

## VIOLENT CRIME DOWN IN 2014

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The borough's crime statistics hit an important milestone this year.

"This year, for the second straight year, the number of murders in the Bronx was lower than 100, a level of success in policing this borough had not seen since the early 1960s," said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. in a statement.

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In addition to the good news across the borough in 2014, there were a few significant improvements locally in the year-end reports from the 45th and 49th precincts.

### 45th Precinct

Overall crime in the four-five was up just slightly in



Officers outside of the 45th Precinct station house on Barkley Avenue. File photo

2014—2.5 percent, said commanding officer Captain James McGeown, but crime in the precinct is still down

about 10 percent in the past three years.

A big part of the overall uptick was attributed to a rise in identity theft and scams, said McGeown.

The precinct saw a 54 percent increase in identity theft and fraud (there were 56 cases this year), and reports of scams were up 300 percent (28 in 2014 vs. 7 in 2013.)

The crime prevention and community affairs officers have been working hard to spread the message to residents, who should take care to protect their personal information.

"That's something we address at almost every community meeting," McGeown.

Theft of unattended property was also up about 19 percent, which McGeown attributes to the new malls. While people are shopping, people

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## Three Kings Celebration

Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda hosted the second annual Three Kings Day celebration on Sunday, January 11 at the Church of the Holy Family in Castle Hill. The celebration included a performance of the story of the Three Kings, played by (l-r) Luis Cruz, Edwin Garcia, and Cesar Diaz.

Photo by Laura Stone

## Protestors demand Vacca joins horse-drawn carriage ban

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Demonstrators from the animal rights group NYCLASS want Councilman James Vacca to support pending City Council legislation to ban horse-drawn carriages in the city.

The group said they are targeting Vacca because he sponsored legislation several years ago to change the carriage industry.

The handful of protestors assembled outside his office on January 12 and urged the councilman to "Keep your promise to the animals."

But Vacca said the previous bill he supported was more about the humane treatment of the carriage horses and did not have the same potential for job losses.

The councilman said he cares about animals greatly and does have concerns about the horses being treated humanely.

But the current legislation, which would provide avenues for carriage drivers to get green cab medallions, does not yet have his blessing.

Jose Bhuiyan, an organizer with NY-  
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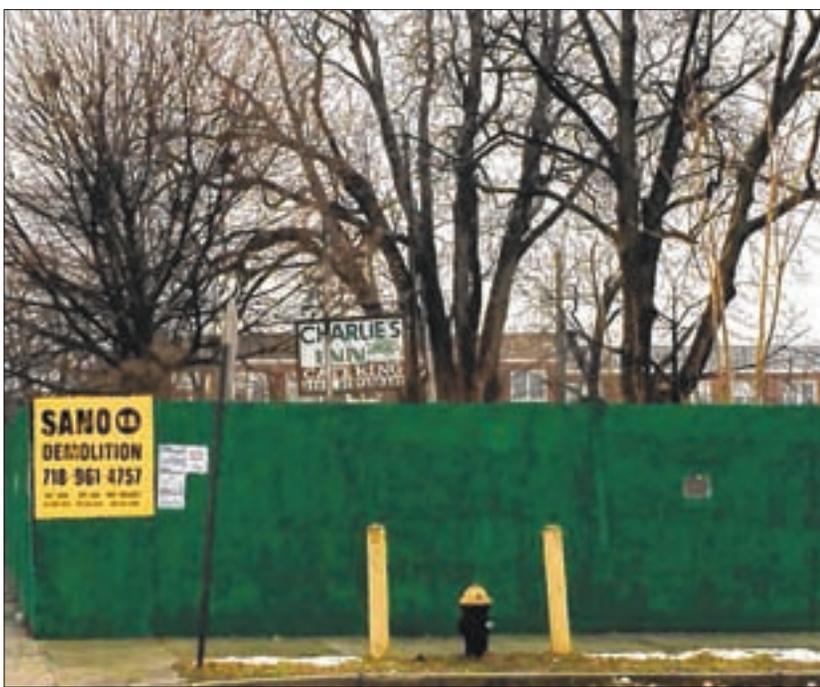
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Charlie's Inn on Harding Avenue has been demolished to make way for a 3 two-family homes.  
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## Homes to replace longtime Throggs Neck restaurant

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The former Charlie's Inn restaurant and bar in Throggs Neck has recently been demolished to make way for three 2-family homes along Harding Avenue.

The restaurant, owned for decades by the Gallagher family, closed its doors in 2007 and has sat vacant for years.

Charlie's Inn was a popular meeting place for neighborhood residents, and its loss was felt when the business shut down, said Throggs Neck Home Owners Association president Lynn Gerbino.

"We went there all the time," said Gerbino. "It just felt like home."

The restaurant hosted meetings and events for local veterans organizations and the St. Patrick's Day Committee, she said, in addition to being the go-to place to commemorate milestones.

"Everybody went there to cele-

brate," said Gerbino. "Baptisms, birthdays, communions, everything."

It was sad to see the site lay vacant and in disrepair for years, and Gerbino said she's glad that the redevelopment is moving forward. The new private homes will be a big improvement for the area.

The construction permits for the lots between Balcolm and Graff avenues were filed by Royal Engineering, P.C. based in Queens.

Councilman James Vacca has been keeping an eye on the project, and said his only concern with the development so far is making sure the builders provide the minimum of three parking spaces per two-family home.

A two-family home can add four or more cars to the already existing parking problem, he said.

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**Rotary Club News**

Among many toy giveaways that the Rotary Club of the Bronx held during the Christmas and holiday season with the Sons of Italy Uguaglianza Northeast Bronx Lodge # 83, toys were delivered to the children at P.S. 811 on Longfellow Avenue in Longwood on Thursday, December 18. Several Santas were on hand to spread cheer. The Rotarians were greeted by the school's Glee Club, which gave them a surprise holiday concert.



A scene from the toy distribution held by the Bronx Rotary and the Sons of Italy, with support from Assmeblyman Marcos Crespo, at P.S. 811 in Longwood during the holiday season. Photo by the Rotary Club

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# Bronx GOP donates golf \$\$ to needy veterans

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Needy veterans will be getting help thanks to a generous donation from a borough political organization.

The Bronx County Republican Party has announced that it will donate one quarter of the proceeds from a golf outing held in September 2014 for the creation of a Veterans Welfare Fund, confirmed the party's county chairman John Greaney.

The fund will be administered through local Throggs Neck organization Bicentennial Veteran Memorial Park, Inc., said local veterans advocate and Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253 member Pat Devine.

A check presentation for \$3,870.60 is scheduled for the Throggs Neck Veterans Parade Dinner at Rino's Restaurant on Saturday, January 17, said Devine, who founded the 501(c)(3) organization that is going to be a conduit for the funding.

Devine sees the donation as the start of an all-purpose fund that can be used to help veterans, and their families, who are in need of assistance.

"There is a need out there, and people don't see it," said Devine. "Our organizations will get a phone call, and people will ask if there is any money for something and there is not. This fund will fill a gap."

He added: "Even though you cannot do everything, certain things you can do. You can make sure that people have a Christmas gift, or have food on the table. There are a lot of things like this that we don't see. We take it for granted."

Devine explained that it was Greaney's idea to create the fund, and he said that other political organizations and groups are welcome to contribute.

"(Greaney) started this, and he came through with it," he said.

Help to veterans is one of the strongest elements in the Bronx GOP's outreach since he took over as chairman in 2013, said Greaney, adding that he has created a veterans committee within the county party.

"The specific uses and the application process, we have not gotten into yet," said the chairman of the new fund. He



A non-profit founded to help establish Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park in Throggs Neck will serve as a financial vehicle for a new veterans fund. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

noted that the group has another golf outing coming up on Monday, May 18.

Bicentennial Veteran Memorial Park, Inc. is a good vehicle for the program because it has been in existence for 30

years, he said, adding that the fund will be used to benefit all veterans.

"We thought it was so much nicer giving the money directly to the veterans groups who will develop the policies

and procedures to help the needy," said Greaney. "We will assist in doing fund-raisers, and hopefully other organizations will start learning and do the same."

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# NY Rising to correct shoreline dangers

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The state will spend at least \$3 million to make the east Bronx waterfront more storm resilient.

After months of meetings, a committee of community members from a broad stretch of east Bronx waterfront, from Harding Park to City Island, decided on which projects to fund with the money provided by statewide storm resiliency effort NY Rising.

At the local effort's fourth and final open house at Providence Rest on Tuesday, January 13, committee members explained their reasons for funding or recommending 12 projects to increase protection of coastline communities in the wake of major storms.

Among the efforts fully funded through the NY Rising program, using money provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, are:

- a community recovery plan to enhance coordination with existing New York City resources (\$325,000)
- improvements to the waterfront Locust Point Civic Association building, including upgrades to emergency power and electrical, as well as an installation of a lift (\$700,000)
- making up to three vulnerable coastline street endings more storm resistant in order to protect low-lying waterfront communities and present opportunities



NY Rising East Bronx Waterfront Planning Committee member John Doyle (r) speaks to Frank Molinini about one of the featured projects at an open house on Tuesday, January 13.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

for increased public access and amenities (\$1.85 million)

- developing Edgewater Park's North Tower Firehouse as a community gathering place in case of emergencies, with improvements to make the building more secure in the face of storms (\$1 million)
- upgrading a pumping system in Edgewater Park to decrease the chances that control panels and electrical systems would be damaged in a weather event like Superstorm Sandy (\$150,000)

Other projects partially funded are a

study of Westchester Creek with an eye towards more community access, and street improvements in Ferry Point.

The east Bronx Waterfront was a bit different from some other NY Rising areas, said Tom Jost, the project manager for the east Bronx committee, because it covered a greater geographic area and spanned many communities.

Jane Protzman, co-chair of the east Bronx effort, was a strong proponent of the storm recovery plan because she felt that it would benefit her City Island commu-

nity, which she said can lack centralized communications. She stressed that all of the communities have similar needs.

Committee member and Community Board 10 vice-chairman John Marano said that one of his ideas that did not make the NY Rising cut was use of alternative energy to provide backup power throughout the area studied in case of storm emergencies.

"If we had solar energy backing up the power grids, our sub-pumps would not go out and our basements would not get flooded," he said.

Chrys Napolitano, also a committee member, said that it was just good to get everyone from the sprawling east Bronx shorelines together to discuss storm resiliency.

"If nothing else, it gave us some unity," said Napolitano.

Councilman James Vacca commended the volunteer committee members on their work, and their government partners, while explaining that much of the coastline along the waterfront in his district is vulnerable.

"The reality was this was a grassroots effort because all of you came and gave input," the councilman said to the committee.

NY Rising was an initiative started by Governor Cuomo. Local committee chairwomen were Protzman and Valerie Wilson.

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## 40th PCT.

**Monday, Jan. 5, 1:48 p.m.** — A suspect walked into the Apple Bank, located at 370 East 149 Street, approached a teller and demanded money. The teller refused and the suspect fled with no money.

## 41st PCT.

**Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1:21 p.m.** — Police officers responded to Fox Street and Simpson Street. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 46-year-old male unconscious and unresponsive with severe body trauma. A preliminary investigation determined that a 1996 Freightliner cement truck was parked on Simpson Street when the victim went underneath the vehicle and became pinned in the rotating cement mixer. EMS responded to the scene where he was pronounced deceased.

## 42nd PCT.

**Sunday, Jan. 4, 5:00 a.m.** — An unidentified male suspect broke in to the front passenger window of a construction van that was parked in front of 4000 Park Avenue and removed a meter reader and construction tools valued at approximately \$1400 dollars.

**Monday, Jan. 5, 2:01 p.m.** — The suspect entered the L & P Laundry, located at 1254 Southern Boulevard, where he verbally told the 32 year-old female



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worker that he had a gun and demanded money. The victim refused and the suspect fled empty handed.

## 43rd PCT.

**Thursday, Jan. 8, 6:13 p.m.** — A 46 year-old male was attempting to cross White Plains Road, in the vicinity of Westchester Avenue and outside of a marked crosswalk, where he stopped at the double yellow lines and was struck by a white van with U-Haul decals on the sides. The victim sustained head injuries and was transported by EMS to Jacobi Hospital for treatment. The vehicle sustained damage to the driver's side mirror as a result of the collision, but fled the scene without stopping.

## 46th PCT.

**Monday, Jan. 5, 10:45 a.m.** — Two police officers from the 46th Precinct Anti-Crime Unit were shot and wounded at East 184th Street near Tiebout Avenue. The officers, who were part of a five-member plain clothes Anti-Crime

team, were searching for suspects wanted for an armed robbery which occurred ten minutes earlier at a grocery store located at 363 E. 180th Street. Near the corner of East 184th Street, the officers observed two possible suspects. As they approached them, one of the suspects entered a Chinese Restaurant on Tiebout Avenue while the other suspect remained outside on the street. As two of the officers approached the male on the street, the other suspect inside of the store came out and fired upon the officers. The officers returned fire, and during the exchange, two anti-crime officers were wounded. The two suspects then fled on foot one block east to Marion Avenue, where they carjacked a white Camaro. That vehicle was subsequently found abandoned near East 188th Street and Park Avenue. A black revolver was also recovered nearby. Two suspects were arrested on Wednesday, January 7 and charged.

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 12:45 a.m.** — A 17-year-old male, was walking at the intersection of East 184th Street and Ryer Avenue when the suspect approached him from behind and shot him in the leg.

The victim was removed to St Barnabas Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

## 47th PCT.

**Sunday, Jan. 4, 7:04 p.m.** — Police responded to a call of a pedestrian struck in the vicinity of Baychester Avenue and Crawford Avenue within the confines of the 47th Precinct. Upon arrival, officers determined that a 16-year-old male and a 15-year-old female were traveling eastbound across Baychester Avenue when they were struck by a Honda Accord being driven by a 26-year-old male that was traveling northbound on Baychester Avenue. The vehicle initially fled the scene. Upon being struck, the 16-year-old male victim was then struck by an unknown vehicle traveling southbound on Baychester Avenue. EMS responded and transported the victims to Jacobi Hospital where the 16 year-old male was pronounced DOA and the 15 year-old female is in critical condition. Both vehicles fled the scene, however the Honda Accord returned and the 26 year-old male driver was placed under arrest.

## 49th PCT.

**Monday, Jan. 5, 5:25 p.m.** — The suspect entered the Chase Bank, located at 2126 White Plains Road, approached a teller and demanded money. The teller refused and the suspect fled.

