

PB SWEATS OUT REPAIRS

Tenants endure an elevator-less summer

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

It's been a long hot and frustrating summer for the 50 families living in a Pelham Bay building.

With the thermometer hitting near-record breaking temperatures, the residents of 1650 Hutchinson River Parkway have had to endure a non-working elevator for the past two months.

The situation is not new for this six-story building and continues a trend of elevator issues that have plagued the tenants for years.

The building's lone elevator has been experiencing problems for easily over a decade, according to the building's residents.

To make matters worse,

residents were told by the landlord that it won't be working again until the middle of September.

"This has been a consistent problem for at least ten years," said resident Ann Colucci, who has lived in the building for 37 years. "Sometimes the elevator is out for a day, sometimes a week and now its not working at all. This has left many residents feeling helpless and making us wonder what we can do about it."

This scenario has been especially difficult for Mel Fishman, who has lived in the building with his wife, Linda, for almost 20 years.

On June 19, Mel returned from the hospital after undergoing open heart and triple bi-

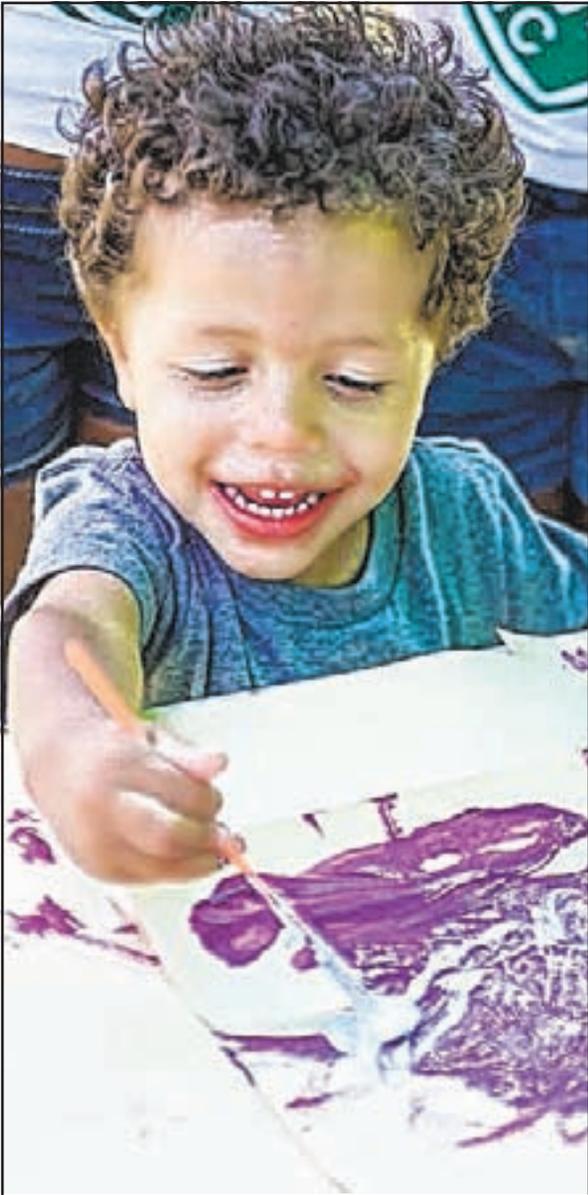
pass surgery as well as a heart valve replacement.

When he arrived home, he was approached by an elevator repair service employee who told him there was an elevator problem.

Mel had to endure a five-hour wait before the elevator was ready to manually take him to his fifth floor apartment.

"That situation was a true horror," said Mel's wife, Linda. "My husband needs to see his doctor, cardiologist and heart surgeon, and he can't leave the apartment unless the elevator is working again. In reality, the landlord needs to stop repairing the elevator and replace it with a new elevator altogether."

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Picture Perfect!

Bryce Quinones, 2, paints at the Police Athletic League's Bronx Borough Celebration Day on Saturday, August 15. Children enjoyed a tug-of-war competition, carnival games, inflatable obstacle courses, jumbo-sized board games, face painting and basketball.

Mall at Bay Plaza's anniversary

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Mall at Bay Plaza celebrated its first birthday last week.

Prestige Properties, elected officials and shoppers gathered on Friday, August 14 to mark the anniversary of the mall's opening.

The 780,000 square foot mall opened to great fanfare last year, and is now home to over a hundred stores and numerous restaurants.

"It's a big day for us and the Bronx," said Sam Shalem, chairman and CEO of Prestige Properties and Development Co. Inc., the mall's owner and

developer.

Elected officials touted the mall, which was the first enclosed shopping center built in the city in about 40 years, as a major achievement for the Bronx.

"Where they said it couldn't be done, it was done, and it was done in spades," said Assemblyman Michael Benedetto. "It's wonderful when a dream comes through."

The mall has created about 1,700 permanent jobs, said Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president Marlene Cintron, many of whom were hired at the De-

partment of Labor's job fair at the site, which was attended by more than 3,000 people.

"It's projects like this that make such a difference for Bronx residents," said Cintron.

The mall has also brought the state \$12 million in tax revenue so far, which more than covered what the state invested in associated highway improvements, she said.

Attendees at the ceremony also applauded the arrival of a convenient shopping center with a multitude of upscale

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More developments like this one, at 1701 Parkview, appear to be on the horizon for Pelham Bay. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

Housing boom in Pelham Bay

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A building trend that many leaders in Pelham Bay and other Bronx neighborhoods found troublesome looks like it is back.

The rapid development of multiple-family dwellings in east Bronx areas where there is currently a mix of apartment buildings and private homes seems to be increasing dramatically after the 2008-09 recession brought many of these projects to a standstill.

Councilman James Vacca has noticed a massive uptick in Department of Buildings filings for new construction of multiple-family dwellings in Pelham Bay and Pelham Parkway, recently.

The councilman has recently located DOB documents pertaining to new projects at 3066 Buhre Avenue, 1701 Parkview Avenue and 3109 Buhre Avenue, among others in community boards 10 and 11.

Another building was recently completed at 3064 Buhre Avenue.

"The building boom is back," said Vacca. "People are going to be seeing a lot of new construction and it is going to be significant."

In some cases, smaller homes are being torn down to make way for 18- to 25-unit buildings in locations where the zoning permits it, like Pelham Bay, which has a stock of older apartment buildings constructed before World War II.

This is a problematic end when it comes to parking and infrastructure, said the councilman, adding that much of the downzoning in last decade does not apply to areas where larger buildings already exist.

"Most people who live in the immediate vicinity of this new construction are not happy," the councilman said. "People are saying we don't have the infrastructure and parking, and that overdevelopment is a quality-of-life issue."

Many of the new and proposed Pelham Bay projects have plans that comply with parking rules calling for spaces for 50% of the units, said Vacca.

For example, the building proposed at 1701 Parkview has 22 units with 11 on-site parking spaces, and the one at 3109 Buhre has 18 units and nine spots.

Community leaders and one local

real estate broker seemed to concur with Vacca.

"I feel that Pelham Bay is starting to be overrun by these large developments," stated Michele Torrioni, Pelham Bay Taxpayers president. "I'd like to see some sort of law implemented (stating) that if you purchase a one- or two-family home, you have to build the same back."

Irene Guanill, owner of Meet the Sellers realty on Middletown Road in the community, said that many of the new apartments could be rented to social service providers, but also that it is not clear who the investors who build each project are targeting as prospective tenants.

"I have noticed the same trend, and it is still not clear who the units are going to be rented to," said Guanill, who added that tax abatements like the 421-a program and others are encouraging developers to demolish one-and two-family homes and replacing them with larger dwellings.

She believes this trend could have negative implications for the area.

Waterbury LaSalle Community Association board member Andrew Chirico added that local schools like P.S. 71 and P.S. 14 are already fully utilized and that more classroom space needs to be built before more housing is developed.

"We are going to need more than 50% parking; we are going to need 100%," said Chirico. "This is just ridiculous; I cannot say this enough times."

The developer of the recently completed building at Buhre and Jarvis avenues, Pualin Lumaj, said that the building is fully rented and was receiving the rents that he expected.

His latest project, next door at 3066 Buhre Avenue, should be completed in a year, he added.

Patty Justiniano, a local Pelham Bay activist, said that in the case of 1701 Parkview Avenue, the rest of this block, running from the corner lot where the project is, contains small homes and she feels that what is proposed does not fit with this surrounding context.

This is the same concern expressed when the project was first proposed, as the Bronx Times reported in 2009.

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John Gaffney has the following to say to his wife **Maria Gaffney**: A very special birthday to my wife Maria, who celebrated her birthday on Wednesday, August 13... Good health and happiness always, your husband, John Gaffney.

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Young Thespians

The Irizarry family sent the following message of congratulations to a group of local, young actors: *Congratulations to 'The Morris Park Players' on their outstanding production of Godspell, performed live on St. Francis Xavier's school stage from August 7-9, 2015. The amazingly talented cast made up of nine*

young adults, five of which were females and the other four males, worked extremely hard to make this play come to life. They came together as a group of friends who shared a love of music and theater. Throughout their six week grueling practice schedule they not only worked hard but formed a bond so strong they consider themselves a family. The play was filled with music, dancing, comedy, tremendous enthusiasm and a wide array of different talents. The amazing cast performed magnificently and rocked the house at all three of their shows. We are so proud of each and every one of them and look forward to seeing them once again light up the stage on their next venture.

A special thank you goes out to the crew and all the people who worked diligently to make this production come to life.

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Documenting 311 complaints can be difficult

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

What started with great fanfare and expectations is today a mere shadow of its earlier self, claim many disgruntled users.

New York City's 311 complaint line has residents frustrated on how to properly file a report.

The phone operator's insistence of an exact address location when reporting a pothole or requesting a street light repair has many caring citizens wondering why isn't the agency being more user-friendly.

Other complaints made by resi-

dents, noted Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke, include the lack of follow up on their complaints..

According to Bronx residents, attempts to file a complaint using cross streets or street corners instead of an actual address number are rejected by the service.

However, there are many properties in the Bronx that don't post an address such as 2443 Poplar Street, 1750 Melville Street, 843 and 845 Morris Park Avenue as well as 1665 Yates Avenue, said Warneke.

This makes it difficult to identify the exact location, he pointed out.

As a result, 311 has refused to file these complaints.

"I stopped calling 311 after a while because it was becoming such a waste of time," said Linda Fishman, who has been without elevator service in her building for over two months, and has filed multiple complaints with the 311 and the Department of Buildings with an address number but, still, has not yet been responded to.

"The service was great when it was first started, but now they transfer you around the department and nothing ever results from it. Something needs to be done - especially regarding local complaints that aren't connected to the number of a building - because an address can't always be found."

In other cases, when residents call 311 to place a complaint, the 311 operator refers the call to the Department of Buildings.

However, according a 311 caller who wished to remain anonymous, DOB will not respond to the complaints because they have not been issued a 311 complaint number.

Because of this policy, the city agency is unable to act on the complaint

The portion of the Hutchinson River Parkway service road that travels underneath the Whitestone Bridge, 'The Ring Road', has, for years, been the subject of complaints

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Linda Fishman

that usually can't be documented or filed with 311 due to the lack of address information.

Warneke advised residents to document their complaints with 311 again and again and obtain a 311 complaint number so it can be tracked.

If not responded to, Warneke encourages residents to call Bronx Customer Service at (718) 960-4710.



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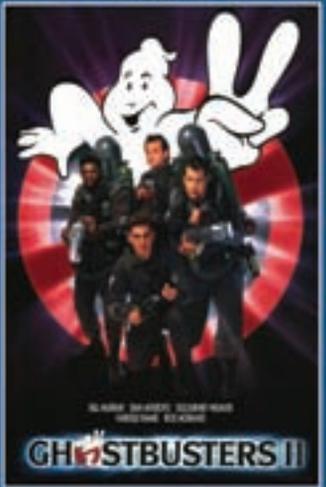
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More funding ends BCA headquarters delay

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The total renovation of the future Bronx Council on the Arts headquarters in Westchester Square has been on hold for the past four years due to inadequate city funding.

The process began back in 2011, when Chase donated the former Washington Mutual Branch at 2700 E. Tremont Avenue to the BCA.

Councilman James Vacca, who has twice allocated money for the project along with Borough President Diaz, said the project is now expected to be completed over the next 18 to 24 months.

"This whole process has taken much too long," said Vacca.

The long wait time has been very disappointing for the neighborhood, said Lisa Sorin, director of the Westchester Square Business Improvement District.

The NYC Department of Design and Construction initially solicited bids for the project last year, but the bids came in above budget and an additional \$1.3 million had to be requested and allocated in the next fiscal year's budget, according to a spokeswoman for the department.

A total of \$5.1 million has now been earmarked towards the gut renovation.

That second round of bids opened on August 14 and the city is currently at the beginning of the pre-award process,

according to the DDC, and construction is estimated to begin in the spring of 2016.

Now that all the money is there, the city needs to move swiftly and spend it, said Vacca.

In the meantime, the Bronx Council on the Arts continues to offer programming in Westchester Square and at other locations.

"While we're waiting for the brick and mortar location, the relationship continues to grow," said Sorin.

But the BID is extremely eager for the addition of more arts and culture to the neighborhood that will come with the new headquarters.

"I know that once it's up and running in the district, it will shed a whole new light on the area," said Sorin.

BCA will be an important element of the overall revitalization of Westchester Square, said Vacca, which has included other projects he's funded like the renovation of Owen Dolen Park, and he's eager as well for its arrival.

"I'm looking forward to the city moving on this," said Vacca.

