

Fordham Sears closing

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Say goodbye to the Fordham Road Sears, but say hello to a brand new plaza.

Sears, once a retail-titan, will soon leave its long-standing location on 404 East Fordham Road after almost eight decades, according to published reports.

It was just six years ago that the Sears building underwent major renovations of about \$120 million, decreasing the retailer's store size while adding a Best Buy and a Walgreens, after standing alone for so many years.

But those renovations were just the beginning.

Sears is now in the process of cutting ties entirely with its iconic location on Fordham Road. Liquidation and clearance sales will start on Friday, September 25, and the closing will take place

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PELHAM GRAND DEADLINE NEARS

Rally to protest facility's plans

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The opening of a new housing facility in Pelham Bay by a group that works with people with HIV has sent shock waves through the community.

About 100 protesters rallied on Sunday, August 24 outside a building soon to be home to 70 in a program for low-income residents, if the sponsoring group continues with its plan.

The protest coincided with an open house by AIDS Service Center of New York, which runs the program already operating at a former hospital building at 1870 Pelham Parkway South.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Community Association has made its position clear on the building's use, which has been vacant, except for short stints, since Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center D'urso Pavilion closed. The building, known as the "Pelham Grand," was sold in 2006.

Calling the Pelham Grand a work in progress, PBTCA treasurer Joseph Oddo stated the rally "was successful in getting the word out that the current use of the Grand by ASCNYC is and will not be acceptable to the community."

"There is no other way to say it: Pelham Grand must be used as housing for our seniors and our veterans!" Oddo stated in an e-mail to east Bronx community leaders. "There is more that can be written about. But the major, and for many citizens in Pelham Bay, the only, issue of impor-

tance at this time is the Pelham Grand."

In a follow-up conversation, Oddo said the three-hour rally was peaceful, and that the concerns of the residents included property values and quality of life.

"The primary concern is what it has always been," he said. "They don't want to have the neighborhood deteriorate."

Elected officials, which had proposed various plans for senior and veterans housing over the years, are continuing to work to get something at the Grand that the community would find acceptable.

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Joseph Oddo

A spokesperson for Senator Jeff Klein has said that he is working with groups that are seeking a state Department of Health grant for senior housing.

"Senator Klein is tirelessly advocating for senior housing at the Pelham Grand and just learned

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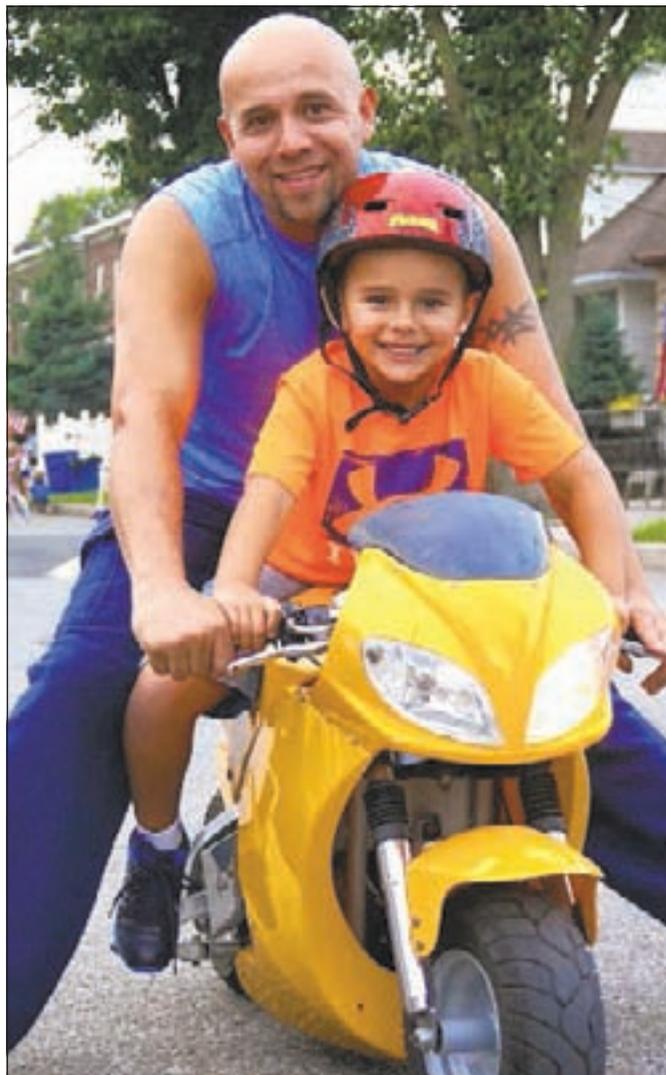


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Out For A Ride On Wilcox Ave.

Alex and AJ Montoya ride in style at the Wilcox Avenue Block Party on Saturday, August 23. More photos on page 36.

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Klein, Koppell clash in heated debate

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The barbs flew between incumbent state senator Jeff Klein and challenger Oliver Koppell this week in two televised debates, on the eve of a testy Democratic Primary in a district that covers a large swath of the Bronx, and even some parts of Westchester.

Klein, a veteran state senator, and Koppell, a former assemblyman and more recently city councilman, grappled Monday, August 25 on BronxNet's BronxTalk, hosted by Gary Axelbank. The two Bronx political titans went tete a tete again the next night on NY1's "Inside City Hall."

The public will decide Tuesday, September 9 whether Klein will win the democratic nomination — and effectively the entire contest, since there are no other candidates for the seat — to remain state senator in a district spanning east Bronx areas like Throggs Neck and Morris Park, south to Hunts Point and Soundview, west to Riverdale and north into part of Mount Vernon.

Tussle on development

Klein went on the offensive on local issues in both debates, claiming that he had "cleaned up Koppell's mess" by halting two unwanted neighborhood developments in Riverdale, where Koppell had served as a councilman.

The state senator helped stop a home for the mentally ill from coming into north Riverdale, and engineered a state law that will at least delay a massive Montefiore healthcare complex from being built in south Riverdale.

Klein ripped Koppell for being out of touch with the district in those cases.

He also brought up a recent video, recorded and leaked to the press by a Klein aide, in which Koppell appears to ask Morris Parkers to be "more broad-minded."

"Why do you keep criti-



Challenger Oliver Koppell (center) sparred with the incumbent, Senator Jeff Klein (r), in a live debate Monday, August 25 on BronxNet's BronxTalk, moderated by Gary Axelbank (l).
Courtesy BronxNet

cizing the constituents you hope to represent?" asked Klein on NY1.

Koppell responded by saying that the "broad-minded" comments were directed at a specific group of people who were criticizing an immigrant scholarship program.

The former city councilman claimed to be a big fan of the people — and food — of Morris Park.

"I happen to go to Morris Park all the time," exclaimed Koppell. I go to restaurants there, I love the atmosphere there."

State-wide slams

Koppell was on the offensive from the get-go Monday night on BronxNet. He rehashed his characterization of Klein as "betraying" the Democratic Party by heading a new bipartisan state government entity, dubbed the Independent Democratic Conference.

Koppell slammed Klein and his IDC for failing to pass progressive Democratic bills like the DREAM Act, which would ease the path to citizenship for immigrants, while instead empowering the Republicans.

Klein deflected the barbs by focusing on the accomplishments the state

government has made with him as IDC leader and senate co-majority leader.

"We should be credited with making government work again," said Klein, citing a comprehensive gun control bill he engineered, called the SAFE ACT, among other legislative achievements.

Klein in command

Klein has a massive lead in campaign fundraising, as well as endorsements from nearly every labor union and nearly everyone from the city and borough political establishment.

Some of those endorsements — including from Mayor deBlasio and Gov. Cuomo — came after Klein and his IDC pledged in June to vote in line with the Democrats.

Koppell credited his campaign with making that happen — and claimed it a victory by forcing Klein to align with the Democrats, even though a Koppell win at the polls would be a huge surprise.

"I've already won this contest," he told Axelbank. "Because even if I don't win this primary, which I intend to do, he's got to vote with the Democrats and put the Dems in the Majority."

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by Patrick Rocchio

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Birth

Alessia LoGiudice was born to Claudi and Vito LoGiudice of Throggs Neck on Friday, July 25. She weighed

eight pounds and one ounce.

Birthday

Lisa Soli has the following message: *Happy birthday to the best mom and grandma ever on August 20, 2014 to Marie Dicosola. We love you so much! Many more happy and most important healthy years ahead! God bless you today and always! Love, Lisa, Anthony, Nicholas (love you*



MARIE DICOSOLA AND GRANDSON NICHOLAS SOLI.

grandma), and the pups, diesel and spanky - woof woof! Xoxoxo

Maria and John Gaffney would like to congratulate their friend **Jerry McIarnon** on his recent birthday on August 11. *Jerry we love you. Happy Birthday.*

Rotary News

The Rotary Club has as its guest speaker at its Tuesday, August 5 meeting **Rhina Valentin**, the host of Open Friday which airs on BronxNet, and of the reality television program called "Rhina

Gets Lean."

She spoke to the club about her diagnosis with gestational diabetes and her overcoming the disease. She now wants to pass on some good eating habits she has learned in order to help others. The club's guest speaker on Tuesday, August 12 was **Tom Sturtevant**, the executive director of the Hyde Leadership Charter School. He spoke to the club about the work that the school in Hunts Point does to help children learn, as well to help



Bronx Rotary speaker Rhina Valentin's daughter, Charm Vida,

their parents and the local community.

Bus ride to Sands Casino, PA

On Monday, September 22, the Divas will sponsor a bus ride to the Sands Casino in Pennsylvania. Bus departs 8:30 a.m. at Ampere Avenue and Kennelworth Place; 8:45 a.m. at Just for

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Educator to be honored at Columbus Day parade

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Longtime Bronx educator Roseann Carotenuto has been named the honorary grand marshal of the 38th Annual Bronx Columbus Day Parade.

The parade, which celebrates the Italian heritage of Christopher Columbus, has honored an educator each year since parade organizer Tony Signorile took over eight years ago.

He said he made it his goal to honor teachers, who he feels are under-recognized.

"You have to have a gift from God to do this, to have the patience," said Signorile.

The parade committee chose to honor Carotenuto, a regional superintendent for Bronx Catholic Schools, for her commitment to students throughout her 41 years in education.

"She's always there to help children," said Signorile. "She puts them on the right path."

Over the years, Carotenuto has served as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal and superintendent. She took on each new role because of the opportunity to help influence more children's educations, and said she's loved every step of her career.

"This is not a job to me, it's my way of life," said Carotenuto.



Roseann Carotenuto, a regional superintendent for Bronx Catholic schools, has been named the honorary grand marshal of the Bronx Columbus Day Parade. Photo courtesy of Roseann Carotenuto

me stronger in the profession I chose," she said.

Carotenuto, who has also recently been recognized by the Forum of Italian American Educators and by the Bronx Times Reporter as one of the 25 Bronx Influential Women, said that she's excited to be an integral part of the parade she attends every year.

"It's a joyous day," said Carotenuto. "A day of love, a day of celebration, a day of pride."

She thanked Signorile for all his hard work in creating a day that is enjoyable for everyone, Italian or not.

The parade will take place on Sunday, October 12, starting at noon at the corner of Morris Park Avenue and White Plains Road, and will follow Morris Park Avenue up to Williamsbridge Road.

The grand marshal of this year's parade is Bronx-born actor Vincent Pastore, known for his role on *The Sopranos*. Look for an interview with Pastore in a future edition of the Bronx Times.

She's [Roseann Carotenuto] always there to help children. She puts them on the right path.

Tony Signorile

Bronx Columbus Day Parade Organizer

Her identity as an Italian-American is so important to her, and she said that certain aspects of her traditions and culture, like big Sunday dinners of meatballs and macaroni, have made her a better educator. She said that her expressiveness draws students in, and that she has experience with creating a warm atmosphere that makes them feel at home.

"My nationality, my culture, has made

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40th PCT.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 10:50 a.m. – Willis Ave. and East 139 St. A 25 year old man was arrested after being found in possession of a gun. Upon checking, authorities learned that the 25 year old black male failed to obtain the proper license to possess a gun within NYC. A loaded 38-caliber revolver was vouchered as evidence for the pending trail.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 3:00 p.m. – 592 East 141 St. First responders came to the aid of a Hispanic female. The 20 year old female apparently jumped from the roof five stories to the ground below. The young woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center in serious condition.

WED, JUNE 25th, 4:20 p.m. – 300 East 138 St. Police investigators are looking into a shooting. The male victim was transported to a nearby hospital suffering from a bullet to the face. Additional police officers were redeployed into the area, but the culprit escaped.

THURS, JUNE 26th, 6:05 p.m. – 305 East 153 St. Authorities are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. Police officers at the crime scene recovered evidence indicating that at least three shots had been discharged. No injuries were reported. An inquiry is underway by local detectives.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 5:50 p.m. – 662 East 141 St. Two suspects were taken into custody in connection with a shooting. A 22 year old black male was transported to Lincoln Medical Center where he was reported to be in stable condition after suffering from a bullet wound to the left leg.

41st PCT.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 9:00 p.m. – 770 Bryant Ave. Police officers working in the Hunts Point area made an arrest while investigating a reported family dispute. The radio car team responded to a 9-1-1 call concerning a family dispute. Upon their arrival the officers spotted a gun in plain view inside the apartment. Taken away along with a suspect was a 380-caliber pistol. The weapon was vouchered as evidence.

42nd PCT.

WED, JUNE 25th, 7:45 p.m. – Fulton Ave. and East 170 St. A suspect was arrested after a shot was fired at an on duty police officer. Responding police officers made an arrest while also recovering a 22-caliber gun.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 11:25 a.m. – 1334 Louis Nine Blvd. Police have launched an inquiry after a shooting occurred. The male victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the left hand upon arrival at St. Barnabas Hospital.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 8:50 p.m. – 1358 Washington Ave. Detectives are looking for the person who

stabbed a middle aged man. The 50 year old Hispanic man was stabbed in the stomach area. The man was treated at Lincoln Medical Center where he was reported in stable condition.

43rd PCT.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 7:05 p.m. – 3 Sound View Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where an elderly man was assaulted. The 81 year old Hispanic man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center where he was treated for various injuries. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 11:25 p.m. – 1691 East 174 St. A 29 year old black male was arrested after being found with a gun. Police were able to vouch for a 38-caliber revolver official reported.