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## Failed rhetoric

Dear editor,

Re: *Mario Cuomo Legacy*

Tom Allon wrote such a glowing article about Mario Cuomo that I had to check my diary to be sure I lived in NYS when Mario Cuomo was governor. Orator? Yes, that he was. Effective governor? Not really! He accomplished very little and laid the blame on everybody else; a true liberal!

I came across a 1994 cover story that looked back on the late governor's term in office, before he lost his bid for reelection. The article appeared in the August 8, 1994 issue of New York Magazine and I have extracted some excerpts from the interview conducted by Jacob Weisenberg. I suggest Tom Allon check it out.

"It is amazing to hear this sort of political poetry, let alone to hear it emerge with apparent spontaneity from the mouth of a candidate running for reelection. This is rhetoric of a high order: cogent social criticism, which makes listeners want to be better citizens, better people. In our generation, no one else has done it better. No one has expressed the liberal vision of society with such eloquence and force. No one else has made the case with such clarity or such conviction. But in the end, rhetoric without action isn't politics, it's literature. Cuomo prepared his people to go somewhere, but never took them. He spoke beautiful words, but didn't follow with meaningful deeds. In a way, the words deepen Cuomo's failure; he was capable of so much more."

Carl J. Cannizzaro

## Reader's wish list

Dear editor,

I noticed your article about wish lists from community people in last week's paper, so I thought I'd put in my 2 cents.

Wish lists: Specific to the Square - more programs for children in Pearly Gates Playground, and a Park Associate this summer; progress on the infrastructural and interior renovation of the Owen Dolen recreation center family restaurant in Westchester Square; renovation of the Westchester Square train station: better

Joseph P. Wall

more diverse businesses in the Square; and the beginning for the new NYPL building to replace the old 1934 Huntington Library building. Bronx generally - better service on the 6 train, which has been terrible; and express bus service that goes below 23rd Street.

Sandi Lusk

## Walmart is ruthless

Dear editor,

Walmart is a ruthless company that plays fast and loose with the law and takes advantage of its workers at every turn. The dignity and safety of their workers is of no consequence to this organization as it greedily seeks to gain ever larger market share, trampling underfoot hapless competitors and powerless workers.

This is not progress, this is moving backwards to a time when the business elite could impose their will on workers desperately trying to feed their families, when workers had no recourse and little hope for the future.

The last thing we need in NYC is Walmart.

Pasqual Pelosi

## A future great

Dear editor,

In last week's edition of the Bronx Times, Michael S.Wilbekin wrote a rather disturbing and needless letter titled 'Oust P.B.A president'. If not Pat Lynch, then who does he think is good enough for the job?

In time, I think that when somebody picks up the union history books, Pat Lynch will have joined the ranks of other great and noble union men like the late John E. Lawe. Mathaew Guinian, and Michael Quill who were not one bit afraid to tell people of higher rank than themselves, where to get off, if they had to do so. The actions that are now being taken by Pat Lynch are just what the doctor ordered.

Joseph P. Wall

## Je Suis Charlie

Dear editor,

The assassination of NYPD officers, beheading of civil-

ians, and the recent slaughter of French citizens are cowardly acts of misguided thugs. Historically and presently France has been a good ally of America. Specifically, since the attacks on our soil, their support for us has been unwavering.

Therefore, It would be appropriate to play *La Marseillaise*, as well as our National Anthem, at all of our stadium events. I believe this would demonstrate our solidarity for the people of France during this difficult period. Je Suis Charlie; Viva la France.

James Cronin

## Thanks, Jimmy!

Dear editor,

I wanted to publically thank Councilman James Vacca for the program he funds at Lehman High School for our neighborhood kids.

Warrior Football club is awesome. Thursday nights, our children, 7 to 9, learn how to play different sports with professional supervision.

Fabian A. Feliciano

## We have had enough!

Dear editor;

Imagine walking into your favorite supermarket to do some weekend shopping for your family. Imagine further, if you will, that an Islamic radical walks in at the same time and that the end result is the loss of life of many of these innocent shoppers.

This is exactly what happened in a suburb of Paris, France last week. While one can never be amazed with the amount of hatred and anti-semitism in the world, this time it was different.

This time it was if the world had said we have had enough and will not stand for any more of these cowardly acts.

As a rabbi and observer of Jewish events around the world, I am never surprised by brutal acts of anti-semitism. And, regretfully enough, I am not the least bit surprised when lerning that these acts are committed in France. That is exactly why the turn of

events in this case are astonishing!

There is an old joke that asks the question: "What is France's largest industry? The answer is their white flag factory so that it can surrender as quickly as possible. Terrorist groups and Jew-haters understand this logic and feel that France is the perfect place in which to commit these horrific acts of violence. Until now, that is.

In an unprecedented show of unity, on this past Sunday, over 40 world leaders linked arms and led a march of more than a million persons. By all estimates, it was the single-largest mass gathering in the history of the French Republic.

Whether if was Benyamin Netanyahu of Israel or Mahmud Abbas of the PLO, arms were linked in solidarity. In a split second, the old order had changed and there was a new political reality in the air. There was nowhere for the terrorists to hide. They were shot and killed like the dogs they were. A loud, resounding message, with the impact of a shofar-blowing, changed the world's political position in a flash.

The only fly in this ointment was the embarrassment that the United States caused itself. There was absolutely no high-ranking U.S. official to be found at the rally.

We readily admit that logistically, it is difficult, at best to make last-minute arrangements for the President of the United States. However, the vice-president was admittedly available as was the Secretary of State.

To add further insult to injury, Attorney General Eric Holder was already in Paris but was not asked to represent the United States.

Thus, in what can be argued as the most important world rally thus far in the 21st Century, the United States failed to send a senior representative.

However, one should come away from this event with a positive feeling. And, it should equally serve as a warning to radicals and terrorists that it is not business as usual and that we have finally had enough.

Rabbi Harry Hertzberg  
Temple Hatikva

# Comfort Inn rising along Third Avenue

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The construction of a hotel within close proximity to the Third Avenue Bridge and the Harlem River waterfront is in progress.

The half acre parcel currently under construction at 2471 Third Avenue, located between East 135th and East 136th streets, will be a new Comfort Inn by Marriot, according to the borough president's office.

The site, which was formally an abandoned gas station, was originally purchased by Jiten LLC in 2009.

Shortly after the deal was made, it was reported that there was a plan in place to build a six-story Fairfield Inn.

However, the project was put on hold so that an environmental cleanup of the soil could be conducted.

"This area was a polluted property that dragged the neighborhood down," said Neil Pariser, a consultant for the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

"Building a hotel will benefit the area in many ways, and it brings (SoBro) one step closer to their primary goal, which is to develop every piece of land possible in the south Bronx."



The site on 2471 Third Avenue, located between 135th and 136th streets, will be a Comfort Inn by Marriott when construction is completed.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

Once the property was cleaned up, the construction of a four-story, 84-unit residence along with 22 parking spaces began.

The foundation for the hotel was set in October 2013, although the hotel's expected completion and opening have not yet been confirmed.

Completed construction of the \$12 million hotel, will greatly improve the neighborhood's business and economics, especially if it draws tourists and residents from other boroughs to the area.

"We hope it brings tourism to the Bronx," said Marlene Cintron, president of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

"This hotel has potential - with hotel rooms very close to Manhattan, and certainly, this residence is a future indication that people are interested in investments regarding properties in the south Bronx. It's a great deal."

SoBro was also in agreement that the hotel would bring both jobs and visitors to the area.

"This hotel will bring approximately 50 new jobs to this area of the Bronx," said Jamila Diaz, assistant vice president of community business services for SoBro.

The south Bronx, home to long-time landmarks such as the Clocktower and the History Channel billboard and which also includes great views of Manhattan, lacked a hotel.

Nightly room rates are expected to range from \$120 to \$140.

All Borough Group Service Inc., Jiten LLC, and Community Board 1 were not available for comment.

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# City Island wins on-line nabe poll

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

City Island won an online contest as the best neighborhood in New York City, but make of it what you will!

The island community was recently named as 2014 Best Neighborhood of the Year as winner of the Curbed Cup on ny.curbed.com, a real-estate news site that is part of Curbed.com, after a surge of online voting propelled it past Long Island City, the semi-finalist, by a tally of 1135 to 989.

The seaside nabe was just one of two Bronx communities, the second being Mott Haven, that ny.curbed.com placed in competition against one another in a March Madness-style vote that was eventually narrowed down being the east Bronx enclave and the red-hot Queens community. Mott Haven was eliminated in the first round.

The contest was not meant to be taken too seriously, but was described by ny.curbed.com co-editor Jessica Dailey as a way of looking back on the stories that made news on the website in 2014. Several de-

velopments on the island were written up in 2014 by the news site, including a condo development and the City Island Bridge design.

"People get really excited about voting on neighborhoods and comparing neighborhoods, and it is just part of our end-of-the-year look-back content," she said.

She added that the awards are not literal, tangible awards, and that no actual honors are bestowed.

It was also clear, she said, that there was a campaign going on to push the island nabe up in the rankings.

Local activist, John Doyle, City Island Civic Association corresponding secretary, said that he hope the enthusiasm that some islanders showed in participating in the for-fun poll would translate into some community engagement.

"It's nice to see that Bronxites and City Islanders came together to vote in an Internet poll," said Doyle. "I would ask that this activism continue past their mouse-pads and into the next meeting of the

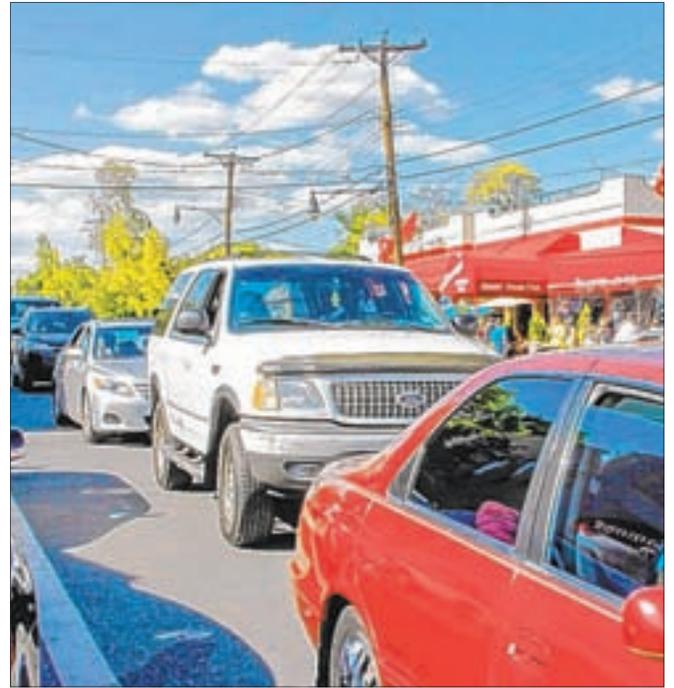
Civic Association. Our community has its challenges like any other, and I hope they can direct their collective talents to this endeavor."

The business community liked the publicity, said City Island Chamber of Commerce vice-president Paul Klein. It saw the neighborhood get featured on a major metropolitan television news program.

"Any publicity we can get is good publicity, and certainly something as advantageous as being voted the best neighborhood in New York City," he said.

The vote, while appeared to be just for promotional purposes of the news site, could possibly improve the real estate market and bring more tourists, said Barbara Dolensek, CICA second vice-president.

Dolensek said that she was interested in the remarks people left while voting on the ny.curbed.com site while voting, with one interesting remark noting to the effect that Long Island City has received huge influxes of private



City Island won an online contest called the Curbed Cup as 2014 best neighborhood in the city. File Photo

money for construction, while the City Island community remains largely unchanged except for a few projects.

She also said that there was

a comment on the site, which the Bronx Times also located, about how proud the City Island community was to be a part of the Bronx.

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# Locust Point variance fight gains steam

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

More evidence of the Locust Point community's resolve in fighting a zoning variance was evident this week.

A Community Board 10 Housing and Zoning Committee meeting that was to have discussed the request to override some existing zoning rules was postponed on Tuesday, January 6 because revised plans on the housing had not been submitted for board review, said CB 10 district manager Ken Kearns.

But the community came out in masse at the Locust Point Civic Association's own regular meeting that same evening, board members said.

The crowd, numbering up to 100 people, unanimously voted to oppose a developer's plan to build more houses then permitted through a zoning variance for property on Longstreet Avenue between Glennon and Hatting places, said outgoing LPCA president Al Belifiore.

"It was good to see the community come out to the meeting," said Belifiore, who re-

mains on the LPCA board. "The community doesn't come out unless we have major problem on our hands. We usually get the same 15 to 20 people at our general meeting. We had close to 100 people tonight."

Belifiore said that reasons that the community is opposing the plan is an already overburdened sewer line servicing the tight-knit neighborhood, concerns about the population density and overdevelopment.

If anything is built in the neighborhood, he said, the community would prefer that it take the place of an existing home without adding more houses.

"We have enough houses in here right now," the president said, adding "the community is very much against the variance, and we don't really want anything put there."

A local developer, John Comer, has informed the LPCA that he plans on seeking a variance for 5 two-family homes on a parcel that would normally allow the construction of 2 two-family home under the area's current R3-1



This undeveloped land in Locust Point is the subject of a possible variance. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

zoning.

According to Kearns, the Housing and Zoning Committee meeting was postponed because the developer had yet to

submit plans to the board that complied with the city resiliency recommendations. Previous plans had been submitted by the developer, but the

community board objected, said Kearns, because the area where the property is located, with a water-view of Hammond Cove, was in an area affected by Superstorm Sandy.

The board is still waiting to see new drawings that should include storm aspects, Kearns said. Requirements set forth by a 2013 New York City Zoning Code change require homes to be taller in areas prone to flooding.

"We have problems because the houses are not going to be consistent with the resiliency requirements," said Kearns, adding that the board should take up the concerns once a revised set of plans are on file.

The board is also concerned about the lack of compliance with the R3-1 zoning, the relatively high prices of the homes, and the nearness of the homes to wetlands, said Kearns.

The Department of Buildings had already turned down a previous building application for this site because it did not comply with zoning, he added.

