m. – 766 East 215 St. Investigators are faced with a homicide inquiry. A 20 year old black male was found suffering from a bullet wound to the head. The victim expired at Montefiore Hospital. Members of the Bronx Homicide Squad are working on this inquiry also.

48th PCT.

TUES, MAY 6th, 4:15 p.m. – 4354 Park Ave. Detectives were busy trying to piece together what had occurred. Officials know that a black male had been stabbed once in the arm. The injured victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. Authorities arrested the suspect who suffered from a cardiac arrest and was admitted to a local hospital. Now, investigators were busy trying to gather information about the incident.

49th PCT.

FRI, MAY 9th, 10:20 a.m. – 977 Mace Ave. A person armed with a knife created a barricade situation for local police officers. Reinforcements were ordered to respond including units from the Emergency Service Squad. The stand-off ended without any reported injuries.

SAT, MAY 10th, 2:10 a.m. – 2420 Williamsbridge Rd. A suspect was arrested by police investigators looking into a shooting. The victim, a 38 year old black male, was transported to Jacobi Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the lower back.

SAT, MAY 10th, 12:25 p.m. – 2182 Barnes Ave. Additional police officers were deployed into the Pelham Parkway area after an armed robbery occurred. Authorities reported that a mail delivery person was robbed by two armed males taking two packages from the postal employee. The government worker escaped injury. The culprits fled in a waiting vehicle.

52nd PCT.

FRI, MAY 9th, 1:10 a.m. – Marion Ave. and East 196 St. Three more men were arrested after being found in possession of a pistol. Taken into custody were three black males, ages 22, 25, and 37 year old. After checking, neither of the three culprits had the proper license to have the weapon in NYC. A 380-caliber pistol was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

SAT, MAY 10th, 4:00 a.m. – 2593 Grand Concourse. A suspect was arrested by police officers handling a 9-1-1 call. The officers had been dispatched where they found a 28 year old man who was suffering from two stab wounds. Upon arrival at St. Barnabas Hospital the victim received additional care for wounds to the left arm and also the stomach. The man was reported to be in stable condition.

SUN, MAY 11th, 10:15 p.m. – 3425 Gates Pl. A suspect was arrested after first responders came to the aid of a Hispanic woman. The 62 year old Latino woman was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where she was treated for multiple stab wounds. Arrested was the victim's 61 year old boyfriend.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kudos to Bronx Physical Therapy

Dear editor,

If and when anyone here in our community should need physical therapy, let me tell you about my experience.

I had shoulder surgery on April 24, and of course I needed physical therapy. I had contacted one place but they did not take my health insurance. I was told to go to Bronx Physical Therapy, which is located at 3611E Tremont Avenue, 718-904-9581.

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I had a problem this past week with the insurance company telling me I was denied. One of the ladies in the office called and she even gave me a copy of their approval to keep with my records.

So, if you need help, that is the place to go.

Cathy Praino

Obama's fundraising

Dear editor,

Did you miss President Obama's most recent fundraising stops at Manhattan's Plaza Hotel and the home of actress Sarah Jessica Parker, co hosted by Vogue Magazine Editor Anna Wintour? One event was hosted by the Democratic Senate Majority PAC which accepts "unlimited donations." The second was for \$34,000 per person to rub elbows with Ms. Parker and other celebrities. How ironic that Obama comes to the Big Apple at a time 7% of New Yorkers are out of work (with another 7% who have just given up looking resulting in a real unemployment rate of 14%). Is this the "Change we can believe in" (Obama's 2008 campaign promise)?

This most recent visit to NYC resulted in disrupting travel for thousands of New Yorkers. Obama continues to enjoy building up his "frequent flyer" mileage with his dozens of political campaign fundraising events. Each trip on "Air Force One" cost taxpayers a fortune for logistics and secret service protection. We are stuck with the tab for police and traffic support.

No previous President has spent so much time away from Washington to participate in a record number of fundraising events than Obama.

"Do as I say, not as I do" applies to Obama and Congressional Democrats. Bash the wealthy with one hand, but get the big bucks with the other hand. Those in attendance included the usual 1% crowd along with Wall Street, lobbyists, trial lawyers, real estate developers, Hollywood celebrities, special interest groups, millionaires and the Pay for Play crowd. At those prices, the 99% working or middle class people were hard to come by, except in the kitchen or serving. I couldn't afford the price of a ticket, but was willing to park limousines, check coats or bus tables. What is that tired old refrain about the Democratic Party being the friend of the working and middle class, while those nasty greedy old

Republicans are the wealthy big buck fat cats? Seems like Obama prefers hanging out with the 1%.

With all the current crises, including the spike in illegal border crossing, veterans not being treated, illegal IRS investigations along with civil wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, one would think the President would spend more time at work. President Obama reminds me of the famous Mad Magazine character Alfred E. Newman. He was famous for saying "What, Me Worry" with a big smile on his face.

Larry Penner

Vanishing packages

Dear editor,

Residents in Morris Park and other neighborhoods should watch out for the theft of packages that may be left by their front doors by the post office or commercial carriers such as UPS and Federal Express.

Last week, a package I was expecting was left at my front door by UPS (who even emailed me a delivery confirmation). I was out at the time and could not sign for it in person.

The package vanished within an hour or so. I searched around the house to see if it was left elsewhere and even contacted UPS customer service, who got in touch with the driver. Apparently, someone stole it.

One of my neighbors informed me that her son was also the victim of package theft not too long ago. Obviously, thieves can resell merchandise as "brand new" and "unopened."

When expecting deliveries, residents might want to use caution about letting carriers leave packages at the front door especially when no one will be home. Items you order and have delivered such as clothing, electronics, prescription medication, and tools can quickly vanish into the greedy hands of criminals.

Dimitri Cavalli

School lunches

Dear editor,

I appreciate Dante Barozzi's response to my thoughts on school lunches.

However, I am somewhat perplexed that he would "rather see 10, 20 or more kids dump their lunches....so that that one kid will not go hungry every day." Seems to me that the kids who are dumping the unpalatable lunches (tofu burgers are not everyone's taste) would also be going hungry. In any event, problems don't always need complicated solutions.

So let's put the tofu and been curd on the side for the few who might like it and give the rest of the kids something they like. Isn't that simple?

Marion M. Cronin

Response to Dante

Dear editor,

I want to thank Dante Barozzi for his military service 75 years ago during world war II. Sadly, Dante is forgetting that he went to war to preserve our freedoms, not to provide a free breakfast, lunch and dinner to every child in school, no matter their ability to pay.

He must also be forgetting the expression, "there is no such thing as a free lunch".

Dante informs us that he is not a Christian. I am a Christian and believe, "give a man a fish and he eats for a day, teach him how to fish and he eats for lifetime". I am willing to compromise with Dante. I will support universal free lunch, as long as he agrees that schools should stop providing free breakfast, diner, and condoms.

Thomas X. Casey

Obey traffic laws

Dear editor,

A few months ago channel 12 news interviewed Assemblyman Benedetto on the danger of vehicles driving up the wrong way on the Harding Avenue Exit #9.

Since that interview there has been little change, therefore, I suggest the 45th Precinct, in coordination with the TBTA police, strategically place one or two vehicles near this exit for the 4th of July weekend, when traffic will be extremely high. Drivers will be speeding along the Throgs Neck Expressway service road between Pennyfield and Harding avenues, running the stop signs when exiting the highway, and driving up the exit ramps because the entrance to the bridge will be closed.

This law enforcement action will not stop this problem but will send a clear message to drivers that traffic laws are meant to be followed.

Robert Neglia

Education tax credit

Dear editor,

Andrew Cuomo let down New York's school children by abandoning the education tax credit, even after he promised to pass it this session.

The education tax credit provides an incentive to private citizens to make donations to public and independent schools and is widely supported by large majorities in both houses of the legislature all but the most extreme elements of the Democratic Party.

Alternative schools like charters and parochial schools can succeed where traditional public schools fail, and they deserve our support.

I speak from my experience as a founder and former chair of both SUNY's Charter School Committee and the Student Sponsor Partners organization, which supports and mentors inner-city high-school students in parochial schools.

Prior to the start of this year's legislative session, Cuomo made a personal pledge to New York's independent school leaders, including Cardinal Timothy Dolan, that he would personally fight for the education tax credit this year. As the session closes, Andrew Cuomo has abandoned his pledge and betrayed New York's children. Cuomo is apparently so afraid of teachers unions and Democratic Party and Working Families Party radicals that he has turned his back on schools that have proved to be an effective first rung on the ladder of upward social mobility. Cuomo's cowardice just made it more difficult for these schools, and the children they serve, to succeed.

Ed Cox, Chairman

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Ride to the Bronx Y!

BY BEN KOCHMAN

You can ride to the Y on two wheels now instead of four.

Folks at the Bronx YMCA on Castle Hill Avenue are feeling wheel happy after landing the borough's first city "bike corrals" — rows of

circular bike parking racks installed curbside.

The Department of Transportation replaced two of the YMCA's spaces for cars with the series of circular bike racks Monday, June 16, after the Y requested the cycle shelters last year.



YMCA devotee Jerry Moore said he might roll up to his next workout on two wheels instead of four. Photo by Ben Kochman

Healthy ride

Facility staff said the racks, which can store eight bikes, give cyclists a convenient place to store their ride — and might convince others to take up a healthier lifestyle.

"Not only does it look great, it serves our initiative of healthy living," said Sharlene Brown, the Bronx Y's executive director.

The city has already put in 39 of the "corrals" in Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. But the Y's bike corral is the first to be installed in the Bronx. Corrals are different from bike racks on the sidewalk, since they include plant beds and are installed on the street.

Organizations can apply for the bike racks on DOT's website, but must promise to be responsible for maintaining upkeep, including snow and trash removal.

Love for the bikers

The Y's application was inspired by bike-riding members of the staff, who



The city's new bike racks and flower beds replace two parking spots at the Castle Hill Avenue Bronx Y. Photo by Ben Kochman

insisted that they have a designated spot to lock up their cycles.

Yet bikers visiting the complex before could only tie their two-wheelers to a nearby tree or pole.

"We had people on staff who ride every day," said Brown, the Y's executive director. "In the morning, it can get crowded."

Brown said the Bronx

Y's embrace of the bike is only beginning. The facility has a bigger bike plan in the works, she said, including teaming up with cyclist group Bike New York to give riding lessons.

Rave rider reviews

Meanwhile, locals are still getting used to the new Y parking option. But some positive reviews have al-

ready started streaming in.

"I think it's pretty great," said Jerry Brown, a Soundview resident who visits the Y many times a week.

Brown recently drove over to the Y, but said that he'd consider cruising by on his bike next time.

"It's nice, it's summer, and it's good for you," he said. "Why not?"



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Elvis is in da house!

Gene DiNapoli Elvis extravaganza Sat., July 5

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Elvis is in the building. More precisely, six Elvis impersonators will be gyrating and rocking the stage for local Gene DiNapoli's Elvis extravaganza at the White Plains Performing Arts Center on Sat. July 5.

When I put on the outfit and do the show, it makes me come alive.

Gene DiNapoli

DiNapoli will host and perform in the event, featuring Elvis's best hits and performances from the 1950s through the 1970s.

The performers will be accompanied by Elvis's original drummer and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer DJ Fontana, and the extravaganza will be a unique experience for the Elvis fan, said DiNapoli, a Bronx native and Country Club resident.

"It'll be the first and last time a show like this is done," he said.

Nazpoli has performed with each of the other tribute artists and says he knows they'll bring to life each part of Elvis's career.

DiNapoli has been an Elvis fan since he was 6 years old. His own singing career began at 14 when one day he got up with the band at his uncle's restaurant to sing "Blue Suede Shoes."

"They couldn't tell me 'no' because it was my uncle's place," he said.

He began to sing at nursing homes and com-

munity events, said DiNapoli, finding that he had a love of performing for all audiences.

"I love being on stage for hundreds or in a diner with my friends," he said.

Aside from impersonating Elvis, DiNapoli also performs other types of music, including the Blues Brothers, and he's even recording original songs that he plans to release in the fall.

"I'll never give up being Elvis or the Blues Brothers," he said. "But I want to be known as Gene DiNapoli."

Yet being an Elvis tribute artist will always be special to him.

"When I get to put on the outfit and do the show, it makes me come alive," said DiNapoli.

His number one Elvis song to perform is "Burnin' Love," he said because

it was released when Elvis was considered past his prime.

"He showed at 37 he could still rock and roll," said DiNapoli, "So it's my favorite."

DiNapoli himself has been performing around the area and the country since he was a teen, and he has no intentions of stopping.

"It's been a wonderful 34-year run so far," he said.

Gene DiNapoli's Elvis Extravaganza will take place at 8 p.m. on Sat. July 5 at the White Plains Performing Arts Center.

Regular tickets are \$40, and VIP tickets (including a meet and greet) are \$75. Tickets can be bought by calling 914-328-1600, visiting wppac.com, or at the door.

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Gene DiNapoli, a local from Country Club, performs as an Elvis tribute artist. Photo courtesy of Gene DiNapoli



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East Bronx Finest start Twitter account

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Cops at the Four-Five made history when the East Bronx precinct used its first hashtag on June 27 at 7:57 pm.

"Fireworks @OrchardBeach. With Boro Pres Ruben Diaz #orchardbeach" tweeted — yes, tweeted — the 45th Precinct from its new Twitter account, @NYPD-45Pct, which went live on June 26.

The tweet was accompanied by a blurry photo of the precinct's commanding officer, Captain James McGeown, posing with Borough President Diaz, with Eastchester Bay in the background.

#workinprogress

The Four-Five — which covers Pelham Bay, Westchester Square, Throggs Neck and City Island — is one of three Bronx police precincts to have embraced social media's newest darling and create a Twitter account. Locals who "follow" the precinct on Twitter

will now get updates on community crime trends and information on upcoming police-sponsored events and workshops. At least that's the plan for now.

The precinct's top cop admits that his Twitter game is a work in progress.

"I would say I'm a novice, but I'm learning," said McGeown, adding that so far he has been the one crafting the tweets. "I think it's coming along."

McGeown said he underwent a Twitter boot camp over the last month with other commanding officers. All precincts in the city will eventually have Twitter accounts, as mandated by Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, who himself joined the social media site in January.

The department's goal is to build a more transparent and friendly relationship with the public.

"Basically, it's to show differ-

ent things that police does other than lock people up," said Anne Marie Morrison, community affairs officer at the Four-Five.

#plzfollowus!

The Precinct sent a mass email to friends and local leaders announcing the newly created Twitter account on June 26. Since then, the precinct has gained 165 followers, as of press time. The 44th Precinct in the South Bronx led all Bronx precincts with 175 followers, while the 52nd Precinct in the West Bronx had 125 followers.

"We hope it will build on itself," said McGeown. "The benefit of Twitter, apparently, is that your followers get it, and then they share it to their followers."

The chief said he never imagined that he would be able to reach hundreds of locals with just a few clicks on his smartphone when he joined the NYPD nearly three decades ago. Back then, cops got



As of Monday, June 30, the 45th Precinct's Twitter account had 150 "followers" who get updates from the neighborhood in real-time.

the word out solely by posting fliers and attending local meetings — old-school methods that McGeown said will continue even with the social media push.

"People still like that personal touch, and we'll still be at community meetings," said the Captain. "But this just reaches so many more people."

