

FRESH DIRECT BREAKS GROUND

5000,000 sq. ft. complex to open in Mott Haven

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Online grocer and delivery service FreshDirect is relocating to the Bronx, but the move is not without its detractors.

A groundbreaking ceremony and program was held for the new 500,000 square foot production facility and office complex in Mott Haven on Monday, December 22, even as protesters outside of the gates on East 132nd Street could be heard chanting slogans in opposition to the project.

Most of the borough's political establishment supports the relocation of the grocer to the vacant, waterfront parcel of land on Bronx Kill, across from Randalls Island, arguing that the company's move from Long Island City will bring more jobs to a borough in desperate need of them, while allowing the 600 Bronxites

already employed at FreshDirect to work nearer to their homes.

But grassroots community groups, most notably South Bronx Unite, continue their protests of \$128 million in government tax credits for the company, as well as concerns about asthma in their community.

They claim the facility will add an additional 1,000 trucks a day to the area.

The mood inside the property at the groundbreaking was festive, with officials including Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Assemblyman Carl Heastie, and Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz joining with FreshDirect co-founder and CEO Jason Ackerman in a show of support for the invest-

ment in the community.

"I am grateful for the widespread support we have received for our relocation and am looking forward to continuing our record of creating local jobs and strengthening our local community," said Ackerman, adding "this is an important milestone for our company, allowing us to process orders more efficiently, expand our fresh food options, and make online grocery shopping more convenient for our customers."

In a meeting with the press after his remarks, Ackerman said there was no pending litigation about the site, and that all suits filed by groups in protest to the siting of the new facility had been defeated in court.

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Holidays At The Square

Elizabeth Escobar received a gift from Santa at the Owen Dolen Recreation Center holiday party on Friday, December 19. More photos on page 30.

Photo by Laura Stone

School name up for grabs

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Locals have started playing the name game with a new public elementary school set to open in Van Nest.

Slated to open in fall 2015 in the former St. Dominic School building on White Plains Road, P.S. 311 is already garnering attention from those who would like to christen it, although the local Community Education Council has not yet begun the naming process.

Councilman James Vacca sent a letter dated December 15 to the CEC asking that the school be named after his pre-

decessor, recently deceased Councilwoman Madeline Provezano.

"Madeline was a pillar of the community," the letter reads. "She successfully allocated millions of dollars to local schools and youth programs and dedicated her life to public service."

Soon after, a letter was sent to the councilman arguing that the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance had already voted in November to propose naming the school after late Van Nest resident Benjamin Nolan, and alleged that the

councilwoman had neglected the neighborhood during her tenure.

Nolan was at one time president of the Van Nest Community Association, commander of the Van Nest branch of the American Legion and founder and president of the Van Nest Little League, in addition to serving neighborhood churches with pro-bono legal representation.

But Nolan's son, Robert, said that the inflammatory letter was written by one per-

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Michael Breed, owner and operator of Michael Breed Golf Academy and host of Golf Channel's hit show 'The Golf Fix', will take his golfing talents to Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point.

Photo courtesy of the Golf Channel

Trump's Golf Links hires golf professional

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One of the Bronx's golf courses will soon boast a real golf pro.

On Monday, December 15, Donald J. Trump announced that highly acclaimed golf instructor Michael Breed and his namesake golf academy will open at Trump's new golf course, Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point.

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Michael Breed

Ranked as the number one golf instructor in the state of New York and thirteenth on Golf's Digest's list of the Top Fifty Instructors in the United States, Michael Breed isn't your average golfer, with over 25 years of experience working with players from the PGA Tour, LPGA Tour, Nationwide Tour and Senior Tour.

Most recently, Breed was the director of Instruction at the Michael Breed Golf Academy, which was previously located at the Manhattan Woods Golf Club in West Nyack. According to Trump, "Michael is an incredible addition to an already stellar facility."

The Michael Breed Golf Academy proves to be a great move for the de-

veloping Throggs Neck golf course, which has been under construction since 2000 and reportedly plans to open in the spring of 2015.

Breed said that he is looking forward to a partnership that he believes is a win-win for everybody.

"I'm honored to partner with the Trump Organization on this incredible opportunity to bring my academy to a world-class facility located just minutes outside of Manhattan," said Breed. "Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point is truly an unbelievable course and I'm confident we will experience great success."

In the past, the Michael Breed Golf Academy has taught golfers from 15 different states and four different countries.

According to Breed, it is great that more golf culture is being brought to the Bronx, in a borough that already has numerous golf courses in Pelham Bay, Moshulu and Riverdale.

However, Breed said that those venturing to Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point will extend past residents from the Bronx and the five boroughs, and will attract golfers from Long Island, Westchester and even Connecticut.

"In the past, I've overlooked Trump Golf Links (at Ferry Point Park) on flights after they've departed from LaGuardia Airport, said Michael Breed. The Bronx being introduced to this new, state of the art golf course is very important, and we look forward to generating opportunities for golfers within the Bronx and beyond it."

Breed is also the host of Golf Channel's hit show 'The Golf Fix', which is returning for its seventh season on Monday, January 19, airing on Mondays at 8 p.m.



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Musical Prodigy

P.S. 71 parent **Michael Croce** has a lot to report about the school's annual Holiday Show on Tuesday, December 16. Children from various grade levels sang songs and performed dance numbers.

Croce also reports that one of evening's stars was his



Angela Croce at the piano.

Photo by Michael Croce



The Illusionists.

seven-year old daughter, 2nd grade student **Angela Croce**, who performed a song she composed with the guidance of **Eric Gaffney**, her private instructor.

Michael writes:

This was the first time Angela had performed in front of a large crowd, and her performance of Sparkling Sunshine was met with a standing ovation upon its completion. She is an aspiring musician and has been creating music since she was old enough to speak. Her humble nature inspires everyone around her. She requested that her performance that evening be dedi-



The Wicked Wolf staff with the award the restaurant won.

cated to her 4 year old younger brother, **Kubrick**, who was celebrating his birthday that day. We are all looking forward to the exceptional things to come from this talented young musician. We couldn't be prouder of her and what she has been able to accomplish in such a short period of time. We love her with all our hearts. God bless her and we wish her nothing but success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

German Food Winner

Tasty Ladies of New York, east Bronx-based food reviewers, awarded The Wicked Wolf on East Tremont Avenue, the best award for German food in the area. The voting took place on website, Tastyladiesny.com.

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Bronx GPO to have retail, restaurants

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Bronxites may soon have the opportunity to shop and dine at a landmark building.

The developer who recently purchased the iconic Bronx General Post Office building at 149th Street and the Grand Concourse recently filed for a permit with the Department of Buildings which discloses construction plans for the site.

According to the permit application filed on December 10, Youngwoo & Associates has plans to put retail space and restaurants on the lower floors, as well as a restaurant and a roof-top terrace on upper floors. In between will be three floors of office space.

A spokesman for Youngwoo & Associates declined to comment on the subject, but said that more specific plans for the property would be revealed in January.

The developers are known for innovative projects including Delkab Market in Brooklyn and the in-progress SuperPier in Manhattan.

The spokesman told the Bronx Times in September that the developer intends to build upon the property's legacy as a trophy of the Bronx and as an iconic gateway to the borough, supported by the site's accessi-

bility to Manhattan.

"Ripe with immediate potential, our plans include providing new amenities for the surrounding communities and continuing our core business of developing ground-breaking projects that will improve the quality of life and economic productivity of the borough," he said.

The developers did bring their preliminary plans to the Community Board 4 office before filing for the permits, said district manager Jose Rodriguez.

Rodriguez said he was told that the developer wants to bring in boutique retailers, and that they plan to put an incubator for start-ups in part of the office space. He hopes further details will be discussed at a full board meeting in January, to which he has invited representatives from the firm.

Board members are very much looking forward to the developer bringing quality retailers and restaurants to the area, said Rodriguez.

"It will enhance quality of life in the district," he said.

They were also happy to hear that the plans include space for a post office within the building.

And although Rodriguez suspects some locals are still upset about the post office being sold without com-




The Bronx General Post Office was acquired by Youngwoo & Associates in September.

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The Morris Park Community Association donated toys to the Harry H. Gordon School to celebrate the holidays. (l to r) MPCA president Tony Signorile, school principal Karen Griffoul, MPCA vice president Al D'Angelo, Eileen Lopez of Foxy Families Inc., MPCA members Chris Alessandro and Silvio Mazzella. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Morris Park Association hosts annual toy drive

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The spirit of giving is alive in Morris Park.

The Morris Park Community Association hosted their second annual toy drive this December.

The community group, with the help of the local Citibank branch and Foxy Families Inc., collected more than 75 toys to donate to students at a special needs preschool in Belmont.

It's very heartwarming. We're so appreciative. It's nice to be able to give all our children something to open near Christmas.

Karen Griffoul

Last year, the MPCA donated toys to the Philippine Association in the wake of the tsunami, said Tony Signorile, president of the group.

This year, when they thought about who they wanted to bring some Christmas joy to, they decided to bring extra cheer to children with special needs.

This year's beneficiary was the Harry H. Gordon School, which

offers full day preschool for 2 to 5-year-olds with various learning challenges including speech delays and autism.

Signorile said the MPCA wanted to support local students with special needs, as well as recognize the school's staff, who Signorile said have impressive skills and patience.

"I take my hat off to the principal and their teachers," said Signorile.

When Signorile initially reached out about donating the toys, principal Karen Griffoul said the offer took her by surprise.

"It's very heartwarming," said Griffoul. "We're so appreciative."

Griffoul stopped by the community association's office on Wednesday, December 17, to pick up the toys.

That next Monday, Santa Claus flew in early to hand out the gifts to the kids.

Between the MPCA's donations and toys from another group, Griffoul said there were enough toys for every single student.

"It's nice to be able to give all of our children something to open near Christmas," she said.

Griffoul said her students loved receiving the presents from Santa, and that their reactions to the toys were adorable.

"It was so magical," she said about the experience. "They were so excited."

Toy drive helps children enjoy Christmas

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A heartwarming toy drive combined the generous efforts of two charitable organizations once again this year to spread holiday cheer to children.

The Rotary Club of the Bronx and the Uguaglianza North East Bronx Sons of Italy Lodge #83, bought and distributed toys to children at five schools for special needs kids and a hospital's pediatric ward before Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25.

Children at P.S. 811 in Hunts Point, the New York Institute of Special Education in Pelham Parkway, Lavelle School for the Blind in Williamsbridge, St. Joseph School for the Deaf in Throggs Neck, Bronx Organization for the Learning Disabled in Pelham Bay, and at Jacobi Medical Center were all benefactors of the generosity, which had the support of local elected officials.

"We put on fundraisers throughout the year," said Sal Borgia, immediate past president of the Uguaglianza Lodge, explaining how the

group raises money to buy toys and clothes. He added: "We try to give as many gifts as we can."

In addition to the toys, funds were also collected by his organization to take 10 needy families to dinner, said Borgia.

From the Rotary Club, Lilyanna Pekic, one of the organizers of the toy drive and holiday cheer effort, said that the effort started about six years ago when the owner of a Waterbury-LaSalle floral shop began it.

Gradually, Pekic said both clubs took over the giveaway and expanded it, and this year about 3,000 toys and forty \$50 gift cards for groceries would find a home with young people in need and their families.

Pekic said that the two clubs are responsible for the effort, but they are happy to have the support of local elected officials like Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, who was on hand to meet with children and with Santa Claus at a gift-giveaway that benefited 120 children at St. Joseph on Friday, December 19.



Some of the children who received gifts at St. Joseph School for the Deaf stand with Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Santa Claus, and their benefactors from the Sons of Italy Uguaglianza North East Bronx Lodge #83 and the Rotary Club of the Bronx.

Community News Group/Photo by Patrick Rocchio

When visiting with the children at Gjonaj said of the coordinators: "these are two originations that understand the meaning of generosity."

Pekic stressed that it is especially important to help special needs children because they are often marginalized.

"Different organizations have plans and for all of the other children, but these children are sometimes forgotten," said Pekic. "Because of this, we want to bring awareness."

Debra Arles, executive director of St. Joseph School

for the Deaf which services children with hearing impairments from infancy to 14-years-old, said that the gifts make the holiday more enjoyable for the children, some of whom do not receive many gifts at home.

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40th PCT.

Saturday, Dec. 20, 8:50 p.m. — Two police officers from the 40 Precinct assigned to a Violence Reduction foot post at 140th Street and Cypress Avenue heard several gunshots in their immediate vicinity. The officers broadcasted a “shots fired” transmission over their department radio and began to canvass the area for the suspect responsible. Two uniformed officers from the 40th Precinct Conditions Unit in a marked RMP responded to the location and canvassed the area. At 138th Street and Jackson Avenue, the conditions officers were informed by a motorist that the person responsible for the shots fired, a male wearing a black jacket, was located across the street. The officers began to approach the suspect when he ran towards 138th Street and Bruckner Boulevard. Responding PSA 7 officers engaged the suspect, ordering him to drop the firearm. The suspect turned towards an officer while pointing his weapon, a .357 Smith and Wesson revolver, at the officer, who had taken cover behind a parked vehicle. The suspect then dropped his weapon and was taken into custody. There were no shots fired by any officer during this confrontation and there were no reported injuries. Additionally, regarding the original shots fired incident, there were no reported injuries. The 17-year-old male suspect was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon- Loaded Firearm With Intent to Use, Criminal Possession of a Weapon- Loaded Firearm, Menacing a Police Officer (2 counts), Reckless En-



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dangerment.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 7:47 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a pedestrian struck at Bruckner Boulevard and East 138 Street. A preliminary investigation revealed that a 56 year-old female was crossing Bruckner Boulevard from the east side towards the west when she was struck by a 2012 Nissan Sentra that was travelling south bound on Bruckner Boulevard. The pedestrian suffered trauma to the head, arm and leg and was transported to Lincoln Hospital by EMS where she was pronounced deceased.

43rd PCT.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:05 p.m. — A female suspect knocked on the apartment door of the victim, claiming to be his sister, while partially covering her face. The victim opened the door and three male suspects forcefully entered the residence, displaying weapons, and demanding money. The suspects then fled with \$50 in cash and fled to unknown location. No injuries were reported in regards to this incident.

44th PCT.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 — On Monday, December 8, police responded to a call of an assault inside 1566 Macombs Road within the confines of the 44 Precinct. Upon arrival, police determined that a 21 year-old male was shot one time in the chest inside the lobby of the location. EMS responded and transported the victim to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where he was pronounced DOA. On December 16, a 21-year-old male was arrested in connection with the homicide and charged with Murder, Manslaughter, Criminal Use of a Firearm and Criminal Possession of a Firearm.

46th PCT.

Sunday, Dec. 14, 4:42 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of a male shot in front of 288 East Burnside Avenue. Upon arrival, officers observed an unidentified adult male, unconscious and unresponsive, with a gunshot wound to the torso. EMS also responded to the location and transported the victim to Saint Barnabus Hospital, where he was pronounced

DOA.

Tuesday, Dec. 16, — On Thursday, November 13, 2014, police responded to a report of unconscious person inside of 2185 Grand Concourse Apt. 2DS, located within the confine of the 46th Precinct. Upon arrival, responding officers discovered and unconscious and unresponsive 63 year old male with head trauma inside of the location. EMS also responded to the location and pronounced the male DOA at the scene. On December 16, a 19-year-old male was arrested in connection with the homicide and charged with Murder 2, Manslaughter 1, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4.

52nd PCT.

Monday, Dec. 15 — On Monday, December 8, 2014 NYPD Detectives were notified to respond to Montefiore Hospital regarding an incident which occurred earlier in the day involving an injured 77-year-old male. The victim had sustained a laceration to his lower rear torso during a physical altercation inside of 2505 Grand Ave (University Nursing Home). The male was removed by private ambulance to Montefiore Hospital where he died. Pursuant to an investigation it was determined that the circumstances which lead to the death of the victim was deemed a homicide by the Medical Examiner. On December 15, a 41-year-old woman was arrested in connection with the homicide and charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide, Felony Assault and Endangering Adult (welfare of, causing serious injury).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Behave like leaders

(The following letters were sent in response to the increasing chill between the mayor and the PBA.)