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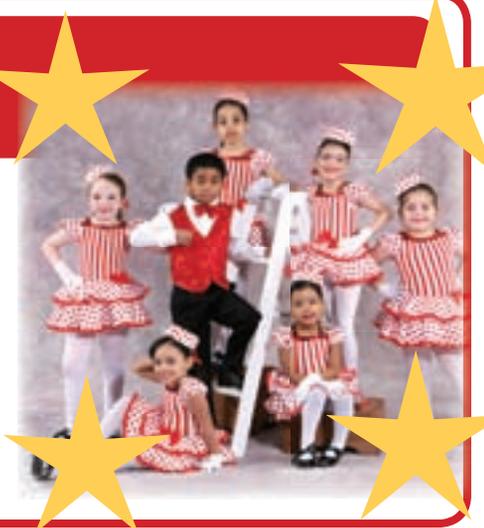
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# Bariatric surgeries at Jacobi solve obesity

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A variety of weight-loss surgeries are being performed at Jacobi Medical Center, helping Bronx residents who are overweight and obese.

Jacobi Bariatric Surgery Center, located within Jacobi Medical Center on 1400 Pelham Parkway South, has been attracting obese and overweight patients since 2002 by performing different types of bariatric surgeries, and is only one of three New York City hospitals to offer them.

Along with Bellevue Hospital Center and Harlem Hospital Center, Jacobi Medical Center offers three types of bariatric procedures - gastric bypass surgery, sleeve gastrectomy and gastric banding surgery, aiding a borough that is 68 percent overweight or obese and is ranked as the fourth-highest county in the state in terms of obesity, according to statistics on health.ny.gov.

Doctors at Jacobi Medical Center have doubled the number of surgeries from 113 to 228 between 2011 and 2014.

Gastric bypass surgery is a procedure where the surgeon

divides the stomach into two portions - one large and one very small portion, before stapling the smaller portion and creating a small pouch.

The surgeon then disconnects the stomach pouch from the first part of the small intestine, the duodenum, prior to reconnecting the stomach to the second part of the small intestine, the jejunum, which acts as the bypass.

A notable patient of this particular surgery is long-time weather forecaster Al Roker, who underwent this surgery in 2002.

According to webmd.com, about 10% of patients recovering from gastric bypass surgery have minor complications, and between 1% - 5% of patients have serious or life-threatening complications such as blood clots or heart attacks.

Sleeve gastrectomy is performed by making five or six small incisions (or keyholes) in the abdomen, before passing a video camera, also known as a laparoscope, along with other instruments needed for surgery.

After removing most of

the patient's stomach, the remaining portions are joined together using surgical staples, creating a tube-shaped stomach. Patients that undergo this surgery will lose an average of 40% - 50% of their excess weight within the first two years after the procedure.

Both the gastric bypass surgery and the sleeve gastrectomy take about an hour for the surgeon to complete.

The third procedure, gastric banding, involves an inflatable silicone device (band) being placed around the upper portion of the stomach to create a smaller stomach pouch, which reduces the patient's appetite.

Although it's the least invasive surgery of its kind and completely reversible, the surgery takes two hours to complete, and may only be used after other weight-loss methods such as diet and exercise have been attempted.

To be qualified for the surgery, patients must either have a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or more, 35 or more with a serious medical condition such as type 2 diabetes or high



A before and after comparison of a patient who underwent sleeve gastrectomy surgery at Jacobi Bariatric Surgery Center.

Photo courtesy of Jacobi Medical Center

blood pressure, or 100 pounds or more of excess weight.

Patients that undergo these procedures generally leave the hospital within 1-2 days and are typically back to work and taking part in normal daily activities within 2-4 weeks.

"My general advice to overweight patients who are

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# Oral history project to archive residents' recollections

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Got a story to share?

The New York Public Library is currently collecting 'Voices from East of Bronx Park' as part of an oral history project that will archive stories from the neighborhoods of Allerton, Pelham Parkway, Van Nest and Morris Park.

The oral history initiative, which has previously visited Greenwich Village and Harlem, is being facilitated by the neighborhoods' library branches.

The oral history project is the first of its kind in the area.

"We're making history by recording history," said Alexandra Kelly, outreach services coordinator for the NYPL.

The library will be conducting the project through May, which means there is still time for local residents to get involved both by interviewing others and by telling their own stories.

Community Board 11 has been an early supporter of the project, and district manager Jeremy Warneke has taken it upon himself to make sure their stories have been recorded.

He's been interviewing board 11 members, some of whom have been a part of the board since the 70s, in order to capture their rich stories and acknowledge the work they've done over the years.

"It's about putting the community



At the Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library: (l-r) staff member Jhenelle Robinson, branch manager David Nochimson, and NYPL Outreach Services coordinator Alexandra Kelly.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

board on the map, and who better to do it then those who live here and volunteer here?" said Warneke.

One of those board members is Vincent Prezioso, a long-time member who moved to Morris Park with his family in 1939.

Prezioso, 81, told Warneke about

what the neighborhood was like 70 years ago, when he attended P.S. 83.

"It was all farmland," said Prezioso. "It was a different kind of society."

At that time, West Farms was the borough's hub, and you could rent rowboats in Bronx Park at 180th Street.

Prezioso said he was glad to hear

about the project, and thinks the resulting archive will be valuable.

"It should be on record how the Bronx was in the 30s and 40s," he said.

Interviews with residents like Prezioso illustrate the unique history of the area, said Kelly.

"His individual story epitomized the drastic change in these neighborhoods," she said.

The library is continuing to do outreach for the project, and Kelly is hoping the final archive will have a diverse group of stories that represent the neighborhood's past.

"If people don't step up, if they don't take park, where is the history going to go?" she said.

There will be a community meeting for current and interested participants at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28 at the Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library.

For those interested in the history of the area, a screening of the documentary 'At Home in Utopia,' about the history of the Allerton Coops, will be held at the Allerton Library on Saturday, January 31 at 1 p.m.

To learn how to participate in the oral history project as either an interviewer or interviewee, contact Alexandra Kelly at (212) 621-0552 or [AlexandraKelly@nypl.org](mailto:AlexandraKelly@nypl.org).

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# CB 10 Hart Island park vote expected

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It appears that Community Board 10 will debate the merits of two new City Council bills about jurisdiction of the city's Potter's Field on Hart Island.

The CB 10 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting hearing on Monday, January 12 included a lively discussion about two bills currently before the City Council's Fire and Criminal Justice Committee that seek to transfer the primary jurisdiction of Hart Island from the Department of Correction to the Parks Department.

The matter has been referred to a full-board by the Parks and Recreation Committee in a unanimous vote on January 12. A committee vote was not taken because a quorum was not present.

A group of local activists from City Island Civic Association want to see the island transferred to Parks because they believe it would prevent Hart Island, off the coast of the shoreline community, from being used as a full-time prison, said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns.

Currently, inmate labor buries bodies at the city's Potter's Field on the island, the location of approximately one million graves, for only 16 hours a week.

This City Island activists' concerns

are complemented by those of the advocacy group Hart Island Project, whose leaders believe that having the island made a park would make it easier for people to visit relatives and friends buried there.

At the meeting, CB 10 chairman Martin Prince expressed his reservations about transferring jurisdiction, in effect saying he would prefer to work with the existing framework to make the situation more workable for people who want to visit the island.

"My belief as chairman is that we work within city agencies, we try to get productivity out of those agencies, and advocate for the people who live within the board," said Prince, adding that he believes this means advocating for the deceased on Hart Island.

"We know that in dealing with city agencies, in city transfers a lot can get way off track and the situation can become much worse," he added. "I don't believe that our dead deserve to be politicized, they need to be revered."

Prince said that it is easy to say transfer jurisdiction of Hart Island to the Parks Department, but asked what happens once it is under the department's purview.

One of the advocates for the transfer, CICA corresponding secretary John Doyle, said that all of the Bronx's



Community Board 10 chairman Martin Prince (c) listens to Melinda Hunt of the Hart Island Project during a parks and recreation committee meeting on Monday, January 12. The future of Hart Island was on the agenda. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

City Council delegation supports the bills advocating the transfer. The primary sponsor of the bills is Queens Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley.

"We have done all of the leg work," he said. "We are just looking for an up or down vote on this."

Melinda Hunt of the Hart Island Project believes that a 100-acre park, as opposed to a facility run by the Department of Correction, would be more in-

viting and welcoming to grieving families who visit graves on the island.

She pointed out that many parks were once potter's fields, including Washington Square Park, Madison Square Park, Wards Island, and Randall's Island.

A visit to the Hart Island by a delegation from the City Council is being planned for Friday, January 16, said Hunt.



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# Residential lofts to be built on Alexander Ave.

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Another residential building is being constructed in the rapidly developing neighborhood of Mott Haven.

A new loft project has been announced for 136 Alexander Avenue, a vacant site located between East 134th Street and Bruckner Boulevard, alongside the Major Deegan Expressway.

The four-story residential loft building is expected to feature a cafe on the first floor with outdoor seating as well as rooftop decks, and will attract more residents to the neighborhood in an attempt to revitalize Alexander Avenue and the Mott Haven neighborhood.

It has not yet been confirmed if the elevated building will include either five or six units.

Each of the units will include modern bathrooms, kitchens and floors, along with 13 to 14-foot high ceilings. Central air will be provided to each

apartment unit.

This property, owned by Alexander Avenue Lofts LLC, is just one of the Mott Haven properties that the development company has transformed into residential housing.

Recently, a similar four-unit building was built on 55 Bruckner Boulevard by Alexander Avenue Lofts LLC, continuing the company's trend of attempting to lure a new breed of residents to the neighborhood. Two more properties on Alexander Avenue are also planned for development.

The 55 Bruckner Boulevard property also includes a public restaurant on the ground floor which is temporarily being used as a pop-up coffee shop named the Mix Cafe.

"This is my favorite area of the Bronx - it's an up and coming neighborhood filled with active and creative individuals," said Joshua Weissman, owner and president of Alexander Avenue Lofts LLC, who

has been involved in residence development in the Bronx since 1999. "This area is a very hip and diverse community in an underserved but blossoming borough, within close proximity to Manhattan."

"I expect Alexander Avenue to be the scene of the night life in a few years," said Joshua Weissman.

The area is serviced by two major thruways, the Major Deegan Expressway and the Bruckner Expressway. Access to the Third Avenue and Robert F. Kennedy bridges also enhance the project's marketability.

"As an advocate of the south Bronx, we want to attract Manhattan residents to visit this area," said Sid Miller, former owner of the Haven Heights Group, a real estate company that had specialized in south Bronx real estate for 25 years.

"Unfortunately, people from Manhattan won't travel to the south Bronx just for din-



The four-story residential loft on 136 Alexander Avenue will include a public cafe on the ground floor with outdoor seating as well as rooftop decks upon completion. Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

ner. That is why we eventually want people to move there because once they become residents, it will lead to them getting involved in the resurgence of the neighborhood," he added.

"This is exactly what this area of the Bronx needs - more residents and more residential housing at a low price," Miller added.

The South Bronx Overall

Economic Development Corporation was also pleased to hear of the future residential development on 136 Alexander Avenue which is expected to be completed in August 2015.

"This is an neighborhood on the rise - it's a diverse, hip community," said Neil Pariser, former senior vice president of SoBro. "When it comes to improving the south Bronx and areas alongside Bruckner

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# The 49th Precinct celebrates 30th anniversary

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A local police precinct celebrated an important milestone last week.

Thursday, January 8 marked the 30th anniversary of the opening of the 49th Precinct on Eastchester Road.

The anniversary celebration at the station house was attended by Police Commissioner William Bratton, the precinct's past commanding officers, police officers and community leaders.

The Four-Nine was founded in 1985 after a strong push from community leaders to provide Community Board 11 with a precinct. Previously, the 43rd Precinct covered the southern part of the board up to Pelham Parkway, while the 47th Precinct was responsible for the area north of Pelham Parkway.

This created communication problems while trying to police the board, said longtime board member Joe Reda, who was instrumental in the precinct's development.

Reda and former board chair Dom Castore, who headed up the Morris Park As-

sociation at the time, wanted to know why the board didn't have its own precinct like other community boards in the city.

They, along with other local politicians, community and union leaders, pushed for meetings with the police commissioner to get the precinct.

Then came the issue of finding a site for the station house, which they sought to put in the middle of the community board. The project was brought to the NYC Health and Hospital Corporation, and a parcel from the Jacobi Hospital property was acquired for the development.

The first proposed site was on the corner of Pelham Parkway and Eastchester Road, but advocates including Reda thought it would take away from the beauty of the parkway, leading to the choice of the current site at 2121 Eastchester Road.

Overall, the process took at least two years, said Reda.

"It took a lot of hard work and meetings."

But all that effort and time was worth it, and the commu-



NYC Police Commissioner William Bratton with current 49th Precinct Commanding Officer Timothy McCormack, past commanding officers, and Bronx borough commander at the precinct's 30th anniversary celebration. The precinct's first captain, Ben diGregorio, is pictured standing in the center, to the right of Bratton.

Photo courtesy of Vic DiPierro

nity was very happy to have their own precinct.

Reda became the first president of the precinct's community council, ushering in a new era of community-police relations in the neighborhood.

That relationship between community members and the police was the unofficial theme of the anniversary cer-

emony, said current precinct community council president Joe Thompson.

Commissioner Bratton and others at the ceremony praised that strong relationship and highlighted it as an achievement of the precinct, said Thompson.

"They recognize the close affinity the police department and the community have

here," said Thompson.

Current commanding officer Captain Timothy McCormack, the 14th commanding officer of the precinct, said he will continue to build on the successes of commanders who came before him.