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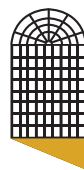
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Patriot wants Stars & Stripes at memorial

BY JAIME WILLIAMS
One Bronx patriot wants to see red, white and blue flying above the Van Nest Memorial — and that's just for starters.

Richard Vitacco, president of the East Bronx History Forum, plans to push for a flagpole at the sight of the monument to honor war heroes who made the supreme sacrifice for their nation.

"It's an 88-year-old memorial, and there's no flagpole there to honor the deceased servicemen," he said.

Vitacco lives in nearby Morris Park, but he feels strongly about the historical and cultural importance of the memorial just south of Van Nest Park, at the intersection of White Plains and Unionport roads, because his mother's family is from Van Nest.

"It's a gathering place for the community," he said. "Especially on days



One local has a vision to turn part of the concrete space in front of the Van Nest Memorial into a green street with a flagpole.

Photo by Edwin Soto

like Veterans Day or Memorial Day."

There was originally a flagpole inside the gated memorial, but there hasn't been one at the site for at least 35 years, said Vitacco who also wants a green-street, an enclosed section of grasses and plants, in

the cement triangle facing the memorial.

He pointed to the renovation of Van Nest Park just north of the monument, and said that the next step is to address the memorial's concrete surroundings.

"The park's being done

over, why not beautify the slab south of the memorial?" he asked.

The plan, although still in the preliminary stages, is plausible, said Vitacco, the caveat being a matter of funding. But he points to other memorials and squares in the area that

have a flagpole and a green-street, including Keane Square in Pelham Bay.

The city budget is set for this year, but Vitacco has high hopes the money for his project may be included in next summer's allotment. But he knows bringing the idea to life

will take time. "Things don't happen overnight," he said.

Vitacco has received support from Community Board 11. He presented his plan to the board's parks committee, which approved it and passed it to the full board, which voted unanimously in support of the proposal at its June meeting.

There should be a flagpole at the memorial, especially because of the ceremonies that are held there, said parks committee chair Joanne Rubino, who added that there are still many details for Vitacco to work out, but the committee liked his proposal.

"We'll do whatever we can to support it, if it's viable," she said.

The idea of a green-street replacing some of the concrete is also a positive for Rubino.

"Anything that would beautify the area, we support," she said.



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Good ‘spray’ showers hit Crotona Park

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A dried up diving pool in Tremont has been reborn as a new city sprinkler.

Crotona Pool’s deck is now home to a \$1.6 million “spray shower,” the Parks Department’s crown jewel as the 55 public pools citywide, including nine in the Bronx, open for another scorching summer season.

New Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver joined city officials in Crotona Park on Fri. June



The sprinkler experts approve of Crotona Pool’s sparking-new \$1.6 million spray shower. Daniel Avila / NYC Parks

27 to cut the ribbon for the new sprinkler, which was funded by the mayor’s office.

Time for a swim

The new Parks head honcho also extolled the virtues of getting the family together for a dip.

“City pools provide free summer fun for the entire family,” crowed Silver, a native of Brooklyn. “Swimming is a great form of recreation, but for many it is also a survival skill, a competitive

sport, and a lifetime passport to health and fitness.”

Crotona Park’s new sprinkler is located at the site of its former diving pool, which had sat dormant for three decades. The spray shower is designed after the sun, with yellow rays etched into the pavement.

The sprinkler also has different settings and varieties of water blasts, allowing young revelers to choose their own spray experience.

Like all of the city’s parks, Crotona’s new sprinkler is open to the public seven days a week, from 11 am to 3 pm, and from 4 pm to 7 pm, until it closes for the season on Labor Day, Sept. 1.

Visitors must wear swimsuits in order to enter a public pool, and only white shirts are allowed on the deck. Food, glass bottles, newspapers, and electronic devices are banned from public pools. The city also suggests bringing a combination lock to secure your belongings during your dip.

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Crotona Park’s new sprinkler is designed to look like a sun peeking out over the water horizon. Also, it’ll cool you down. Daniel Avila / NYC Parks

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FIREWORKS LIGHT UP ORCHARD BEACH

Fireworks lit up Orchard Beach at the borough's annual New York Salutes America celebration on Friday, June 27.

The event, run by the Bronx Tourism Council, was hosted by State Senator Jeff Klein and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

The Orchard Beach Pavilion played stage to musical acts, while a magic show, face-painting, and balloon art kept kids entertained until dusk.



Bronx elected officials pump up the crowd at the Orchard Beach pavilion before a fireworks show.

Photo by Laura Stone



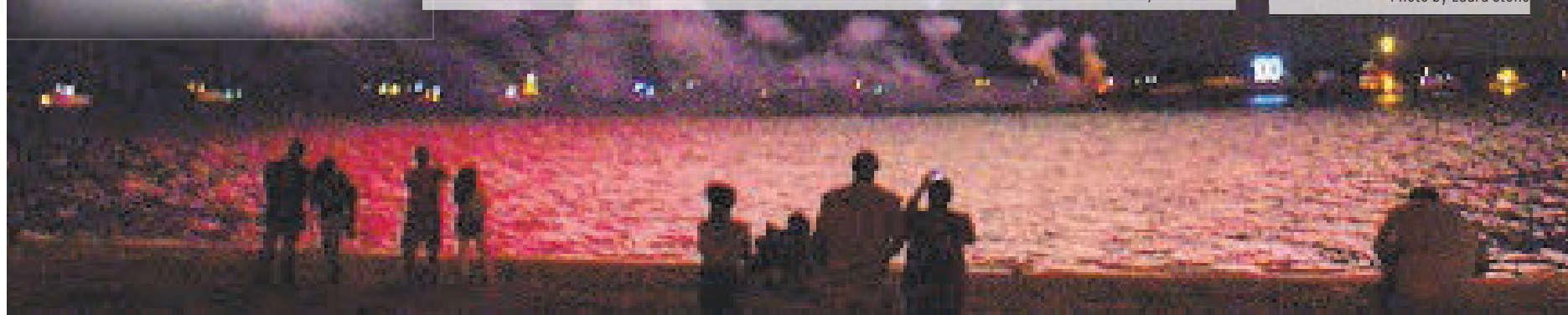
Cousins Dakota Rosa and Bella Colton of Parkchester play in the sand while they wait for the fireworks.

Photo by Laura Stone



Veteran Johnnie Williams attended the patriotic celebration.

Photo by Laura Stone



Cafe-style seating headed to Concourse

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The folks who hold court in the Bronx halls of justice can now hold court outdoors in the park for lunch hour.

A stretch of Joyce Kilmer Park at E. 161st Street and the Grand Concourse will have tables and chairs set up on Tuesdays, near the farmer's market.

The 161th Street Business Improvement District received Parks Department approval to set up five so-called city "bistro sets" near the Heinrich Heine Foundation, known to locals as the "Lorelai," once a week starting Tues. July 1, offering the lunch crowd a place to relax and people-watch in the middle of the afternoon.

Take it easy!

The outdoor hangout's organizer says the new café-style seating is good news for the thousands of government workers and jurors who flood the borough hub daily, but until now had nowhere to sit.

"People zoom from one



Is that the Bronx, or Paris? Lunch break around the Bronx Civil Court on the Grand Concourse just got jazzed up, with the arrival of the city's bistro sets. Courtesy 161st Street BID

place to another here, and there's no place to plunk down and take it easy," said Cary Goodman, the BID's executive director. "We wanted to give people a reason to feel good about where they work."

The BID did a test run of the new seating on Tues. June 24, and lunch-breaking locals swiftly swallowed up the spaces. "Within about three minutes they were completely occupied," gushed Good-

man.

Labor of lunch-love

The business coalition chief has been on a crusade to improve lunch breaks on 161th Street since the BID re-launched with him at the

helm in July 2009. In 2012, he drew up a "guide for the hungry juror" — aimed at those summoned to the area for jury duty — that included 128 eatery suggestions for visitors.

Besides the courthouses,

the area includes Yankee Stadium and the massive Concourse Plaza mall, which is undergoing a face-lift this summer.

Community leaders said adding some designated spaces for outdoor dining was a boon.

"I think it's great," said Jose Rodriguez, district manager of Community Board 4. "It encourages people to get out and enjoy the park."

If the café-style seating goes well, Goodman said the BID would push to keep the chairs and tables out for more days a week. He also floated the possibility of bringing in musicians to serenade diners during their afternoon respite from the office.

And hey, he added, maybe workers will decide to stay in the area for the long haul.

"If we can get people to slow down to take a breath," said Goodman, "It will encourage people to think about moving to this neighborhood."

Holocaust fighter Shor honored by Temple Hatikva

Essie Shor, who has been described as a "gun-carrying Yiddishe Momma" will be honored by Temple Hatikva at a luncheon to be held on Sunday, July 13 at 2 P.M. at Bronx House, located at 990 Pelham Parkway S.

Mrs. Shor was a partisan during World War II and fought with the Biel-skis of the Polish underground against the Nazis. The recent motion picture "Defiance" tells of the exploits of Essie Shor and her companions.

Essie Shor has been honored by various organizations for her contributions to the Jewish community and has also written a book aptly titled "Essie — the true story of a teenage fighter in the Biel-ski partisans".

Temple Hatikva is proud to have Essie as a member of our congregation and is truly thrilled to be able to honor her in this manner. The luncheon will be completely Kosher and music will be provided by the renowned musician, Lenny Cherry.

It's not often that we get to honor a true "hero", and Essie certainly fits most comfortably into that category.

This luncheon is a way of paying tribute to a great lady with an indomitable spirit.

Tickets to this luncheon are only \$20 each, and are available now on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve your tickets, send your payment of \$20 per person (payable to Temple Hatikva) to: Temple Hatikva, 1526 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, New York 10461.

Additionally, there are still eight tickets remaining for the Temple Hatikva outing to the Brooklyn Cyclones ballgame at MCU Park in Coney Island, Brooklyn. The ballgame is on "Jewish Heritage Day", Sunday, July 6 at 1 P.M.

Tickets are \$75 each and include admission to the Temple Hatikva suite (which is air-conditioned), a full lunch which includes salads, hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, dessert, a Cyclones game program and a special Cyclones souvenir.

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The next Shabbat Service at Temple Hatikva will be on Friday, July

11 at 7:30 P.M. at Bronx House, located at 990 Pelham Parkway S.

The temple will be saluting America, with a special "Ameican" Oneg Shabbat to be held directly after our Services.

The July 4th celebrations may be over, but it's always great to have the opportunity to honor our country and the men and women of our armed forces who have made it the world's leading democracy.

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The Bronx Times Reporter held its 25 Bronx Influential Women awards ceremony and dinner at Villa Barone Manor in Throggs Neck on Thursday, June 26. The news organization, part of Community News Group, honored women from all walks of life for making the Bronx a better place to live and work. The women made speeches after accepting their awards, as did Bronx Times Publisher Laura Guerriero and co-founder John Collazzi. Geri Sciorino of the Bronx Design Group was mistress of ceremonies and a part of the gala planning committee. The event's sponsor was Emigrant Mortgage. The Bronx Times extends special thanks to Villa Barone Manor, BronxNet, Crown Trophy, and Anthony's Flower Farm.



Bronx Times co-founder John Collazzi gave the keynote speech.
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Enjoying the event are (from left) Daniel Silvagnoli, honoree Flora Montes, and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, who gave a speech during the program.
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Honorees (seated, l-r) Elba Cabrera, Shannon Gilstad, Arlene Mukoko, Flora Montes, and Doris Quinones, with (standing) publisher Laura Guerriero and presenter Elizabeth Figueroa. Photos by Alex Belisle



Honorees (seated, l-r) Dr. Melissa Barber, Sister Lesley Block, Jessica Clemente, Claudia Mera, and Veronica Torres with (standing) publisher Laura Guerriero and presenter Anna Vicenty. Photo by Alex Belisle



Honorees (seated, l-r) Marianne O'Hea Anderson, Holly Block, Gail Nathan, and Lilyanna Pekic, and Donna Marzi, sitting in for honoree Andrea Verdeschi with (standing) publisher Laura Guerriero and presenter Rosemary DeLuca. Photo by Alex Belisle



Honorees (seated, l-r) Aviva Davidson, Sabrina Kizzie, Brigitte Lozada, Melissa Patterson, and Carla Precht with (standing) publisher Laura Guerriero and presenter Lisa Sorin. Photo by Alex Belisle



Honorees (seated, l-r) Rosanne Carotenuto, Michelle Dolgow Cristofaro, Cecilia DeBrino Haas, Denise Matranga, and Sr. Mary Rita Miquel with (standing) publisher Laura Guerriero and presenter Geri Sciortino. Photo by Alex Belisle



Co-founder John Collazzi (c) and Publisher Laura Guerriero (far right) celebrate with Planning Committee members (l-r) Lisa Sorin, Westchester Square BID; Elizabeth Figueroa, New York Botanical Garden; Geri Sciortino, Bronx Design Group; Anna Vincenty, Office of Congressman Jose E. Serrano; and Rosemary DeLuca, Wildlife Conservation Society. Photo by Alex Belisle

Temple Hatikva grieves for Yeshiva students

BY RABBI HARRY HERTZBERG

Temple Hatikva grieves for Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel, the three Yeshiva students who were kidnapped and then brutally murdered by Hamas. Temple Hatikva grieves for the families of these teenagers who now must face the ultimate horror of burying a son, brother and grandson. Temple Hatikva grieves for the entire Jewish community as we must endure suffering such a tragic loss.

Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel. The deaths of these boys was absolutely senseless, perpetrated by those who have no moral conscience and no humanity. These teenagers were not combatants, were not part of any

war and were not a threat to anyone. Yet in attempting to return to their homes, they were abducted and murdered.

Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel, names that were all but unknown to the rest of the world until two weeks ago. There was nothing remarkable about them other than their attending school and doing the kind of things that teenagers do. Little did their parents know that on that fateful day more than two weeks ago, they would not return to their homes, but rather, meet a brutal end.

Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel. There can be no forgiveness for those murderers who ended the lives of these boys. There can be no sym-

pathy for their alleged cause or politics. There can be no pardon for their unthinkable behavior. The murderers are part of a well-known terrorist organization known as Hamas – an organization that, unbelievably, receives funding from the United States and the European Union. In effect, we are paying these murderers to commit these crimes!

Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel. They will never return to their families. They will never live to their potential. Who knows what marvelous discoveries they could have made for mankind. Instead of applauding their accomplishments, we are now burying them and saying Kaddish (the Jewish prayer for the dead).

Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yi-

frah and Naftali Fraenkel. Remember their names. It could have been your child. Even though it happened half a world away, this evil pervades our society and is not contained in any one country or continent. We cannot merely sit back and accept this horror, but rather, must make it clear to our leaders that we truly expect them to lead. That we expect them to do all they can to eradicate this cancer. That we expect them to act as the statesman they are supposed to be and bring an end to this type of butchery.

Gil-Ad Shaer, Eyal Yifrah and Naftali Fraenkel. Rest in peace, and may your families and all of Israel and all of us be comforted among the mourners of Zion and know of no more sorrow.

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Many people look forward to the warm weather, particularly senior citizens. Spending time outdoors can be healthy and refreshing, but seniors exposed to too much sun and heat could be at risk, medically.

Each year, exposure to high temperatures and humidity leads to hundreds of deaths across the country. Seniors comprise a large percentage of heat-related illnesses and deaths. They have a harder time adjusting to extreme temperatures than younger adults, which puts them at risk. Also, certain pre-existing medical conditions and medications could make older individuals more susceptible to heat-related illness.