44th PCT.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 4:05 a.m. – Morris Ave. and East 164 St. Two police officers required medical assistance after handing a dispute. The injured police officers were transported to a hospital in Manhattan suffering from leg injuries. One of the persons involved in the dispute was taken to Lincoln Medical Center and provided with medical care.

TUES, JUNE 24th, 10:00 a.m. – 1529 Walton Ave. Authorities are looking into a reported home invasion. Apparently two Hispanic males were able to enter the home through the front door. The two unknown culprits assaulted the occupant but fled empty handed. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

WED, JUNE 25th, 4:30 a.m. – Police learned that a child under two years old was sexually assaulted. Apparently the culprit was described as a black male in his later twenties. The young victim was treated at Lincoln Medical Center.

WED, JUNE 25th, 4:55 a.m. – Walton Ave. and East 161 St. The medical staff at Lincoln Medical Center on East 149 St. treated a critically injured crime victim. A male arrived at the hospital suffering from a half dozen stab wounds. The victim has a wound to the chest area in addition to five in the back. An inquiry is underway.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 12:35 a.m. – Ogden Ave. and East 171 St. Authorities were called to Bronx Lebanon Hospital on the Grand Concourse. A 24 year old black male walked into the hospital suffering from a stab wound to the abdomen.

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The man was reported to be in critical condition as detective gathered information about the incident.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 1:55 a.m. – 1020 Summit Ave. Undercover police officers working in the Highbridge area recovered a gun with a defaced serial number. The 40-caliber pistol will be tested to see if there are any links to outstanding investigations where the gun could have been fired. Arrested was a 20 year old black male who saw the gun being removed from his control.

45th PCT.

WED, JUNE 25th, 9:10 p.m. – A suspect was arrested by police officers looking into a reported sexual attack upon a woman. The female victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center while a 47 year old black male was taken into custody.

SAT, JUNE 28th, 11:45 p.m. – Long Island Sound. First responders were summoned to the area surrounding the Throggs Neck Bridge. Reports indicated that a male had fallen off of a vessel. The victim was found and transported to Jacobi Medical Center where it was reported that he expired. An investigation is underway.

46th PCT.

THURS, JUNE 26th, 10:10 a.m. – 64 Buchanan Pl. Police patrolling the West Bronx responded to a call indicating that a shot had been fired. Police recovered evidence at the scene near Grand Ave that supported the emergency report. No injuries were reported. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

THURS, JUNE 26th, 2:45 p.m. – 30 Richmond Plaza. Police officers arrested a suspect for an assault. The male culprit informed authorities that in his home he had explosives being stored. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the high-rise building. A search was conducted of the apartment with authorities coming up empty handed.

THURS, JUNE 26th, 10:55 p.m. – Sedgwick Ave. and Cedar Ave. A double shooting is under review by local sleuths. A 25 year old black female was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the leg. Also shot in the leg was a 25 year old black male. Both victims were treated at the same medical facility.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 10:40 p.m. – 2120 Ryer Ave. Two young males were taken into custody for possess-

ing a weapon. Police officers processed the required forms after taking a 22 year old male and a 16 year old male teen into custody. The pair was in possession of a pistol. The weapon was vouchered as evidence.

47th PCT.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 3:30 p.m. – 730 East 216 St. Police officers were alerted that a young teenager had been stabbed. Authorities found a 14 year old black girl suffering from two stab wounds to the lower chest area. The girl was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for emergency care. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 10:40 p.m. – 952 East 217 St. Undercover police officers arrested a suspect who failed to obtain the proper permit to have a gun within the city. Police removed a 38-caliber revolver from the suspect. The handgun was vouchered as evidence for the pending trail.

WED, JUNE 25th, 5:50 p.m. – 3024 Grace Ave. Another person was taken into custody by police who recovered a gun that was not properly registered in NYC. Taken away from the unnamed culprit was a 38-caliber revolver. The weapon was vouchered as evidence.

WED, JUNE 25th, 7:50 p.m. – 731 Adey Ave. Police investigators are looking into an accident that sent an 11 year old boy to the hospital in critical condition. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Squad were summoned to the accident scene to gather information after the bicycle riding child was struck by a vehicle. The initial investigation indicated that there was no criminality connected to the incident.

THURS, JUNE 26th, 5:30 a.m. – 836 East 233 St. An inquiry is underway after a break-in was discovered. An unknown person apparently broke into an AMT machine which was located at a neighborhood gas station. Investigators were waiting a report from the machine's owner so that they would know how much money was taken.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 3:45 a.m. – 801 East 226 St. Police sleuths are looking into a report that shots had been fired. Officers at the scene indicated that the bullets did not strike anyone and there was no reported damage. Local detectives will handle the inquiry.

48th PCT.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 2:00 p.m. –

1137 East Tremont Ave. Additional police officers were deployed into the area after a store was robbed. Local police needed assistance to search for an armed culprit who fled with four hundred dollars from a liquor store. Police officials turned up empty handed after the search was completed.

WED, JUNE 25th, 4:15 a.m. – 2149 Prospect Ave. Police officers were alerted to a shooting. A 28 year old black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the chest area. The inquiry is being handled by local detectives.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 7:15 a.m. – 1368 Prospect Ave. A 51 year Hispanic man was arrested after police found him in possession of a gun. The man failed to obtain the proper license to have the 38-caliber revolver in NYC. The handgun was vouchered as evidence.

49th PCT.

TUES, JUNE 24th, 11:30 p.m. – 2445 Williamsbridge Rd. Authorities are looking into a shooting. A 37 year old black female was suffering from a bullet wound to the right foot. The crime victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center as sleuths started their investigation.

WED, JUNE 25th, 11:20 p.m. – 925 Waring Ave. A female was taken into custody by undercover police officers. The 21 year old Hispanic female was found in possession of a loaded 380-caliber semi-automatic pistol. The weapon was vouchered as evidence for her pending court appearance.

WED, JUNE 25th, 11:45 p.m. – 1328 Allerton Ave. An inquiry is underway after bias art work was discovered. Officials reported that a Swastika was painted on the wall of a Synagogue. Specially trained officers are handling the inquiry.

50th PCT.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 4:20 p.m. – 185 West 231 St. Investigators are looking for a female who robbed a bank in the Kingsbridge section. The black woman passed a note to a Capital One bank employee before being given a thousand dollars. The female culprit fled before could arrive on scene.

52nd PCT.

MON, JUNE 23rd, 4:00 a.m. – 2843 Grand Concourse. The medical staff at a neighborhood hospital provided emergency treatment to a Hispanic male who had been attacked. The 22 year old victim was transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital suffering from a slash wound to the face. Local detectives are looking into the incident.

WED, JUNE 25th, 11:50 a.m. – 2760 Grand Concourse. A year old baby was transported to a nearby hospital by first responders. De-

spite effects to assist the 12 month old Hispanic girl doctors indicated that the baby expired. The babysitter had found the young child in an unconscious state.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 1:00 a.m. – Police working the mid-night tour were informed by a young woman that she had been sexually attacked. Police officers interviewed the 24 year old victim obtaining information for experts specially trained investigators from the Bronx Special Victim's Squad who will handle the inquiry.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 11:35 a.m. – 2286 Davidson Ave. An inquiry was launched by police who responded to a reports of shots being fired near West 183 St. No one was injured authorities reported, but local detectives are looking into the incident.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 2:40 p.m. – 409 East 204 St. A possible lover's triangle sent a male to a neighborhood hospital. The male victim was stabbed during a dispute concerning the culprit's wife. The victim was stabbed in the neck and the shoulder area. Detectives are looking into the incident.

HOUSING

FRI, JUNE 27th, 12:25 p.m. – 1755 Story Ave. Police are looking into an incident where two males had been stabbed. Officers from Housing's PSA # 8 arrived to find the two persons. One of the injured was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital while the other person was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad are handling the inquiry.

FRI, JUNE 27th, 3:00 p.m. – 720 Westchester Ave. The medical staff at a neighborhood hospital treated a 23 year old male. The young man was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg officials reported when he arrived at the Lincoln Medical Center after being shot at the Adam Houses. Police officers from PSA # 7 are working with detectives from the 40th Pct. Squad on this inquiry.

FIRE LOG

TUES, JUNE 24th, 11:08 p.m. – 221 St. Ann's Ave. A serious fire was spotted in a structure near East 138 St. Ladder 29 arrived reporting a fire in a two-story commercial structure. Battalion 14 took command of the extinguishment operation reporting that a hose line was in operation. At 11:16 p.m. a second alarm was transmitted after the flames had spread into the cockloft. Division 6 responded taking command of the operation. The chief reported that there was fire on the second floor of the building. Engine crews were knocking down the main body of fire as secondary searches got underway. By 11:35 p.m. all searches were completed. At 11:41 p.m. the fire was declared under control.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Our local diners

Dear editor,

I have enjoyed many excellent meals for decades when frequenting local diners. Over the years, we have seen the demise of many diners.

Diners have been part of my life from teenage years to today. Eating out is a periodic ritual with either friends or family. Portions are generous.

Who never took a doggie bag home with leftovers to eat the next day. Between the customary soup, salad, rolls, coleslaw and pickles along with the main course -- dinner could satisfy the heartiest appetite. Many times, we bagged our desserts to go.

Neighborhoods all over the Bronx have seen changes over time. Many new immigrant groups sometimes favor their own ethnic foods and restaurants.

Diners have also lost customers over time to numerous fast food restaurants. Many of their menus have expanded to also include breakfast items and a greater variety of items to select from for lunch or dinner.

Remember these people are our neighbors. Our local entrepreneurs who own and operate diners have continued to invest in our community creating new employment opportunities without the assistance of federally-funded taxpayers' stimulus dollars. They work long hours, pay taxes and provide local employment.

If we don't patronize our local restaurants, they don't eat either.

Why not honor the found memories we had at diners which have come and gone by continuing to patronize our handful of remaining diners.

Here's hoping that the remaining diners don't go the way of the dinosaurs into permanent extinction.

Larry Penner

Wandering photos

Dear editor,

Can anyone explain why New York State officials are traipsing off to Israel en masse?

As state officials their concern and focus should be riveted upon solving the problems facing our state.

As state officials these politicians have no power over US foreign policy.

Diplomatic relations are the province of the Federal government, specifically the executive branch with oversight provided by the legislative branch.

But wait!! It's an election year!!

That must surely be the answer!! 2014 is an election year and there are voters who these politicians feel they must pander to. What better way to secure more of the Jewish vote than a photo-op in Israel? (Featured in the Bronx Times Reporter, no less).

Instead of posing for pictures in Israel why aren't these public servants cleaning up the corruption that has characterized Albany for so many years? Because they like it this way!!

Jeff Klein, Sheldon Silver and Andrew

Cuomo all have had, to put it mildly, ethical lapses.

For example Mr. Cuomo's interference with an ethics commission that was supposed to root out corruption in Albany is now being investigated by federal authorities. Perhaps this commission was getting too close to some cronies. There are many, varied examples of Klein and Silver misdeeds, too numerous to list in this space but readily available on Google.

Voters need to say enough is enough and use their power to elect candidates that share their concerns, not the concerns of special interest groups that can afford to "pay for play."

Pasqual Pelosi

Agrees with Rabbi Hertzberg

Dear editor,

I would like to add another observation to Rabbi Hertzberg's excellent letter regarding the failure of our elected officials to criticize the actions - or inactions - of the President with regard to supporting Israel in its struggle against Hamas.

If the Jews in Israel were allowed to contribute to the election or re-election campaigns of these same officials, we would hear their voices loud and clear. To enlarge on the famous quote from Will Rogers: "We have the best Congress [State Legislature, City Council, etc.] money can buy."

As for the President himself, Mr. Obama has shown clear evidence of his total disconnect from the suffering of others by embarking on a jovial golf outing immediately after expressing his moral indignation and shedding crocodile tears over the horrendous execution of American photojournalist James Foley by ISIS savages. This totally inappropriate behavior at a time of national sorrow and outrage was nothing short of reprehensible.

Paulette Sorg

Scanlan's track & field program

Dear editor,

Starting in September, Monsignor Scanlan High School, 915 Hutchinson River Parkway, will have a track and field program, headed by coach Winston Dinkins.

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I'm excited for them, they will learn more about themselves by participating in this program than they ever knew.

We will have an Open House on Wednesday, October 1, at 6 p.m. Call 718-460-0100 for more information.

Let's go Scanlan! It is going to be a great year.

Winston Dinkins

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Legal tussle over Armory slides on

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The Kingsbridge Armory's head developer and his former colleagues continue to grapple in court, nearly nine months after the city approved a plan to convert the space into the world's largest ice center.

And though the developers of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC) are still shooting for a 2017 opening — and recently announced \$30 million in new funding — an official lease has yet to be signed with the city, meaning neighbors are still left wondering when construction will begin.

But there has been some movement forward for Kevin Parker, the former Deutsche Bank executive and KNIC founder, since the legal tussle began this summer.

A New York State Supreme Court judge dismissed in July an attempt from three of Parker's former colleagues — headed by Jonathan Richter, a financial executive at Deutsche Bank and former president of KNIC — to halt KNIC's negotiations with the city, according to court documents.

The former colleagues — who also include Jeff Spiri-

tos and Marcus Wignell — filed court papers on May 22 in New York Supreme Court claiming that Parker squeezed them out of a financial stake in the project, after they used their expertise and worked pro-bono hours to spearhead it. The trio sought, among other things, a "temporary restraining order" that would have stopped the city lease process in its tracks.

But on July 15, Supreme Court Judge Eileen Bransten dismissed that request, according to court papers reviewed by the Bronx Times Reporter.

Richter's lawyers had claimed that Richter, Spiritos and Wignell were rightful partners in the ice center project — a claim backed up by KNIC's former name, KNIC Partners.

But the LLC filings for KNIC do not show a legally binding partnership agreement between Parker and his former colleagues, said Parker's lawyers, from the firm Bickel and Brewer.

Judge Bransten appeared to agree in her decision.

"If you don't have an agreement, it's a bit like having one hand clapping with no other hand," said

Bransten during a public court hearing in June.

Richter's lawyers are now appealing Bransten's decision in the New York State Court's Appellate Division, according to court papers filed August 11.

The lawyers, from firm Fox Rothschild LLP, maintain that squeezing out Richter and his partners — who they dub the "Richter Action Plaintiffs" — will jeopardize the entire development.