Dear Mr. Mayor,

These are difficult times for our city and those difficulties fall upon your shoulders as its leader.

We have had over ten days of demonstrations since the grand jury decision in the Eric Garner case and, I believe, our police force has conducted itself admirably. Facing crowds of tens of thousands they maintained order while being on the receiving end of much abuse (both verbal and physical). You and the Commissioner are to be commended for their outstanding behavior.

I am, however, distressed by the pronouncement of the president of the PBA and his directive to his members that they keep you from any police funerals that may occur during your administration. I believe it was disrespectful to you as the leader of our city.

That being said, I believe some fault lies upon your shoulders. As the leader of our city and the true head of the police force, I believe it is your duty to declare your support in no uncertain terms for those under your command. They must know that and hear it. I do not think that you have done so and it has led to the public rift that has emerged between you, the NYPD, and the police unions.

I urge you to reach out and open an amicable dialogue between your office and the PBA to mend the split that has occurred. It is important that the police, and just as importantly, the people see that you are coming together.

I have reached out to Mr. Lynch in a similar letter encouraging him to tone down the negative rhetoric and to be a partner in mending the divide between your office and his union.

I trust that you will act in the best interests of all.

Michael R. Benedetto
Member of Assembly

Dear Patrick. Lynch,

I am deeply distressed at the tone of the PBA's public

dialogue towards the Mayor of our City.

I am a true believer in the quality of our police force in New York City and I am grateful for the work that they perform day in and day out in the city, keeping the entire population safe. I am particularly proud of the way the force has performed over the past two weeks while dealing with the protests in the aftermath of the Garner grand jury decision.

The NYPD has shown remarkable restraint when few would have tolerated the indignities and insults that the crowd presented, not to mention the assaults that were perpetrated.

That having been said, I believe that you have diminished the proud tradition of those that you represent when you petition your members to keep the mayor from attending funerals of your fallen officers.

To be fair, I do not hold the mayor blameless in this matter. While I believe that they mayor supports the police completely, I think that he has understated that support and must pronounce it in unequivocal terms. I will be sending him a similar letter whereby I will state just that.

The people of this city deserve more from their respected leaders. What example are we setting for the city if those who lead cannot have a courteous discourse.

I urge you, on behalf of my constituents and the city as a whole, to enter into a meaningful and productive discussion with the Mayor. Show all of us that we can reason together. Set the example for us all.

Michael R. Benedetto
Member of Assembly

Good old days

Dear editor,

In the latest issue of the Bronx Times, the Community Action Civic Association correctly lamented the huge US budget deficit, but once again a number of factual errors diminish the credibility of this organization.

The spokesman for COMACTA accepts the CATO Institute's contention that the deficit was not caused by any "major war or depression", despite the very real factors

of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the great recession of 2007-8.

It is absurd to believe that these events had no effect on the deficit.

It is worth noting that the CATO Institute is an organization co-founded by Charles Koch, a gentleman notorious for his efforts to impose an extreme right wing agenda on the country and subvert the will of the public by using his immense wealth to fund a wide variety of anti-democratic front groups.

The COMACTA writer frequently uses quotes lifted from organizations that display a conservative bias.

In the same article the Heritage Foundation, whose stated mission is to "promote conservative public policies", is quoted as if it were scripture.

COMACTA should be regarded for what it actually is, a regressive, reactionary and rearward looking organization, pining for the imaginary "good old days".

Pasquale Pelosi

Remember our veterans at Christmas

Dear editor,

Our local community organizations throughout our neighborhoods all participate in joyous CHRISTmas tree lighting parties, fun is had by all. It is interesting to note, that in Throggs Neck, in Waterbury-Lasalle and in Van Nest, we hold these events in parks named in honor of American veterans, DeRosa-O'Boyle by the Throggs Neck Library, Schnieder-Sampson across from P.S. 14, the Van Nest Veterans Memorial at the corner of Unionport and likewise at Williamsbridge and Pelham Parkway at the Veterans Peace Plaza.

These sons and daughters of America have given the greatest gift of all: the perpetuation of our freedoms. As we celebrate our religious holidays this year, remember them and keep them in your hearts.

Tom Hansen

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BCC partners with BRAM Auto Group

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A new initiative at Bronx Community College will allow student mechanics to jump start their careers.

BCC, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and BRAM Auto Group announced a partnership at a press conference at the college on Friday, December 19.

BRAM Auto Group, which operates 18 car dealerships in the region, will place students from BCC's automotive technology program into paid internships at five of their locations.

The internships will allow the students to gain important real world experience that will supplement the skills students learn in the auto tech labs, said BCC's interim president, Eduardo J. Martí.

Martí said the arrangement would provide important opportunities for students while creating a skilled workforce in the borough. He praised the collaboration as an excellent example of private-public partnerships.

"We want to be a real important cog in the wheel of

economic development in the Bronx," said Martí about the college.

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Eduardo J. Martí

Bronx Chamber of Commerce president Lenny Caro believes the college can do just that.

He pointed out that auto mechanic jobs pay well, often starting above \$30,000 and ranging up to \$70,000.

Meanwhile, the courses and internships will prepare students for a career in where there exists a true need.

"Our cities have been built on trades," said Caro. "And right now this trade is important."

Another strength of the auto tech program is that it is

very accessible, said program director Clement Drummond. CUNY tuition is affordable for both two-year degrees and one-year certificate programs, he said, and the program has no prerequisites besides a high school diploma or G.E.D.

"You don't have to know anything about cars to study here," said Drummond. "All you need is the desire and dedication to learn."

Some of Drummond's students have already participated in internships with BRAM dealerships, and more are scheduled to start this spring.

One of the students, Daniela Borda, started interning with one of BRAM's Toyota dealerships last spring, was hired on to work through the summer and continues to work for them around her classes. She feels the hands-on experience and industry references will give BCC students an advantage when job hunting.

"Not a lot of dealers would hire a mechanic with no experience," said Borda. "It gives us more confidence and allows us to prove ourselves to a dealer."



Students from Bronx Community College's Automotive Technology Program with a teaching engine. (l to r) Xavier Martinez, Nicholas Piccolo, Ray Condo, program director Clement Drummond, Corinthia Ferrieraz, Kareem Baptiste, and Daniela Borda.

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BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

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Haven Heights Group was the selling agent.

According to published reports, The Chetrit Group can build up to 800,000 square feet on the mixed-use lot.

Located within two blocks of the Clock Tower building, 101 Lincoln Avenue's waterfront location is just one subway stop away from Manhattan on the IRT 6 train, with other means of transportation in the area also available.

The property is in an R-8 zone, which means that there are no height restrictions, although it must contain adequate open space,

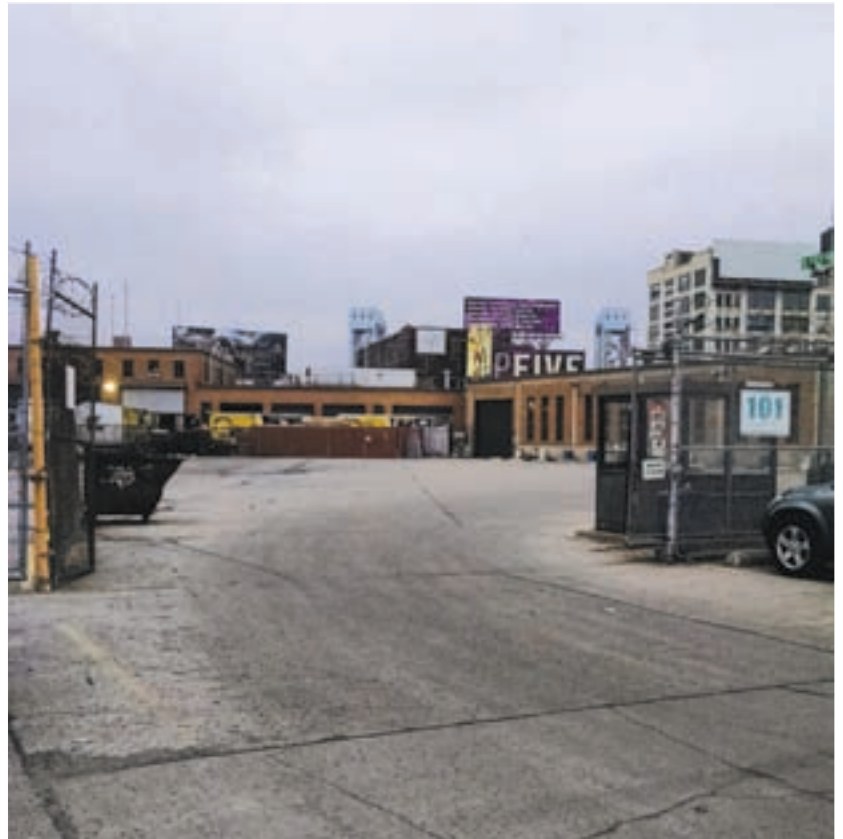
The sale of the property, which includes over 500 feet of water frontage along the Harlem River, follows another recent south Bronx deal - the reported purchase of an eight-story, 175,000 square-foot office building at 2417 Third Avenue by Horniq Capital Partners.

"The great view of Manhattan and the proximity to Manhattan without Manhattan's high priced rent is what makes this location special," said Sid Miller, owner of the Haven Heights Group, a real estate company that has specialized in south Bronx real estate for 25 years. "This site's location can stand as an example that people do not have to live in Manhattan to get a great view of it."

Miller also believes that the land currently being developed, as well as neighboring parcels, will be way more valuable in the near future - stating that the "south Bronx will soon blossom."

"I believe that this was a win win for both sides," said Sid Miller. "Both the buyer and the seller are happy, and that has always been Haven Heights Group's primary goal."

The Chetrit Group and Community Board 1 were not available for comment.



101 Lincoln Avenue, currently the location of a one-story warehouse and a large parking lot, was recently purchased by the Chetrit Group, who have not yet announced development plans for the site.
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New date set on CI pocket park

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

City Islanders are hoping that a capital project at the southernmost tip of the seaside island will get underway sooner, rather than later.

A long-planned pocket park at Belden Point, where City Island Avenue meets the Long Island Sound, still has not started even though NYC Parks Department told the City Island Civic Association that construction was to begin by early summer, association officials claim.

The CICA wrote a letter to Department of Parks and Recreation commissioner Mitchell Silver dated Wednesday, December 17 expressing dismay about “many false starts” despite the efforts of the civic, the City Island Chamber of Commerce, the borough president’s office, and Senator Jeff Klein.

“We were told this project would start early June and nothing materialized,” stated the CICA in the letter to Parks. “Since that time there has been no new start date for mo-



Belden Point will soon be home to a pocket park on Long Island Sound.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

bilization; the project is still not registered on your website; and the contact we were given has been unresponsive.”

The islanders are concerned that since funding is on the line from the city, and was procured by Senator Klein, that the construction should get underway soon, before the funding evaporates.

“We are irritated, we don’t know what is happening to it, and we don’t want this to go away,” said Barbara Dolensek, CICA second vice president. “The two restaurants on ei-

ther side have agreed to take maintain it, so there is nothing to stand in the way.”

The project will be sandwiched between Johnny’s Reef and Tony’s Pier, looking over Long Island Sound, next to the dead end traffic turnaround for City Island Avenue.

In response to the most recent CICA inquiry, the Parks Department has set spring 2015 as the new start date.

“The design will define a vehicular turn around with an 18-inch-wide curb with bollards (vertical posts),” stated a

Parks spokeswoman. “A planting bed will be added to provide shade and enhance the waterfront views. The design will provide a decorative pavement, a landscaped area, street trees, benches, decorative trash cans, and a bicycle rack. A new sea rail will replace the existing chain link fence.”

The Parks spokeswoman said that “the street-end plaza will address the need for public visual and pedestrian access to the southern point of City Island by improving the end of City Island Avenue.”

The area where the park is planned currently has a dilapidated dock structure, and has also seen graffiti vandalism and dumping of trash in the past.

A park at Belden Point, with a seaside promenade, would complement one on the northern end of the island near the City Island Bridge, state Dolensek.

Klein said he shares the concerns of the islanders.

“We share in the frustration with City Island residents on the setbacks of this project,” he said.

“Construction and ground-breaking on Belden Point Park is long overdue. To expedite this effort, I have written a letter to the Parks and Recreation Department, urging them to make this project a priority and to begin construction early this spring. It’s my hope that under a new administration, Belden Point will become a valued destination for residents and their families, local visitors and tourists alike.”

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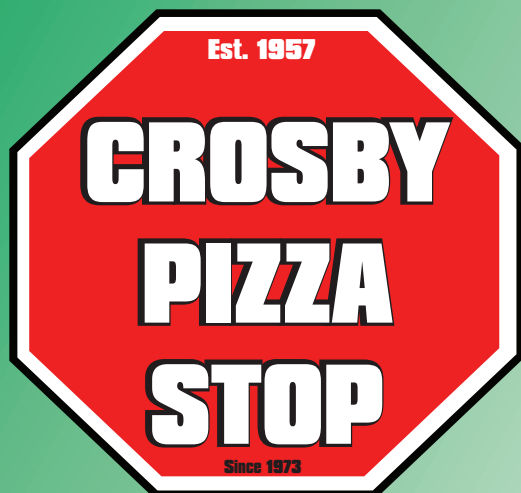


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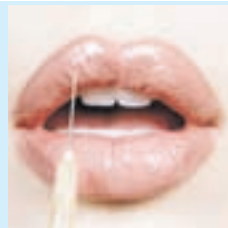
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Soundview has ‘street light issue’

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A scenario in neighborhoods of Community Board 9 has generated complaints regarding the safety of drivers and pedestrians.

According to residents from CB 9 neighborhoods, many street lights are not working in the neighborhood, particularly in Soundview.

Apparently, street lights along the Cross Bronx Expressway to the Cross Bronx Service Road North, just off of Rosedale Avenue, are out of order, creating a potentially unsafe condition for drivers who are forced to exit the expressway and merge onto the service road with little visibility.

A Soundview resident posted a complaint online on Saturday, December 6, stating that “many street lights are out, especially where some traffic exits from the Cross Bronx Expressway - which generates a very dangerous situation at night, especially when it’s raining.”

Drivers aren’t the only ones who are potential victims in this situation. Reportedly, the lack of many working lights on stretches of Bruckner Boulevard from Soundview Avenue to Castle Hill Avenue, has created a dangerous environment for pedestrians as well, who find themselves vulnerable once night falls and the street is dark.

Another Soundview resident expressed her opinions regarding the situation at a 43rd Precinct meeting at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club, 1930 Randall Avenue, on Thursday, December 4, claiming that the dark stretch along Bruckner Boulevard “almost encourages acts of robbery and violence.”

Soundview isn’t the only neighborhood trying to deal with out of service street lights in recent weeks.

A majority of the street lights in Pelham Parkway, particular on the Pelham Parkway Service Road South from Williamsbridge Road to White Plains Road and on Pelham Parkway



Many Soundview residents have reported that street lights on stretches of Bruckner Boulevard, from Castle Hill Avenue to Soundview Avenue, are not working properly.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

Service Road North from Bronxwood Avenue to White Plains Road, have also not been working properly.

CB 9 district manager Francisco Gonzalez, who was not informed of the situation, stated that residents need to report instances such as these in order to generate more awareness among the community and its leaders.

“There have been no reports from community residents of street lights not working,” said Gonzalez. “When situations like this are reported, we call 311, the DOT and local liaisons, as well as Borough DOT Commissioner Constance Moran to inform them and keep them updated. We deeply encourage residents to get in touch with Community Board 9 so we can address this situation and come to a solution sooner.”



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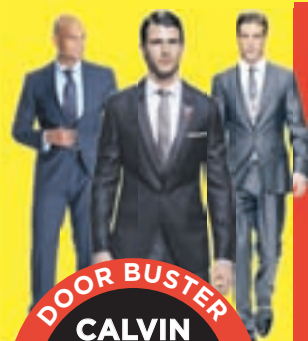
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Larry Allison, radio host, dies



Larry Allison.

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BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A man who was an advocate for the disabled, who served in both Democratic and Republican mayoral administrations, and was a well-known radio personality from the local area, has died.