(Right) The former Washington Mutual branch at 2700 E. Tremont Avenue was donated to the Bronx Council on the Arts in 2011 to be the site of their future headquarters.

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her back. The suspect then fled to parts unknown.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 11:40 p.m. — In front of 4359 Gunther Avenue, two males suspect's approached a 40-year-old male victim from behind, punched and kicked him about his body, then forcefully removed his Apple iPhone, car keys and \$100 cash before fleeing southbound on Gunther Avenue in a blue 2014 Hyundai Sonata. The victim refused medical attention.

47th PCT.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 8:55 p.m. — The NYPD is searching for a suspect in an attempted rape. A suspect approached the 43-year-old female victim from behind as she was walking along Admundson Avenue. The suspect proceeded to pull down the victim's pants and placed his penis on

48th PCT.

Sunday, Aug. 9, 9:58 p.m. — The NYPD is searching for a suspect wanted in connection with an armed robbery that occurred at 4643 3rd Avenue, a gas station. The suspect entered the location, produced a firearm, demanded money from the 37-year-old clerk, and fled on foot with \$968 from the cash register.

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A privilege

Dear editor,

Thank you for highlighting the work of Calvary Hospital in your article on Calvary's centennial celebration. The hospital is most worthy of the coverage and deserves great praise for the care it has offered and continues to offer to its patients.

In 1910, my congregation, the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY, was asked by the Archdiocese of New York to help care for the patients at Calvary. We remained there until 1958 when the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor replaced us.

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The uniqueness of the hospital has always been recognized by patients, staff and visitors and it is a privilege for our sisters to have been a part of Calvary's history.

Sr. Michaela Connolly, OP

More failure

Dear editor,

I am afraid Mr. Pelosi (Charter change Aug. 14-20) missed the whole point of my July 17 letter. The NYC and NYS Education Department is a monopoly in the 'education market' that must no longer be tolerated. New York's parents and their children demand school choice.

The education market has been run for the past 50 years by the US, NYS and NYC departments of education solely to foster Albert Shanker's legacy - the United Federation of Teachers. How Mr. Pelosi can fault today's charter schools with their demonstrated higher levels of student achievement and would agree to the merits of charter schools if only they followed the Shanker Model is mind boggling.

Shanker did it 50 years ago and today's UFT run by Michael Mulgrew and his cronies in the Mayor de Blasio administration, especially Carmen Farina the UFT's most loyal member, continue to short change and deprive public school kids and their parents of an education. As a result thousands of these kids will face a life in poverty, suf-

fer lack of economic opportunity, and face the prospect of joining the jail population.

Our carrier politicians financed by the municipal (teachers) unions have failed millions of American students, continue to do so, and the result is high minority poverty rates, high minority unemployment rates, and an increasing prison population. It would be interesting to know for a fact how many of today's jail population came from our public schools.

This past week de Blasio shouted great news that students raised their test scores. About 30 % passed the English exam and a whopping 35 % passed math. This was hailed by the mayor and Mulgrew that mayoral control was working. The monopoly is working!

Oh BTW! About the English exam, 70 percent of the kids flunked; in math, 65 percent failed. More than four out of five black and Hispanic students bombed English. Nearly as many did the same in math. Rough calculation that is about 800,000 kids on a path to nowhere.

The government sponsored education monopoly funded by the taxpayer, is a failed model with our leaders having no interest in improving education for New York's children. Shanker said it best when asked if he was interested in the children stated, "when school children start paying union dues that's when I'll start representing the interest of school children".

Twenty six percent of eligible New York City voters voted in the last mayoral election, and we got de Blasio, Farina and business as usual at the Department of 'No' Education. It way past time for the nonvoting 74% to show up at the poles and throw out the progressives whose policies are hurting our children.

It is time to bring down the Education monopoly. Give parents school choice including vouchers that will enable parents to send their children to private schools, and remove the state limit on charter schools.

It is way past time to end the education monopoly. It is time for our leaders to be leaders and use our tax dollars to give school choice to all our parents and children.

Carl J. Cannizzaro

Splitsville

Dear editor,

You scream, I scream, we all scream for ice cream. Take a day off from worrying about cholesterol, triglycerides and your weight. Treat yourself, beat the heat and humidity by going to your favorite local ice cream parlor and order a banana split.

Tuesday, August 25 is National Banana Split Day. It was invented by 23-year-old apprentice pharmacist David Evans Strickler at his Latrobe, Pennsylvania store's soda fountain in 1904. The cost for this tasty treat was 10 cents which was twice the price of any other ice cream sundae.

Why not have an all ice cream diner? Enjoy a couple of scopes of your favorite ice cream. It should be properly served in a long dish sometimes called a boat. The banana is cut in half lengthwise with three scopes of ice cream in between. Tradition has scoops of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry but many substitute other flavors.

Add some hot fudge, whipped cream, crushed nuts, maraschino cherries and other toppings. It will put a smile on your face and bring back childhood memories of when you frequented Jahns Ice Cream Parlor or another favorite ice cream emporium.

Larry Penner

A big thanks

Dear editor,

On Tuesday, August 4 the 43rd Precinct Community Council in collaboration with the Community Affairs Officers held their Annual National Night Out event at the Metropolitan Oval in Parkchester. This event, which local police precincts organizes for the community, serves as a way to bridge the interaction and build positive relations between the community and the police department.

We, the executive board for the 43rd Precinct Community Council, would like to acknowledge all of the donors/sponsors who made this event possible and successful.

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We would also like to thank all of the local elected officials, vendors and the volunteers-uniform and non uniform from the 4-3 Precinct who participated, those from CB9 and even the members from the 43rd Precinct Community Council.

Thank you. It is because of all you that this community event was a success.

Doreen Lesane

Amazing year

Dear editor,

Amazing things are happening for the children of the Bronx at Dream Makers Performing Arts! Congratulations to DMPA's student, Devin Campbell, for booking the Broadway show "Kinky Boots". Devin will be performing the role of Young Lola in the hit show.

Another big congratulations to student Michael Santomassimo, for being invited to perform at the Dizzy Feet Foundation Gala in Los Angeles amongst the top stars in the business including Nigel Lythgoe, Adam Shankman, and Travis Wall.

Also, a big congratulations to Lisa Maietta-Rybacki, artistic director/owner of DMPA, for receiving a nationally acclaimed award: Dance Educator of the Year.

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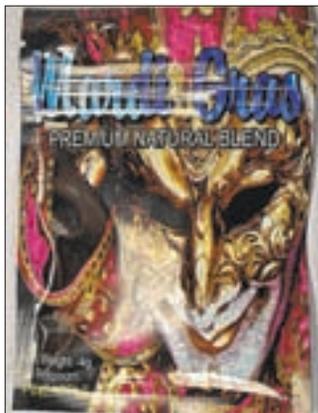
BY ROBERT WIRSING

Bronx elected officials, community leaders and health officials are looking to finally 'snub out' synthetic marijuana sales.

At a Wednesday, August 12 press conference at Jacobi Hospital's Trauma Center, Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Director of Behavioral Health Services at North Bronx Healthcare Network Dr. Maryann Popiel, Director of the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program at Jacobi Hospital Dr. Benjamin Raatjes, community leaders and health officials demanded a crackdown on synthetic marijuana sales.

Working with community leaders and health officials, Klein's office has identified 24 Bronx stores allegedly selling vibrant, cleverly named packets of synthetic marijuana and staff at the senator's office had purchased K2 at EZ-Pass Gourmet Deli and Hairth Deli Grocery Corp in the past week.

"Synthetic marijuana is dangerous and poses a very real public health threat to New Yorkers, their families



'Mardi Gras Premium Natural Blend' is one example of K2 synthetic marijuana purchased during an undercover operation recently conducted by Senator Klein's office. Photos courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office

and children as at least ten patients a week are rushed through the emergency room at Jacobi Hospital displaying frightening, erratic behavior associated with K2 use," said Senator Klein.

To combat "spice" sales resulting in nearly 700 emergency room visits at three Bronx hospitals in recent months, the senator has introduced new legislation to

fortify criminal and civil penalties to keep ahead of the synthetic drug trade.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "spice" refers to a wide range of herbal mixtures producing similar effects as marijuana and are marketed as a 'safe,' legal alternative under such names as 'K2,' 'fake weed,' 'Yucatan Fire,' 'Skunk' and 'Moon Rocks'.

These products are labeled "not for human consumption" as they contain dried, shredded plant material and chemical additives resulting in their mind-altering effects.

Synthetic marijuana is known to cause 'Excited Delirium Syndrome,' a state of extreme mental and physiological excitement associated with violent behavior, seizures, high blood pressure and elevated body temperature among many other symptoms.

"The biggest misconception about synthetic marijuana is that it's anything like actual cannabis," said Dr. Raatjes. "These are dangerous chemicals sprayed onto plant matter that can be overwhelming to



'Black Giant', like many brands of K2 synthetic marijuana, is being marketed as "herbal potpourri" to the public.

those using these drugs."

The K2 epidemic is prolific due to how easy chemists are able to continually tweak their formulas to subvert existing laws and regulations.

In an undercover purchase made by member of Klein's staff, a Bronx bodega owner retrieved 'Smacked!' along with other K2 brands hidden beneath the counter when requested by the customer and only charged \$5 for each five

gram bag.

"These drugs are easily accessible and are being marketed to children right in our backyard," said Assemblyman Gjonaj. "We must prevent the sale of these dangerous and life-threatening products."

Senator Klein will introduce new legislation adding 'synthetic cannabinoids' to the pre-existing crimes of selling marijuana under New York State's penal law.

His legislation provides five degrees of criminal sale, ranging from class B misdemeanor to a class C felony dependent on the weight of synthetic cannabinoid sold.

Klein also introduced legislation banning the sale of synthetic marijuana under general business law and will increase penalties bringing the first violation to \$2,000, the second to \$5,000 and third violation resulting in the loss of a store owner's liquor, tobacco and lottery license.

The senator will host a Friday, October 9 summit on synthetic cannabinoids at Jacobi Hospital with legislators, law enforcement and the medical community.

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Play to premiere at the Andrew Freedman Home

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The historic Andrew Freedman Home on the Grand Concourse will play stage to a brand new play this fall.

'The Fall of the Kings,' written and directed by Mai Sennaar and produced by Walter Puryear from the Andrew Freedman Home, will run from September 5 through November 1.

The production is described as "A new American drama with Afro-Caribbean roots."

Set in the south end of Boston in the 1940s, the play tells the story of an African-American heiress and her Caribbean husband fighting to sustain their family in the midst of an economic disaster.

The chronicle of the family's struggle includes themes of culture and identity, said Sennaar, a Maryland native whose first play, *The Broken Window Theory*, was produced at the famed Nuyorican Poets' Cafe when she was 19.

"Her play speaks to finding your place within a society," said Puryear, who also produced *Black Wall Street* in

2014.

Sennaar was introduced to Puryear through one of the actors, and it turned out they both graduated from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, although several years apart.

Puryear, who has been involved in transforming the Andrew Freedman Home into a cultural center for the past several years, brought the play to the landmark, which was built in the 1920s as a retirement home for elite elderly who had lost their fortunes.

The grand old mansion turned out to be the perfect fit for the story, and Sennaar was able to integrate the setting into the play.

"The production does its best to bring the audience into the King's home," said Sennaar.

The production is also immersive, she said, breaking down the fourth wall and inviting the audience to participate at key parts.

Sennaar describes the tone as serious but entertaining, and said it strikes both funny and sad notes.



Lead cast members of 'The Fall of the Kings' with producer Walter Puryear (seated, left) and playwright/director Mai Sennaar (seated, right). Photo by Kristen McFarland

She hopes that people will connect with the characters on an emotional level.

Puryear is confident that the work will resonate.

"Brilliant is the word," he said.

Bronxites in particular will identify with certain themes, he said, such as holding on to identity in face of losing property, which is relevant to impending gentrification in

the borough.

"I think this play will provoke people to think about their own situation," said Puryear.

He also hopes it will inspire young Bronxites to pursue their artistic goals.

Producing *The Fall of the Kings* at the Andrew Freedman Home fits into its mission of bringing artists to the Bronx to create art that im-

act the community, he said.

The home is run by the Mid-Bronx Senior Citizens Council, which has been doing social work in the neighborhood for more than 40 years, and providing cultural opportunities is an important element of that mission, said Puryear.

Tickets to *The Fall of the Kings*, which range from \$30 to \$45, can be purchased through www.thefallofthekings.com.

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Community chef Terry Rodriguez prepares sauteed eggplant with parmesan and fresh basil during the Bissell Gardens Farmers' Market. Photo courtesy of Chrys Napolitano

Annual Farmers' Market hosted at Bissel Gardens

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Fresh produce - from the Bronx?

An urban garden in the borough recently collaborated with local youth to assist and better the community.

On Wednesday, August 12, Bissel Gardens, a garden located on Bissel Avenue between Barnes, Bruner and Baychester avenues, hosted their annual Farmers' Market event.

At the annual event, local teenagers and young adults from the Youth Stewardship Program, ages 14-15, and the Summer Youth Employment Program, ages 16 to 24, sold the garden's fresh produce to the community and presented their ideas and projects about environmental justice, health and gardening.

During the six-week summer period, these individuals were taught how to maintain the garden - learning how to weed and harvest, among other tasks.