"Absent an injunction from the court, the Kingsbridge Armory Project will be placed in severe jeopardy, to the detriment of not only the Richter Action Plaintiffs, but the City of New York and the prospective users of the Kingsbridge Armory," they wrote in an August 18 court filing.

KNIC's lawyers claim that Judge Bransten's decision allows the lease process to proceed smoothly — though the overall lawsuits have likely slowed down the process.

"Has it stopped it? No," said William Brewer III, Bickel and Brewer's co-founder, of the litigation. "Did it have some effect? Yes, it's probably fair to say that it did."



Construction has yet to begin on the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, as the project's developers continue fighting in court. File Photo

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Library name change after years of pressure

BY BEN KOCHMAN

The city has — finally! — turned a crucial “page” in Pelham Parkway’s history.

The New York Public Library has officially renamed the former Van Nest Library on Barnes Avenue the “Pelham Parkway - Van Nest Library.”

Library brass unveiled a sparkling new sign along with community activists and local elected officials on Wednesday, August 27.

Locals had long griped that the branch formerly known as the “Van Nest

Library” was not actually in what anyone called Van Nest today.

Since 1967, the library has served the community from Barnes Avenue — just one block from the leafy Pelham Parkway strip, and in prime Pelham Parkway turf. Its former location was on Rhinelander Avenue, in an area locals call Van Nest.

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association and local Community Board 11 had been pushing the library for years to change the name, but to no

avail.

Early in 2014, local elected officials joined the charge. Pressure from pols including Congressman Joseph Crowley, Senator Jeff Klein, Councilmember Jimmy Vacca and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, helped turn the tide.

“This community, including elected officials, showed an unprecedented amount of support for this action, as well as extreme pride and passion for its local library — which is very encouraging and satisfying for us,” wrote Tony Marx, president of the library, in a statement.

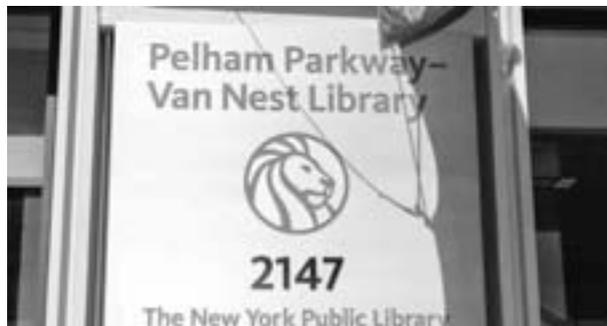
Library staff had originally been hesitant to change the name, because they thought that it would confuse locals with the Pelham Bay Library — even though that branch is over three miles east of the branch on Barnes Avenue.

Eventually, book barons decided to add the “Pelham Parkway” name to please



Library personnel, community leaders and elected officials celebrated the name change to “Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library” at the branch Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



A close up of the new building sign. Locals had fought for the name change for over three years. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

neighborhood activists, but also kept “Van Nest” because it was “historic,” said Marx in the statement.

Many locals would have preferred to get rid of the “Van Nest” moniker entirely — but they are willing to settle for the compromised version of the name.

“It’s wonderful!” ex-

claimed Edith Blitzer, president of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, upon first seeing the sign.

“I couldn’t ask for more,” Blitzer added. “Well, I could ask for more, but I’ll take this.”

Staff at the library say service will remain the same, regardless of the

branch’s name.

“Regardless of what the library is called, the quality of service we provide to everyone who passes through our doors will not change,” wrote library manager David Nochimson in a letter to the editor published in the Bronx Times Reporter last week.

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Vacca brings ready and willing hands

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A group of adults who are ready, willing and able - pun intended - to clean commercial corridors in the east Bronx's 13th Council District are here!

Councilman Jimmy Vacca announced a one-year agreement with the Doe Fund's Ready, Willing and Able program at Keane Square Park on Tuesday, August 19.

Ready, Willing, and Able's cleaning crews are made up of formerly homeless men who are themselves beginning a year-long process of transitional work, education, housing and career development.

They will service streets and sidewalks along major shopping strips in Vacca's district. This should improve cleanliness and safety throughout the community, stated a Vacca spokesman.

"I am proud to have allocated funds to create the first partnership with The DOE Fund in the Bronx," said Vacca. "This is a win for everyone involved - our communities become cleaner, more pleasant places to live, and these men are able to get back on their feet and perform vital services for their city."

He added: "I can think of nothing better than beautifying my district while also providing jobs and training to those most in need."

Ready, Willing and Able have done street cleaning projects in the Bronx before, said a Vacca spokesman, but this is the first time that their crews have had a sustained effort in the borough.

"We are absolutely thrilled to support Councilmember Vacca and his vision for a cleaner community here in District 13," said The Doe Fund's president and founder, George McDonald. "It's fitting that our first Bronx partnership would be with a native of the borough who has absolutely dedicated his life to serving the residents of this community. We couldn't be



Councilman Jimmy Vacca announces on Tuesday, August 19 in Keane Square Park that Ready, Willing, and Able crews would be cleaning Pelham Bay streets. Photo courtesy of Vacca's office

prouder to join him."

The people of the communities Vacca serves seemed supportive of the overall goals of having cleaner major streets.

"I think it is wonderful that they are going to come in and try to clean up the litter in the streets," said Steve Kaufman, president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association. "Whatever help we can get is important."

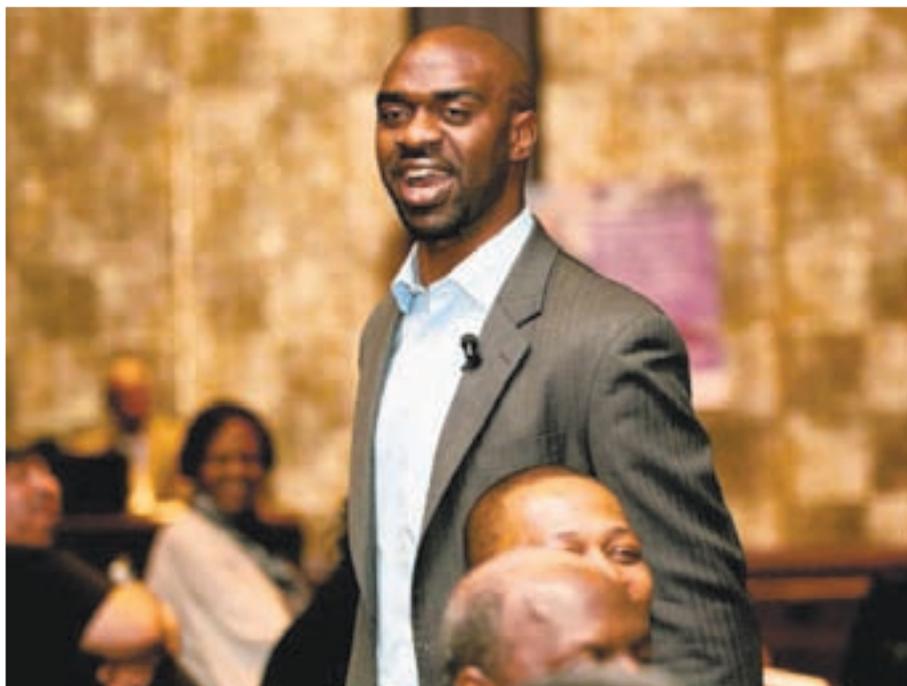
Joe Oddo, treasurer of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association, said that any investment in the community that is visible and also

leaves visible results afterwards is a good thing.

"When people come to visit and revisit the neighborhood, and they see something like the DOE Fund cleaning sidewalks, it reassuring," he said. "It gives people a good feeling. They feel that the neighborhood is not abandoned, that someone is taking care of it."

Perspective tenants almost invariably scan the streets outside looking for signs of decay when renting apartments, said Oddo, a landlord.

"The Doe Fund can only help," he added.



Michael Blake, who grew up in the Bronx, but has spent many years in Washington, D.C. and Chicago, proved his Bronx residency and stayed on the state assembly ballot. Courtesy votemichaelblake.com

Michael Blake 'Bronx' enough to stay in race

BY BEN KOCHMAN

A former aide for President Obama is Bronx enough to stay in a hotly contested political race here, ruled a borough judge last week.

Michael Blake has fulfilled Bronx residency and will stay on the ballot in the September 9 primary to fill the vacant 79th state Assembly seat, ruled Judge John W. Carter in Bronx Supreme Court Friday, August 25. The 32-year old, who was born at North Central Bronx Hospital and grew up in the borough, but spent much of the last decade working in Washington, D.C. and Chicago for President Obama and the White House, was elated to learn the decision.

"We are very happy that the Judge confirmed what we've said all along," he said in an interview. "Now we can focus on what we need to focus on, and that's who can represent and help the 79th District the most."

Bronxite or not?

Blake's opponents had charged that the former Obama operative had not lived in New York long

enough to qualify for the election in a district that includes parts of Tremont, Morrisania and Concourse Village.

Candidates for statewide office must have lived in New York for the past five years. But Blake had voted in Washington in recent years, and first registered as a New York City voter in June 2013, according to city records.

Blake's campaign claimed that the Bronx native had achieved residency through his mother's address on Decatur Avenue.

And a court referee and judge agreed that Blake's residency claims were legitimate — to the dismay of his opponents, who say the decision sets a dangerous precedent for future races.

"What the judge is now saying is that you qualify as a Bronx resident as long as you have a room in your parent's house and you visit them four times a year," said Patrick Jenkins, spokesman for the Bronx Democratic County Committee, which has backed another candidate in the race, lawyer Marsha Michael. "'Peo-

ple can't just swoop in anywhere and run to represent areas of New York."

Bx in White House

Blake says he always repped the Bronx, even while working for Obama as a campaign aide and later as an outreach director in the White House.

The son of Jamaican immigrants, Blake said he went to P.S. 79, J.H.S. 118, and was senior class president at Dewitt Clinton High School.

He said he could not pass up the chance to run. The seat has been vacant since January, when former Assemblyman Eric Stevenson was convicted on bribery charges.

"I had a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with the president, but the Bronx is my home," said Blake. "When an opportunity comes along to serve your people and your hometown, you gotta listen to that."

Other candidates in the primary election include the Democratic party-backed Michaels, George Alvarez, Raul Rodriguez, and Fred Rick.

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New precautions to make public docks safer

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The city has a new plan to make boating docks safer, two months after a pair of teenagers drowned in the Bronx River.

Many gathered at Hunts Point Riverside Park in Hunts on Friday, August 22 as NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver announced a series of major changes at eight boat launches along with sign improvements at over 40 different boat launches around the city to keep boaters and swimmers safe.

The announcement was made two months after 13-year old boys Erickson Villa and Wellington Gabin drowned in the Bronx River after they had been playing in the same park back on June 20.

Since this incident, locals and elected officials have expressed worry of a similar situation happening again.

This \$100,000 plan includes self-closing gates,

floating devices and throw lines, no swimming/no diving signs on the docks and maintenance vehicles carrying additional equipment.

The water safety precautions don't end there.

It also includes weekly inspections by the Parks Enforcement Patrol, bilingual warning signs on the gates, along with solar powered emergency call boxes near entrances, which will be installed in the next few weeks.

Other safety precautions include two programs that teach over 35,000 children how to swim each year – Learn to Swim during the summer and Swim for Life year round.

“When you have an incident like what happened with those two teenage boys, action needs to be taken,” said Ruben Diaz, Jr.

Diaz Jr., who grew up just across the Bronx River and right next to Soundview Park, said hearing about the tragic deaths affected



NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, along with Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Ruben Diaz Sr. and others discuss new water safety precautions at Riverside Park in Hunts Point on August 22. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

him that much more knowing that it took place in his old community.

“It hurts,” he said. “It’s always sad when these situations occur, but especially when the victims are young and they come from the

same neighborhood that you did.”

This new plan improves safety at boat launches in Hunts Point Riverside Park and Starlight Park in the Bronx, along with three in Manhattan, two in Brook-

lyn and one in Queens.

A local spiritual leader called the plan “reassuring” in response to the victims’ families concerns.

“The goal of this plan was to echo the voice and concerns of the victims’ fam-

ily and friends,” said Senior Pastor Joel Bauza of Calvary Church. “By holding this event and putting this plan in motion, we are letting the family and friends of those victims know that your voice has been heard.”

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State approves youth community board membership

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Youth can now serve on community boards.

Like it or not, and there are plenty of opinions, 16- and 17-year-olds can now be members of community boards.

The change comes after an amendment in state law regulating public officers passed in the legislature and was signed by Governor Cuomo recently, explained Councilman Ritchie Torres.

Learning how to be civically engaged is a little like learning a language: the best time to learn is when you are young.

Ritchie Torres
Councilman

Torres championed Resolution 115, which passed the City Council on June 12 and called on the state to amend its regulations so that young people can serve on the volunteer boards, which deal with an array of local issues.

“With civic engagement rates among young people at critically low levels, we need to put forward every effort to replace apathy with enfranchisement, disengagement with opportunity,” said Torres, the youngest member of City Council.

With public education not teaching civics, community boards offer a good educational experience for civically engaged young people, he said.

“Learning how to be civically engaged is a little

like learning a language: the best time to learn is when you are young,” the councilman said. “I feel that we have a crisis of civic engagement, especially among our youth.”

He added: “A community board is the most local unit of government and this is the best place to teach civic leadership.”

Torres was “District Manager for a Day” when he was a teenager and said it changed his life.

Young people adding diversity to the boards is a good thing in and of itself, he believes. Torres also feels that bringing younger members onto boards will create a more diverse set of opinions and provide young community members a say in issues like education and public safety.

He thinks that having youth on boards could bring about a shift in the focus of community activism towards education, an important concern that consumes a third of the city’s budget, he said.

When he first broached the idea of having youth sit on local community boards, Torres said that it elicited strong reactions both for, and against, the measure.

Community Board 11 chairman Tony Vitaliano said that he has no problems with youth sitting on community boards, but would rather they be non-voting members.

He believes that 16- and 17-year-olds may not have the experience necessary to vote on items like State Liquor Authority licence applications. In that case, they themselves cannot drink yet, he said.

“My concern is the youth voting on sensitive issues like housing, landmarks, economic issues, and licensing,” he said. “But as far as them being on the board, I have no problem with that.”



The Youth Services Committee of the City Council approved a measure in June 2014 allowing youth to serve on the boards. The bill passed the Council. Councilman Torres is the third from the left.