One of the factors contributing to seniors' risk of health implications from hot weather is their loss of the sensation of thirst as they grow older. Without the desire to drink regularly, individuals could become dehydrated very easily. This, factored in with changes in body temperature regulation, can result in confusion, falls and other adverse, but preventable, effects.

Safety is of utmost concern during the warm weather. Do not take any situation lightly because it could impact one's health. Here are some precautions to follow.

Move slowly: Rushing around in hot weather can cause body temperature to rise

more quickly and make you even hotter. Slow down when it is warm and do plenty of relaxing.

Know the temperature indoors: The heat inside can quickly rise. Keep curtains and blinds drawn to reduce the amount of heat from the sun. Check the thermostat to find out the temperature. If you have an air conditioner or fan, turn it on to cool down the house if the temperature is creeping above 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Drink plenty of fluids: Beverages — such as water, fruit juices, decaffeinated teas, and the like — can keep you hydrated and in top form. Avoid alcoholic beverages, soft drinks and caffeinated products.

Skip hot, heavy meals: Opt for cooler fare, such as cold sandwiches, fruit, and salads to keep your body temperature cooler.

Plan outdoor activities during cooler hours: If you must spend time outdoors, do so early in the morning or in the evening when the temperatures are bound to be lower.

Indulge in a little cooling off: Take a dip in a neighborhood pool or treat yourself to an ice cream sundae to stay cool.

Don't ignore signs of health problems: If you feel dizzy, have shortness of breath, have stopped sweating, or experience confusion, it could be heat exhaustion.



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Bronxwood is an ideal living arrangement for those who no longer want, or are able to, shop, clean, prepare meals and perform many other daily chores. In addition, we can provide assistance with personal care tasks such as bathing, dressing and grooming. While Bronxwood is able to cater to the needs of frail elderly persons, we also welcome more self-sufficient seniors who will feel equally at ease here.

Bronxwood can provide a viable alternative to the isolation and security issues that seniors who spend many

hours alone each day often face. Bronxwood is not a nursing home and therefore offers a warmer and less restrictive environment than the hospital-like atmosphere of skilled nursing facilities. People living at Bronxwood are able to maintain a high degree of privacy and self-sufficiency while availing themselves of the services best suited to meet their individual needs.

Bronxwood is licensed and regulated by the New York State Department of Health. The entire facility is licensed as an adult home. Additionally, one hundred and seventy-seven beds are licensed as the Bronxwood Assisted Living Program, which allows us to provide an enhanced degree of personal care and health monitoring services.

Bronxwood's on-site medical suite enables residents to receive health services conveniently. Primary care physicians, as well as specialties including podiatry, optometry, physical and speech therapy, ophthalmology, psychology and urology, are regularly scheduled at Bronxwood. Staff can assist with the coordination of on-site and off-site medical appointments, diagnostic tests and procedures. There is also an on-site nursing office for the provision of skilled services such as injection therapies and wound care.

A dynamic activities program affords residents the opportunity to share entertaining and stimulating social ex-

periences. In addition to daily on-site activities, we offer trips to a variety of enjoyable locations, such as restaurants, retail stores, Atlantic City, Yonkers Slots and various cultural events. Bronxwood is designed to encourage socializing, with several large, attractive and comfortably furnished living rooms and recreational spaces where residents can gather, in groups large or small, to enjoy each other's company. The dining room, where three tasty, nutritious meals are served by our professional wait staff daily, is graciously appointed to enhance your meal time experience.

The Bronxwood case management staff is available to assist residents with financial, medical, personal, and other issues. Our knowledgeable, highly experienced case managers will act as your liaisons in navigating the often complex world of government agencies, medical institutions and social service organizations. One of our most important and rewarding responsibilities is helping residents adjust to their new home at Bronxwood as seamlessly as possible.

We invite all interested seniors, as well as their friends, relatives and service providers, to visit Bronxwood to learn more about the many services and amenities we furnish. Please call to arrange a tour. We accept both private pay and SSI eligible residents.

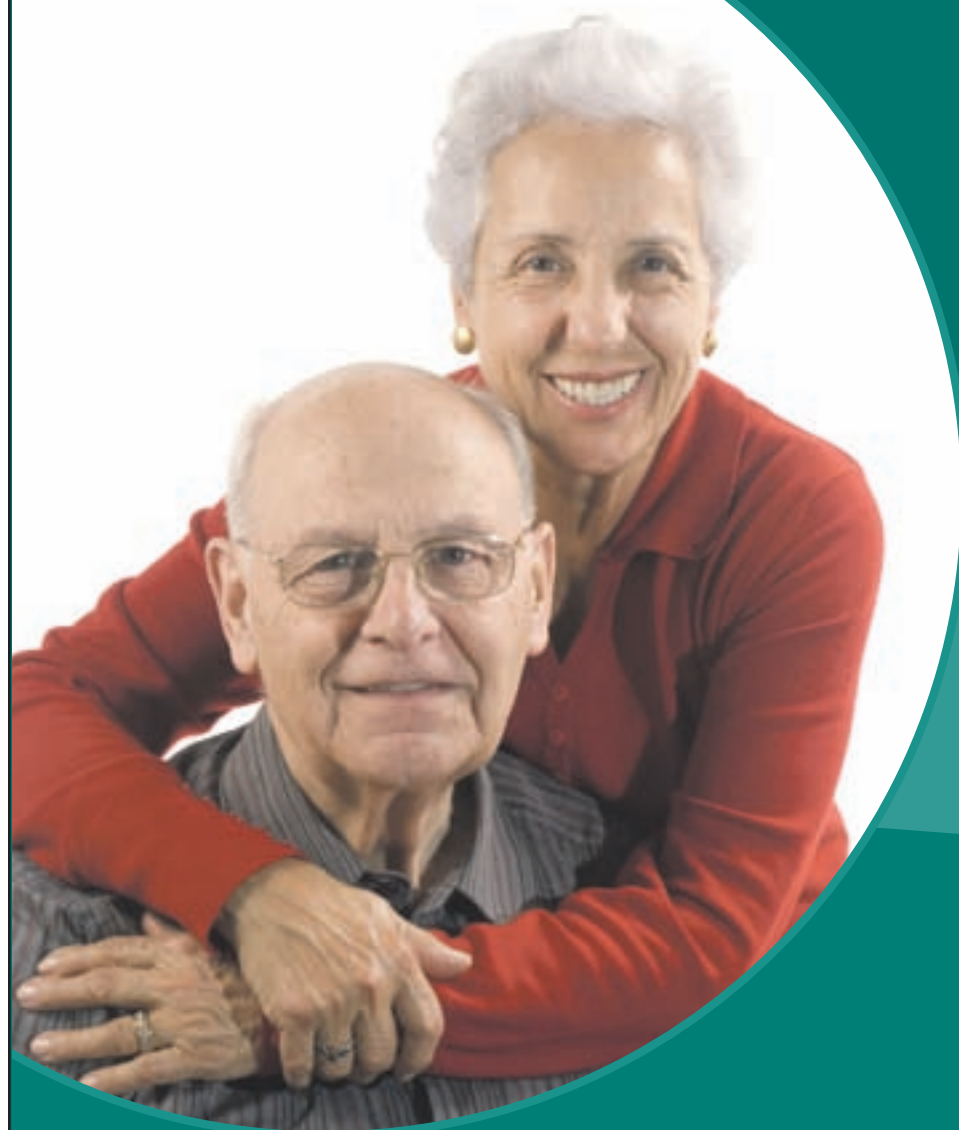


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Financial pointers for older, unmarried couples

Moving in together is something typically associated with young couples, but more and more unmarried men and women over the age of 50 are choosing to cohabitate. According to an analysis of 2012 U.S. Census data conducted by the Performance Reference Bureau, roughly 10 percent of the 15.3 million opposite-sex unmarried cohabiting partners in the United States are between the ages of 55 and 64, while 15 percent are between the ages of 45 and 54.

The incentives for older, unmarried couples to cohabitate are similar to those for younger ones, but older couples should heed a few financial pointers before deciding to move in together.

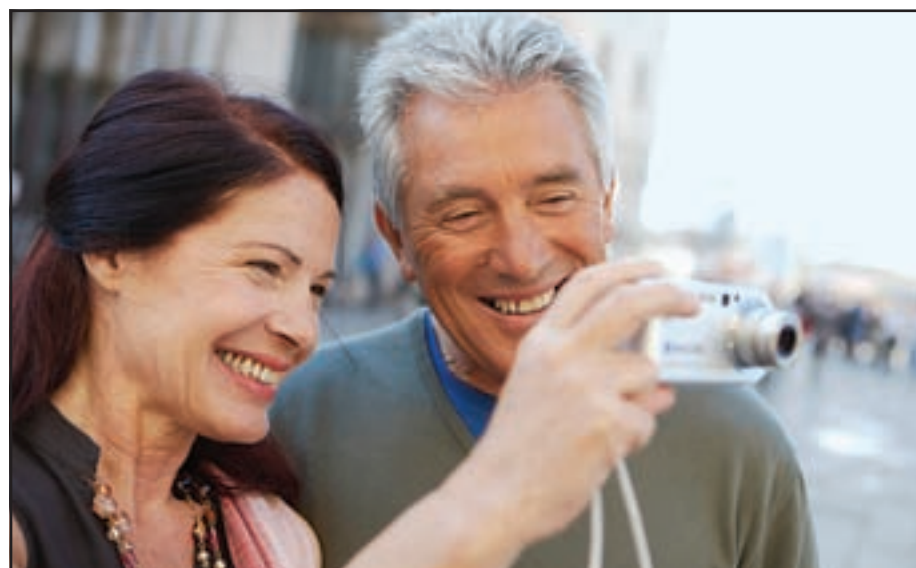
Iron out the financial details

Before moving in to-

gether, older couples should document their finances and how household expenses — including a mortgage, if one exists — will be paid. Decisions regarding who will receive the tax breaks you might be eligible for when paying a mortgage should also be considered. Documenting your financial situation can protect your assets, should you break up. If these arrangements are not documented, unmarried couples who break up could find themselves in a contentious financial battle not unlike couples going through a divorce.

Maintain financial independence

Older, unmarried men and women who choose to cohabitate with their partners should still maintain some financial independence after moving in together. A joint checking



or savings account might work down the road, but initially keep these accounts separate to avoid any disputes. Keep paying your own bills, including car payments and credit cards, at the onset as well.

Update documents and policies

Upon your death, a partner with whom you cohabitate does not have the same legal rights of inheritance as would a spouse. As a result, it's important for unmarried individuals who

live with their partners to update their wills, especially if they have been cohabitating for an extended period of time and want their partner to be taken care of in case of their death. In addition to updating information regarding

beneficiaries, older men and women might want to update certain information regarding their health, like who should take legal responsibility for medical decisions should one partner become incapacitated.

In addition to updating your will, update any existing life insurance policies and retirement benefits to include your partner if you so desire.

Discuss changes with your family

When you make changes to your will, those changes will affect your beneficiaries. Upon making these changes, discuss them with your existing beneficiaries so your partner does not have to deal with relatives whose feelings might be hurt upon your death. This might not be an easy discussion, but you will want your partner to have your family as a support system upon your death.



Regular eye exams are important for all seniors

Many seniors will be glad to learn that there are steps they can take to protect against vision problems — starting with an eye exam. A regular exam is key for seniors because some eye conditions and diseases do not show warning signs.

While it is commonly known that eye troubles increase rapidly with age — particularly after age 65 — a lesser-known fact is that vision loss is also associated with a higher incidence of falls, injuries, depression and social isolation.

A regular examination

As part of an overall health-maintenance strat-

egy, the American Academy of Ophthalmology urges seniors to have a comprehensive eye exam, especially if they have not had one in the past two years, whether or not there are symptoms.

The Academy also encourages seniors, their loved ones and caregivers to be aware of signs that indicate vision problems that require an eye exam.

These problems can include:

- Bumping into or knocking over objects.
- Stepping hesitantly.
- Squinting or tilting the head when trying to focus.
- Missing objects when reaching.
- Discontinuing everyday activities such as reading and writing.

Simple, painless eye exams are crucial in detecting an eye disease or condition in its early stages, to help preserve your sight. During the exam, an ophthalmologist — a medical doctor who specializes in eye care — will provide a diagnosis and treatment of all eye diseases and conditions.

Making eye care available

Despite medical evidence that healthy vision plays a critical role in overall health and happiness, many older adults in the United States do not seek regular eye care, or face difficulty accessing and paying for health care services.

To ensure that all seniors throughout the coun-

try have access to eye care services, nearly 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists are available to provide eye care at no out-of-pocket cost to qualifying seniors 65 and older through EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, which matches patients to volunteer ophthalmologists.

"Sight problems should not be ignored at any age, but particularly in seniors, as problems are more common in this group of patients," said Dr. Richard P. Mills, chairman for EyeCare America. "The earlier a patient seeks medical diagnosis and treatment, the greater the chances for saving and recovering one's vision."

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PAL Summer Playstreets

For 100 years, the **Police Athletic League (PAL)** has provided safe places to play and learn for thousands of Bronx children through PAL's Summer Playstreets Program. PAL is launching its 2014 Summer Playstreets in Bronx on Monday, July 7th. New York City youngsters play traditional sidewalk games, develop their creativity through the arts, and learn from a wide range of educational, recreational and cultural arts specialists.

PAL's Summer Playstreets Program closes off streets and utilizes other public areas, such as playgrounds and parks, throughout New York City to provide children with safe, supervised places to enjoy outdoor summer activities. Playstreets are open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through August 22nd, and are free to all New York City children. Playstreets offer sports, arts and crafts, games, music and dance. Featured activities include Double Dutch jump rope, Hopscotch, Nok Hockey and basketball. PAL is operating close to 50 Playstreets throughout the five boroughs this summer, in addition to offering Cops & Kids teams and day camps.

For more information, visit www.palnyc.org.

The **Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco)** announced that it has received a prestigious ArtPlace America (ArtPlace) award to support the expansion of the Bronx Music Heritage Center (BMHC), a performance and community space dedicated to the celebration of Bronx music. The \$400,000 grant will allow this game-changing cultural facility to grow into its future home as part of WHEDco's planned Bronx Commons project in Melrose, which will feature 277 new units of affordable housing — including dozens set aside for elder Bronx artists and musicians.

Take advantage of the slower pace of summer to visit **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum (BPMM)** located in Pelham Bay Park—the city's largest—in July

and August. Soak up the season surrounded by the natural beauty of the mansion's gardens and grounds and enjoy any number of educational and enriching events for both adults and children.

The Conservancy is offering a special centennial membership for new members only: Enjoy all the benefits of a Heritage Membership, \$180, for only \$100. For more information about membership or any of our upcoming events visit www.bpmm.org, call 718-885-1461, or email at info@bpmm.org for more information.

Yoga in the Orangerie: Fridays, July 11 and 25, August 1: 7 to 8:15 a.m.: Enjoy this early morning summer yoga mini-series with instructor Ann Casapini in the museum's Orangerie. Each of the four classes will focus on a different aspect of yoga. Class size limited to 12. Registration requested at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Cost for series \$72.00 non-members, members \$60.00, drop-in \$22.

Movies at the Mansion: Les Vacances de M. Hulot, 1953 (M. Hulot's Holiday): Thursday, July 10, 7 p.m.: The incomparable Jacques Tati starred in and directed this zany classic about a bumbling pipe-smoking Frenchman on a 1950s beach vacation. A perfect summertime flick to watch at the mansion. Registration requested at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Cost \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, students, and members.