Larry Allison, of Spencer Estate, who served in three departments in city government from the Koch to Bloomberg administrations, rising to the level of assistant commissioner of Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications, succumbed to leukemia and other illness on Tuesday, December 16.

Allison was the co-host of the Vernuccio/Allison Report radio program in recent years, a show which began on WVOX in Westchester County, but went into national syndication reaching six radio markets from Lancaster, PA to Las Vegas, NV, as well as online at amfm247.com.

The radio program deals with national affairs and policy, and is affiliated with New York Analysis of Policy & Government, which publishes a review of issues affecting the United States.

His co-host Frank Vernuccio said that doctors determined that Allison died from complications of a long-term illness he developed working at Ground Zero after the September 11th, 2001 attacks.

A bio released at the time of his passing recalled "his unquenchable curiosity, his diligent research, and a fearless devotion to intellectual honesty."

"Larry truly lived for that radio

show, it was the joy of his life," said Vernuccio, who added that Allison was a great talker who loved to have conversations and to communicate.

"He became deeply troubled by the course government had taken on the city, state, and federal levels, and diligently sought to restore common sense, integrity and Constitutional adherence," stated an obituary emailed to listeners of the Vernuccio/Allison Report.

He was a passionate advocate for the disabled, said Vernuccio, working on the issues related to the disabled as a young man in upstate New York, according to a bio, and later for the New York City Mayor's office, where he was employed from 1985 to 1991.

He worked at the city Board of Elections 1991 to 1995, and from DoITT from 1995 to 2001, according a spokeswoman.

Steven Kaufman, former assemblyman, remembers that Allison worked on a number of his election campaigns, and said he had a great sense of humor.

"The man was absolutely brilliant and had a phenomenal sense of humor," said Kaufman. "It was always a pleasure talking to him because he was very knowledgeable about every subject you could think of and he always laughed."

Allison is survived by his wife Jocelyn and daughters Amanda and Allyn.

Vernuccio said that Allison grew up in upstate New York, and came to the NYC for good when he was a student at New York University.

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Photo by Patrick Rocchio



(Above) Dancers performed the 'March of the Wooden Soldiers.'

Photos by Laura Stone



Above (l-r) Louis Vegliante, Rebecca Del Toro, and Gabrielle Gardini were Joseph, Mary, and the Angel Gabriel in a living Nativity scene.



Above (l-r) Andrew Alessandro, Sydney Payla, Anna Bea Ferron and Antonio Cipollone performed 'Winter Wonderland.'



MORRIS PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Morris Park Community Association hosted its annual holiday party at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue on Friday, December 12. The holiday party was attended by elected officials including Councilman Ritchie Torres, District Attorney Robert Johnson, Assemblyman Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. as well as members of the Morris Park Community Association.

(Above) Members of the Morris Park Community Association, along with Councilman Ritchie Torres, District Attorney Robert Johnson, Senator Jeff Klein, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, gathered at MPCA's annual holiday party on Friday, December 12.

Photo by Laura Stone

JACOBI MEDICAL CENTER ANNUAL HONOREE AWARDS CEREMONY

Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital held their annual honoree awards ceremony and gala at Villa Barone Manor, on Thursday, December 4.

At the event, Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital honored Epic Systems Corporation and their 2014 Distinguished Hospital Honorees.

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Above (l-r) EpicCare EMR and Corporate Honoree Judy Faulkner, RN Linda McNeil, RN Paula Brown, Audrey Anthony-Lopez, MD Richard Garvey, MPH Ellen Barlis, Vincenza Janice Amato, Milazzo-Guerriero, DO Mary Gosgrove, MD Ajay K. Chopra, Maria Mejias, NP Regina Coyne and Daniel Bialt were present at the annual honoree awards ceremony and gala hosted by Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital on Thursday, December 4.

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Bronx beat

Hassell-Thompson elected to NFWL board of directors

New York State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson was recently elected to serve as Co-Chair of Policy on the Board of Directors for the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), the nation's oldest organization addressing the needs of elected women at all levels of government.

Hassell-Thompson was elected by her peers at the 2014 NFWL Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where over one hundred elected women met to identify effective solutions to some of the nation's most timely and pressing issues. Providing a non-partisan environment that encourages dialogue and the sharing of information and experiences, women leaders are able to build coalitions, share the concerns of their constituents, and identify out-of-the-box solutions to the most pressing issues facing their communities today.

Hassell-Thompson begins serving

in her new position on January 1, and will hold this office through 2015. The Foundation will host its 2015 Annual Conference next fall, September 12-15 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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The festivities included a chance to meet and take pictures with Santa at his village as well as enjoy a special visit from two of Old Saint Nick's reindeer while timeless Christmas classics were sung by yuletide carolers.



1. Local elected officials and community members gathered for the tree lighting ceremony at Owen Dolen Park.

2. Santa's helper, Alexis Martinez, gives Darryl Hicks, Jr., and Darlyn Hicks their presents.

3. Raymond Sanchez and Joanna Piccolo brought their children, Star, Jovi, and Kaitlyn Sanchez, to see Santa.

4. Jazyla Fernandez with Santa.

5. The "Yuletide Singers", Jennifer Griere, Sarah Bleasdale, Eric Lamp, and John Rose, entertain Bronxites who went to Dolan Park in Westchester Square to watch the tree lighting ceremony and meet Santa.

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT BRONX YMCA

On Saturday, December 13th children from the Bronx YMCA got the chance to have breakfast with one of their favorite guys, Santa Claus! In addition to having breakfast, the children and their parents made gingerbread houses, received gifts, and got to take home a photo with Santa and his elves! It was the Bronx YMCA's first time hosting this event, and with well over 100 people in attendance, we had a very joyful and successful outcome. All proceeds will go toward the Y's Annual Campaign. We would like to thank The Toy Industry Foundation and New York Life Insurance for their generous gift donations, and our staff for putting together such a wonderful experience! We can't wait until next year.



Bronx YMCA members took photos with Santa and his helpers.

Photo courtesy of Bronx YMCA



The Twomey family enjoys the evening.

Photo courtesy of Preston HS

PRESTON HONORS BILL TWOMEY

Preston High School hosted a Winter Holiday Gala Celebration on Friday, December 5. The event recognized three individuals who have made significant contributions to Preston's community.

The honorees were Sister Carol Wagner, former faculty member and current president of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion school community; Bronx historian William 'Bill' Twomey, posthumously honored as a husband and parent of a Preston alumnae; and Mary Hussey Piscina, alumna and member of the board of trustees.

In addition, Sister Wagner read a very special tribute to the first graduating class of Preston High School, the 'Preston Pioneers,' the class of 1951. A plaque dedicated in their honor, will hang prominently in the school's library.

- By Patrick Rocchio

CB 10 DINNER PARTY



Above (l-r) first vice chairman John Marano, Bronx Chamber of Commerce chief of staff Michelle Dolgow, chairman Martin Prince, district manager Kenneth Kearns, Bronx Chamber of Commerce director of Membership Marques Payne and Patrick Caruso were present at Community Board 10's Christmas dinner party on Thursday, December 18.

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STUDENTS MAIL COLLEGE APPLICATIONS



Seniors from International Leadership Charter High School (ILCHS) marched to the Kingsbridge Post Office to mail their college applications on Thursday, December 11.

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WALKER MEMORIAL BAPTIST LIBERIAN AID PROJECT

Members of Walker Memorial Baptist Church were joined by other churches from around the region to pack a truck full of thousands of pounds of food and medical supplies for a Liberian aid project to combat the Ebola crisis on Friday, December 12. Rev. Dr. J. Albert Bush of the Walker Memorial Baptist Church is leading the aid project through his missionary organization So Send I You.

The goods will be sent to the Providence Baptist Church in Monrovia, Liberia, where the church leaders will divide and distribute the food and supplies to villages in the area.

Photos by Jaime Williams



Pastor Wayne Willims of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church welcomes Reverend Isaac Tukpah, chairman Diaspora Liberia Ebola Crisis Response Campaign, who drove in supplies from churches in Boston to go out with this shipment.



Members of the Walker Memorial Baptist Church and other Baptist churches load the container bound for Liberia with food and medical supplies.



James Norman, Jr. and Vincent Dingle are moving boxes to the sidewalk so they can be loaded onto the tractor-trailer when it arrives.

Photos by Silvio Pacifico

BORO PRES. GIVES TO I.S. 216

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. hosted an event where Marines and Republicans joined forces to donate one thousand Christmas presents to neighborhood children at I.S. 216, located at 977 Fox Street, on Wednesday, December 17.

At the event, the first 1,000 children between the ages of 1 and 9 years old, received a free toy donated by the United States Marine Corps Toys for Tots and the New York State Republican Party. Attendees at this event included chairman of the New York State Republican Party Edward Cox, Senator Dean Skelos, Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino and the New York Hispanic Clergy Organization.

Photo by Steven Goodstein



Santa (Orlando Torres) gives Natalie Remundo her Christmas gift at I.S. 216 on Wednesday, December 17.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

'A CHAPTER IN MY LIFE' AT LEHMAN COLLEGE

The Department of Youth and Community Development Transition to High School Program is launching an author-led book discussion and writing project called 'A Chapter in My Life.'

The program, which is designed to support and encourage creative writing among young people, kicked off with author J.R. Martinez at Lehman College on Thursday, December 18.

The project has the young people, with the help of a writing instructor Daniel Jose Older, composing a story about a significant experience in their own lives.

— By Patrick Rocchio



Author J.R. Martinez spoke at the event.



A choir performs at the event at Lehman College.

Photos by Walter Pofeldt

PROFILES IN CREATIVITY

Musician William Parker hosted 'Profiles in Creativity', which consisted of a series of lectures and a music rehearsal/workshop, at Mind Builders, 3415 Olinville Avenue, on Friday, December 19. At the event, Parker was joined by saxophonist Andrew Lamb and percussionist Juan Pablo Carletti, as well as aspiring student musicians.

Photo by Steven Goodstein



(l-r) William Parker, Juan Pablo Carletti and Santiago Leisbon play their instruments with other musicians for the 'Profile in Creativity' music rehearsal/workshop.

Photo by Edwin Soto

MAKE-A-WISH GRANTED

The Make-A-Wish Foundation visited Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum on Sunday, December 21 to grant a wish to 6-year-old Cassie, who wanted to meet Santa and his reindeer. Cassie and her family even ate cookies with Santa and feed his reindeer.

— By Jaime Williams



Cassie sits with Santa.

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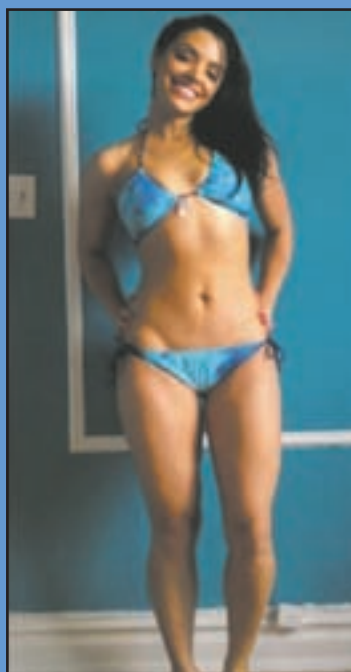
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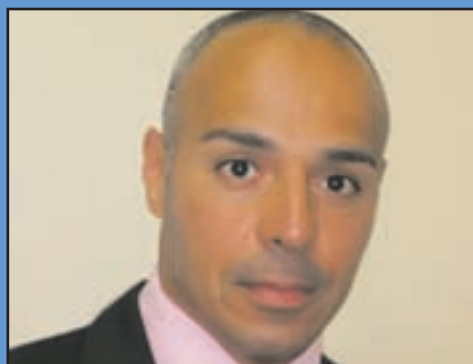
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food for thought

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

As one season comes to an end, another begins. Another year is ending, but a new one awaits on the horizon. As I look forward to what 2015 will bring, I can't help but ponder what 2014 has taken. In recent months, our community at large has lost some well known friends, people who have touched many of our lives through their friendship and service to our community. It is so important to keep them in our thoughts as we move through these changes. Let's try to keep their memories alive by supporting the many local community organizations that they supported.

Food and the sharing of food is the best part of the holiday season. Christmas is a few days away and we're going to my brother's for Christmas Eve. My sister-in-law is Swiss, so the traditional Italian 'Seven Fishes' meal is not on the menu. We're alone on Christmas, just us and the two pups, so we'll celebrate with our own version of this seafood feast.

Originally, I ordered a goose from Lewis Waite Farm and our plan was to share it with another couple on Christmas Day, but our friends ended up being unexpectedly out of town. The goose will stay in the freezer for a mid-winter feast once they are back home. I froze some fish stock that I made this summer and will thaw it out for a nice seafood risotto. Beyond that, I'm winging it, trying to keep it simple. Keep it simple?

If you know me, you know that's not my *modus operandi*. In recent months, I have been trying to get the clutter out of my life, which of course starts with moving and getting rid of actual physical things. The other part is the clutter in my head, which is filled with ideas for projects that I want to do.

For example, last year I made my first attempt at pierogi. I did pretty good, but making 48 pierogi by myself was kind of lonely. Not to say that it wasn't satisfying, they were pretty tasty, but doing this kind of cooking has traditionally been something that would be done by a group of women, together. For example, this past August we spent a Saturday morning at the Locust Point civic making tomato sauce together. It was just four of us, but it was the best time I've had making sauce since the first time I did it - which was with my mother in law, my mom and one of my sister in laws about 15 years ago.

Our stock making workshop back in April was a similar experience, with all of us going home with jars of stock and soup to enjoy. It was with that in mind that I decided to create a Pierogi Party and scheduled it for the Tuesday between Christmas and New Year's, when



Bottles of pear vinegar.

a lot of us are on vacation. Since I have only made them once before, I'm doing a trial run two days before Christmas (might as well take advantage of the fact that I'm not cooking a big family holiday meal).

If they turn out good, and I'm pretty sure they will, I'll box up a couple of dozen and bring them as a gift for my sister in law. The pierogi's freeze really well, you just take out however many you need, boil or steam them for a few minutes and then brown them in butter. This will also give me the chance to have at least a dozen on hand for the party.

The test batch will be plain potato with some cheddar cheese, but the plan for the party is to have a number of vegetables on hand for a variety of fillings. We'll have the traditional potatoes, but also beets, turnips, celeriac and cabbage, plus some assorted cheeses and seasonings inspire everyone's inner chef.

That's tomorrow's plan. Today, I write this column at my kitchen table with the sound of boiling bottles on the stove as my background music. The plan is to sterilize bottles and then pasteurize the pear vinegar that I have been making. I started this process in the fall with the trimmings from the pears we harvested this season. A very interesting project that included a number of simple steps: fermentation, acidification and finally pasteurization. Once the bottles are corked, I'll label and wrap them up for distribution as gifts to friends and family. And of course, keep some for us too!

My hopes for 2015 are a continuation of my plan to rule the world, or at least to inspire you get in the kitchen and cook, start a garden or simply create your own kitchen traditions. Be the change you want to see in the world.

NCB rated Top Performer

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) today announced that HHC North Central Bronx Hospital has been ranked as a "Top Performer on Key Quality Measures" by The Joint Commission, the leading accreditor of health care organizations in the U.S. The hospital was specifically recognized for high achievement in three important fields of patient care: heart failure, pneumonia and surgical care.

The Joint Commission's "Top Performer" designation recognizes hospitals for improving performance on medical interventions that increase the chance for positive outcomes for patients with certain conditions. Only 45 - 28 percent - of the 160 hospitals in New York State ranked by the The Joint Commission for 2013 achieved top performer designation in any area.

"Our entire staff and has worked diligently to build upon and sustain last year's designation. It's important that our Bronx neighbors know that NCBH is not only a great community hospital, but one of the best hospital's statewide to provide expert medical care," said William P. Walsh, Senior Vice President of HHC's North Bronx

Healthcare Network, of which NCBH is a member.

Quality measures that The Joint Commission examines in determining "Top Performer" status include research, accuracy of the care process, proximity of the care process to patient health outcomes, and adverse effects. To be a Joint Commission "Top Performer" hospitals had to meet three performance criteria based on 2013 accountability measure data, including: performance of 95 percent or above across all reported accountability measures; performance of 95 percent or above on each accountability measure where there were at least 30 cases; and at least one core measure set with a composite rate of 95 percent or above with all applicable individual accountability measures rated 95 percent or above.