The garden's projects, which were presented by the teenage group, included 'The Fresh Vegetables of Bissel Gardens', which compared and contrasted freshly grown crops at Bissel Gardens with vegetables sold at a local supermarket, 'Weeds - The Game', which revealed therapeutic and helpful ways to pick weeds, as well as 'Touring Bissel Gardens', a walking tour that shared the history of the neighborhood surrounding the Bissel Pathway, the people who maintain the garden and identifying different crops that grow in the garden.

In total, 21 ideas and projects were presented from members of the garden's Youth Stewardship Program in front of an audience that included Councilman Andy King, Councilman Andrew Cohen, executive vice-president of United Healthcare Workers Dan Johnson and Assemblyman Carl Heastie, among others.

After the presentations, King announced his commitment to allocate \$8,000 to the Youth Stewardship Program.

A barbecue was also held to celebrate the end of both summer program.

"In my opinion, the Farmer's Mar-

ket had a more successful year than when I first started here," said garden volunteer Hailey Cotto, who started volunteering three years ago with the Youth Stewardship Program and was given the position as project director for this summer's group.

Over the summer, the 2.2-acre urban farm produced vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, onions, string beans, colored greens, cucumbers and spinach as well as herbs such as basil, oregano and sage.

The mission of the Farmers' Market at Bissel Gardens is, and has always been, connecting and strengthening the community's local food economy as well as providing an aesthetic green-gathering space for residents, while keeping the focus on education, involvement, community and growth.

Gardener and board member Heather Warren-Dombrowa believes that Bissel Gardens would not be what it is today without the assistance of the many helpers and volunteers that have contributed to it.

"Bissel Gardens is definitely evidence that people working together can result in bringing community ideas to fruition," said Warren-Dombrowa. "To see this garden now as compared to how it looked 20 years ago is a reminder as to how much can get done from just volunteering and non-profit work."

Bissel Avenue, which was originally an abandoned and unpaved road, was transformed into a garden when a local neighborhood block association began the beautification effort in 1993, and by 1994, the garden was officially named Bissel Gardens, Inc.

As the years went on, Bissel members and thousands of visiting volunteers worked to create the five areas that now make up Bissel Gardens - The Propagation Area, The Children's Garden, The Community Garden, The Food for Others Garden and the Farmers' Market Area - each area striving to create projects that will assist and better the community, the Bronx and New York as a whole.

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City Island Civic prez co-writes crime novel

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local civic association president, who is a private sector security expert, has written a novel with a former journalist about two characters in search of justice in a world inhabited by corrupt politicians and police officials.

The fictional piece by past New York Magazine journalist Craig Horowitz and Bill Stanton, City Island Civic Association president, is called *Badge of Evil*.

The book's plot centers around two characters: an investigative reporter named A.J. Ross, and a freewheeling private investigator, Frank Bishop, as they try to bring down power hungry New York City Police Commissioner Lawrence Brock.

The story hinges on Brock's take down of an alleged terrorist cell.

The flamboyant Stanton and the more reserved Horowitz both believe that their decades

of knowledge of how the inner circle of New York City politics and policing works provides the novel a believable plot.

"The novel basically is a thriller that has international and hometown terrorism, corrupt out of control cops, rap stars, drug dealers, and this kind of inside look at the corridors of power that we are able to provide because of our experiences," said Horowitz.

Stanton was once a business partner with a NYPD assistant commissioner Jack Maple, who is credited with developing the CompStat crime tracking system.

Horowitz penned stories about major New York crime cases, including one of the worst cases of police brutality in NYPD history: Abner Louima in 1997.

The men met while Horowitz was working on story about the Louima torture controversy. He needed a police perspective and interviewed Stanton, a former cop in the south

Bronx.

The book is for adults, indicated Stanton, and it is not for the faint of heart.

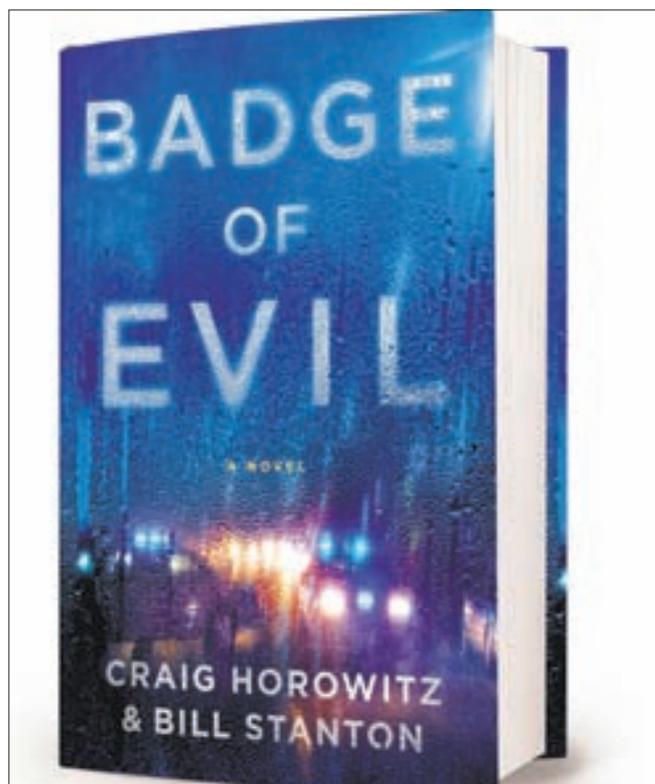
A quick scan of the first few pages of a draft version of the book includes characters engaged in intravenous drug use, prostitution, stripping, sadism and masochism.

Stanton and Horowitz have a three-book deal with publisher Regan Arts.

The writing process is collaborative, said Stanton, with the former private investigator coming up with general ideas for the book and then collaborating with Horowitz, a professional writer, to flush out the details.

"Everyone who knows me can say they hear my voice," said Stanton. "The irony here is that I could not articulate that voice myself. I needed my partner to capture that."

Stanton says he is more of a visual-oriented thinker, having grown up watching televi-



Craig Horowitz and Bill Stanton wrote *Badge of Evil*, a new police thriller. Photo courtesy of Bill Stanton

sion.

He said that the book would not have been possible without the collaboration with Horowitz.

Stanton is also an acclaimed television producer and has appeared on several network spe-

cial regarding personal safety and security issues.

After 20 years in New York City's media, covering numerous mayoral administrations and police commissioners, Horowitz now has a corporate communications career.



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Schools can breathe better in asthma battle

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

In the midst of the Legionnaires' disease outbreak, borough and state politicians recently held a press conference to discuss solutions to another important Bronx health risk.

On Wednesday, August 12, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, along with Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Senator Gustavo Rivera and Assemblyman Michael Blake, among other politicians, hosted a press conference at the Children's Aid Society to discuss the US senator's fight for new measures to ensure that New York public schools prepare for and prevent asthma attacks in the future.

During the press conference, Gillibrand introduced the School Asthma Management Plan Act, a bill to ensure that schools are equipped to prevent and respond to students' asthma attacks.

The bill would provide funding for schools to train staff so that they are able to identify these potentially dangerous scenario and properly respond.

Funding would also pur-

chase medication and equipment for schools to improve classroom air quality.

According to the New York State Department of Health, approximately 34,000 children in the state were hospitalized for asthma attacks between 2011-13.

In addition, asthma causes students across the country to miss a total of 10.5 million school days.

In the borough, an estimated 9,320 children were hospitalized between 2011-13 in an area that struggles with one of the highest asthma rates in the country.

Children in schools suffering from asthma attacks can pose as a burden for entire families, as parents are often forced to miss work and travel to accompany their children.

Asthmatic students face challenges such as staying current in classes amidst absences and participating in sport-related activities.

There have also been instances of students falling asleep in class due to having trouble breathing and sleeping the night before.

Gillibrand is now working to ensure that the bill, which was passed by state Senate last month, will be passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

"As asthma rates across New York and the country rise due to pollutants and smog, we have to make sure our schools have the resources to prepare for and prevent asthma attacks," said Gillibrand, whose son, Theo, suffers from asthma.

"More than 30,000 Bronx children suffer from this chronic disease, so the place where they spend so much of their time, our schools, must be ready. This legislation will make sure our schools have the resources to meet our students' health needs."

"The Bronx is grateful to Senator Gillibrand for her ongoing commitment to the health of New Yorkers and to my borough as well as for her School Asthma Management Plan Act," said Diaz, Jr., whose wife is a chronic asthmatic. "This law will provide students suffering from asthma proper help by



(l-r) Diaz, Jr., Gillibrand and Rivera take questions from the audience following the press conference. Photo courtesy of Senator Gillibrand's office

improving the communication between their schools and physicians, and will help improve the quality of lives of those suffering, and their families, from asthma."

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Wine and dine at Bronx' food festival

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Bronxites looking to wine, dine and have a great time need only look to next month's fun-filled Bronx Food and Wine Festival.

In collaboration with Bronx Fashion Week, the first-ever 'Eat nYc the Bronx Food and Wine Festival' is set for Thursday, September 17 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Mall at Bay Plaza.

Sponsored by Pandora Jewelry Store and Pretzelmaker, the charitable event will help the Food Bank for New York City feed 25,000 hungry men, women and children while raising public awareness about this pressing issue.

Check-in for the festival begins at 4 p.m. leading into a special performance at 4:30 p.m. to welcome the evening's guests.

Attendees will then be treated to a V.I.P. Runway Fashion Show at 5 p.m. presented by Bronx Fashion Week and the New York Fashion Chamber of Commerce showcasing the very best in avant garde and couture hosted by the borough's own Caridad de la Luz, a.k.a. 'La Bruja'.

From 6 until 9 p.m., guests will be guided upstairs where they can sample food and beverages from some of the best local chefs and restaurants, wineries, distilleries, breweries and local craftsman of gourmet treats at



The first-ever 'Eat nYc-The Bronx Food and Wine Festival', a collaboration between Eat nYc and Bronx Fashion Week, is set for next month at the Mall at Bay Plaza.

Photo courtesy of Eat nYc

a grand tasting event hosted by the Culinary Ambassador of the Bronx, 'Baron Ambrosia'.

Eat nYc ticket holders will be treated to local and celebrity chefs performing on stage live cooking demos followed by a diverse set of musical guests.

Live musical performances by QNA, a five-piece Jazz ensemble, R&B singer Kathryn F. Hoxie showcasing some of her sultry hits from her new upcoming album, 'Journey

of a GemInEye', and hip hop artist Twan Da Dude performing his hit single 'Star' and 'I Run NY' are set for that evening.

On-site hand rolled Cuban cigar rollers by La Rosa Cigars will be there also.

Raffle prizes as well as 'swag bags' stuffed with giveaways and discounts from local and borough wide vendors will be available for each guest.

"This event is a culmination of fine dining and spirits provided by eateries and artisanal beverage manufacturers from our home town," said John Denizard, Eat nYc president and co-founder. "Celebrating the diversity, hard work and craftsmanship with flavor only the Bronx can offer."

He noted that the upcoming Bronx Food and Wine Festival is the first of its kind to incorporate all of these elements into one event.

This unique Bronx event will feature nearly 30 vendors including Havana Cafe, Don Coqui, Whoopies Miniature Dessert Co., Coqui the Chef, Limation, Crude Food, Heineken, Tabo Bakery Bar, Cafe Colonial, Enzo's Restaurant, DIG Farm, Euro Products, Arthur Avenue Italian Deli, Lady O's Coquito, Flaco Coquito, Zero Otto Nove, Da Giorgio

Restaurant and many others.

"We'll have two live cooking demos for general admission guests and V.I.P.s," said Tania Lopez, Coqui the Chef founder and chief executive officer. "We're super excited for this festival and it's the perfect opportunity to show people what we're about."

The event ends at 9 p.m. and according to Denizard, discounted local car services will be provided in front of the mall to help guests return home safely.

The Bronx Opera House Hotel will offer Eat nYc ticket holders, with proof of purchase, to book one of their remaining available rooms for the evening at a 15% discount.

To purchase tickets, visit www.eatnycfoodandwinefest.com or visit www.eventbrite.com searching for "Eat nYc The Bronx Food And Wine Festival" and enter the promo code ChefsTable for a 50% discount at checkout while limited amount of discount tickets are still available.

General admission tickets will be available for sale at the door the night of the event.

For more information about this event, contact Denizard at either (347) 621-4365 or eatnyc2015@gmail.com.



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Jonathan Soto to guide CAC

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Mayor de Blasio has appointed a community organizer who got his start working with clergy in the Bronx to lead a new citywide Clergy Advisory Council.

Jonathan Soto, 30, a senior community liaison in the mayor's Community Affairs Unit, will be guiding the new citywide clergy coalition.

This comes after working extensively in the borough as policy director with the Bronx Clergy Roundtable and as the leader of Bronx Long Term Recovery Group, an organization seeking to empower affected communities to recover from Hurricane Sandy.

The Civil Rights Movement and the philosophy of Martin Luther King Jr. informs his social justice philosophy, he said, adding that he believes this new position is an opportunity to address the specific needs of individual New Yorkers, as well as systemic issues through shaping public policy.

"I am honored to have the

opportunity to work with diverse faith leaders and communities, as well as partners citywide on crucial issues for our city," he said. "I look forward to working with the new Clergy Advisory Council to build an important and effective bridge between city government and residents."

Soto noted that CAC, comprised of 53 members from pretty much every faith and ethnic group that comprises the city, would seek to reach out to the outer boroughs.

"This administration has been very explicit about reaching out to the outer boroughs and traditionally underrepresented communities," he said. "So, that is going to be one of my main tasks; and my social justice theology really kind of frames that constituent driven approach we have taken."

The CAC seeks to establish a direct line of communication between local faith leaders in all boroughs and City Hall.