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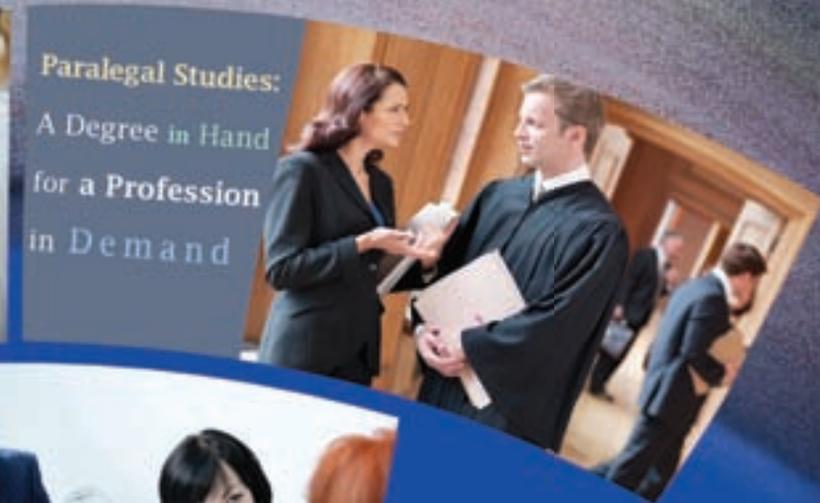
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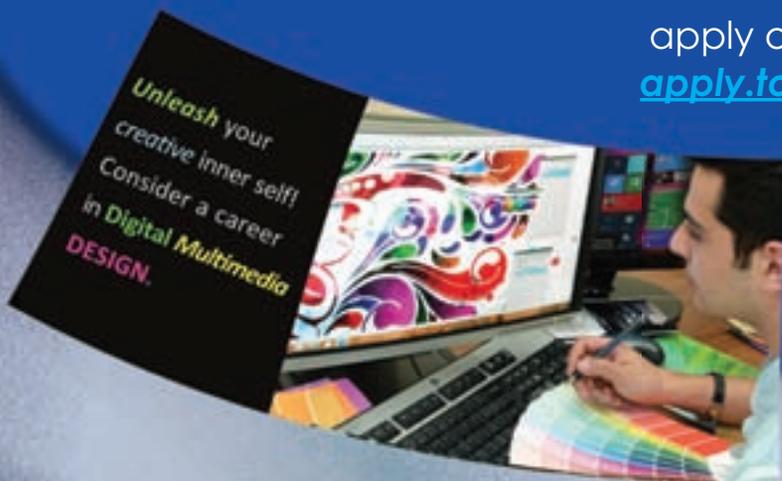


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**Bronx Council on the Arts' 2015 Bronx Recognizes Its Own (BRIO)** awards application and guidelines are available online at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) with a submission deadline of January 30, 2015, 11:59pm. BRIO applications are available online only.

BCA's 2015 BRIO Fellowship program celebrates 26 years of supporting individual artists in the creation of work in literary, media, performing and visual arts. Bronx artists may apply in one of the following categories: Acting, Choreography, Crafts, Dance, Digital Arts, Fiction, Film Animation, Illustrated Text, Illustration/Artist Book, Installation Art, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance, Mixed Media, Music Composition, Narrative/Documentary/Experimental Film/Video, Non-Fiction, Painting, Performance Art, Performance Poetry, Photography, Playwriting, Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing, Screenwriting, Sculpture, Spoken Word, and Storytelling.

A total of 25 awards of \$3,000 each are available to Bronx artists. Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older, live in the Bronx, and may NOT be enrolled as a full-time graduate or undergraduate student. Individuals who work for BCA or who are recipients of any of the Council's awards in 2014-15 including BRIO, Arts Fund, or Community Arts Grant, are also ineligible.

The final Application Assistance Workshop with tips on presenting your work professionally is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 5:00-7:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. Visit BCA's website at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) in the event that additional workshop dates are added.

Individual Consultations by appointment only can be arranged with the BRIO Administrator.

For Literary Applicants, 1-on-1 half-hour consultations can be arranged with the Bronx Writers Center Director to help prepare your manuscript for BRIO. Call 718-931-9500 x35 for information or e-mail [BRIO@bronxarts.org](mailto:BRIO@bronxarts.org).

The selection of awards are based solely on artistic excellence and decided by a panel of arts professionals of various disciplines. All materials involved in the selection process are reviewed anonymously. All applicants are notified of panel decisions by e-mail approximately four months after the deadline date. Winners are invited to an awards ceremony in June 2015 to receive the first payment of \$2,500. The remaining balance of \$500 is to be paid to the artist upon completion of a community service activity which is required of all awardees.

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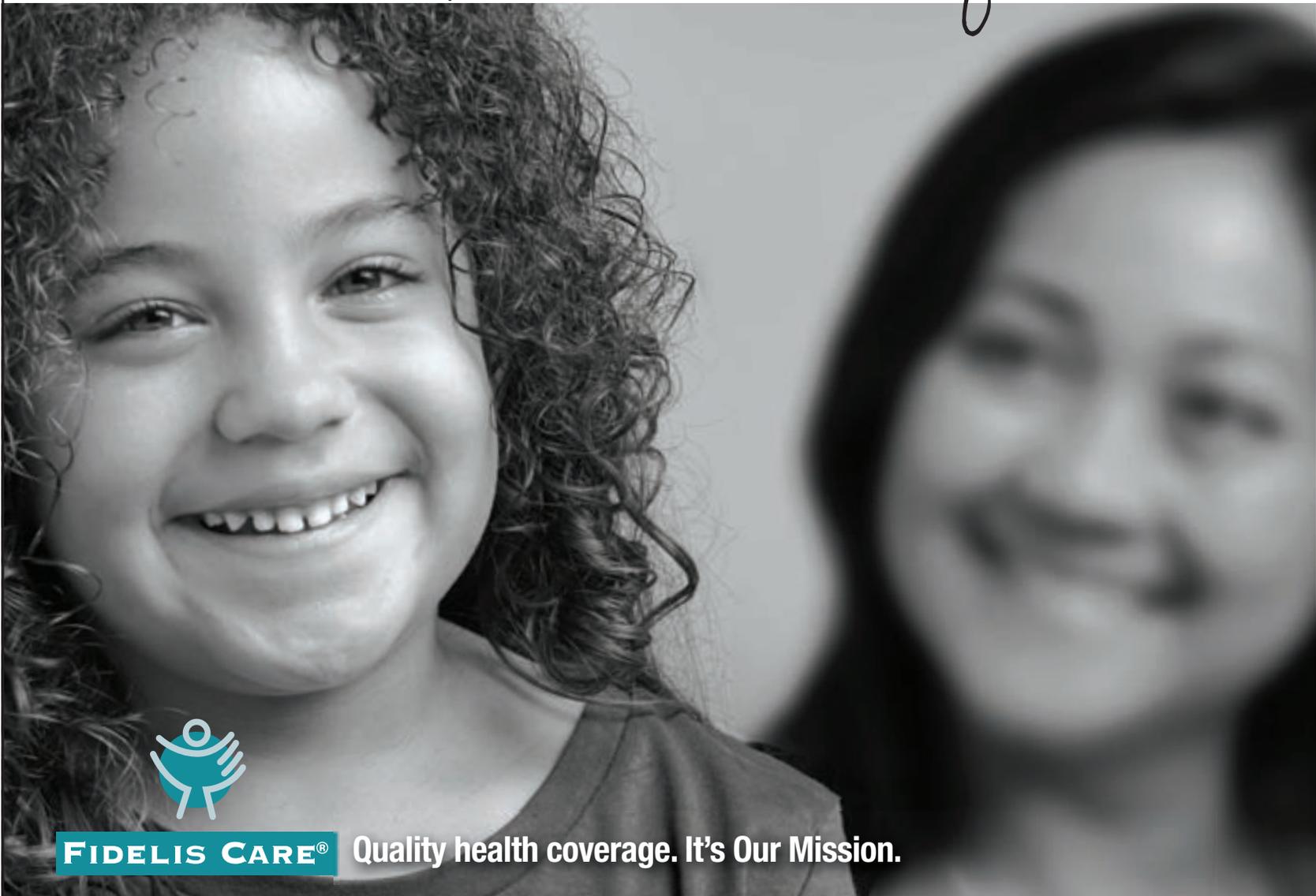
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# WINTER AT THE BRONX ZOO

The Bronx Zoo is showcasing its winter-loving creatures now that the temperature has dropped below freezing. Animals like snow leopards enjoyed last week's snowfall.



Two snow leopards.

Photo by Julie Larsen Maher at the Wildlife Conservation Society



An Amur tiger.

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## BARTOW-PELL CHAMBER MUSIC

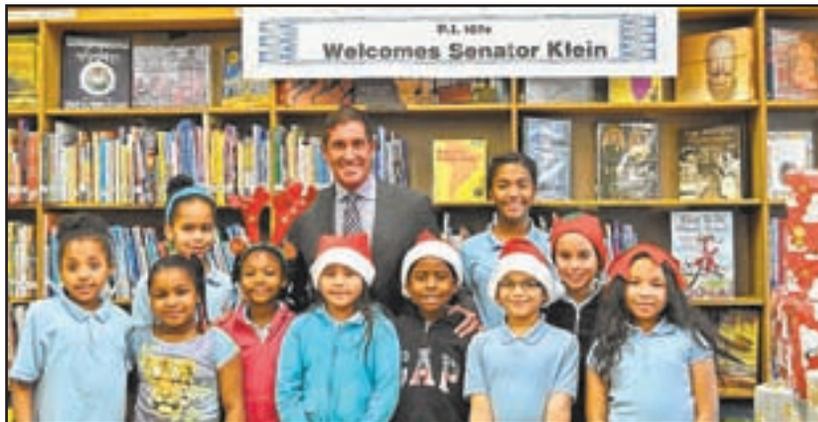
As a kick-off to the new year at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, the museum is presenting an ongoing Winter Chamber Music Series. The first concert in the series of chamber music, which features a relatively small group of performers, was held on Sunday, January 11. Classical music artist Jay Kauffman performed. Kauffman, who has had critical successes on stage from San Francisco to Shanghai, is also a published composer.



Ellen Bruzelius of the Bartow-Pell Museum and chamber music performer Jay Kauffman. Photo by Aracelis Batista

## KLEIN DONATES TEXTBOOKS TO P.S. 107

Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo visited P.S. 107, located at 1695 Seward Avenue, to donate over 2,000 textbooks and e-readers to students for the holidays on Tuesday, December 23. The giveaway event included a special holiday performance by the school choir, followed by Senator Klein visiting grades K-5, and taking a tour of the school's library and science laboratory.



Senator Jeff Klein visited P.S. 107 to donate more than 2,000 textbooks and e-readers to students on Tuesday, December 23. Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

## ILCHS SENIORS MAIL APPLICATIONS

Last month, seniors from International Leadership Charter High School, located at 2900 Exterior Street, marched to the Kingsbridge Post Office to mail in their college applications. The ILCHS ceremony included many scholars who are destined to become the first members in their families to attend college, as well as a brief speech by Dr. Elaine Ruiz-Lopez to celebrate this exciting student milestone.



Seniors from ILCHS marched to the Kingsbridge Post Office to mail in their college applications last month. Photo courtesy of ILCHS

## SCHOOL CHILDREN HONORED BY UCHC

Recently, local school children were honored at Union Community Health Center's academic challenge ceremonies, which are located at 2021 Grand Concourse. At the ceremonies, school children were recognized by Union's pediatricians for their achievement and improvement inside the classroom, an event that the Union takes part in during the winter and spring marking periods.



School child Jesus Mazyck receives his 'Certificate of Achievement' award from Union Community Health Center pediatrician Dr. Winipee Phupakdi at the Union's academic challenge ceremonies.

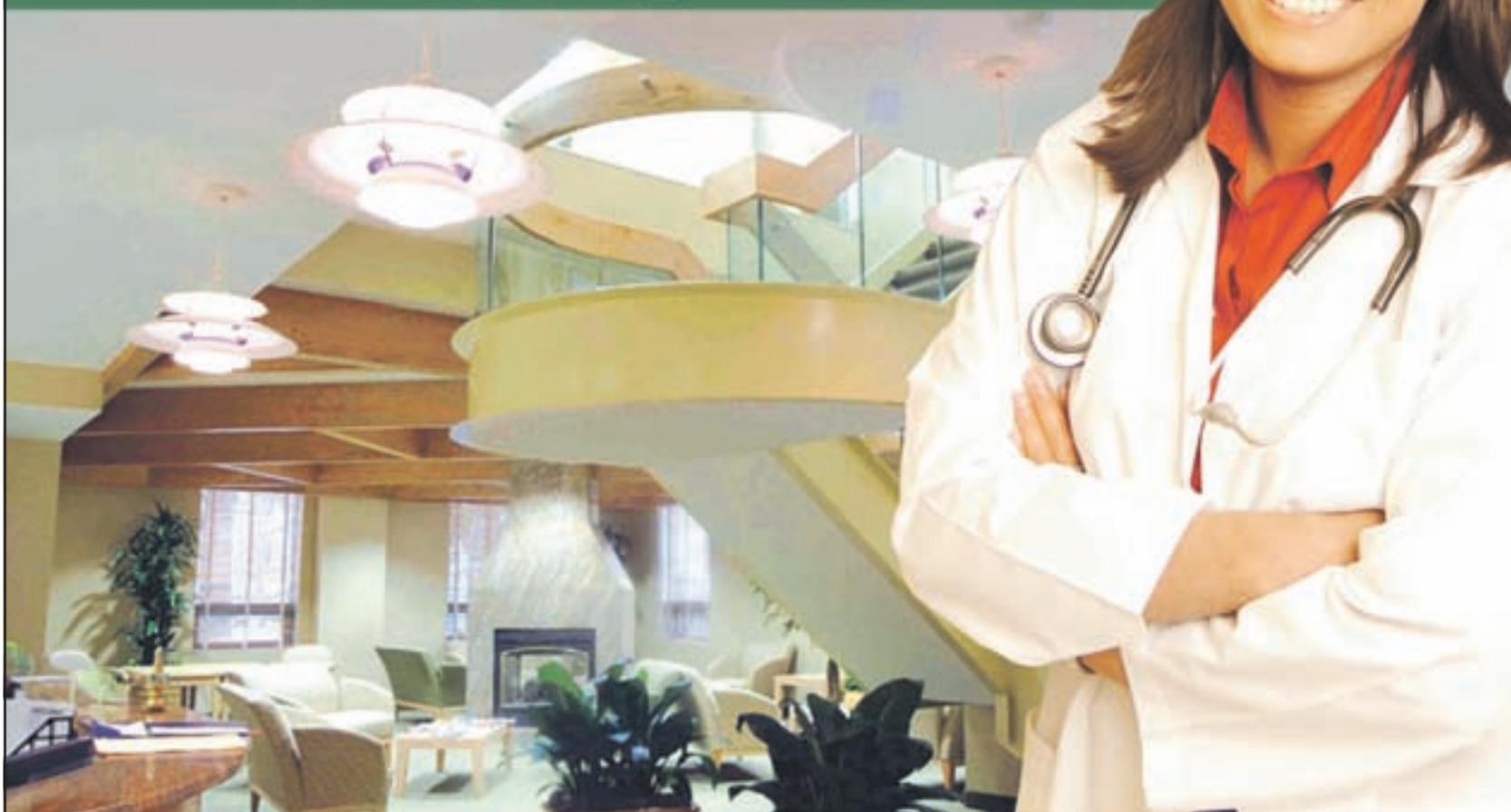
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# Three Kings Day Celebration

Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda hosted their second annual Three Kings Day celebration on Sunday, January 11 at the Church of the Holy Family in Castle Hill.

