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## Council funds for NCBH

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The effort to bring back the maternity ward at North Central Bronx Hospital has gotten a boost in the form of City Council funds.

Councilman Ritchie Torres announced that \$600,000 was secured to assist the reopening of the labor and delivery unit at a press conference at the Norwood hospital on Wed. July 2. The allocation will fund part of a \$2 mil-

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Photo by Laura Stone

## Zooming In On July 4th

Domenico Algieri rolled his way to the Randolph Place block party in Country Club on July 4. For more photos of Bronxites enjoying the holiday weekend, see pages 30 and 31.

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## SUBWAY PARKING MAYHEM

No. 6 line rehab jams Pelham Bay strip

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Pelham Bay's parking squeeze has reached a fever pitch.

Businesses near the Buhre Avenue No.6 train station — where the MTA started seven months of construction on July 5 — are seething over lost parking spaces in a shopping strip already starved for spots even before the work started.

"I could literally go around the block 20 times without finding a spot," said John Marxuach, store manager at Florsheim Shoes on Westchester Avenue.

The city closed down the Buhre Avenue and Zerega Avenue stations on both sides until February 2015 as part of a \$109-million renewal project.

Yonkers Contracting is repairing the mezzanines, renovating windscreens, installing a pigeon-deterrent system, and fixing up the platform stairs.

Until the work is finished, local businesses will have to grit and bear the loss of precious parking — but they are not happy about it.

Contractors are using the space on Westchester Avenue between Pilgrim and Hobart Avenues to hold equipment. They've also set up so-called "staging stations" on adjacent streets.

### That's my spot!

Most of the spots lost are necessary sacrifices, admitted local business owners, and eventually will lead to an improved station.

But other spots, they charge, are unfairly being swiped.

A tan car that Marxuach said was owned by one of the workers, for example, has been parking in front of his Florsheim Shoes store since the construction started.

"Whatever parking is left,

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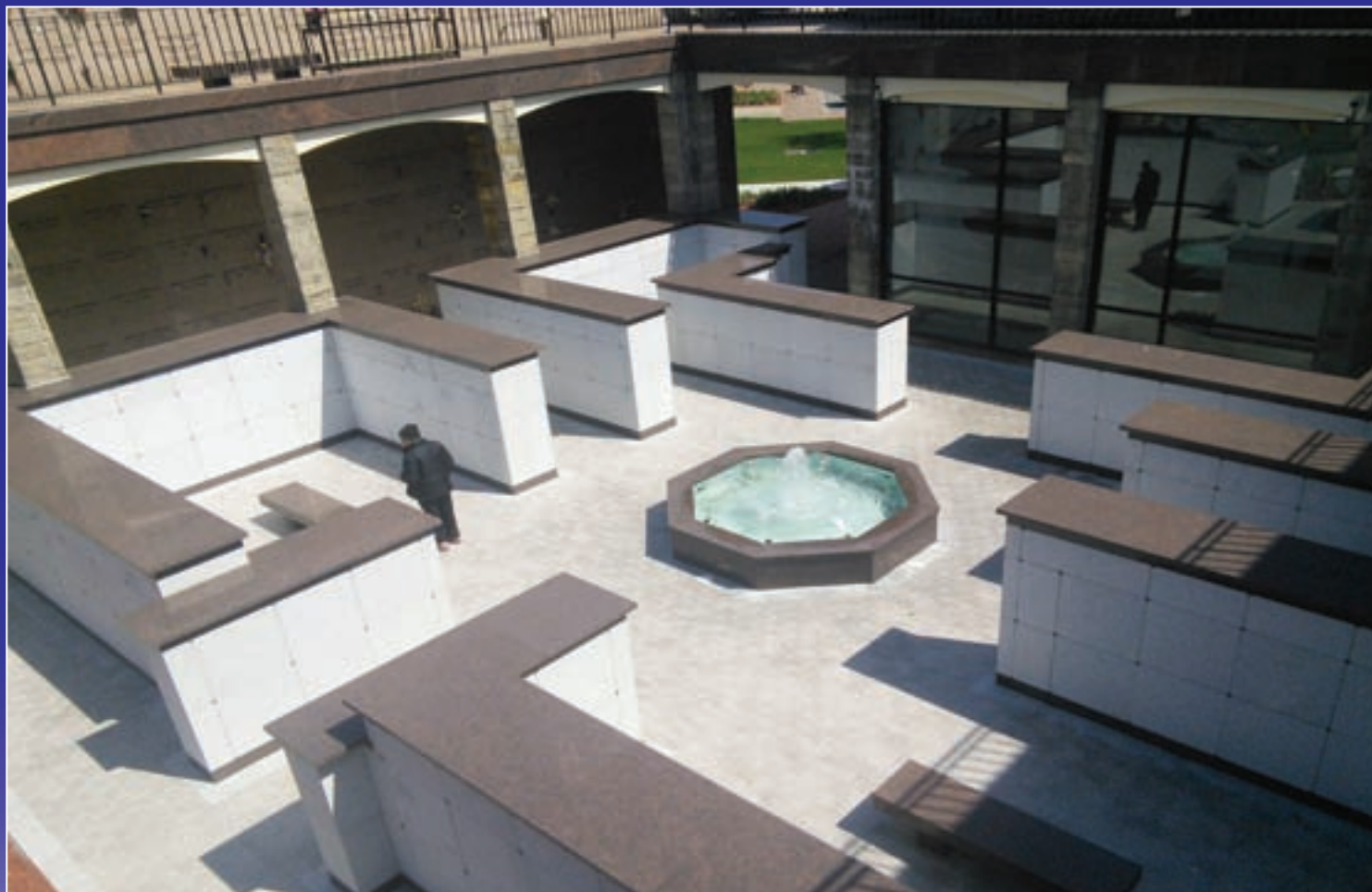
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# around town

by Patrick Rocchio

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## Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thorp and Mr. and Mrs. Aniello Giampietro of Country Club are happy to announce the engagement of their children **Gina Michele Thorp** and **Antonio Giampietro**



GINA MICHELE THORP AND ANTONIO GIAMPIETRO

on Saturday, June 28. The couple got engaged while vacationing in Aruba and are planning their wedding for 2016. Both families are so excited and wish Antonio and Gina a happy life together.

## Birthday

Happy birthday to **Barbara Castrogiovanni** on Mon. July 7 from **Maria Portella** of Pelham Bay.

*I hope that you get everything you wish for and then some. You mean the world to*

*me. My friend, sister, and lifesaver — you're the best. Peace and love, hugs and kisses.*

## Jeter's Leaders

Yankees' captain Derek Jeter's Turn 2 Foundation graduated is 2014 class of Jeter's Leaders. The intensive, four-year leadership development program for high school students in New York and Michigan enables them to serve as ambassadors for the baseball great in their communities. Among this year's graduates were: **Gi-**

**anni Castillo**, Pelham Bay, Cardinal Spellman High School; **Daniela Ayuso**, Throggs Neck, Preston High School; **Kanard Lewis**, Tremont, the Beacon School; **Elmer Chavez**, University Heights High School; **Cindy Sanchez**, KIPP NYC College Prep; **Elmer Chavez**, University Heights High School; **Keila Calix**, Fredrick Douglass Academy; and **Kristina Valentin**, Health Professions and Human Services High School.

# Vacca co-sponsors events

On Friday, July 11th, the Bronx Arts Ensemble and Council Member James Vacca will present a free Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz concert featuring master percussionist Bobby Sanabria and his band.

The show begins at 6 p.m. at Pelham Bay Park (Middletown Road and Stadium Avenue).

The concert is free and open to the public!

The Neighborhood

Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC) and Council Member James Vacca will be sponsoring a series of free movie screenings entitled, "Movies Under the Stars!"

The next films we'll be screening are "The LEGO Movie" on Friday, July 11th at 8:30 p.m. in Loreto Park (Morris Park Avenue and Haight Avenue), followed by the "The Croods" on Friday, July 18th at 8:30 p.m. in Culucci Park (Hutchinson

River Parkway East and Wilkinson Avenue).

Be sure to bring chairs or blankets to sit on.

For questions or more information, contact David Ramos from NIDC at 718-231-9800, ext. 14.

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Pelham Bay Little League volunteers Vinnie Prestipino and Harry Oehler stand in a muddy Naclerio Field when the reconstruction there was taking place. The job done by a contractor hired by the Parks Department was the subject of some litigation that resulted in a settlement with the developers insurance company.

File Photo

## Vacca bill would track park projects

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local elected official has proposed legislation that may lead to greater transparency in the implementation of Parks Department building and repair projects.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca (D-Throgs Neck) has introduced a bill that requires the Parks Department provide 30 days notice to councilmembers who allocate money for projects if changes are made in the original plans.

"Right now there is no obligation on the part of the city to advise the council person if there are changes in contracts that are funded by the member," said Vacca.

Vacca cited the reconstruction of Pelham Bay Little League's Naclerio Field as an example of the need for a law like the one he's proposed. The final result of the project, according to league leaders, was quite different from what was first proposed when Vacca allocated \$200,000 in 2008.

"I think the Pelham Bay Little League was the classic example," he said. "I had allocated the money and

the league and I were not advised that changes had been made."

Had the law been in place, Vacca said that he could have consulted with the league to see if the new plans would be an appropriate use of the money.

"When I allocate money," the councilman explained, "it is not limitless."

Legal action also resulted from the project, with the league getting a \$9,500 settlement from the contractor's insurance after a sprinkler system was damaged during the construction. Local attorney Steve Kaufman won the settlement for free.

**Changes were made**

Pelham Bay Little League president Vinny Prestopino said that originally the money allocated was supposed to fund a complete restoration of the both the outfield and infield, but that only the infield was reconstructed, and the league even had to pay to replace the pitcher's mound.

"What they originally told us they were going to do and what they did were two different things," said

Prestopino, who said that an \$82,000 backstop ate up much of the money that could have gone other repairs.

He would support a law that would have allowed the councilman some greater oversight.

"If there was a law like that it would have been a million times better," said Prestopino, who added that had the league been given the \$200,000 directly, it could have fixed all three fields.

**Parks welcomes input**

When asked about Vacca's legislation, a Parks Department spokesman said that the agency actively seeks input from all stakeholders.

"Parks maintains regular communication with community stakeholders throughout the capital process," said Philip Abramson. "Additionally, we are working on a mechanism that will provide additional transparency throughout the capital process. We look forward to sharing this information with the councilmember."



# St. Theresa Feast starts July 23rd

The St. Theresa's Summer Feast will be held this month, with rides, games, and good food up and down St. Theresa Avenue in Pelham Bay.

"The streets will be abuzz with rides being set up and decorations going up," said Lou Aurricchio, head of the St. Theresa Feast Committee. This year's feast is scheduled to run from Wednesday, July 23, to Sunday, July 27.

This year's Feast will be bittersweet for many parishioners. Father Robert Grippo, who has served as pastor at St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic church for the past 23 years, will be transferred to the Church of the Annunciation in Crestwood, New York in early July.

Father Grippo began the tradition of the St. Theresa Summer Feast in 1996, the year of the 100th anniversary of the church's patroness, St. Theresa of Lisieux. Fr. Grippo thought that a community celebration would be appropriate.

"The first Feast was so effective in bringing the community together we decided to continue it," said Fr. Grippo.

Every Feast has had a certain theme that the church focuses on for the week. This year, the theme of the Feast is "Come Home to Jesus."

Louis Masi, a seminarian who has had an active role in St. Theresa Parish, said that there will be a focus on evangelization and bringing the Good News to the people of the community at this year's Feast.

"We want to reach out to the people of the community, those who were Catholic or are Catholic who don't come to church that often, and encourage them to come home," Masi said.

The parish's youth group, which Masi organized, will be in front of the church handing out informational cards about the church's spiritual services. Curious Feast visitors may also enter St. Theresa Church for daily

mass and confession, and can watch videos explaining the basics of the Catholic faith.

"God has been working in the lives of the people in this community," said Fr. Grippo, who hopes that the Feast may be a way of providing people with a chance to re-connect with their faith.

Despite the imminent departure of Father Grippo, parishioners are confident that they will be able to continue the spirit of the Feast.

"Father Grippo has been our inspiration, and we will follow his example," said Antonia Bruno, a member of the St. Theresa Feast Committee who was recently honored for her long-time service to the Summer Feast.

The Feast has always hosted a variety of attractions for both locals and visitors from across the Bronx. Carnival-style rides and games are a constant at the Feast, along with classic Italian food. However, as with every endeavor, timing is ev-

erything; for example, ordering ride tickets in advance for a 50 percent discount.

"This year, the advance tickets are a huge savings," said Aurricchio. "You can get 40 tickets for \$20."

Advance tickets are sold in the parish rectory on weekdays between 9 am and 4:30 pm or on the parish website at <http://sttheresaschool-bronx.org> until July 22.

The St. Theresa Feast

will also hold a Grand Raffle, which will be drawn on July 27. The grand-prize winner will have the choice between either a 2014 Mercedes Benz CLA 250 or \$30,000 cash. The second-prize winner will receive \$1,000, and the third-place winner will receive \$500. Raffle tickets are also available for purchase on the parish website.

The Feast will also host a variety of local bands to

entertain the community each night. There will be two bandstands this year: one on Mayflower Avenue, and one on the Hutchison River Parkway. Featured bands and artists this year will include Bazooka Joe, A Moment's Worth, DJ Inappropriate, Blue Collar, JAMZ Entertainment, Control Z, Gino & Gina, and Dennis Dell.

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# Auto mirror thefts spike in Indian Village

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Car mirror swiping bandits have struck once again in a section of Morris Park, say angry neighbors — but according to local police nearly nothing happened.

Locals in Indian Village — the cozy network of streets in the shadow of Jacobi Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine — say that thieves stripped side-view mirrors off of at least a dozen vehicles parked on side streets during the last month, including Seminole Road and Narragansett and Rheinlander avenues.

But many of the alleged victims are not fed up enough, it appears, to file a report at the local stationhouse. Cops at the 49th

Precinct said that only a handful of mirror thefts have been reported during the last month.

Over the July 4 weekend, no reports of mirror thefts were filed anywhere in the precinct, said crime prevention officer Tyrone Mederos.

Without reports, he added, the police cannot allocate any resources to combat a possible mirror theft spree.

“No manpower will be allocated unless it is on file,” said Mederos. “As far as the NYPD is concerned, nothing happened.”

Locals have long griped that car break-ins are an unfortunate part of life in the neighborhood. Police have urged locals in both the 49th and neighboring

45th precincts to lock their car doors to protect themselves from bandits.

But this summer, say locals, the mirror thefts have come in bunches.

At least 10 vehicles were stripped of their side-view mirrors in Indian Village during the night of Saturday, April 26 and early morning Sunday, April 27, said locals Peter Enea and Joe Reda, the public safety chair of the local community board.

Some locals do not bother filing a police report because the cost of the mirrors is below the amount that their insurance covers, said Steve DeMartis, an Indian Village local who has been tallying the damage.

“People aren’t filing be-

cause they are paying no matter what,” said DeMartis. “The stats simply are not there for the crimes that are happening.”

DeMartis said he counted at least a dozen vehicles in late June whose mirrors were stolen in his neighborhood.

One area car owner, who lives on Narragansett Avenue but asked not be named, had an even rougher time of it than most. Two days after bandits swiped one mirror of his Acura MDX parked in front of his house, he received a \$45 dollar ticket from traffic police for having “missing equipment.”

“I was so aggravated,” he said. “This is just crazy! I’m getting hit from both sides.”



The side-view mirror bandits in Morris Park are back in action, say neighbors. Here, an example of the aftermath of a mirror theft from April. Courtesy Peter Enea

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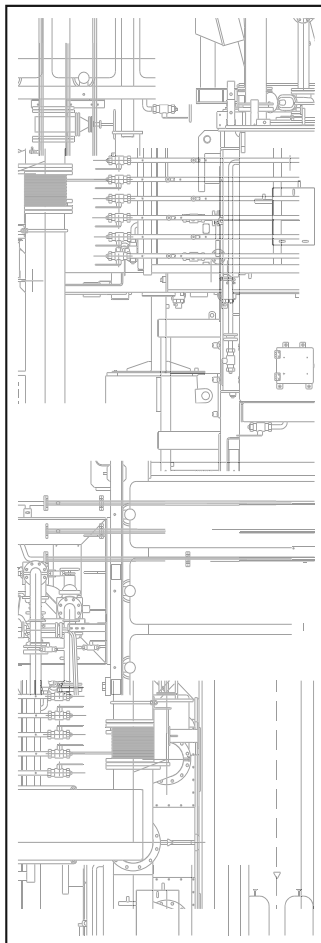
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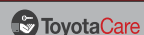


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## 40th PCT.

**MON, MAY 12th, 3:55 p.m.** — Alexander Ave. and East 142 St. A teenager required medical attention after being struck by a vehicle. The 19 year old girl had a laceration to the head when she was struck by a police vehicle. An inquiry is underway.