One of the first conditions the coalition will address is

that of homelessness, said Soto.

Soto spoke of the way he sees clergy help homeless people and those in need, providing a window into his ideas about the work of religious leaders.

"What has always caught my eye is when they approach somebody in need they don't just give them a solution for the afterlife," he said. "Their concern is (also) about their present circumstances: whether they are sick, hungry or in need of shelter."

All faith leaders address the spiritual and earthly needs of their congregations, he said. His parents were ministers and missionaries, he also said.

When he was at the Bronx Clergy Roundtable, he worked to establish a mentoring program for young people and improve community and police relations through programming, he said.

He assisted BCR on various organizing programs.

Soto said he discovered



Jonathan Soto Photo courtesy of New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's Office

the BCR while working for a healthcare company shortly after his graduation from Fordham University, when he attended a forum on police and community relations.

In a statement, Mayor de Blasio said that Soto had been brought on as senior liaison to facilitate the administration's engagement with religious communities.

"A seasoned and inspired community leader and activist, I'm confident that Jonathan will bring us closer to communities of faith to ensure that New Yorkers can provide essential feedback and benefit from what our city has to offer," stated the mayor.

Soto is expected to graduate from Brooklyn Law School in 2016.



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Ghetto Film School in contention for award

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

One Bronx-based organization is being recognized for its work educating the next generation of filmmakers.

The Ghetto Film School was recently named a semifinalist in the 9th annual New York Community Trust Nonprofit Excellence Awards.

The film school is one of ten semifinalists across the five boroughs, Westchester and Long Island who are in the running to win \$60,000 in prizes as well as tuition scholarships for the Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

Six finalists and then three winners will be announced later this year.

The Ghetto Film School was founded by president Joe Hall and started as a summer program out of a store front in Hunts Point almost 15 years ago.

It transitioned into a full-time program in 2004 in Mott Haven and later opened the nation's first public film school with the Department of Education in 2009 called The Cinema School.

The idea rose out of Hall's experience at film school at University of Southern California, where he realized there was a lack of diversity in film making, said

GFS artistic director Derrick Cameron.

So he returned to the Bronx, where he had roots as a community organizer, and started teaching high school students film.

In addition to providing programming for The Cinema School's film curriculum, GFS also offers an intensive fellowship for a select group of the Cinema School's junior and seniors with after-school and Saturday programming. They also run the Digital Bodega, a professional production company that gives alumni paid opportunities to



Students from The Ghetto Film School shoot a film in Spain during a recent trip.

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grow their film reel and supports GFS with additional revenue.

GFS also provides instruction for students about professional skills like networking, and helps them establish contacts in the business, said Cameron, and a recently established outpost in L.A. will support students if they move west to pursue the craft.

"We're the Coppola family for students that don't have connections in the industry," said Cameron.

In addition to teaching teens how to write scripts, work a camera, and use editing programs, a filmmaking education also provides lessons about collaboration, problem solving, and empathy, said Cameron, which are valuable whether or not they decide to pursue careers in the field.

"Storytelling in general lends itself to transferable skills," said Cameron.

A recent graduate of the Cinema School and participant in the fellowship, Natalie Popoter, said GFS helped her grow and gave her real-world skills.

"This program really helps you see things, and not just from the filmmaker perspective," she said.

Popoter recently traveled with a small group of students to produce a film in Spain based on a script she wrote, which she called a life-changing experience, thanks to GFS.

Being part of the NYCT's ongoing awards process has given GFS a chance to evaluate the many things they're doing, said Cameron.

"It really allows you to reflect as an organization," he said.

The 10-month process involves application workshops and multiple rounds of interviews that act as a kind of group training and coaching for the more than 50 nonprofits who participate, said Michael Clark, president of the Nonprofit Coordinating Committee, which created the Nonprofit Excellence Awards in collaboration with NYCT and Philanthropy New York.

"It's a lot of work, but people keep coming back," said Clark. "It amounts to expert consulting."

The awards are sponsored by WNYC as well as supported by The Clark Foundation, Ford Foundation, McGladrey LLP, and Columbia Business School Executive Education Programs in Social Enterprise.

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Furniture lottery held at Crawford Houses

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A unique lottery drawing saw one lucky new tenant get \$5,000 in apartment furnishings for free.

MacQuesten Development, the developer and contractor of the new 84-unit, eight-story Mother Arnetta Crawford Houses in Crotona Park East, held the drawing on Tuesday, August 18 for a fully-furnished apartment decorated free-of-charge by the head of the company.

Rella Fogliano, MacQuesten president, sticking to a budget of about \$5,000, chose the apartment's furnishings to showcase what could be done in 800-square-feet. The apartment's furnishings had to be functional and attractive, she said.

The drawing in the furnished apartment brought together tenants and those who plan on moving into the 100% affordable housing building.

The winner, selected at random, was Gloria Velez, who will be living in the furnished-for-free digs with her daughter Nicole Fino.

Velez said she might have

had to buy all new furniture because of the configuration of her previous apartment, and that having a fully-furnished start in the building was a big help.

"I did not expect (to win)," she said. "It was God's plan."

Velez let out a large, jubilant cheer when she was announced the winner.

Fino said that she and her mother did not expect to win the drawing, held inside unit 3G.

"This year has been very rough for us," said Fino, citing financial difficulties, and adding that the win was a blessing.

The selection of the furniture was done over a weekend, said Fogliano, who added that even for the tenants who did not win, the new building pushes the envelope in terms of building materials that blur the line between luxury and affordable housing.

"We used extraordinary materials," said Fogliano, who went on to explain that the materials used are sustainable and may soon be LEED Silver-certified, a certification from the Green Building Council.



The contestants, just before the drawing, stand with Rella Fogliano, president of The MacQuesten Companies. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

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"We went a little bit above and beyond because I do believe in not only sustainability, but also beauty," she said.

Fogliano added: "My hope is that everyone who moves into our newest affordable housing building will find a happier life here."

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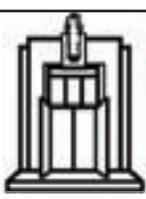


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Willie Colon '01

The Jets re-signed Willie Colon, their starting right guard for the past two seasons. Colon was born and raised in the Bronx, played his high school ball at Cardinal Hayes, and spent his college career at Hofstra. Colon, began his NFL career in 2006 as Pittsburgh's fourth-round pick, 131st overall. He played in 63 games for the Steelers including the Superbowl XLII win over the Cardinals in 2009.



Carlif Taylor '10

Taylor signed as a rookie free agent by the Giants on May 11, 2015 from Southern Connecticut State. The 6'-2" 319lb two-time All Northeast 10 Conference selection racked up 172 tackles and 6.0 sacks. As a senior in 2014, he was a team captain, played in 11 games and was credited with 73 tackles (35 solo), including eight for losses.

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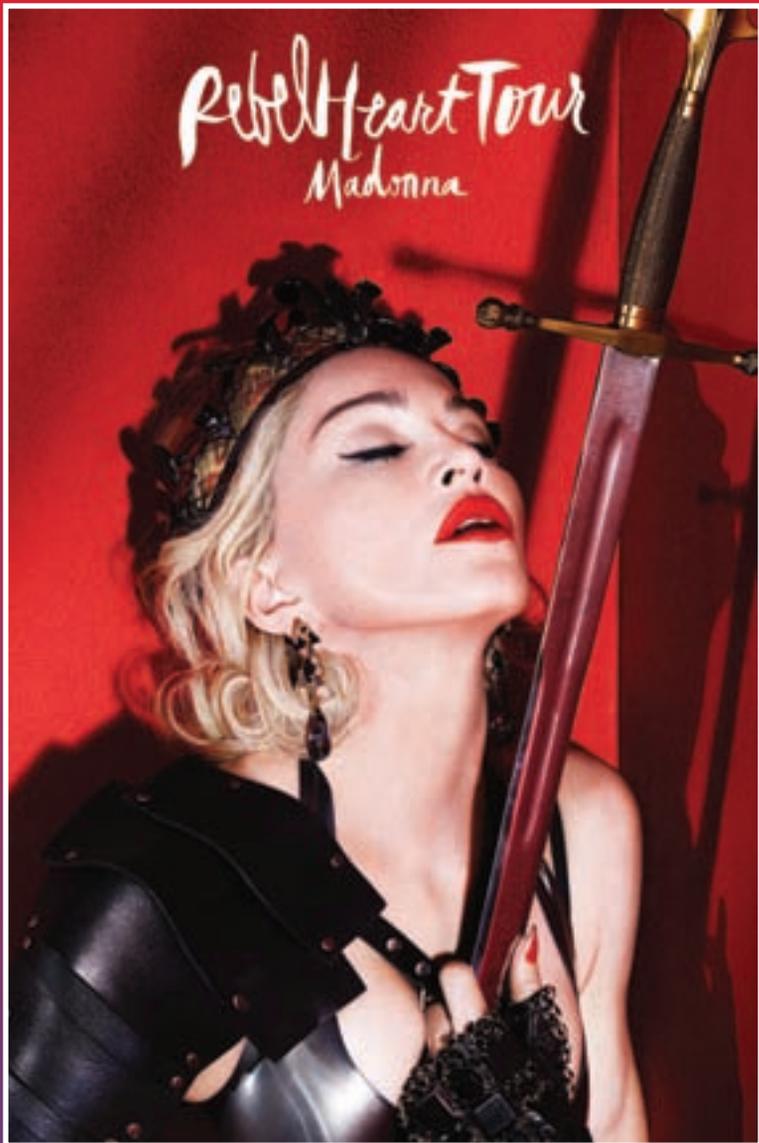


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Bronx beat

EssenMED House Calls named fastest growing private company

EssenMED House Calls, the Bronx-based organization that is the largest privately held in-home medical care provider in New York State, has been named to the 2015 Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of America's fastest-growing private companies.

Ranked as the fastest growing in-home primary care practice in the country, EssenMED House Calls brings patient-centered, in-home medical care to nearly 4,000 homebound patients across all five of New York City's boroughs and Westchester County. Among companies in the healthcare industry in New York State, EssenMED House Calls is listed as the 8th fastest growing company.

"This achievement is a testament to the commitment of our entire staff including our doctors, nurse practitioners, scribes, administrative staff and management team in providing the best medical in-home care available," said Dr. Sumir Sahgal, Chief Medical Officer and Founder of EssenMED House Calls. "It is also an affirmation that our service is unquestionably needed. Homebound individuals – including the elderly, frail and disabled – remain an invisible and neglected segment of our population. At EssenMED House Calls, our goal is to keep to these patients in their homes as long as possible and in the best possible health."

In January 2011, EssenMED House Calls cared for just over 500 patients. By the end of 2014, that number increased to more

than 3,500. The majority of EssenMED House Calls patients suffers from multiple chronic illnesses including diabetes, heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and continue to remain one of the sickest, costliest and most medically underserved populations in healthcare.

To be included on the list, privately owned businesses have to meet several qualifications, including having revenues of at least \$2 million in 2014 and growing at least 43% over the past three years. EssenMED House Calls far exceeded the requirements and reported \$5 million in revenues for 2014 and growth of 405% since 2011.

For more information on EssenMED House Calls, visit www.essenmedhousecalls.org or call (718) 294-6200.

The **Castle Hill Library**, 947 Castle Hill Avenue, will off Animal Odyssey, on Thursday, August 27, at 3 p.m.

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DANCE STUDENTS WIN HONORS



What a fantastic season 2015 was for the Performers Edge Dance Company! From the beginning of the season way back in January these dancers ranging from the ages of 5 to 18 attended the most prestigious conventions, workshops and competitions and came out winners. They worked numerous hours in the studio week after week perfecting their pieces that were choreographed by all professionals in the industry. The dancers both male and female attended three mandatory regional competitions working their way to do their best at nationals. Winning overall high scoring solos, regional titles, choreography awards and more these dancers were ready for anything. In early July, the team headed to Kids Artistic Revue National Competition in Foxwoods, CT, competing against so much talent on the east coast. The dancers did fantastic winning "Top Secondary School" making their director and teachers extremely proud. The team danced their heart out doing what they love making memories and new friends while leaving their heart on the stage. The dancers pulled together as a team and won as a team. One Love*One Family*One Team is what it is all about. With the end of the summer now approaching the dancers are getting ready for their week long training at the summer intensive. They cannot wait to learn new choreography for an even stronger upcoming season. On behalf of all Peda dancers and staff they wish the best of luck to their graduating seniors Danielle Medici, Crysta Martinez, Jorja-Rae Willis, Ruby McClellan, Ervin Bautista Jeremy Suarez. A huge congratulations to director Stefanie and her new husband Anthony whom just got married last week.

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NARRAGANSETT AVE. HOSTS BLOCK PARTY

A block party was recently held on Narragansett Avenue. The activities included water slides, barbecues and games for the kids. Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj was among those in attendance.



(l-r) Dr. David Stevens, Maria Stevens and Gjonaj attended the event.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Giovanna Dippolito enjoys riding down the water slide.

Photo by Edwin Soto



ST. RAYMOND'S HOSTS CARNIVAL

The St. Raymond High School for Boys hosted their 2nd Annual Fundraising Carnival on August 6 to 9, which will help fund scholarships for socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Guests enjoyed rides, games, food and more.

(Above) (l to r:) Lexis Henry, Melissa Deonarain, Tassia Turner, Avaye Gilford and Madison Henry enjoy the carnival.