BPMM Adventures: Summer Sessions I, II, III: Monday–Friday: July 14 to 18, July 21 to 25, and July 28 to August 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Why spend summer days indoors at your house when you can spend them outdoors at ours?

Children entering grades 1 through 6 are invited to spend a week in the Children's Garden at Historic Bartow-Pell having fun and learning about ecology, sustainability, and local history. This unique program mixes core activities in the organic garden with exploration of the 19th-century mansion and the Northeast Woodlands Native American wigwam. Also up: engaging crafts, creative cook-

ing, Urban Park Ranger hikes, and more. Cost \$160 per child; members \$130 per child. Scholarships available. Registration and pre-payment required. Call 718.885.1461 or email info@bpmm.org for more details and registrations forms.

First Friday! Music & Trolley: Friday, August 1, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.: In partnership with the Bronx Music Heritage Center, BPMM presents Stephen Sylvester & the Anthem Reggae Band. Enjoy the music, explore the museum, stroll the garden, and savor light refreshments. The trolley makes a continuous loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island.

Registration requested at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students; members free.

Shutter Shop on Shore Road Volunteer Restoration Workshop: Monday, August 4 to Friday, August 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: The ca. 1840 Greek Revival Bartow mansion features interior window shutters—sadly in need of repair—that help protect from summer's sun and winter's chill. Workshop participants will learn how to safely remove lead paint, prepare and paint wood surfaces, make repairs, and more under the guidance of preservation/restoration specialists. Workshop offered in partnership with Historic House Trust of NYC and Preservation Volunteers. Lunch provided with tours of the mansion and speakers. Participants must be 18 or over. Call 718-885-1461 or info@bpmm.org for more information. Registration required. Cost: \$295 (covers snacks, lunch, and insurance).

Bach in the Garden: Thursday, August 14, 7 p.m.: The ensemble Basis presents an evening serenade of Johann Sebastian Bach's dazzling chamber music in Bartow-Pell's beautiful formal garden. Enjoy a glass of wine as the sun sets accompanied by Bach works for flute, violin, and bassoon.

Registration requested at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Cost \$20; members \$15.

FREDRICK DOUGLASS ACADEMY III ACCEPTS A \$5,000 GRANT



Students and staff at Fredrick Douglass Academy III in Claremont accepted a \$5,000 grant from Municipal Credit Union at the United Federation of Teachers headquarters. The grant was an award for their work in the 2014 Build a Better School Contest, which encouraged students to create short videos describing the needs at their schools for the chance to win grants to complete those projects. The Frederick Douglass Academy III,Âs submission focused on improving technology and lab equipment. Representatives from the Fredrick Douglass Academy III accepted a check from MCU Vice-President Corey Fernandes.

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NBA PLAYER AT SANTA MARIA



NBA player Drew Gooden stopped by the Santa Maria School on Zerega Avenue on Tuesday, June 24 for a financial literacy workshop run by Price Waterhouse Coopers - one of the world's largest consulting firms.

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(Below) Gooden and Mitch Roschelle, leader of PWC's Youth Education Initiatives, take questions from the students.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH CELEBRATES FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



Members of St. Francis Xavier Church celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi with a procession after Mass on Sunday, June 22. The procession wound from the church on Van Nest Avenue through Morris Park and stopped at three parishioners' homes.

(Left) The church's pastor, Matthew Furey, leads the procession through the street.

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(Right) The procession stops at the Berretta home, with children who recently received their First Holy Communion at the front.

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CENTERLIGHT "SENIOR PROM"



(Above) Lovely Grant with the Bartow Line Dancers shows off her moves at the prom.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Right) Joe Thompson and Delilah Spencer were crowned Prom King and Queen.

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HONORING BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S ALUMNI

Members of the club Alumni of the Bronx Borough President's Office gathered to congratulate former colleague Frank Palombo for his service on the board of the New York Public Library, Belmont Branches, Enrico Fermi Cultural Center. Enjoying the celebration are, from left, Bob Nolan, Bob Castellanete, Joe Picardi, Palombo, Frances Fusco and Tom Langella.

Photo courtesy of Bob Nola

THROGGS NECK REUNION AT REDWOOD CLUB



(Left) They've since moved away, but for one night, they were back in their hometown of Throggs Neck. Hundreds of neighborhood transplants, including, from left, Angela Boula, Carol Deneen and Donna Morabito, came back to their home digs on Saturday, June 21 at the Redwood Club on Schurz Avenue.

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RAIN SENIOR CENTER RIBBON CUTTING



Regional Aid for Interim Needs Senior Center founder Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo (c.), Assemblyman Carl Heastie, City Councilman Andy King, R.A.I.N. CEO Dr. Anderson Torres, Larcenia Walton from the Borough President's Office, and R.A.I.N. Board Chairman John DeMartino cut the ribbon at the center on Tuesday, June 24.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Rich Gordon, Maria Gordon, Terry Maz, Mick Scarey, Terri LoMacchia and Debbie O'Gara all came home for the event.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

IDC, Klein to join Senate Democrats

Klein to remain leader of Independent Democratic Conference

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Amid change in Albany, a group of breakaway Democrats led by Senator Jeff Klein has agreed to caucus with the regular Democrats in the state Senate.

Klein will remain co-president of the Senate and leader of the Independent Democratic Conference, a group of Democrats that have held power in Albany for four years in partnership with the Republicans caucus.

Only now, instead of caucusing with the Republicans, the breakaway group of five state senators has agreed to share control of the Senate with “regular” Democrats come January, assuming that there is not a radical shift in the composition of the Senate seats in the November elections.

The Independent Democratic Conference has served as a strong, stabilizing, sensible force for governing in New York State for four years, said Klein.

“Under a first-of-its kind bipartisan, coalition government, the IDC ushered in a functioning New

York State Senate and delivered unprecedented results for working families, including four consecutive on-time budgets, passing the toughest gun control laws in the nation, marriage equality, an

key progressive goals to achieve, including meaningful campaign finance reform.

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Jeff Klein
Senator

increase to the minimum wage, universal pre-k for thousands of toddlers and the safe, regulated use of medical marijuana,” he said.

Andrea Stewart-Cousins of Yonkers would be co-president of the Senate, if all goes according to plan.

In a statement, Klein said that the IDC has more work to do and

that the IDC championed remain unfinished,” said Klein. “As Democrats, the IDC remains committed to the fight for an equal education for all New York student, which the Dream Act would provide, protecting a woman’s right to choose, increasing workers’ wages, and enacting meaningful campaign finance reform — I agree with Gov. Cuomo that these are progressive

priorities we must pass.”

RANGEL WINS AGAIN

In the hotly contested Democratic primary for Congress in the 13th District, 22-term Congressman Charles Rangel defeated state Sen. Adriano Espaillat on Tues. June 24.

The 13th District now includes communities in the Bronx, including parts of University Heights, Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Norwood, Bedford Park, and Van Cortlandt Village.

Rangel savored victory in the closely contested race.

“Words cannot describe my overwhelming gratitude to the voters of the 13th congressional district of our great state for standing with me to the very end and giving this veteran his one last fight,” said Rangel. “I am grateful for this special privilege to continue serving my beloved community and friends, both my dearest old friends in Upper Manhattan and new ones in the Bronx, whom I have had the greatest honor of



SENATOR JEFF KLEIN

representing in Congress. I’ve got a lot of fight in me and will not let them down.”

Senator Espaillat called Rep. Rangel to offer his congratulations for a successful reelection campaign and for his lifetime of service, according to a statement.

“Even though I will not be representing the 13th District in Congress, I will continue to fight for opportunity for all,” said Espaillat.

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They're making the parade rounds: Congressman Jose Serrano (center) joins this summer's Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade royalty Jose Figueroa, first prince; Iris Soto, second princess; Queen Vanessa Rosa; junior Queen Samira Falu; Teen Queen Tatian Falu; Bernice "Luna" Torres, first princess; and Edwin "Wrath" Feliciano, second prince.

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Earnesto Nunez stops at Teofilo Cascillo's stand for a quick snack.

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Lia Vega, right, and Victoria Arguinizoni with their latest catch.

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Liz Martinez, with her daughters Izobella and Julliette, sells hats and T-shirts at Barretto Park.

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Family Art Project in July at Wave Hill

July events at Wave Hill include

SAT, JULY 12; SUN, JULY 13: Family Art Project: Luminous Paper Lanterns. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon. Wave Hill House, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SAT, JULY 12: Tai Chi Chuan: Sessions are held outdoors; indoors in inclement weather. Session fee: \$25/\$15 Wave Hill Member. Advance registration receives a \$2 discount.

SAT, JULY 12: Meet The Bees: A Hands-On Adventure In The Apiary: Get up close and personal with the bees of Wave Hill! This workshop is appropriate for adults and kids ages 14 and up accompanied by an



Family Art Project at Wave Hill.

adult. \$35/\$25 Wave Hill Member. Registration required, at www.wavehill.org, by calling 718.549.3200 x251 or at the Perkins Visitor Center. Meet at Perkins

Visitor Center, 11 a.m.

SAT, JULY 12; TUES, JULY 15: Gallery Tour: Free with admission to the grounds. Glyndor Gallery, 2 p.m.

SUN, JULY 13: Summer Birding: Naturalist Gabriel Willow contributes his extensive knowledge of diverse bird species and their behavior on these captivating walks through the gardens and woodlands. Free with admission to the grounds. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center, 9:30 a.m.

SUN, JULY 13: Hatha Yoga: Sessions are held outdoors, indoors in inclement weather. Session fee: \$25/\$15 Wave Hill Member.. Meet At Perkins Visitor Center, 10 to 11:15 a.m.

SUN, JULY 13: Meditation: All levels welcome. Sessions are held indoors. Session fee: \$25/\$15 Wave Hill Member. Advance registration receives a \$2

discount. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Sun, July 13: Meet The Artists: Lauren Carly Shaw & Reade Bryan: Join in at this artist talk to gain insight into the creative practice of artists Lauren Carly Shaw and Reade Bryan. In the Sunroom Project Space, Lauren Carly Shaw transforms the space into the setting of Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short story "The Yellow Wallpaper" (1899), set in the late 19th century, when the original Glyndor House was constructed. Shaw chronicles the effect of confinement on a woman's mental state. In the Sun Porch space, Reade Bryan's sculptural

installation investigates the way that iconic building materials, such as plywood and drywall supplies, are created and used. Here he evokes the effects of a flood or the mass of a cliff's edge; the natural landscape appears to intrude on the interior, although the sculpture itself is made of domestic building material. Free with admission to the grounds. Glyndor Gallery, 1:30 p.m.

SUN, JULY 13: GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS WALK: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds. Meet At Perkins Visitor Center, 2 p.m.

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Workshops at Bronx House

Bronx House School for Performing Arts will be offering a series of workshop classes in July and August in Music, Dance and Theater, as well as a special drumming program for children and teens on the Autism Spectrum.

Titled Four Summer Sundays, the program runs four consecutive Sundays beginning July 20, with each Sunday focusing on a different discipline.

The first Sunday's focus is Music and will include Latin Jazz Ensemble, String Ensemble and Rock Band classes.

The Special Needs drumming program on July 27, Rhythm Connects, is an inter-generational family program for adults and their children between the ages of 7 and 17 on the Autism Spectrum.

August 3 is dedicated to Dance and will include lessons in Modern, African and Tap. Finally, the Theater program on August 10 offers an afternoon explor-

ing Fairytales, Improv and Theater Games, and Audition Prep/Scene Study.

Classes are offered for all ages; fees are \$10 per class or \$15 for two classes and the Special Needs program is \$10 per family. Registration is required by the Thursday prior to the event.

Bronx House School for Performing Arts is also still accepting registration for their seven-week summer session.

The school offers music and dance classes for children ages 2.5 through 12 on Mondays through Saturdays beginning the week of June 28th, classes meet once a week through August 16th.

Group music classes include pre-school music appreciation and pre-instrumental classes in piano; and beginner piano or guitar for ages 6 and up. Ongoing registration is also available for private instruction in piano, guitar, voice, violin, drums, and other instruments. Dance

classes offered include Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet with Tap, Ballet, Hip-Hop, and Latin Dance for Kids.

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 for Performing Arts faculty is comprised of professionals who are active musicians and performers who hold advanced degrees from schools including Juilliard, Mannes, the Manhattan School of Music, Indiana University and NYU.

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.

This is it: Rock on the Bronx, the longtime Bronx Times Reporter column which looks in-depth at the phenomena of local rock bands.

For the last few months we looked at how bands form, the great lifelong satisfaction members of a working successful band can feel, whether the band performs cover songs-songs by other artists-or original songs which are written by the band or members of. We looked at the importance of rehearsals, playing gigs and promoting the band.

rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

The bands who promote their shows and recordings on a regular basis find an imaginative approach is sometimes best.

Fans and friends tend to tune out promotion that looks and sounds exactly like the last promotional push.

As a band's numerous gigs get closer together having the promotion (whether

through emailing, flyers or social media) stand out is important.

The bands that tune in to something special about the venue, or something different about the night, new songs being introduced, somebodies birthday for example, will find people reading what they send more often.

If a band sends the same notice over and over with the same picture and color scheme fans may tune out.

See you next week. Rock on. Rock out.

civic center

Samuel Young
Legion Post 620

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Many thanks to Post Commander George Brins, George Amato, Tony Laboy and Clorindo Nieves. Clorindo brought along and assistant, Alberto Rivera to help out. Alberto has been here many times before.

Thanks also to Gloria Castellano who brought her own assistant, Candy Rosa. Gloria comes with many trinkets for the shut ins

given to her by the various recruiters in the neighborhood. Key chains, decals, hats pens etc. representing all the services. The Post bought the food, cooked and served it to the Shut-Ins at

the Kingsbridge VA Hospital. These folks were more than appreciative and we'll be back around Labor Day for the second BBQ. After that it will be the Christmas Party some time in November or early December. This is not a chore for us, we get a kick out of doing it.

Trivia Time!!

July 4, 1776 Happy Birthday America.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a Vet to lunch and God Bless.

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John McNamara's hobo travels recalled

Just about everyone you speak with will agree that no recent Bronx historian can produce the quality and originality of John McNamara's columns.

He began writing them in 1956 and continued doing so for the next 44 years. He set the standard for those of us who followed by looking into areas where no one else thought to venture and sharing his findings with his readers, many of whom would follow his stories week in and week out. His column was often the first thing people read upon opening their paper.

It wasn't just Bronx history that was captured by his pen, but he also set about recording his vast and varied trips around the globe. That in itself sets him apart from other journalists as many of his experiences can never be re-lived.

His chronicles on the Great Depression have captured that historic epic as he lived it. The same can be

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

said about his "riding the rails" as a hobo or traveling aboard tramp steamers with no fixed schedule. Some things do change and some experiences simply cannot be repeated.

John's world of yore has come and gone. We, for our part, can be grateful not only for his wanderlust, but also that he had the skill and craftsmanship to capture such a broad slice of his life in writing.