The celebration included a children's performance of the story of the Three Kings.



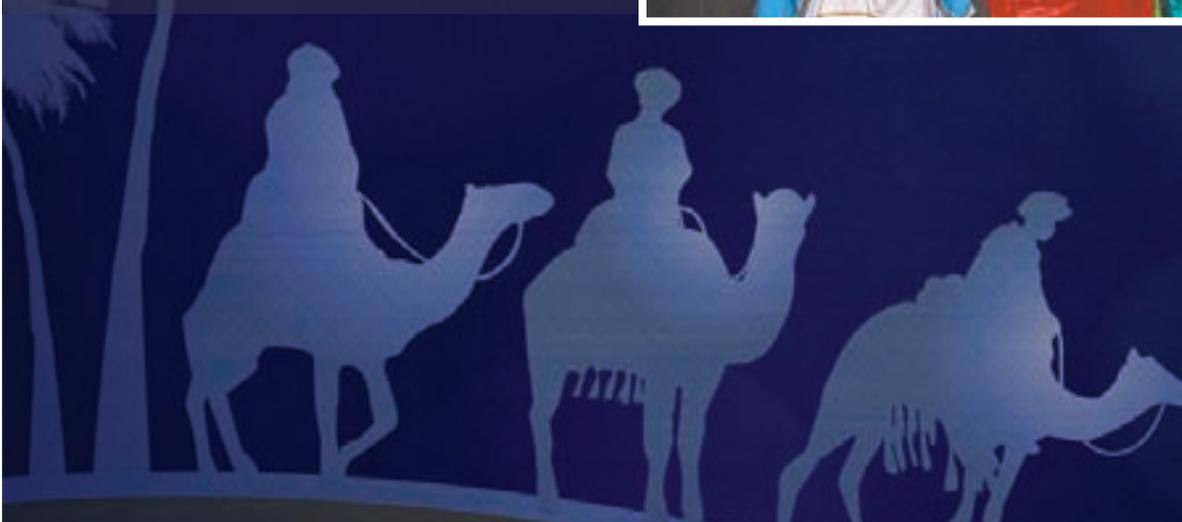
(1) Senator Klein (left) with the young performers, the Three Kings, district leader Julia Rodriguez, District Attorney Robert Johnson, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, and emcee Jose.  
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(2) Amber Mohvir played Mary.  
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(3) The three Kings were played by (l-r) Luis Cruz, Edwin Garcia and Cesar Diaz.  
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(4) The Three Kings present gold, frankincense and myrrh to Mary and Joseph.  
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(5) Angels Jannalee and Jocelyn Hidalgo, Kiara Lecaro, with shepherd Jade Gutierrez behind.  
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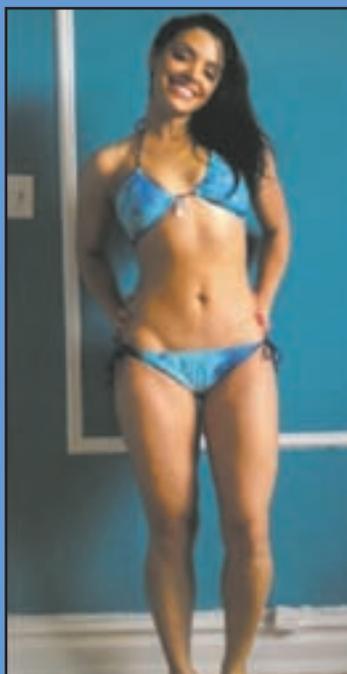
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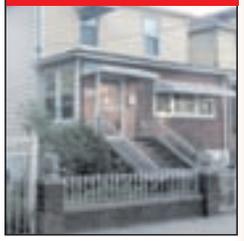
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## Bohemian trio at Wave Hill



Bohemian Trio at Wave Hill.

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This week at Wave Hill, both the vibrant sounds of the Bohemian trio performing in historic Armor Hall and the telling silence that will take over the next Winter Workspace Workshop—not to mention the wellness opportunities over the weekend—make for an engaging acknowledgment of the season.

Sat, January 24; Sun., January 25: Family Art Project: Our Family Story—A Wave Hill At 50 Anniversary Program: Visiting artist Donna Maria DeCreft guides you in creating an elegant, collaborative, community album complete with pressed flowers, decoupage and photo memorabilia. You are invited to bring in photos and stories of your time at Wave Hill for display in the Sally and Gilbert Kerlin Learning Center. Plus, create your own personal Wave Hill family album with fabric pieces

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Sat, January 24: Tai Chi Chuan: In this hour-long class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits.

Sat, January 24: Winter Workspace Workshop: Sound-ing Silence And The Winter Walk: Join Winter Workspace artist Nicolás Dumit Estévez in an experiential workshop beginning with a mute stroll around the Wave Hill winter landscape. Also in silence, use the sounds, impressions and mental images collected on the walk to create an individual or collaborative mixed-media artwork in the warmth of the art studio. Oral communication is reestablished toward the end of the session, in time

for a conversation on the work generated and on the overall experience. Hot ginger tea and cookies will be served. All workshops with Winter Workspace artists begin in their Glyndor Gallery studios with an introduction to their creative process. Unless otherwise noted, art materials are provided. Ages 10 and older welcome with an adult.

Sun, January 25 :Hatha Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss Director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors, and last for an hour and a quarter.

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Sun, January 25: Concert: The Bohemian Trio: The vibrant Bohemian Trio (saxophone and chekeré, cello, pi-

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by Bill Twomey



The late Ron Schliessman took this photograph of the opening of the Throggs Neck Bridge on January 11, 1961. The large white building on the right is the Bronx Beach and Pool. Notice the long line of cars waiting to be among the first to cross the new span and create a life-time memory and a few bragging rights. Only John McNamara and his son, Johnny, however, could claim to be the first to cross the new bridge hours before it officially opened.

It was a cold and blustery morning long before sunrise when John McNamara Sr. awoke his fourteen year old son, Johnny, telling him to get ready for an adventurous trek across the East River.

They both dressed appropriately and coated their faces with Vaseline as they set out on their bicycles. John Sr. was on what he referred to as his "plasma bike" because he paid for it over a period of time by selling his blood.

It was a 1953 Armstrong with four speeds and his son pedaled his 1958 three-speed Humber. They winked as they passed the guard shack where arrangements had already been made for the sentry to be looking the other way as they passed quietly and quickly into the darkness.

The privilege of being the first to cross the new span was to be a memory of a lifetime. The sun still wasn't up and no one was about to watch as the two lone cyclists pedaled their way to Queens, the first to cross the Throggs Neck Bridge.

The spelling of Throggs Neck, by the way, always had two g's until the bridge was built and one g was lost. That's why the Throggs Neck Houses (projects) and the local United States Post Office branch use two g's. Both were here long before the bridge along with a host of businesses that have retained the original spelling.

The date was January 11, 1961 and that year would hold other memories for Johnny as he was deployed to Vietnam on January 11, 1968 and returned stateside on January 11, 1969. Both he and his father, by the way, served in the First Army and both were in the Pacific. John Sr. served in the Philippines during World War II and had some fascinating tales to tell.

When father and son returned from their trip across the bridge and back, they no-

ticed that the workmen were just setting up for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. One of the Clinton's, a local family, is believed to have snapped a picture of the father and son team still smeared with Vaseline as they journeyed back to Edgewater Park.

When they arrived home Johnny was delighted that he'd miss a day of school and his father simply said "why?" that it was still very early and he had plenty of time to get ready for school. He was crestfallen as a day off from classes was a key part of the grand adventure. John Sr. went off to work and John Jr. went off to school and both had a story to tell of a once in a lifetime adventure.

Many locals were already lined up waiting to be among the first group to drive across the new bridge. Angelo and Mamie Mastrarrigo

were celebrating their wedding anniversary on the 11th so it was a good way to begin the day with a fond memory that would last a lifetime.

Only two lone cyclists,

however, could boast of the grandest of experiences by being the first to cross the new 13,400' suspension bridge on that cold blustery morning.

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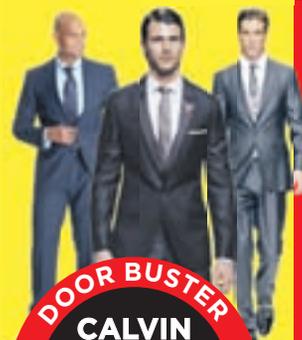
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# Bronx schools

## Preston Party Expo

The Preston High School Admissions Office will host a Party Expo on Wednesday, January 21. The Party Expo will take place in the school gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

The event is open to high school students, eight graders and parents from the local communities.

There will be many vendors on hand as well as a fashion show by Fontana Couture of Greenwich, CT.

The PHS Athletic Department has been collecting "gently used" Prom, Sweet Sixteen and Bridesmaids

dresses to sell for \$25 each. Save money and purchase the dress of your dreams! Many different sizes, colors and styles to choose from.

If you would like to donate a dress, drop it off at Preston anytime before January 18.

Preston High School is a private, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls located in the Throggs Neck section. For more information about Preston High School, contact Cristina Fragale or Karen Guzman at (718) 863-9134 ext. 132.



(L-r) Brandon Alonso and Anthony Jimenez.

## St. Ray students accepted into HPRE Program

The New Year began with great news for two SRHS deserving sophomores and their acceptances into the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program (HPREP) at Weill Cornell Medical College as part of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA).

Anthony Jimenez '17 and Brandon Alonso '17 are the future doctors of tomorrow and are the new members of HPREP. They will engage in a ten-week program beginning in January and will meet regularly with medical students working in the field in which they are most interested.

Anthony Jimenez was ecstatic

when he heard the news and said, "When I found out. I was surprised. I am also very happy that I am the first in my family that will attend medical school."

The SNMA was established to serve the needs of minority medical students and to produce an increasing number of minority physicians. In addition, the SNMA serves as a gateway of positive interaction with young minority students interested in a career in science and/or medicine.

The students have a guaranteed scholarship for college after they graduate from high school.



AP Bio students with Dr. Hudspeth.

## St. Barnabas H.S. at Rockefeller University

BY C. N. COLON

Students enrolled in the Advanced Placement Biology class at St. Barnabas High School spent Saturday, January 10 on the campus of Rockefeller University at an event led by renowned neuroscientist, A. James Hudspeth, M.D., PhD.

The students were part of this year's Talking Science event sponsored by the university, which is intended for high school students and their teachers and available only through advanced registration.

Via lectures and demonstrations, students spent time exploring the fundamental biology of perception. They discovered the interdisciplinary intersection of biology, physics, and engineering leading to a deeper understanding of the way information from the outside world is captured by the sensory organs and relayed to the higher centers of the brain.

The young ladies were engaged in presentations, question and answer

sessions, and the opportunity to win small prizes donated by the university.

Research in Dr. Hudspeth's laboratory at the Rockefeller University is focused primarily on the neural mechanisms of human hearing and how exposure to loud sounds damages the ear's sensory receptors at the cellular and molecular levels. Current research is aimed at identifying and controlling stem cells that can regenerate the ear's sensory receptors.

It was a Saturday well spent by over 300 high school students and their teachers on a topic that is particularly timely in light of recent reports that American teenagers are now experiencing much higher rates of hearing impairment.

To learn more about St. Barnabas High School visit [www.stbarnabashigh.com](http://www.stbarnabashigh.com) or contact Christina Washburn at (718) 325-8800 ext. 20 or [cwashburn@stbarnabashigh.com](mailto:cwashburn@stbarnabashigh.com)

## ST. RAYMOND STUDENTS VISIT MOMA



On January 8th St. Raymond High School for Boys Spanish Honors 3 students took a field trip to the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan. On a frigid Thursday, 42 students took the subway to MOMA to learn and see major contemporary works from the art masters. Students were able to discuss and analyze Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso, Juan Gris, and Pollack to mention few. The trip to the museum was in connection to the Spanish Honors 3 class where students studied and learned Latin American artists and who influenced them. At the end of the unit studied, they had to do a research paper of a contemporary Latin American artist and analyze one of the artist's painting.

(Above) MOMA Pablo Picasso Girl Looking At A Mirror.

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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 whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served 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 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 whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O 3463 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gladys Quinones LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 11/10/2014. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O Gladelyn Quinones, 810 E 152nd St Apt 416, Bronx NY 10455. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**Notice of Formation of CE Hunts Point, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/2/15. 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, c/o CE Property Management, Ltd., 2432 Grand Concourse, Room 509, Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of (Daily Sport Nutrition LLC), a domestic Limited Liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (December 17, 2014). NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O (Daily Sport Nutrition LLC/KW 27 E 169th Street #3A Bronx, NY 10452). Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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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 whom 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

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## 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

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## 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. Bianca 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: 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

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Public Sale**  
Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 4268 Third Ave Avenue, Bronx NY 10457. The sale will be held on Monday February 9th, 2015 at 10:00 AM the Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-294-1111.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY**  
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. MILEDY GONZALEZ VASQUEZ A/K/A MILEDY ESPINAL; MARCELINO A PEREZ; 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 February 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 476 EAST 146TH ST, BRONX, NY 10455  
Block: 2290 Lot: 138  
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As 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 \$545,964.27 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 380163/13  
DEXAR A. FERNANDEZ, ESQ.; REFEREE

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY**

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER FOR DOWNEY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, F.A.; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. ISBEL GONZALEZ; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, NY 12524 (845) 897-1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 19, 2012, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse in Room 600 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY 10451.

On February 2, 2015 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 670 MINNIEFORD AVE, BRONX, NY 10464  
Block: 5648 Lot: 61

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 and designated as Lot No. 438 on a certain map entitled "Map of Minnieford Park, property of City Island Homes, Inc." surveyed by George C. Hollerith, 176 Broadway, New York City, and filed in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx, New York as Map No. 115.

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 \$342,984.57 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 382131/09  
ALBERTO TORRES, ESQ., REFEREE

## 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

# East Bronx History Forum news and highlights

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

The British are Coming! The British are Coming! The British are Coming!

"Listen my children and you shall hear, of the midnight ride of Paul Revere"

So starts the words from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Paul Revere galloped on horseback through the Bronx four times, not to alert the patriots that the British were coming, but to deliver the mail as a post rider.