Photo by Laura Stone

CALVARY HOSPITAL AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Calvary Hospital awarded the 2015 Eddie Higgins Scholarship to one outstanding student, Rebecca Rivera, the daughter of employee Wanda Velasquez. To win the scholarship, Rivera had to demonstrate academic excellence, financial need, and determination and spirit. She is a recent graduate of Bronx High School for the Visual Arts and will matriculate at Manhattan Community College in the fall.



(l-r) Wanda Velasquez, mother; Rebecca Rivera; father Joel Rivera and Richard Kutilek, chief operating officer, Calvary Hospital.

Photo courtesy of Calvary Hospital



The Manaiza Family enjoyed the family fun night.

Photo by Laura Stone



Drewquan Barrington slides into home from the top of the Fun Slide ride.

Photo by Laura Stone

DIABETES FOUNDATION PRESENTS FESTIVAL

The American Diabetes Association presented Feria De Salud with special musical guest Bobby Sanabria on Saturday, August 15. The event in St. Mary's Park in Mott Haven included live music and dancing, cooking demonstrations, children's activities and health information to promote diabetes awareness.

Executive chef Frank Maldonado (c) talks about cooking during the festival.

Photo by Miriam Quin



LEGION SPONSORS COMEDY NIGHT

Sons of American Legion for Samuel H. Young Post 620 held their annual Comedy Night on Saturday, August 15. Comedians who performed at the event included John Consoli, Kenny Warren, Paul Bond, Nicky Sunshine, Rick Morgan and Mari Vasquez.

Comedian and ventriloquist Kenny Warren performs a comedic set with LeRoy Cool.

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PEARLY GATES SUMMER CAMP CLOSES

Sponsored by the Westchester Square-Zerega Improvement Organization, Pearly Gates Mini Summer Camp held its Saturday, August 15 closing day celebration at Pearly Gates Playground featuring raffle prizes as well as magic and puppet shows.



Sandy Lusk (r, standing) with staff members, parents and children of the Pearly Gates Mini Summer Camp.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



BRONXWOOD CELEBRATES 100-YEAR-OLD

Bronxwood Assisted Living celebrated the birthday of another centenarian on Wednesday, August 12. William Rennick turned 100-years-old, surrounded by family, friends and facility staff.

(Above) William Rennick turned 100. The staff at Bronxwood Assisted Living helped him celebrate: (l-r)Yissel Batista, Miguelina Veres, Glades Chalos, Angel Davila and Nanda Satei.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ART MEMORIAL FOR SPELLMAN STUDENT

A memorial for the late Cardinal Spellman High School student Christian Negron was hosted at EL FOGON on Saturday, August 5 by Rick Quintana, an educator at the school and the moderator for the Spoken Word Poetry Club, of which Negron was an active member. The memorial, which featured music, poetry and art, was attended by current and former Spellman students. Proceeds were donated to the Negron family.



Current and former students from Cardinal Spellman High School with Christian Negron's family and his mentor Rick Quintana.
Photo by Edwin Soto

ANNUAL MORRISON AVE. FESTIVAL HELD

Saturday, August 15's annual Morrison Avenue Festival saw close to 10,000 people in attendance to witness the official unveiling of the Soundview mural. Friends, families and neighbors had a festive time during this fun-filled community event.



Senator Ruben Diaz, SR., Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Community Board 9 district manager William Rivera, Bharati Kemraj and Eliezer Rodriguez, Esq.(BMAR) presented awards to the Soundview mural artists.
Photo by Edwin Soto

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THROGGS NECK HOLDS HAWAII-THEMED LUAU



First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck held a Hawaii-themed luau to celebrate the summer on Saturday, August 15. The celebration doubled as a fundraiser for the church.

(Left) Cathey Ziegler (l) and Cece Laddenbauer sold raffle tickets.

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The Reverend Ulf Lunow with congregants and luau attendees.

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VACCA, NIDC HOST OUTDOOR MOVIE NITE

Councilman James Vacca and Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation hosted 'Movies Under the Stars' at Loreto Park on Friday, August 14. Attendees, which included Vacca, NIDC volunteers, local community leaders and families, watched this year's animated comedy 'Home' starring Jim Parsons, Rihanna, Jennifer Lopez and Steve Martin.



(l-r) Greta Howley, Carly Brandon and Grayson Howley each enjoy their pizza during 'Movies Under the Stars'.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt



CHASE DONATES TO TENNIS INSTRUCTION

New York Junior Tennis & Learning and JP Morgan Chase brought together 150 student athletes from across the city on Thursday, August 13 for a clinic at the Cary Leed Tennis center that culminated with Chase presenting the nonprofit with \$10,000 to support NYJTL's free tennis programs for youngsters.

(Above) J.P. Morgan Chase executives, NYJTL staff, members of USTA and the children at the Cary Leeds Center in Crotona Park.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

PAL BRONX BOROUGH CELEBRATION

Hundreds of Police Athletic League Playstreets children celebrated the end of summer at Friday, August 14's Bronx Borough Celebration Day at Gleason Watson Playground. They participated in various activities including Double-Dutch, tug-of-war competition, carnival games, Nok Hockey, inflatable obstacle courses, jumbo-sized board games, face painting and basketball.



Aroa Aborni plays a fun game of Nok Hockey during Friday's celebration.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

BLOCK PARTY HELD ON HONE AVENUE

On Saturday, August 15, a block party was held on Hone Avenue between Arnow Avenue and Boston Road. Those in attendance, which included local community residents, either took part in a pick-up volleyball game or watched from the sideline.



Christian Sanabria, Isabella Sanabria, Diana Sanabria, Justin Read and Julian Garcia enjoy a game of volleyball during the block party.
Photo by Miriam Quin

MAKING STRIDES BREAKFAST HELD

On Wednesday, August 5, the American Cancer Society held the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Official Kickoff Breakfast at Villa Barone Manor. The breakfast was held to raise awareness and funds to end breast cancer. At the event, it was announced that this year's Breast Cancer Walk will take place at Orchard Beach on Sunday, October 18 at 10 a.m.

Ashley Engelman was the MC and presenter at the event.
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(l-r) Police officer Nadine Lebron, captain Ernest Moreles III, police officer Maggie Pou, police officer Simone Woodson, police officer Francisco Rivera, police administrative aide Sherrel Jones and police officer Belinda Bovel were present to show their support to their friends and family members who suffered with breast cancer.
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ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY ON WILCOX AVE.

Residents of Wilcox Avenue hosted a summer block party on Saturday, August 15. The afternoon featured food and fun, and Senator Jeff Klein stopped by to say hello to the residents.



Residents of Wilcox Avenue turned out for the block party.

Photo by Laura Stone



(L to r): Damien Erlichman, event organizer Deborah Castore, Senator Jeff Klein and Elise Erlichman.

Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Jaiden Sepulveda, Dylan Castore, Michael D'Angelo and Lianna D'Angelo rode their bikes at the block party.

Photo by Laura Stone



TRAVESIAS RIBBON-CUTTING EVENT

Travesias hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its newly opened restaurant at 3834 E. Tremont Avenue, on Tuesday, August 4. The ribbon-cutting was attended by members of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and the Tasty Ladies of NY, among others.

(Above, l-r) Lenny Caro, CEO and president of Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Janet 'Sonny' Lee Marie, Tasty Lady and Bronx actress, and Marques Payne, director of membership of Bronx Chamber of Commerce, celebrate the new restaurant at the ribbon-cutting ceremony

Photo courtesy of NY Tasty Ladies



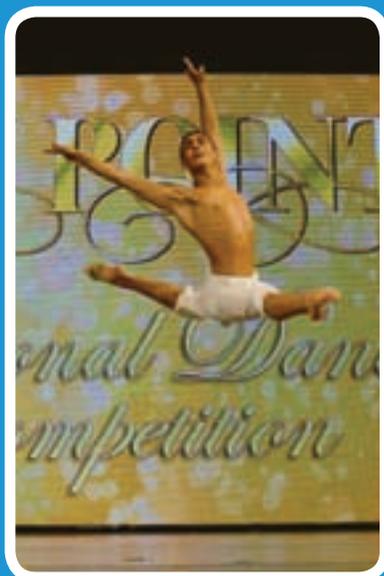
(l-r) Marques Payne, director of membership of Bronx Chamber, Dario Morillo, chef, Brian Martinez, owner, and Lenny Caro, CEO and president of Bronx Chamber, celebrate the new restaurant at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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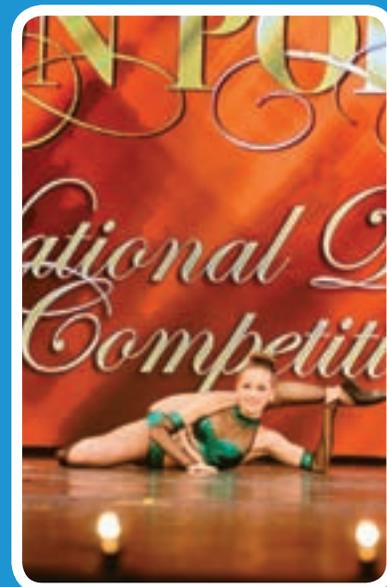
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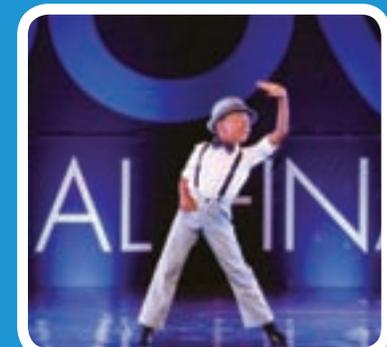
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BronxWorks is charity partner of marathon

BronxWorks is once again an Official Charity Partner of the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon. The race will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

"The TCS New York City Marathon provides a powerful platform for our passionate runners to fundraise and raise awareness for BronxWorks, an organization close to their hearts," said Eileen Torres, BronxWorks executive director. "We are looking forward to supporting the BronxWorks runners throughout their memorable journeys as they train for, and ultimately

achieve their goal of completing this race, all while raising critical funds which benefit the BronxWorks mission to help individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being."

The BronxWorks Team continues to actively recruit runners who would like to join their efforts and participate with a Charity Partner and be a part of the TCS New York City Marathon. Over the past few years, the BronxWorks team has included community members, employees, family and friends of staff as well as many new to BronxWorks who are

moved by the organization's efforts to feed, shelter, teach and support of 40,000 Bronx residents each year.

"We warmly welcome BronxWorks as an official charity partner for the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon," said Michael Rodgers, vice president of Development and Philanthropy for New York Road Runners. "All of our participants are inspired to run for reasons significant and special to them, and we are especially appreciative of those who make a meaningful commitment to run on behalf of one of our official charity partners. We wish

the best to all of these runners as they begin to plan and prepare for an experience of a lifetime at the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon."

The 2015 TCS New York City Marathon will feature a talented American and international professional athlete field, charity runners, and thousands of runners of all ages and abilities. More than 10,000 volunteers help to support participants across the 26.2-mile race route, which touches each of New York City's five boroughs, and is lined with more than one million neighbors and guests. Last year,

NYRR celebrated each of the 50,530 runners who crossed the finish line and made the 2014 TCS New York City Marathon the largest in the world, including the one-millionth finisher ever in the history of the event. Participants hailed from more than 130 countries and each of the 50 states. The 2015 TCS New York City Marathon will again air live locally on ABC7 and nationally on ESPN2.

To learn more about joining Team BronxWorks contact Gianna Dell'Olio, Director of Advancement and Communications at (646) 393-4007.

Jazz at St. Raymond Elementary School Sept. 12th

St. Raymond Elementary School will present Jazz at St. Ray's, its first-ever jazz concert, featuring Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars, on Saturday, September 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the school's auditorium.

The quartet will perform jazz and Brazilian jazz. In addition to Morganelli on trumpet and flugelhorn, the Jazz Forum All-Stars includes Paul Meyers on guitar, Nilson Matta on bass, and Tony Jefferson on drums and vocals.

Tickets are \$25 per person

and can be purchased online at www.nycharities.org/events/EventLevels.aspx?ETID=8366 or by calling (718) 792-4044.

For additional information, call (718) 597-3232, extension 2232. Proceeds from Jazz at St. Ray's will benefit St. Raymond Elementary School.

Morganelli, a well-known presence on the Westchester jazz scene, is the founder and executive director of Jazz Forum Arts, a not-for-profit arts presenting organization in Tarrytown, New York, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary

this year. In addition to producing more than 60 CDs, Morganelli has also produced and/or performed in numerous jazz festivals and concerts in the U.S. and abroad. He also produced the Dizzy Gillespie 75th birthday concert at Carnegie Hall and a concert series at Jazz at Lincoln Center, and co-produced the "Jazz Beats Breast Cancer" concert at Avery Fisher Hall. Later this year, Morganelli will be opening the new Jazz Forum performance space in Tarrytown.

For additional information

about Jazz Forum Arts, visit www.jazzforumarts.org or find them on Facebook.

"We are very excited to welcome Mark Morganelli & The Jazz Forum All-Stars to St. Raymond's," says Advancement director Elaine Nole. "As a diverse school with students of African, Latino and European heritage, St. Raymond's is the ideal venue for a concert of jazz and Brazilian jazz. We hope that Jazz at St. Ray's will become an annual event and invite you to join us for this special musical evening."

Located at 2380 East Tremont Avenue, St. Raymond Elementary School, the parish school of St. Raymond Church — the "Mother Church of the Bronx" — offers full-day academic programs for Pre-K3 through Grade 8, advanced level math and science, an Italian language program, sports, a fitness center and a broad array of extracurricular activities.

For more information about the school, visit www.straymondelementary.org or call (718) 597-3232.