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Scavenger hunt prize donated to Huntington

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A group of East Bronx history buffs won first place at the Bronx 100 Scavenger Hunt in July, participating as the "Huntington Hunters" to benefit the free library and reading room in Westchester Square.

On August 21, East Bronx History Forum members Mike Gupta, Nilka Martell, Tom Vasti and Tom Casey presented their winnings of \$2,500 to the Huntington Free Library and Reading Room.

Scavenger Hunt

Casey, who is president of the Huntington Free Library, said that as soon as he heard about the scavenger hunt he was excited about it.

"Immediately my mind started working on how I could put together the perfect team that would be unbeatable," said Casey.

The four history forum members each brought vast knowledge of the borough, said Casey, who has written several books about Bronx History. The photographic scavenger hunt was made up of 200 clues that lead to locations throughout the Bronx, and one member of the team knew the answer to almost every question, said Casey.

"My team really impressed me,"

he said.

The hardest part was not figuring out the clues, said Casey, but logistically getting to as many places as possible. He said they started at the courthouse near where the hunt began, wound their way through the south Bronx, then up the east Bronx and over to the north-west Bronx. He said they were able to make it to about 145 places over the all-day hunt, and came in well ahead of the second place team.

He said the team had a great time participating, and appreciated the hard work that went into writing the clues.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "It was fun for us."

Huntington Free Library

It was important to the team to win the prize money for the library where the history forum meets each month, said Casey.

"Huntington is all volunteer based," said Casey. "And we do have financial difficulties."

The landmarked building houses a non-circulating collection of books and materials, and is trying to attract more visitors and organizations in order to become a community center. One upcom-

ing project with that goal in mind is to tear down the old garage in library's yard and rebuild the shed in the corner of the lot, said Casey.

"We want to develop the green-space back there," he said.

The goal is to have the yard be available to the public and attract more organizations and events to the space.

The mission of the original library, endowed in 1891, was to be a place not only of learning, but of entertainment and community, said Casey, and that ideal hasn't changed.

"I want to make the public aware of our need to make Huntington a destination," said Casey.

(Right) The "Huntington Hunters," made up of East Bronx History Forum members (l to r) Mike Gupta, Nilka Martell, Tom Vasti and Tom Casey won the Bronx 100 Scavenger Hunt in July. They were presented the \$2,500 prize check outside the Huntington Free Library's Reading Room on Thursday, August 21.

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Imaginations run wild during book challenge

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Two Bronx readers were honored on the field at Yankee Stadium for being "top readers" in the New York Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge on Thursday, August 21.

The students, along with six others from Manhattan, Brooklyn and Staten Island, were not necessarily the student who read the most books, but were each nominated by their library branch for their commitment to reading.

Before heading to the field, the readers met with NY Yankees pitcher David Phelps outside the clubhouse, who asked the kids about their favorite books, while signing memorabilia. Afterwards, the eight students headed up to the

stands to enjoy the game with their families.

Bronx Readers

One of the Bronx readers said she read more than a hundred books over the summer. Jackeline Claros, 12, said she visits the Kingsbridge Branch almost every weekend for up to four hours. This year was her third time participating in the NYPL Summer Reading Challenge, and she said she likes how the program rewards readers for their hard work.

But regardless of rewards, Claros said she has read prolificly throughout her childhood.

"Instead of asking for toys when I was younger, I always wanted a book," said Claros.

She said she likes to

read books that are based on movies instead of going to the theater, so that she can imagine how the movie plays out in her mind. One of the things she loves about reading is that it inspires creativity.

"I like that it opens up your imagination," said Claros.

The other Bronx reader, Generose Johnson, 15, also said she enjoys picturing stories in her head.

"It's like T.V.," said Johnson.

She likes that reading can transport you into a different time and place.

"Sometimes you forget about the world around you," she said.

Johnson said she thinks reading is good for people, and she would recommend

it especially if they're lonely.

"You don't feel lonely any more," she said. "You feel like the characters are with you, telling you their secrets."

Combating Summer Slide

The goal of the Summer Reading Challenge is to keep kids reading while out of school to prevent "summer slide," when students lose the knowledge they learned in school while on vacation, said Andrew Wilson with MyLibraryNYC, and NYPL partner.

"If they read over the summer they have less summer slide," said Wilson.

During the Summer Challenge, the libraries offer other special programs to keep kids interested in



Jackeline Claros and Generose E. Johnson, both from the Bronx, were honored at Yankee Stadium for their participation in the New York Public Library Summer Reading Challenge.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

coming back to libraries, said Wilson.

"We encourage them to read as much as they can and have fun while they do it," said Wilson. "It translates to better grades and scores when they get back to school."

The trip to Yankee Stadium is a well-deserved treat for the kids who are dedicated to reading, said Wilson.

"I think this is a great way to recognize their accomplishments," he said.

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Former student purchases Andrea's Dance Studio

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The new owner of Andrea's Dance Studio has had a long-time relationship with the 52-year-old Bronx business.

Nicole DiSilvio took her first dance class at two years old from studio founder Andrea Verdeschi and has been with the studio ever since — for a total of 28 years — as a student, teacher, and choreographer.

"This is like a second home to me," DiSilvio said about the studio.

While she always loved performing as a dancer, DiSilvio said her true passion has always been teaching. She started assisting with classes at the studio when she was 10 years old, and started teaching her own classes at age 15.

In addition to teaching at the studio, she also taught dance classes at P.S. 83 and 105 for the past 10 years, and has taught at Hostos Community College as well.

What she loves about teaching is seeing her students grow as dancers and succeed in their performances.

"I love watching my students on stage, it's such a different feeling," said DiSilvio.

In addition to teaching, DiSilvio said she's always wanted to own her own dance studio, and was honored when Miss Andrea, who recently cut back on her work load, asked Nicole to purchase the business.

"It's my dream come true," she said.

The studio on Morris Park Avenue has three

dance rooms, about 10 teachers, and between 250 and 300 students, said DiSilvio. They hold classes Monday through Friday, for ages two through adult, from beginner to the competition level. The wide variety of dance styles offered include ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop and acrobatics.

"We're a well-rounded, all-around studio," said DiSilvio.

She said the studio will be adding new class styles including contemporary and musical theater, and will start holding master classes with guest teachers in various genres of dance.

Although DiSilvio said she wants to modernize some things and bring a younger feel to the studio, it's important to her to retain its homey feeling for

her dancers.

"I want to keep it that family-oriented place, where kids can come at age 2 and grow up here," she said.

The key to creating that environment is to encourage the students instead of pressuring them to perform, she said.

"I want the kids to learn good technique, but I want it done in a fun atmosphere," said DiSilvio.

A good dance class gives kids more skills than just how to move, said DiSilvio. Younger students especially gain focus, learn how to take turns, experience working as a group, and feel what it means to be dedicated to something.

"We do teach them more than dance," she said.

Classes at the studio



Nicole DiSilvio is the new owner of Andrea's Dance Studio in Morris Park.
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In a traditional ceremony, the Kiwanis banner will be passed to Mt. Vernon Kiwanis President Rosemarie Cornacchio by current Lt. Gov. Frank Riti of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club. Riti will step down on October 1 as Cornacchio assumes the challenge of leading 12 BWS clubs as Lt. Governor. The Kiwanis motto: "Serving the Children of the World".

Dinner is \$33. Reservations must be made in advance. RSVP Div. Sec. Claudia White at (914) 949-8073.

The Pelham Bay Library, 3060 Middletown Road, Bronx will present How Do I Get Paid For... Who I Am?, presented by Michelle Pyram, on Saturday, September 13, at 2 p.m.

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The programs is free of charge and are subject to cancellation without notice.

The Money Matters series is made possible thanks to the generous support of McGraw Hill Financial.

September 5th marks **Mother Teresa's 104th birthday**. To remember her acts of kindness and love for helping others, the New York City Council is hosting a food drive across the five boroughs in an attempt to fill the local food banks.

Councilman Andrew Cohen will be accepting non-perishable donations at my district office at 3636 Waldo Avenue through Friday, August 29. All proceeds will be donated to St Frances of Rome in Wakefield.

Recommended food items include canned or dry soups, canned vegetables, rice, powdered milk, spam, packaged pasta, baby formula, baby food & cereal, as well as hot and cold cereals.

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Ursula Shows Bronx Pride

On Friday, July 25, 15 incoming Academy of Mount St. Ursula students along with its newly assigned principal, Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, osu, PhD '89, and Dean of Student Affairs, Jeanne DiBenedetto had the unique opportunity to attend the Bronx Children's Museum Dream Big Day at Lehman College. The students who attended the event were chosen because of their great work ethic and responsibility which they displayed during the Summer Prep Program. AMSU alumna, Lee Llamellis, Esq. '79, Special Assistant District Attorney for Community Affairs at the New York County District Attorney's Office, graciously coordinated the invitation to AMSU students to attend the event.

The Dream Big Program is a summer arts enrichment program designed for children in second and third grade. The Bronx Children's Museum early childhood educators and local Bronx artists helped coordinate the program with local community organizations and schools. The goal of the Dream Big Program is to inspire children to work hard, follow their passions, dream and become caretakers of their world. This particular event also highlighted the fact the Bronx will have a permanent Children's Museum in 2016.

AMSU students were happy to see the great performance of young children on stage at the Lehman College Lovinger Theater with all the dignitaries who came to cele-

brate the program and event. AMSU students also enjoyed the wonderful opportunity of seeing great women role models who spoke during the event. Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke to the children about living up to the event's title and following each one of their dreams. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor gave an inspiring exhortation to the children who participated in the Bronx Children's Museum's 5th Annual Dream Big celebration. Event honoree, Sonia Manzano, who is known as "Maria" on Sesame Street, shared a fun moment with children on stage. All were pleased to be at this event which highlighted the Bronx and all it has to offer.

Reunion brings old friends to City Island

The Semi-annual City Island Reunion at Ambrosini Field drew former residents to the island to enjoy the summer sun on Saturday August 22. The event featured music as well as outdoor games and sports, and late family and friends were honored with memorials.



City Islanders past and present view the rock picture memorials.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Current resident Susan O'Connor and former resident Liz Boscarino flip through a memorial album together.

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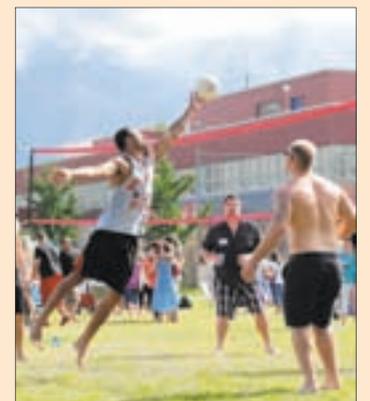
Marie Schallen Kearns, Irene Schallen, Brian Callahan and Billy Kearns enjoy a hot dog while taking in music from "The 2nd Coming Band."

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(Left) Tabitha Del-Pozzo, 3, skips around during the reunion.

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Attendees played volleyball at Ambrosini Field.

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What to Expect When Moving from Elementary to Middle School and Middle to High School

Whether your child is “graduating” from elementary school to middle school or from middle school to high school, the transition is a major one. Eileen Huntington of Huntington Learning Center reminds parents that any time a student changes schools can be overwhelming—and particularly when the expectations of the student are higher in his or her new environment. “It’s critical for students to successfully navigate these leaping off points,” says Huntington. She offers several tips for parents whose children are making such a transition:

From elementary to middle school

Stay organized. If your child is disorganized, it will rear its ugly head when he or she moves into middle school. Students in middle school must get used to taking classes from up to eight different teachers for the first time—and keeping track of assignments, projects and homework for each of those classes. Arm your child with a simple, but effective homework organizational system, such as a notebook in which to record assignments for each class each day. Hang a calendar in a central place in the home where your child can record upcoming assignment and test due dates so you can help him or her stay on track.

Hand over the reins. In elementary school, many parents stay closely involved in their child’s homework, but middle school is a whole new ballgame in terms of accountability. Your child must learn to take ownership of his or her academic life. Talk with his or her teachers about how to build and foster independence while still guiding your child toward school success.

Focus on time management. Encourage your child to get into the nightly habit of reviewing to-dos, updating his or her homework notebook or planner with assignments and due dates, and tidying up the desk. Work together to develop an efficient nightly homework routine that includes prioritizing homework based on its due dates and making a to-do list for every study session.

Emphasize the importance of balance. In middle school, many students become busier than ever, with an increased homework load, more time-intensive activities and a more active social schedule. Help your student adapt by teaching him or her to develop a daily routine that puts homework and school first and schedules in time for everything else thereafter. Your child must learn the importance of being efficient with one’s time so that he or she can accomplish all of his or her have-tos and still have time for the want-tos as well.

From middle to high school

Continue to encourage good organization. High school students must be capable of keeping track of multiple classes along with other responsibilities such as extracurricular activities. Help your teen establish a trusted organizational system for the backpack, locker, and study space. Research helpful organizational apps for the iPhone (such as myHomework or iStudiez Pro) that can aid your teen’s organizational skills.

Transfer responsibility to your teen. When your teen transitions into high school, the responsibility becomes much greater than in middle school (and the workload becomes larger). Teach your teen to communicate regularly with teachers, develop a trusted study plan and seek help right away when he or she needs it.

Keep focused on college. The college search and application process starts sooner than you think, so encourage your teen to pay a visit to the guidance or college counselor sometime during their late freshman or sophomore year. It’s also critical that he or she stay focused on keeping up the grades. While extracurricular activities, sports and volunteer work are great resume-builders, it is more important that your teen stays dedicated to his or her academics. Be sure he or she understands that a cumulative grade point average means that every class matters, and again, asking for help as soon as he or she needs it is important.

Start talking careers. High school is the start of your teen’s adulthood, and as he or she gets closer to college, it’s important to start thinking carefully about what he or she wants to study in college and what types of careers may suit his or her personality and strengths. Seek out opportunities to build upon those aptitudes and encourage your student to investigate internships, volunteer experiences and similar opportunities early in high school that will help prepare him or her to make those big choices in a few years.

“School is an evolution from grade to grade and from primary to secondary school,” says Huntington. “You can help prepare your child for each major milestone by gradually shifting more responsibility to your child, maintaining good communication between you and teaching your child to adopt effective study skills. More than anything, be there for your child as he or she makes his or her way through these big life changes. Listen, offer a good support system and be your child’s biggest cheerleader.”