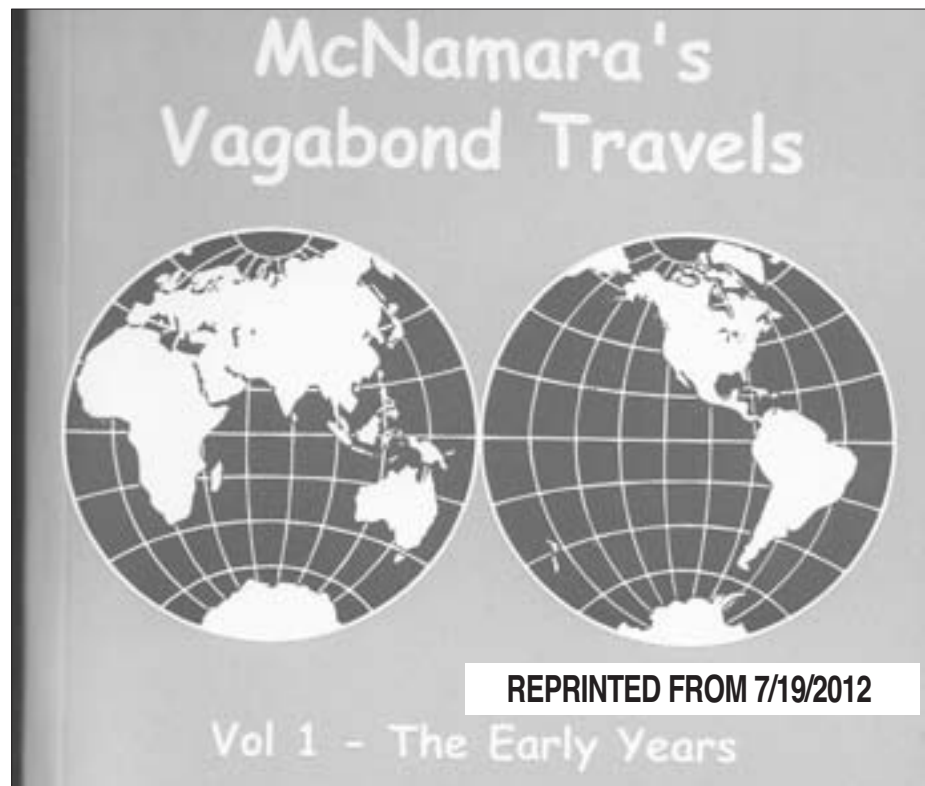
Fortunately, some of those stories were recounted in his last book, "McNamara's Vagabond Travels." Each is a little historical gem polished to perfection by the master himself. He approved the proof copy of the book shortly before his death on October 15, 2004, just a couple of months shy of his 92nd birthday. His

daughter, Betty, then followed the book through the production process.

Look at the front cover and you'll note that it reads "Vol. 1 - The Early Years." This book was meant to be the first in a series about his global travels.

What surprised everyone is that the book simply didn't sell very well, negating the need for further volumes. Everyone who read the book was mesmerized by it saying that it read like a fast-paced novel. Unfortunately, there was no money in the budget for advertising so the publisher had to rely on press-releases only.

The book is not easy to find, but if you're looking for a copy, you can contact Bunratty Publishing at 4265 Alma Street, Palo Alto, California 94306 or you can



John McNamara's Vagabond Travels.

email bunratty@mail.com. The book has 221 fascinat-

ing pages and is moderately priced at \$19.95. The Bronx

County Historical Society also has copies for sale.

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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. Please mail your membership dues of \$10 to our new address. The Pelham Bay Taxpayers is on its summer break. We will meet again this coming September. So please enjoy your summer and keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for updates on the traffic improvement plans for our communities.

The Crosby Ave./Buhre Ave. stop is scheduled to be closed for repairs beginning July 5.

We will have more information for you on this important improvement to our community in future articles.

The equipment for the rehabilitation of the no. 6 subway station is being placed into place. The support facilities are also arriving and are being put into place. Into place most often means along the sidewalk edge where we used park our cars or receive deliveries.

Now, what we have, are obstacles to a safe and easy passage along the streets that we must travel as we go about our business. But we can't get away from this. This is the price we pay for improved government services. And yes we do need a new station. I just hope that this time around the new station is designed in a way so it does not become another motel 6 for pigeons.

During these up-coming months as the work on the station progresses what will also progress is a need for our merchants to be supported. The days ahead will be difficult times for them. They will endure additional hardships, expenses and uncertainties. Over the years whether it be Pruzzo's, Zeppeiries Bakery or Vito's our merchants have been there for us. So now we all have to make an effort to continue to support them. Going to a mall or other community to shop and avoid this construction is really not a very good option for us. It would be a crying shame that when this construction is over we might have a great subway station to services our needs. While at the same time empty stores where commu-

nity merchants used to be.

I know as a matter of fact that over the years our merchants have donated to many community causes. They have and still do take phone orders and then deliver those orders to the elderly or the homebound. I have seen them accept \$1.00 from a child for the purchase of a ball that was marked \$1.25. Not only did the vendor give the child a 20% discount he also threw in some candy. The child and her friends were elated and their joy was contagious. It made my day and the day of all the adults who witnessed this act of unconditional generosity a happier and brighter day.

I know of no other way to say it. Let support our merchants and be there for them!

The Hutchinson River Corridor Study: Last week I had a few comments concerning this project. Well, since last Thursday when this paper hit the stands I have received quite a bit of feedback from this community. There is a substantial demand for more up to date information and that we will get to you as it becomes available. There has also been a lot of frustration expressed over "why wasn't this done 10 years ago". Well, I can't speak for our government agencies but I do know that the Metro Center had and has been seeking a solution to these traffic problems for years.

And as for our community civic minded members, I can't say any better than John Cummings. Here are his words:

I sat in on meetings over a decade ago when this project was originally proposed. The Hutch center was supposed to house a world class medical research facility which was to be connected to Boston, New Haven, Baltimore, and Washington, DC via an Amtrak stop at the foot of Morris Park Avenue. Metro North was to be given right of way at this stop and at Co-Op City and Parkchester. Access and egress ramps were to be built for the Hutchinson River Parkway that were to provide a direct connection so as not to create congestion locally, particularly in light of the fact that there are multiple emergency rooms in the immediate vicinity. The



plans to be proactive were there. They were just ignored by the Government.

It is now up to all of us! Senator Jeff Klein and Borough President Rubin Diaz have been pushing hard for the Metro North stops to be built. Since their original announcement over a year ago the scheduled time line for this project has slipped. The project as I understand is not yet a budgeted item in the states capital budget. And most annoying of all is that there exist some Long Island Representatives in the State Legislature who believe that Long Island has a birth right to the train slots at Penn Station. A few months ago political noise was made that Long Island might not want to give up the Penn Station slots.

What this means is that if the Penn Station slots are not made available to Metro North then the expansion of service into the East Bronx can't happen.

Well, when the time is right, we in the Bronx have to make ourselves be heard. We must be heard very loudly and very clearly. Not backing all of our elected officials on this matter is really not an option for our communities.

Back to the Hutchinson River Study. For now we are in a wait and see mode. The New York City Department of City Planning has stated that their final report on this project with recommendations to address our communities request will be ready and made public by the end of July. Until then I suggest that we all stay informed and this time lets not let local government off the hook.

It is time the we voting citizens be recognized as being the share holders of government and not the client's of government. For Bloomberg administration holdovers to think that we citizens are an unavoidable evil is a grave mistake.

We can only be treated as client/customers of their services if we let it happen. All government exist as the say-

ing going "for the people"

As the shareholders it is about time that we insist that all government agencies refocus and start delivering the services that they are being paid to do.

In future article more will be said on this matter. Keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for the latest on the traffic mess in the East Bronx.

From the Community Board 10 District Office we have the following very important announcement.

If you suspect a natural gas leak:

- Leave the area immediately and go to a safe location
- Do not try to locate the source of the leak
- Do not do anything that could cause a spark and ignite the gas:
- Do not use electrical devices, such as light switches, telephones, or garage door openers
- Do not use an open flame, matches or lighters
- Do not start vehicles parked in the area
- Do not try to shut off any natural gas valves
- From a safe location, call

911 to report a gas leak.

• Do not re-enter the building or return to the area until fire department or law enforcement personnel deem the area safe for re-entry

Signs of Natural Gas Leak

- "Rotten egg" smell
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area
- Dirt or dust blowing from a hole in the ground
- Bubbling in wet or flooded areas
- Blowing or hissing sound
- Flames, if a leak has ignited
- Gas in transmission pipelines does not have odorant added, so signs of a pipeline leak may include all of the above except the rotten egg odor

With the arrival of summer, we all at the Pelham Bay Taxpayers wish you all stay safe and healthy.

The New York State Court Officer-Trainee Examination filing period begins Thursday, June 19, 2014, and ends Thursday, August 14, 2014. Please read the examination announcement and follow instructions care-

fully. An application is considered filed upon immediate receipt of an Application ID Number. The filing fee (\$30.00) is non-refundable.

The examination will be administered statewide on Saturday, October 18, 2014, and Saturday, December 13, 2014. Applicants will be assigned to an examination date randomly.

Date and session requests will not be considered. Admission Notices will be e-mailed to all applicants beginning September 23, 2014. Contact COEXAMS@nycourts.gov<mailto:COEXAMS@nycourts.gov> if an Admission Notice has not been received by October 5, 2014.

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

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Bronx schools



Spellman Principal Daniel O'Keefe (far left) and President Rev. Trevor Nicholls (far right) stand with from left to right: Carla Billena, Vanessa Claris, Dennis Guzman, Kathia Coronado, Roshana Brown, Grace Correa, Jennifer Calix, Gabriella Citronelli, Maria Aceituno and Akua Adusei, the top ten students in the Class of 2014.

52nd commencement at Spellman H.S.

On Saturday June 7, 395 graduates of Cardinal Spellman High School received diplomas in a ceremony at the Lehman College Performing Arts Center. An invocation by Rev. Francis Principe was followed by selected members of the Senior Class singing the National Anthem. Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Principal, congratulated the Class of 2014 for completing four years of rigorous study and academic achievement, noting that they now join over 20,000 other Spellman alumni. "Work hard and strive to make yourself and the world a better place," Mr. O'Keefe told the graduates. The Principal also announced the names of a number of teachers celebrating anniversary years in 2014: Fr. John Monaghan (50 years at Spellman), Vilma Mazzella (40), Jeri Faulkner (35), Tim Rivlin (30), and Fred Oppen and Mike Philp (25). Also recognized were Rev. Trevor

Nicholls, President of Spellman, who will be leaving the school to serve in a local parish, Sr. Veronica Wood, Assistant Principal, who will be doing evangelization work and ministry to the poor, and three retirees: Neil McCarthy Ph.D. (Assistant to the President), Carol Popp (Admissions Director), and Mary Capellini (Math Chairperson).

Prior to the awarding of diplomas, Gerald S. Adolph, a 1971 Spellman graduate and member of the Board of Trustees of Cardinal Spellman High School, addressed the graduates encouraging them to take their place in society and to help others do well. "Have a sense of purpose," said Mr. Adolph, "which will allow you to persevere over time." After graduating from Spellman, Mr. Adolph went on to receive degrees at Harvard Business School and MIT. He is a New York-based Senior Partner with Strategy& with a specialty

in strategy and operations for technology-driven businesses.

Student speakers were Valedictorian Carla Billena, the top ranked student in the Class of 2014, and Salutatorian Vanessa Claris, who was second. The Cardinal Spellman Trophy and Memorial Scholarship, given to the two students who best embody the spirit of Francis Cardinal Spellman, was awarded to Daniel Mota and Roshana Brown. Roberto Collazo and Caitlin Macahilig received the Spellman Spirit Award, while the Spellman Alumni Award went to Frankie Romero and Daniel Alicea. The Seton-DeLaSalle Award, named in honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity, and Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, was presented to Jamie Crowther and Carla Billena.

Global Conference of Ursuline Schools

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula connected with sister schools worldwide in June as representatives from Ursuline schools across the globe came together at an Ursuline Educational Services (UES) Global Conference. On Monday, June 16th, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula hosted a dinner gathering for Ursuline educators from around the world. AMSU representatives offered a tour of the building and grounds, musical entertainment and presentations about AMSU's Academics, Arts and Service.

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula sent representatives to New Rochelle, New York June 15 - 20th to participate in this global education conference. This was an opportunity for collaboration among Ursuline educators from around various cultures. Participants traveled from Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, England, France, Germany, Guyana, India, Indonesia,

Ireland, Mexico, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Taiwan in the Republic of China, Thailand, the United States, and Venezuela to attend the conference.

The program for the UES sponsored Global Education Conference included speakers and break-out sessions for participants who wished to celebrate their common heritage as followers of St. Angela Merici and to discover together how they can enhance the charism of St. Angela in Ursuline schools in the twenty-first century.

The theme for the Conference was Global Education in the Ursuline Spirit. The five key presenters reflected on various aspects of that theme.

Additional goals of the conference were to establish collaborative relationships among Ursuline educators, celebrate their common heritage and values, and share collective wisdom about 21st century education.

Ursuline Educational

Services was established by the Ursuline sisters in the United States in 1987 in an effort to enhance Ursuline education and to insure its continued success in educating young women and men in the Ursuline tradition. Since its beginning, UES has served the Ursuline schools in the United States and Canada by sponsoring annual conferences for teachers and administrators. These programs are designed to foster academic excellence in the schools and also to provide an opportunity for collaboration and mutual support for those engaged in the ministry of Ursuline education.

UES also sponsors annual conferences for teachers and administrators as well as an annual Student Leadership Conference, offering leadership development to emerging student leaders. The leadership offerings are rooted in the core values of an Ursuline education and the charism of our foundress St. Angela Merici.



Academy of Mount St. Ursula dinner participants.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Trick O Treat LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) 04/29/14. Office location: BRONX County.SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 3186 Griswold Ave, Bronx,NY 10465. Purpose: any lawful act.2285394..

LEGAL NOTICE

Provision Care Services, LLC Articles of orig. filed with SSNY on 2/6/2014. Office in Bronx county SSNY designated agent LLC upon when process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 786 Bronx River Road, Suite B62, Bronxville, NY 10768. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 4653 White Plains Road, Suite 2 Bronx, NY 10470 Professional experienced nurses conducting quality UAS assessments in Westchester and the tri-state area.