**THURS, MAY 15th, 11:25 a.m.** — 831 Eagle Ave. Police officers responding to the New Life School found a teen suffering from a stab wound. The 18 year old male had been stabbed in the neck area. The teen was transported to Lincoln Medical Center as officers arrested the culprit.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 12:30 a.m.** — 3050 Park Ave. Police are looking for the person who shot a black male. The 28 year old victim was suffering from a wound to the chest area upon arrival at Lincoln Medical Center. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SAT, MAY 17th, 12:05 a.m.** — 599 Morris Ave. Detectives are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. Police officers arriving on the scene were unable to locate any victims but indicated that there was property damaged by the bullets.

## 41st PCT.

**MON, MAY 12th, 9:05 p.m.** — Southern Blvd. and Barretto St. Police took another teenage boy into custody. The 18 year old male was arrested after being found in possession of a revolver. The 38-caliber handgun was vouched as evidence.

**SAT, MAY 17th, 1:15 a.m.** — Prospect Ave. and Fox St. Authorities are looking into an incident where shots were heard. Police officers arriving on the scene indicated that there had been a discharge of a gun but there were no victims or damage to be found. Police officers also checked local hospitals, but found no victims.

## 42nd PCT.

**TUES, MAY 13th, 8:50 p.m.** — 830 Washington Ave. Police found a teenager who was in possession of a gun. The weapon was taken away from the 16 year old Hispanic male and vouched as evidence by the arresting officer.

**TUES, MAY 13th, 10:40 p.m.** — West Farms Rd. and Freeman St. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a teen to St. Barnabas Hospital. A 19 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg. The teen was listed in stable condition at St. Barnabas Hospital. Local detectives are handling the ongoing inquiry.

**WED, MAY 14th, 5:40 a.m.** — 500 East 161 St. Armed with a search warrant, police officers were able to remove a semi-automatic handgun from possi-



# POLICE BLOTTER

ble street use. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**THURS, MAY 15th, 12:30 p.m.** — Jennings St. and Hoe Ave. Officials report that a gun battle ended with one of the participants ran into a private house. Responding police officers were able to have the culprit to turn himself in without any additional incidents. Authorities recovered a gun.

## 43rd PCT.

**MON, MAY 12th, 12:05 p.m.** — 734 Noble Ave. Police were told that there was an armed male inside an apartment, but they were surprised when they gained entry inside the home. The male apparently had threatened his girlfriend authorities reported. But once the police entered the home, all police found was an empty residence.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 1:30 a.m.** — 900 Fteley Ave. Police officials summoned an ambulance to the 43rd Pct. station house. A 45 year old Hispanic man walked into the police facility seeking assistance. The man had been stabbed in the head. The injured crime victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center and treated for the wound. An inquiry is underway.

## 44th PCT.

**TUES, MAY 13th, 2:05 a.m.** — 124 East 170 St. A woman from out of state was arrested by local police officers. The 34 year old black woman from Georgia was nabbed while in possession of a gun. Police removed the weapon from the woman's control and vouched it as evidence for the pending trail.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 3:10 a.m.** — 141 East 149 St. An injured man was taken to a Manhattan hospital after being attacked. The 30 year old black man was slashed in the ear and neck areas. Officials reported that the victim was treated at the Harlem Medical Center. An inquiry is underway.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 6:20 a.m.** — Police officers nabbed an artist who was trying to display some of his work for public view. The upcoming male artist was nabbed while working on some graffiti on a building's wall. The culprit was charged with criminal mischief by authorities.

## 45th PCT.

**MON, MAY 12th, 1:30 a.m.** —

1526 Benson Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a man to Jacobi Medical Center. The 52 year old Hispanic man was suffering from a bullet wound when he arrived at the hospital. The middle aged crime victim was treated for a wound to the left thigh. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**WED, MAY 14th, 1:20 p.m.** — Whitestone Bridge. First responders received a call indicating that an occupied school bus had been involved in an accident at the bridge. The bus was carrying school children when it collided with another vehicle. None of the students were injured and the accident was considered to be minor.

**SAT, MAY 17th, 9:20 p.m.** — 100 Benchley Loop. Police investigators are looking into a shooting that occurred in the Co-op City community. A 24 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the head. The injured man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

## 46th PCT.

**MON, MAY 12th, 7:40 a.m.** — 2260 Grand Concourse. Authorities are looking into an incident where a male was slashed during an attack. The 22 year old injured male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after receiving a slash wound to the head. The unknown culprit fled the area before the incident was reported.

**TUES, MAY 13th, 3:50 p.m.** — 2273 Morris Ave. Police investigators are looking into a shooting. The victim, a 44 year old Hispanic man was suffering from a wound to the left side of the face. The injured man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital as local detectives are looking for the culprit.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 2:45 p.m.** — 2075 Grand Concourse. Additional police officers were redeployed into the area after authorities learned of a shooting. The victim was transported to a local hospital. Detectives are investigating the incident.

## 47th PCT.

**TUES, MAY 13th, 11:45 p.m.** — 938 East 228 St. A 17 years old teen was heading to jail after being found with a gun. The teenager was nabbed by undercover police officers while in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence by the ar-

resting officers.

**SAT, MAY 17th, 12:55 a.m.** — 932 East 233 St. First responders came to the aid of a month old Hispanic male infant. The baby was transported to Montefiore Hospital's Wakefield Campus on East 233 St. Within an hour the baby expired despite medical assistance. Officials believe that the baby died from AIDS.

**SAT, MAY 17th, 5:10 a.m.** — 4588 Furman Ave. Police were sent to a location in the Wakefield section. Arriving officers found a black male who had been shot in the left arm. The injured man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center as additional police officers were deployed into the area to help search for the culprit.

## 48th PCT.

**WED, MAY 14th, 1:20 a.m.** — Bathgate Ave. and East 188 St. Officials are looking for the culprit who stabbed a male victim twice. The 26 year old Hispanic male victim was suffering from stab wounds to the right arm in addition to the back when arriving at St. Barnabas Hospital. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**THURS, MAY 15th, 815 Fairmont Ave. A 42 year old man was arrested after police check to see if he had the proper permits to have a gun in NYC. The 32-caliber weapon was taken away from the Hispanic man and vouched as evidence for the pending trail.**

## 49th PCT.

**THURS, MAY 15th, 11:30 a.m.** — 2110 Barnes Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident that sent a male to Jacobi Medical Center. A male was assaulted and pistol whipped. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 9:20 p.m.** — 1624 Adams St. First responders were summoned to the Morris Park community. A 19 year old female Hispanic jumped from the building's roof. The teen was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

## 50th PCT.

**MON, MAY 12th, 4:25 a.m.** — Kingsbridge Ave and West 233 St. Police are looking into an incident that saw a 35 year old man being taken to a Yonker's hospital. A second victim appeared at the same hospital hours later. The injured black male was suffering from a

bullet wound to the right leg upon arriving at St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers. A 28 year old black male arrived on his own in the early evening suffering from three separate bullet wounds. The victim was reported to be stable condition. Local sleuth are handling the inquiry.

## 52nd PCT.

**TUES, MAY 13th, 2:50 a.m.** — 3579 Decatur Ave. Police officers were kept at bay by a male wielding a knife. The emotionally upset man has the weapon pointed at his chest. Once in police custody, the man was safely removed to North Central Bronx Hospital.

**WED, MAY 14th, 9:35 p.m.** — Bainbridge Ave. and East 194 St. Another teenager was arrested by police. This 16 year old Hispanic male was arrested when police found the teen with a 25-caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

**SAT, MAY 17th, 11:20 p.m.** — 3236 Bainbridge Rd. Police were summoned to Montefiore Hospital's emergency room. Inside the facility officials were notified that there was a 59 year old Hispanic man suffering from a bullet wound to the left ankle. The male victim was out walking when he heard the discharge of a gun nearby. The man felt pain and realized that he had been shot, so he found his own way to the hospital. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

## Transit

**FRI, MAY 16th, 8:25 a.m.** — East 149 St. and Third Ave. First responders were summoned to the IRT train station. Rescue crews were informed that there was a person under a train. Train traffic was halted to permit rescue personnel a safe working area.

**FRI, MAY 16th, 4:25 p.m.** — Third Ave. and East 176 St. An inquiry was launched after a teenage was stabbed. The incident occurred aboard a city bus. The injured teen was transported to a nearby hospital.

## Housing

**MON, MAY 12th, 9:35 a.m.** — 520 East 156 St. Police were held at bay by a woman for a while. Authorities learned that the woman had stabbed her 45 year old Hispanic husband once in the lower back. The injured man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center as the emotionally upset woman kept police at bay. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the scene by officers from Housing's PSA # 7. Authorities were able to gain control of the female removing her from the home.

## Fire Log

**TUES, MAY 13th, 5:31 p.m.**

— 3024 Holland Ave. The crew from Ladder 32 transmitted a call to alert incoming firefighters to a serious fire on the third floor of a four story apartment house. A full first alarm response was dispatched sending smoke-eaters from over a half-a-dozen stations to the blaze. Responding units were informed that there were reports of building occupants being on the fire escapes in addition to children leaning out of windows above the blaze. Engine crews stretched two hose lines, but had problems in finding a working fire hydrant. The second hose line was stretched to the 4th floor as the blaze had spread. Ladder crews smoke-eaters came to the assistance of two children who were suffering from injuries received in a fire. The young victims, ages 6 and 7 years, were suffering from smoke inhalation received in the fire that damaged the structure. The children were transported to Montefiore Hospital for treatment.

**WED, MAY 14th, 5:30 a.m.** — 673 East 223 St. For members of Engine 63, and Ladder 39 they had a very short distance to travel from their station to a working fire in a two-story structure off of White Plains Rd. The blaze was detected in the building's basement area. The officer from Ladder 39 indicated that they were facing a working fire causing additional units to be dispatched. Battalion 15 reported that all companies were going to work and an additional engine and a ladder company would be needed. Division 7 arrived on scene assuming command of the extinguishment operation indicating that the firefighters found an injured civilian. At 6:00 a.m. the fire was declared under control.

**WED, MAY 14th, 1:50 p.m.** — 465 Underhill Ave. Firefighters were dispatched to a blaze in the Classion Point section. Members of Engine 96 found the fire on the first floor of the private home as Tower Ladder 54 officer requested a full first alarm assignment. Since the ladder crews found security bars on the windows, an additional Ladder Company was dispatched to the scene by orders of Battalion 3. Division 6 responded assuming command of the operation and declaring the fire under control after all searches were completed at 2:06 p.m.

**THURS, MAY 15th, 7:00 a.m.** — 1110 Wyatt St. A fire was reported in the boiler room of a building in the West Farms community. Firefighters from three different stations originally responded to the basement fire. At 7:07 a.m. Battalion 18 requested a full first alarm assignment to help contain the blaze. By 7:16 a.m. all visible fire was extinguished as searches continued. Five minutes went by before Division 7 declared the incident under control.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Bill Twomey's Passing

Dear editor,

I was saddened to learn of the death of my good friend, fellow parishioner of St. Frances de Chantal, and long time Bronx Times historian columnist Bill Twomey. I know he's been ill for some time, but many of us always wish and pray for a miraculous recovery. But now that he has passed on, I guess we can all conclude that he's now in a better place--that his days of suffering have commenced.

My utmost and deepest condolences to his wife Carol Twomey (who was my fourth grade Science teacher at the same parish school back in the day), his children, other family members, close friends, and colleagues.

God bless and God speed!!

Michael S. Wilbekin

## Remembering Twomey

Dear editor,

I was saddened by the recent passing of our dear friend, Bill Twomey.

He was more than just a "dear friend", he was also a loving husband and father, a good and caring neighbor, a Bronx historian of the first order and a marvelous writer.

John Robben

## Thanks to Vacca

*(The following letter was sent to Councilmember Jimmy Vacca's office.)*

Dear editor,

At the beginning of this year, I received a water bill of \$1000! I was surprised because I had called 311 to complain of a main leak down the block from my house. Feeling that I was a Good Samaritan for trying to have the leak fixed, I called Councilman Vacca's office to protest this outrageous charge.

I spoke with Jeff in the Councilman's office and sent him a copy of my bill, and he assured me that he would look into this. It turns out that my water usage was actually lower than my last quarterly bill, which was for \$250. I was a sent a dispute form which I filled out and sent to DEP. With much diligence it was rectified and was given credits towards my future water bills.

I want to say thank you to Councilman Vacca and his dedicated staff for working hard for our community. If it were not for him, I would have been stuck with an enormous bill that I did not owe.

David Motola

## School lunch cost

Dear editor,

Not all kids get a free lunch, Tom, only the ones who can't afford it and are in school to learn how to fish and not be 4 F for the next WAR.

The city raised the price of a school lunches from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per day for the ones who can afford it last Sept. 30

Free Condoms in schools you say? What a great idea, I'm all for that. The city can save millions from feeding and educating un-

wanted children also on Abortion Clinics and the spread of venereal disease's like syphilis and gonorrhea. "Free Condoms" should be available not only in Schools but in every Bar, Drug Store, Super Market and church.

NYC "Free Condoms For All" would save the city more money and do more good than all the "Pro-Lifers" and "Department's of health" combined.

Dante Barozzi

## Nonaffordable Healthcare

Dear editor,

The Affordable Healthcare Act (ACA) Law (Obamacare) was used to win an election and many bought into it not knowing what they will have to endure each year until it is fully implemented. Provided are a few items you may not know about the law:

The government will have real-time and direct access to individuals' bank accounts and personal records for elective fund transfers.

The government will reduce physician services for Medicaid seniors. Restrict treatment of certain cancer hospitals and enrollment to special needs people, to include having the authority to disqualify Medicare Advance Plans, HMO's, etc.

The government will provide an approved list of end-of-life resources; guiding you in death and mandates a program for orders on "end of life". This includes the government deciding what level of treatment you will have at end-of-life.

When the President breaks his own law more than 30 times; premiums and deductibles continue to rise and the promise of sav-

ing \$2,500 never materializes, it is time for real health care reform, not the ACA as written.

Robert Neglia

## Correcting Penner

Dear editor,

Yes Mr. Penner, President Obama does attend fundraising events on a regular basis, as do politicians of every political persuasion, including the true friends of he 1%, the Republicans. It is an unfortunate truth that campaign contributions are an essential aspect of political life, especially after the Supreme Court's ill-advised Citizens United decision, which allows unlimited donations to political parties and candidates.

I challenge your assertion that "no previous President has spent so much time away from Washington." Even if it were true, technology provides Mr. Obama the ability to conduct the nation's business whether he is in Washington, New York, Hawaii or some foreign capitol.

Your Alfred E. Neuman reference would be more appropriate if applied to George Bush, who led the country into an unnecessary war based on fabricated evidence and is arguably the worst president this nation ever suffered under.

Pasqual Pelosi

## Homeland Security transportation

Dear editor,

This news on buses carrying migrant children and families reminds me of 1939 when a ship, the St. Louis, loaded with escaping German Jews from the Nazi's was refused to dock here and sent back to be executed.

May your God forgive America.

CIAO.

Dante Barozzi

## Honoring Essie Shor

Dear editor,

Essie Shor will be honored by Temple Hativka at a luncheon on Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m. at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Mrs. Shor was a partisan during World War II and fought with the Bielskis 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 Bielski partisans".

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Rabbi Harry Hertzberg

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# Doctor pushes Albanian museum

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local Bronx doctor is working on creating a museum in Kosova for his martyred brother.

Dr. Hasan Ademaj, a renowned dentist and surgeon who practices in Belmont, is now creating a museum and memorial in the Kosova town where his brother Vezir Ademaj organized resistance to a Serbian invasion and paid for it with his life in July, 1998. He was part of the Kosova Liberation Army.

Vezir was a kick-boxing champion of Europe before returning to Kosova from Switzerland to fight the invading Serbian forces of Slobodan Milosevi, said Dr. Ademaj.

Milosevi was charged with war crimes related to genocide and convicted after he died. His army was invading Kosova, a country whose population is mostly Albanian.

The museum is to be lo-

cated in the family's 18th Century "Kulla" — a tower house very thick walls and small windows that is used as fortification against invasion. It was burned by the Serbs and is located in the Kosova town of Sheremetaj.

"This is good for history and for a new generation to know what happened

in that period," said Dr. Ademaj, who has met with world leaders to discuss issues related to the region. "My brother was living in Switzerland and he came to defend the civilian population."

Ademaj said that both the Albanian and Kosova government is support-

ing the creation of the museum.

Joining the cause is the president and founder of the Bronx-based Albanian-American Society Foundation. Esad Rizai. Rizai called Vezir an inspiration.

"The creation of this museum means very much because man like him is an inspiration to our community," said Rizai. "He inspires people and it is an important part of Albania history, and people like that give us pride."