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BRONXITES TAKE 'ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE'

These local leaders got "iced" – for a good cause. A slew of community folk gathered at the Bronx YMCA branch in Castle Hill to do the "ice bucket challenge" – a viral internet campaign to raise awareness for ALS disease. ALS, often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a brain disease, which has symptoms so slight that they are often overlooked at the start. Symptoms include muscle weakness, and chronic twitching and cramping of muscles.



(Top row, l-r) Councilman Andy King; Eliu Feliciano, CEO of EF Sports Inc; and Bharati Kemraj, (bottom row, l-r) Bishop Angelo Rosario; Joel Ortiz and Khirlu Burton. Photo Courtesy Bharati Kemraj

REAL ESTATE SUBWAY SERIES

The Bronx got its very own visit from the Real Estate Subway Series, a five-part event focusing on development projects reflecting the flavor of each of the five boroughs. The event took place on City Island on Wednesday, August 20, and was sponsored by PropertyShark.com and JudyNetworks Inc. Guest speakers included Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Marlene Cintron, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. president; Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO; and Elizer Rodriguez, Bronx-Manhattan Board of Realtors. Panelist were Judy Sahagain, president of Judy Networks; Joe Kelleher, president of Simone Metro Properties; Elysa Goldmen, director of development at Triangle Equities; and Guido Subotovsky, president of Azimuth Development.



Panelists (l-r) Joe Kelleher, Marlene Cintron, Guido Subotovsky and Elysa Goldmem during the event. Photo by Edwin Soto

AMVETS LADIES REMEMBER DECEASED

AMVETS Post 38's Ladies Auxiliary Memorial held a breakfast for its deceased members on Sunday, August 24. The event included a reading of the names of the deceased members, as well as a 21-gun salute.



Among those at the remembrance are the officers of the AMVETS auxiliary Rose Marie Cavallo; Ann Marie Bovino; Fannie Sclafani, the president; Rose Marie Valenti; Maria Sclafani; Susan Lombardi and Ann Marie Vaselli with the members Photo by Edwin Soto



Enjoying the event are (l-r) Marlene Cintron, Elysa Goldmem, Elizer Rodriguez, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Faith Hope Consolo and Judy Sahagain. Photo by Edwin Soto



BLOCK PARTY FOR FERRY POINT RESIDENTS

The Ferry Point Civic Association hosted a block party at Rohr Place on Saturday, August 16.

(Left) Some of the adults gathered for a friendly game of Dominos. Photo by Edwin Soto

(Right) The neighborhood kids rolled their way to the block party. Photo by Edwin Soto





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International flair was out in full force at a food festival on Allerton Avenue Sunday, August 24. Cuisine originating from Africa, Albania, Bangladesh, China, France, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, the Middle East and more was for sale on the strip. Hosting the event was Bronx chef and TV host Baron Ambrosia. And if the tasty eats weren't enough, organizers hosted live performances on the gorgeous sunny afternoon. The event was co-sponsored by Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Senator Jeffery Klein, Councilman Ritchie Torres, MAS, Allerton Avenue Merchants Association, Allerton Homeowners & Tenants Association and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

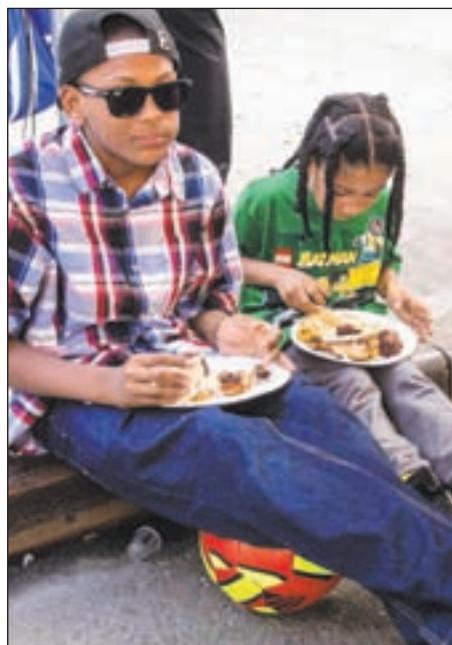
(Above) Vic Sabatino of "Just Nuts" got the party started.

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Betty Arce enjoys the tunes.

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Lorenzo Desmond, 11, and Kioame Josio, 6, chop down on some street eats.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

KIDS PLAY AT PEARLY GATES PARK EVENT



The Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization held an end-of-summer youth event at Pearly Gates Park on Saturday, August 16.

(Left) The organization provided arts and crafts as an afternoon activity.

Photo by Edwin Soto

(Below) The youngsters played board games in the park.

Photo by Edwin Soto



GJONAJ INTERNATIONAL DAY

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj hosted his International Family Day at DeWitt Clinton High School off Moshulu Parkway on Sunday, August 17. The event celebrated all cultures and included fun activities for families, including dancing, sports, and horse-drawn carriage rides.



The Ghanaian community from Tracey Towers presented Assemblyman Gjonaj with a certificate of appreciation for his efforts on their behalf.

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KIDS DAY AT FARMER'S MARKET

A farmer's market took on a bold task – getting kids excited about veggies. The Heights Community Farmers Market, run by BronxWorks, hosted a 'kids day' at its weekly market August 21 at 9 a.m. The market hosted a series of kid-friendly events aimed at getting youth to eat healthy.



Intern from "With Food in Mind," Tishawn Gonsalves, leads the "Fruity Pop Workshop"
Photo by Edwin Soto



Sabrina Sanchez, navigator of Bronx Works, and program coordinator Maxene Foster present gifts to the kids
Photo by Edwin Soto

CAR WASH OPENS ON BRONXDALE



N&M Auto Spa at 1550 Bronxdale Avenue held a grand opening ceremony for its new car wash on Saturday, August 23.

Owner Nicholas Nieves (middle) gathers with wife Madeline Huberes, Nicholas Nieves Jr. and the rest of the car wash crew.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

DANCING THROUGH OWEN DOLEN PARK

The Westchester Square Business Improvement District hosted site-specific dance performances at Owen Dolen Park on Saturday, August 16. The performances were part of Dancing Through the Bronx Dance Festival, put on by Dancing in the Streets, an organization that creates dance works at unusual locations.



Dancers used the staircase at Owen Dolen Park to assist their performance.
Photo by Alex Belisle



(Right) A dancer uses the grassy lawn as her stage.
Photo by Alex Belisle

GLEBE AVE BLOCK PARTY HELD

A block party was held on Glebe Avenue near Westchester Avenue on Saturday, August 9. Apart from visits from elected officials and mural artists, as seen in a previous edition of the Bronx Times, the children of the community had a great time! And isn't that what block parties should be all about!



Block party coordinator Bob Bieder (second from l.) hangs out with the children from Glebe Avenue and Westchester Avenue.
Photo by Aracelis Batista

BLOCK PARTY ON WILCOX AVENUE



Neighbors gathered on Wilcox Avenue for a block party on Saturday, August 23.

(L to R) Vinny Baranello, Joseph Montoya and Justin Grimaldi.

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Karen Mele belts out a tune in front of Vivien's during the Pelham Bay Merchants Association event. Aracelis Batista



Locals get involved in the festivities on Saturday, August 23 during Pelham Bay Merchants Association Week.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

MARANO ICED AT 45TH PRECINCT

Community Board 10 vice-chairman John Marano accepted an ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, a fun fund-raiser that encourages donations and raises awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, from 45th Precinct commanding officer Captain James McGeown and many of the precinct's officers on Wednesday, August 20. The challenge is to either make a donation for research on ALS, also known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," or get a bucket of ice-water dumped on your head. The dumpee usually makes a donation anyway because it is all in good fun. A soaking wet Marano then posed for a photo with the officers outside the 45th Precinct. The challenge has gone "viral" on social media web sites in past several months.



Marano, on the lower right, accepted the ALS challenge from Captain McGeown (c) and the police officers at the 45th Precinct. He got drenched in the process, but his smile says it all.

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SAT, SEPTEMBER 6: Tai Chi Chuan. Tai Chi is a sequence of gentle movements based on images found in nature.

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Wave Hill's Become a Palisades Protector participants.

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by Fish Altieri

Another thing that will drag a local rock band down is the member who moonlights in several other bands.

Unless all the band members are doing it, this may present a problem because when three out of four members for example are loyal to the goals, but one person is only partially

loyal to the goal, or perhaps loyal to several groups of people's goals, waiting to see which goal makes it first and then abandoning the other goals, this can

lead too much resentment. It can also hold back one or all of the bands this member moonlights in.

This kind of situation depends on the level of comfort a particular band has, coupled with the talent level of the moonlighting musician.

Rock on. Rock out.

Family Fun Day Sept. 13th

Back to school was never this much fun. Bronx House kicks off the fall season with Fun Day on the Parkway on Saturday, September 13, when the community center's programs take to the streets and welcome everyone to join in.

Music, face painting, a bounce house, entertainment, fitness class demos, kids' games, art activities led by the Bronx Children's Museum, prizes and giveaways are all in store at the celebration, which runs 11 am - 3 p.m. at Pelham Park-

way South between Bogart and Hone Avenues and is sponsored by Montefiore Medical Center.

Savvy parents attend Fun Day to get great discounts on classes for their kids, meet instructors, and learn what's new for the coming season. This fall's jam-packed class schedule has something for everyone, regardless of age or skill level, including music lessons; dance; musical theatre; swimming; after-school, pre-school and early childhood programs; youth

sports; and family interfaith programs.

Early birds who are among the first ten to sign up for family or adult membership at Fun Day get 20% off; a 15% discount applies throughout the day. Bronx House members enjoy discounts on all classes plus the use of the Bronx House fitness center, swimming pool, gym, sauna, and classes like Zumba, kickboxing, yoga, and more.

For more information, call (718)792-1800 or visit bronxhouse.org

High Holy Day seats

Due to the overwhelming response for our free High Holy Day synagogue seats, Temple Hatikva has announced that reservations for the High Holidays are now available to the entire community, but are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The High Holiday services will be held on Rosh Hashana, Thursday, September 25 and Friday, September 26 at 10 a.m. A Kiddush will follow each Rosh Hashana service. Yom Kippur services will be held on Friday, October 3 (Kol

Nidre) at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m., Yizkor will begin at noon.

Noon and the Concluding Service will be held at 6 p.m.

All of the High Holiday services will be conducted at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Rabbi Harry Hertzberg noted: "No matter your level of spiritual observance, the Jewish High Holy Days are an important part of the life of every Jewish person. At Temple Hatikva, we invite you to pray with us and we guarantee that you will un-

derstand the services and have a truly unique experience."

Cantor Kyle Cherry added: "We provide free seats for the High Holy Days because it is our belief that no one should have to pay to pray. We invite you and your family to join us on this sacred occasion and to come to a synagogue where you can really feel a part of the spirit."

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Review of 'Return to Fort Apache'

Should you be a fan of Maurice Nadjari, Judge Lawrence Tonetti, or some of the higher ranking police brass of the 1970s, you may not want to read this book. If, however, you appreciate the cops who tried to stem crime against all odds in the 41st Precinct during the turbulent 1970s, then you might enjoy reading "Return to Fort Apache," Tom Walker's account of that era. There was more violent crime in that one Bronx precinct each year in that decade than in any of the largest and toughest American cities. Violence, and the avoidance of it, had actually become a way of life in the south Bronx during the 1970s.

There were 152 gang related homicides in the south Bronx between 1971 and 1975 according to Walker. But then, there were about 28 different gangs roaming the area, each with their own agenda. Some had kill-squads, some specialized in arson and some were simply

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

cop-haters and all were dangerous, very dangerous.

Names like the Savages, the Skulls, et. al. peppered crime reports in the tabloids. During those same years there were 132 reported rapes but many others went unreported as many victims thought it was just futile or feared further retribution. Walker cites many of his figures with detailed appendixes. He even goes so far as to list each of the 400 or so police officers assigned to the 41st Precinct between January 1, 1974 and October 31, 1974 along with their records of arrests, moving violations, etc. The figures obviously don't tell the whole story but Walker's stories help fill in the details.

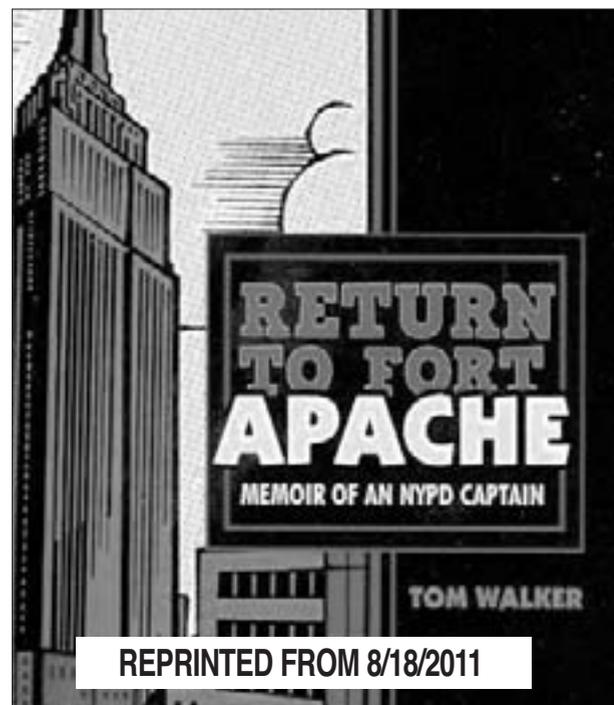
The one thing that does become apparent in Tom Walker's memoir is his love

affair with the men and women who don the uniform of the NYPD each shift. Being a cop in the south Bronx during the 1970s meant walking right into a nightmarish hell right after roll call. Once the police hit the streets, anything might and did happen. Some would leave the precinct house on duty never to return. Instead, Reverend Bill Kallidjian would visit another newly widowed wife with the sad news that her husband would not be returning home that night. He made 200 such visits.

When Tom Walker wrote "Fort Apache" back in 1977, the book made quite a stir. The 41st Precinct on Simpson Street was dubbed Fort Apache by Lloyd Gittens and the name stuck and certainly posed a grand title. It was not until Octo-

ber 12, 1977, however, when Howard Cosell announced to the world that "the Bronx is burning," that attention was really focused on the area and its problems. Actually the fire he was referring to was simply another abandoned building, a former elementary school near Yankee Stadium. The worst was yet to come. The blackout of July 13, 1977 brought the reality of life in the poorer areas of our city to the world's attention and Walker reminds us of that fateful plight in his new book, "Return to Fort Apache."