LEGAL NOTICE

1208 Stratford Avenue Inc. has applied for eating place, beer to the NYS Liquor Authority. Serial #1003142. 1208 Stratford Ave. Bronx, NY 10472

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number_pending_for on premises beer and wine license has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer and wine at retail under alcoholic beverage control law at 2037 Jerome Rest.Corp. dba Lechonera Don Pancholo at 2037 Jerome Ave. Bronx, NY 10453 for on premises consumption.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number PENDING for on premises beer license has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer at retail under alcoholic beverage control law at Vismar Coffee Shop Inc. at 1368 Crawnwell Ave. Bronx, NY 10452 for on premises consumption.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on June 30, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000270-14/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) Melissa (Middle) Claire (Last) Rodman. My present name is (First) Melissa (Middle) Claire (Last) Friedman AKA Melissa Claire Rodman Friedman. My present address is 2521 Palisade Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is February 13, 1996.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on November 20, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000493-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Nazela (Last) McKeon. My present name is (First) Nazela (Last) Nasrudeen. My present address is 1250 Pelham Parkway South, PH, Bronx, NY 10461. My place of birth is Georgetown, Guyana. My date of birth is October 11, 1982.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 6/5/14, bearing Index Number NC-000234-14/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) Emmanuel (Last) Ofosu-Asante. My present name is (First) Ato (Middle) Kwamena (Last) Fosu AKA Ato K. Fosu AKA Ato Fosu. My present address is 3142 Grace Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469. My place of birth is Takoradi, Ghana. My date of birth is July 13, 1945.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWTAL, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-19CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-19CB, Pltf. vs. ARTIN POWELL, et al, Defts. Index #380208/12. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 14, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 647 Commonwealth Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3555, Lot 45. Said property located on the westerly side of Commonwealth Ave., distant 200 ft. southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of said westerly side of Commonwealth Ave. with the southerly side of Seward Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 25 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$354,698.02 plus costs and interest. This is a First Mortgage. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. REGINALD D. ASIEDU, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP, PLLC, Attys. For Pltf., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 28398 - #84334

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-NC2 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NC2, Pltf. vs. FLORENCE OLOKPA, et al, Defts. Index #08-381646. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 15, 2010, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, July 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 720 East 243rd St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 5115, Lot 41. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$440,127.32 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. STEVEN J. BAKER, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 28784- #84318

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. WV-ClearVue 2012-2, LLC., Pltf., v. Allison Brooks a/k/a Allison J. Brooks et al, Defts. Index #380763/11. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered June 23, 2014, I will sell at public auction at Room 600 in the Bronx County Courthouse at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, on July 28, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. prem. k/a 10456 (Block 2931, Lot 55) Approx amt. of judgment is \$576,257.15, plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed jdgmnt and terms of sale. ALBERTO TORRES, ESQ. Referee. Jeffrey S. Greene, P.C. Att'y for Pltf., 1 Barker Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601, (914) 686-5091.



Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY KENNY AGOSTO Block Party Success!

WOW! It was simply the best. The Bronx Park East Community Association held its long awaited Third Annual Block Party this past Saturday on Olinville Avenue and Thwaites' Place. It was a smashing success! We had hundreds of families celebrating this picture perfect Saturday. There were several pizza-eating contests, awesome face painting for the children and their parents. We were treated to amazing international cuisine from our local businesses.

DJ John Vargas treated the audience with a cacophony of diverse music from Salsa to soca to oldies. The music was hopping. Everybody soon got into that dancing mood when Ana Martinez provided a "Zumba" dance demonstration. The children went crazy for the "Batman Bounce House."

Resident Artist Jayson Agosto dazzled the crowd with his artistic t-shirts. We were treated to a truly amazing magic show by John "the Magnificent Magician." The crowds were thrilled by the musical talents of CIMS 'recent graduate "Celeste," Ervin Bautista & Darius Smith who performed death defying somersaults, Ms. Joseph & the Pelham Academy Step Team.

The evening went out with a bang with a brilliant live performance from Ray Orta & the Creations. Soon the entire neighborhood was swooning to Doo-wop

songs from the fifties and sixties.

On behalf of the B-PECA Executive Board: Raphael Schweizer, Donal Holway, Hazel Miura, Cecilia Smoker, Norma Lopez, Grace Lovaglio, and Kenny Agosto, we sincerely thank the efforts of: Jayson Agosto, Lisa Agosto-Soto and daughter Emily, Roseann Aprea, Mr. Bruce of Barker St., Kay Cardona, Ms. Patricia Charles & Ms. Deborah, Paula Diaz & son Adam, Brianni Dureng, "MC" Eric & Chanel Garrett and son Jakai, Pamela Hall and daughter Lisa, Evelyn Hernandez-Rosa, Kathleen Jones, Debby Kawalwick, Tracy Leclerc, Francine Ruh, Andrea Siegel, Joey Smartschan, Anais Soto, Laurenne Talbert, Carmen Tavarez, James Vargas, DJ Johnny Vargas.

Special Thanks goes out to The Watson family, Ms. Judith and children Christophe, Jada, and Kobe. And, CIMS students Naya Amari-El & brother-sister team Kristen & Ryan Schmahl. THANKS!!!

In Memoriam

This week in memoriam, we remember Bronx Times Reporter's First Photographer Rodney Paul Cook, 60, Livery Cab Driver Zedekiah Slade, 44 who was shot then drove himself to hospital where he later died; Bronx resident Jason Bragg, 33 who was found shot to death in St. Albans; Previously, Pelham Parkway Senior Evelyn Shapiro, 88, brutally bludgeoned to death; Previously Local Cab Driver Ata

Noorzi, 51 & his fare, Wells Fargo Banker Patrick Sheehan, 54 were decapitated in a horrific crash on the Hutchinson River PKWY.; Fouad Ajami, 68, Academic & Expert in Middle Eastern History; NY Yankee Legend & Everyman Don Zimmer, 83; Prince of Soul Bobby Womack, 70; Emmy Nominated Comedian and Actor Meshach Taylor, 67, who played Anthony Bouvier on Designing Women; Iconic Actor of Stage and Screen Eli Wallach, 98 from the Good, The Bad, & The Ugly and the Magnificent 7. May their spirits find their eternal Rest In Peace...

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to B-PECA member Iris Garcia on the graduation of her lovely daughters Myra & Thelma from graduate school; Mon Congrats to Jennifer & Lee Goodstein, the new owners of Community News Group, which includes our home, the Bronx Times Reporter. Good luck! Happy 40th Birthday to Bronx Bomber Yankee Captain Extraordinaire Derek Jeter. "¡Feliz Cumple Año Capitán!!!" We extend well wishes to little Eddie Aderahaman, 10 who was brutally shot while on an errand to the bodega. Get well Nelson Gonzalez & Charles Gorelick. We would like to thank veteran Newsman & former Editor of BTR Bob "Kappy" Kappstatter for his years of providing the political news of the Bronx. Everyone is looking for their next fix. Good Luck & G-d Speed!



Zumba instructor, and Barker Avenue resident, Ana Martinez, led a Zumba workout at the 3rd Annual Thwaites Place Block Party.

Song Of The Week

Our chairman, and resident music lover, Raphael Schweizer has picked the song of the week, which we will highlight in each forthcoming B-PECA Bronx Times column.

"Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me" is a classic ballad written by the great Sir Elton John & Bernie Taupin 40 years ago from the triple platinum album "Caribou." The version with George Michaels is the more popular recording, very often heard on CBS 101.1FM and other music stations.

"It's highly recommended for any karaoke get together," said Raphael.

Also highly recommended and under-appreciated is the 1987 arrangement of the song, recorded on the "Live in Australia" album with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. This "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me" recording, with a majestic string ar-

range ment written by legendary film score composer James Newton Howard, is immensely moving, regardless of the voice issues that Elton had suffered during the tour.

Remember with music, one version of a musical composition is never enough!

Next week's song of the week will be a song written by a woman composer. After all, B-PECA always strives to forward the Feminist mystique.

Let Me Ask You Something

This month we saw a rent protest that did not see a rent freeze but saw the lowest increase ever. We saw a peace rally against violence led by seniors and high school students. We saw an awesome block party that unified a community.

This week's question we pose is: What are we going to do continue this Bronx era of amity, shared respon-

sibility, and accomplished feeling? B-PECA is at the ready to commit sweat and toil to plant the seed and sow a bountiful community harvest that begin the process of community healing real renewal for the people of The Bronx. People Unite!!! As always if you have any question, comment, concern, complaint, please call/text us at 347.654.7044 or via email at: BxPark-East@gmail.com. And follow us on www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 10th at Center-Light located at: 2401 White Plains Road. Our guest will be Councilmember Ritchie Torres.

In conclusion, if you want to help save mother Earth, please take canvass bags to the supermarket to significantly lower your carbon footprint.

Until next time, Love thy neighbor. Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute!

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Have you ever noticed just how many people are on blood pressure medication? I thought that my noticing it was due to the fact that I'm getting older until I read an article by David Brownstein, MD.

Dr. Brownstein tells us that approximately 75 million people in the United States over the age of 20 have high blood pressure. After age 55, American's have a 90% chance of developing it.

Conventional doctors rarely look for the cause,

they just label it "essential hypertension", meaning there is no known cause. Dr. Brownstein has discovered that there is a clear and direct relationship between low magnesium levels and hypertension.

He has also discovered that even if tests show normal magnesium levels, the vast majority of patients will significantly improve by supplementing with magnesium.

Magnesium helps to relax the blood vessels, resulting in less resistance to blood flow, which helps

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to lower blood pressure. Magnesium also helps to reduce nerve and muscle excitability. In addition, the mineral helps to optimize circulating levels of the hormones norepinephrine and serotonin and levels of nitric oxide, which is a powerful vasodilator, opening blood vessels for better blood flow.

Most people do not realize that most conventional blood pressure medicines work to reduce blood pressure in the same way as magnesium. However, all of those drugs are associated with severe adverse side effects.

Diarrhea, the only adverse side effect of magnesium, is easily solved by lowering the dose.

Studies have shown that 625 mgs per day caused a significant reduction in blood pressure. The effect of magnesium was similar to the best anti-hyperten-

sive medication.

Dr. Brownstein's initial work up for his patients with hypertension always include testing for magnesium levels and a trial of oral magnesium before going on to medications. Diuretics, the most commonly prescribed anti-hypertension drug, accelerate magnesium loss leading to a deficiency.

If you are diagnosed with high blood pressure, you should ask your doctor to check your blood pressure on both arms. Often, the second or third read-

ing is lower than the first and this is thought to be the more accurate reading.

You should also take your blood pressure at home, when you are relaxed, and keep record of it over several weeks.

There are many reasons that blood pressure rises and you want to be sure that yours is consistently high before you take any medications.

They also are too quick to prescribe medication upon the first visit showing hypertension.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-D, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-D,

Plaintiff(s)
Index No: 380847/2009
Against
THOMAS RUSSO, ROBERT RUSSO, ET AL.,

Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/9/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room B-129 (Ground Floor), Bronx, NY on 7/21/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 756 Calhoun Ave., Bronx, NY 10465, 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Section 18 Block 5544 Lot 140

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$598,799.91 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380847/2009

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

Ezra Glaser, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 5/28/2014 File Number:
7090686234 KAC

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM2,

Plaintiff(s)
Against
Index No: 380865/09
JONAS A. AKE, et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on, 5/30/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 7/28/2014 at 2:00 pm premises known as 3729 Olinville Ave., Bronx, NY 10467, 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4649, and Lot 168.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$718,980.71 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380865/2009

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the

Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagees attorney.

Jeanette M Westphal, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 6/11/14 File Number:
7091161740 GR

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST I

Plaintiff(s)
Against
Index No: 382386/09
FORTURA ALEXIO A/K/A ALEIXO FORTURA, ET AL.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/8/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 8/4/2014 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 2215 Homer Avenue, Bronx, New York 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3,614 and Lot 26.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$378,072.79 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 382386/09

Gerald Philip Goldsmith , Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road , Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 6/12/14 File Number: 25607 KAC

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff(s), vs. RAHSAAN GRAVES, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 30, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse - 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY in Room 600 on August 04, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2088 Bathgate Avenue, Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3045 and Lot 26. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,939.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index # 300053-12.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST NLC TRUST 2005-3, Plaintiff, against PATRICIA CARROLL, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/2/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 07/28/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 830 KINSELLA STREET, Bronx, NY 10462 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 4045 - LOT 103. Approximate amount of judgment \$376,311.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380818/08. Leroi John Andrews, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: June 10, 2014 1098362

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
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, vs. JENNY VEGA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 31, 2005, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2150 East Tremont Avenue, Unit 5A, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3944 and Lot 3077. Approximate amount of judgment is \$5,024.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 20941/04.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, against Richard Siewert; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 9, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, NY on August 4, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1303 Seneca Avenue, Bronx, NY 10474 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2761 Lot 117. Approximate amount of judgment \$460,703.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380767/09. Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 30, 2014 1101343 7/4, 7/11, 7/18, 07/25/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, against Millette Dukes, Co-Administratrix of the Estate of Audrey M. Sellers; Arthur Huggins, Jr., as Heir to the Estate of Audrey M. Sellers; Sabrina Sellers, as Heir to the Estate of Audrey M. Sellers; Samantha Sellers, as Heir to the Estate of Audrey M. Sellers; Aaron Weitz, Co-Administrator of the Estate of Audrey M. Sellers; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 15, 2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July 14, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2804 Pond Place, Bronx, NY 10458 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 3289 Lot 21. Approximate amount of judgment \$136,636.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381943-2008. Veronica Guerrero, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 12, 2014 1093835 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 07/04/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust Series 2006-3, Plaintiff, against Isaiah Obaro-Best; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 13, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on July 21, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3010 Wilson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4589 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$501,976.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381432/11. Michael Bloomfield, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 21, 2014 1095837 6/20, 6/27, 7/4, 07/11/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST SERIES ACE 2005-HE7, Plaintiff, against RAFAEL CASIANO, IDEN PAGAN, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/2/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 07/21/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1523

PURDY STREET, Bronx, NY 10462 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 3947-LOT 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$377,398.95 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380283/08. Michael Philip Bloomfield, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: May 30, 2014 1096729

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against PAUL CRUZ, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/13/2009 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 07/28/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 215 WEST KINGSBRIDGE ROAD, Bronx, NY 10463 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 3256, LOT 43. Approximate amount of judgment \$721,541.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380902/08. William F. Mackey Jr., Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: May 29, 2014 1096529

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 - ANDREA LOGAN, et al., Defendant

Pursuant to a Judgment dated April 29, 2014, I will sell at public auction on July 14, 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 TC, in the building known as N-7 a/k/a 110, and by street address 2130 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2646, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0261 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$8,895.60, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by BAC Home Loans Servicing LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, in the original principal sum of \$136,000.00 with interest. Index No. 380168/10.

STEVEN LUBOWITZ, ESQ., Referee
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA &. RISOTTO, ESQS.

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

Bronx YMCA bestows volunteer honors

John Habermann, Sr., Vice President Consumer Deposits-Market Manger of Webster Bank and Tenaja Smith-Butler, 16, of Castle Hill were recognized as the 2014 volunteers of the year by the Bronx YMCA at the YMCA of Greater New York's 162st Annual General Assembly and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the Grand Hyatt in April.

John is a lifetime native of the Bronx and deeply involved in the Bronx community. His positive manner and positive energy is contagious and the Y is a better place because of his activism. The Bronx YMCA benefits from his devotion and

dedication to the YMCA's mission for youth development, healthy living, and social responsibilities. He is committed to making the Y a better place. John is also an active member of the Bronx Y Board of Managers and also the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

She is a bright, beacon of mature yet youthful exuberance. She takes pride in being a part of a team, or more like a family, as she often describes the Y teen programs, and the Bronx Y takes great pride in having her represent the Bronx Y in numerous spaces. She has a knack for empathy and is always looking to help others-

-not for hours on her service log, but because Tenaja has really come to embody the Y core values as a part of her outgoing personality. Tenja participates in Youth and Government, Teens Take the City Leadership team, leaders club, teen center, and will be going on the Global Teens trip to Africa this summer.

"Each of our volunteers helps move people and communities forward, delivering the benefits of good health, strong connections, greater self-confidence and a sense of security to all who seek it," said Jack Lund, president & CEO. "We're proud to honor Geri Scio-

rtino and Tia Drummond, and we express our thanks for their invaluable contributions of time and talent to help their Y grow stronger in service to others."