"Delivering the right treatment in the right way at the right time is a cornerstone of high-quality health care. I commend the efforts of HHC North Central Bronx Hospital for their excellent performance on the use of evidence-based interventions," said Mark R. Chassin, M.D., FACP, M.P.P., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Joint Commission.

Not too late for flu shot

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) is urging all New Yorkers to get vaccinated against the flu this year to protect themselves and their families before peak flu season kicks in around January and February. The flu is serious, contagious, and potentially fatal, especially for those with underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease. Last year close to 2,000 New Yorkers died from influenza and pneumonia, which can develop as a complication of flu. It is recommended that everyone six months and older should be vaccinated for the flu annually. HHC hospitals and health centers offer flu vaccine for children and adults at little or no cost. New Yorkers can find an HHC facility in any borough to get vaccinated.

According to health experts across HHC, including Elizabeth Jenny-Avital, MD, Infectious Disease Specialist, HHC North Central Bronx Hospital, flu is dangerous for both adults and children, and it's unpredictable. "The flu is an incredibly contagious respiratory infection that comes on quick and hits a person like a ton of bricks. When the illness infects a community it spreads like wildfire, making vaccination so important," said Dr. Jenny-Avital.

"Flu is highly contagious and easily transmitted, so making sure that as many people are vaccinated as possible will help cut down on its spread," said Machel Allen, MD, HHC's Deputy Chief Medical Officer.

HHC and Dr. Jenny-Avital of North Central Bronx Hospital shares five

things patients need to know this flu season:

1. Who should get vaccinated? The flu vaccine is strongly recommended for anyone 6 months of age and older, and is proven safe for pregnant women.

2. When does the flu season start? The timing, length, and severity of the flu season can vary widely from year to year. In the U.S., flu often peaks around January-February, but flu activity can begin as early as October and continue into May.

3. Can I get flu from the vaccine? No, you cannot get the flu from the flu vaccine. If vaccinated individuals do become ill with flu-like symptoms, it is likely because they already contracted flu before vaccination, or have contracted some other type of contagious illness, such as a common cold.

4. Does the vaccine protect me from flu right away? No. It takes 1-2 weeks after getting vaccinated before you're protected from the flu strains in the vaccine. That is why HHC encourages New Yorkers to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

5. If I was vaccinated last year, do I need another flu vaccine this year? Yes. The vaccine offered in any given year is only good for that flu season, and is specifically developed to prevent the influenza viruses that are expected to be most prevalent that year. Each year the vaccine changes.

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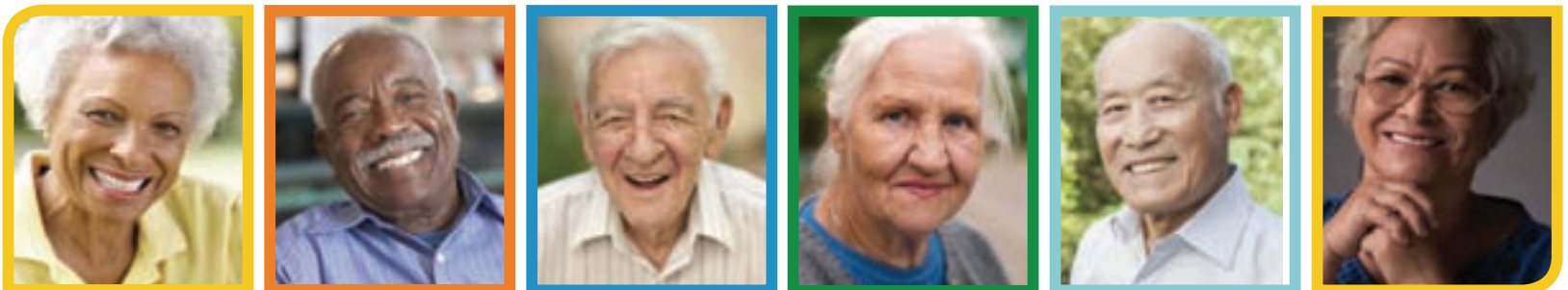
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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

It is with the most profound sorrow that I must inform you of the passing of Larry L. Allison, vice president and co-founder of the Community Action Civic Association.

Larry had worked for NYC's Office of Emergency Management, and spent a great deal of time at the 9/11 site in the aftermath of the attack. As a result, he incurred massive health problems, including bladder cancer, pulmonary disorders, and leukemia. These disorders led to his demise on the morning of Tuesday, December 16 at Mt. Sinai Hospital, where he had been undergoing intensive treatment for breathing issues.

Larry had served in just about every NYC mayoral administration from the Koch Administration through the start of Michael Bloomberg's tenure, eventually attaining the post of Deputy Commissioner for Disabled Services. Indeed, serving the disabled was a life-long avocation for him. He began his career in that cause as a counselor at an upstate camp for disabled children. He remained in contact with many from that period in his life, and took pride in their achievements.

Larry was one of the most brilliant and loving individuals around, and truly passionate about his devotion to America's founding ideals. His convictions were the result of a life spent in public service, his unquenchable curiosity, his diligent research, and a fearless devotion to intellectual honesty.

He became deeply troubled by the course government had taken on the city, state, and federal levels, and diligently sought to restore common sense, integrity and Constitutional adherence.

He became a fixture in Bronx poli-

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tics, managing, advising and/or assisting in the campaigns of a number of candidates. Party was not an issue; whether the candidate was Republican or Democrat, if Larry felt they were sincere, had good ideas, and would follow the ideals that made our city, state or nation great, he would help.

Many across America first knew him as the co-host of the Vernuccio/Allison Report radio program, initially broadcast on WVOX Saturday mornings and eventually picked up by the amfm247.com network. The shows are also broadcast on regular radio in Tampa, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; Boulder, Colorado; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Lancaster, PA; and Macon, Georgia. He was noted for his well-informed, well-documented, and no-holds barred positions on the key issues of the day.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jocelyn, and daughters Amanda and Alynda, goddaughters Laureena and Amanda, and many step-children and step-grandchildren through Jocelyn. All deeply loved him. He had a long list of close friends across the nation from all walks of life.

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Con Ed's gas safety patrol

Con Edison said today the company is taking several steps to further enhance the safety of its natural gas distribution system in parts of New York City and Westchester County. These steps include significantly increasing patrols of the company's 4,300 miles of gas mains; working with outside experts to quantify methane emissions, and providing greater transparency over gas leak monitoring and repair. Click here to watch.

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Craig Ivey

To help identify gas leaks sooner and prevent major incidents, the company said it has dramatically increased its system-wide patrols of gas mains from once per year to 13 times per year, an average of at least one per month.

"Delivering safe, reliable energy and protecting the environment are always our top concerns," said Con Edison President Craig Ivey. "By significantly increasing the rate of our gas leak patrols, we can spot potential problems sooner and better protect the public. A pilot program we began this past summer to increase gas patrols has led to this new commitment that we think will be one of the most aggressive detection programs in the country. We are enhancing public safety, working with outside experts to better manage methane emissions, and offering the public more information about how gas leaks are repaired or monitored."

"Transparency is always the best policy, whether you're talking about public safety or the environment, and Con Ed is to be commended for taking a national leadership position here," said Mark Brownstein, associate vice president of the Environmental Defense Fund. "Natural gas leaks are an important source of methane, a powerful greenhouse gas pollutant, and steps to reduce these leaks are not only good for safety, they are an important step in the fight against climate change. Finding and fixing gas leaks is not only a priority for Con Ed, it must be a state and a national priority."

Con Edison is working with EDF (www.edf.org/), gas measurement experts and other utilities to develop new strategies to quantify methane emissions from non-hazardous gas leaks. The purpose of this initiative is to prioritize the repair of such leaks, with the goal of accelerating a reduction in the rate of methane

emissions from Con Edison's gas distribution system.

Methane emissions from natural gas distribution systems such as Con Edison's represent a small portion of the total amount of methane lost in the production and distribution of natural gas nationwide. Methane, however, is a significant greenhouse gas pollutant, and Con Edison is committed to reducing methane emissions from its gas delivery system as much as possible.

Con Edison also is working with the City of New York on an initiative to coordinate the replacement of leak-prone gas pipe when the city replaces sections of its water and sewer systems. The initiative will help Con Edison exceed its already planned commitment to replace an average of 65 miles of gas mains per year through 2016.

To promote greater education about gas leaks and how the company addresses them, Con Edison has created an online gas map (www.coned.com/gasmap) that provides the location of current gas leaks on its system, along with data indicating the severity of the leaks.

The map will be updated every 24 hours and is intended to provide greater transparency on current gas system leaks, as well as information about how citizens should report gas odors. More gas leaks tend to occur in the cold winter months than in other times of year due to the freeze and thaw cycle underground.

Any areas experiencing natural gas leaks found during Con Edison's patrols, or reported by the public calling in a gas odor, are made safe by field crews, and the location is documented and categorized based on the leak's severity and other conditions. This process applies to every confirmed leak, whether discovered by Con Edison's patrols, other emergency services personnel, or the public.

Leaks classified as Type 1 or 2 on the map are considered priority leaks, which the company immediately makes safe and repairs as soon as possible. The vast majority of gas leaks are Type 3, which are not considered hazardous but are monitored at least once per year. As conditions permit, such as during planned street excavations, Type 3 leaks can be scheduled for permanent repair.

Gas leaks can occur for a number of reasons, including pipe corrosion or accidents during street excavations. All leak repairs and leak-prone pipe replacement helps reduce methane emissions.

Con Edison reminds customers to call 911 or 1-800-75CONED immediately if they smell gas, and to call from a safe location away from the gas odor. Click here to learn what to do if you smell gas: <http://bit.ly/1vnBqtN>.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

No column this week. Just enjoy the holidays. Watch your drinking and driving and have a great time.

Trivia Time!!

Trivia Time comes to you compliments of Joe Cusimano, a master triviaologist and Bronx historian.

Flight 103 blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988.

General Mc Auliffe said 'Nuts' to the Germans when asked to surrender at Bastogne on December 22, 1944.

The KKK formed on December 24, 1865. Not happy with them as they are

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

REMEMBER - Our Annual Post Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Decmbr 18, at the Turner Club after a regular meeting, around 1 p.m. Members may bring a guest.

We hope everyone has a great Christmas! Some of you do deserve coal in your stocking, but maybe Santa will let you slide this year.

Our January 2015 meeting will be, as of now, the 3rd Sunday of the month. That's 10:30 a.m. coffee and buns, 11 a.m. meeting sharp, then we adjourn

to the club room at American Turners.

The Department of NY Mid-Winter Conference will be at the end of January. Possibly too late to sign up, hotels nearby fill up fast. Hope you get a chance to experience the Legion in action. Those who attended American Legion College got a pleasant surprise and had a fun and enlightening time, so branch out and check out new Legion opportunities!

Remember the PC Joe Mazzariello Christmas Toy Drive and let's share our good fortune with others less fortunate.

Until Next Time: I hope all of us can learn to experience again the innocent wonder of a child at Christmas time, and of course, please pray for our troops far away during this holiday season.

Sanitation appoints Assistant Commissioner

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia has appointed Marie L. Jean-Louis as the Department's Assistant Commissioner for Facilities Planning and Engineering. She replaces retired Chief of Engineering Danny Walsh.

Jean-Louis joins the Department after working at the New York City Department of Design and Construction, where she was Borough Director for Manhattan, and Project

Executive for the East Side Coastal Resiliency Project. She has nearly two decades of experience in engineering and construction in New York City, including working as a project manager with the Department of Transportation and as Deputy Borough Director and Borough Director with DDC.

Jean-Louis has been a professional Engineer, licensed in New York since 1998.

Breakfast with Benedetto Jan. 4th

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be holding his third annual New Year's event on Sunday, January 4, 2015 to give his constituency an opportunity to join him for free coffee and danish to discuss their concerns for 2015.

"Every year we make New Year's resolutions to take a step to make our lives better. Whether it's promising to exercise again or to being more aware of who represents you in government, the upcoming New Year gives us an opportunity to be better than we were in the past," Benedetto said. "A key part to being a better resident is empowering yourself with the knowledge of who represents you in government. This is the reason I'm hosting this New Year's meet-and-greet event to celebrate 2015 with my constituents and to encourage them to build a working relationship with elected officials like myself to address community problems in their neighborhoods."

The free meet-and-greet event will be held 10 a.m. to noon at Alley Cat Café located at 3604C East Tremont Avenue between Sullivan Place and Scott Place. Free coffee and danish will be served.

For more information, contact the assemblyman's office at (718) 892-2235.

Benedetto has served as a member of the state assembly representing the 82nd Assembly District since 2004. Next month he will be sworn in again as assemblyman, making 10 years that he has served the district. He currently serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Veteran's Affairs and is a member of the following committees: Agriculture, Education, Governmental Operations, Housing, Labor, and Ways and Means. The 82nd Assembly District consists of the communities of City Island, Co-op City, Country Club, Edgewater Park, Locust Point, Morris Park, Pelham Bay, Silver Beach, Spencer Estate, and Throggs Neck.



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Students at Cardinal Spellman High School displayed their Christmas spirit this holiday season on the evening of December 18 in the school auditorium during the annual Christmas Concert. The audience was entertained by the Spellman Concert Band, Dance Team, Gospel Sensations, Step Team, Twirlers, and Flag Corps. Months of preparation and practice paid off with flawless performances by all groups. A wonderful variety of music was presented under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Alfano, Band Director, and Ms. Mila Bello, Moderator of the Gospel Sensations.

(Right) Christmas Concert Flag Corps.



Christmas Concert Twirlers.

Visit the dentist at Union Community

Tooth decay is the most common childhood disease in America – five times more so than asthma – and the biggest reason for school absenteeism. While 5% of all children have uncontrolled dental problems, that number grows dramatically among poor minority children and the offspring of recent immigrants who combined have five times as many untreated cavities.

Yet, contrary to popular belief, the barrier is not economic. Most people in the Bronx know that insurance, including Medicaid, will cover the cost of their children's visits to the dentist.

"The problem is a lack of knowledge – many people think that since these are baby teeth that will fall out, caring for them is a low priority," said Dr. Paul Chu, a pediatric dentist with Union Community Health Center in the Bronx. "The focus of our energy is on educating both patients and pediatricians on the importance of pediatric dental health. Most people, for example, don't even realize that caries [cavities] is a communicable disease or that frequent snacking may cause

caries."

It's not uncommon, said Dr. Chu, to see children of elementary school age who have never visited the dentist.

"What people don't realize is that even if baby teeth fall out, not caring properly for them can set a child up for lifelong problems in terms of function – including chewing and eating – and, because of the pain, sleeping at night and performing in school," said Dr. Chu. "Early tooth loss or infections may cause cosmetic changes to the face and create serious, even life-threatening problems like cellulitis."

Cellulitis is a swelling of the soft tissue that may compromise one's swallowing and breathing. It can stem from an infection or an abscess in the bone surrounding the roots of the teeth due to poor oral health. It can be life threatening if not treated quickly and properly.

"We tell parents that they need to start taking care of their children's baby teeth, which means brushing and flossing, and being aware of certain medications that may create an environment where caries flourish,"

said Dr. Chu.

This includes always brushing with fluoride toothpaste, weaning babies off bottles by age one, and only giving children water before bedtime, reducing their juice intake, and replacing junk food, soda and candy with healthy snacks.

Pediatricians, he said, need to be vigilant in following guidelines set by the American Academy of Pediatrics when it comes to their patients' oral health and do a better job in coordinating care between doctors and dentists.

This includes understanding that disease can progress more rapidly in primary teeth causing severe dental disease and identifying early symptoms of tooth decay and risk factors. Dr. Chu and his team of attending and resident pediatric dentists make regular visits to pediatricians to reinforce the importance of oral health education.

This would also mean educating families on such things as the importance of not sharing utensils because bacteria can be transmitted through saliva, avoiding breast feedings at night once teeth erupt,

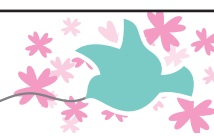
introducing a cup as soon as the infant can sit unsupported (around six months) and trying to eliminate the bottle by the child's first birthday.