This book is a memoir so does concentrate on the life and work of the author. That includes many of the photographs with the exception of two which do have some general historical merit. They were taken in 1971 and portray street scenes on Fox and Simpson streets. Allusions to some of the precinct heroes such as Bob Bilodeau and others are of interest and



'Return to Fort Apache' book cover.

the detailed appendixes should bring back memories of the many police officers who served at the 41 during the 1970s. Other names of interest in the book include John D. Calandra and Mario Biaggi, two popular Bronx politicians. The book sells for \$12.37 on Amazon.com but

if you want an autographed copy, simply send \$10 to Tom Walker at 25-B Broun Place, Co-op City, Bronx, NY 10475 and ask him to sign it. The book, by the way, would also make an interesting and inexpensive gift to a friend or relative who served in the 41st Precinct in the 1970s.

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BY JOSEPH ODDO

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

Please mail your membership dues of \$10 to our new address. The Pelham Bay Taxpayers is on its summer break.

We will meet again this coming September 23. So please enjoy your summer and keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for updates on the Pelham Grand and the traffic improvement plans for our communities.

The Pelham Grand is currently a work in progress. Last week we informed you that proposals for the Pelham Grand were still being submitted.

This week we are informing you that this past Sunday a rally against its current use was held in front of the Grand. The rally drew over 100 participants. By all accounts it was successful in getting the word out that the current use of the Grand by ASCNYC is and will not be acceptable to the community.

For the sake of new read-

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ers and those who are returning from vacations, the position of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers has been and will continue to be: There is no other way to say it: the Pelham Grand must be used as housing for our seniors and our veterans!

There is more that can be written about. But the major and for many citizens in

Pelham Bay the only issue of importance at this time is the Pelham Grand.

So to be clear. The position of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers has been and will continue to be:

There is no other way to say it: the Pelham Grand must be used as housing for our seniors and our veterans!

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers are committed to seeing, that additional senior housing and services be a part of the present or future use of

these premises. As stated in last week's article, I repeat: For too many years the Pelham grand has laid empty. A property cannot flourish if it is not being used. This property must be occupied with a function that enhances the reputations of our neighborhood, our elected officials, and the property owner.

As meaningful information becomes available we will inform the community as appropriate.

The next Pelham Bay Taxpayers meeting will

held on September 23, 2014. The meeting will take place in the Saint Theresa School Cafeteria located at the corner of Saint Theresa Ave and Pilgrim Ave. The room opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Our speakers will be announced in future articles.

We hope that you are having a safe and wonderful summer. 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 EDITH BLITZER

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association invites you to our Tuesday, September 9 community meeting.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Have you ever wanted to meet a politician? Have an issue that only a specific city agency can help with? Need information on community issues?

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This month the PPNA will offer a unique experience where we will take feedback on who we will have headline our meetings this year.

And that is not all, we want feedback on what our

goals should be for this year.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC,
Plaintiff, vs. SULE BEST, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 12, 2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on September 22, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 4167 Edson Ave, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5015 and Lot 17. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380005/08.

Elena Makau, Esq, Referee
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530,
Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR PARK PLACE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-WWF1, Plaintiff, against STEFAN SHILLINGFORD, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/6/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 09/22/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1771 WEEKS AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10457 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: 2796 LOT: 41. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,890.85 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380714/07. Gary S. Basso, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: August 5, 2014 1106366

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against MICHAEL NUGENT, MARCIA NUGENT, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/24/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 09/22/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2742 WESTERVELT AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4537 LOT 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$265,575.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381055/11. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy,

LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: July 29, 2014 1105578

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-NC4, Plaintiff, against JUSTINA ANUSIONWU BELLAMY A/K/A JUSTINA ANUSIONWU A/K/A JUSTINA BELLAMY, DONATUS ANUSIONWU, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/8/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 09/08/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4024 GRACE AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4980 LOT: 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$486,165.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381791/08. Hyong Son Hong, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: July 29, 2014 1105698

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1999-1 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1999-1 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. RONALD SOOKDAR, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 09, 2004, and an Order Substituting Referee filed July 9, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on September 08, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 849 Crotona Park North, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2957 and Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment is \$35,081.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 15524/03.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, against MANUEL A. FIGUEROA, REBECCA FIGUEROA, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/20/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 09/15/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 3099 WEBSTER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10467 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and

being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3331 LOT 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$385,127.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381176-12. Joyce A. Brown, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: July 11, 2014 1103187

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against CHARMAINE A. BARRETT, ADLIN MCZORN, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/11/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 09/29/2014 at 02:00PM, premises known as 3303 GUNTHER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4750 LOT: 36. Approximate amount of judgment \$496,733.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382404/09. Lorraine Vivian Coyle, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: August 4, 2014 1106453

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - ELIZABETH MURPHY, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated June 12, 2014, I will sell at public auction on September 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 10E, in the building known as N-6 a/k/a 106, and by street address 1507 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2609, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0229 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$18,373.04, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank NA f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA., in the original principal sum of \$145,200.00 with interest. Index No. 380075/12.

HARRY M. FOREMAN, ESQ., Referee
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff against

LISA M. RICO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 1, 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 15th day of September, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at a point on the Southerly side of Wenner Place distant 79 feet from the intersection of the Westerly side of Hutchinson River Parkway and the Southerly side of Wenner Place and; being a plot 100.00 feet by 29.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 29.00 feet.

Said premises known as 2472 Wenner Place, Bronx, N.Y. 10465.

(Block: 5559, Lot: 190).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 764,897.90 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35137-12E. Bianka Vega, Esq., Referee.

DeRose & Surico
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213-44 38th Avenue
Bayside, N.Y. 11361

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

RICHELW REAL ESTATE VENTURE, Plaintiff against
EVERTON STERLING, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on July 2, 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 15th day of September, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Hammersley Avenue with the westerly side of Gunther Avenue; being a plot 89.90 feet by 45.01 feet by 92.14 feet by 45.01 feet.

Said premises known as 1719 Hammersley Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10469.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4769-26.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 102,160.67 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35065-13E. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee.

Law Office of Jason Chang, Esq.
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE LXS 2007-12N, Plaintiff against

MD AMIR KHAN A/K/A MD KHAN, 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 8th day of September, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 2044 Washington Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10457.

Tax account number: SBL #: 3046-12
Approximate amount of lien \$ 476,421.75 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381081/2011. Joseph Carofano, Esq., Referee.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against -
VINCENTA RODDEY, et al., Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 15, 2014, I will sell at public auction on September 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 2H, in the building known as N-12 a/k/a 126, and by street address 1601 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3669, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0279 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$14,715.80, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$123,200.00 with interest.

Index No. 380273/13
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LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE The annual meeting of New York Track & Field, Inc., dba USATF New York, will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014 at the Icahn Stadium, 20 Randalls Island, New York, NY 10035 at 3:00pm. All USATF-NY members and interested parties are welcome to attend. Please see www.newyork.usatf.org or contact 609-915-3039 for additional information.

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Bronx residents face the brunt of the borough's higher than average unemployment rate. But across America, the jobs crisis is not easing. Although some statistics indicate that the unemployment rate has improved, the jobs created have been lower in pay and taken in large measure by immigrants.

Officially, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) latest employment report gives a "U-3" unemployment rate of 6.2%, the most widely reported indicator of the jobs picture. The more accurate figure, known as the "U-6," which includes those unemployed, employed only part time, or just marginally attached to the work force is a

far higher 12.2%.

BLS also notes that the disturbingly high number of long-term unemployed remained at a very high 3.2 million, a number accounting for 32.9% of all those unemployed. As noted in a U.S. News study, "The long-term unemployment rate remains more than double what it averaged before the downturn...and may be putting downward pressure on the overall participation rate."

But even that far higher number doesn't outline the real challenge facing American citizens.

Investors Business Daily notes that the reported rise in employment from the depths of the great recession "was almost exactly matched

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by an equal number of "involuntary" part-time jobs—that is, workers who want a full-time job but can't find part time. You can thank Obamacare's 30-hour-a-week rule for this disappearance of full time jobs. Meanwhile, the overall labor force participation rate remained at its three-decade low."

The jobs that have come back following the depths of the recession have been lower paying than those that were lost. The Wall Street

Journal "[T]he job market is a far cry from what it was before the financial crisis slammed the economy in 2008. The number of jobs in manufacturing, construction and government—typically well-paying fields—has shrunk, while lower-wage work grew. The U.S. has 1.6 million fewer manufacturing jobs than when the recession began, but 941,000 more jobs in the accommodation and food-service sector. More than 40% of the jobs added in just the past year have come in generally lower-paying fields such as food service, retail, and temporary help."

The bad news for Americans doesn't stop there. An analysis by the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)

notes that "two thirds of the net increase in employment since President Obama took office has gone to immigrant workers, primarily legal immigrants, [but also including some illegals]"

CIS outlines three steps taken by the Obama Administration that has tipped the scales in favor of immigrants versus native workers:

[President Obama] offered work authorization to an estimated two million illegal immigrants who arrived in the country before age 16. When auditing employers who hire illegal workers, the Administration has not detained the illegal workers as a matter of policy, allowing them to take new jobs. The Administration called on

the Supreme Court in 2010 to strike down Arizona's law requiring employers to verify the legal status of new workers.

The replacement of native workers with immigrants produces a downward pressure on wages, and edges out American workers at the lower end of the earnings scale.

Overall, as noted by the Wall Street Examiner, "Job growth is too slow to grow the U.S. out of its unemployment problem. As for the quality of the new jobs being created, let's not even go there."

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BY AL D'ANGELO

The Morris Park Community Association takes exception to the recent remarks by Oliver Koppell referring to the people of Morris Park as narrow minded.

He choose Senator Klein's annual concert in the park for his comment because many in the community refused his campaign literature.

The only time we see Mr.

Koppell is when he's running for something. The last time I saw him was when his wife was running against Senator Guy Val-lela. Senator Klein on the other hand has been seen often in all areas of his district.

The people of Morris Park are broad minded enough to choose elected officials that serve our community.

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It is important that people show those who work for us they are appreciated by voting on September 9th.

It is a disgrace when in the last mayoralty election

less than 25% of the eligible voters went to the poles.

The best way to lose our democracy is to take it for granted. Voting is a privilege and a duty for all Americans; it is a right that men and women have died to secure. Let us not shirk that responsibility.

The Morris Park Community Association is putting the final touches on this year's Columbus Day

Parade.

Parade Chairman and MPCA President Tony Signorile has announced this year's Grand Marshal, actor and Bronxite Vincent Pastore and Deputy Grand Marshal, Bronx Parochial School Superintendent Roseann Carotenuto.

The Columbus Day festivities will begin with a dinner dance at Maestro's, September 28; on Oct. 12th,

10 a.m. Mass and breakfast at St Dominic's. The parade will kick off at noon sharp and the day will culminate with a concert at 5 p.m. More details will follow.

Just a reminder if you have quality of live complaints call 311. You will get a complaint number and can check on the action taken. It works.

Our next meeting will be September 10 at 7:30 p.m.

BY SANDI LUSK

These are very hard times. I see the city slowly going back in time to the bad old days of the 1970s-80s. Everywhere downtown are the homeless, the ill, the druggies, the alcoholics sleeping their highs off lying on the street or in doorways. The numbers of homeless continue to increase. The need is dire for housing programs to help the homeless transition out of shelter. Up until now, this need has been filled by DHS and nonprofits that liaise with landlords, often meaning huge profits for the landlords and middlemen who broker deals, often in "at risk" properties and vacant luxury apartment buildings. There is the greed factor, which I have discussed many times before in this column. With so much guaranteed taxpayer money going to landlords for rents two and three times the market value of their units, it is very attractive to rent to these agencies and groups. Under the Bloomberg administration,

there were many incentives for landlords to build luxury housing, leaving a critical lack of affordable housing in communities. Many of these "luxury" buildings failed, and became vacant or "at risk" properties.

Five years ago, Westchester Square dealt with this issue concerning the St Peter's Avenue homeless shelter for women and children run by DHS. While we very well understood the need for such a shelter, we were angered and dismayed by the policies in place dealing with many aspects of citing of the homeless housing, or the "cluster and scatter site" housing utilized by DHS.

Now, we are seeing a similar, but not quite the same, situation with the Pelham Grand apartments. Supportive housing run by nonprofits and funded by state and Federal agencies that seek to transition people at risk of homelessness into regular housing run the gamut from those that have good

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support services on premises, to those that basically provide housing only. There is no doubt, that the better programs provide a valuable service to those in need.

AIDS Service Center NYC (ASCNYC) is a community organization that helps New Yorkers living with HIV and other chronic illnesses learn the skills to function independently in the community, supplying supportive transitional housing and other services. ASCNYC had an open house today, and a few community people and I went inside to find out about the programs, which have already been operating in the building since July. They explained to us that there is no drug treatment going on in the building, the clients are screened, there are many on-

site services (but not mental health services, that is in another location), and that they do run an offender re-entry program, but that is downtown and not there. I found it interesting, and overall, I'm sure they provide a great service to those in need. But the appropriateness of the location is controversial.

New York, especially the boroughs, is made up of neighborhoods and often close-knit communities. All of the sudden, supportive housing units or homeless shelters are springing up in the heart of residential areas, with no notice to the community. While the needs of the clients are great, there is also a great need to preserve our communities. It is not right that residents are left in the dark about programs going in next door to them, waking up one day to find these new neighbors have come in overnight, as it were.

I have always found it a real tightrope to walk between the special needs population and our need to pre-

serve the quality of life of our homes.

Once it is clear the program will stay in the location (which by the time you read this may have changed if funding for senior housing comes through), it is incumbent on both parties to reach out to the other. Perhaps the residents would benefit from learning more about the programs and the program should reach out for on-going feedback from the community about how to be good neighbors.

One thing I will say, the state of the city makes one thing clear: there will only be more people in need and more programs and shelters to come. We must find a way to accommodate both residents and special needs populations with mutual respect and understanding.