The British did attack New York City in 1776 at the Battle of Brooklyn and tried to end the American Revolution with the capture and surrender of General George Washington in the Bronx.

The East Bronx History Forum will uncover the events that allowed General Washington to escape from the trap

set by the British in October 1776, and up to 1783 as it happened in the Bronx. These important events during the American Revolution took place in 1776 right out in front of the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square, and Wednesday, January 21, at our 97th meeting at The Huntington Free Library.

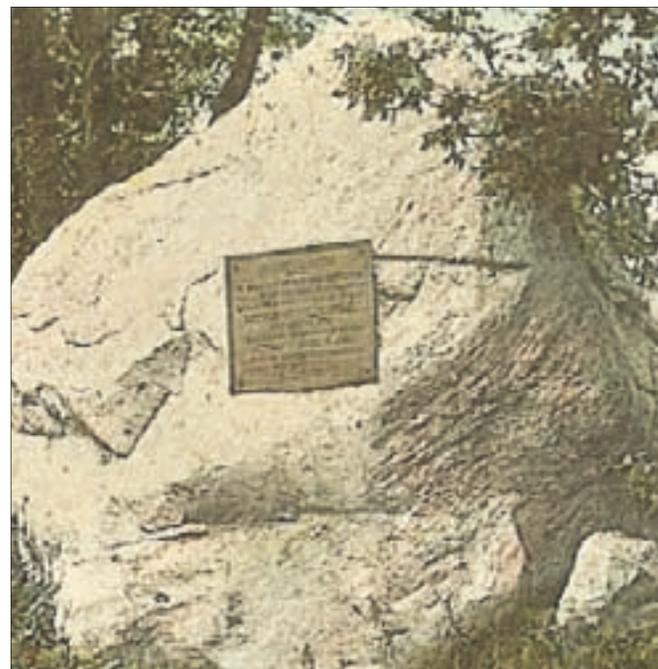
The Town of Pelham Historian, Blake Bell will lead a lecture and presentation titled "The Bronx in the American Revolution 1776-1783", with a focus on Westchester Square, Pelham Bay and City Island.

Mr. Blake A. Bell is Senior Counsel with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in New York City and serves as Town Historian for the Town of Pelham, NY and as Village Historian of the Village of Pelham. He is a member of the Boards of Trustees of the Westchester

County Historical Society. He also is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Society of the National Shrine of the Bill of Rights at St. Paul's Church National Historic Site.

Mr. Bell is the author of the books "Thomas Pell and the Legend of the Pell Treaty Oak" and the "Town of Pelham's 350th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Bell has authored more than seventy articles on the history of The Pelhams.

Please ring in the New Year and join us at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday January 21 at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square. The library is next to the Apple Bank and parking is free after 7 p.m. All meetings are free and open to the public and view the East Bronx History Forum web page at BronxNYC.com, or follow us on Facebook.



Glovers Rock, Battle of Pell's Point October 18, 1776

Photo courtesy of Thomas X. Casey collection

## Rabbi Harry's birthday bash at Temple Hatikva

Has it really been twelve months since Rabbi Harry's last birthday party? It must be – because we're celebrating again with Rabbi Harry on Friday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Hatikva at Bronx House located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Temple Hatikva President

Scott Davis invited all of the synagogue's friends and neighbors to be this free event. Mr. Davis noted: "It's always wonderful to enjoy a 'simcha' together."

Sabbath Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.. to be followed by a truly awesome birthday party! There will be plenty to

eat, plenty to drink and plenty of music. Best of all, this is a FREE event and everyone in the community is welcome to share the joy of Rabbi Harry's birthday.

Temple Hatikva Cantor Kyle Cherry added: "It is great to have a reason to celebrate and rejoice. Come to Temple

Hatikva on January 23 at 7:30 p.m. and be a part of the best birthday party ever!"

The Adult Education program at Temple Hatikva will continue on Sunday, January 25 at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South. At 10 a.m., meet for a free breakfast and a discussion on this year's

topic: "Everything You Want to Know About the Sabbath Prayerbook". The Adult Education program is sponsored through the generosity of Shalom Jewish Funeral Home in Castle Hill.

For more information call (917) 453-7557 or go to [www.TempleHatikva.com](http://www.TempleHatikva.com).

## AARP Driver Safety Course Feb. 21st

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, February 21, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited. Register-

ation for this class begins on Monday, January 19, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be taken prior to that time! To reserve a seat, call (718) 892-2235.

Those who complete the 6-hour course will receive a

reduction of approximately 10% from the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

The course will be held at the Fort Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway.

## Atlantic City bus trip Feb. 16

On Monday, February 16, the Divas will sponsor a bus to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The bus departments at 8:30 a.m. at Ampere Avenue and Kennelworth Place;

and at 8:45 a.m. at Just For Looks, 991 Morris Park Avenue.

Tickets are \$32. and in case of inclement weather, the trip will be cancelled.

Call Fran at (718) 828-5073. All are invited.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Do you know who Lts. George Fox, Alexander Goode, John Washington and Clark Poling are? Well, you do now. They were all U.S. Army Chaplains. Fox was a Methodist, Goode was a rabbi, Washington was a Catholic priest and Poling a Dutch Reformed minister.

They were 'The Four Chaplain'. On February 3, 1943, The USS Dorchester, a converted ocean liner, was enroute to Greenland carrying 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers. Only 150 miles from their destination, the Dorchester was spotted by a German Submarine U2. The

German torpedo hit way below the water line.

This hit killed scores of men and wounded many more. Pandemonium ensued. The four chaplains spread out among the troops, tending the wounded and allaying fears and guiding the disoriented toward safety.

The four opened a locker and passed out life jackets. When they ran out of jackets, the chaplains quickly gave up the ones they were wearing to four troops. Of 902 men aboard, only 230 survived. The chaplains

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went down with the ship, arm in arm. The Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded. Later on The Four Chaplains' medal was struck and posthumously awarded.

Why do I tell you this? On Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. there will be a Mass at St. Frances de Chantel Church honoring these men. All Legion members are urged to attend. See you there.

The Hawkins Post on City Island is hosting an Italian Night on February 24. The cost is \$20 per person. There

will be five different dishes. I was not given a start time, but I'll get it by the next column.

The Mid-winter Conference in Albany is scheduled for the weekend of February 24 and 25.

Trivia Time!!

Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809.

On the same date in 1896, Utah became the 45th state.

Henry Ford gave a minimum wage of \$5 a day on January 5, 1914.

Teddy Roosevelt made the 'Grand Canyon' a monument on January 11, 1908.

Keep the troops in your prayers, hug a vet and God bless.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BEAR STERNS HOME LOAN OWNER TRUST 2001-A, Pltf. vs. BEATRICE SHAFIDIYA, et al, Defts. Index #35254/13. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 10, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 1801 McGraw Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3881, Lot 8. Said property located at the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of McGraw Ave. 60 ft. wide and the Easterly side of Beach Ave. 60 ft. wide; Running thence Easterly along the Northerly side of McGraw Ave. 03 ft. to a point; Thence Northerly at right angles to the Northerly side of McGraw Ave. 100 ft.; Thence Westerly at right angles to last mentioned course a distance of 29.44 ft. to the Easterly side of Beach Ave.; Thence Southerly along the Easterly side of Beach Ave. 6.74 ft. to a point; Thence continuing along the Easterly side of Beach Ave. 93.27 ft. to the corner, the point or place of beginning. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$37,915.02 plus costs and interest. Said sale shall be subject to a First Mortgage held by M&T Mortgage Corporation, dated Jan. 27, 2000 in the original principal balance of \$215,050.00 an recorded on Mar. 29, 2000 in Reel 1758, Page 470 together with accrued interest, taxes and advances. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CESAR A. FERNANDEZ, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #85343

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. MARIE E.C ANYANECHI; 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 February 19, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On February 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 1821 ANDREWS AVE, BRONX, NY 10453  
Block: 2879 Lot: 308  
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.  
As 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 \$476,123.91 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 380164/12  
DINORAH FIGUEROA, ESQ., REFEREE

**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 - 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, Weisberg & 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  
Index # 07-18570  
Fremont Investment and Loan, Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
Joseph O. Akomodi, Fatai A. Amolaja, Mary A. Akomodi, et al., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered 10/01/2009, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/9/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as

752 East 216th Street, Bronx, NY 10467, 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 Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4663 and Lot 42.  
The approximate amount of the Judgment lien is \$620,552.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 07-18570.  
Bianka Perez, Esq., Referee.  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
Dated: 12/12/2014 File Number: 27438 CN

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against CHARMAINE A. BARRETT, ADLIN MCZORN, et al., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/11/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx on 02/02/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 3303 GUNTHER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 4750, Lot: 36. Approximate amount of judgment \$496,733.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382404/09. Lorraine Vivian Coyle, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1122333

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. LUDWIG JAMES PETERLA A/K/A LUDWIG PETERLA, ET AL., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 20, 2012, and the Order filed December 02, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 02, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 3134 Ampere 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 5411 and Lot 227. Approximate amount of judgment is \$36,630.74 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380464/09.  
Joseph Jednak, Esq., Referee  
Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX 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 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**

**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, Henschel, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.**

It is the guiding policy in the strange, new world of international relations in the past few years: treating enemies with respect and empathy, and giving allies the brush-off, or worse.

At her recent Georgetown speech, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton advocated: "This is what we call smart power...Using every possible tool and partner to advance peace and security. Leaving no one on the sidelines. Showing respect even for one's enemies. Trying to understand, in so far as psychologically possible, empathize with their perspective and point of view. Helping to define the problems, determine the solutions. That is what we believe in the 21st century will change — change the prospects for peace."

This came at the same time that Congress furiously demanded an explanation of why the White House was floating the idea of imposing sanctions on America's only firm ally in the region, Israel. Rep. Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) in a document obtained by the Wash-

ington Free Beacon noted that fifty members of the House of Representatives demanded that the Administration explain why it is seriously considering imposing sanctions against Israel. "Israel is one of our strongest allies, and the mere notion that the administration would unilaterally impose sanctions against Israel is not only unwise, but is extremely worrisome...such reports send a clear message to our friends and enemies alike that such alliances with the United States government can no longer be unquestionably trusted."

President Obama has not commented on the matter.

During the tenure of the current White House, the Obama/Clinton concept of "respect and empathy" for enemy nations, including those that blatantly and substantially violate human rights, has predominated in every sphere of foreign affairs. Consider these salient examples:

The Obama/Clinton "reset" with Russia came as Mr. Putin squashes democracy in his own realm, invades a neighboring nation, ramps

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up his armed forces, returns to cold war bases around the world, and deploys his military in a manner that clearly threatens Europe.

The President, during his recent Asia trip, gave major concessions to China in environmental issues and visas despite Beijing's continued suppression of free speech and human rights within its borders, major espionage efforts against the United States, terrible environmental offenses, and aggression against its neighbors, particularly American allies Japan and the Philippines. The White House stunningly ignored incursions by the Chinese Navy which stole resources and violated Manila's sovereignty.

Even as Iran moves expeditiously to develop its nuclear weaponry, the White House has moved to soften sanctions

and extend deadlines, despite the absence of any real progress.

During this same time period, the Administration has by word and deed weakened American commitments and diplomatic relations with key allies.

An initial attempt to improve relations with opposing nations by a new Administration can be considered a hopeful attempt. But when those attempts clearly and dramatically fail, as they have in the case of Russia, China, Iran, and Islamic extremists, then there can be no excuse not to adopt a more realistic policy.

The White House has failed to do so, and has given no viable answer why it has not. It has not been pressed to do by a largely supportive media. The failure has become so obvious, serious, and dangerous, that the ongoing safety of the nation requires an immediate explanation and description of what Mr. Obama's foreign policy goals are, what he believes America's role in the world is, and how he intends to keep the U.S. safe from the burgeoning military might of

Russia, China, and Iran, three nations that have become increasingly allied and increasingly powerful. The same requirement must be responded to by Ms. Clinton, not only for her previous failures as Secretary of State, but her views for the nation she seeks to lead in the future.

There is a domestic content to this problem, as well. The executive branch is part of a government of a free nation. The White House is answerable to the voters. There has never been a truly open, thorough or cogent explanation of what Mr. Obama's world vision is. If, indeed, the President seeks to 'fundamentally transform' America's role into one in which enemies are now considered friends and former allies have been discarded, which appears to be the case, then he is compelled to reveal his radical new perspective to the American people, an obligation he has for far too long ignored.

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**BY MARY JANE MUSANO**

Usually, I am so positive and excited about what the new year will bring, but right now I am filled with fear. I hope and pray that as we proceed into 2015 we will find a way to bring unity, harmony and peace to our city. Right now, our mayor is making decisions that will continue to bring chaos to our city and thrust its citizens into an era where crime is tolerated and our citizens are unsafe as they were before Mayor Giuliani set real change in motion.

No matter what, we must respect our police officers. They deserve respect for putting their lives on the line every day to protect us. Their jobs are challenging and they must make life and death decisions in seconds flat. They need our support. They have

the right to safety as well, and to make the decisions that will allow them to go home safely to their families every night.

They patrol our streets and neighborhoods and they are the ones who are in charge. It has to be that way if we want safe communities. If we are told by a police officer that we are being placed under arrest, we must submit. That is the law. The courts, not the streets, are there to sort the truths out later. If only Michael Brown and Eric Garner followed the law and submitted to arrest, they would be alive today.

Instead of telling his son to be careful of police, Mayor de Blasio should be telling his son to respect police officers and he should lead by example. He says he respects the NYPD but his actions speak

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louder than his words.

His actions have incited chaos in our city. Yes, we have a right to free speech and to demonstrate but that right comes with the responsibility to our fellow citizens and it must also fall under the law. When the mayor allows demonstrators to congregate without a permit it causes chaos. An air of unlawfulness is created when demonstrators shut roads down, interfere with public events and prevent store owners from making a living. Who is protecting the person trying to get home from work,

the person who wants to attend a public event, shop in a store or make a living?

Mayor de Blasio is putting the rights of the demonstrators demonstrating in an illegal manner before innocent, law abiding citizens and that creates an air of permissiveness and tolerance of crime. This puts our police officers in danger as well as the citizens of this city.

If our mayor really respected the NYPD he would start by giving them the tools they need to do their jobs, instead of taking away tools like Stop, Question and Frisk. He would provide precincts with the number of officers needed to do a good job. Right now, our precinct is so short staffed that they cannot even respond to serious issues in a timely manner. This puts both them

and us in danger. You cannot allow over development in both the residential and commercial areas to occur and then not respond with the appropriate amount of police.