GENE DEFRANCIS

We are proud to announce that on Wednesday, September 2 AIM will be hosting The Back To School Allerton Clean Up. Teaming up with the Bronx Chamber and the Allerton Homeowners and Tenant Association. We will all be treated to breakfast at 10 a.m. and then roll up our sleeves to clean our home. The more volunteers the more we can accomplish.

Kids who come to volunteer will receive a Book Bag with school supplies to start the new school year.

We will meet at 10 a.m. at The Sanz located at 815 Allerton Avenue. Please RSVP at AllertonMerchants@gmail.com so we can ensure we do not waste food and have enough supplies, food, and back to school gear. Also in your RSVP, please note if you have a green thumb or a painters wrist.

Also, the Cruger Avenue Block party will be held on Saturday, August 22 and the Barnes Avenue Block party will be held on Saturday, Sep-

tember 12.

Concrete began to be poured for the Allerton bump outs and the southeast corner is near complete. The traffic pattern that we should expect from now on is in effect. We have had little problem with congestion. In fact, as predicted, it arguably cleaned it up a bit. But we will stay vigilant to ensure it remains this way and does not create unnecessary stress to residents. We did receive complaints that the bus stop location had been inconsistent. We hear that it has been corrected recently.

We look forward to this big project finally ending and ready for the next one, the repaving of Allerton Avenue corridor which will include the repainting of our crosswalks at street lights. You may have noticed Eastchester Road and east Allerton Avenue have already been repaved.

This week our own Lady Pamela and her FLAWLESS young ladies hosted a tea party for our community. Pamela Da-

Allerton International Merchants Association

mon (manager of The Sanz and Margie's Bridal) mentors adolescent females, teaching them confidence, etiquette, and self respect. With leaders like Pamela our future is bright. And her young protégés were the stars this week as the community was treated to an empowering event filled with light entertainment and snacks.

If you would like more information about the FLAWLESS program stop into 815 Allerton Avenue (The Sanz) and ask for Lady Pamela.

Hello And Goodbye:

Palombo bakery has left the corridor. They have opened a new location near Yankee Stadium and consolidated their resources.

We have noticed many of our merchants feeling the community spirit and remodeling

or simply cleaning up their shop.

We have a new restaurant coming to Bronxwood Avenue serving Halal food. Along with a Halal meat market.

Mavis Construction has begun and Alba Realty is ready to relocate to Colden Avenue and continue to provide the same great service.

Also A+ Computers has moved into the old Paradise Clothing store. They are a community-friendly establishment and well worth the stop in to say hello and find out what they offer.

On a side note I have received a few requests that Allerton needs a Fish Market. Allerton has a fish market and it's a fantastic one. I personally shop their often so please tell your neighbors. The Allerton Fish Market is located between Cruger Avenue and White Plains Road. It offers great quality and they are extremely community friendly. They have been in the area for about two years now and we absolutely love having

them here. So stop in and check them out.

Remember if you shop locally you empower your community.

Email us AllertonMerchants@gmail.com for any questions or concerns big or small.

Believe it or not our holiday light collection is fast approaching. I'm not rushing it and hope the summer stretches out a bit longer, but we have been touched by so many residents asking how they could chip in. Send a check or money order to Allerton International Merchants, PO Box 98, Bronx, NY 10465. No cash please.

Also 'Like' our new Facebook page, Allerton International Merchants. On our page you will be kept up to date on local events and issues. And soon you will find exclusive discounts for Allerton shops on our page.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at The Sanz.

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Lenore reminds us of the smells of summer

Summer in New York is nothing if not pungent. So pungent that there are certain smells that conjure up a New York August the way the smell of crayons whisks you right back to first grade.

"I used to work in Flatbush and in the summer the fish store kept its door open," recalls Megan Perleshi, a mom of two who has since moved to Long Island. Every time she neared the shop she would literally sprint out into the street until she was past the miasma. The aroma? "Fish and garbage."

It is a city summer combo others remarked upon, too.

For marketing consultant Amanda Hass, it is the smell of dying flowers that she associates with the Upper East Side in August.

"Most residents are gone to their summer places," Hass says. So the bodega flowers wilt right along with the rest of us, giving off a sad scent. By contrast, Hass added, the open windows to hot laundry rooms give the air a fresh Clorox smell

that makes up for the funereal flora.

Rain in the city summer also has a special smell.

"Warm rain on hot asphalt in Brooklyn is a memory I've carried with me my whole life," says media strategist Liz Polay-Wettengel, who now lives in Massachusetts.

Business editor Patrick Rizzo, still here in Gotham, is specific in the type of rain that brings him back: the sudden sun shower.

And then there are all the foods smells on steroids the minute the mercury hits 90. Walk by a greengrocer and the peaches are positively seductive. They make you want to eat healthy.

There are also the smells that make you want to eat charred meat — lots of it, immediately, even if you are a vegan with a history of heart issues.

"Walking through the park on the West Side Highway in that huge multi-racial area of picnics, smelling delicious barbecue from all of the world..." That smell sends transit worker Mike Ecker into a tizzy.

The sticky sweet smell of



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

candied nuts does it for Tatum Barrows, a high-school grad from Long Island working in the city for the summer. For Martin Kleinman, author of *The Home Front*, it's "the wild scallions that grew along the fence to the V.A. Hospital in Kingsbridge."

He's right — neighborhoods have their own smells.

"The smell of anisette toast wafting from the Stella D'Oro Bakery as you whiz through Riverdale on the Major De-

gan Expressway" remains a local scent memory for Stacey Gordon and legions of Bronx dwellers.

At the other end of the city, lifelong New Yorker and clown entrepreneur (yup!) Michael Fandal recalls growing up in Coney Island, seven seconds from the beach.

"Summers included ocean air, rich and invigorating, and the smell of morning cold beach sand beneath the Boardwalk."

There were also Nathan's hot dogs and fries, overflowing litter cans, and stylish women in their summer dresses, all wafting their particular perfumes, which mingled with the whiff of coffee whenever anyone opened the door of a Dunkin' Donuts, and chlorine whenever you walked by a public pool.

Cut grass and freshly turned dirt send Michael Virgintino back to childhood in the Bronx, where he helped his dad tend their small yard and otherwise was constantly playing baseball on park fields.

Writer Nancy Mattia claims it is car exhaust that brings a smile. When she was growing

up in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, Vito the Ice Cream Man would drive down her street on summer nights.

"Because I lived down the block, I would pass the back of his truck first with its engine running." Hence the association of associates exhaust fumes with joy.

And then there is the city scent that stands above — or really, below — them all. The one you smell without even descending the stairs. New Yorkers have likened it to "someone getting a perm in the sewer under a slaughterhouse," "the armpit of Satan" "inside the stomach of a sick animal" and perhaps most aptly, "a warm metallic smell with hints of urine."

Some day in some far off town you may catch a whiff of something similar and be instantly transported back to the New York City Subway on a sizzling summer day.

May that memory be sweet.

Or at least tolerable.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker and author and founder of the book and blog *Free-Range Kids*.

Don't tell Uber you can't fight City Hall

For more than a decade, I have experienced the very First World problem of not being able to find a yellow cab at 8 am on the Upper West Side of Manhattan or at 4 pm in Midtown.

In the morning, yellow cabs occupied by well-heeled New Yorkers pass me by as I fret over how I will make it on time to my 8:30 breakfast meeting. In short, supply never meet demand.

In the afternoon, I stand in front of my office building and wait ... and wait ... as hordes of cabs whistle by with their "Off Duty" light on heading back to their base at the end of their shift.

I brought up this issue with the Taxi and Limousine commissioner: Why can't there be more cabs on the street during rush hours? Why can't shifts be staggered so that fewer are "Off Duty" at a crucial time of the day?

Shrugs. "Sorry, there's nothing we can do," was the consistent reply. Frustrated and baffled, I vowed to leave

more time for my commute and to use public transportation during those tough taxi hours.

My bourgeois Manhattan-centric problem is much worse in the city's other boroughs, where yellow cab sightings are as rare as two-headed elephants.

And not surprisingly, in 2015, the once-monopolistic yellow cab industry is facing an existential threat from the so-called "sharing economy," as tech behemoths like Uber have rapidly and elegantly filled the breach of this transportation problem.

Uber is now in 400 cities worldwide, but make no mistake, New York is its largest and most important market.

That is why it recently launched a thermonuclear counterattack when Mayor Bill de Blasio tried to cap its number of drivers through a very ill-conceived piece of legislation.

Why would the mayor of the largest city in America try to limit customer choice and one of the biggest job-creating com-

panies in the city?

Well, the official stance was that the rapid expansion of Uber was causing congestion. Really? In a huge place like New York, a few thousand cars (which presumably would make citizens less likely to drive their own vehicle) was going to jam the already clogged transportation arteries of Manhattan?

No, actually something much more self-serving was at play here: the mayor has received hundreds of thousands of dollars of campaign donations from the taxi industry. Now, it was payback time.

But this attempted power play by the city's chief executive hit the buzz saw of lobbying, advertising, and good old-fashioned politicking of a multibillion dollar tech company that plays to win — and almost always does. Uber is here to stay — just like the apartment-rental tech company AirBnB — and any elected leader that decides to take it on, does so at their own risk.

What are the lessons from



TOM ALLON

this? First, monopolies — even those propped up by the government — are exposed to creative destruction just like media, music, retail, and many other industries have learned the hard way. Second, technology companies like Uber are just beginning to recognize their political power and this could also creatively disrupt politics as we know it.

If you're the mayor and you mess with Uber, you get an app that is seen by hundreds of thousands of voters that blames you for their wait times for a car.

But the most important les-

son is that the old-fashioned buying of candidates through huge campaign donations is not a sure bet to ensure success for your industry. Just ask the taxi medallion owners who are now seeing the value of their licensed assets plummet.

And the mayor, who let them down because he was pummeled by a company that wasn't afraid to fight City Hall.

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

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Bronx Zoo storks foster abandoned eggs

A pair of lesser adjutant storks (*Leptoptilos javanicus*) at the Bronx Zoo have successfully hatched two chicks – one of which was from an egg produced by another adult pair. The surrogate parents are caring for both chicks as if they were their own.

In late May, Ornithology Department staff observed an abandoned egg left by a pair of adult storks that were inexperienced parents. A keeper moved the egg to an incubator where it was carefully monitored and determined to be fertile.

When hatching was imminent, the egg was marked for identification purposes and moved to a nest belonging to an experienced pair of storks already nesting. The female accepted the egg and completed incubating it alongside her own. The fostered egg hatched

on June 27 followed by the hatching of the pair's own egg on August 5. Both chicks have been accepted by the adults, and despite the size difference both are thriving.

"The successful hatching and rearing is a testament to well developed husbandry techniques developed as part of the Bronx Zoo's long-standing stork breeding program, said Jim Breheny, WCS executive vice president and Bronx Zoo director. "Working so closely with these birds at the Bronx Zoo gives us the opportunity to study and understand their behavior and reproductive biology. The information, knowledge and experience we gather here in NY is invaluable to the conservation of the species in the wild."

WCS has a long history breeding lesser adjutant storks

and the Bronx Zoo is one of only three zoos in North America to work with the species. Information learned about the growth and development of these birds has been shared with WCS researchers in Cambodia and helps inform their work with birds in the wild. Data on physical characteristics, growth rate and other important developmental traits help conservationists determine the ages of wild birds during census and monitoring.

Lesser adjutant storks are one of 19 stork species in the world. As adults, they stand between 43 and 48 inches tall and have a wingspan of nearly 7 feet. Their name, adjutant, is due to their military-looking posture and strut. Lesser adjutants can be found in mangroves, mudflats, coastal swamps, marshes, flooded grassland, lakes and



Lesser adjutantstorks and chicks. Photo by Julie Larsen Maher

paddy fields. Their numbers have declined greatly throughout their range, mainly due to habitat destruction. WCS has worked to protect lesser adjutant storks in Nepal and has an active conservation program in Cambodia.




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Music on the boulevard will be a musically diverse concert filled with live performances. Various talents include but are not limited to: BombaYo—a Puerto Rican tradition where singing, dancing and drumming come together, Matt the Violinist, Universal Museum of Hip-Hop Legends: Stik E & the Hoods, B Boy Hectic ft. The Bliss Dancers & T Ski Valley, former freestyle artist Joey Kidd and more! Children will have a designated zone dedicated to fun activities for them to partake in. Such as, the unlimited use of three bounce houses, cotton candy, face painting and so forth. Complimentary giveaways of back-to-school materials for all children!

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Medina Sadiq, the executive director of the Southern Blvd BID quotes: "The BID loves sponsoring these Salsa concerts, festivals, and sidewalk sales because they provide a forum for local residents to enjoy themselves in a culturally expressive way as well as promoting the local merchants."

On Friday, September 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Irish singer/songwriter Mary Courtney brings her musical talent back to **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum**.

Courtney's performances offer an engaging mix of traditional Irish music with a progressive social conscience born of a political education in the United States. Having grown up in a musical family in the parish of Castlegregory, near the sea in County Kerry, her bodhrán (Irish hand-held drum) playing adds yet another dimension. Courtney uses her music to educate her audiences about Irish culture and the struggles of the Irish people. From rock 'n' roll to the ethereal strains of some ancient Celtic bard, this remarkable singer and guitarist's musical range is vast and unforgettable.

In October, Bartow-Pell's collaboration with the Bronx Music Heritage Center, now in its third year, continues on Friday, October 2nd with the multicultural jazz sound of Eugene Marlow's Heritage Ensemble. The Ensemble performs arrangements and original compositions in various jazz, Afro-Caribbean, Brazilian, and classical styles.