Volunteers have been the lifeblood of the YMCA of Greater New York. 3,500 volunteers contribute their personal time and energy, helping the YMCA of Greater New York to carry out its mission of building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. As the largest youth-serving organization in New York, the YMCA had prided itself on attracting the most talented and caring individuals from all walks of life to



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For more information,



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BY LYNN GERBINO

We held our last meeting for the summer on June 24th and would like to thank Assemblyman Michael Benedetto who gave us a detailed update on what was happening in Albany, on Veterans issues and in the community. We learned much and very much appreciate his work on our behalf. Our next meeting will not be held until Tuesday, September 30th. If you need to reach us, please call 718-823-0327.

Her are some community updates:

Breakfast and lunch continues beyond the scheduled instructional school year. The Summer Meals Program is available at hundreds of public schools, community pool centers, New York City Housing Authority complexes and other location around the City. No registration, documentation or ID is required to receive a free breakfast or lunch for all young people 18 years old and

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under.Free Summer Meals are available from June 27 to August 29, 2014. To find an open public school, library, pool, park, or mobile truck near you, call 311 or visit <http://www.schoolfoodnyc.org/public1>.

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The New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) has also created a list of employment and volunteer

opportunities, internships, scholarships, and other resources for New York City youth 16 and up. For more information, please go to http://www.nyc.gov/html/dycd/downloads/pdf/Summer_Youth_Alternatives2014.pdf

Want something to do during the July 4th weekend? Locust Point Civic Association is presenting Dancing Under the Stars at the association's club house at 3300 Tierney Place, on Saturday, July 5th at 8 p.m.(weather

permitting). To enjoy the evening, there will be a \$10 donation at the door and you have to bring your own chair or blanket. Just Nuts will be playing for the evening...for more information, please go to www.justnutsmusic.net. There will be food and drinks available there for purchase. It sounds like fun. I remember years ago going to parties there around the pool and we always had a ball!! Have a wonderful week all!! Keep cool!!

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The heartfelt comments of critics of certain issues frequently present an opportunity to respond to sincerely felt but incorrect concerns.

Recently, in response to a column on hydrofracking, a local activist who has been a true asset to our community on other matters presented a letter with six objections to hydrofracking, a process which has extraordinarily enriched many states, created vast employment opportunities, helped the environment by providing a clean source of fuel, and given the United States a desperately needed boost towards energy independence. COMACTA is pleased to address those worries.

First, the writer describes a threat to potable water, mostly based on potential spills and other possible accidents resulting from hurricanes and other prob-

lems. Independent research and experience indicates otherwise, fortunately. A far more realistic threat to our drinking water comes from leaked and spilled oil and antifreeze from vehicles on our roadways. If we were to follow the writers' criteria, we would be forced to close down not only fracking in those states where it occurs but also a major portion of the roads throughout America. The writer describes myths about radioactivity that have been completely proven to be false.

Second, the writer criticizes fracking because many of the jobs created are not long-range permanent. That is quite true. But upstate New York, where the fracking would take place, is desperately in need of employment, and local governments are in desperate need of revenue. The employment opportunities, seen region-

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ally, are not that short-term. The major local revenue they produce will allow urgently required local needs to be addressed. Look at it this way: If you were to win a million dollars in the lottery, the income would also be considered a one-shot, but it would certainly address your financial problems.

Third, the writer notes that local schools would be forced to educate new students and local roads would have to bear the burden of heavy trucks. The Census Bureau reports that a stunning 1.6 million people left New York over the past decade, a trend that is continuing. For two decades, New York has led the nation in

the percentage of its people who are fleeing for greener pastures. The problem is especially acute upstate, where the fracking would take place. In essence, the state is being depopulated. An activity that stops that is a welcome development, not a problem. And, yes, more people and economic activity brings more traffic. But that means more jobs in road building and repair, also a welcome response to New York's employment woes. New York's 6.7% unemployment rate is worse than that of 36 other states. That crisis cannot continue to be ignored.

Fourth, the writer maintains if the process was done safely, it wouldn't be profitable. If every extremist, over-the-top concern of every industrial process were to be subjected to what the extremists considered "safe," there wouldn't be a single profit-

able venture in the nation.

Fifth, it's pointed out that some earthquake readings have been detected in areas where fracking takes place. There is some merit in a strictly technical sense. But not only have the readings been well within the not-even noticeable range, they are fairly characteristic of many activities. The residents of Country Club, for example, experience greater tremors from the ongoing sewer projects than those resulting from fracking.

Sixth, concern is expressed over the release of methane. Methane is a natural substance also produced by cows and other mammals when they release gas by—pardon the phrase—farting. Unless a law is successfully passed against farting, methane is here to stay.

There have been numerous falsehoods created by those with a financial inter-

est in keeping the U.S. from being freed from reliance on foreign oil. One story circulated about how several workers were killed working on a fracking job. It turns out they were driving a truck on an icy road, skidded, and sadly lost their lives. Another famous myth was that in a town near a fracking site fire came out of a local facet. That turned out to be false, as well.

Preventing fracking keeps energy prices exorbitant, prevents America from becoming energy independent, and robs many of employment opportunities.

If the same level of misinformation and fear-mongering existed when electricity was first being implemented, you would be reading this article by candle light.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX S & S SHAKESPEARE LLC, Plaintiff against UPTOWN LAUNDROMAT II, INC. A/K/A UPTOWN LAUNDROMAT II INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a

Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 9, 2014 and entered on May 30, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 21st day of July, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, which said portion of said lot of land is more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING on the northerly line of Fort Independence Street where said line is intersected by the easterly line of Lot No. 126 as laid down on the map on file in the Office of the Register of the County of Westchester entitled "Map No. 2 of property, situated in the Town of Yonkers, Westchester County belonging to Charles Drake", drawn July 8, 1869 by A.D. and N. Ewen, City Surveyors, which said point is distance 142.73 feet southwesterly from the intersection of said northerly line of said Fort Independence Street, with the westerly line of Giles Place; being a plot 52.16 feet by 25.03 feet by 55.15 feet by 25.35 feet. Block: 3258 Lot: 41 Said premises known as 3320 FORT INDEPENDENCE STREET, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 311,665.92 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 35011/13E.
GARY SLOBIN, ESQ., Referee.
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In the condominium known as "Melrose Court Condominium."
Together with an undivided .406 % interest in the Common Elements.
Said premises known as 780 Brook Avenue, Unit 31C, Bronx, N.Y. 10456.
Tax account number: SBL #: 2360-1104.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 66,863.28 plus interest and costs.
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Index No. 381843-08. Mary E. Foreman-Harris, Esq., Referee.
McCabe Weisberg & Conway
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At IAS Part 12, of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Bronx, at the Courthouse thereof, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, on the 16th day of June, 2014
PRESENT:

HON. JOHN A BARONE
Justice
NYCTL 2010-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2010-A Trust,
Plaintiffs,
- against -
LUCILLE NANTON, DELORITA LOWE A/K/A DELORITA CAMPBELL, et al., Defendants
Index No.: 303730/11
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
Borough: Bronx
Block: 2797
Lot: 10
Upon the Summons and Complaint heretofore filed herein, the Notice of Pendency filed herein in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx on April 28, 2011, the annexed Affirmation of Leonid Krechmer, Esq., dated June 2, 2014, and upon all the papers and proceedings heretofore had herein,
LET the defendants show cause at I.A.S. Part 12, Room 710 of this Court to be held at the Courthouse thereof, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on the 20th day of August, 2014, at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an order should not be entered granting the following relief:
(i)pursuant to CPLR §1015 and CPLR §1021 (which is made applicable to a tax lien foreclosure action in accordance with §11-335 of the Administrative Code and Charter of New York City), an order appointing a Temporary Administrator for the Estate of Lucille Nanton and extending time to serve said Estate;
(ii)amending the caption to add the Estate of Lucille Nanton instead of defendant Lucille Nanton;
(iii)substituting NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST in

stead and in place of NYCTL 2010-A TRUST as plaintiff herein;
(iv)such further relief as this Court may deem just and proper in these circumstances.
SUFFICIENT REASON APPEARING THEREFORE, let service of a copy of this Order to Show Cause via personal service, together with the papers upon which it was granted, upon the defendants and/or their attorneys who are entitled to receive notice thereof, and all known interested parties on or before the 8th day of August, 2014, be deemed good and sufficient service; and it is further,
ORDERED, that service of the Order to Show Cause upon defendant Estate of Lucille Nanton be made by publication of the Order to Show Cause once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks in two (2) newspaper(s), at least one in the English language, hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the defendant and any heirs of the estate, viz: in the NY Law Journal, published in the County of New York, State of New York, and in the Bronx Times Reporter, published in the County of Bronx, State of New York, such service be deemed good and sufficient service, publication to be complete on or before July 25, 2014, and it is further,
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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Carmelo Business

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New York City drops fourth straight to Long Island at Empire Challenge

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Anthony Cruz refused to hang his head after New York City's comeback attempt fell short in the Empire Challenge senior all-star football game.

The Kennedy quarterback had set up his team's first touchdown earlier in the game, but made one of two crucial mistakes late in the matchup that cost NYC a chance at making a serious run at Long Island in the annual event that pits city players against their Long Island counterparts on June 25 at Hofstra University. New York City fell 24-18 to Long Island for its fourth-straight defeat in the game that benefits the Boomer Esiason Foundation for cystic fibrosis.

"It's a little heart breaking, but at the end of the day, we are suppose to have fun," Cruz said.

He put forth a solid showing. Cruz rushed for 17 yards on four carries. One included hurdling a Long Island defender for an 8-yard gain. His 9-yard pass to teammate Christian Perez helped set up New York City's first touchdown with 4:20 to go in the third quarter. Cruz's two-point conversion pass to Perez pulled NYC to within 11-8.

"We had the motivation that nobody is going to stop us and beat us by 40," Cruz said. "We knew some of the weakness of the defense and we attacked."

The five boroughs had a chance drive to win the contest, down just 18-11 with 3:22 to go in the fourth quarter. But Cruz couldn't make it happen. UConn-bound linebacker Lawson Prendergast of St. John the Baptist in Long Island picked off Cruz's pass on the first play and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown.

"It's my fault," Cruz said. "I read the wrong route. I was supposed to hit the slot and I read it totally wrong."

Defensively the city had no answer for Huntington quarterback Ben Kocis, who was named the game's most valuable player. He completed 10 of 15 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown and also ran for a score. Kocis made argu-



Anthony Cruz (3) of John F. Kennedy HS.

Photo by Ken Maldonado

ably the biggest play of the game when he connected with Joe Capobianco for a 17-yard gain for a first down on fourth and 10 from the Long Island 5-yard line.

The game was still scoreless at the time. Kocis went on to lead Long Island to a 10-play, 95-yard drive that put his team up 8-0. Cardinal Hayes safety Shawn Antoine, who is headed to Rhode Island, felt Kocis' attacks on the defense were

the craftiest of the Long Island quarterbacks. Kennedy defensive tackle Mashawn Simmons added three tackles, including one for a loss of yardage.

"[Kocis] was looking the safeties off a little bit," said Antoine, who had two tackles and two for a loss of yardage. "It was just good plays. He was getting in the seams. He was making good reads."

Despite the loss, the players

were happy with how they represented New York City after the city team had fallen by combined score of 71-15 the previous two years. Victory was there for the taking, but the winning play escaped New York City this year.

"It was a little disappointing," Antoine said. "We played hard. Everybody gave their best, but sometimes you just can't finish it out."

2014 All-Bronx Softball Honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fieldston continued its dominance this year for the second-straight softball season. Behind star Temma Levis and a veteran core group of players, the Eagles took home an undefeated Ivy League title and a second consecutive NY-SAISAA softball crown.

Preston was still the borough's best squad, but its dreams of its first CHSAA archdiocesan championship were once again halted with a third-straight loss to Staten Island's St. Joseph by the Sea in the title game. The Panthers are expected to be one of the favorites next year with much of its team returning.

DeWitt Clinton, which reached PSAL 'A' semifinals a year ago, still took home a division title in a rebuilding season. And Riverdale, Bronx Science and John F. Kennedy all turned in strong campaigns.

All-Bronx Player of the Year Temma Levis, Fieldston

Levis certainly avoided the sophomore slump. The second-year pitcher remained one of the city's most dominant players at the plate and in the circle. Her ability to change pitches' speeds and locate the ball made her a nightmare for opposing hitters and helped Fieldston to feel comfortable with any lead. Levis allowed five hits, struck out five and walked just one in the final against Long Island Lutheran.

All-Bronx Coach of the Year Keith Mansfield, John F. Kennedy

The Knights completed a five-year climb from their rank as cellar dwellers to one of the elite teams in the PSAL Class B division. Kennedy had gone 0-13 in Mansfield's first season in 2010. This year it won an undefeated division title and was the only team not from Queens to reach the semifinals, where it lost to Goddard. Hours of hard work from Mansfield have JFK coming close to a title.



Preston's Julianna Orrico was named to the All-Bronx softball first team after leading the Panthers to a third straight Archdiocesan title game.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Fieldston pitcher Temma Levis is The Bronx Time's All-Bronx softball player of the year.

Photo by Alec Jacobson

All-Bronx First Team

SS Miranda Diaz,
Adlai Stevenson

Diaz was one of the hidden gems in New York City softball. The senior short-stop put up big numbers at the plate. She hit .623 with 59 RBIs and 35 runs scored. Diaz also collected 19 extra base hits, including eight home runs.

CF Grace Dzina,
Bronx Science

The athletic center-fielder was one of the main reasons the Wolverines won 12 games this season. Dzina batted .421 in league play, drove in 33 runs and scored 26 times. The senior also

stole nine bases.

SS Madeline Giannini,
Preston

The junior remained one of the top run producers and more accurate fielding players in the borough. Giannini was often the catalyst for the Panthers' powerful attack. She helped Preston again reach the Archdiocesan final.

P Madison Kahn,
Riverdale

The junior was a major weapon for the Falcons this season, helping them to continue to be one of the top teams in the Ivy League. The hard throwing Kahn was able to keep opposing offense off balance and give

Riverdale a chance to win in each of her outings.

3B Danielle Kibler,
Preston

There aren't many hitters in New York City more feared than Kibler. The junior, who is a good fielder wherever she plays on the diamond, had a batting record of more than .500 and led Preston in RBIs. The proven run producer provided some of the biggest hits of the season.

C/P Kimberly Martinez,
DeWitt Clinton

Martinez is arguably the best catcher in the borough and she helped Clinton keep the mantel of one of The Bronx's top clubs. The se-

nior batted .542 with 33 RBIs and 32 runs scored. She also picked up three wins in the circle with a 0.59 ERA.

C Bianca Mastropietro,
Preston

This sophomore sure packed a punch. Mastropietro provided plenty of power in the middle of the Panthers order and was more than capable behind the plate. Her two-run homer was the difference in a semifinal win over St. John Villa Academy.

P Julianna Orrico,
Preston

The junior was again phenomenal in the circle and could completely dominate a game. Orrico, who also hit

higher than .500, shut out Brooklyn/Queens champions St. Francis Prep and struck out 15 in a 3-2 victory over rival Cardinal Spellman.

SS Savannah Stern,
Fieldston

Stern, the Eagles' cleanup hitter, saved her best performance for when it mattered most. The junior went 3-for-4 and delivered a two-RBI single in the first inning of NY-SAISAA title game victory over Long Island Lutheran. Stern was a steady force all season.

2B Caroline Susman,
Fieldston

The senior was the Eagles' gritty leader and was never afraid to get dirty while hustling to make a play. Susman was an offensive catalyst in the leadoff spot because of her speed and ability to get on base. Her contributions were key to a second straight NYSAISAA crown.