Rizai said that his brother sacrificed for all of the Albanian people in all nations in the Albanian tradition of "Besa" — a code of honor. And the museum would honor the unselfish man who friends say can never be replaced.

"He said 'I don't want anything, I just want to support my people,'" said Rizai.

The museum will be a remembrance of the geno-



VEZIR ADEMAJ

Photo courtesy of Hasan Ademaj

cide that left thousands of combatants and civilians dead, said Rizai. His family is helping him spearhead the project.

Kullas have a long history as fortifications against invasions that seem to have been part and parcel of the history of the region.



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# St. Benedict Parish Playhouse closes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Throggs Neck community and St. Benedict's Parish is losing an enduring program for children.

The St. Benedict's Playhouse, a wonderful, facilitated play group and learning program for toddlers run by local educators Bailey Provetto and Therese Cojocar, will shut its doors after nine years of teaching hundreds of toddlers and getting them ready for school.

Provetto cited a lot of different factors, including the ongoing economic slump that makes even a modest \$65 a month for the program tough for families, a decline in enrollment, and complications arising from the regionalization of schools in the New York Archdiocese. All were factors that led to their decision to quit while they were ahead and go out on top, she said.

## Pastor Responds

Father Stephen Norton, the pastor of St. Benedict's Parish, said that the loss of the playhouse would be shared by the entire parish community, but struck a note of optimism in saying that when God closes one door he opens another.

"Bailey and Therese were looking to retire out, and they tried to see if there would be someone else to take over the program," said Norton. "But we just didn't get anyone interested in doing that."

"It is a loss for us, there is no question about that," he added. "But trumping that loss is what Bailey and Therese need in their lives and with their families—we are supporting them, and we are grateful for the nine years during which they worked extremely hard."

Norton said there may not be the same exact program continu-

ing at the church and its school, but he is confident that the parish community will continue to thrive.

## A necessary program

The program served over 783 families, who often had several children each, said Provetto. The idea of a facilitated play group was fairly new at the time it was started under Monsignor Edmund Whalen, then-pastor of St. Benedict's.

"It was a very new type of a idea, it was not 'a mommy and me,' program, it was a facilitated play group which is like a preschool only with the caretakers being there," she said.

The playhouse was a comprehensive program that offered actual lessons, craft-time, circle-time, and speakers for the mothers and other caretakers involved in the children's upbringing.

"We were getting the children ready for school," she said.



A collage provided by Bailey Provetto shows scenes from nine years at the St. Benedict's Playhouse.  
Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto

"Every pre-k and kindergarten teacher knew our kids because they were the ones who knew how to transition, to lineup, and share and care."

Many similar programs in the area are also struggling and closing, and despite efforts to keep

costs down, many local moms in the area couldn't afford to send their children, she said.

Provetto said that both she and Cojocar thought and prayed about their difficult decision, and feels that they made the right one.



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# 'Delta' force! New public school in Throggs Neck

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

This fall, the Bronx Delta School in Throggs Neck will open its doors to students for the first time.

The new public elementary school is the brain child of Principal Daniel Racic, who was recently a part of the founding team at PS 531 in the Bronx.

Racic, who taught technology, coached teachers and held other leadership positions in the school, said that being part of a new school was a turning point for him as an educator. The experience showed him how a team could create a positive school culture from the ground up,

"It was really exciting to me to be able to do something like that from scratch, to help an entirely new set

of students," said Racic.

The Bronx Delta School, which will offer classes to just pre-K and kindergarten students this year, has been in the works since March 2013.

The school is founded on the values of being purposeful, being joyous learners, and being kind, said Racic, and he's spent the past year working to connect those ideals to specific teaching and administrative practices.

"Every step since then has been about flushing it out and making it real," said Racic.

A key part of the school's plan is to have students set goals each week or so, Racic said, in order for them to continually feel successful when meeting those goals.

He feels that having students drive their own improvement is important.

"What I think makes a student succeed is that they get to take ownership of their learning," said Racic.

The school will also emphasize an effective use of technology to empower students and allow them to be successful in the upper grades and beyond.

In addition to fostering academic improvement, Racic said the school will also encourage social and emotional development. Time will be set aside for teachers to specifically teach those skills, and students will set specific goals in those areas too.

"In order for students to be successful they need to strive to make improvements in social and emo-

tional learning as well," said Racic.

The name "Delta" comes from the delta symbol, a triangle. The three sides represent academics, social, and emotional learning, said Racic. The mathematical symbol also indicates change, which he said conveys the school's mission.

The school itself is located in the IS 192 building on Hollywood Avenue, co-located with three other schools.

The first year, the school will comprise of one pre-K and two kindergarten classes, Racic said, which are already full, although parents may place their kids on a wait list. The school will remain small, he said, with just two classes per grade. The school will be fully enrolled with pre-K



Daniel Racic, principal of the new Bronx Delta School in Throggs Neck. Photo by Jaime Williams

through fifth grade in Fall 2015, with a projected enrollment of 290 to 350.

The public school is non-zoned, which means students from all neighborhoods can apply, although

Racic said the majority of enrolled students are from nearby neighborhoods.

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# College of New Rochelle sells Mott Haven site

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The College of New Rochelle has sold its piece of prime South Bronx real estate for a hefty sum — but not to worry, Bronx bookworms.

A down-scaled version of the school's adult education School of New Resources will remain on-site in Mott Haven for at least the next decade.

**All of our classes and offerings will be the same. We are keeping the space that we really need, and continuing to grow.**

**Judith Huntington**

Property investment firm Chestnut Holdings snapped up the 60,000-square-foot, eight-story building at E. 149th Street and Courtland Avenue — steps from the heavily trafficked Hub — in

June for the asking price of \$10.5 million.

As part of the sale agreement, the college's John Cardinal O'Connor Campus will lease back four floors of the building for the next 10 years, with an option to push that lease to 15 years after five years.

## Less space, no problem

The school put the towering Mott Haven building on the block in February. College leadership said the school would pump the money from the sale into improving existing facilities and programming.

Overall growth from the school, said college president Judith Huntington, would overshadow the space squeeze.

"All of our classes and offerings will be the same," said Huntington in an interview. "We are keeping the space that we really need, and continuing to grow."

The School for New Resources, which has doled out adult education degrees to more than 5,000 men and women in the community for more than 35 years, will soon consolidate its classroom and office



The College of New Rochelle has sold its building on E. 149th Street, but will continue to lease four of its floors for its adult education campus.

Courtesy College of New Rochelle

operations between the third and sixth floors of the E. 149th street building. Chestnut Holdings is now targeting retail ten-

ants for the ground and second floors, and other commercial tenants for the seventh and eighth floors.

## Boom by the Hub

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## Staying long term

The College of New Rochelle, which serves mostly local students who walk or take a quick public transportation to class, has every intention of staying put amid the surrounding real estate boom.

"This is not an exit strategy whatsoever," stressed Huntington. "We are firmly committed to serving the Bronx community for the long haul."



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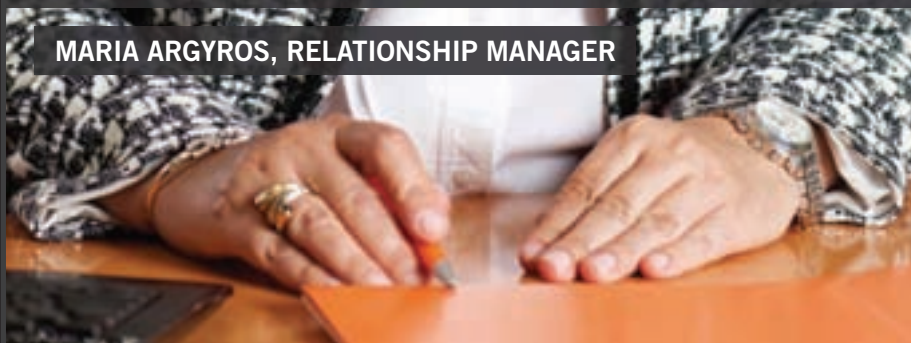




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# Exercise equipment planned for park

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A plan to get adults working out on free outdoor equipment is coming to Bronx Park East.

Councilmember Jimmy Vacca has allocated money to install adult exercise equipment in the park that will be ready for use in the Summer of 2016, giving residents a different way to use parks to get in shape.

which the funds have been secured, is projected to cost about \$300,000.

The plan is the second of its kind coming from Vacca. He also funded exercise equipment in Pelham Bay Park, and that project is a year ahead of the Bronx Park East plan.

Vacca said the exercise equipment projects are just one aspect of trying

“This is something people will want to see,” said Vacca.

The Community Board 11 Parks Committee agreed, and voted to send a letter of support for the project to the Parks Department at a meeting on July 9. The deadline for the letter did not allow time for the issue to be brought before the whole board.

The plan was initially presented to some members of the board by a Parks Department representative at a chairpersons meeting in June, where a few members had concerns about the safety and maintenance of the equipment, said Parks Committee Chair Joanne Rubino.

Those members’ initial resistance may have also stemmed from the fact that the Parks’ representative was unable to answer specific questions, said Board 11 chairman Tony Vitaliano.

But both Rubino and Vitaliano said they felt the plan for equipment was a positive one, because it encourages people to get outside and active.

The exercise equipment is a great alternative for people who can’t afford or don’t want to join a gym, said Vitaliano, and the equipment is senior-friendly.

“This is definitely something that gets people moving,” said Rubino.

**I’m committed to physical fitness. Here in the Bronx we face many obstacles to good health, and wherever I can encourage it, I do.**

**Jimmy Vacca**  
Councilman

“I believe our parks have to be a place for physical activity,” said Vacca. “And exercise equipment in a park represents a fantastic opportunity to people to get active and get in shape.”

The plan is still in the preliminary phases, but the equipment would be placed in Bronx Park East near Lydig Avenue, said Vacca.

The exercise stations would include equipment for things like sit ups and chin ups, said Vacca, and it is weather resistant, vandal proof and handicap accessible.

He said the project, for

to improve health in the borough, which he feels requires attention to nutrition, physical education and parks, among other things.

“I’m committed to physical fitness,” he said. “Here in the Bronx we face many obstacles to good health, and wherever I can encourage it, I do.”

Since the plan is still in the preliminary stages, there will be opportunities for input from the community about the specifics of the placement and design. But Vacca is confident that residents will welcome the plan to offer more opportunities for exercise.



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# Women's club starts Bronx chapter

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A world-wide women's club is forming its first chapter in the Bronx.

Zonta International, which has about 1,200 chapters with more than 30,000 members in 67 countries, operates with the goal of advancing the status of women.

Bronxite Marsha Gilles is working to bring that mission to her borough. The 95-year-old club works to address problems that women face locally and around the world, including health education, domestic violence, and human trafficking said Gilles, who was a part of the Westchester Zonta club for seven years before striking out and establishing the Bronx chapter.

"It's about service, advocacy, and a wide variety of women's issues," she said.

Although it's a world-wide club, she said serving local women is a priority for the chapter. In order to do that, the club will partner with other organizations to host local events and fundraisers.

"We try to get into the community to see where the need is," said Gilles. "We want to be hands-on."



Members of the new Zonta International Bronx chapter surround club president Marsha Gilles at the "Zonta Zing" membership event.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

So far, plans for the fall include a school supply drive, and helping women dress for success, said Gilles, who has high hopes that the Zonta club will make a name for itself in the borough and reach many people.

"We want to have a strong presence in the Bronx, so people know

what we're about," she said.

Since the chapter is currently in the beginning stage, the focus for now is on reaching potential members through social media and word of mouth. Although the chapters are usually made up of mostly female members, Gilles said the club is inclusive to men who would

like to participate.

The Bronx chapter will officially be chartered in September as long as the founding group has 25 members, said Gilles, adding the new chapter is about 17-member strong right now.

The group is already hosting monthly meetings at the Center-

Light Healthcare Center, 2401 White Plains Road. The next meeting will be on Wed. Aug. 6 at 4 pm.

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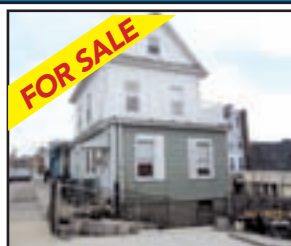
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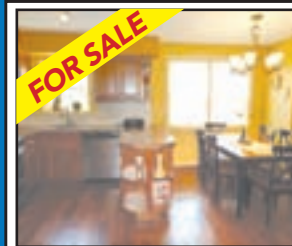
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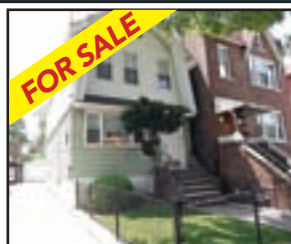
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Montefiore Medical Center says it will "significantly" downsize its original plans, pictured here, for an outpatient facility in south Riverdale.  
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## Montefiore to scale back Riverdale ambulatory plan

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Montefiore Medical Center says it is prepared to take a scalpel to its controversial plans to build an ambulatory center in Riverdale.

But locals are still left guessing to what degree the borough's medical giant will shrink its design — or whether or not it will be subject to a new Bronx law aimed to force such projects to go through unprecedented levels of red tape.

Hospital staff is expected to meet with the land use committee of Community Board 8 on July 22 to discuss a scaled-down complex at the proposed site on Riverdale Avenue and West 238th Street.

Montefiore had originally proposed an 11-story, 95,000-square-foot outpatient center there that caused an outcry from neighbors who thought such a building would conflict with the area's residential character and cause traffic jams, among other gripes.

The community out-

rage prompted state Sen. Jeff Klein (D-Morris Park) and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz (D-Riverdale) to push through a law in March creating a new review process for outpatient health care centers over three stories tall or 30,000 square feet planned for the Bronx.

Such projects must now go through a series of mandatory community forums before the state Department of Health has a chance to approve them.

Klein vowed in March that construction on the Riverdale site could not start for at least two years.

It remains unclear whether the Montefiore Riverdale site will become the new law's guinea pig, or if it will be downsized enough to get around the legislation.

An assistant vice president at the health care chain, Kate Rose, told Community Board 8's land use committee in June that Montefiore was considering an "approximately three-story health facility with on-site parking," ac-

cording to a report in the Riverdale Press.

Such a plan would be exempt from going through Klein's law, if it was also less than 30,000 square feet.

But a hospital spokeswoman backtracked a bit this week in an e-mail to the Times-Reporter, saying only that Montefiore plans to "significantly reduce the project," and wouldn't specify whether the new plans were less than three stories tall, or smaller than 30,000 square feet.

"We will be sharing the new plans with the public in the coming weeks," wrote Tracy Gurrissi.

Until then, Riverdale is keeping its fingers crossed — and elected officials will be watching.

"I have stood with the Riverdale community every step of the way in fighting against this health facility," said Sen. Klein, "And I will continue to stand with them with respect to Montefiore's newest iteration of its proposed Riverdale development."



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# Bronx beat

## Champion of Change award

Bronx native Stanley Richards has been honored by the Obama Administration as a **Champion of Change** for his 23-year commitment to helping formerly incarcerated individuals re-enter society with dignity. The event, honoring 16 Champions of Change, took place at the White House on Monday, June 30. Attorney General Eric Holder was on hand.

Richards serves as the Senior Vice President at The Fortune Society, a non-profit organization in New York City, whose mission is to support successful re-entry from prison and promote alternatives to incarceration. He has more than 23 years of experience in the criminal justice field. After serving four and a half years in prison, where he earned his college degree, Richards was hired as a counselor by The Fortune Society in 1991, and steadily worked his way up, becoming manager of career development and deputy executive director. He currently oversees all of Fortune's housing programs and has developed a wide range of skills and experience in implementing supportive reentry programs for people being released from prison, particularly in the areas of employment, education, housing, and health services, including mental health.

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Kelvin Joseph has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Sales at **Steiner Sports Marketing & Memorabilia**. Brandon Steiner, company founder, made the announcement today.

A key member of the Steiner team since 2009, Joseph previously served as Chief Financial Officer at the sports marketing and sports memorabilia powerhouse. He now oversees the daily operations of the

company and the strategic direction of all sales and business development operations.

Joseph has interacted with such notables as Mariano Rivera, Eli Manning, Derek Jeter and Mark Messier (just to name four of the thousands of Steiner stars), while keeping his eye on the bottom line and business development of the firm.

After attaining a BBA degree in public accounting from Pace University in 2001, Joseph has climbed the ladder of success in rapid fashion. He is a member of the exclusive "Under 40 Club," which features high-ranking executives who have reached a near pinnacle before their 40th birthday. Kelvin is only 35!

A product of Walt Whitman High School, Joseph and his wife, Samanta, CEO of Samantashoes.com, have two children, Kelvin, Jr., 9, and Pamela, 7.

Joseph credits INROADS with getting him a job at top accounting firm Ernst & Young at age 19, an opportunity which helped him become CPA by age 22. INROADS assists businesses in gaining greater access to diverse talent through the development of outstanding, ethnically diverse students and their internship placement at many of North America's top corporations, firms and organizations.