"In some cases, we've seen three-year-olds with as many as 20 cavities," said Dr. Chu. "We're investigating alternative therapies, such as the use of pediatrician applied fluoride varnish or silver nitrate to managing cavities among such young children."

Yet, however you look at it, managing a young child whose mouth is full of cavities is never going to be easy. It needs to start with doing a better job of educating both the public and the medical professional on the importance of good pediatric dental health."

Union Community Health Center is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike that provides approximately 155,000 medical, dental and physical rehabilitation visits each year to approximately 28,000 individual patients at its four locations in the Bronx.

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Holiday fire facts

BY KATHLEEN HOGARTY

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The Holiday Season is a time to get together with family and friends. Here are a few suggested to consider to ensure your holiday season is kicked off to the right start.

- Pretty lighting and decorations add to the holiday warmth. However, if they are not used properly your holiday cheer can go from festive to frightening quickly. Place Christmas trees, candles, and other holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources like radiators, fireplace and heat vents.

- Everyone loves a real Christmas tree however; most artificial trees are flame retardant and come in beautiful colors. If you are set on a real tree, make sure it fresh and the needles are not falling off. Keep the tree as moist as possible by giving it plenty of water.

- Check lights and other holiday decorations to make sure there are still in good working condition. Do not use lights if you any with frayed cords.

- Always extinguish candles and unplug the holiday lights/ Christmas tree lights before leaving your home or going to bed.

- Never use real lit candles to deco-

rate your tree.

- Make sure all Smoke alarms are in working order. Remember Smoke alarms Save Lives.

- Keep anything that can catch on fire – away from your stove top. (pot holders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags)

- Keep a list of Emergency service numbers on your Refrigerator for ease excess for all family members.

- Remember a great alternative to real candles are the battery operated ones. They are most attractive and came in many festive colors.

Holiday Fire Facts:

Nearly 47,000 fire occur during the winter holidays causing more than 2,200 injuries and costing over several millions of dollars in property damage.

One of every three home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.

More than half of home candle fire occurs when something catches on fire to close to a lit candle.

Have a safe and well informed Holiday Season.

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Temple Hatikva members Abby Robinson and Dr. Sandra Tenzer lighting the Chanukkah Menorah.

Chanuka at Temple Hatikva

Temple Hatikva celebrated Chanukah, the "Festival of Lights" on Friday, December 19 at Bronx House with a full house of members, friends and neighbors taking part in our terrific Chanukah Party. There were potato latkes, soufganiot (jelly donuts), dreidels and music, and of course, the traditional lighting of the Menorah.

Well over 60 persons attended this Chanukah Party which took place right after the Sabbath Services. Besides the wonderful eating and drinking, everyone sang traditional Chanukah songs to mark this festive holiday.

The word "Chanukah" means "rededication", and that is exactly what happened when the Maccabees defeated the Greeks and took back the holy Temple. They "re-

dedicated" the Temple after it was defiled by the heathens and found one crucible of holy oil. It would take eight days to make more holy oil, but miraculously, the one crucible remained lit for the entire eight days, thus, the miracle of Chanukah!

Temple Hatikva would also like to extend its appreciation to the Bronx Jewish Community Council and its Executive Director Brad Silver for sponsoring this event. The Bronx Jewish Council's continuing generosity has allowed Temple Hatikva to bring these programs to the entire community.

For more information about any upcoming events, call Temple Hatikva at (917) 453-7557 or go to our website at www.TempleHatikva.com.

Gjonaj teaches at Hatikva

On Sunday, December 21, Temple Hatikva was fortunate enough to have Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj teach its Adult Education program at Bronx House.

Assemblyman Gjonaj spoke about the problems confronting the Bronx and the possible solutions to these problems. Moreover, he spoke about the obligation of every citizen to do their fair share of public service in order to help their community.

Specifically, Assemblyman Gjonaj spoke of affordable housing, new employment, better education and raising the standard of the quality of life. He was very emphatic that every citizen has an obligation to make things better and to insist that their elected rep-

resentatives and public officials do their job.

Mr. Gjonaj also discussed his feelings concerning the future of the Bronx and the local community while answering the questions of those attending this program.

The Temple Hatikva Adult Education Program is conducted on Sundays on a monthly basis at 10 A.M. at Bronx House.

A free breakfast is served as part of this program which is sponsored through the generosity of the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home of Castle Hill.

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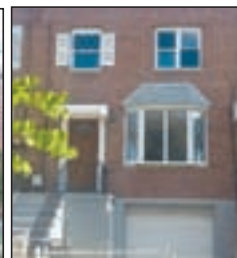
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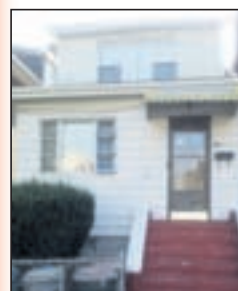
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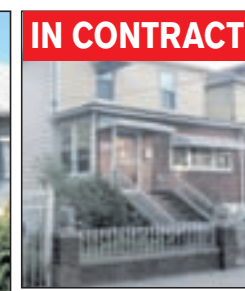
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Doo Wop emerged from the streets of New York City

and Philadelphia and rose as a unique African American vocal style in the mid-1950's. Doo Wop's smooth harmonies spread to singing groups of other ethnicities, such as the Capris and The Belmonts. The term "doo wop" was taken from the ad-lib syllables sung in harmony in these songs such as the plaintive "doo-wop" refrain featured in the bridge of The 5 Satins' "In the Still of the Night". "Doo Wop" and a range of "oldies" music are celebrated by musicians and audiences worldwide as distinctive American sounds.

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St. Philip's Parish House on Boston Road

Much like Pudding Rock was a haven for Native Americans and the Huguenots traveling to and from New Rochelle, the nearby building at 1119 Boston Road was a haven for blacks. It was that way when the area was largely Jewish and again when it was a mixed community. That's the way it was as far back as the memories of those familiar with the neighborhood can conjure. It was a constant in an otherwise mobile community.

It was, therefore, quite a shock when I stopped by with Nick DiBrino and Tom Casey on December 3rd to look for someone to speak with that we found that the building had been razed. We had passed it only the week before but now the bulldozer was piling up the rubble of the ancient wooden structure. We were a day late. Another slice of Bronx history was obliterated but at least I was able to get a photograph of the bulldozer piling up the remnants of the old building.

The ancient one and a half story wood frame structure on Boston Road between 166th

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

and 167th Streets that was once the village schoolhouse would have many tales to tell if buildings could speak. It was old and dilapidated as far back as memories go and an 1893 report on the structure reads: "The mosses of a century seem to have gathered on the long slope of the roof and it appears in every part to be slowly withering to decay."

The writer continued saying that it still supported life and love under its mosses. The report then continued: "It was a desolate sort of blot on a new and dressy city landscape when I last saw it in the chill light of a November sun on a Sunday morning after-noon, but its desolation was far more eloquent than the sermon of a famous preacher which I heard that day."

The old school house and church hall was taken over by

St. Philip's Parish House for the Aged and Colored in 1896 and the official dedication took place on May 1, 1897. The house was in the front and the chapel was in the rear. The Right Rev. H. C. Potter led the ceremony assisted by Rev. Dr. Victor Smith, Rev. H. C. Bishop, and Rev. Dr. Clifford. The chapel at the rear was built in memory of Cornelia Anna Guignon by her brother Peter W. Ray, M. D. It was supported by voluntary contributions and annual donation day events were held.

The home was actually founded in 1872 on Mulberry Street in lower Manhattan and soon moved to 127 West 30th Street. Its function was to provide a comfortable home for the aged, infirm and destitute members of St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church (colored). They seemed to find their niche in life when they



The parish house for St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church for blacks occupied this site at 1119 Boston Road for over a century. It was razed during the first week in December and now a simple pile of rubble is all that remains of the ancient wood frame building that was once one of the oldest schoolhouses in our borough. The bulldozer was still at the site when I snapped this picture on December 3.

moved to 1119 Boston Road here in the Bronx in 1896 and just up until very recent times, people recall the old black men resting comfortably on their porch which occupied the entire length of the front of the building. They'll be missed as they had become an integral part of the community and the old parish house now remains only in our memories.



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LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Axella Bioventures LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 12/4/14. Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation H.B. Heating Controls LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on October 10, 2014. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 647 St. Lawrence Avenue, Apt 2, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 113 ROD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 733 Grand St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1889 First Platinum Realty LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on November 21, 2014. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 1889 Gleason Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2279 ROD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 733 Grand St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 3463 Juices for Life, LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on September 12, 2014. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 3463 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of First Line Restoration LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/28/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 872 E. 147th St., Bronx, NY 10455. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Fruit Market of Kings, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State New York on December 4, 2014. Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 31-26 Perry Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Momentum Software Development Consulting, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on NOV 06 2012. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1601 Metropolitan Avenue, Suite 1C Bronx, New York 10462. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: (Sapar General Services LLC) Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (11/18/2014). Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, (Sapar General Services LLC), (2404 Barnes Avenue Bronx, NY 10467). Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Rising Development – 45 Main, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 945 Summit Ave., Bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TRUE Training Fitness, LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 23SEP14. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC Served upon him/her to C/O Jason A.RODRIGUEZ, SR., 6 Penneyfield Ave, Quarters 11, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TRINITY PARK AVE MIXED USE MT LLC
Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/14. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/24/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TRINITY PARK AVE DEVELOPMENT LLC
Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/14. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 10/24/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. MA addr. of LLC: 75 Federal St., 4th Fl., Boston, MA 02110. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of the Commonwealth, Corp. Div., McCormack Bldg., One Ashburton Pl., 17th Fl., Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Civil action for divorce IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, DISTRICT COURT DIVISION, NORTH CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG COUNTY between FERNANDO ALEX TAMBUE GUIFFO and ZANIESHA TAMBUE GUIFFO. File No.: 14CVD19311

The above defendant is HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance. A failure to appear will result in a judgment by default for the relief demanded in the above notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given a License Number (PENDING) for on-premises Tavern Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Wine/Beer at retail under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 4744 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10470 for on premises consumption.

CHILLZ RESTAURANT LLC d/b/a CHILLZ

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 11/13/14, bearing Index Number NC-000445-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Ryan (Middle) Skye (Last) Washington. My present name is (First) Leon (Middle) Ryan (Last) Washington-McNeill AKA Leon R. Washington-McNeill AKA Leon Washington AKA Leon McNeill AKA Leon Ryan AKA Leon Ryan Washington AKA Leon Ryan McNeill AKA Leon Washington-McNeill. My present address is 302 West 148th Street, Apt 2A, New York, NY 10039. My place of birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is October 25, 1983.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a micro brewer license, #TBA has been applied for by Chelsea Craft Brewing Company LLC to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 463 East 173rd Street Store#2 Bronx, NY 10457.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 10/31/14, bearing Index Number NC-000452-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Michelle (Last) Lands. My present name is (First) Female (Last) Harbison AKA Michelle Lands. My present address is 3540 Dekalb Avenue, Apt 22, Bronx, NY 10467. My place of birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is February 25, 1964.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE

THE BELOW SALE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 15, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M. AND IS BEING POSTPONED TO JAN. 5, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE SAME PLACE. HARRY M. FORMAN, REFEREE.

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN CONDOMINIUM II, Plff. vs. OLGA L. SANTANA, et al, Defts. Index #380720/12. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 6, 2014, I will sell at public auction in the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on Jan. 5th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 142 Mermaid Lane, Bronx, NY. Said property situate and being a part of a condominium in the Borough and County of Bronx, State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 284, together with an undivided 1.0870% interest in the common elements defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled "Harbour Pointe at Shorehaven Condominium II", establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the land and the buildings thereon erected, made by Grantor pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 31st day of July, 2007 in CRFN 2007000392546. Said Declaration being further amended by Correction Declaration dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 1st day of August in CRFN 2007000396163. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$4,512.96 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HARRY M. FORMAN, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW, Attys. for Pltf., 355 Post Ave., Ste. 201, Westbury, NY. #85319

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale
Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1037 Zerega Avenue, Bronx NY 10462. The sale will be held on Monday January 12th 2015 at 4:00PM. The Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. For information call 718-904-7867.

Unit Number/Name
1001 Michael Mannion, 1046 Juan Castillo, 1103 Michael A Segarra, 1188 Glynis Pugliese, 1190 Trevor G. Simpson, 2061 Idania Diaz, 2068 Domenico Clemente, 2074 Frances Rusciano, 2081 Cleve A. Stewart, 2137 Frances Rusciano, 2166 Julia Rosario, 2235 C O Mohamed-Lemine, 2311 William Allen, 2312 Richard Thomas, 2412 Iyaniris Gomez, 2555 Richard Seilema, 2634 Sidney Karr, 3079 Victor Ayudant, 3080 Christina Hernandez, 3150 Richard Caceres, 3189 Sharon Walker, 3194 Jazmen Gomez-Espejo, 3207 Tory Skeete, 3303 Gina Cruz, 4012 Leonardo Rios, 4031 Michael Jones, 4146 Miguel Bajandas, 4175 Michael Jones, 4226 Isabella Rizzo P.O.A., 4229 Mohamed Kaba, 4242 Grythelda Gigi Gilliard, 4250 David Monserrate, 4270 Lyle Sasso, 4273 Wayne Scurry, 4294 Jose A. Deltoro.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-19CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-19CB; Plaintiff(s)

vs. ARTIN POWELL; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 14, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

On January 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 647 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK 10473

Block: 3555 Lot: 45
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known as Lot No. 380 on a certain map entitled "Map of Sound View Academy Property, etc" made by H.B. Lowell, dated January 4, 1927 and filed in Bronx County April 4, 1927 as Map No. 1080.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$354,698.02 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380208-12
REGINALD D. ASIEDU, Esq., REFEREE

The mayor's freshman-year report card *by Tom Allon*



TOM ALLON

Like many freshmen, Mayor Bill de Blasio had some moments of glory and some rookie stumbles in his first year in office. Now, as we head into the holiday season of good cheer (and school break), here is a brief report card on his performance in some difficult subjects:

PUBLIC SAFETY: It's hard to believe that major crime went down once again this year, continuing a remarkable two-decade-plus slide in a city many thought was ungovernable in the early 1990s. Murders dropped once again and all major crimes were down about five percent from last year. Even more remarkably, all this was accomplished with a huge decrease in the use of "stop and frisk," one of the key crime-fighting techniques of the previous administration. The mayor and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton deserve huge kudos for keeping the city safe while also reforming "stop and frisk." **Grade: A**

EDUCATION: Getting universal pre-K approved in his first few months in office and then launching what is essentially a whole new grade by September definitely stands out as

the singular achievement of the de Blasio administration's maiden year. There's no doubt that getting kids in school a year earlier will pay long-term dividends. On the other side of the ledger, however, the mayor still seems to have an aversion to charter schools, but is grudgingly allowing them to expand because they have a strong ally in Albany in Gov. Cuomo. Now de Blasio has to tackle the black hole of middle-school education, raise the overall high-school graduation rate, work on teacher development and retention and, of course, make sure the Common Core curriculum succeeds. There is lots of homework and tests ahead for the mayor and his chancellor, Carmen Farina. **Grade: A-**

POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Some may say that the mayor is not to blame for the Eric Garner incident, lack of indictment and the chaos that has ensued with mass protests and the recent assassination of two cops. They may be right, but one of the downsides of being the boss is that along with the kudos, comes the blame when things don't go well. The mayor has tried very hard to skate be-

tween qualified support for the men in blue and feeling empathy for the family of Garner and the thousands of protesters who have hit the streets after the no-indictment grand jury. Gone are the days of a mayor who is absolutely, positively always siding with the cops; Giuliani and Bloomberg made an art of that and it invariably bruised the city's minority community at times. Now, with Al Sharpton back in the racial mix (where was he during the Bloomberg era?) and with city's tabloids fanning the flames of cop vs. citizen conflagration, we are witnessing a brush fire that may become a four-alarm blaze. The Mayor needs to become the "Uniter-in-Chief" and make both heads of the Patrolmen's and Sergeant's unions his besties, or this issue could engulf his next few years. Did someone say "Dinkins Redux?" **Grade: D**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The mayor hired a great team of people, including Alicia Glen and Carl Weisbrod, to spearhead his ambitious attempt to build more than 200,000 affordable units in the next decade. His first year, he definitely set a strong tone and

precedent with his hardball negotiation with the owners of the Domino Sugar Factory in Brooklyn. But the actual number of new units getting off the ground in the first year is not on pace with the mayor's ambitious long-term plan, so he may have to hit the remedial room in 2015 to make up lost ground. He also didn't help the affordable housing cause by ham-handedly campaigning for state Senate Democrats who lost badly in the recent election; with rent regulations up for renewal in 2015 in Albany, he does not have many allies in the state Senate's Republican majority. If a large chunk of rent-regulated apartments go to market rate in the next few years, the mayor will feel like Sisyphus as the net number of affordable units actually goes down during his first term. Stay tuned and watch how the mayor plays ball with Albany and the governor in early 2015. **Grade: B**

LEARNING FROM MISTAKES: The mayor probably needs to have more than a better alarm clock to make sure he shows up when he says he will; he needs a person he trusts to pull him out of bed, end meet-

ings or cancel unnecessary appointments so he can shake his reputation for tardiness. And in personnel matters, he probably needs to be more decisive in getting rid of non-essential staffers such as Rachel Norderlingder when their alleged misdeeds start dominating the tabloid headlines. The mayor probably also needs to hit the reset button in his relations with the police unions; their antipathy was one of the things that sunk David Dinkins in 1993 -- and since the mayor had a front-row seat at that slow motion debacle he should be especially aware of the perils of upsetting the city's "thin blue line." **Grade: D**

Tom Allon, the president of City & State, NY, was the Liberal Party-backed candidate for mayor in 2012. He can be reached at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

BY AL D'ANGELO

The Morris Park Community Association was saddened by the loss of long time member and senior garden chairman Filippo Ferron. Filippo was the perfect example of a gentle giant. Always ready to help others wether it be with advice from his years of experience or his abilities as a craftsman. We send our deepest sympathy to his son Ben and his family on their loss. May he rest in peace.