Now, back to WSZIO: we are almost at the end of our season. Family Fun Day was a huge success this year, the weather was beautiful and it was very well attended (easily several hundred). A week

ago we held our kids' event at Pearly Gates Playground. As always, we enjoyed our good friend John the Magician's wonderful magic show (Simply Magic) and the Improv for Kids interactive show. Thanks to the Never Forget Foundation, we were able to raffle off many games and toys at the end of the event, and every child went home with something. Many thanks to our sponsor, Metro Optics, for their continuing support of WSZIO and the Westchester Square community, and to our wonderful, intrepid volunteers Tony, Dorothy, Stephanie and Ricky Lusk, Robbie, Paul, Desiree, and Woody (the other 50% of the WSZIO management team). All together, we will have participated in/or organized 17 kid's events this year.

Maybe next time we'll go back to the public education mess, but for now, TTFN.

Check us out on Facebook, wszio@aol.com, or our web site, wszio.org, to see our upcoming events.

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CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: A l e j a n d r o Caraballo; Ruben Caraballo; Jose Caraballo; New York State Department of Taxation & Finance; and Nury Caraballo, also known as Nuris Caraballa, Nuris Caraballo, Nury Caraballo and Mury A. Caraballo, and Hanoi Caraballo, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on October 7, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of RUBEN D. CARABALLO, also known as RUBEN CARABALLO, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 805 Taylor Avenue, Apt 1A; Bronx, New York 10473, be judicially settled; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the funeral claim of Nury Caraballo, also known as Nuris Caraballa, Nuris Caraballo, Nury Caraballo and Mury A. Caraballo, in the approximate amount of \$1,755.00 be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate, which consists entirely of the cause of action proceeds, in the current net amount of \$30,936.01 after the deduction of the workers's compensation lien payment, legal fees and other disbursements listed as paid in the accounting, which will be further reduced by the funeral expenses, fee of the Guardian ad Litem(s) and the proper expenses of the within proceeding, be paid to the decedent's distributees as follows: up to the first \$50,000.00 and 50% of any balance remaining thereafter (of which there will be none) to Nury Caraballo, also known as Nuris Caraballa, Nuris Caraballo, Nury Caraballo, Nury Caraballo and Mury A. Caraballo, whose whereabouts are unknown, as and for her distributive share, by paying said sum, along with the amount due on her allowed funeral claim in the approximate amount of \$1,755.00, into Court, by disbursing said sums to the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York, to the credit of Nury Caraballo, also known as Nuris Caraballa, Nuris Caraballo, Nury Caraballo and Mury A. Caraballo, a person whose whereabouts are unknown, to be held subject to the further Order of this Court; 12.5% of any balance remaining after the first \$50,000.00 (of which there will be none) to Alejandro Caraballo, whose whereabouts are unknown, as and for her distributive share; 12.5% of any balance remaining after the first \$50,000.00 (of which there will be none) to Ruben Caraballo, as and for his distributive share; 12.5% of any balance remaining after the first \$50,000.00 (of which there will be none) to Jose Caraballo, as and for his distributive share; and 12.5% of any balance remaining after the first \$50,000.00 (of which there will be none) to Hanoi Caraballo, as and for her distributive share; and that such other and

further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, August 13, 2014. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate, Bronx County, Chief Clerk.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE CITATION
File No. 2013-2805/A
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: Beverly Parshman, Robert Futrell, James Howard, if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributes whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributes of Angelo J. Howard, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained, Doris Harris, Delores Wisdom, Janice Coleman, Gloria Finell, Raphael Curtis Howard, Marilyn Miller, Patricia Tsari.

A petition having been duly filed by Sharon Johnson and Kathleen Martin, who are domiciled at 340 West 130th Street, New York, New York 10037.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, on September 16, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Angelo J. Howard lately domiciled at 100 W Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, New York 10468 admitting to probate a Will dated April 18, 2006 (a Codicil dated None) (a Codicil dated None) a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Angelo J. Howard deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Sharon Johnson and Kathleen Martin.

Dated, Attested and Sealed
July 22, 2014
HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate
Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk
Peter M. Zacchea, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner

O'Sullivan & Zacchea, 80-02 Kew Gardens Rd., Ste. 307, Kew Gardens, NY 11415 (Address of Attorney)
(718) 713-3499 (Telephone)

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LEGAL NOTICE

TO: PATRICIO ALEJANDRO DELUC-CA

You are served with this notice because you are the father of the children to be adopted. In the Matter of the Adoption of: A.L.A., DOB 12/06/2006, Case No: 3AN-14-1114 PR and X.M.A., DOB 05/03/2009, Case No: 3AN-14-1115PR. NOTICE OF HEARING. Petitioner, Carlos Andino Torres, give notice of an adoption hearing scheduled for Sept. 30th, 2014 at 3:30PM in the Probate Court, located at 825 W. 4th Ave. Basement Level, Anchorage, AK. Telephonic participation may be arranged by calling (907)264-0433. Petitioners may seek adoption without your consent under AS 25.23.050(a)(2)(A)&(B): (a) Consent to adoption is not required of (2) a parent of a child in the custody of another, if the parent for a period of at least one year has failed significantly without justifiable cause, including but not limited to indigency, (A) to communicate meaningfully with the child, or (B) to provide for the care and support of the child as required by law or judicial decree.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
INDEX# 35392/2013E FILED: 05/21/2014
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. URBAN FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., Plaintiff against SHERRY ANN JOHNSON, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON, if he/she/they be living and if he/she/they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, LEORNA S. JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR, AND AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON, ROXANNE N. WATT, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON, LINDON D. M. BEY, AS HEIR TO THE ESATE OF MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON, ANN MARIE JOHNSON, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL JOHNSON A/K/A MICHAEL ANTHONY JOHNSON, NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NYC PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, BRONX SUPREME COURT GRAND CONCOURSE, NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, LINCOLN HOSPITAL, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", the last two names being fictitious and said parties intended being tenants, or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s) TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.

SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage with a maximum principal amount of \$607,500.00, dated February 21, 2011, executed by Michael Johnson a/k/a Michael Anthony Johnson, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONWIDE EQUITIES CORP. recorded on March 28, 2011 in CRFN 2011000110142, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx. Said mortgage was then assigned from MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR NATIONWIDE EQUITIES CORP to Plaintiff by way of assignment dated October 31, 2013, and to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, covering premises known as 1048 Elder Ave Bronx NY 10472. (Block 3714 Lot 26 (F/K/A 5)). The relief sought within this action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Lisbeth Gonzalez, J.S.C., a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, filed along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx on 05/09/2014. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. 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 and City and State of New York (Block 3714 Lot 26 (F/K/A 5)). Said premises known as 1048 Elder Ave Bronx NY 10472. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: By virtue thereof, plaintiff has heretofore elected and by these presents hereby elects to accelerate the entire unpaid principal balance of \$43,756.93 to be immediately due and payable under the mortgage herein foreclosed, with accrued interest thereon from July 14, 2012. Plaintiff is also entitled to a reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of \$1,300.00, plus costs and disbursements, for which demand is hereby made UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE

VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York state Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 395 N. Service Road, Suite 401, Melville, NY 11747 Our File 21801

Pelham Grand deadline nears

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that award letters went out to senior housing service providers this week," stated Klein spokeswoman Candice Giove. "This positive development brings the community another step closer to a housing project that is the right fit for the area."

Councilman Jimmy Vacca raised questions about the conversion of the building from a hospital to a residence, and said he has insisted on a total zoning review based on his research of records.

"At my request, the Buildings Department has agreed to audit all recently-filed applications at 1870

Pelham Parkway South," said Vacca. "I am joined in this request by Senator Jeff Klein and Assembly Member Michael Benedetto."

Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns said that while the private landlord of the building can do what he wants, there is significant community opposition to the current choice of tenant and the board wants senior housing.

But outspoken Pelham Bay activist Egidio Sementilli demanded more action by officials, and called ASCNYC's program "a nail in the coffin of Pelham Bay."

"ASCNYC is providing safe housing and support-

ive services for low-income New Yorkers," stated ASCNYC spokeswoman Biz Gormally in an e-mail. "We thank the many neighbors who joined us for tours of the facility and conversations about our work during Sunday's Open House. We look forward to continuing conversations and further developing our positive relationship with our neighbors in the Pelham Bay community."

(Right) This former hospital property at 1870 Pelham Parkway South continues to be a cause for concern for Community Board 10.

Patrick Rocchio



Fordham Road Sears closing

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by the end of November, according to reports.

After the close, Sears will only have two stores remaining in New York City, both located in Brooklyn.

While Sears prepares for its departure from Fordham Road, however, a new project is in the works just a block away.

The Fordham Plaza reconstruction project will include many new stores and businesses, easier access to and from public transportation stations, more direct pedestrian crossings and increased pedestrian walk-

ing space.

Daniel Bernstein, deputy director of the Business Improvement District, says this project will make this area safer and more welcoming for commuters and pedestrians.

"These changes are essential," he said. "There are so many people that venture to this location on a day-to-day basis that we feel we had to change the structure of the plaza to fit their needs."

Bernstein also added that he remembers shopping in Sears, dating way back to the 1960s, and he's sad to see it go. However,

he's not letting this get in the way of his excitement for the new project.

Fordham Plaza, which sees more than 80,000 pedestrians daily, just entered the second phase of reconstruction. Currently, it stands as the largest shopping strip in the Bronx and the third largest in New York.

Ruben Diaz, Jr. called this project "a step in the right direction for the new Bronx."

The renovations at the Fordham Plaza reconstruction project are expecting completion in the fall of 2015.



A rendering of the plans for the new Fordham Plaza. Officials broke ground on phase two of the project on Wednesday, August 27.

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The iconic Sears at Fordham Plaza, which will be closing soon.

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- Clarification -

In last week's story "Protesters clash with Throggs Neck Vet," Dr. Andrew Manesis stated that his 2012 charges of fraud, violating conservation law and petit larceny were thrown out for lack of evidence. In fact, Manesis pled guilty to a lesser charge of disorderly conduct, for which he paid fines totaling \$375 and community service, according to court records.

Also, it was reported that according to state records, a cat named "Heather" died soon after being treated by Manesis in 1993. In fact, state records do not mention the cat's fate.

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BY DOROTHEA POGGI

When our vice president Ralph Caballero interviewed many of the employees of Target as to their home base, about 80% said they were from Queens. What happened to the Bronx Target store hiring Bronx people? On the other hand Applebee's has contacted CB10 to let them know they were hiring and also put signs up to notify locals that all positions were available. Petco also put up signs with online contact information. We appreciate the offering of jobs to our population as we are absorbing so much of the traffic and wear and tear on our roads from this large shopping center. We hope to see more of the chain stores (that fill the Throggs Neck Shopping Center) advertise

locally for employees.

The Inter-Association Traffic Committee continues to evaluate the City Planning's Hutch. River Pkwy. Corridor Study and has very different solutions to the traffic jams throughout our community. I would actually like to see the whole area beneath Bruckner re designed better than Pelham Bay Station.

- Including swales and water gardens to absorb and treat the water from the overhead highways.

- Bus only lanes with a bus turn around for the BX50 from Co-op City/Pelham Bay/Throggs Neck and the Q44 from White Plains/Parkchester 6 train that could be "specials" that do not go over to Queens but instead turn back to serve all the shoppers that will

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use the Malls and E. Tremont restaurants, bars and stores.

- Why not have taxi stands to transport people from this hub to the various area restaurants and stores?

- Maybe even a parking lot for people to pay to park and commute?

- Maybe even a Citibike rack and an electric vehicle charging station?(Why not wish for a hub that will enliven the entire shopping area?).

I am an artist and I do see projects throughout

NYC that compare to this type of "hub" and I wonder why our section of the city does not get their fair share of improvements to the visual and functional transportation options.

The Bronx now has its own mobile adoption center for locals to adopt a furry friend. Residents celebrated the kickoff of the mobile adoption center Sunday at Seton Park in Riverdale. The mobile adoption center will make it easier for Bronx residents to adopt a pet, thanks to funding secured for the program by Sen. Jeff Klein (The mobile center will be going around the Bronx a few times a week). Sen. Klein says he is also trying to get a shelter built in the Bronx. This is great news as the Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor,

B.A.S.E., continues its work collecting signatures and letters of support for this needed shelter. We thank all of you who have supported this challenge and also the dedicated diverse co-founders of this group. A full service local shelter would offer low cost veterinary options to the care our pets receive at this point. Find a place in your home for an animal. They are really not that much trouble for the love and funny antics they give back to yourself or your family. Anyone who lives alone should have a pet to share their time with. It may just be a head to rub and a cold lick, but there is no doubt that touching a pet can lower stress levels, calming and relieving peoples anxieties. Veterinarians see the benefit

of pet ownership every day. They have seen cases of depression set in, especially with the elderly, when their pet is lost. Elderly should be able to adopt an animal or foster one and not have to worry about the expensive veterinary care and the lack of a shelter to work with if boarding is needed during family visits. If the owner gets to ill, a. no kill re-adoption should be available. Humans have kept pets for thousands of years, and medical professionals still endorse them today as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Right now we only have the Animal Control Center on Fordham Road which is merely a drop off for sick, abandoned pets and strays that are transported to Manhattan or Brooklyn Shelters.

BY GEORGE BRINS

As mentioned in last week's column, the first American Legion meeting is September 6, 1 p.m., at our club house. We would like to see some new faces, especially the vets who transferred in last spring.

New and prospective members might ask why the American Legion does. Here's a list:

- Process more than 600 disability claim appeals per month for veterans trying to get their VA medical benefits.

- Sponsors more than 5,000 American Legion baseball teams, comprising more than 1000,000 ball-players.

- Helps families of deployed troops through its Family Support Network and Operation Military

Family Outreach.

- Awards college scholarships to children whose mothers and fathers have sacrificed their lives in the global war on terrorism through the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

- Through its Temporary Financial Assistance program, helps the children of veterans who are suffering hardships.

- Through its Heroes to Hometowns program, works with communities to welcome back their returning veterans and help them make the transition to civilian life.

- Lobbies Congress to upgrade and improve Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits (the Legion wrote the original 1944 GI Bill that educated eight million vet-

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erans).

- Urges Congress to provide enough VA funding to take care of veterans' medical needs and authorize appropriations in advance.

- Volunteers about one million hours every year at about 160 VA medical facilities nationwide.

- Gives emergency financial assistance to Legion families hit by hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other disasters through the American Legion National Emergency Fund.

- Offers community programs that encourage

the intellectual and social growth of America's children (Boy's State, National Oratorical Competition, Junior Shooting Sports, Boy Scout).