Born and bred in Huntington, Long Island, where his family transplanted from Grenada, Joseph works in New Rochelle (Westchester), and now resides in the North Bronx.

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**SoBRO** was recently awarded \$25,000 in seed funding from the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) as one of five finalists in Round I of the third annual Competition To Help Reach Immigrant Ventures and Entrepreneurs (THRIVE), designed to address practi-

cal struggles faced by immigrant entrepreneurs in starting, operating and expanding their businesses in New York City.

SoBRO is launching the United Business Cooperative, representing a group of 31 immigrant restaurant owners who have come together to centralize their purchasing, storage, and delivery operations to realize cost savings and provide healthier options to Bronx residents and visitors. After the six-month pilot period, one finalist will be selected to receive \$100,000 and promotional services to scale the winning project.

SoBRO proposes to offer the following technical assistance services to the Coop: formalizing cooperative entity and related legal assistance, financial projections estimating the cost savings arising from collective bargaining, business financial literacy services, credit analysis and repair, establishment of a bank account, branding and marketing support, technology support, and assistance with identification of warehouse space.

The proposed initiative has a great potential both for expansion and replication. As the cost-savings and service improvements are realized, SoBRO will work closely with the Coop members to recruit new businesses and expand into other areas where members will benefit from collaboration and economies of scale. SoBRO believes that the cooperative model can be replicated in other sectors as well as other neighborhoods where similar sized and scoped immigrant businesses exist, in New York City, and nationally.

For more information about the United Business Cooperative, contact Ayca Ergeneman at aergeneman@sobro.org or 718-732-7520.



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## ALLERTON AVENUE ASSOCIATION PICNIC



(Above) Darlys Tirabasso (c) enjoys the Allerton Avenue Association Annual Picnic with her sons, left, Mathew and Lorenzo.

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(Left) Frank and Judy Stefano get food during the event.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Below, l-r) Will Madonna, Joe Menta, Senator Jeff Klein, Sal Castorina, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Tom Messina, Sonny Vataj, former Assemblyman Steve Kaufman, and 80th Assembly District State Committeeman Joe McManus enjoy the event.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



## UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



Karol Nunez paints 10-year-old Jacob Garcia's face while Maya Garcia, 9, and Marianna Hernandez look on at the Unity in the Community Festival. Kingbridge groups and merchants joined forces on Sunday, June 22 for the annual party. Families lined the streets at the carnival celebrating the rich neighborhood that includes the Kingsbridge Armory, Monroe College, Bronx Community College and Lehman College.

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Luis Ayuirre, in an utterly terrifying maneuver, shows off his pet iguana to toddler Aleena, held by Jamie Velez.



The festivals organizers, and local elected officials, got into the unity spirit.

## STAR OF THE SEA CADET CORPS



Sea Cadet Corps' colorguard (l-r) Mathew Rodriguez, Julian Carmela, Gabriel Vargas and Chris Santiago at the annual Military Review and Promotion Exercise.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt





Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj hosted an Independence Day and Iftar celebration on July 6 in Pelham Parkway.

Photo by Patricio Robayo



Residents wait for the fireworks to start at Co-op City's celebration on July 5. Photo by Alex Belisle



"Uncle Sam" and event organizer Anthony Grazioli at the Randolph Place Block Party. Photo by Laura Stone



# PARTIES



Schuyler Hill residents enjoyed food and good company at the civic association's celebration on July 5.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Rose Marie Maldonado and Breslin Bautista show off their stars and stripes at the Randolph Place Block Party. Photo by Laura Stone



John Buccolo gets a thrill from the water slide at the Randolph Place Block Party.

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Chloe Zerbo, Sienna Genil, and Lauren Buccolo rode their bikes to the Randolph Place Block Party on July 4.

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Melanie Galarza and daughter Charlotte Torres enjoy Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's celebration in Pelham Parkway.

Photo by Patricio Robayo



# THROGGS NECK HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



A Throggs Neck school joined a health organization to throw a Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 14. Mott Hall Community School, Title 1 Committee and Healthfirst set up booths for diabetes screenings, blood pressure checks, the NYPD, and FDNY, among others. And if that wasn't enough, visitors could also try to drench a teacher in the dunk tank. Pictured: school Principal Juana (Jenny) Rosario, second from left, along with her staff.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Capri Christianson, 16, joined 9-year-old Rachel Villagran and 15-year-old Caroline Rodriquez in some arts and crafts.

Photo by Edwin Soto

## COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL FAREWELL DINNER



From left, Celesting S. Padilla (class of 1945), Lois Mangione (class of 1954) and President Phyllis Italiano (class of 1972) relive their high school days.

Photo by Edwin Soto

Farewell, Columbus! Principal Lisa Maffei-Fuentes with the yearbook from 1977, the year she graduated from Pelham Parkway's Christopher Columbus High School. Alumni and students flocked to Villa Barone Manor on Friday, June 27 for one final hurrah as the school graduated its final class. Once a thriving Bronx institution that graduated the likes of Ralph Lauren, as well as local political powers Councilman Jimmy Vacca and State Senator Jeff Klein, the school had been placed on a city phase-out list.

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## ST. RAYMOND AVENUE BLOCK PARTY



Westchester Square locals reveled in the summer sun at the Westchester Square Civic Association's block party on Saturday, June 28, on St. Raymond Avenue, between Overing Street and St. Peters Avenue. (Left, l-r) Joseph Ahinfal, Zynashia De Inish, Jason Ahinfal, Michael Ortiz, and Kenya Mitchell-Ortiz sold jeans to benefit their church.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## "SAGE ON AGE" ESTATE PLANNING



A pair of neighborhood leaders held an estate planning workshop at Tosca's on E. Tremont Avenue on Saturday, June 28. Steve Kaufman, president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, and Ronald Schwartz led locals through strategies to be financially stable for generations to come. (Above, l-r) Ashley Ramos, Cathy Ziegler, Steve Kaufman and Ronald Schwartz.

(Left) Ronald Schwartz doles out estate planning advice.

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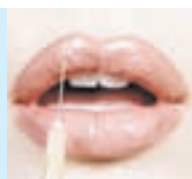
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# Money wise: Bank program trains students

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Capital One Bank is encouraging financial literacy among Bronx youth.

It has been another successful year for Capital One's Student Banker Program at the Theodore Roosevelt Education Campus in Fordham.

As part of the ongoing program that began in 2007, 11 high-school seniors are selected to run a functional bank branch in the school building for those who go to school and work there.

The youth people train in Capital One bank branches in their communities in the summer, and have the fall semester to learn more, before spending the spring teaching their peers about financial literacy, said LaKia Williams, part of the bank's Community Development Banker Team.

"We believe in the peer-to-peer education model when it comes to financial literacy for student banking," she said. "So our stu-

dents in turn teach their peer through a Jeopardy-like game that covers basic concepts like budget, credit, and identity theft."

One of the students who participated in the Roosevelt program this past school year, said that she learned about the importance of saving and how to prioritize her time.

"I had to learn to prioritize my time so in benefits me in the long run," said Alexandria Fearon of Williamsbridge, who added that the student bankers must keep up in their classes while they are running the bank branch inside the school building.

She also learned tools she can use to set and reach her own goals.

"My goal is to go to college, so I will be able to see what should I save in order to reach my goal in the next year," she said.

The graduating senior plans to attend the College of New Rochelle, where she



The student bankers at the Theodore Roosevelt campus for the 2013-14 school year are (back row, l-r) Franklin Ramirez, Daniel Smalls, Rajae Brown and Dashawn Britt, (front row, l-r) Henry Amoako, Clarice Enriquez, Alyssa Powell, Tara Shreenauth, Nia Shuler, Alexandria Fearon and Sadeek Walker.

Photo courtesy of Capital One Bank

hopes to major in Environmental Science with a minor in Sociology.

The bank wishes to share five tips that can help young people achieve financial goals:

- Set financial goals: Identify and write down your short-term and long-term

financial goals. Financial goals can include saving for college, buying a car or saving a certain amount for any expenses during your senior year (such as prom, graduation or a senior trip with your friends).

- Develop a realistic budget: Think through how

much income you have (from a part-time job, allowance or babysitting pay) and how much you've normally been spending. Map out your expenses and income and determine your spending priorities, such as the difference between your wants and your needs.

- Make saving a priority: Most people decide how much they can save after looking at their usual monthly expenses. The trick is to make your savings as important as all of your other expenses. Each month, put away the amount you plan to save first, before you have any other expenses, so it becomes a part of your monthly budget.

- Track your spending: Keep track of any money you spend, especially on non-essentials. Once you take a look at everything you purchase in a month's time, you may find there are certain costs you can cut back on to save money. For example, packing a lunch at least twice a week instead of eating out could save you almost \$20 a week!

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# Temple Hatikva scores at ballgame

It was “take me out to the ballgame” on Sunday, July 6, as Temple Hatikva went to MCU Park in Coney Island, Brooklyn to watch the Brooklyn Cyclones on “Jewish Heritage Day”.

Temple Hatikva rented a luxury suite for the afternoon together with hot dogs, burgers, fries and all the trimmings that you would expect at a ballpark.

All those who attended received a special Cyclones souvenir baseball cap and even had a visit from the Cyclones mascot, Sandy the Seagull!

According to Cantor Kyle Cherry, it was a “terrific” afternoon. Kyle said: “We had a marvelous time watching the Brooklyn Cyclones and enjoying America’s national pastime. ‘Jew-

ish Heritage Day’ made it a very special experience and we look forward to next year’s event at the ballpark.”

If you need more information about Temple Hatikva or any of our programs, please call Temple Hatikva at (917) 453-7557 or e-mail us at TempleHatikva@aol.com



Cantor Kyle Cherry along with Brooklyn Cyclones mascot Sandy the Seagull on “Jewish Heritage Day”.

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

The band did their first show. It went great. More people showed up than expected. The owner of the venue was happy.

The band made money and new fans. The songs were performed with style and power. The sound was great and the band was invited back. A productive band will not take a break or not rehearse for a few

weeks; a productive band will meet back in the studio as soon as possible if not the night after to discuss what went right and why and more importantly what went wrong. Each member

will have a different view of the night and each of these views is equally important. A local rock band is a team. The team must all be satisfied and heard for the next gig to be even better.

The first gig was all the band thought of for weeks now it’s time to prepare for the even more important second gig. See you next week. Rock on. Rock out.

## Jolly Tinker Bar celebrates 45th

On Saturday July 12, at 4 p.m., the Jolly Tinker Bar, 2875 Webster Avenue, will continue to share their 45th anniversary celebratory year with the Bronx community as they host a local event to support and show appreciation for the borough.

Notable Bronx organizations such as the NY Botanical Garden, Part of The Solution (POTS), The Grand and Glorious Army of the Bronx, and the Bronx County Historical Society will all come together to

take part in this neighborhood event.

The bash will feature food favorite, “The Chipper Truck” who will be serving on site throughout the event. There will be fun music, games, a silent auction, and a free gin tasting by the newly launched local gin, Queens Courage.

The Jolly Tinker and the Bronx County Historical Society will present a chronological slideshow of the Bronx community over the 45 year span.

A portion of the pro-

ceeds from beverages at the event will be donated to the community dining room of POTS. Friends are encouraged to bring a canned item and receive a complimentary beer on the house.

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NYC & Company, New York City's official marketing, tourism and partnership organization, announced City Island and Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx as the next destinations to be featured in Neighborhood x Neighborhood. Accessible by bus, train or car, City Island and Pelham Bay Park offer visitors plenty to see and do in the City's greenest borough, from horseback riding and golfing to dining at seafood restaurants and enjoying seaside activities. For more information on all there is to see and do in City Island and Pelham Bay, visit [nycgo.com/nxn](http://nycgo.com/nxn).

Many of City Island's restaurants specialize in seafood, including the 64-year-old Johnny's Reef Restaurant and the 68-year-old Lobster Box Restaurant. The Original Crab Shanty serves crab 17 different ways, and Sammy's Fish Box is known for its platters and surf and turf selections.

Visitors looking to learn more about City's Island historical seafaring past can explore the free City Island Nautical Museum. And Captain Mike's Diving Services offers visitors both scuba certification and specialized classes. Jack's

Bait and Tackle sells fishing supplies and also has boat rentals—everything you'll need to enjoy fishing on City Island.

Visitors looking for a treat after their seafood meal can pick up ice cream at Lickety Split, which offers soft serve, gelato and more than 20 flavors of traditional ice cream. Sugar & Spice Bake Shop serves brunch and its menu includes everything from grilled chicken sandwiches and eggs to waffles and oatmeal.

City Island is home to many galleries including Focal Point Gallery and Kaleidoscope Gallery. In addition to showcasing the work of local artists, the Starving Artist Café & Gallery is also a coffeehouse hangout and hosts live music and open-mic performances on the weekends.

On the first Friday evening of the month, from April to December, excluding July, the free City Island Seaside Trolley leaves hourly on the half hour from 5:30 to 9:30pm from the Pelham Bay Station and makes stops at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and City Island.

The City's largest park, Pelham Bay Park, is home to hiking trails, a

diverse range of plant and animal life, miles of shoreline, 36 holes of golf and more. The park also offers prime locations to view osprey.

Located in Pelham Bay Park, Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Course has two 18-hole golf courses. In addition, Turtle Cove Golf Center is home to a miniature golf course and batting cages.

Known as the "Riviera of New York City," Orchard Beach is the Bronx's only public beach. The mile-long beach also has food concessions and recreation facilities.

Built by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia in 1842 as a summer office, the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum now gives visitors a look back to 19th-century country life.

The Bronx Equestrian Center in Pelham Bay Park provides horseback riding lessons, single, group trail rides and more. The Pelham Bay Park's riding trails offer beautiful views of marshland and woods.

A salt marsh and forest nature preserve, Hunter Island Marine Zoology and Geology Sanctuary is full of natural marvels including a rocky coastline, an oak forest and a marine ecosystem.

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book a perfect summer stay, visit [nycgo.com/hotels](http://nycgo.com/hotels).

For more information about City Island and Pelham Bay Park and other things to see and do across New York City, visit [nycgo.com/nxn](http://nycgo.com/nxn).

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The July calendar of events for the Van Nest Library, located on Barnes Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue, is as follows:

\* Urban Tech Club: Robotics 101 - This 7 week series teaches how robots work, and how to design them! For teens. Every Tuesday, July 8-August 19 at 3:30 pm.

\* Mighty Action Racket Theater Workshop - Fun theater exercises and games. For kids aged 5-12. Thursday, July 31 at 2 pm.

\* Plus all of our regular story time, craft, science, discussion, movie, computer and gaming programs!

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

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The City Island Library will offer the follow events:

Summer Arts & Crafts: We

will supply the scissors, glue and construction paper, please bring your own imagination and artistic flair as we make arts and crafts to celebrate summertime. Both on Friday, July 18th and August 22nd, All Day.

Bilingual Birdies: Every Friday at 11:00 a.m. for the whole summer. Friday July 11th, 18th, 25th, August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th.

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party: We celebrate the end of the summer, the books we have read and the knowledge we have accrued with pizza, prizes and fun. Friday, August 29th, 3 to 5 P.M.

Meditation and Quiet Time: A space for quiet studying, reading, writing and self-meditation. Every Thursday from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet: This workshop is designed to introduce anyone who has never been on the internet before. Gain proficiency in using e-mail, utilizing social media and finding resources on the NYPL web site. Every Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Also on Monday afternoons from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Grace Church, Pilot Street.

Resume Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Staff will be here to help you look for employment and get your resume into top form for the competitive job market. Pre-registration is encouraged but drop ins are fine. It is recommended you bring along a flash drive to save your work. Every Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Tablet Group: Learn how to borrow and download library e-books, discuss your favorite apps and ask questions about how to use tablets in your day-to-day life. Every Thursday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:00.

The Island Writers: The writing group returns with a summer project in mind, to create a movie about the colorful people who have made City Island their home and harbor over the years. Come write a scene about your favorite character. Starting July 8th, every Tuesday at 1 p.m.

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# Bronx resident, Lt. Colonel Floyd Carter, Tuskegee Airman

John Scuoppo was at an affair some time ago and was fascinated to meet a Tuskegee Airman by the name of Lt. Colonel Floyd Carter there.

He mentioned my name and obtained the colonel's home address and phone number for me. I was ill at the time and couldn't drive so I asked Nick DiBrino to stop by to see him and get some preliminary information for me.

The colonel is quite a busy man so finding a mutually convenient time to get together with me proved challenging and then he had to postpone a couple of meetings when his wife was hospitalized. In the interim, we had any number of very pleasant chats and I got to know the colonel quite well. The Tuskegee Airmen, for those who don't know, were a unit of African-American pilots established in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1941. Prior there to, Af-

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

rican Americans were banned from flying in the military service which was still segregated.

The Tuskegee Airmen proved that not only that they were excellent pilots, but also that they were fearless in combat.