Bartow-Pell's First Friday programs takes place at the museum the first Friday of every month, 5:30 to 8:30, April through December. Visitors can enjoy the music, explore the museum, stroll the garden, and savor light refreshments. The Bronx trolley makes a continuous loop from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to BPMM to City Island starting at 5:25 p.m. Registration requested at (718) 885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Cost \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students; members free.

On Sunday, August 23, at 4:30 p.m., Armenian-American cellist Ani Kalayjian and French violinist Chloé Kiffer will perform romantic ethnic and folk music from Armenia to Hungary at **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum**. The one-hour, intermission-free concert in a magical setting on a late summer afternoon will appeal to both chamber music aficionados as well as those new to classical music.

Hailed by the Los Angeles Times as "representing the young, up-and-coming generation," and as a "superb cellist with a large, expressive, singing tone, passionate musicianship, and magnificent playing" by the Journal Tribune, Grand Prize Winner of the International Chamber Music Competition of New England Ani Kalayjian has performed around the world, both as a soloist and chamber musician. Recognized for her innovative programs and passionate about reaching a wide audience, Kalayjian has performed from concert halls to hospitals, among other venues.

French violinist Chloé Kiffer was born to a family of musicians and started playing the violin at the age of six. After coming to the United States to continue her studies, she won the 2013 Eisenberg-Fried Concerto Competition at the Manhattan School of Music, where she performed Stravinsky's Violin Concerto in D at the school's opening concert. Kiffer has performed as a chamber musician and orchestral soloist in concerts and festivals throughout Europe, as well as in Israel, China, Canada, and the United States. She has been a top prizewinner in competitions around the world.

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Reaching out into the boroughs, Jazz at Lincoln Center's 2015-16 season opens in the Bronx on September 12., 8 p.m. at **Lehman Center for the Performing Arts** with the debut of

new compositions and arrangements by Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra bassist Carlos Henriquez. The Bronx-born, Nuyorican veteran bassist of the orchestra returns home to honor his musical roots, joined by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. The orchestra will also be joined by special guests percussionists Bobby Allende and Marc Quiñones.

One of the first truly bilingual musicians, equally virtuosic with the language of jazz and the Afro-Latin tradition, Henriquez is a force to be reckoned with. By age 14, he was performing at People's Park, across the street from his high school, with Latin jazz greats like Tito Puente, Eddie Palmieri, and Celia Cruz, and as a member of the first ever top-placing Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Festival and Competition band. Henriquez' roots with Jazz at Lincoln Center run deep, and to kick off the new season, he brings Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra back to the Bronx for this very special one-night-only performance at Lehman Center.

Henriquez presents music that shows the breadth of his technical and stylistic dexterity, where his compositions and most notable arrangements will be front and center. A musical director for countless performances, including the orchestra's historic trip to

Cuba in 2010, three nights of sold-out concerts with salsa giant Rubén Blades in November 2014, and critically acclaimed concerts celebrating the music of Puente and Machito in June 2015, Henriquez is a truly homegrown talent, both of the Bronx and of Jazz at Lincoln Center.

Themed 'Jazz and American Song', Jazz at Lincoln Center's 28th season celebrates the music of the stage and silver screen and uplifts jazz's emerging voices through an impressive array of more than 80 concerts and programs, anchored by the exceptional Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis. Tickets are now on sale to the general public for "Carlos Henriquez: Back in the Bronx" at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Park Boulevards West, on September 12, and all single tickets for the 2015-16 season.

Tickets for Jazz at Lincoln Center's 28th season concerts can be purchased through jazz.org 24 hours a day or via CenterCharge at (212) 721-6500, open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Box Office, located on Broadway at 60th Street, ground floor. Box Office hours: Monday-Saturday from 10am to 6pm (or 30 minutes past curtain) and Sunday from noon to 6pm (or 30 minutes past curtain).

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Early dirigible was constructed in Morris Park

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by Bill Twomey

I was looking through Nick DiBrino's book "The History of the Morris Park Racecourse and the Morris Family" when I came across this photograph of the Rice-Riggs Airship, "The American Eagle."

Joel Troutt Rice and John A. Riggs formed the Hot Springs Airship Company in Arkansas on February 24, 1908. Rice's first dirigible was dubbed "The Arkansas Traveler" and had a single engine and steel frame to support its frame which was in excess of 50 feet in length. Steering was achieved via three swiveling propellers.

It was not very successful, rising only about ten feet or so when Riggs suggested that they move to Morris Park which was already well-known for their work with experimental aircraft.

They came to New York and took part in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration which occurred between September

25th and October 9, 1909.

The celebration marked the 350th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River and the centenary of Robert Fulton's first successful steam paddle wheeler.

The exhibition was titled "Flying Machines in the Big Garden" and featured about 50 exhibits of flying machines of every description, some tested and some untested.

"The American Eagle"

from Riggs and Rice was billed as "Seeing New York from Above." When it ascended from Madison Square Garden, it carried fourteen passengers affording them a marvelous view of New York City before a propeller snagged a rope and it was forced to descend.

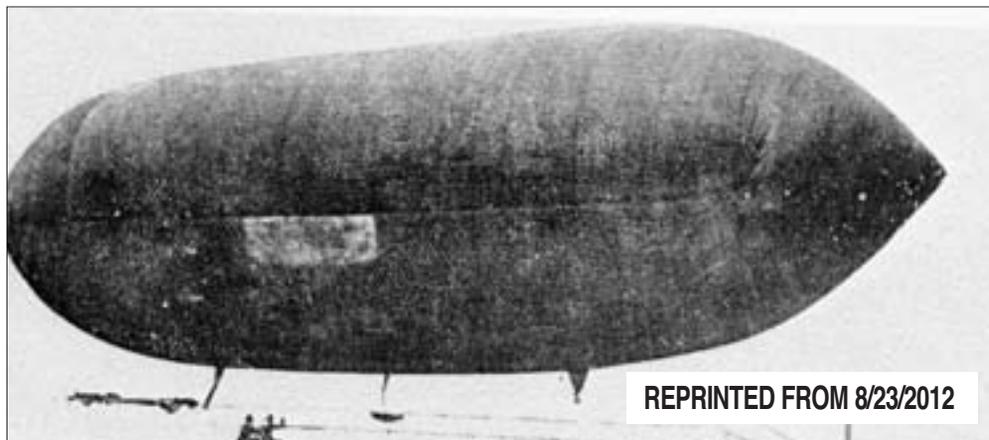
Riggs and Rice developed quite a reputation and built the largest steel-framed dirigible in the world here in

the Bronx at Morris Park. It cost them over \$5,000 but, unfortunately was destroyed in a gale. Joel Rice was the mechanical genius that developed the dirigible while John Riggs was the capitalist who kept the funding coming in.

When Riggs asked for a greater controlling interest, Rice balked and a law suit evolved effectively breaking up the partnership. Riggs would later establish a newspaper which also proved successful.

Mentioning John A. Riggs (1867-1936) by the way, reminds me that he was a pioneer in woman's suffrage.

He was, in fact, called the father of women's suffrage in Arkansas. He was successful in almost every undertaking from ranching to patent medicine and politics. He served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and in 1917 introduced the bill granting women the right to vote which in turn led to that state's ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.



The Rice Riggs Airship, the American Eagle, built at Morris Park in the old sheds. This was the biggest airship at the time to be built in America. John A. Riggs and Joel T. Rice, both from Hot Springs, Arkansas, came to Morris Park because of the talent that was assembled. The airship was 105 feet in length and weighed 1,040 lbs. (1909).

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Notice of Formation of REGALO DE DIOS UNISEX SALON LLC. A domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on July 08, 2015 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 the LLC, 4820484 E 138th Street, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NYC's Best Dressed Cupcakes LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/12/15. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in DE on 4/10/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 324 E. 143rd St., Apt. 4B, Bronx, NY 10451, principal business address. DE address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE - LEGAL NOTICE
State of New York County of the Bronx in compliance with New York State and Federal Laws which prohibit discrimination based on religion, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation and sponsor, Providence Rest Nursing Home, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, Bronx, admits and treats all patients on this non-discrimination basis.

LEGAL NOTICE

Case#: P2015-0886
WHEREAS, JOHN B. PEREZ of Providence in the County of Providence has filed a Complaint in said office demanding a divorce from FRANCHESKA R. OVALLE, PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 15-5-16.1, AND ALL OTHER RELIEF AS THIS COURT MAY DEEM JUST.

Now, therefore you the said DEFENDANT are hereby summoned to answer, if you shall see fit, before the Family Court, to be held at Providence, within the County of Providence, on the 10th day of September, 2015, then and there to answer said complaint. FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN DEFAULT AND DEFFENDANT WILL BE DENIED ALIMONY.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given a license, number (PENDING) for on-premises Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1246 E. Gunhill Road, Bronx, NY 10469 for on premises consumption. ETHICS BAR & LOUNGE INC D/B/A ETHIC BAR & LOUNGE

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, number **1285332** has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant under the ABC law at 667 East 187th St., Bronx, NY 10458 for on-premise consumption. Las Margaritas Inc. DBA Las Orquideas Restaurant.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF13, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF13, Pltf. vs. LORRAINE Y. MILLER A/K/A LORRAINE Y. MILLER, et al, Defts. Index #35334/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 13, 2015, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Sept. 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 3365 Radcliff Avenue, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4634, Lot 61. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$433, 208.97 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. BIANKA PEREZ, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 62094- #86510

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No: 380967/13 INEZ F. BERENGUER A/K/A INEZ BERENGUER A/K/A INEZ FELICIANO, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 4/16/2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 9/14/2015 at 10:00 am, premises known as 343 Pennyfield Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 5505 and Lot 5.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$593,528.79 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380967/13.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee. STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 187 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743 Dated: 7/14/2015 File Number: 201001958 GR

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US Bank National Association, as Trustee for CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4, Plaintiff, against Antonio Recio; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 9, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on September 14, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 590 East 178th Street, Bronx, NY 10457. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3068 Lot 144. Approximate amount of judgment \$589,935.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381280/11. Kim Ramos, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 14, 2015 1145441 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 09/04/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-RP1, Plaintiff, against CLARENCE JOSEPH, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/10/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 09/21/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 634 ROSEDALE AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3555 LOT: 19, 14-3555-19. Approximate amount of judgment \$428,250.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 14244/07. John Brickman, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221 1146291

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against DIANE S. JUNGK, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/12/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 08/31/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1953 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4268, LOT 14. Approximate amount of judgment \$520,176.86 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380980/13. Jeanette Westphal, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1145366

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-FRE1, Plaintiff, against JOSEPHINE ALLI, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/15/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 08/31/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2578 Tenbroeck 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 4462 Lot 36. Approximate amount of judgment \$486,988.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380918/09. Mohammad Ali, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221 1146112

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 09/14/2015 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, 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221 1146202

LEGAL NOTICE

A company that develops simulation software, NAICS code 511210, is interested in applying to the START-UP NY program at SUNY Maritime College's Tax Fee NY area located at 6 Pennyfield Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Contact Mary Muecke 718-409-7444/

National Health Center Week at Union Community

Community health centers now serve over 24 million people (or one in 14 Americans) as the largest and most successful system of primary health-care and, of those, Union Community Health Center (UCHC) serves close to 40,000. In keep-



Blood pressure screening at UCHC.

ing with National Health Center Week's (NHCW) theme this year, "Celebrating Our Legacy, Shaping Our Future," UCHC seized a natural opportunity to develop the summer youth as the next generation of healthcare advocates, educate patients and the community, and promote UCHC clinical services.

"As providers, policy makers and trusted safety-nets in the Bronx, we have a tremendous responsibility to increase access to quality healthcare by spanning our presence across a wider demographic within our catchment areas," said Union Community Health Center CEO Dr. Douglas York. "The fact that we can also use NHCW as an opportunity to serve as role models and influence the next generation

healthcare advocates speaks to our mission and vision in its truest form. This observance bridges the gap between those who rely on UCHC as a major health resource and those who are not yet aware of all the services that UCHC offers."

UCHC engaged the Teen Health Center summer youth by presenting various community service projects including the recent launch of our SSB Free Zone initiative and preparation for NHCW activities recognizing the evolution of community health centers.

"This is my community and I've always wanted to give back in some way," said Aoua Dukure, a summer youth at the Teen Health Center. "Volunteering at the Teen Health Center and UCHC has taught me that community health

centers offer so many different services and resources. I'm happy that I played a part in a larger vision that aims to better the community I love."

"Celebrating National Community Health Center week with UCHC is a testimony to our belief of empowering our Bronx youth with hands on, life applicable moments to make them realize they are our next generation health advocates," said Caroline Davis, Director of Teen Services at the Teen Health Center.

UCHC partnered with UnitedHealthCare to celebrate NHCW by hosting health fairs throughout the Bronx at various sites where UCHC provided dental screenings, blood pressure screenings, healthy beverage stands, health in-



UCHC health fair participants.

formation, face painting and raffles.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (718) 220-2020 or follow UCHC on twitter @UCHC_Bronx.

Benedetto schedules mammography van visit

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto, in conjunction with Project Renewal, formerly operating as Women's Outreach Network, will be sponsoring a free Mobile Mammography

Screening Van which will be parked in front of Assemblyman Benedetto's office located at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue, on Saturday, August 29, beginning at 9 a.m. until noon.

This program is for women 40 years of age and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year.

All insurance plans are accepted; however, if you do not

have insurance, you can still sign up for the program.