SS Erma Villa,
DeWitt Clinton

Villa turned in her best season in a Governors' uniform and that's saying something, considering her stellar career. The senior batted .564 with 28 RBIs and 28 runs scored to help Clinton stay at the top of the division. She had 10 triples and stolen 13 bases.

Honorable Mention

SS/3B Selina Aguirre,
Cardinal Spellman
CF Lyric Anate, Adlai Stevenson
P/SS Daphne Burdeaux, American Studies
CF Lizette Medina, Cardinal Spellman
CF Leidaly Garcia, Lehman
1B Maheen Kahn, Bronx Science
SS Jenny Kronish, Riverdale
CF Alexa Mendal, Fieldston
P Cassidy Montes, Cardinal Spellman
C Christina Ocasio Gonzalez, Kennedy
CF Julie Reynoso, DeWitt Clinton
2B Victoria Rivera, Preston

Former RKA star Sofer enjoying time with Israeli national soccer team

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The millions of people watching the World Cup this summer can only dream of what it is like to be an international soccer player. Summer Sofer no longer has to.

The former Riverdale/Kingsbridge star spent the last 10 months away from home training as a member of the newly formed Israeli Under-19 women's soccer team. She will head back to Israel in July as the team continues to prepare to host and compete in the European Championships in the summer of 2015.

"It's an amazing opportunity," Sofer said. "I'm happy to be a part of it."

She learned about the team from a family friend after her junior season with the Tigers and went to a tryout with Israeli national team Coach Guy Azuri. Once selected, Sofer said it wasn't easy to leave her family and friends be-

hind. She chose to follow her dream and Riverdale/Kingsbridge allowed her to finish the final three classes for her high school diploma via online courses.

Both of Sofer's parents are of Israeli decent, and this isn't Sofer's first time competing internationally. She helped lead her Rye Celtic travel team to the 15U division title at the Dana Cup Youth Tournament in Denmark in 2011. Azuri saw more than just technical skill from the midfielder who scored 82 goals and dished out 23 assists in her three seasons with RKA.

"I saw the passion for the game and going to Israel," Azuri said. "It shows a lot of courage to do something like this, to leave the family, to leave everything here, a comfortable life and come to Israel."

There Sofer, who has not decided where she will play college soccer after

the European championships, joined the 19 other players at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sports, just south of Netanya on the northwest coast of Israel. She is just one of four players from the United States on the team. Their demanding schedules include nine practices per week. It was something that took getting used to for Sofer, but was ultimately beneficial.

"It was a lot of fun, but you don't feel like it was really long because everyone there was like a really close family," she said. "The team was amazing."

Other Bronx soccer players are hoping to gain the same opportunity Sofer is enjoying. Former Bronx Science midfielder Alex Scheman and Riverdale goalie Jennifer Kronish were at a recent clinic, working alongside Sofer with Azuri. Kronish made the team last year, but



Former Riverdale/Kingsbridge star Summer Sofer earned spot on the U19 Israeli national women's soccer team and is training to compete in the 2015 European Championship.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

couldn't commit to leaving for Israel. She is hoping something can be arranged to allow her to go back and forth.

"It's the chance to get on a national team, to not only be able to travel and spend time in Israel, but be in an environment where everyone is working so hard and getting better," said

Kronish, a rising senior.

All three young women look forward to the opportunity to help develop the program. Azuri said making the team is something that could be beneficial for players throughout their lives.

"Just being the base of something, creating something that could be really

big, it would be really cool to be one of the baseline players," Scheman said.

Sofer has already gotten a taste of what that is like. It's a decision she didn't hesitate to make and certainly doesn't regret.

"I was happy to say yes," Sofer said. "It wasn't a hard decision because I wanted to go."

City Parks Foundation kicks-off free summer sports programs

On July 1, in parks throughout New York City, City Parks Foundation kicks off its 2014 Summer Sports Program for young people. Throughout the summer, City Parks Foundation provides over 13,000 New York City children with free tennis, golf, and track and field instruction, including the free use of equipment in over 60 locations citywide. This summer, City Parks Foundation's Sports programs will be taking place in Pelham Bay Park, Haffen Park, Macombs Dam Park, Mill Pond Park, St. James Park, St. Mary's Park, Van Cortlandt Park, Williamsbridge Oval and Woodlawn Park in the Bronx.

Chase is the presenting sponsor of CityParks Tennis and Lacoste the official apparel sponsor. CityParks Tennis provides free tennis lessons to children, ages 6 to 16, in more than 36 parks throughout the five boroughs. The program promotes physical fitness while building self-confidence and is designed to make the sport of tennis freely available to those who want

to learn the game in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. CityParks Tennis runs through Aug. 8 and concludes with an exciting tournament for beginners held at the Central Park Tennis Center and the JP Morgan Chase Aces Tournament for intermediates held at Flushing Meadows Tennis Center in mid-August.

CityParks Golf presented by René Lacoste Foundation makes it fun and easy for boys and girls, ages six to 16, to learn to play golf. The free golf lessons, and use of equipment, held in public parks and on citywide courses, makes the sport of golf accessible to kids of all skill levels throughout New York City. The emphasis of the program is not only on learning the basics of the sport, but also on developing self-esteem, discipline and sportsmanship. The program gives kids a chance to improve their skills and ultimately try out for the CityParks Intermediate Program and Junior Golf Academy – specialized programs for dedicated young golfers available at the CityParks Junior

Golf Center, a facility in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn that also offers programming for new or first-time youth golfers from New York City. CityParks Golf will be held in two sessions, running from July 1 through July 25 and from July 28 through Aug. 22. Online registration is now available for CityParks Golf, please visit: www.cityparksfoundation.org/sports/register/ to register.

CityParks Track & Field presented by EmblemHealth gives New York City kids, ages 5 to 16, the chance to learn the basics of the sport, from hurdles and relay races, to long jump, shot put and javelin throw. All participating youngsters have the opportunity to display the basic skills learned at the end of the season at an organized track meet held at Icahn Stadium, the world class sports complex on Randall's Island on Aug. 13.

For more information and a full list of City Parks Foundation's 2014 kids programs, please visit www.CityParksFoundation.org.



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Velocity Track Club New York event highlights

BY WINSTON DINKINS

On Saturday, June 21, Velocity Track Club New York was blessed with a good time at the Co-op City Section 2 Fun Day. There was entertainment such as steppers, music and a live band. There was a carnival, basketball tournament, watermelon races, face painting and name that tone games. There were free hot dogs, juice, water, popcorn and the organizers gave out T-shirts to the first 50 children. Lovely prizes were given to the winners of the games. Plus, the Velocity Track Club organized the 55-meter races for ages 4 to 50. Awards were given out to the top three winners in their age group and gender. It was a great event for the community. Building Presidents of

Section 2 and the organizers did a great job.

On Sunday, June 22, Velocity Track New York competed in the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics Regional qualifier at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island. Most of the best track teams belonging to the USATF New York Association were competing. The competition was fierce and medals were hard to win. However, VTC withstood the challenge and won 23 individual medals, while most athletes broke their personal record (PR). The following student athletes medaled and / or PR: In the girls 8 and under division: Tiarra Jackson won gold in the 1500 meter race and bronze medal in the 800. In the boys 8 and under

division, Matthias Love Anderson took second in the shot put. In the boys 9 and 10 years old division, Dontae Lindo medaled and broke PR in the 400 meter and medaled in 1500 meters. Jordan Ingram medaled and broke PR in the 1500 meter race and also medaled in the 800 meter race. In the girls 11 and 12 years division, Danielle Jackson medaled and broke PR in the 400 meter race. In the boys 11 and 12 years division, Kristian Cadiz Domville took third place in the 100m and medaled in the 200 meters race. Adrian Swift Henry took second in the 80 meter Hurdles and second in the longjump. Kaseam Shand took third in the Javelin Turbo and medaled in the shot put. Daijon James



Members of Velocity Track Club are all smiles at the USATF New York Regional Qualifier.

took first in the Turbo Javelin, second in the Discus and medaled in the shot put. In the girls 13 and 14 years division, Giovanna Tolbert took third in the 800 meters and medaled and broke PR in the 1500 meter race. Dominique Jackson took third in the 100 meter race. In the boys age 15 and 16 years di-

vision, Darius Gordon took third in the long jump. Dante Dacosta also medaled in the long jump. In the boys 17 and 18 age division, Tyron Ingram medaled in the long jump. Great job, Velocity!!! Next stop, AAU National Qualifier in Lowell, Mass.

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Pipe Dreams: Woof!; Dwight's Headline; Ralph; Shredded

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Cup Thoughts

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) gave his opinion of the growing American presence. "It's certainly true that the confederation featuring North and Central America has been a force in Brazil, thanks to the resurgence of Mexico, the United States and Costa Rica, but there's a bigger story developing: the power, elegance and style of South America.

For the moment, put aside Costa Rica's stunning 1-0 victory over Italy, undoubtedly that country's greatest sporting moment in 24 years. From this vantage point, the 2014 World Cup is a team full of dancing Colombians (erasing

bitter memories of the past). It's a precision goal from Chile and two gems from Uruguay's Luis Suarez (who Dwight Perry quoted Fark.com referring to Suarez as 'Chewy Luis'). It's Neymar leading Brazil and Lionel Messi rekindling Argentina. It's the fact that nobody discounts any of these teams as the tournament roars on.

This has been a satisfying World Cup for Major League Soccer, which has players scattered throughout the event and some of the very best, including Clint Dempsey and Michael Bradley (among others on the U.S. team), Australia's sensational Tim Cahill and Brazilian goalkeeper Julio Cesar ... From last year's debacle in the Colorado snow-losing a World Cup qualifier to the U.S. in blizzard conditions - Costa Rica somehow has become the first team to advance from a group including Italy, England and Uruguay. And it's doing it with players who, for the most part, compete for second-tier clubs."

Woof!

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) sent along these groaners:

"Attention, cycling buffs

The World Naked Bike Ride was held last week in Portland. Just think of it as The Chafe for the Cup."

(More On Naked Bike Ride

The Sports Curmudgeon warned us, "Actually, I think there is a far more important message contained in that brief note. Go to Google Images and search for "World Naked Bike Ride Portland". Now that you have viewed a couple of those images, here is the important lesson for everyone:

"Never - as in NOT EVER - should you consider buying a used bicycle in Portland, Oregon.")

Dwight's Headline

"At STLtoday.com, on Colorado's MLB-worst 4.89 ERA: 'Rockies Horror Pitchers Show.'"

Dwight told us that, "An American Legion baseball game in Juneau, Alaska, was briefly interrupted be-

cause a bear was roaming along the outfield fence. It nearly became the first game called on account of game."

The Oakland A's signed a new lease to remain in plumb-plagued O.co Coliseum for another 10 years.

In honor of re-upping during the World Cup, any sewage blockages experienced in the next three weeks will be referred to as stoppage time."

I'm missing Ralph these days because he represented an era when baseball on television was zoned for total viewer comfort, for relaxation, contemplation and laughter, and where the people with the microphones let the game come to you rather than shovel it at you with both hands.

Ralph

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) remembered radio broadcasts. "In that place, you were basically just hanging out with Kiner and with his broadcast partners Lindsey Nelson and Bob Murphy at WOR, or you were hanging out

with Harry Kalas and his Phillies sidekick Rich Ashburn on WPHL, or you were hanging with the Gunner or with Harry Caray or with Jack Buck or Marty Brennaman or, on occasions too rare, with Vin Scully, the ultimate in plush baseball monologue.

"You enjoyed their company, even if Ralph's essential contribution for nine innings was to say that all of so-and-so's saves had come in relief appearances."

Shredded

Bob Molinaro (HamptonRoads.com) wrote that, "NCAA president Mark Emmert makes it too easy for his detractors when he does something as preposterous as claim that big-time college athletes are "not hired employees conducting games for entertainment." That must come as a surprise to the TV networks that pay billions for the rights to entertain America with college football and basketball. And those stadiums and arenas on campus aren't built with entertainment in mind?"

Proposed Van Nest group home for women with disabilities

From page 1

community board. Board member Al D'Angelo supported group homes for people already living in the community board region, but he opposed Unique's proposal because the women were not from the Van Nest or Morris Park areas.

I don't want our community to be a dumping ground because it's a safe community for anyone who wants to put a group home here.

Al D'Angelo

Organizations look to put services for people from outside the community into the neighborhood, D'Angelo said, and it's the community board's responsibility to protect and serve the ex-

isting residents.

"I don't want our community to be a dumping ground because it's a safe community for anyone who wants to put a group home here," said D'Angelo. "Put the group home where the children are coming from."

Near the end of the meeting a board member made a motion to oppose the group home, which the majority of the board supported. But after the meeting, it was brought to the attention of the board's chair, Tony Vitaliano, that there should have been a public hearing on the issue before any vote.

It's important to allow community members a chance to give their input, said Vitaliano, although he said he expects the community board to vote the same way next time.

"You've got to have a public hearing and invite people from the neighborhood," he said.

The public hearing will take place at on Thurs. July 24 at 7 pm, at Lubin Hall, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1200 Van Nest Avenue. Members of the public will be able to speak at the hearing for up to three minutes if they sign up before it starts.



620 Baker St. in Van Nest, where Unique People Services would like to create a group home for four young women with developmental disabilities.

Photo by Edwin Soto

Commander William G. Clancy Lane street naming on City Island

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"Commander William G. Clancy Lane," in a street salute proposed by Councilman Jimmy Vacca (D-Throgs Neck).

Clancy was a life-long resident of City Island and a carpenter by trade, but he was best known for his work on behalf of veterans with the American Legion, although he served his area as a whole.

"William Clancy served his country and his community with distinction for over five decades, and I am proud to give him this honor that he so rightfully deserves," said Vacca. "No one did more for veterans than Commander Clancy, so it is only fitting that every veteran who comes to the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post 156 will see his name on the street sign and be re-



COMMANDER
WILLIAM G. CLANCY

minded of him."

The Clancys were moved by the tribute.

"The Clancy family is deeply touched by this honor bestowed upon our father and the greater American Legion family by Councilman Vacca," said William Clancy, Jr. "Our dad would likely say that this honor is one that acknowledges all people who volunteer for organizations that serve the greater good. We agree with

that sentiment and thank all of those that helped make this happen."

William Clancy, Sr., served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963, when he joined the Hawkins Post. He held many roles there, including at least two periods as post commander, as well as post vice commander for activities and post secretary.

During his time as commander, Clancy oversaw the expansion of the City Island American Legion building to its current capacity, and he was awarded the Legion's "Good Guy" award in 1978 in recognition of his years of service.

In 1993, Clancy ascended to the rank of Bronx county commander on the borough-wide arm of the legion. Later, when he again served as commander for the Hawkins Post in 1996, he became involved in the New York State

American Legion. It was during that time that Clancy spearheaded a national effort to recognize Prisoners of War and soldiers Missing in Action (POW/MIA). As a result, the U.S. Department of Defense declassified documents to better inform bereft families, and

flew POW/MIA flags from many government flagpoles. Clancy later became district American Legion commander and statewide vice commander, both positions covering the Bronx and other nearby counties. He was a candidate for New York state commander before his pass-

ing, and will be remembered as a mentor to members and for helping the legion to advance and grow, said Hawkins Post Commander John Muhlfeld.

"He was a father-figure for many," he said. "He nurtured them to continue in the legion and make it better."



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