They were credited with shooting down over 100 German airplanes and destroying an even larger number on the ground. They also sunk one destroyer and bombed almost a thousand war vehicles including railroad cars.

They received several Unit Citations and numerous medals, including eight Purple Hearts, and about 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses for their valiant efforts.

There weren't all tough times as they occa-

sionally found something to bring a smile to their faces.

One comical story he is fond of relating concerns the governor of Alabama, who was a well-known bigot.

One very dark and starless night, Colonel Carter was on a training flight in a very noisy B-25 when on the spur of the moment he decided to play a trick on the governor whom he knew was giving an important speech at the Capitol Building in Montgomery, which was only about a half hour flight away. He knew it was dark enough that his identification markings could not be seen from the ground. When he was directly over the building, he turned the props up as high as he could creating a racket

that could be heard for miles around and then he quickly disappeared into the night chuckling all the way home at disturbing the governor's solemn speech.

Floyd J. Carter was born in historic Norfolk, Virginia and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He graduated from the Tuskegee Flight School on March 23, 1946 as a flight officer in class 46-A-TE.

It was at the school where he met his wife, Artherine, who worked there repairing airplanes. The couple moved to the Bronx in 1953 where they still reside.

The colonel would later join the Air Force Reserve where he flew missions during the Berlin Airlift. He also served as the first African American commander of the 732nd Airlift Squadron from 1971 to 1974. His service to his country spans several decades and three



Lt. Colonel Floyd Carter, Tuskegee Airman.

wars: World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2007 by President George W. Bush.

As if his life wasn't

busy enough Lt. Colonel Carter also spent 27 years with the New York City Police Department. His last position there was as a detective in the 40th Precinct.

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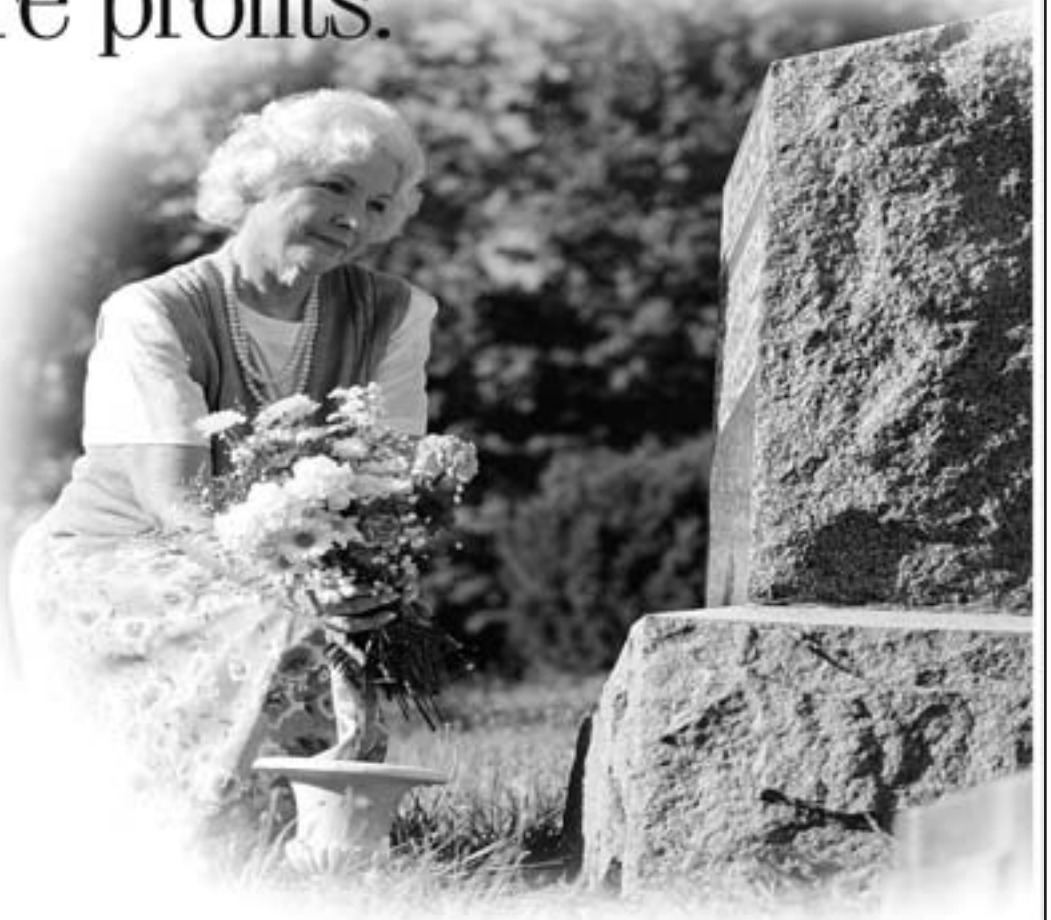
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## Teacher convicted in rape of 5th grader

District Attorney Robert T. Johnson announced that a 41-year-old former elementary school teacher was sentenced to 14 years behind bars, with an additional 18 years post-release supervision, for raping one of his fifth-grade students.

Anthony Criscuolo, of 833 Kinsella Street, pled guilty to one count of Rape in the 1st Degree, a Class B violent felony offense.

The rape of the 10-year-old female victim occurred June 17, 2013 in Criscuolo's car, evidence of which was uncovered when her mother discovered explicit emails he sent to the child.

In order to not further traumatize this young victim, it was

determined that this plea agreement was in her best interest. This determination became heartbreakingly clear when the victim impact statement written by this child's mother was read at sentencing:

"My daughter used to love going to school. She cries every time I try to take her to therapy. She walks with her head down because she feels like everyone knows who she is... she asks me to buy her sunglasses and hoodies to hide her face from others.

"My daughter is taking her anger and frustrations out on her younger sister. They used to be so close but now it's like she doesn't trust anybody.

"Her therapist [says] when she becomes a teenager it will be a bigger issue because I don't know

how she will...perceive the opposite sex when it's time for her to start dating. She doesn't even want to interact with her dad...I'm scared about the quality of life she is going to have if she can't trust in herself or family."

As part of his plea, Criscuolo will have to relinquish his teaching license, and he will also have to register as a sex offender once he is released from incarceration.

Criscuolo was sentenced by State Supreme Court Acting Justice Judith Lieb in Part H 73.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Torres of the Child Abuse / Sex Crimes Bureau.

## Mother's Day murder

District Attorney Robert T. Johnson announced guilty verdicts in a triple shooting that took place following a toddler's birthday party on Mother's Day, 2010.

The Bronx Supreme Court jury found Robert Mitchell guilty of two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree for the killings of Marvin Wiggins, Jr., age 15, and Quanisha Wright, who had just turned 16 the day before.

After a month-long trial, Mitchell was also found guilty of one count of Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree for the shooting of Latisha Eleazer, age 20 at the time, who suffered a non-fatal injury when Mitchell, age 24 at the time, fired a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol into a crowd of partygoers at 1776 Weeks Avenue in the Mount Hope section of the Bronx.

The wild shootings took place on May 9th, 2010, at

a party among teenagers that followed a 1-year-old's birthday party. After getting bested in a dispute with several people who attended the after-party, Dexter Green, Jr. left, but then returned and got into a confrontation with Latisha Eleazer, whereupon Mitchell pulled a gun provided to him by his friend's father, Dexter Green, Sr.

Robert Mitchell opened fire at the teens who were gathered in the hallway of the apartment building, shooting Marvin Wiggins, Jr. in the back, and Quanisha Wright, who was struck by a bullet that went through her arm and abdomen. WIGGINS and WRIGHT were both transported to St. Barnabas Hospital, where they succumbed to their injuries. LATISHA ELEAZER was hit in the arm; she was treated and released from St. Barnabas within hours.

Dexter Green, Jr. pled

guilty to a charge of Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for his role in the incident and will be sentenced on July 7th to a prison term of 20 years with five years' post-release supervision. Dexter Green, Sr. pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree with an Intent to Use Unlawfully and has received a sentence of 10 years behind bars with four years' post-release supervision.

Robert Mitchell will be sentenced on July 21st, 2014, to a potential 25 years to life for each of the Murder charges, and 5-to-25 years behind bars for the Attempted Murder charge, by Justice Dominic Massaro, in Part 14, Bronx County Supreme Court, Hall of Justice Room 430.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant District Attorney David Greenfield of Trial Bureau 20/50.

## Sentenced for tax fraud

Preet Bharara, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that Mark Goldberg, a Bronx-based tax preparer, was sentenced in Manhattan federal court to 57 months in prison for his participation in a scheme to file fraudulent tax returns on behalf of thousands of clients, falsely claiming more than \$7 million in bogus deductions, including false school tuition credits and expenses. Goldberg pled guilty in August 2013 before Chief U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska, who also imposed today's sentence.

Bharara said: "Mark Goldberg prepared thousands of fraudulent tax returns that resulted in over \$2.5 million in fraudulent refunds for his clients. Now he has to surrender the ill-gotten gains and his liberty."

According to the Indictment, statements made during court proceedings, and other documents filed in

Manhattan federal court:

Goldberg ran a tax preparation and multi-service business named E&M Multi-Services, Inc. ("E&M") out of a storefront building in the Bronx.

Through that business, he prepared, and oversaw the preparation of, thousands of federal and New York State tax returns that claimed false deductions, expenses, and credits, including tuition credits and expenses, unreimbursed employee business expenses, medical and dental expenses, charitable gifts, and earned income tax credits.

Between 2005 and 2012, Goldberg caused the preparation and filing of tax returns for his clients that included over \$7 million of fabricated and fraudulently-inflated deductions, resulting in over \$2.5 million in refunds being paid to his clients to which they were not lawfully entitled. Goldberg also failed to report any of the income derived

from his tax preparation activities, and further submitted fraudulent personal returns claiming bogus refunds and tax credits.

In addition to the prison term, Chief Judge Preska ordered Goldberg, 40, of the Bronx, to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,597,419 to the United States and the State of New York for the losses caused as a result of his scheme, and to forfeit \$500,000 in fees generated by Goldberg as part of his tax fraud scheme. Chief Judge Preska also sentenced Goldberg to three years of supervised release, and ordered him to pay a special assessment of \$300.

Bharara praised the investigative efforts of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

Bharara also thanked the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division and the Bronx District Attorney's Office for their assistance.



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the Middle School Afterschool programs at the Bronx Green Middle School; Bronx Park Middle School; and Pelham Academy of Ac-

ademics and Community Engagement. All programs will commence in September.

"Bronx House would like to thank Mayor de Bla-

sio, Council Speaker Mark Viverito and our City Councilman James Vacca and Ritchie Torres for their recognition of the critical need

for these programs" stated Bronx House CEO Howard Martin. For information call 718-792-1800.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Last week, we celebrated Independence Day. But the revolutionary ideals—the "Spirit of '76" that placed the rights of citizens superior to that of government—have lately been ignored, as have Constitutional mandates which state that those rights not given to government belong to the people.

The patriots who bled at Lexington and Concord, froze at Valley Forge, and, against all odds, emerged victorious at Yorktown would hardly recognize what American government has become under the current leadership. Indeed, they would be tempted to rebel against it with the same vigor with which they ousted King George.

The heroes who fought for

the "Spirit of '76" would be deeply angered at the power-grabbing habits of current politicians, both at the national and local levels.

As New Yorkers struggled with failing schools, excessive taxation, high unemployment and other crises, they have endured nonsensical and intrusive priorities from City Hall that included, to cite just one ludicrous example recently declared unlawful by the Court of Appeals, attempts to control how much soda we drink.

This brings to mind the fear expressed by Cotton Mather's grandson, Mather Byles, who worried that the Revolution could replace "One tyrant three thousand miles away with 3,000 tyrants one mile away."

The British King em-

## Community Action civic Association

ployed an army of German mercenaries to enforce his will. Our current crop of local, state and federal officials employ an army of bureaucrats armed with the power to enact fines and prison to intimidate and control political opponents and citizens.

The Patriots would not accept the monarchical usurpation of constitutional limits by arrogant mayors who presume to tell citizens how to live their lives, or a President who unabashedly proclaims that "I can't wait" for Congress, despite his legal obligation to do so.

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15 % are at risk of developing a problem2.. Teenagers who gamble are also more likely to drink, use marijuana or other drugs, steal or shoplift, or get in trouble with the police1.

A major warning sign that someone is developing a problem with gambling is that they continue to gamble even though they are experiencing negative consequences. For a teenager, this could include falling grades, loss of interest in other activities that don't involve gambling, problematic relationships with family or friends, borrowing money and falling into debt. For an adult, this could include deteriorating relationships with spouse and other family members, poor job performance, financial difficulties, anxiety and/or depression, loss of home or other possessions.

It is important to remember that while most adults

This President has had to be rebuked an unprecedented twelve times by unanimous verdicts of the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Obama has used his surrogates to directly attack the First Amendment, seeking to cut off a broad national discussion about policy and issues. He needs to do this because both his domestic and foreign agendas run directly contrary to the American spirit, American form of government, and inherent American rights.

He has sought to limit free speech by supporting international control of, and therefore censorship of the internet. He has advocated suppressing free speech spending in political campaigns as a way of keeping his supporters in the Senate

in office.

He has sought to place federal monitors in newsrooms. He feels compelled to do this because an open discussion about his extraordinary failures in every area of our national life would be disastrous for his Administration.

He has hijacked whole federal agencies, especially the IRS, and warped them into vehicles to attack political opponents. On this Independence Day week, it is not inappropriate to mention that the group most directly targeted is the Tea Party, whom this President despises and fears because they advocate adhering to the Spirit of '76 and the letter of the law expressed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

He has expanded the fed-

eral government's actions that invade privacy, making a mockery of the 4th amendment. Under his rule, he presumes that all powers belong to the Executive Branch unless specifically curtailed by a court, a direct contradiction of the 9th and 10th amendments.

Celebrating our revolutionary heritage through attending fireworks displays on the 4th of July was fine. However, living up to the ideals of "unalienable rights" and the sovereignty of each American citizen throughout the year is far more important.

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BY JOANNE TIMMINS

If you're like the rest of us, chances are you have participated in a gambling activity in recent weeks or months. Have you bought a lottery ticket or scratch-off? Have you gone to the racetrack? Joined the office betting pool for Super Bowl? Played poker or other card games with your buddies for small change or bigger stakes? Participated in a 50/50 raffle?

Gambling has become a normal, socially sanctioned part of our lives. We don't even think of the word "gamble" as we pick up our Bingo card on the cruise ship or at Casino Night, or as we tuck those scratch-off games into a birthday card or gift bag. It's a fun and often exciting thing to do and our kids are picking up this message loud and clear. Approximately 60 % of the adult population gambled in the past year. By far, the majority are "social gamblers", that is, they gamble in a social context and their gambling poses no problem for them with home, work, finances, or other obligations. They can "take it

or leave it" when it comes to gambling and thoughts of gambling do not monopolize their minds. But if gambling does become a problem or even an obsession,, gambling addictions can have the same types of negative consequences as addictions to substances like alcohol and other drugs.

As with alcohol, teenagers are more apt to develop a problem with gambling than adults are. The teenage mind-set, with its impulsivity, feelings of invincibility, susceptibility to peer influence and advertising, propensity to thrill-seeking and risk-taking, makes adolescents and young adults high-risk candidates for a gambling problem. Gambling activities most popular among youth include playing cards or dice for money; playing pool, basketball, and other games of skill for money; sports betting; and playing Lottery and scratch-off games. If this sounds innocent enough, consider that approximately 4 to 8 % of kids between the ages of 12 and 17 meet the criteria for problem gambling, and another 10 to

can gamble with no problem, some will go on to find themselves in over their heads. Fortunately, there is help available through Gamblers Anonymous ( a 12 Step program like Alcoholics Anonymous)at [www.gamblersanonymous.org](http://www.gamblersanonymous.org), and

the New York Council on Problem Gambling at [www.nyproblemgambling.org](http://www.nyproblemgambling.org). How to help a problem gambler? First, become informed yourself about the issue. Second, confront the gambler in a firm but loving way about how his/her gambling activi-

ties are hurting him/herself, the family and the community. Third, have helpful resources at hand to direct the gambler toward immediate assistance. Fourth, get help for yourself as needed, because living with this situation is extremely stressful.

## Peace Journalism Workshops at Bronxnet

Professor Steven Youngblood of the Center for Global Peace Journalism at Park University is returning to BronxNet to conduct peace journalism workshops for Bronx producers, students and other interested parties.

This year's theme is "Building Bridges with Immigrant Communities." Workshops feature discussions and presentations that examine how immigrants are portrayed, and often misrepresented in the media.

Professor Youngblood will present ideas for examining multiple points of view, word choices, and many other consider-

ations when producing stories across media. W

Professor Youngblood designed the Peace Journalism Workshop, which he has presented abroad in Uganda, Lebanon and other nations. His mission is to promote the concept of peace and peace journalism, including advocating non-violent conflict resolution through seminars and courses both in the United States and abroad.