The Morris Park Community would like to wish each and every one a happy and healthy holiday season. Please keep in your prayers the men and woman who protect us at home and abroad. It is their service and dedication that allows us to enjoy the free-



doms we sometimes take for granted.

We would like to thank CitiBank, The Foxy Family Inc. and members of the MPCA for working with us to provide toys to help those less fortunate. The toys were donated to the Harry H. Gordon School and Annex for children with special needs ages 2 to 5.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m., Please join us.

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On January 12 2015 at 1:00pm, West Farms Secure Self Storage located at 1725 West Farms RD, Bronx NY 10460, will hold a lien sale. The contents of the storage units listed below will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. For more information please call (718) 991-9010. Unit #s and Names:

1076 Diaz, Amanda 1084 Garcia, Ricardo 1085 Perez, Rosa 1086 Nesmith, Janet 1165 Claybrooks, Lori 1258 Widgen, Nick Sr. 1287 Ortiz, Bernardo 1338 Monroe, James 1344 West, Michelle

1347 Ortiz Cotto, Brian 1348 Irons-, Tasha 1373 McGaskey, Dorothy 1404 Pharr, Renee

1588 Centeno, Jasmine 1600 Hamilton, Alfonso 1640 Perez, Juan 1679 Alvarez, Giselle 1714 Way, Toni

1723 Duprey, Yesenia 1740 Vasquez, Flor I 1784 James, Willie 1824 Hernandez, Vilmarie

1837 Crawford, Rayteasha 1842 Gaskin, La Ron D 1899 Claybrooks, Lori 1909 Barnes, Anthony

1910 Barnes, Anthony 2120 Barber, Denise 2169 Paul, Curtis 2184 Alvarez, Ana

2217 Mnahsheh, Akwedmiel 2219 Mcclam, Dashawn 2241 Lacey, Marc 2250 Berrios, Victor

2278 Edwards, Hasani 2315 Beck, Nakima Y 2325 Reyes, Alex 2386 Mcneil, Tedra G

2542 Myrick, Patrice 2547 Medrano, Martha L 2576 Jackson, Roberto 2580 Godoy, Gebra

2609 Professional Car Color

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, A/K/A WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, F/K/A WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, Pltf. vs. GUIDO SUSI, et al, Defts. Index #381342/11. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 15, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Jan. 12, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 927 Vincent Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 5462, Lot 14. Said property located on the westerly side of Vincent Ave. distant 132 ft. southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Vincent Ave. with the southerly side of Barkley Ave., being a plot 95.31 ft. x 25 ft. x 95.33 ft. x 25 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$493,539.05 plus costs and interest. This is a First Mortgage. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DAVID P. LESCH, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP, PLLC, Attys. For Pltf., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 26727 - #85149

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. SHARON LAUDAT; SONIA MOORE; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES,

P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about October 15, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

On January 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM Premises known as 1562 UNIONPORT RD, BRONX, NY 10462 Block: 3944 Lot: 1447

THE Unit known as Apartment No. 5A (hereinafter called "The Unit") in the Building known as Number N-2 and by the Street Number 1562 Unionport Road in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, designated and described as Unit No. 5A in the Declaration establishing The Parkchester North Condominium (hereinafter called the "Property"), made by the Grantor under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), dated December 7, 1972, recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, in the County of Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972 in Reel 198 at Page 65 (hereinafter called the "Declaration") and designated as Tax Lot No. 1447 in Block No. 3944 of Section 15 of the Borough of the Bronx on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York, and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by Edward J. Hurley, Architect, on the 10th day of February, 1972 and filed in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, County of Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972 as Condominium Plan No. 2. TOGETHER with an undivided 0.290 percent interest in the Common Elements of the property, (hereinafter called the "Common Elements")

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$153,080.00 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380063/10

Ola M. Azeez, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. IKEOLUWAPO AGBOOLA; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about October 9, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

On January 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM Premises known as 3022 BRONX PARK EAST, BRONX, NY 10467

Section: 0 Block: 4543 Lot: 12 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, State of New York, City of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and

conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$415,059.43 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380357-13

Lorraine C. Corsa, Esq.; REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. WINSTON ISAAC; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 25, 2010, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On January 12, 2015 at 2:00 PM Premises known as 1519 Commonwealth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460

Block: 3917 Lot: 42 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected situated, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$227,151.41 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381130/08

FRANCIS J. APICELLA, ESQ.; REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF SAXON ASSET SECURITIES TRUST 2005-1

MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET BACKED NOTES, SERIES

2005-1, Plaintiff(s),

Against Index No.: 381056/13

ANDRE GARCIA, et al.,

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's

Office on 11/5/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/12/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 195 Throgs Neck Blvd, Bronx, New York 10465, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Section 1804, Block 5451 and Lot 39.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$495,948.92

plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 381056/13.

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

Joyce A. Brown, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 11/13/14 APA

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC., Index# 382020/10

Plaintiff(s), Against

SAMUEL O. GREENE, CYNTHIA GREENE, et al.,

Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered 10/29/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/5/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 915 East 224th Street, Bronx, NY 10466, described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4860 and Lot 37.

The approximate amount of the Judgment lien is \$243,886.72 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 382020/10.

Sergio Marquez, Esq., Referee

SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 11/3/2014 File Number: 21434 CN

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff(s), Against

Index No: 380991/11

JOYCE BINGHAM, JANET LOUISE BINGHAM, ET AL.,

Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 10/9/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, Room 600 on 1/26/2015 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1016 E. 223rd Street, Bronx, NY 10466, and described as follows:

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

Block 4869 and Lot 41.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$434,718.24 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380991/11.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee.

STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 187 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743

Dated: 12/19/2014 File Number: 201101003 PB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF FNF SERVICING, INC.

Plaintiff

-Against-

OMAR MOTA, OMAURIS MOTA ET. AL.

Defendants

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about 10/24/2014, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse Bronx N.Y. 10451, on January 26, 2015, at 2:00 pm premises known as:

889 East 169th St.

Bronx, New York 10459

Block: 2973 Lot: 153

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of The Bronx, City and State of New York, as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$ 586,889.52 plus interest and costs.

Index No.: 380858-2012

Youngik Yoon, Esq. REFEREE

McCabe, Weissberg & Conway, P.C.,

Attorney for Plaintiff

145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210

New Rochelle, New York 10801

Dated: November 28, 2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS

FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, against

JUAN HERNANDEZ, et al.,

Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated

6/9/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx

County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on

01/05/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1733 MANSION STREET,

Bronx, NY 10460 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 3913 LOT 54.

Approximate amount of judgment \$660,448.48 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#

380532/12. Maiakovsky Preval, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney

for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1120217

Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER
AND KENNY AGOSTO

Faith in the Human Race

The past week has been one of the most harrowing in recent memory.

On Tuesday, December 16, 132 students between the ages of 6 and 17 were taken from us in a terrorist attack in the city of Peshawar, Pakistan. Then, this past Saturday December 20, two NYPD police officers were shot and taken from us while sitting in their patrol car on a Brooklyn street.

These truly are times that test our resilience and our faith in human-kind.

An agonizing feeling of sadness and helplessness enveloped thousands of Pelham Parkway and Allerton Pakistani community members as they witnessed the worst thing that any once can witness - the death of their relatives' and friends' children and grandchildren by something preventable, irrational and despicable.

A few days later, a feeling of shock enveloped the entire city of New York as two New York Police Department officers were shot and killed while on-duty in their patrol car in a Brooklyn precinct.

It is admirable to seek non-violence and level-headed mindsets in our city, and our world as a whole. But, as you may know, everything starts at the community level.

Thus, in this time of fiery emotions and instability, we all need to look inside ourselves and at our neighbors, and implore them to act in peaceful, non-violent ways when expressing outrage and emotions about what is transpiring. Stay alert, communicate to your local community association, and urge your friends, family and neighbors to think before they act.

Read the words of Nobel Peace Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai. Read the words of Gandhi. Peaceful resistance. Non-violent protest.

As our 80th A.D. State Committeeman recited on Sunday, "If everyone believed in 'eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth', we would all be blind and toothless."

So think before you act. Don't act blindly. Seek inner-calm, and think of our young ones.

Comforting Our Pakistani Neighbors

On Sunday, December 21

Bronx Park East Community Association, with the help of Fordham University Student and Columbus Campus A.C.A. Graduate Hira Choudhry, organized a candlelight vigil in front of the Christopher Columbus High School campus to comfort our Pakistani community members devastated by the events in Peshawar, Pakistan. Over 85 residents and elected officials took part in the emotional, uplifting event.

It was a successful outing, helping to re-instill a sense of hope into many of the Pakistani residents in attendance, as well as the B-PECA members who took part.

With the help of B-PECA board member Norma Lopez, Kenny Agosto and Hazel Miura, we recited poems and spoke from our hearts about what is needed to propel ourselves through this trying time. Pakistani children and students spoke on the microphone, alongside 80th A.D. State Committeeman Joseph McManus, our Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Imam (Muslim Religious leader) Mudasar Husdain of local 'Noor ul Hudda' Mosque and many others.

At the end we all lit candles and participated in a moment of silence to honor those who perished. We all drank tea and hot chocolate, as we made new friends and mingled in the snow-flaked winter air.

This is how Team B-PECA creates hope in a time of despair; by bringing people together and reassuring them that we are all sisters and brothers, no matter our religion, race or background. And that we are here for each other.

After all, we are one race: the Human Race.

In Memoriam

This week in memoriam, we remember NYPD police officer Wen Jiann Liu, 32 and police officer Rafael Ramos, 40 who were both brutally assassinated in the line-of-duty while protecting the Thomkins Houses in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. The first Latino congressman born in Puerto Rico, first Latino Bronx borough president, and four-time mayoral candidate Herman Badillo, 85 who passed away from cardiovascular disease.

Bronx stalwart politician representing the northeast. Bronx, former Councilwoman

Madeline Provenzano, 78, died from cancer. She served as longtime aide to the late Councilman Michael DeMarco.

Five men slain in a synagogue in Jerusalem, Israel.

And, 132 children and eight of their teachers murdered in a school in Peshawar, Pakistan. May the souls of the honored dead Rest In Peace, and we keep their families in our thoughts and prayers during this bitter-sweet holiday season.

The next monthly community meeting of Bronx Park East Community Association will be on Thursday, January 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. inside the CenterLight building on 2401 White Plains Road. Our guests will include a rep from the NYC Comptroller's Office, as well as other speakers to be announced.

You can contact B-PECA any time of day by texting or calling (347) 654-7044, emailing bxparkeast@gmail.com and being a part of our vibrant facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast.

If you make any 311 complaints, email the confirmation numbers to us at bxparkeast@gmail.com so we can forward them to our elected officials.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association does not meet during the months of January and December. Please keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for special announcements.

Today, as I pick through the half dozen or so topics and announcements that I saved as material for this article, I only want to write about two topics.

I cannot proceed without first addressing the tragedy that struck our men and women who serve in the New York City Police Department. It is one thing to complain and protest against a perceived or real injustice. But it is a totally different matter to think that the way to correct an injustice is to pick up a gun and go out with the sole purpose and intent to take a human life just because they are cops.

I could fill a page listing perceived wrongs committed by the men and women of the NYPD, but I can fill a five-volume encyclopedia of the professional services that these men and women provide our

communities. If I were to include their self-less actions, their works of charity and their humane kindness that they bless our communities with, I could fill a 30-volume encyclopedia.

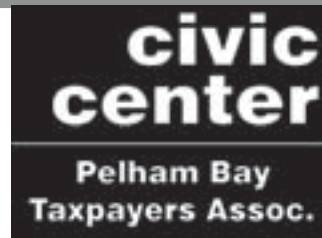
It is often said that 99% of the NYPD is good and that 1% is bad. Well, at times like these the NYPD deserves 110% of our blessings and support. When our men and women are under attack they are all worthy of our support, our respect, and our understanding.

To the families of Officers Ramos and Liu, on behalf of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association we send you our most sincere condolences.

It is heart breaking that Officer Ramos' 13-year old Jaden had to live through this at this time of year or at any time of the year. What I would like to say to him is that we know no one can replace your dad.

But I can share with you, as one person has said, "you have thousands of aunts and uncles who wear the uniform and are there for you."

I would like to add that



in this city of 8 plus million people in a country of over 315 million citizens you, your family, and your dad along with Officer Lui and his family have the prayers, blessings and respect that you all deserve. You are not alone nor will you ever be alone. In our society millions of us are there for you and we will stand by you.

Jaden your dad was a religious man he strived to become a chaplain. From what I have read about him I understand him to be a spiritual man. From his Christian tradition that shares the mysteries of Christmas with all other Christian faiths, I do believe that your dad would want us all to celebrate a very spiritual Christmas.

In this goal of having a spiritual Christmas let us all honor Officer Ramos and Officer Liu by participating in

the religious ceremonies of our choice.

At a time when two NYPD Officers died in the service to mankind just before we as a people would be celebrating the birth whom millions believe to be the Savior of mankind, it behooves us all to really contemplate what it means to be in the service of mankind.

How do we treat civil servant? Are they paid a fair wage, are their benefits just, do we respect them as we should, do we speak up on their behalf when their commissioners, City Hall, or our elected officials are not doing right by them, e.g. understaffing the police department, what is our responsibility in all of this?

Spirituality and civic responsibility, mutually exclusive I think not. Let me defer to a teacher who walked the earth long ago, Jesus of Nazareth.

When confronted by the Pharisees on whether it was just for Jews to pay taxes to the Romans His response was: Give to God that which is God and give to Caesar that which is Caesar's.

One of the many interpretations that exchange may have as I understand it is that we do have a Spiritual responsibility as well as a civic responsibility.

As for myself the first thing I would like our leadership to do for Officer Ramos in death what we did not have time to do for him in life. Let us grant him his wish to be a chaplain.

You all can help by calling 311 and leaving a message for Commissioner Bratton requesting that Officer Ramos be granted posthumously the Office of Chaplain within the NYPD.

On behalf of the board of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers we wish you all a very spiritual and meaningful Christmas.