If our mayor really respected our police he would make an effort to seek out the many officers doing a great job and concentrate on them. We need to hear about the wonderful officers that not only do their jobs well but do more than they have to. He can start right here at our precinct where two officers helped the First Lutheran church get a new sign after it was defaced. We don't even know their names!

It's not enough to honor our officers after they have been murdered. We need to keep them safe and honor them now!

**BY TONY SALIMBENE**

Attention readers, we will be reintroducing an old Legion tradition.

There will be a Mass for Four Chaplains on Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m. at St. Frances de Chantal Church, E.Tremont Avenue and Harding Avenue, by the Marina

del Rey. All are invited, appropriate American Legion / veteran's attire is required.

More information to follow on a small gathering afterwards.

The chaplains gave up their lifejackets and assisted the troops, also giving up their places in lifeboats to

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others, during the torpedo attack and sinking of the

Army Troop Transport USS Dorchester. The American Legion petitioned Congress for the awarding of the Medal of Honor.

Technically not 'in combat', they were posthumously awarded a specially designed medal.

Our regular post meeting

will be the Sunday, January 18 at 11a.m. at the Turner Club. Please try to make it, please try to bring a potential member!

Until next time: There are two types of people, takers and givers. Takers may eat a lot but givers will always sleep better. -unknown.

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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  
AZEEZ, Esq., Referee  
ROY, MONDELLO, LARocca &  
RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff,  
828 South Broadway, Suite 100,  
Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN  
FORECLOSURE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -  
against - IBELKA POLANCO, et al Def-  
endant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclo-  
sure and Sale entered on October 3,  
2014. I, the undersigned Referee will  
sell at public auction at the Bronx  
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851  
Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County,  
New York on the 9th Day of February,  
2015 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot,  
piece or parcel of land situate, lying and  
being in the Borough of Bronx, City of  
New York.

Premises known as 1353 Clay Ave-  
nue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY  
10456.

(Block: 2782, Lot: 122).  
Approximate amount of lien  
\$589,267.04 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to pro-  
visions of filed judgment and terms of  
sale.

Index No. 381145-11. Richard Tol-  
chin, Esq., Referee.  
Davidson Fink LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700  
Rochester, NY 14614-1990  
Tel. 585/760-8218  
Dated: November 15, 2014

LEGAL NOTICE

REFeree'S  
NOTICE OF SALE IN  
FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW  
YORK

SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF  
BRONX  
HOUSEHOLD FINANCAL REALTY

CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, Plain-  
tiff against PAUL CONRAD, MARIA  
CONRAD, et al. Defendants. Pursuant  
to a judgment of foreclosure and sale  
executed by the Honorable, Kenneth L.  
Thompson, Jr., J.S.C. on February 22,  
2013 and filed with the Bronx County  
Clerk on March 4, 2013, I, the under-  
signed Referee will sell at public auction  
at Bronx County Courthouse, Room  
600, in the City of Bronx, Bronx County,  
New York on (date) at (time). Premises,  
commonly known as 1948 Cruger Ave-  
nue, Bronx, New York. ALL that certain  
plot piece or parcel of land, with the  
buildings and improvements thereon  
erected, situate, lying and being in the  
City of Bronx, County of Bronx and  
State of New York. Section: 2 Block:  
4258 Lot: 4. Approximate amount of lien  
\$387,768.12 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to pro-  
visions of filed Judgment Index  
#381228/08.

Dated: October 2, 2014 LEE  
HUTTNER, Esq., Referee Jonathan D.  
Pincus, Attorney at Law Attorney for  
Plaintiff 1387 Fairport Road Building 700  
Suite 710 Fairport, NY 14450 Tele-  
phone: 585-256-8000

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX

NOTICE OF SALE IN  
FORECLOSURE

Index No. 381219-12  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
MELLON,

Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
MELVIN WILLIAMS;  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
MELLON;

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF  
THE 720-724 EAST 217TH STREET  
CONDOMINIUM;

THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL  
REVENUE SERVICE;

MIDLAND FUNDING LLC;  
FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY  
LLC;

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TAXATION AND FINANCE;

BRONX SUPREME COURT;  
CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY  
OF NEW YORK;

JOHN DOE AND  
JANE DOE,  
Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:  
In pursuance and by virtue of a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly  
granted by this Court in the above  
entitled foreclosure action entered in the  
Bronx County Clerk's Office on  
December 12, 2014, Jeffrey Dinowitz,  
Esq., the Referee named in said  
Judgment, will sell at public auction to  
the highest bidder on February 9, 2014  
at 2:00 p.m., at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New  
York, the premises described in the  
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as  
set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto,

Subject to and together with all  
covenants, easements, and restrictions  
of record affecting the above described  
premises as recorded in the Bronx  
County Clerk's Office and subject to the  
provisions of the filed Judgment and the  
Terms of Sale.

Said premises is commonly known  
as 722 East 217th Street, Bronx, New  
York.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The  
Judgment amount is \$251,080.43, with  
interest thereon, plus plaintiff's costs  
and disbursements in the amount of  
\$1,685.00 and attorney's fees in the  
amount of \$2,094.50, plus advances  
made by the plaintiff until the date of the  
sale, pursuant to said judgment.

DATED: December 31, 2014  
Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee  
HISCOCK & BARCLAY, LLP  
Jennifer M.S. Byrne  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Office and Post Office Address  
One Park Place  
300 South State Street  
Syracuse, New York 13202-2078  
Direct all inquiries to:  
Beth A. Ceparski, Paralegal  
Phone no. (315) 425-2714

SCHEDULE "A"

ALL THAT certain plot, piece or  
parcel of land, situate, lying and being in  
the Borough of Bronx, City of New York,  
in the County of the Bronx and State of  
New York, being part of lot number 651  
on Map entitled, "Map of the Village of  
Wakefield, in the Towns of East and  
West Chester, Westchester County,  
New York," made by Henry B. Miller,  
C.E. & S., dated May 1854, and filed in  
the Westchester County Register's  
Office as Map Number 143, and  
bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the  
southerly side of East 217th street,  
230.31 feet easterly from the corner  
formed by the intersection of the  
southerly side of East 217th Street with  
the easterly side of White Plains Road;  
RUNNING THENCE southerly, parallel  
with White Plains Road, 114.27 feet;  
THENCE easterly parallel with East  
217th Street, 25.03 feet; THENCE  
northerly again and parallel with White  
Plains Road, 114.27 feet to the  
southerly side of East 217th Street; and  
THENCE westerly along the southerly  
side of East 217th Street, 25.03 feet to  
the point or place of beginning.

ALSO, ALL that certain lot, piece or  
parcel of land situate, lying and being in  
the Borough of the Bronx, in the  
County of Bronx, in the City and State of  
New York, bounded and described as  
follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the  
southerly side of East 217th Street,  
255.34 feet easterly from the corner  
formed by the intersection of the  
southerly side of 217th Street and the  
easterly side of White Plains Road;  
THENCE southerly parallel with the  
easterly side of White Plains Road,  
114.27 feet; THENCE easterly parallel  
with the southerly side of East 217th  
Street, 25.03 feet; THENCE northerly  
parallel with the easterly side of White  
Plains Road, 114.27 feet to the  
southerly side of East 217th Street; and  
THENCE westerly along the southerly  
side of East 217th Street, 25.03 feet to  
the point or place of Beginning.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B.,  
v.  
MOHAMMAD R. ISLAM, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
pursuant to a Final Judgment of  
Foreclosure dated 7/2/10, and entered  
in the Office of the Clerk of the County  
of BRONX, wherein INDYMAC BANK,  
F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and MOHAMMAD  
R. ISLAM, ET AL. are the Defendant(s).  
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at

public auction at the BRONX COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE, 851 GRAND  
CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on  
2/2/15 AT 2:00 PM, premises known as  
1243 COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY  
10456: BLOCK: 2439 LOT: 67

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE  
OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE  
BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS  
THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE,  
LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH  
AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND  
STATE OF NEW YORK.

Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index #  
380751/2008. JOSEPH MARIA, ESQ. -  
Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900  
Merchants Concourse Westbury, New  
York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX

JEANETTE GLASSMAN, Plaintiff  
against TERRI POWER a/k/a TERRI D.  
POWER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to  
a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale  
dated October 3, 2014 and entered  
October 27, 2014, I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public auction at the  
Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600,  
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on  
January 26, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises  
situate, lying and being in the Borough  
of the Bronx, City and State of New  
York, bounded and described as  
follows: BEGINNING at a point on the  
easterly side of Carpenter Avenue 50  
feet wide, distant 150 feet northerly from  
the corner formed by the intersection of  
the northerly side of East 234th Street,  
and the said easterly side of Carpenter  
Avenue; being a plot 102.00 feet by 25  
feet by 102.00 feet by 25 feet.

Said premises known as 4236  
CARPENTER AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien  
72,541.10 plus interest & costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed judgment and terms of  
sale. Index Number 35033/2013E.

HEDDYEH P. BROUMAND, ESQ.,  
Referee Maizes & Maizes LLP  
Attorney(s) for plaintiff 2027  
Williamsbridge Rd, Bronx NY 10461

LEGAL NOTICE

BRONX INDEX NO.: 35005/2013E -  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff  
Designates BRONX County as the place  
of trial based upon the location of the  
premises herein described having tax  
map Block 5787, Lot 1010 Bronx, NY,  
County of BRONX - DLJ MORTGAGE  
CAPITAL, INC., Plaintiff, -against-  
FELICIA FIELDS, AS  
ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE  
OF CAROL FIELDS; TICHINA ANN  
FIELDS if living and if he be dead, 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 and to the  
real property described in the complaint  
herein; CHRISTOPHER MICAH FIELDS  
CLARK if living and if he be dead, 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  
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any right, title, or interest in and to the  
real property described in the complaint  
herein; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF  
THE NETHERLAND TERRACE  
CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK CITY  
PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU;  
NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTROL BOARD; BRONX  
SUPREME COURT; CRIMINAL COURT  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; THE  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK; NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND  
FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE  
SERVICE; SUCCESS PROPERTIES,  
LLC.; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN  
DOE #12," the last twelve names being  
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persons or parties intended being the  
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corporations, if any, having or claiming  
an interest in or lien upon the premises,  
described in the complaint, Defendants.  
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information on how to answer the  
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ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE  
PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY)  
AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE  
COURT To the above named  
defendants: The foregoing summons is  
served upon you by publication pursuant  
to an Order of the Hon. Lizbeth  
Gonzalez, a Justice of the Supreme  
Court, State of New York, dated  
December 9, 2014 and filed with the  
Bronx County Clerk together with the  
supporting papers thereon. This is an  
action to foreclose a mortgage held by  
Plaintiff on the premises known as  
Block: 5787, Lot: 1010, Bronx, NY,  
County of Bronx, as described in the  
complaint on file and commonly known  
as 3240 NETHERLAND AVENUE, UNIT  
4A, BRONX, NEW YORK 10463. Dated:  
Syosset, New York December 18, 2014  
Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C.,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff 125 Michael Drive,  
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# Vacca draws protestors over horse-drawn carriages

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CLASS, said the bill offers an opportunity for the drivers in an outdated industry to get 21st Century jobs.

"We know its not politically feasible for councilmembers to vote for this with out an alternative," said Bhuiyan.

But Vacca said he feels the current bill doesn't adequately address the threat to employment.

"I think this could end up with people losing jobs," said Vacca.

The councilman's other reservation about the current bill concerns the historic nature of the horse-drawn carriage industry.

"Tradition's no reason to keep an inhumane industry alive," Bhuiyan.

Vacca said he thinks there could be some compromise by making the industry more humane or limiting it's scope.

"I don't think wiping out the industry is the answer," he said.

It seems the protestors outside his office won't have much effect on Vacca's decision making process.

"I'm not going to be swayed by them," he said. "I think the issue should be studied outside of demonstrations."

He still has plenty of time to exam-

ine the issue, since the current bill is pending while an environmental impact study is conducted. It will be several months before a hearing or vote on the bill is held.

Fellow Bronx Councilman Andy King has made up his mind on the subject. He was listed as a sponsor on previous legislation, but has changed his stand.

"I do not support the ban on horse and carriages," he said. "I do not see any justifiable reason to do away with an industry that has been an exciting part of New York City's history and employs more than 400 - just because someone says so."

He said one reason, among others, is that he doesn't understand the argument that the horses are a danger to the public because they can become spooked by cars, yet police horses don't fit into that category.

"And besides, we have a whole lot of issues in New York to address other than an industry that has done nothing but enhance the love and enchantment of New York City."

Councilman Ritchie Torres recently told Capital New York that he is undecided on the legislation, and is frustrated by the amount of time and attention the issue has garnered.



Protestors outside Councilman James Vacca's office want him to support legislation to ban horse-drawn carriages in the city.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

# Violent crime down in 2014

from Page 1

get distracted and put their purses and bags down.

While malls pose a new challenge for the precinct, an old problem has seen some improvements—car thefts were down about 17 percent this year.

"We've always had that as one of the major complaints," said McGeown.

Burglaries were also down 10 percent, and there was one particular bright spot in this year's numbers.

"There were no murders in the 45th Precinct," said McGeown.

## 49th Precinct

Overall crime in the 4-9 was down 7 percent in 2014, said commanding officer Captain Timothy McCormack.

But the decrease in overall crime over the past two year is more dramatic—31.9 percent.

The precinct did see an increase in the number of murders—from two to six. Half of the murders were domestic violence cases, two others were narcotics related.

"We're looking at the underlying

causes of domestic violence and drugs, and focusing on those two aspects," said McCormack.

Car thefts were up about 20 percent this year, with the majority of cars stolen being Honda Accords and Civics.

The issue is not new, said McCormack, and it persists partially because the hospitals in the area create a transient community with many people coming and going.

"Vehicular crime is something we always have to work on," said McCormack.

But the precinct saw significant decreases between 2013 and 2014 in the categories of robberies (210 vs. 179), felony assaults (218 vs. 183), and burglaries (232 vs. 190).

The precinct had some successes in the past year, said McCormack, and the officers will continue to work hard to bring down the number of crimes.

"Reducing violent crime is the objective of the command," said McCormack. "One homicide is one too many."