"BronxNet is pleased to welcome Professor Steven Youngblood back to bring these peace journalism workshops to New York with this year's theme which is well suited to our diverse borough and city- Building Bridges with Immigrant

Communities. With so many people telling stories via our channels and more, we are offering opportunities for professionals, citizen journalists, and students to learn best practices and participate in discussion on responsible reporting locally and globally." said BronxNet Executive Director Michael Max Knobbe.

According to Professor Youngblood "It's always an honor to work with BronxNet. Peace Journalism can be a hard sell in some places, but in the Bronx people intuitively understand the importance of developing responsible media."



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course. This three day event will begin with a VIP cocktail reception from 5. to 6:30 p.m. each day followed by a runway show from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are available now for each day including VIP combo package deals.

Visit [www.bronxfashion-week.org](http://www.bronxfashion-week.org) for details on pricing. Bronx Fashion Week will also feature a Business Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a wide range of vendors in the industry and open free to the public. Bronx Fashion Week

will bring a unique blend of designers, entertainment, and businesses from the tri-state area during the world renowned New York Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week while providing a first ever Bronx venue. It will be a celebration with a brand of originality and

style which merge and offer distinguished and different styles to the Fashion Industry. It will encompass all boundaries uniting fashion from all over the globe as it brings together the creative forces of Bronx Fashion Week and Bronx Fashion, Corp.

Bronx Fashion Week will be an event to remember and the community is invite to come and make history as the Bronx attracts a guaranteed audience of those written about and photographed in the fashion world.

**BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO**  
We were watching the news this morning and saw that there was a huge dust storm in Arizona. “We never learn, do we?”, said my husband and I had to agree. The Dust Bowl in the 1930’s has receded so far from the public consciousness, it’s as forgotten as events like the Irish Potato Famine. But we should never forget these ecological disasters because of the valuable lessons we can learn from them. From the Irish Potato Famine, we learned the dangers of the monoculture, or growing massive amounts of one variety of a vegetable. From the Dust Bowl, we learned the importance of soil health. Or I should say, we “should have” learned. How did the Dust Bowl happen? It was a series of events; a drought combined with the results of a man made change in the natural landscape. The central plains had been grasslands for hundreds, thousands of years. As America pushed west, the grasses were plowed under to make way for agriculture. Along came a prolonged drought, and lack of soil structure due to this depleted soil led to dust storms that at one point barreled across the country and descended on Washington DC. This of course got the attention of the federal government and ultimately it was a soil scientist, Henry Howard Finnell, who helped the farmers get their land back to good health and the Dust Bowl receded into forgotten American history. To turn a phrase, “Forgotten but not gone”, apparently. Good soil health is one of the “simple” solutions to some of the very complex problems we are dealing with today. For example,

using sustainable practices and good soil management can help farmers eliminate the use of chemicals on their fields. This results in less chemicals in our food, our soil and our ground water. While one can find arguments for and against using chemicals to grow food and how it affects yield, what can I tell you, you can manipulate numbers however you want to prove your point depending on your motive. Although, what I can tell you from my own experience is that I don’t have a problem with yield, disease or quality in the produce I get from my garden. Yes, I have weeds, but I spend an hour or two on the weekends pulling them - at most! I have manipulated my landscape to allow some weeds to flourish, things like purslane, wild plantain and Queen Anne’s Lace, and they do a decent job of crowding out the crabgrass. Most of my gardening in the summer months is simply watering on dry days. So the argument that not using chemicals is a lot of work, I guess that’s a matter of perspective. Sure, it’s work, but it’s not an unpleasant task to be out in the garden. On a larger scale, farming at every level can benefit from using organic practices, it’s only the chemical companies and food conglomerates that will suffer when people stop buying their products. Studies have shown that using sustainable practices in farming have in some cases increased yields. Healthy soil absorbs and retains water which makes farms that are chemical free are better equipped to handle drought conditions. Combined with a substantial rainwater collection system, many farms



can arm themselves with irrigation systems that can be utilized during dry times. Hurricane season has begun and Arthur just skirted by us in time to shoot off Fourth of July fireworks. Hurricanes are driven by warm water and one of the things that is causing the water to get warm is the storm water run off: freshwater combining with saltwater, which have different densities and are a big factor in how the jetstream controls the weather. Consider that a lot of this runoff comes from conventional agriculture, so that the water is loaded with those chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilizers. Rainwater flowing from impervious surfaces such as sidewalks and roadways also are filled with toxins from the chemicals in fuel, automobiles, trucks, garbage and the chemicals used to make our roadways themselves. Smart entrepreneurs would do well to keep in mind how to tap into the potential of sustainable businesses. I recently saw something on TV about the Asian Carp, and invasive species that is destroying habitats of native fish populations and the problem we seem to be having with controlling this population. I wondered, humans are very good at hunting or fishing a species into extinction, what’s stopping us from doing that to the Asian Carp? The problem with the Asian Carp is that it is a boney

and not very tasty fish and so the potential for making huge profits on sales doesn’t justify the expense of creating an industry which could efficiently and effectively harvest this type of fish. I recalled how the Native Americans showed the Pilgrims how to grow corn in the sandy Northeastern soils on the shores of Plymouth, MA. They dug rows and dropped dead fish into the hole before sowing the seeds, allowing the decomposing fish to act as a fertilizer. Wouldn’t you think we could figure out how to overfish the Asian Carp, use it to manufacture a natural fertilizer and eventually eradicate this invasive species and save our native fisheries? And so while we need to employ tactics such as beach replenishment, breakwaters and seawall improvements, other options such as green roofs, pervious walkways, rainwater collection on a massive scale and bioswales around parking lots must also be part of the plan. Soil management on a personal level (that which we practice at home in our own backyards) must be combined with large projects completed by corporations and municipalities must be put into action soon. For example, we need to demand that the large distribution centers and shopping malls sprouting up in our community must install stormwater management systems. It is one thing to be an defensive player, we must also utilize our offensive maneuvers. Every morning when I let the dogs out to run around in the backyard, I find another small miracle, another flower in bloom, a butterfly or a bird I haven’t seen before or a

plant growing on its own, a welcome volunteer. Last year, I must have thrown a bunch of cucumbers in the compost pile because aside from the volunteer tomatoes, arugula and wild lettuces, this year I had something new sprouting in the soil. While I train the vines around my tomato plants, I waited to see what kind of vegetable it will turn out to be. Yesterday morning I noticed a nodule at the base of one of the vine’s blossoms. I snipped it off and took a bite. My suspicion had been that this vine would be a cucumber, but the tiny little veggie I tasted was a squash, but not the Zucchini Fiore that I usually grow. This tasted like the Courgette, which I tried growing two years ago. The fact that this is now sprouting in my garden (thank you compost) is truly amazing to me. While I wait for that, I have been doing research on a new edible plant that has been sprouting up - borage. We planted seeds a few years ago and from one or two successful plants, we now have 6 or 8 flowering in a shady spot. The whole plant is edible, the flowers for example can be sprinkled on a salad. I cut off the multi-blossomed stalk, dipped it in a tempura type batter and deep fried it. At the same time, I fried a bunch of arugula, also growing rampant in the garden. The borage had a nice spinach like taste. The batter covered arugula leaves turned into a sort of nest on top of the frying oil and when we tasted it, we found that the act of frying cut some of the sharpness from the leaves. A sprinkle of grated Pecorino Romano and we

had an awesome appetizer with dinner. When I make a “Frito Misto”, I use a batter of 1 cup of flour mixed with 1 3/4 cup of water, salt and pepper and that’s it. Dip in zucchini blossoms, string beans or whatever and toss them into vegetable oil that’s been heated to 325 degrees. For the borage blossoms, I used 3 inches of oil in a deep saucepan. I fried the arugula in the same oil, but next time I plan to do it in a frying pan with about a 1/2 inch of oil. Use your discretion. 3 to 4 minutes on each side, keep an eye on the temperature, make sure that the amount of oil in the pan is sufficient and will not spill over the sides when you drop in the battered veggies. Set up a plate with a paper towel for draining afterward. If you have a cooling rack, you can use that too, just put some paper towels under it. And don’t forget to throw the oil stained paper towels in your organics composting bin. While I can have supreme confidence in the health of the soil in my own personal domain, it is just a small hedge against a bet - my garden vs. all the other pieces of land on the planet. At least that’s how I see it! And so, as we go into the upcoming process of working together to create a plan for storm preparedness, I intend on pushing the idea of soil health. If our concerns are storm surges and storm water management, practicing good soil management has to be a large part of this. In the meantime, be the change you want to see in the world and for goodness sake, see the goodness in the world while you’re at it. Peace out.



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# Fordham Road BID news & highlights

BY DANIEL J. BERNSTEIN  
**Help Keep  
The Bronx Clean!**

The Fordham Road Business Improvement District's (BID) main goal is to improve the quality of shoppers' experience and help the business along Fordham Road thrive. Not only do we offer promotions and marketing for Fordham Road, but we handle sanitation services, district development projects, and host community events. We publicize sales and promotions that stores hold to our hundreds of followers on Facebook, Twitter, our website, and newsletter. We want to engage the community in a positive way to make

Fordham a family friendly neighborhood and continue its legacy as a premier shopping district.

Since the BID's inception in 2005, we have implemented sanitation services, graffiti removal, beautification projects, and landscape improvements. Sanitation services include trash disposal, trash receptacles installation, and a cleaning crew. A couple of projects we have coming up are the Bryan Park renovation and the Fordham Plaza renovation (the plaza was recently added to our district boundaries). We also do minor additions to Fordham Road such as adding new planters in public rest areas and

plazas, installing public art pieces, and adding benches as part of NYC's city-bench program.

I need your help & the help of your neighbors to help keep the neighborhood clean. As I mentioned above, the BID provides sanitation services. Fordham Road is so busy with shoppers, street vendors, etc. that it gets dirty quickly. On every corner there is a trash can (there are some new ones that have the BID logo on them too). Please use them to discard your trash. This is important to show pride in your neighborhood & the other neighborhoods you may visit. I am originally from the Bronx & this is

why I care so much about our borough. Sometimes when we are busy & in a hurry, we forget to simply use trash cans. Walk the extra few feet from now on, it will mean so much to our streets. This is also great for the children who are the future to see. Do the same to the plazas, plantings & resting areas we have created. For those of you who have not checked these at we have a few: Muller Park & Plaza on Fordham Road & Creston Avenue, near Capital One & Citibank, both sides of the overpasses on Grand Concourse & Fordham Road as well as our 9 foot sculpture, "Tomorrow" on the corner of Webster Av-

enue & Fordham Road, near Rose Hill Park. You can sit & relax & take a break, people watch, grab a cold drink, some grub, etc. Please help keep these things nice! Also if you see something wrong or out of place, SAY SOMETHING. Tell the BID.

Now on to the meat & potatoes, we have a lot of FREE EVENTS including outdoor movie nights ("The Lego Movie" on Fri. 9/12/14 @ 730PM at Muller Park & Plaza), Fordham Fever Friday festivals (every first Fri of the month), sidewalk sales, and the Sparkling the Hearts of Fordham Holiday event in December. All of the events that we host are free and open to the com-

munity so that they can enjoy Fordham as much as possible. Fordham Road is the "Midtown Bronx".

Again I also want your feedback, questions & concerns. Especially if you have something to add, contact me! Until next month, see you around like a donut!

For more information, such as directions, business listings & shopping, log on to [www.fordhamroadbid.org](http://www.fordhamroadbid.org), give me a call at (718) 562-2104 & follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fordhamroadbusinessimprovementdistrict](http://www.facebook.com/fordhamroadbusinessimprovementdistrict) & Twitter at [www.twitter.com/FordhamBID](http://www.twitter.com/FordhamBID).

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. subway stop is closed for repairs. 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 in place. The support facilities were put into place. Into place means along the sidewalk edge where we used to park our cars or receive deliveries.

But the MTA is providing shuttle bus services from Buhre Ave to Middletown Rd. for the duration of this project.

Please remember to support our merchants during this difficult time.

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

Greenmarket Demonstration with Bronx Green-



Up: Herbs Explore the many uses of herbs at this Bronx Green-Up demonstration. Find out which herbs community gardeners are growing for food, medicine, spiritual purposes, or as good companion plants in the garden. Sample some herbal sun tea and pick up more information on growing and using herbs. Wednesday, July 16 • 11 a.m.-1 p.m. • The New York Botanical Garden Greenmarket, inside Mosh-

olu Gate (Admission to the Garden's grounds is free all day on Wednesdays.)

Now you can receive an alert when the City Register records a document (mortgage, altered deed, lien) against your property. Register for the Recorded Document Notification Program <[http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/recording\\_documents.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/recording_documents.shtml)> by going to the link listed below.

It's free and can help prevent fraud. [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/recording\\_documents.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/recording_documents.shtml)

The New York State Court Officer-Trainee Examination filing period began on Thursday, June 19,

2014, and ends Thursday, August 14, 2014. Please read the examination announcement and follow instructions carefully. 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)

[nycourts.gov](mailto:COEXAMS@nycourts.gov)><<mailto:COEXAMS@nycourts.gov>>> if an Admission Notice has not been received by October 5, 2014.

Summer is here and we at the Pelham Bay Taxpayers wish you all a safe and healthy summer session.

Our new mailing address is Maryann Maiorana, attention Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association, 1720 Mayflower Ave. apt. 9H, Bronx, NY. 10461. Our annual dues is ten dollars. Please feel free to come to our meetings. They are open to all. If you are new to our community we would love to meet you. See you soon!

BY TONY SALIMBENE

I get so many nice compliments from our little offering here in BXTR, thanks everyone! Now here is one complaint to fix, I never mentioned the names of the members of our new Color Guard! By rank, Vice Commander Guy Richardson; Vice Commander Ed McGee (feel better Ed!); Sgt. at Arms Christine Ryall and JP. Thanks for all your extra efforts representing us. They are at a special ceremony at The Grove as I type this. Anyone else want to volunteer? We'll get you outfitted.

Membership: As your

rep as County Vice Commander, I want to stress to you the importance of keeping membership recruiting going through the summer months. Carry a Legion, Sons and Ladies application in your wallet (I'll order more). I stopped for lunch the other day and Ed Shipp from Hawkins Post was there, he recruited someone on the spot! Try to recruit at least one relative and/or close friend for starters, shouldn't be that tough.

Communications: In addition to print media we have our recent [www.KoronyPost253.org](http://www.KoronyPost253.org) on the real web! Thanks Colleen. Socially, we maintain friends



of Theo. Korony Post 253 on facebook and the Ladies Auxiliary 253. We have @KoronyPost253 and @SALSquad253 on Twitter. Emergency or otherwise important phone transmissions can be received by making sure I have your current phone number.

Honors: It was great to read about the "street overlay" naming Cross St off City Is Ave after Bill Clancy!

Should have renamed the island after him! I will pass on the date of the ceremony via one or more of the forms of communication mentioned above, I hope we can all try to make it. We know our Commander Mike was elected as President of the Country Club Civic Association and I was elected unopposed as 2nd Vice Chairperson of Community Board #10.

Until Next Time: 23 Veterans died today waiting for VA entitlements. Remember our Joe Mazz always emphasized 'entitlements' NOT 'benefits'. Will you help us fight this new emerging battle on the homefront?

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Thanks to Victor, Joann, Jeanette and John, the BBQ on the Fourth of July went very well. They did the cooking and serving and a good time was had by all.

Joanie, Vics's wife brought in home mae rice and Beans. The next BBQ at the Post will be sometime around Labor Day, so keep tuned to this column.

I will be helping a woman with retrieving medals for a deceased Viet Nam Vet. We do this here at the Post. If any one has any problem with the VA



come on in and see me. I'm here every Friday from 12 Noon-6 PM.

There's not much to write about this week, not much going on.

Trivia Time!!

Digging started on the Erie Canal on July 4, 1817.

Slaves were freed in New York State on July 5, 1827.

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



LEGAL NOTICES

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 Olivinville 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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as  
Certificate Trustee (not in its individual  
capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in  
trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust  
Series 2010-2,

Plaintiff,  
Against  
JASMINE GIBBS  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and  
sale duly entered 9/27/2013, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851  
Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on  
8/11/2014 at 2:00 pm, premises known as  
1861 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx NY 10462.

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of  
land, with the buildings and improvements  
thereon erected, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough and County of Bronx, City and  
State of New York as Block 4056 and Lot 61.

Approximate amount of lien \$676,520.15  
plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index  
# 381812/2009.