Please note our new mailing address. We are no longer using a mailbox address. Please mail your membership dues of \$10 to Maryann Maiorana, attention Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association, 1720 Mayflower Avenue, apt. 9H, Bronx, NY. 10461. Please feel free to come to our meetings. Our meetings are open.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff(s),
Against
Index No: 380883/12
YARON ZIEGEL, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in
the Bronx County Clerk's Office on
9/18/2014, I, the undersigned Referee,
will sell at public auction at The Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on
1/12/2015 at 2:00 pm, premises known
as 3909 Dyre Avenue, Bronx, NY
10466, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough and
County of the Bronx, City and State of
New York, and designated on the tax
maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as
Block 4968 and Lot 20.

The approximate amount of the
current Judgment lien is \$306,484.86
plus interest and costs. The premises
will be sold subject to provisions of the
aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale; Index # 380883/12.

Eli Babaev Esq., Referee.
STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
(Attorneys for Plaintiff), 187 East Main
Street, Huntington, NY 11743

Dated: 10/31/2014 File Number:
201202749 GR

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT - COUNTY OF B R O N X
GREENTREE SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff
-against-

JULIO VILLARONGA, ET AL., De-
fendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of
foreclosure and sale duly dated OCTO-
BER 20, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction to the high-
est bidder at BRONX COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851
GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW

YORK on January 12, 2015 at 2:00
PM premises known as 1719 BARNES
AVE, BRONX, NY 10462. ALL that cer-
tain plot, piece or parcel of land, lying
and being in the Borough and County
of BRONX, City and State of New York.
Block 4036 Lot 17 Approximate amount
of lien \$467,630.11 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed judgment Index #
380256-12 FRANCIS D. TERRELL,
ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND
ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE
PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY
ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY
11514 DATED: December 05, 2014
FILE # GREENTREE 57944

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, CENTRAL MORTGAGE
COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. LISANDRO
AMEZQUITA, GERMAN AMEZQUITA,
ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May
03, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851

Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on
January 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 1903 Harrison Avenue, Bronx,
NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, Block 2868 and Lot 163. Premises
will be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index # 380928/07.

Albert W. Cornachio, 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 FOR RASC 2006-EMX6,
Plaintiff, against WILLIS MOORE, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
5/22/2014 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on
01/26/2015 at 02:00PM, premises
known as 738 EAST 234TH STREET,
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: 4997, LOT: 83.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$635,211.68 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
380431/09. Heddyeh P. Broumand,
Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC,
Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540,
Getzville, NY 14068 1123765

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

4009 WHITE PLAINS FUNDING,
INC., Plaintiff against WHITE PLAINS
DISCOUNT FURNITURE, INC., et al
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 01,
2013 and entered on May 20, 2013, I,
the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the Bronx Supreme
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY, on January 5,
2015 at 2:00 pm premises
situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, being more
particularly bounded and described as
follows: BEGINNING at a point on the
westerly side of White Plains Road,
distant 59.96 feet Northerly from the
corner formed by the intersection of the
said Westerly side of White Plains Road
and the Northerly side of East 226th
Street; being a plot 100.01 feet by 92.94
feet by 100.01 feet by 92.94 feet.

Block: 4829 Lot: 21
Said premises known as 4009-4019
WHITE PLAINS ROAD, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien
1,454,692.18 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed judgment and terms of
sale. Index Number 382019/2010.

RICHARD O. TOLCHIN, ESQ.,
Referee
Konner Teitelbaum & Gallagher
Attorney(s) for plaintiff
462 Seventh Avenue 12th, New York
NY 10018

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US
BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN
INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR
MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, Plaintiff,
against OFORIWA OFORI-ANYINAM,
et al. Defendant(s). Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated 9/24/2014 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx,
NY on 01/12/2015 at 02:00PM,
premises known as 862 EAST 175TH
STREET, Bronx, NY 10460 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 2957 Lot 31.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$793,476.52 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
381610/10. Gerald Goldsmith, Esq.,
Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney
for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY
14068 1121354

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC
Bank USA, National Association, as
Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance
Corporation Mortgage Pass-through
Certificates, Series 2007-3, Plaintiff,
against Veejai Rajaram; et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
October 8, 2014 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York
on January 12, 2015 at 2:00PM,
premises known as 1237 Boynton
Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472 All that
certain plot piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, Block 3773 Lot 59.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$528,123.79 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
381087-12. Michael H. Maizes, Esq.,
Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile
Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY
14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October
24, 2014 1117762 12/12, 12/19, 12/26,
01/02/2015

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-HE4, Plaintiff, against Felicia
Lapaix; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to
a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
duly dated August 6, 2014 I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Room 600, Bronx, NY on January 5,
2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as
216 Husson Avenue, and 214 Husson

Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 All that
certain plot piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being in the
Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx,
City and State of NY, Block 3460 Lots
12 and 13. Approximate amount of
judgment \$617,402.76 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
382180/2010. Francis T. Alberts, Esq.,
Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile
Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY
14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October
28, 2014 1117957 12/5, 12/12, 12/19,
12/26/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US
BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE
MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-3,
ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-
BACKED PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3,
Plaintiff, against SEAN IBITOYE, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
10/30/2014 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on
01/26/2015 at 02:00PM, premises
known as 1069 INTERVAL AVENUE,
Bronx, NY 10459 All that certain plot
piece or parcel of land, with the
buildings and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in the Borough
of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, BLOCK: 2700, LOT:
151. Approximate amount of judgment
\$666,178.41 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
381354/10. Henry Max Adler, Esq.,
Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney
for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY
14068 1123539

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff,
against Gulam Zilani; Baharul Islam; et
al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated October 1, 2014 I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Room 600, Bronx, New York on January
26, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as
1940 and 1942 Paulding Avenue, Bronx,
NY 10462 All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying and
being in the Borough and County of
Bronx, City and State of New York,
Block 4269 Lot 53 and 54. Approximate
amount of judgment \$688,819.87 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be
sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index# 381411/09. Biana
Perez, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro &
Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard,
Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835
Dated: November 26, 2014 1121823
12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 01/16/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA
HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15,
Plaintiff, against RITA D. MARKS, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
3/27/2012 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on
01/26/2015 at 02:00PM, premises
known as 4155 WILDER AVENUE,
Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot
piece or parcel of land, with the
buildings and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in the Borough
of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, Block: 5021, Lot: 67.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$478,443.80 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
382903/09. Heddyeh P. Broumand,
Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC,
Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540,
Getzville, NY 14068 1122850

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH
CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its
unit owners of the Parkchester South
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - JOSE
FERNANDEZ, et. al., Defendants.
Pursuant to a Judgment dated October
1, 2014, I will sell at public auction on
January 26, 2015, 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 South Condominium known
as apartment 4B, in the building known
as E-10 a/k/a 76, and by street address
1610 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New
York, and designated as Tax Lot 4759 in
Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map
of the Borough of Bronx, together with
an undivided .0163 percent interest in
the common elements of the
Parkchester South Condominium. The
amount due under the Judgment is
\$10,547.72, with interest, costs, etc.
Sale subject to terms of sale and
provisions of the Judgment herein,
including being subject to a mortgage
held by Bank of America, N.A., in the
original principal sum of \$190,000.00
with interest.

Index No. 381112-2012. OLAM
AZEER, Esq., Referee
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Fresh Direct breaks ground in Mott Haven location

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He also stressed that about 80% of the funding for the project was private money, and that the tax abatements granted to FreshDirect were as of right because they were developing vacant land. He said that the tax abatements the company receives will occur over 40 years.

Borough President Diaz also lauded the new development as one that is indicative of what he terms the 'New Bronx.'

"This project represents new jobs, and new development, and is a key component of our 'New Bronx' agenda," said the borough president. "FreshDirect has cleared every hurdle placed in its way, and today's groundbreaking puts the company on the fast track to their future Bronx relocation."

Diaz said that more than 50% of FreshDirect's new hires over the past year have been Bronxites, and that as many as 1,000 new Bronx hires are planned.

Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, an arm of the borough president's office, worked with FreshDirect.

Meanwhile, outside FreshDirect, protesters chanted slogans like "a meals on wheels for the well-heeled" and "we just want a living wage, FreshDirect makes you a slave." The demonstrators spoke of high asthma



Flanked by elected and appointed officials, and community leaders, the president and CEO of FreshDirect Jason Ackerman (c) and Borough President Diaz dig in during the ceremonial ground breaking.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

rates, the need for public parks and waterfront access, and living-wage concerns.

The protestors said in a statement that they are supported by Congressman José Serrano, Senator José M.

Serrano, City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and City Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo

Van Nest school name up for grabs

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son and does not represent his feelings nor the rest of the neighborhood alliance's, who in the wake of Provezano's death decided to support Vacca's pitch to name the school after her.

The alliance and Vacca have agreed the gymnasium of the school should be named after Nolan, who also has a stretch of Williamsbridge Road named in his honor.

"Everybody's on board that the school be named after Madeline," said Nolan. "I can't say enough about her."

But despite all the discussion, the process to name the school has not formally begun.

The school name will be chosen by Community Education Council 11, who will solicit nominations from community groups and locals starting in February, said CEC president Pamela Johnson.

A CEC committee will be formed to discuss the potential names before coming before the full board for a vote.



The former St. Dominic School at 1684 White Plains Road is set to be the site of a new public elementary school, P.S. 311, slated to open for the 2015-2016 school year.

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In order to name the school after a person, the council requires a letter from the deceased's family, and statements of support from local officials and community boards or associations do in-

fluence the decision.

But right now, the playing field for potential names is wide open.

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Alberto Melendez, Luis Melendez, Attor-
ney General of The State of New York
and George Melendez, whose
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state; (2) Determining that the election
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December 9, 2014 Hon. Nelida Malave-
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quired by law. You are not obliged to ap-
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will be assumed that you consent to the
proceedings, unless you file written ver-
ified objections thereto. You have a right
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days before the return date (207.7c).

LEGAL NOTICE

S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S
O N S Filed 12-15-2014 INDEX
NO.260122/14 Plaintiff designates
Bronx County as the place of trial. The
basis of venue is the location of real
property in the Bronx County. Plaintiff's
principal office is located at 1970 East
Tremont Ave. County of Bronx
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 -
YUNESH PATEL, his 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 otherwise,
any right, title or interest in the real
property described in the complaint
herein, NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND
FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, SHEILA BIRTH,
Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to answer the Complaint
in this action and to serve a copy of your
answer on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within
20 days after service of this SUMMONS,
exclusive of the day of service (or within
30 days after the service is complete if
this SUMMONS is not personally
delivered to you within the State of New
York), and in case of your failure to
appear or answer, judgment will be
taken against you by default for the relief
demanded in the Complaint served
herewith. Dated: June 23, 2014 ROY,
MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO,
ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff 828 South
Broadway, Suite 100 Tarrytown, New
York 10591

(914) 591-7722 This is an action for
the foreclosure of a condominium lien
for common charges on premises
known as 1651 Metropolitan Avenue,
Unit 5F, Bronx, NY under Block 3944
Lot 3795 owned by Yunesh Patel. The
amount due upon the lien is the sum of
\$8,435.31 computed through June 30,
2014, which charges continue to accrue
monthly.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
Index No. 260101/14 SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS IN TAX LIEN
FORECLOSURE Plaintiffs designate
Bronx County as the place of trial since
the property that is the subject of this
foreclosure action is located in that
county. NYCTL 2012-A TRUST and
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,
as Collateral Agent and Custodian for
the NYCTL 2012-A Trust, Plaintiffs, -
against- CARROL ST. JULIEN, and all
of the respective heirs, next of kin,
distributees, devisees, grantees,
trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees
and successors in interest of CARROL
ST. JULIEN, if they or any of them be
dead, and their respective husbands,
wives or widows, if any, all of whom
and whose names and places or residence
are unknown to plaintiff, except as
herein stated, LASALLE BANK
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YORK, NEW YORK CITY
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD,

THE NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND
FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE" No. 1
through "JOHN DOE" No. 100 inclusive,
the names of the last 100 defendants
being fictitious, the true names of said,
defendants being unknown to plaintiffs,
it being intended to designate fee
owners, tenants or occupants of the
liened premises and/or persons or
parties having or claiming an interest in
or a lien upon the liened premises, if the
aforesaid individual defendants be dead,
their heirs at law, next of kin,
distributees, executors, administrators,
trustees, committees, devisees,
legatees, and the assignees, lienors,
creditors and successors in interest of
them, and generally all persons having
or claiming under, by, through, or
against the said defendants named as a
class, of any right, title, or interest in
or lien upon the premises described in
the complaint herein Defendants. To the
above named Defendants: YOU ARE
HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the
complaint in this action and to serve a
copy of your answer, or, if the complaint
is not served with this summons, to
serve a notice of appearance, on the
undersigned within 20 days after the
service of this summons, exclusive of
the day of service (or within 30 days
after the service is complete if this
summons is not personally delivered to
you within the State of New York); and
in case of your failure to appear or
answer, judgment will be taken against
you by default for the relief demanded
herein. Plaintiffs designate Bronx
County as the place of trial. Venue is
based upon the county in which the
property, a lien upon which is being
foreclosed, is situated. To the above
named defendants the forgoing
summons is served upon you pursuant
to an order dated the 20th day of
November, 2014 by order of the Hon:
John A. Barone. J.S.C. Premises situate
lying and being in the County of Bronx,
known and designated on the City Tax
map as Block 2627 Lot 50. NOTICE
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YOUR HOME If you do not respond to
this summons and complaint by serving
a copy of the answer on the attorney for
the Plaintiffs 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 complaint
and protect your property. Sending a
payment to the Plaintiff will not stop this
foreclosure action. YOU MUST
RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF
THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY
FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE
ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated:
New York, New York July 14, 2014
ROSENBERG & ESTIS, P.C. Attorneys
for Plaintiffs

By: _____
Jamie C. Krapf 733 Third Avenue,
New York, New York 10017 (212) 867-
6000

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
In the Matter of the Commitment of
ISABELLA ESMERALDO ESPINAL
SUMMONS Docket No.: B7159/14 A
minor under the age of eighteen years,
to the guardianship and custody of
CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES
pursuant to Section 384-b. of the Social
Services Law of the State of New York.
IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO:
JULIO ENRIQUE ESPINAL

ADDRESS: UNKNOWN A petition
having been filed in this Court, alleging
that the above - named child in the care
of Catholic Guardian Services, should
be committed to the guardianship and
custody of Catholic Guardian Services,
an authorized agency. A copy of said
petition being annexed hereto. You are
hereby summoned to appear before this
Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Part 10,
Bronx, NY 10451 on February 19, 2015
before JUDGE LUPULOFF at 2:30 in
the afternoon of said day to show Cause
why the Court should not enter an Order

committing the guardianship and
custody of said child to the petitioning
authorized agency and the
Commissioner of Social Services of the
City of New York as a dependent child
as provided by law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said
child is found to be a destitute or
dependent child as defined by Section
384-b. of the Social Services Law and if
guardianship and custody are awarded
to said authorized agency and the
Commissioner of Social Services of the
City of New York, said child may be
adopted with the consent of said
authorized agency and the
Commissioner of Social Services of the
City of New York without further notice
to you. In the event of your failure to
appear before the Court, all of your
parental rights in the child may be
terminated. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER
NOTICE that said failure to appear
before the Court shall constitute a denial
of your interest in the child, which denial
may result in the transfer or commitment
of the child's care, custody or
guardianship or in the child's adoption,
all without further notice. You are
entitled, as a matter of law, to be
represented by Legal counsel at all
stages of the proceedings herein.

If you cannot afford to retain private
counsel, the Court, at your request, will
assign an attorney to represent you
throughout these proceedings without
charge to you. Dated: 12/10/14 BY
ORDER OF THE COURT s/Michael J.
Williams Clerk of Court

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

WEEK 15
Patriots (12-3) 17
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The Jets' D pretty much manhandled Brady, sacking him 4 times, hitting him, and rushing him. You can say what you want about Rex Ryan, but you can't say he's not a good defensive coach. NE only rushed for 85 on 24 carries, and passed 23/35, 182. As far as I can see, Geno's 1 INT and Folk's missed FG turned the game away from the Jets.