- Raises funds to improve the quality of life for active-duty troops through Operation Comfort Warriors.

On the other hand, this post and the American Legion would like to hear what you expect from the

American Legion.

On Sick Call: Doc still in rehab at Sprain Brook Manor. We will not know for how long, maybe next week. Ed McCarthy rehabbing at home, and everything is fine.

We recently, over the summer, lost two members - Rodney Cook, Vietnam; and Raymond "Frenchie" Beaulien, WWII veteran. May they rest in peace, and

greatful thanks to both for their service.

While on the subject of memberships, 2015 American Legion and Sons of the American Legion membership cards are available at our club house. Stop by or bring yourself up to date by mail. You can also pay on line.

Keep our troops in your prayers, and hope they will be back home soon.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

The Hues News

On Friday, August 22nd, we saw "Gang Green" meet "Big Blue" at CitiField for bragging rights in NYC won by the Giants 36-24. This was still technically still a preseason exhibition game where numbers don't count toward a season's final record. It interested me because it was our two teams playing. The Giants showed that cohesion was needed on the "O" line and in pass coverage. They seemed to run well with 119yd.

The Jets were impressive and I liked Geno's game improvement. He looked 100% better than the start of last year. He knew where he was supposed to be on nearly every play. The team seemed to feed on his improvement running for 146 yds. which is a huge improvement from last year.

In the final analysis, I sure that both teams are glad they have another week to get better.

A Chilling Answer

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) gave me a reason that I shouldn't have rooted for Tim Brosnan in the MLB Commissioner's election, "Tim Brosnan, is a real beauty. As executive vice president of MLB's business wing, he has presided over the comprehensive blackout policy that prevents fans around the country - particularly those in outlying areas - from watching

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FALL 2014 BRONX HS PLAYERS TO WATCH

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Another Bronx high school sports season is getting set to start. As students ready to return to the classroom Bronx Times Sports Editor Joseph Staszewski give you a look at the stars to watch for the upcoming 2014 fall season.

Alex Cannicotti, Fordham Prep boys'soccer

Much more responsibility will be placed on Cannicotti this season with a large group of seniors lost to graduation, including last year's Bronx Times All-Bronx Player of the Year Richard Moessner. The junior midfielder more than held his own last season with 15 goals, including a winner against Christ the King. He will need to be the driving force if Fordham makes a run at a city title.

Kayla Dupree, Bronx Science girl's volleyball

The now senior stepped up for the Wolverines in a big way last season and gave Bronx Science a viable middle hitter to go along with plenty of upperclassman. With plenty of stars lost to graduation, more responsibility will fall on Dupree. She will need to improve on her

Gianna Finz, Bronx Science girls' soccer

Finz hit the ground running after losing a season to a torn ACL. She went on to score 25 goals and lead Bronx Science back to the PSAL Class A final. The senior forward exudes a toughness and determination to go along with her skills that makes her one of the city's special players. Finz will try to lead a talented Wolverines team to another city title.

Gillian Gore, Fieldston girls' volleyball

The arrival of Gore made all the difference for the Eagles last season. As a freshman she stepped into the role as the Fieldston's star



Bronx Science forward Gianna Finz will try to lead the Wolverines to the PSAL Class A city championship this fall.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

player as dominated on the court. The outside hitter helped lead the Eagles to an Ivy League title and trip to the NYSAISAA state title game. There will be no sneaking up on anything this year. She and the Eagles are the hunted.

Amaris Hemmings, Riverdale girl's soccer

Hemmings proved to a special player from the minutes she was called up as a freshman. The current senior is now one of the fastest and most dynamic players in city. Hemming, a forward, scored 12 goals and eight assists and tallied the winner in the NYSAISAA semifinals a year ago. Her goal is to return the Falcons to hoisting a state title.

Timothy Poindexter, Cardinal Hayes Football

The reigning Bronx Times All-Bronx player of the year ran for 1,372 yards and 17 touchdowns to help lead the Cardinals to their first CHSFL Class AA title since 1981. Poindexter has scholarship offer from Rutgers, Fordham, Ohio, Old Dominion, and Toledo. He gets to prove himself again Class AA team likes for St. Anthony's and Chaminde in 20014.

Anton Porter, Mount St. Michael

The Mount had a bit of a down year last season, but the didn't stop Porter from showing off his immense talents. There isn't anything the athletic senior forward

can't do on soccer field. His speed and size make him a tough mark for opposing defenses and he has the ability to score from anywhere. With a little help, Porter could have Mount back on top of CHSAA Class A division.

Brandon Harris, DeWitt Clinton Football

Harris announced himself as one of the city's rising stars during his sophomore season. He got the Governors off to a 4-0 start and a 5-4 record while compiling 1,881 total yards and 27 touchdowns. Harris should be even better with a year of playing time and experience under his belt and that should mean bad things for PSAL defenses.

Talented Cardinal Hayes set tackle step up in competition



Cardinal Hayes coach C.J. O'Neil talks to his team after practice.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski



Jaelen Vazquez (r.) of Cardinal Hayes, an Old Dominion commit, moves a teammate around at practice.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski



Cardinal Hayes coach C.J. O'Neil instructs his team during a pre-season practice.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Cardinal Hayes isn't phased by its step up in competition. It believes the program is just going where it belongs and plans on staying.

The Cardinals, after winning their first CHSFL Class AA title since 1981, will get a chance to compete at the league's highest level for the first time since the late 90's this season in the 'AAA' division. Hayes was picked seventh by the league's coaches and will get to test itself against perennial powers like St. Anthony's and Chaminade.

This group of Cardinals feels they have the talent to do so week in a week out. They hope teams aren't underestimating the new kids on the block.

"People should already know something is cooking in the South Bronx," senior



Cardinal Hayes quarterback Roberto Nunez hands the ball off to Timothy Poindexter at practice.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

defensive end Albert Smith said. "People don't really look for football in the South Bronx. We are coming to make a statement and to let everyone know we are really here."

The players understand the pressure and the expectation on them. They want to make a strong showing to validate themselves to the rest of the league and to keep the program moving up. There are no more easy wins or "exhale" games like they had in the "AA-A" league in recent years, according to coach C.J. O'Neil.

"It where if we don't bring our 'A' game we can be beat bad and if we bring out A-game I think we can compete with anybody in there," he said.

Hayes's biggest weapon, like last year, remains its running game. Timothy Poindexter, a 5-foot-10, 205-pound junior, is coming off-season that put his name among the best backs in New York City. He rushed for more than 1,300 yards and 15 touchdowns and garnered scholarship offers from Rutgers Ohio, Toledo, Old Dominion, Stony Brook and Fordham, in the off-season. His play and the possible 1-2 combination of he and fellow junior Justin Covington in the backfield, should open everything up the Cardinals' offense.

"Defenses are always going to be worried about him," senior quarterback Roberto Nunez said. "It makes our offense really balanced."

Nunez is confident coming off a three touchdown performance, in place of the injured Juan Cruz, in last year's 'AA' title game and Turkey Bowl win over rival Mount St. Michael. He will work behind an experience offense line led by Old Dominion commit Jaelen Vazquez, Ariel Torres and Aaron Gardener. He will have new targets to throw too in twin brothers Jordan Ingram and Jayvon Ingram and tight end Isaiah Williams.

"They can go up for the ball with the best of them," Poindexter said of the In-

gram twins. "They are very technical in their routes. I'm looking for a big season out of those two."

Poindexter will also play defense at safety this year and Vazquez could see time on the defensive line with Smith. Starting inside linebacker Calvin Millner has battled some hamstring issues and fellow linebacker Justin Collins and athletic cornerback Aston Toliver returns to a group that plans on being fast and physical.

"Our defensive line is unblockable," Smith said. "Are going to get through the line and penetrate anything, sacks, tackles anything. No running back or quarterback are running the ball on us."

The team's confidence, skill and maturity has O'Neil excited about having them take on the task of tackling a 'AAA' schedule. He, feels they have the tools to do so and can't wait to see how it all plays out.

"It's a challenge," O'Neil said "We've never had this challenge. I'd like to see what we do and this is the group to do it with because we have the bigs up front. That's what you need to compete at that level. And we have skill."

Velocity Track Club New York reflex on blessings and accomplishments

BY WINSTON DINKINS

As the Velocity Track Club New York reflex on the blessings and accomplishments we had last season. Coaches and personal continues to have meetings to determine how we can improve as a business and to better prepare our children for the next level. All of this became possible with the coaches and personal (staff), parents who all volunteer their time and some of their money to help our children. Plus, I would like to give a special thanks to the New York Road Runners. Their financial support helped us extremely. Thanks to the local residents who made donations and supported our fundraiser activities. We also would like to thank the Mosholu Montefiore Beacom Program, Riverbay Corporation and the Bronx Times for supporting us. Thank you, we appreciate it!!

On Saturday, August 16th, Velocity student athletes took a bike ride to Orchard Beach. Children rode from Co-op City to Orchard Beach, where they played basketball, jog on the beach

and played in the park. It was a nice exercise, which the children enjoy, while on break. On Friday, August 22nd we will be enjoying the day at Lake Compounce Theme & Water Park in Bristol CT and on Saturday, August 23rd, we will be hosting 50 meter races at the Section 5 Fun Day in Co-op City. There will be games, music, food and other activities at the Section 5 Fun Day.

Velocity Track Club New York is having their semiannual orientation on Friday, August 29th at 7:00pm in the Bartow Community Center room 28 of Co-op City. Parents / guardian must attend orientation for their child to try out for VTC.

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Experienced Clinton ready to take next step

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Dewitt Clinton is ready to cash in on the all learning, maturity and growing pains from a last season. The Governors has some success with a young team a year ago and are set to take the next step of competing with the upper echelon of PSAL football teams.

"Last year was the apprentice year," Governors coach Howard Langley said. "This year we need to get paid."

Clinton started last year 4-0 before finishing 5-5, including a two-point loss to New Utrecht in

the post season. The players felt they weren't mentally ready to win big and learned there can be no let ups if they are going to sustain success. They feel this group is more experience, deeper and capable of great things.

"We feel like we can get over the hump," senior wide receiver Joseph Kennedy said.

The Governors are armed with one of the city most talented quarterbacks in junior Brandon Harris, who is still doing some maturing of his own. The dual threat with his arm and legs posted 1,881

total yards and 27 touchdowns last season in his first varsity campaign under center. Last year's junior varsity starter Dashawn Wilson Jr. has pushed him in the pre-season.

Harris will work behind an offensive line led by senior tackles Devante Hunter and Christopher Velasquez and right guard Tre Smith. Clinton is not without weapons around Harris, despite the loss of its starting running backs and top receiver.

Senior running back Eddie Nunz, who was last season's projected starter,

returns from a broken wrist that cost him all of his junior year. He is a power runner with a late burst. Nunez is the lead back and will team with Solomon Reed and Chauncey Murray in the backfield. Nunez is the team's best defensive player and will play middle linebacker.

"I'm just ready to go," Nunez said. "I'm hungry. I'm ready for the season."

The coach is most excited about his wide receiving core. Star Ovan-dre Reynolds was lost to graduation, but his group is deeper starting with Kennedy and classmate Chesley Carter. Davian Rutledge and Lamont Ray will also contribute.

"They catch the ball and they block pretty well to," Langley said. "I just like them. They are probably the best crew that I had as receivers."

There is plenty of re-



Clinton quarterback looks for an open receiver in a pre-season practice

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turning talent on defense as well, starting with strong safety Ataa Gordon. He joined by linebacker Abdul Kaba, lineman Jaskashi Miller and cornerback Tristan Brady. Langley expects to see

some new faces make an impact on defense.

Kevin Martinez, a 6-foot-4, 320-pound lineman is just starting to play organized football. He and Mount St. Michael transfer Remi Lynch shot help on the defensive line and Kenny Baoholit will add depth at corner back. Ataa had plenty of confidence in this unit.

"We are coming every play, he said. "We have to come with the intensity every play. Fast, hard that's how we play."

The aggressive mentality is something Langley feels comes with the confidence you get from experience. Clinton certainly is full of both, leaving them ready to take the next step.

"That's how we have been talking to them all year," Langley said. "We know what we can be. Now lets be it for this season."



Clinton quarterback Brandon Harris looks to run past a defender in practice.

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baseball. Old "deny fans the product" Tim. Nice philosophy."

Is The Mic On?

The Sports Curmudgeon looked at some of those athletes turned commentators and found some he liked and others - not so much. He liked Aikman, Collingsworth, and Simms. I agree except I just don't like Aikman.

He passed on Tony Siragusa: "He tries too hard to be the latter-day Art Donovan," Michael Irvin: "What he does to the English language is what workers in an abattoir do to the carcass of a steer. I fear that my 12th grade English teacher - wherever she may be in the cosmos - gets a twinge in her spine every time Irvin goes off on one of his expository flights of fancy. As often as not, I change the channel mid-way into one of his commentaries," and Curt Schilling: "He is destined to make Sominex an unnecessary product."

Rio Return

The Sports Curmud-

geon talked about the new Olympic logo designed by the same people who built all of those unusable sports venues: "The folks in charge of the Rio Olympic Games in 2016 revealed their "Look of the Games" branding design for the event. I cannot even begin to describe it; you will have to look there to see it for yourself.

The creators of that "thing" say that it demonstrates the "harmonic diversity" of Brazilians and it took them a year's worth of "research" to bring it forth. I admit that I have about as much appreciation of abstract art as your typical Visigoth; but to me, it looks more like something a kid in first grade might do with finger-paints in art class. Looks more like "atonal nonsense" than "harmonic diversity" to me." I think it looks like something out of "Sponge Bob."

"There has been a lot attention to the Notre Dame football players

who have been suspended while an investigation goes on regarding academic fraud and cheating. No matter what the findings of the investigators and the school's tribunal, that situation will not end well. When one juxtaposes that story with the monumental hypocrisy of the NCAA with regard to exploiting athletes in the revenue sports, it is pretty easy to get to a point where one's gag reflex is initiated. Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel looked at that situation and came to this conclusion: "Notre Dame supposedly has sidelined four football players because of academic fraud.

My question: Is there a bigger oxymoron in college football than "academic fraud"? Don't kid yourself, all of the big-time programs - by hiding their dozens of scholastically challenged players in gut courses and pointless majors - are academic frauds down to their very core."

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