Joyce A Brown, Esq., Referee.  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road,  
Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
Dated: 7/7/2014 File Number: 23336  
RAW

LEGAL NOTICE

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 od  
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

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 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 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  
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

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

LEGGETT FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff  
against WARD WP ACQUISITION LLC, et al  
Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Amended  
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated  
May 9, 2014 and entered May 28, 2014, I,  
the undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at the Bronx Supreme  
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 4th day of  
August, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises  
situate, lying and being in the Borough and  
County of Bronx, City and State of New York,  
bounded and described as follows:  
BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly side  
of Leggett Avenue, distant 175 feet Southerly  
from the corner formed by the  
intersection of the Southerly side of Kelly  
Street and the Westerly side of Leggett  
Avenue; being a plot 107 feet 5 inches  
by 25 feet by 107 feet 5 inches by 25 feet.  
Block 2685 Lot 55 Said premises known as  
956 LEGGETT AVENUE, BRONX, NY  
Approximate amount of lien \$ 688,659.10  
plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment  
and terms of sale. Index Number 307129/12.

GERALD GOLDSMITH, ESQ., Referee.  
Konner, Teitelbaum, & Gallagher  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
462 Seventh Avenue, 12th Flr., New  
York, NY 10018

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A savvy political friend recently described to me in a simple, glib way why shootings generally go up in the summer and stay low in the winter.

"People start hanging out outside when the weather gets warm, they have a couple of drinks and then if someone pisses someone off, it can lead to a shooting in certain neighborhoods," he said. "In the winter, everyone's inside, so this kind of thing rarely happens." Well, it is not quite that simple, but shootings generally spike during the summer, and this summer so far they are up more than 10 percent from last year.

This past weekend there were 12 shootings in the city. This alarming trend has led some to question whether this is because of the new administration and the steep decrease in stop-and-frisks. This line of thinking was inevitable, but it seems too early to discern a trend, and we should all take a deep breath and calm down.

Stop-and-frisk was an extremely controversial policy used frequently during the Bloomberg ad-

ministration. Then-Police Commissioner Ray Kelly faced a lot of criticism during the mayoral campaign of 2013 that his department was unfairly profiling young black and Latino men, who made up the vast majority of those stopped-and-frisked.

There was even a controversial court case that was decided last summer - right near the end of the campaign - that sought to limit the Police Department's ability to use stop-and-frisk as a crime tool.

While this was going on, the number of stop-and-frisks dropped quite precipitously anyway and still the rate of major crimes continued its steep decline in 2013 as the waning days of the Bloomberg administration came to a close.

Mayor Bill de Blasio made a wise choice when he picked Bill Bratton to be police commissioner because of Bratton's strong track record in not only reducing crime, but in smoothing relations between the Police Department and the community. He did this most famously in Los Angeles, and now Bratton has been working

quietly and effectively to bring the NYPD into the post-stop-and-frisk era.

There has been much debate of late about whether we have enough police on the streets to keep New York the safest large city in America. When Mike Bloomberg took office in 2002, there were more than 35,000 police in the city, a number that dwindled to 31,000 by the end of his years in office. It is a testament to Bloomberg and Kelly that they were able to keep reducing crime and terrorists at bay with fewer resources.

But during the mayoral campaign a few candidates vowed to increase the police force again.

In the recent budget negotiations, the City Council, led by Melissa Mark-Viverito, pushed for adding 1,000 more police to the force, but surprisingly de Blasio and Bratton opposed this. The final compromise called for adding just 200 more police, a fiscally prudent move by de Blasio, but perhaps one that will look short-sighted if crime and shootings continue to spike once summer ends.

Last week, Bratton an-

nounced that he was moving 400 senior desk personnel to patrol the streets for the summer as part of an "all hands on deck" initiative, which was perhaps prompted by the recent rounds of high weekend violence.

Crime fighting in New York has become much more sophisticated in recent years, with even units created that use social media to infiltrate gangs to reduce gang violence, which accounts for a high percentage of violent crime in the city. That example may largely explain why crime fighting has become so much more efficient and thus not as labor intensive as it was in the 1980s and '90s.

No matter what, de Blasio and Bratton were wise to commission a study to see if the recent rise in shootings had any correlation to the drop in stop-and-frisks. Those who lived in New York 20 and 30 years ago sometimes worry the city could sink back to the days of the Wild West when more than 2,000 murders a year were the norm (vs. less than 400 last year).

Keeping the city safe and



TOM ALLON

educating our children are the most important jobs the mayor has, and these two are related. But now that school's out, the weather's getting much hotter and people are spending more time outside drinking and partying, we need to make sure the Thin Blue Wall is sufficiently manned to keep us safe.

Adding 200 police and getting 400 more out of the office and onto the streets is a good start.

Stay tuned during the

next two months to find out if this is enough to keep the impressive drop in crime of the past two decades on its steady descent downward or whether it is time to rethink some policing levels and methods.

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

## Data shows braces are not longer just for children

Data shows that between 2010 and 2012, the number of adult orthodontic patients increased by 14 percent in the U.S. Today, there are an estimated 1.2 million adults undergoing treatment - or, according to the American Association of Orthodontists, about one in five of all orthodontic patients are over the age of 18. And, it is nearly as many men as women, whereas not too long ago adult women were about four times more likely to wear braces on their teeth.

"We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of adult patients in our practice," said Ariel Bales-Kogan, DMD, MSD, Orthodontics Director at Union Community Health Center in the Bronx. "Although childhood is the ideal time

to make changes in the positioning of one's teeth, many individuals are only able to get braces later in life. As long as you and your teeth are healthy, it can be done successfully at almost any age."

According to Dr. Bales-Kogan, aesthetics are not the only reason for braces.

"Crowded or overlapping teeth can make it hard to brush effectively, increasing the chance of plaque buildup, which in turn can make one more prone to cavities and gum inflammation," he said. "Malocclusion, or teeth that do not come together properly when you close your mouth, can cause chewing and swallowing problems that can result in temporomandibular joint, or TMJ, and facial pain."

Braces and wires gently place pressure on the teeth to change their position over time. Most adults will need to wear braces anywhere from a few months to about one and a half years. In most cases, it takes a single appointment for the orthodontist to place braces, with most patients feeling mild, if any, discomfort for less than a week afterwards.

"The science of orthodontics has evolved a great deal in recent years," said Dr. Bales-Kogan. "In general, the appliances we use today are less obtrusive, lighter weight, and more comfortable than the braces that were used in the past."

There are a number of different options available with pros and cons for each. This includes tooth-colored

ceramic braces that are worn in the front of the teeth like traditional braces, but are barely noticeable since they blend in. These braces work equally well, but tend to be more expensive, they feel a bit larger in the mouth, and can sometimes stain during treatment.

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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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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX  
STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against  
TONIA D. WATSON, et al Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 30, 2014.  
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 21st day of July, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.  
Lying and being in the Borough of Bronx and State of New York.  
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.  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.  
Index No. 381843-08. Mary E. Foreman-Harris, Esq., Referee.  
McCabe Weisberg & Conway  
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LEGAL NOTICE

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  
P R E S E N T :  
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,  
ORDERED, that a Supplemental Summons and Amended Complaint, reflecting the proposed caption, shall be filed

on or before the first day of publication.  
ENTER:

JOHN A. BARONE, J.S.C.

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF GREENVILLE  
IN THE FAMILY COURT  
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
C.A. NO.: 2014-DR-23-2059  
South Carolina Department of Social Services,  
SUMMONS AND NOTICE  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

Jane Killingsworth  
Defendants.  
  
In the Interest of:  
Romello Mack, DOB: 8/9/1998

Minor(s) Under the Age of 18  
TO: DEFENDANT JANE KILLINGSWORTH:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint for Termination of Parental Rights for the minor child in this action filed against you, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Greenville County on May 6, 2014, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon your request, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the undersigned attorney for

the Plaintiff to Rebecca Wray, Esq., Attorney, Greenville County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 10887, Greenville, S.C. 29603 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the date of service, and if you fail to answer said Complaint within the time stated, Plaintiff will apply for a Judgment by Default against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
Rebecca Wray  
Rebecca Wray, Esq.  
SC Bar # 65414  
Staff Attorney, South Carolina  
Department of Social Services  
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Thank You, Sports Curmudgeon

Jack Finarelli, the SC, sent along a post while on his National Park road trip saying that a lot of super-star athletes don't have success trying to manage: "My hypothesis, which is not testable, is that great players are great because of their instincts or because of their physical prowess. Neither of those things is "coachable." Therefore, the great player has difficulty explaining to his young wards how to do what he had been so good at doing. Consider a few examples:

"Ted Williams: He was the single best hitter I ever saw play baseball. Anyone who doubts he was a great player is an ignoramus. As a manager for three seasons, the closest his team came to winning the AL was 23 games; cumulatively, his teams were 41 games below .500.

"Alan Trammell: His first season managing the Tigers produced 119 losses for the season. He lasted two more years and those years combined to have his teams, 38 games below .500.

"Wilt Chamberlain: He actually coached an ABA team for a year. The San Diego Conquistadors - usually referred to as "the Q's" in headlines - finished 37-47.

"Bill Russell: Russell's initial success as a coach probably had a lot to do with the fact that Bill

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# 2014 ALL-BRONX BASEBALL HONORS



Fordham Prep's Sebastiano Santorelli is the All-Bronx Player of the Year.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx didn't crown a city champion, but still some of its teams and players ranked among the best in the five boroughs.

James Monroe earned the top-seed in the PSAL Class A playoffs thanks to a perfect league season and by taking home the title in its own prestigious tournament. Fordham Prep was again among the elite teams in the CHSAA, but saw its title run cut short. Bronx Science, a year after losing in the semifinals, came the closest to a crown. A sensational relay throw

to the plate kept the Wolverines from celebrating a PSAL Class B championship at Yankee Stadium. Fieldston, St. Raymond and Kennedy also had strong campaigns.

Here are the players considered the best in The Bronx:

### ALL-BRONX PLAYER OF THE YEAR: SEBASTIANO SANTORELLI, FORDHAM PREP

The junior was arguably the best shortstop in the city and one of its top overall players. Santorelli put all five of his tools on display each time out. He hit .389

with a team high 30 RBIs. His power led to a .655 slugging percentage and his speed helped him steal 12 bases and post eight triples. Santorelli's arm and range at short made it tough to get any ball by him.

### ALL-BRONX COACH OF THE YEAR: MICHAEL MCGRATH, BRONX SCIENCE

Bronx Science has kept moving closer to a title under McGrath. His experienced squad rebounded from losing in the semifinals a year ago to reach the title game

at Yankee Stadium this season. There the Wolverines battled back to tie the score in the bottom of the seventh inning and nearly won before suffering a heartbreaking 7-5 loss in nine innings to Beach Channel.

### ALL-BRONX FIRST TEAM 3B ROBIN AAMES, JAMES MONROE

The heavy-hitting junior provided big time power in the Eagles' lineup on their way to a division title. He hit .438, posted 10 doubles and drove in 25 runs. That

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# 2014 All-Bronx Baseball Honors

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went along with a slugging percentage of .708, which left many pitchers shaking their heads.

## **P DARIEL CHECO, JAMES MONROE**

The flame-throwing Checo was one of the city's most dominant pitchers. The senior went 8-1 in league play. His only defeat came in the quarterfinals. He didn't allow an earned run in league play and struck out 50 batters in 37 innings.

## **SS/P ADAM DELACRUZ, ST. RAYMOND**

Delacruz wore multiple hats for the Ravens. The senior was their best pitcher and best option at short-stop when he wasn't on the mound. His speed and athleticism made him one of St. Ray's top hitters and run producers.

## **P NICK FANELLI, FORDHAM PREP**

The junior right-hander put himself among the CHSAA's elite pitchers this season. Fanelli, a power

pitcher, was the unquestioned ace of the Rams' staff and had the ability to dominate a lineup every time out.

## **SS/P REYNALDO GUILLEN, ST. RAYMOND**

Guillen was the Raven's No. 2 starter and split time with Delacruz at short. The senior was a catalyst offensively and a run creator, thanks to his speed and ability to get on base.

## **P NICK PADILLA, CARDINAL SPELLMAN**

The big right-hander was a dominant force on the mound despite Spellman's offensive struggles. The 6-foot-2, 200-pound senior used his devastating fastball to retire 22 straight batters and fanned 12 over nine innings in a loss to Salesian.

## **P/RF JASON POLGANO, CARDINAL SPELLMAN**

The senior was one of the city's most underrated players. Polgano could take over a game both at the plate and on mound. He tossed a perfect game and was arguably

the most dangerous hitter in the Pilots' order because of his power.

## **C KEVIN NOLAN, FORDHAM PREP**

Nolan was as steady as them come. The senior provided plenty of leadership and a fine defensive skill set behind the plate. He continually produced with the bat to lead the Rams to a division title.

## **1B INOEL NUNEZ, JAMES MONROE**

Nunez was an absolute beast at the plate for Monroe and a sure glove at first base. The versatile senior batted a robust .500 during the regular season with 22 runs scored, 21 RBIs and eight extra base hits.

## **SS/ P MIGUEL ORTIZ SANCHEZ, MORRIS**

The junior was duel threat for Morris. He batted a whopping .545 with 28 runs scored and 19 RBIs and stole 36 bases. On the mound, he picked up four saves while posting a 1.17 earned run average.

## **CF TRISTAN ROJAS,**

## **JAMES MONROE**

The senior, who has a cannon for an arm, is considered one of the best centerfielders in the city and lived up to the expectations. Rojas batted .435 with 29 runs scored and 16 RBIs. He walked 17 times and collected 12 extra base hits.

## **HONORABLE MENTION RF Aneudy Camacho Kennedy**

## **P /DH Geraldo Nunez, Kennedy**

## **C Christian Gomez Hodge, Morris**

## **P Max Kassan, Fieldston**

## **P Charlie Lippolis, Fordham Prep**

## **2B Alexis Martinez, St. Raymond**

## **LF Jornel Orzuna, All Hallows**

## **2B Joel Paulino, James Monroe**

## **P Glen Price, Bronx Science**

## **SS Chris Rodriguez, All Hallows**

## **P/ SS Jake Turtel, Fieldston**



Cardinal Spellman senior Nick Padilla was selected for the All-Bronx first team.  
Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Bronx's Augustus improves game as college decision approaches

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jordan Augustus isn't stressing over her college decision. Instead she is working on making sure her game is ready for whenever she goes.

"I don't really try to think about that," she said. "I just try to go on the court and do what I have to do."

The Bronx native has a long list of suitors — with major Division-I women's basketball programs like St. John's, Miami, South Carolina, Georgia Tech, Rutgers and Kentucky leading the way. The rising senior, who plays at St. Mary's in Manhasset and with the NYC Heat travel team, is well known for her abilities in the paint, especially on the offensive end. The 6-foot forward can dominate there. She has a 36-point game under her belt already this summer at the Boo Williams tournament.

"Her interior game, she just does stuff that men do," NYC Heat coach Kevin



Bronx native Jordan Augustus, one of the area's top girls' hoops players, is looking to add a long-range game to her dominant inside skills.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

White said. "Offensively the moves that she has, you won't see a lot of female basketball players do."

The missing piece in Augustus' mind is being able to hit 3-pointers consistently. It's especially

important with her being projected to play on the perimeter as a small forward in college. She's taken the task seriously and is going to the gym with St. Francis Prep head Coach and Heat Assistant Kerri White two

to three days a week to take as many shots as possible. Augustus is happy with her progress so far.

"I feel like I will be unguardable once I add that to my game," she said

Augustus has already visited Georgia Tech and has checked out St. John's and Rutgers unofficially. She expects to take more trips after the travel ball season. She isn't in a rush to make a decision, but would like to have picked a school before her senior season starts at St. Mary's. She doesn't anticipate a new program being added to her list of possibilities. Augustus wants to be loyal to the schools that have been loyal to her.

She is coming off the best season of her career after helping to lead St. Mary's to the CHSAA Nassau/Suffolk title and a trip to the CHSAA Class AA state semifinals. She understands the team's goals will be set even higher

this year with much of the squad's main players returning to the roster.

It's nothing new to Augustus, who has learned to deal with high expectations. White has seen Augustus play harder more consistently this summer.

"To have all those expectations on you when you're a young kid, it takes a while for you to grasp it and understand it," White said. "I just think it is part of the whole development as a adult."

Until November, Augustus' focus will be on developing her game further and being better prepared to help St. Mary's make a push at a CHSAA state title. She wants to leave little doubt in people's minds about her talent.

"It's just a respect factor," Augustus said. "I want to go out this summer and let everyone know that I'm the best."

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# Hoops in the Sun tournament marks 15 years at Orchard Beach



Some of the top streetball players in the city take to the courts for Hoops in the Sun each Saturday and Sunday at Orchard Beach.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The courts were repaved, the backboards improved and bleachers added, but the essence of the Hoops in the Sun streetball tournament remains the same as when it started 15 years ago.

New York City's lone beach-side tournament feeds off the vibe of its Orchard Beach home each summer on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It has its own soundtrack — a beautiful mix of balls bouncing on the blacktop, the beats of DJ Unique blaring through the speakers and the clicking of chairs opening on the nearby sand.