Giants (6-9) 37

Rams (6-9) 27

The Rams appeared to think they could get the Giants off their game with rough stuff but NY only had that 1 incident protecting Beckham where 2 s players were bounced. The Rams didn't stop and later on one of the Ram defenders launched himself at Beckham who stopped short and the Ram hit his own team mate, injuring him.

The Giants ran McAdoo's offense pretty well and totaled 514 yards to the Rams' 387. Williams rushed 26-110yds. Beckham caught 8 for 148yds. and 2 TDs.

Yankee Hot Stove

Andrew Marchand (ESPN.com) said, "Brian Cashman is preaching patience and insists the Yankees should not and will not do anything they are not comfortable doing. Basically, the current organizational philosophy is discipline over big splashes.

Now it is time to see if it stays that way.

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NO EXCUSES: HAYES LACKLUSTER IN LOSS TO CHRIST THE KING

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Joe Lods could have taken that easy way out and blame his Cardinal Hayes team's lackluster performance against Christ the King on its obvious youth and inexperience. That however won't help this group move past it.

"That sounds like a good excuse," the Cardinals Hayes coach said.

Three first half fouls on star point guard Clive Allen handcuffed Hayes offensively. When no one consistently picked up the slack, host Christ the King build an early lead it would never relinquish in a 64-46 victory in CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball Friday night. The Cardinals scored 16 points in the first half and watched Allen pick up a fourth foul when being called for a clear charge early in the third quarter.

"My message to the guys is always the same," Lods said. "It's not about youth, inexperience. All that is coaches talking trying to save their jobs. We just need to play. We have to play harder than that"

The Cardinals (3-3) were out of sorts early and struggled shooting from the outside. Nationally ranked Christ the King used its speed advantage to turn Hayes misses into transition points. The Royals went on a 12-0 run to grab a 16-4 lead late in the first quarter. Hayes trailed just 27-16 at the half, but a 10-3 third quarter spurt gave CK it's biggest lead at 44-22 with 1:44 to go in the frame. Allen's absence had a biggest affect on the Cardinals player.

"It took us completely out of rhythm," Hayes forward Chris Middleton said. "He's usually the heart of our offense. Without him in there some one had to step up, but unfortunately was had a hard time."

Middle and Allen each scored nine points apiece for Hayes. Ramello Rashad added eight. Sophomore point guard Jose Alvarado paced CK (5-0) with 18 points and Rawle Alkins chipped in 15.



Jefferey Hayden of Cardinal Hayes takes the ball to the basket.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

While Lods expects more from this group, he understands it is going to be a process. The goal is to be hitting its stride in February and March when the games begin to matter most. His team

is still learning, still finding its identity after graduating a large group of talented seniors. Who will be the players to lead this year's group is still to be decided.

"Last year a lot of use

didn't play," Middleton said. "We only played eight players. This year everyone is getting an opportunity. Whoever plays well. That's going to be the guys who play the whole game"

2014 All-Bronx Girls Soccer Honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx remained the home of some of the city's top girls soccer teams.

None were able to bring home a post-season championship, but Riverdale and Bronx Science both reached their respective title games. The Falcons edged out Horace Mann to win the Ivy League crown and the Wolverines were the top seed in the PSAL playoffs before falling to rival Beacon in the final. Lehman was the borough's biggest surprise, reaching the PSAL Class 'B' semifinals as the No. 13 seed. Preston and Cardinal Spellman both had strong seasons in the CHSAA.

Here are the players considered the best of the best in the Bronx:

All-Bronx Girls' Soccer Player of the Year: *Amaris Hemmings, Riverdale*

The dynamic Hemmings wrote a great final chapter to her stellar fourth-year varsity career. The lightning quick forward scored more than 20 goals this season, including the winner in the semifinals to send Riverdale to the NYSAIS title game. Hemmings did so while being the focus of opponents' defenses.

All-Bronx Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year: Dayna Moneta, Lehman: The Lions featured just two seniors on the roster, but under Moneta's guidance their young players grew up fast. Lehman went 10-3 during the regular season and reached the semifinals as the No. 13 seed, before fall to eventual city champion Math, Science and Engineering.

All-Bronx Girls Soccer First Team

D Emma Carrillo, Spellman

Carrillo was the veteran leader of an inexperienced defense. She helped bring the group together quickly and made it one on the borough's best units. Her strength and savvy made her tough to beat.

F Danae Dookhike, Cardinal Spellman



Riverdale's Courtney Taylor is an All-Bronx First Team selection by the Bronx Times.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

The senior is one of the most feared goal scorers in the CHSAA. Dookhike is smart with the ball at her feet and makes the most her chances. She helped lead Spellman to a second place finish.

D/M Gianna Finz, Bronx Science

Finz toughed her way through a torn ACL all season and took a different role by playing mostly on defense. That didn't stop the senior from providing offense. She netted five goals and dished out three assists.

F Madeline Giannini, Preston

Giannini is one of the borough's most dynamic scorers and really carried the load for the Panthers this season. The senior's speed and foot skills allowed her to easily weave her way through opposing defenses for goals.

GK Jenny Kronish, Riverdale

Kronish is arguably the city's best keeper and Division-I prospect at the position. The 6-foot-1 senior recorded 14 shutouts, including two in the post season. She was a key reason Riverdale reached the NYSAIS final.

M Courtney Taylor, Riverdale

The senior made things go for Riverdale team that dominated opponents. Taylor's skill and strength allowed her to control play at midfield. She never missed a chance to swing momentum in the Falcons favor.

M/D Sydney Schulman, Bronx Science

Schulman did a little bit of everything for the Wolverines. She was a calming influence on the field, scored

nine goals and dished out seven assists. Schulman could also drop back into the defense if need be.

F Alexandra Steir, Horace Mann

Steir has been a prolific scorer throughout her career at Horace Mann and continued to be as senior. She came up with countless big plays leading the Lions to a second play finish in the Ivy League.

D Sarah Tiffany, Riverdale

Tiffany has been a stalwart on the Falcons defense since her freshman year and this unit bay have been the best because of her leadership. The senior was always in the right sport and super dependable on ball defender.

D Rachel Trebech, Horace Mann

The Lions made a run at an Ivy League title thanks to Trebech's efforts in the back. Her leadership and never wavering effort made the backbone of a defense that gave even the best of offenses fits. The seniors' presence will be missed.

F Lydia Wiener, Bronx Science

The may not have been a faster striker in the PSAL. The juniors' wheels allowed he to put constant pressure on defenses. She scored 16 goals, including eight in the playoff and dished out 14 assists.

Honorable Mention

M Alexandra Davis Horace Mann

GK Salimatou Diallo, Lehman

GK Shai Goodman, Fieldston

M Makani Kaba, Truman

D Danielle Kibler, Preston

D Amy Miranti, Riverdale/Kingsbridge

M Ashley Pacheco, Christopher Columbus

M Minjee Lee, Bronx Science

F Meleniam Rahaman, Herbert Lehman

M Meleni Rahaman, Bronx Science

M Amanda Schnell, Riverdale

F Samantha Rosette, Riverdale/Kingsbridge

St. Barnabas HS Basketball Team Wins the 2nd Annual Kalie Gill Tournament

On December 11 and 12 St. Barnabas High School hosted the Second Annual Kalie Gill Memorial Basketball Tournament. SBHS, along with Cristo Rey High School, the Academy of Mt. St. Ursula and St. Raymond's Academy for Girls, battled hard for two days for the top spot. On Friday, December 12th, after defeating Cristo Rey in the first round, the SBHS Bears were named the winners of the tournament by defeating St. Raymond's in the championship game.

Cristo Rey High School took third place by defeating The Academy of Mt. St. Ursula.

With the Gill family present, Kalie's younger sister and SBHS freshman, Lindsey, presented the Bears with the winning trophy and medals to the All-Tournament Team members and MVP. SBHS juniors Arjeta Vukaj and Kayla Elliott were selected to the All-Tournament team. Elliott was also named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The tournament is held

in memory of the St. Barnabas High School sophomore, Kalie Gill, who was tragically killed in the Woodlawn section of the Bronx on October 11, 2013 during an annual Oktoberfest and fundraiser at Coyne Park. The Second Annual Tournament raised over \$2,000 through ticket sales, donations and raffles. All money raised will go towards the Kalie Gill Memorial Scholarship and awarded to a deserving student.

If you wish to make a do-



First place St. Barnabas High School Bears with Lindsey Gill at the Second Annual Kalie Gill Memorial Basketball Tournament.

nation to the Kalie Gill Memorial Scholarship, contact Jennifer Geideman, MPA in the St. Barnabas High School Advancement Office at (718) 325-8800, ext. 11 or jgeideman@stbarnabashigh.com.

Manhattan beats Fordham

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Manhattan got off to a slow start against Fordham, but it used its experience to bounce back.

The Jaspers from their early struggles to beat the Rams 71-57 in the 107th "Battle of the Bronx" held at the Barclays Center on Dec. 22. Manhattan has now won the game three of the last four years. Jaspers coach Steve Masiello saw his team make strides in the victory.

"I thought our team really showed great poise, showed their experience by not getting rattled, not getting too down or too up," he said.

The Jaspers found their rhythm midway through the first half, as they went on an 18-4 run led by two threes by Shane Richards and a three by Zane Waterman. Richards then hit his third triple of the half to put Manhattan, which went 5-9 from behind the arc in the first half, up 30-23. ?

Fordham coach Tom Pecora said, "We did a poor job with Richards," Pecora said. "We were in a defense where we switch assignments on screens and dribble handoffs, twice he got really good looks off of those."

Manhattan (4-7) continued to shoot the three-ball well in the second half. Richard Williams started the half with back-to-back treys to make it 36-27. Emmy Andujar, who scored 14 points, would put in



Manhattan's Emmy Andujar was named the game's MVP in the win over Fordham.
Photo by Robert Cole

four of the Jaspers next eight points to cap a 48-14 rally going back to 13:44 of the first half. It put Manhattan up 52-30. Andujar was named the game's MVP.

"This kid is what college basketball is all about, this kid right here," Masiello said. "What he's been through, how he handles himself. If we get 13 of him, he's a coach's dream."

The Rams (3-6) didn't go away. Mandell Thomas, who had 14 points, hit a three to cut the Manhattan lead to 61-51 with 2:37 left. After Ashton Pankey connected on one of two free throws, Chris Sengfelder made a layup to bring the Rams with in nine.

But that was a close as Fordham, which opened the

game on 16-4 run would get. The Rams shooting 12 of 25 from the free throw line hurt them.

Moving the Battle of the Bronx to the Barclays Center didn't hurt the atmosphere of the contest. It's a venue Masiello believes can help the rivalry.

"I thought it was great," Masiello said. "I'll go play at Rucker, it doesn't matter to me. It's really, the venue's more about the fans and the alumni, what they like. I don't care where we play. What I want to do is get more brand recognition for this rivalry. I think it's one of the best rivalries in college basketball, I really do. It has so much history and tradition."

Velocity Track competes at NJ's AAU

BY WINSTON DINKINS

On Sunday, December 14, Velocity Track Club New York traveled to Tom Rivers, New Jersey to compete in the New Jersey AAU (American Amateur Union) Development Meet at the Bennett Complex - The Bubble.

The competition was good and well organized. Awards were given to the top six athletes/gender in their division. Due to the limited space for this article, I will mention VTC's top three athletes:

In the girls 8 & under division, Tiarra Jackson took 2nd in the 1500 meter race. In the boys 8 years & under division, Avery Philip took 1st place in the shot put. In the girls 9 & 10 division, River Sampson was a double threat, she took 2nd in the 55 meter dash and 3rd in the 200 meter race.

In the boys 9 & 10 divi-

sion, Dontae Lindo, Julian Caldwell, Isaac Obeng and Ethan Mohan continues their dominance in the 4 x 200 meter relay.

Next year, Ethan and Isaac will be moving up to the older division. Who will step up to join this winning relay team of Dontae, Julian & Jordan? Also, Dontae took 2nd in the 1500 meter race. In the boys' 11 & 12 years old division, Kristian Cadiz-Domville was also a double threat; he won the 400 meters race and took 2nd in the 200 meter race. Adrian Swift-Henry took 2nd & Daijon James took 3rd in the shot put. Nariah Mathis worked her way into the award category, by taking 3rd in the girls 13 & 14 division. Darius Gordon took 2nd in the boys 15 & 16 years old 800 meter race. Plus, we had many athletes that per-

formed their personal best. Great Job!!!

On Friday, December 19 through Sunday, December 21s our girls will be competing in the Women Colgate Games. This is the nation's largest amateur youth girl's track & field event that give out educational grants. The competition will be fierce and a great experience for young girls who are interested in track & field.

Anyone interested in supporting Velocity Track Club New York. We are a 501(c)3 - Non-for Profit. Just write the check of any size to Velocity Track Club New York. Your donation is a tax write off and we will send you a receipt. For additional information, Contact Coach Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or email me at WATCLT@AOL.COM.

Sneaks thief; NFL hot seats

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As each starter falls off the board, the bread crumbs lead to the Yankees maybe making a late run at Scherzer if they want to be true playoff and World Series contenders in 2015.

Scherzer offers the innings and the dominant stuff to combine with a strong bullpen that could vault the Yankees back into October. All the Yankees need to do is change their new-found policy of not giving long-term deals to 30-something pitchers. Just because the Yankees sat out the winter meetings doesn't mean they plan to sit out the winter, and certainly self-proclaimed "finance geek" Hal Steinbrenner must know it's bad business to send out basically the same team in 2015 that missed the playoffs in 2014 -- and 2013, for that matter -- and expect anyone but the most naive or foolish to buy tickets to watch it play.

Baseball is a business, and Yankees baseball is the biggest business of all, and if Hal S. and his baseball brain trust think they had problems at the gate and on the YES Network last year, just wait until they see how many people bother to peek in at essentially the same team that won a meager 84 games last year, only minus Robertson and Derek Jeter, and with Alex Rodriguez.

That is why I don't think the Yankees' roster you see now is the one you will see on Opening Day 2015, or even opening day of spring training, which is still more than two months away.

Boras is looking for \$200 million or so for Scherzer. It is such a large deal, that even Boras termed it an "ownership-level" decision. So it is up to Hal Steinbrenner how much of his money he wants to spend. It is a boatload, but it might be what the Yankees have to do."

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James Shields-32yrs, 6-3, 215-9yrs/mlb, 114-90, ave227inn/yr, 194k, 54bb-1.22WHIP

The Yankees will have 2 uniforms making over \$50 each (Headley at 51 and A-Rod 61m) when spring training begins. I'm not a fan of Headley's bat or A-Rod's glove.

Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) forwarded this, "At The Onion.com: "Lakers confident they just need another once-in-a-generation player to get back on track."

"So what if Mary had a little lamb? Jim Harbaugh has a cow every week."

Sneaks thief

A Memphis man has been charged with stealing a truck containing 7,500 pairs — \$1.5 million worth — of the latest LeBron 12 Nike shoes.

Prosecutors, in keeping with the theme, say they'll push for a slam dunk conviction.

"When Jaguars defensive tackle Sen'Derrick Marks took down Titans QB Charlie Whitehurst on the game's final play Thursday night, it triggered the eight-sack clause in Marks' contract that calls for a \$600,000 bonus.

That's what you call a big gain on the play.

Odell Beckham

Dan Graziano (ESPN.com) talked about Beckham's impact, "Beckham gives the Giants license to dream of a big, bright future. And it's not because of one great catch or one great game. It's because of what he's doing every single week, at the highest possible level. The most eye-popping thing about Odell Beckham Jr. right now is that he's making the eye-popping stuff routine."

NFL Hot Seats

The Sports Curmudgeon talked about the Jets, "Then there is Rex Ryan with the Jets. The only question I have is this: "Will the Jets wait until the Monday morning after the final game to fire him or will they do it as soon as the team clears the locker room after the final game?" But is there anyone better?" Then there's Jim Harbaugh, "The folks who run and own the Niners have gotten cross-wise with Jim Harbaugh to a degree that is irreconcilable even if only half the reports out there are true. Harbaugh has one more year to go on his contract so the Niners could trade him although they have given up a lot of leverage in that area by allowing so many negative reports to hit the streets. Maybe Harbaugh is the "glamor-hire" that Steven Ross covets? In any event, I count Jim Harbaugh as "Gone" from the Niners in 2015.

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