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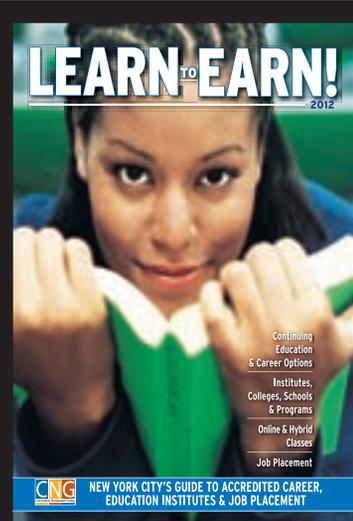
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Said premises known as 956 EAST 156TH STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien 6,720.77 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 304469/2011.

GARRY SHARON BOUCHER, ESQ., Referee

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX NO. 35129/2014E SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Date Filed: 12/22/2014 Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff, -against- Devorah Gibbons if living and if any be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Board of Managers of the Parkchester North Condominium, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New

York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Carlos Antunez and Vilma Rodriguez, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$67,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on 08/05/2004 in Book CRFN 2004000481053, covering premises known as 1725 Purdy Street, Apt. 2H, Bronx, NY 10462. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment

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"We were on a five-game losing streak and didn't like it one bit, especially being kicked around by our rival Iona. It was definitely something we needed to get done."

KYLAN GUERRA .....58



## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Giants Sidelines

Dan Graziano (ESPN.com) wrote, "The Giants announced Fewell's ouster Wednesday as part of a "restructuring of their defensive coaching staff." Defensive backs coach Peter Giunta also will not return next season, the team announced.

The Giants' defense ranked eighth in the NFL in total yardage in 2013 but took a major step back in 2014 amid season-ending injuries to three of its top four cornerbacks, middle linebacker Jon Beason and defensive ends Mathias Kiwanuka and Robert Ayers."

I'm rooting for Pepper Johnson or Steve Spagnuolo, but more for Pepper, to get brought in.

### NFL Games On TV

Fan interest in watching pro-football on television spiked after CBS broadcasted "The Violent World Of Sam Huff." This was the first time that real-time sights and sounds were seen and heard by "Joe-Fan."

I still remember Sam Huff covered in game dirt saying to an opposing player, "If you do that one more time, number 63, I'm gonna break your nose!"

That was it for me. I was hooked.

There has recently of talk about preventing permanent injuries to NFL players as well as poor post-game player behavior. The Sports Curmudgeon talked

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# SLUMPING ST. RAYS HAS THIRD STRAIGHT LOSS

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

St. Raymond's struggles continue.

The young Ravens boys' basketball team lost for the fourth time in its last five games and its third in a row after falling 78-52 to PSAL power Abraham Lincoln 78-52 in the Apparel Challenge at Christ the King last Sunday. The four-game event pitted team sponsored by Nike against ones sponsored by Under Armour.

St. Raymond's, which started the season 5-0, ends a tough four-game stretch. It beat St. Mary's, but lost to division rivals Cardinal Hayes and Iona Prep, and lost to Lincoln on Sunday. The Ravens (7-4) got behind early and could never get back against the Railsplitters (12-2).

"I thought we had lapses defensively," St Raymond coach Jorge Lopez said. "They did a good job attacking us, but we had to many breakdowns defensively and a difficult time guarding our man in front of us. We just had a hard time containing them. They are a quick and a very aggressive team."

St. Raymond's struggles early on really hampered their efforts to get back into the contest in the second half. Lincoln got off to a fast start on both sides of the ball in the first quarter, and by the time the quarter was over Lincoln led 22-8.

Both teams were sloppy in the second stanza. There wasn't much scoring on either side, but St. Raymond's had their opportunity to get back into the game. It held Lincoln scoreless for the final five minutes before the half, but the Ravens were not able to capitalize on the opportunity and trailed 33-18 at halftime.

St. Raymond was able to fight back after the break and get back into the contest. It cut the deficit to 10 with four minutes left in the third. Lin-



St. Raymond's Omar Silverio takes the ball strong to the hoop.

Photo by Caroll Alvarado

coln took any momentum that the Ravens had away. St. Raymond's got sloppy its ball handling as Lincoln went on a 12-2 run to end the quarter to take a 57-36 lead into the final frame.

Ezekiel Charles scored a

game high 22 points to lead Abraham Lincoln and Tyler Bourne added 18 points. Cahiem Brown paced St. Raymond with 13 points and Sidney Wilson added 12. Lopez did not make his players avail-

able to the media. His Ravens will try to get back on track as quickly as possible.

"We told the guys to put the loss behind them," Lopez said. "We have to play together, we have to be more unselfish, and we have to do a better job defending."

# Scoring droughts doom Mount in loss to Stepinac

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Offensive struggles kept Mount St. Michael from a fast start and strong finish, ultimately costing it a victory over division rival Archbishop Stepinac.

The Mountaineers, who trailed by 16 early in the second quarter, railed to take a nine-point lead in the fourth. Unfortunately, good shots again didn't fall and Mount had to stomach a tough 76-68 home defeat in CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball last Saturday afternoon.

"I thought we had enough looks," Mountaineers coach Tom Fraher said. "The game ended the way the game started."

Stepinac again took advantage in the fourth quarter. The Crusaders, who had lost six of their last seven games, rattled of a 9-0 run to take a 70-66 lead with 3:32 remaining in the game. Mount had chances to tie or re-take the lead, but could not cash in.

The defeat kept them from building momentum off beating St. Raymond on Jan. 6. The offensive struggles is something Fraher has seen before.

"We are inconsistent offensively," he said. "We can score the ball and other times there is a sewer cap on the rim and nothing goes in."

His team, which trailed 27-9 early



Mount St. Michael coach Tom Fraher saw his team suffer a tough defeat at the hands of Archbishop Stepinac. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

in the second quarter, did show how dangerous it can be during the middle to quarter. A 14-0 run cut the Stepinac lead to 27-23 midway through the second quarter and an 11-0 spurt, capped by an Elijah Buchanan three-pointer,

put them ahead 59-50 going into the fourth.

Mount road the fearless driving and playmaking ability of point guard Nukoy Singleton. He scored 26 points and kept finding his teammates in

the best position to score. Buchanan (15 points) and James Brady hurt Stepinac from the outside. Forward Romani Hansen score inside and defended at the basketball.

"I think the second and third quarter showed how we can play when we have our top off offense and top defense," Singleton said.

They didn't maintain it enough to be a Stepinac team hungry for a win following a 35-point loss to Iona Prep the night before. Kylan Guerra and Kobie Miranda each scored 21 points. Jordan Tucker chipped in eight points and 12 boards.

"We were on a five-game losing streak and didn't like it one bit, especially being kicked around by our rival Iona," Guerra said. "It was definitely something we needed to get done."

While the loss certainly sung Mount afterward it hasn't dampened their optimism for the team's potential this season. It's a matter of keeping droughts to a minimum and playing at the level the Mountaineers know they are capable of. The margin for era is however slim.

"If we can beat [St. Ray's] and they are anchoring the whole league than we can play with the whole league," Singleton said. "But we can lose to the whole league as well"

## Scanlan High School's Track & Field highlights

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Monsignor Scanlan High School's Track & Field Team is starting to the received the blessings from their hard work. On Friday, January 9th at the 21st Cardinal Hayes Invitational & Sophomore Boys Bronx Catholic High School Championship, we won two medals. The meets were held at the Fordham University's Lombardi Center in the Bronx, New York. In the Sophomore Boys Bronx Catholic High School Championship, Darby Gonzalez took 5th place in the 55 meter finals. This was Darby's 2nd time that he ever competed in a track & field meet. To make the finals in the 55 meter race among the Bronx best is a great accomplishment.

After the boys sophomore championship track meet, all of the boys, (Nicholas Jackson, Joseph Santos, Darby Gonzalez & Javon Wilson) competed in the Cardinal Hayes Invitational. Medals were given to the top 5 athletes in the division. Most of the top track & field Catholic Schools teams from throughout New York were participating. All of our boys ran the 55 and 300 meters race. They competed hard, showing the Scan-



Monsignor Scanlan track & field team.

lan's pride. In just competing in their second track meet ever, Javon Wilson took 3rd and Darby Gonzalez took 5th in the Boys JV 55 meter race, winning bronze medals. Congratulation to all that competed, your all are winners!

## Pipe Dreams: Conspiracy?

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about the leagues reaction, "I think Brad Dickson of the Omaha World-Herald has cracked the code on NFL disciplinary measures: "The NFL has a tougher personal conduct policy. Now, when players mess up, they will get both wrists slapped simultaneously."

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) wrote, "Normally I don't root against the Cowboys, but I'm making an exception. Don't want to be subjected again to the owner's box tableau of Jerry Jones and his BFF, Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, doing their awkward — and borderline dangerous — victory hug.

What is that dance, the Texas Mis-Step?"

### Conspiracy?

I've been pretty clear as to how I feel about the Dallas Cowboys. I want to know why all of those strange decisions made by NFL refs seem to always go the Cowboys' way.

This time a Dallas defender ran straight into a Lions' pass receiver knocking him down. Two officials threw an interference penalty flag, but after a quick conference with the other zebras the flag was picked up. No penalty. Two minutes later, Dallas had a 4th and 6 on the on the Lions' 42, Romo calls a pass. Lions' DT Suh is held and tackled to the ground-no penalty. This put the Cowboys in position to go ahead 24-20 for the win. All I could say was- JEEZ.

The guys were giving me the business about this. From Bob Molinaro- "I had no dog in the fight, but I find it mystifying that the wisest minds of our age - talk-show hosts - strenuously downplayed the importance of the Great Picked-Up-Hanky Incident in the Cowboys' playoff victory over the Lions. The wise men argue that one play or a single egregious call can't determine the outcome of a game. But this flies in the face of everything we longtime couch potatoes know because bad calls can and do alter results. You don't have to be a conspiracy theorist to understand that."

Dwight Perry- "Conspiracy alert

Coincidence? Jethro Pugh, the former Dallas defensive tackle, passed away within 10 days of:

The Cowboys' first playoff game in Green Bay since the 1967 Ice Bowl.

AND Elly May Clampett."

### Kerr Was Smart

Steve Kerr saw what was ahead of him if he gave into the offer from Phil Jackson to become the Knicks' coach. Bob Molinaro (pilotonline.com) unretired and wrote an opinion. "Close call: Knowing what we do now about the debacle that is the New York Knicks - 5-34 after a loss Thursday night - it's hard to believe Steve Kerr may have seriously contemplated accepting Phil Jackson's coaching offer before making the soul-saving choice to lead Golden State (28-5).



Jack Galub #24 of Hrace Mann splits the middle a lays up for 2 points friday night

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# Horace Mann's victory slips away in closing minutes

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Horace Mann was in position to steal a big victory on the road only to see it get way in the closing minutes.

The Lions led most of the way on homecoming night at Poly Prep and tied the score with four minutes left to play in the contest. The Blue Devils executed better in the fourth quarter and exercised its advantage in the paint to hand Horace Mann an eventual 44-38 loss in Ivy League girls' basketball last Friday night.

"We were in the game," Lions coach Ray Barile said. "We were ready win."

Blue Devils freshman forward Shannah Wright scored a game-high 17 points and became too much hand in paint in the fourth quarter. Poly closed the game on an 8-2 run to claim the victory.

"It's tough," senior guard Jennifer Reiss said. "We were in it the whole time, 4:00 left we were tied. At the end we just weren't able to finish."

The Lions played the final frame without starting forward Caroline Levy, who fouled out in the third quarter. Barile said a miscommunication between him and his assistant led to her being out there with four fouls when she would have been on the bench. Levy's

absence opened the door for Wright to hurt Horace Mann inside. Poly began to score on second chance points.

"A lot of their points came on second chances in the fourth quarter," Barile said.

Barile felt his team did a good job handling the Poly double teaming star freshman guard Jordan Nixon and player her a box and 1. Nixon scored 15 points and Reiss had 14. The Lions just couldn't get the key points down the stretch.

"For the most part we were able get her the ball, even though they were face guarding her," Reiss said.

The loss is Horace Mann's second in league play, the other coming to favorite Dalton. That was Nixon's very game back after missing time because she was sick, but was still not 100 percent. The defeats haven't discouraged the team's hopes of winning the Ivy League. The Lions have younger players looking to mesh with seniors. There is plenty of room for improvement moving forward.

Poly Prep 57, Horace Mann 17: Robert Gulub paced Horace Mann with 10 points. Najee Taylor led the Poly Prep boy's basketball team with eight points. David Dixon had six points and J.D. Levine chipped in four.

## Velocity Track Club at the Colgate Women's Games

BY WINSTON DINKINS

The blessings continue, Week 3 at the Colgate Women's Games, we continue to get better and better. In week 2, we have 4 girls earn medals. In week 3, we have 5 girls earn medals. Velocity pride continues to be contagious. More of our athletes are trying harder, attending practice and more focus. This week we had Nariah Mathis medal in the middle school 55 meter dash, Dominick Jackson medal in the high school 200 meter dash, Pearl Webster in the high school shot put, River Sampson to elementary 55 meter dash and Olyvia Burrell, who earned points in the elementary A 55 meters, then came back and ran the 55 meters hurdles for the 1st time and won a silver medal. Last year, VTC only had 1 girl in the Colgate Women Games final. With the blessings from hard work and dedication from coaches, parents, athletes and the community, we could have 5 girls in the finals.

As our elementary girls were competing at the Women Colgate Games, the rest of the team was competing at the lovely YMCA Brooklyn Armory. This was the YMCA Youth Meet #2. There were over 600 athletes competing, they came from as far Pa. and NJ.

This was truly a regional championship atmosphere meet. Medals were given to the top 5 athletes in their individual events and top 3 relay teams. There also was a parents / coaches 4 x 200 meter relay race. The following athletes won medals: Our top runners were Danielle Jackson; she won the 11 / 12 girls' age division 200 and 400 meters race earning her 2 gold medals. Dontae Lindo won the 9 / 10 boys' 1500 meter race, earning him a gold medal. Jordan Samuels won a silver medal in the 13 / 14 boy's long jump. In the girls 13 / 14 division, Jaelah Eargle took 3rd in the long jump and Nariah Mathis took 4th in the 200 meter race, earning them bronze medals. Our 13 / 14 girls 4 x 200 relay team of Jaelah, Nariah, Zaria Wright and Shantea Leach took 3rd place to earn bronze medals, just missing the gold by 1.7 seconds. Good job to all!!!

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