"What makes it special is when it is a beautiful day and the sky is blue. You can count on Hoops in the Sun to be where you can bring your family and come to the beach and also watch great basketball," said Joe Cruz Jr., one of the league's two CEOs.

It is what the Cruz brothers' father, Joe "Pops" Cruz Sr., envisioned when he

started the tournament. His inspiration came from experiencing similar leagues during a trip to Venice Beach in Los Angeles. Joe Cruz Jr. and his younger brother, Randy, took over after their dad died of liver

cancer in 2004.

The courts are named after him and this year — the 15th anniversary of the league's founding — hit Joe Cruz Jr. hard emotionally. He felt a sense of pride after shepherding their father's



The league's courts at Orchard Beach are named after tournament founder, Joe 'Pops' Cruz.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

dream this far.

"If you would have told me 10 years ago when my dad passed away that I would have made it to 15 years I probably would have said, 'No,'" he said.

The league was in financial trouble back in 2009 when sponsors pulled out due to the poor economy. The Cruz brothers paid for almost half of the tournament's cost out of their own pockets. A year later Nike rejoined Mountain Dew, the Yankees and others as sponsors and Hoops in the Sun began to thrive again.

"Other sponsors have been tough because the money is not there and sometimes they don't see the investment into street basketball," Joe Cruz Jr. said.

Those who take the time to check out the tournament get to see some of the top players in the area in a safe and laid back environment.

Hoops in the Sun has 50 teams within its various di-



Brothers Randy and Joe Cruz Jr., the Hoops in the Sun CEOs, have the Orchard Beach streetball tournament going strong in its 15th season.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

visions. There is no fighting to get into an overcrowded park like a spectator may encounter at Manhattan-based night tournaments such as Dyckman, EBC Rucker Park and Tri-State.

Longtime commentators Bobby "C" Cey and John "Uncle G-Stacks" Rowe don't spend games screaming catch phrases and nicknames into microphones. They call the players by their real names, speak about their backgrounds and provide humorous and insightful game analysis.

"It plays to the fans," Rowe said. "They look up. They are more interested when you find out where these guys are from."

Hoops in the Sun has come a long way from its humble beginnings. It included just two divisions, worn-out courts, double rims and a flip scoreboard at its start. Passers-by weren't sure what to make of it.

"People didn't know what was going on," Randy Cruz said. "Was it a full summer tournament or a weekend thing? There was a lot of getting used to for the fans to understand what we were doing."

Hoops in the Sun has grown exponentially since then. Improvements to the court and a visit in 2002 from then-NBA All-Star Tracy McGrady put its professional-amateur and youth tournaments on the map and attracted a higher level of talent. NBA players like Metta World Peace, Ben Gordon and Jimmer Fredette have all suited up at Orchard Beach along with hundreds of other overseas pros and former college stars.

"It's a lot tougher to play

outside in the heat, but it's always good because once you get inside, it makes it easier," said former Bishop Ford and UMass guard Chaz Williams.

The Cruzes understand the challenges of promoting a streetball tournament that is not in a residential area. Many people don't know where Orchard Beach is and there is \$9 parking fee because it's a city park.

Hoops in the Sun had an early and active presence on social media and shows its games live on Ustream to raise its visibility.

"For us, people have to travel," Joe Cruz Jr. said. "They got to pay to get here. It's a commitment."

It is one people continue to make. A consistent crowd, with many going from the beach to the court and back again, fills the stands and park benches each week. Some even bring their own chairs. Former Fordham Road resident Victor Goita remains a regular at the tournament despite moving to Cypress Hills, Brooklyn. The hour and a half drive is well worth it in his mind.

"Anywhere you sit, you feel comfortable," Goita said. "There is good security, good music. You can't ask for more from a free game."

Despite their success, the Cruz brothers are still trying to come up with ways to give people more. It's what their dad would have wanted and what they've always strived to do.

"We think about him every day, every time you walk here and you see the plaque with the name on it," Randy Cruz said. "I just know if he was here, he'd be proud of what we were doing."



# Velocity Track Club heads to Orlando for meet

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York will do our best to represent New York at the American Amateur Union Club Championship. The AAU Championship is being held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Fla. There are approximately 2,000 athletes competing in this national championship. Most of the best track and field athletes in the country are here. Any athlete who wins a medal at the Club Championship will cherish it for the rest of their life. We have 11 student athletes here and we will do our very best to represent New York. The competition started on Sunday, July 6, and continues to Sunday, July 13.

Back in the Bronx, Coach George is training the rest of the team. They are getting ready for the AAU Junior Olympics, another national championship that will be held in Des Moines, Iowa. The compe-



Members of the Velocity Track Club gather for a photo at the AAU Regional Championship.

tition will be just as fierce. They qualified for the Junior Olympics at the AAU Regional 01 Championship in Lowell, Mass.

Velocity Track Club New York is recognized by many as one of the top teams in the Bronx. We are a small team of 26 student

athletes. This gives us the opportunity to have one-on-one training with our athletes. We have two coaches and one assistant, plus we get assistance from a high school coach and our college students. Our student athletes train for sprints, mid-distance, cross coun-

try, long jump, hurdles, shot put, discus and javelin /turbo throw and soon high jump. If anyone knows a child between the ages of 6 and 16 who may benefit from track and field, Velocity Track Club New York will have the semiannual orientation on Friday, Aug.

29, at 7 p.m. in the Bartow Community Center of Co-op City in Room 28. Parents / guardians must attend orientation for their child to try out for VTC.

For anyone interested in supporting Velocity Track Club New York, we are a 501(c)3 - Non-for

Profit. Just write the check of any size to Velocity Track Club New York. Your donation is a tax writeoff and we will send you a receipt. For additional information, please Contact Coach Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or email me at WATCLT@AOL.COM.

## Pipe Dreams: Paul Pierce; Jenkins-World Cup; My Take On The Cup

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Russell was also a player on those Celtics teams. In the late 70s, Russell had a stint with the Sonics and it was undistinguished; the Sonics missed the playoffs in two of his four seasons there. Later, he coached the Sacramento Kings and did not finish out the season; when he left, the team was 17-41.

"Norm Van Brocklin: Yes, the Vikings were an expansion team when he became the coach. Nonetheless, in 6 seasons there, he posted one winning record and a cumulative record of 29-51-4. Later with the Falcons for six and a half years, his cumulative record was 37-49-3.

"Forest Gregg: He had three coaching stops - Cleveland, Cincy and Green Bay. (The man had to love cold weather, no?) His cumulative NFL coaching record was a less-than-exciting 75-85-0.

"Otto Graham: As a QB, Graham had a record

of 114-20-4; as a coach for the Redskins from 1966-68, Graham had a record of 17-22-3. The disparity there speaks for itself...

"Yes, there have been a few great players who went on to be pretty good coaches too. Billy Cunningham comes to mind; so do Mike Ditka and Yogi Berra."

**Paul Pierce**

Ohm Youngmisuk (ESPNNewYork.com) reasoned, "Still, the Nets turned their season around with Pierce playing a big role in the turnaround with his move to power forward after Brook Lopez was lost for the season.

"League sources say the Nets, in a perfect world, would like to secure Pierce to a short-term contract starting at \$6-to-\$8 million a season. They own his Bird rights so they can offer him more than anybody else. If Pierce, who shares the same agent (Jeff Schwartz) with Kidd and made \$15.3 million

this past season, is turned off by the recent developments and wants to find his way to a reunion with Doc "Rivers with the Clippers, the Nets should give him enough financial reason to return.

"If the Nets don't have Pierce's leadership this coming season, this season could start off even worse than last season's Cyclone roller coaster-like start.

"They have to adapt to a new coach, a new staff and a new system again. Deron Williams and Lopez are both coming off surgeries and the franchise will have to take it very slow with them in training camp and at the start of the season.

"If the 38-year-old Garnett returns, he and Lopez will be on a minutes and likely games restriction. Livingston likely won't be back and Andray Blatche and Alan Anderson also could sign elsewhere. ESPN.com sources reported that the Nets re-

cently revisited trade talks from last season with the Cavaliers involving Jarrett Jack as a contingency plan for Livingston. But sources say Cleveland has put that deal for Marcus Thornton on the backburner. So the Nets may have to find another point guard.

"Much of the team's star core will be either making its way back from surgery or be a year older and slower.

"That's why the Nets need Pierce's leadership even more to help keep things together.

"Kidd is gone. The Nets need to make sure Pierce doesn't leave too."

**Jenkins-World Cup**

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) commented on "Suarez The Biter, "Suarez, after biting an opponent for the third time in his career explained, 'I lost my balance, making my body unstable and falling on top of my opponent.' Wow, I've seen cheetahs

less deliberate than that."

**My Take On The Cup**

European players are supposed to be more talented than the Americans. But from what I see, they're only more dramatic with supposed injuries. They seemed to whine and moan a lot to the officials who allowed themselves to be influenced by such histrionics.

**Dwight Perry's Patter**

"Michelle Wie got a congratulatory bouquet from actor Adam Sandler when she won her first U.S. Open. 'I feel that's the biggest prize in golf,' Wie said, 'getting flowers from Happy Gilmore.' Hey, it certainly beats getting a tin cup from Kevin Costner."

"Well, duh. Everyone knows you can only get Trout with a hook or a sinker."

"Anthony Castrovina (MLB.com) asked Red Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski, 'What did you say to plate umpire Quinn Wolcott to

get yourself ejected from the game?'

Pierzynski's answer: 'Give me a new ball. One you can see.'"

**Steve Schrader**

"Steve Schrader (Detroit Free Press) on the Pistons chances of landing LeBron James: 'About the same as getting bitten by a shark and a soccer player on the same day.'"

"R.J. Currie (SportsDeke.com) on second-seeded Li Na's upset loss at Wimbledon: 'Barbora Zahlavova Strycova overwhelmed her- 23 letters to 4.'"

**Clothing Option**

Dwight Perry said that "NBA pundit predicts that second round draft-pick Thanasis Antotokounmpo will have an immediate impact on the Knicks.

The need for long-sleeved jerseys, for one."

**Marcus Browne**

Marcus, who I think is the real-deal, is a light-heavyweight and is now 11-0, with 8 KO's.



# Buhre and Zerega avenues No. 6 train stations close in Pelham Bay

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the contractors are taking it," the shoe salesman seethed.

There's also a stag-

ing area at the corner of Buhre and Westchester Avenues which has ticked off the local supermarket, making deliveries more

difficult.

"I do not understand why they need to be here," said Muhamed Kaid, a manager at Pruzzo's.

The owner of a local liquor store on Westchester Avenue, gesturing at the construction equipment across the street, questioned whether the workers were using the space as efficiently as possible.

"If you need the space, you need the space," said Al Neira, owner of Lehigh Wines and Liquors. "But if you don't need it, don't take it!"

## Ticket blitz?

Both Neira and Kaid said that the local police have not helped the situation, giving out tickets to shoppers who double-park for a couple minutes to grab groceries.

"They are going around, giving tickets to everyone they see," said Kaid.

Leaders at Community Board 10 say one idea that could alleviate the parking squeeze would be to turn

free parking spaces on residential Pilgrim Avenue a block away into one-hour spots, claiming that any new spaces would help the businesses that say they are already suffering a loss of revenue due to the parking woes.

"The store is usually packed this time of day," said Kaid when a reporter stopped by his supermarket just after noon on Tuesday, July 8. "Right now, it's not."

## Commuters feel it, too

Local business aren't the only ones affected by the work. Commuters who normally take the Buhre Avenue subway now can take the Bx8 or Bx24 bus to Middletown Road and connect with a free MetroCard transfers.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says it is running added bus service between the Castle Hill Avenue and Buhre Avenue stations during morning and evening rush hours.



John Marxuash is miffed over this city contractor car taking away yet another potential parking spot for customers of his Florsheim Shoes store on Westchester Avenue, where the city has started construction on the No. 6 subway line. Photo by Ben Kochman



Muhamed Kaid, manager at Pruzzo's Supermarket, wants this parking spot on Buhre Avenue back - both for his customers and for the trucks that deliver food to the market every morning. Photo by Ben Kochman

# Council secures funds for NCBH

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lion renovation to update the ward.

Torres, whose adjacent district is served by the hospital, has put pressure on the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation since the unit closed last August, and led the effort to secure the funds in the City Council budget.

But Torres is just one of many who have worked to bring the services back to North Central Bronx.

"Above all I want to thank the community, the labor unions, the community activists, the mothers who were served here at NCBH who have worked hard to reopen it," he said. "It was your righteous outcry, it was your grassroots organizing that made this happen."

After NCBH abruptly suspended labor and delivery services in 2013 due to staffing shortages, community advocates pressed hospital officials to reopen, and

to involve the community in the process. In the past several months, the hospital has held public forums and met with the activists to assure them of plans to reopen in the fall.

"I want to thank HHC for seriously engaging the community, listening to the community, and putting together a serious plan to not only reopen the center, but staff it with senior-level professionals who will offer a higher level of care than we had before," said Torres.

At the last public forum in June, officials announced a target date of Sept. 22 for a state inspection.

So far, progress is on schedule to meet that goal, said Hannah Nelson, a spokesperson for NCBH.

All of the nurses for the ward have been hired, she said, and they're in the process of being trained at a higher level than before. Almost all of the doctors have been hired as well, and she said the head of the department is confident the unit

will have the staff it needs to open in the fall.

The \$2 million renovations will be also executed on a tight schedule to meet the goal, Nelson said, and they include an upgraded nurses' station, a patient-nurse communication system, and new operational lights for the older ward.

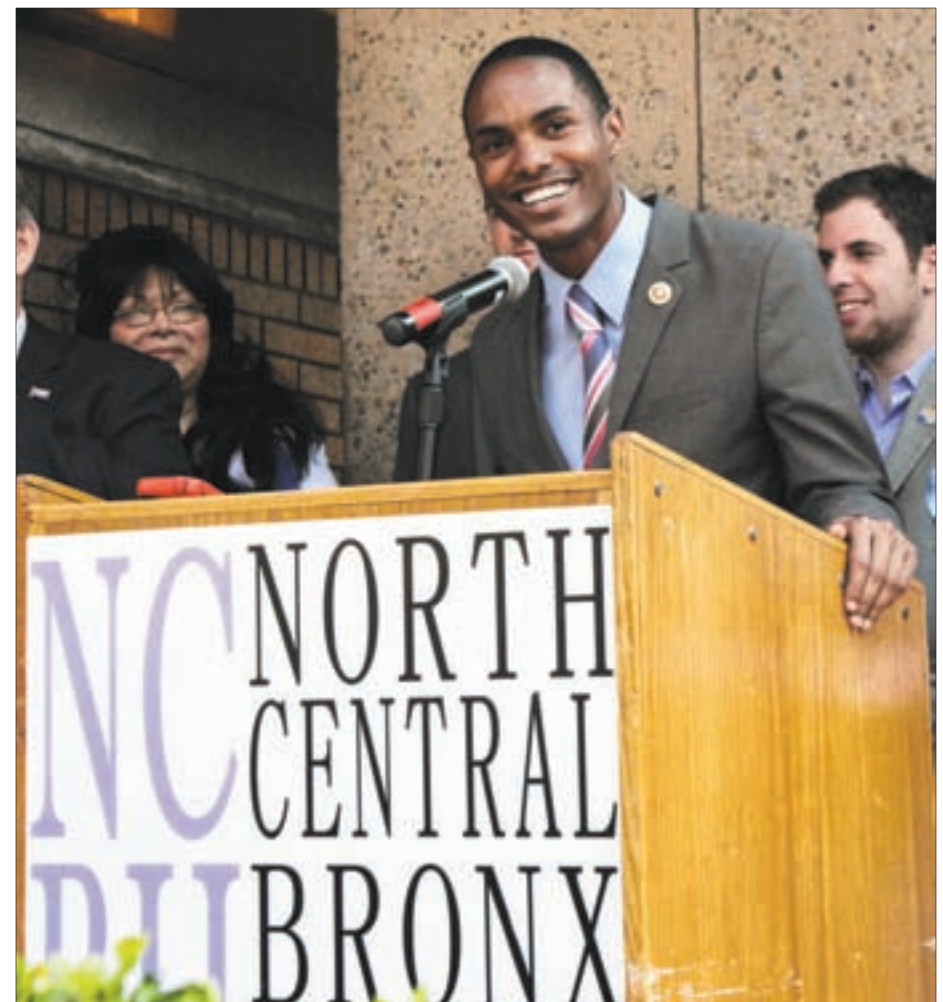
"Systems and technology have all changed a lot over the years," she said.

The flooring, lights, and paint-work are also being redone, among other improvements.

"It'll have a new look, and it'll give it a really nice feeling," said Nelson.

(Right) Councilmember Ritchie Torres announced he secured \$600,000 in funds for the reopening of North Central Bronx Hospital's labor and delivery unit on Wednesday, July 2 at a press conference outside the hospital.

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