An appointment is necessary. Call 1-800-564-6868

This program is funded by Bronx Cancer Services Pro-

gram Partnership. Screening coordination and Outreach/In-reach funded by the Komen Greater NYC 2008 Community Breast Health Grant.

September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, an annual awareness event sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (<http://www.ready.gov/September>).

For a business to survive and thrive, it needs to get back to business as soon as possible after a disaster strikes.

Sue Steen

Owners of SERVPRO® franchises in the Bronx area say this is a great time for business owners to review their emergency preparedness and business continuity plans. SERVPRO points to startling statistics like this one to emphasize the importance of advance planning: according to FEMA, as many as 40 percent of businesses never reopen following a major flood disaster.*

"Business owners who think they are prepared for an emergency be-

cause exits are clearly marked and fire or flood drills are parts of the regular routine really need to take another look at their preparations," said Sue Steen, Servpro Industries, Inc. chief executive officer. "A comprehensive emergency plan also contains critical information about the location of shut-off valves, fire suppression system controls, emergency contact numbers and more—information that can save emergency responders precious time and help contain damage and minimize injury."

Because SERVPRO knows the time to create a disaster readiness plan is before you need it, they have developed the SERVPRO® Emergency READY Program (<https://ready.servpro.com/home/mobileapp>) to help business owners create an Emergency READY Profile® (ERP) for their facility, at no charge.

The business owner works with SERVPRO® to gather and document information that will become critical if a disaster strikes. Once the ERP is created, business owners have access to their information 24/7 online and by using SERVPRO's free smartphone app.

"For a business to survive and thrive, it needs to get back to business as soon as possible after a disaster strikes," said Steen. "With an ERP in place, SERVPRO's Disaster Response

teams can immediately assess the situation and take the first critical steps to protect employees from harm and property from further damage, setting the business on the road to recovery."

SERVPRO® professionals specialize in disaster restoration, cleanup and repair services, helping to remediate damage, making it "Like it never even happened," for both commercial and residential customers.

For more information on the SERVPRO® Emergency READY Pro-

gram, visit <https://ready.servpro.com/home/mobileapp>.

For more information on SERVPRO® in the Bronx area, contact one of the local business owners below.

* For SERVPRO of Babylon/Deer Park, contact Robert Lucchesse who can be reached at (631) 661-3802 or servprobabylon@optonline.net

* For SERVPRO of Upper East Side, contact Thomas Fox who can be reached at (917) 924-2260 or office@servproup-pereastside.com

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Funeral Home, Inc.**

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George Farr • Funeral Director

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

----- X -----
NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK
OF NEW YORK MELLON as Collateral
Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL
1998-2 Trust,
Plaintiffs,
Index No. 300460/14
against -
961-969 WESTCHESTER AVENUE
CORP. a/k/a 961 969 WESTCHESTER
AVENUE INC., NEW YORK CITY
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, :
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT
OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, NEW
YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL
CONTROL BOARD,
ELAINE SILBERGLAIT, DANIEL
DICKER, AND SHARON POSEN, AS
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST u/w/o
HARRY SILBERGLAIT DATED
DECEMBER 16, 1999, DECEASED,
Defendants.-----

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Pursuant to that certain Amended
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale,
Nunc Pro Tunc, duly entered in the
Bronx County Clerk's Office, on March
12, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee,
will sell at public auction on September
21, 2015 at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Courtroom 600, Bronx, New York
10451, at 2:00 P.M., the premises
known as 969 Westchester Avenue,
Bronx, New York 10451, and described
as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land with the building and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,
City and State of New York, designated
on the Tax Map of the City of New York,
being more particularly bounded and
described as follows:

BEGINNING at the corner formed by
the intersection of the Southwesterly
side of Westchester Avenue and the
Northeasterly side of Kelly Street;

RUNNING THENCE Northwesterly
along the said side of Kelly Street,
150.08 feet;

THENCE Northeasterly at right
angles with Kelly Street, 17.86 feet;

THENCE Southeasterly along a line
forming an interior angle of 124 degrees
38 minutes 15 seconds with the last
mentioned course, 113.32 feet to the
Northwesterly side of Westchester
Avenue;

THENCE Southwesterly along the
said side of Westchester Avenue,
100.00 feet to the aforementioned
corner and the point or place of
BEGINNING.

BOROUGH: Bronx, Block: 2715; Lot
1

The aforesaid property will be sold
subject to the provisions of the
aforementioned Amended Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale, Nunc Pro Tunc,
and the Terms of Sale to be issued by
me at the time of the sale. The
approximate amount of the lien awarded
in the Amended Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale, Nunc Pro Tunc,
was \$335,100, plus interest (at 9% from
November 12, 2012), protective
advances and costs.

HENRY M. ADLER, ESQ.
Referee
245 West 25th Street
Bronx, New York 10471
(718) 796-0263

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF
PARKVIEW CONDOMINIUM, Plaintiff
against JOHN DEGIORGIO, et al
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein
and dated April 9, 2015, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx Supreme
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on September
14, 2015 at 2:00 PM premises lying
and being in the Borough and County of
Bronx, In the Condominium known as
"Parkview Condominium", known as
Apartment No. 2B. Together with an
undivided 3.289% percent interest in
common elements. This Unit is also
designated as Tax Lot No. 1002 in Block
4174. Said premises known as 1600
PARKVIEW AVENUE, APT 2B,
BRONX, NY Approximate amount of
lien \$ 47,577.63 plus interest & costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed judgment and terms of
sale.

Index Number 21192/2013E.
CESAR FERNANDEZ, ESQ.,
Referee SMITH, BUSS & JACOBS, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 733 Yonkers
Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS
COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTO-
DIAN, Plaintiffs against PHANG HOLD-
ING CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant
to a Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale entered herein on June 23, 2015, I,
the undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx Supreme Court-
house, Room 600, 851 Grand Con-
course, Bronx, NY on September 21,
2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying
and being in the Borough of The Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, known and designated as Block
4714 and Lot 43. Said premises known
as EAST 219TH STREET, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$
6,455.56 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions
of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 300606/2013.
JOHN PERONE, ESQ., Referee
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
28 East Main Street, Suite 1400,
Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION File No. 2014-1304
SURROGATE'S COURT, BRONX
COUNTY

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free
and Independent

To: Attorney General of New York
State and the Public Administrator of
Bronx County and to the unknown heirs
at law, and next of kin of MIRIAM
POLLACK, Deceased, if they by living,
and if they be dead, to their Executors,
Administrators, Creditors, and lienors,
their husbands or wives or successors
in interest

A petition having been duly filed by
Solomon Juravel who is domiciled at 7
Fosse Court, Monsey, New York 10952
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO

SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's
Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New
York, on September 22, 2015 at 9:30
o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why
a decree should not be made in the
estate of Miriam Pollack, lately
domiciled at 2540 Barker Avenue,
Apartment 5C, Bronx, New York 10467,
United States, admitting to Probate a
Will dated August 30, 2012, a copy of
which is attached, as the Will of Miriam
Pollack, deceased, relating to real and
personal property, and directing that:
Letters Testamentary issue to Solomon
Juravel.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, July 21,
2015. Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez,
Surrogate. Michael P. Hausler, Chief
Clerk. Joseph Klein, Esq.,
(212) 495-8133, Korsinsky & Klein, LLP,
2926 Avenue L, Brooklyn, New York
11210.

NOTE: This citation is served upon
you as required by law. You are not
required to appear. If you fail to appear
it will be assumed you do not object to
the relief requested. You have a right to
have an attorney appear for you.

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 September 14th,
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.

Unit Number Name Items
054 Hazel, Shawn 131 Kriz,
Kimberlee 178 Sanchez, Awilda 179
Dennis, Allen

239 Roddy, Gail 244 Kenia Romero
274 Vargas, Jose 310 Gutierrez Reyes,
Blanca

337 Mcdonald, Samantha 343
Rivera, Thomas 361 Polanco, Jorge
368 Mencias, Oscar R. 450 Morris,
Joi 509 Veloz, Elaine 558 Dennis, Allen
723 Hamer, Vickie 729 Decosta,
Kimble 745 Santos, Jocelyn 762
Moorehead, George

766 Boyd, Lloyd 303V Alexander,
Cynthia 307V Franqui, Carmen 511V
Colon, Amalia

515V Selva, Yuviana 523V
Seabrook, Michael 525V Zienkiewicz,
Licia

B006 Holley, Emanuel B014 Roman,
Luis B033 Parker, Gregorie

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF THE
BRONX SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Docket Number: B-25905-6/14 In the
Matter of the Guardianship of KANIA
KENESHA FAIRWEATHER & JOY
FAIRWEATHER Pursuant to Section
384-b of the Social Services Law of the
State of New York and/or Article 6
of the Family Court Act TO: KENROY
GEORGE FAIRWEATHER a/k/a
JERRY FAIRWEATHER SEND
GREETING: A verified Petition has been
filed in this Court, alleging that the
above-named child in the care of
CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES, the
Petitioner, is a permanently neglected
and/or abandoned child, as defined by
Article 6, Part I of the Family Court Act
and/or Section 382-b of the Social
Services Law. YOU ARE HEREBY
SUMMONED to appear before the
Family Court at 900 SHERIDAN
AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK, PART
11, before the Hon. FIORDALIZA A.
RODRIGUEZ, on SEPTEMBER 30,
2015, at 11:30 A.m. of that day to show
cause why the Court should not enter an
Order depriving you of all the rights of

custody and guardianship of the above-
named child, and awarding custody and
guardianship of the child to the
Petitioner and the Commissioner of
Social Services as a permanently
neglected and/or abandoned child as
provided by law. UPON YOUR
FAILURE TO APPEAR ALL OF YOUR
PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE CHILD
ABOVE-MENTIONED MAY BE
TERMINATED AND THE COURT WILL
HEAR AND DETERMINE THE
PETITION AS PROVIDED BY LAW.
YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR SHALL
CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR
INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH
DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT
FURTHER NOTICE, IN THE
TRANSFER OR COMMITMENT OF
THE CHILD'S CARE, CUSTODY OR
GUARDIANSHIP OR IN THE CHILD'S
ADOPTION IN THIS OR ANY
SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING IN
WHICH SUCH CARE, CUSTODY OR
GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTION MAY
BE AT ISSUE. PLEASE TAKE
FURTHER NOTICE THAT YOU ARE
ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY
A LAWYER, AND IF YOU CANNOT
AFFORD TO PAY FOR A LAWYER,
THE COURT WILL APPOINT ONE TO
REPRESENT YOU, FREE OF ANY
CHARGE TO YOU. NOTICE IS GIVEN
TO ANY PARTY CLAIMING STATUS
AS A FATHER OF A CHILD BORN
OUT-OF-WEDLOCK PURSUANT TO
SECTION 384-C OF THE SOCIAL
SERVICES LAW AND/OR SECTION
111-A OF THE DOMESTIC
RELATIONS LAW TO BE HEARD AS
TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE
CHILD.

Dated: Bronx, New York August 12,
2015 By Order of the Court /s/
CLERK, FAMILY COURT BRONX
COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND
NOTICE-SUPREME COURT OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF
BRONX -BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff, against UNKNOWN HEIRS
AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE
OF LOUISE GENTILE A/K/A LOUISE T.
GENTILE, MELANIE GENTILE, SCOTT
GENTILE, JENNIFER GENTILE, if
living, and if she be dead, any and all
other persons, who may claim as
devises, distributes, legal
representatives and successors in
interest of said defendants, all of whom
and whose places of residence are
unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after
diligent inquire be ascertained, NEW
YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN
DISTRICT), "JOHN DOE #1" through
"JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve
names being fictitious and unknown to
plaintiff, the persons or parties intended
being the tenants, occupants, persons
or corporations, if any, having or
claiming an interest in or lien upon the
premises, described in the complaint,
Defendants-Index no. 38245/14. Plaintiff
designates Bronx County as the place of
trial situs of the real property. To the
above named Defendants-YOU ARE
HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the
complaint in this action and to serve a
copy of your answer, or, if the complaint
is not served with this summons, to
serve a notice of appearance on the
Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after
the service of this summons, exclusive
of the day of service (or within 30 days
after the service is complete if this
summons is not personally delivered to
you within the State of New York) in the
event the United States of America is
made a party defendant, the time to
answer for the said United States of
America shall not expire until (60) days

after service of the Summons; and in
case of your failure to appear or answer,
judgment will be taken against you by
default for the relief demanded in the
complaint. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN
DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If
you do not respond to this summons
and complaint by serving a copy of the
answer on the attorney for the mortgage
company who filed this foreclosure
proceeding against you and filing the
answer with the court, a default
judgment may be entered and you can
lose your home. Speak to an attorney or
go to the court where your case is
pending for further information on how
to answer the summons and protect
your property. Sending a payment to the
mortgage company will not stop the
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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Even as the U.S. Coast Guard celebrates its 225th birthday, it endures the debilitating effects of budgetary neglect, with many vessels over half a century old.

The Coast Guard, which is now a part of the Department of Homeland Security, traces its history to August 4, 1790, when President George Washington approved a law authorizing construction of 10 revenue cutters.

The organization's \$8.1 billion dollar budget is inadequate to its worldwide mission, which has become far more difficult as aggressive actions by foreign powers strain its resources to the limit. Those actions range from Russia's militarization of the Arctic and countering the increasing amount of cyber attacks against the U. S., responsibilities which are in addition to the service's duties to rescue those in distress at sea and stopping the importation of il-

legal drugs. The Coast Guard is the only entity charged with both military duties as well as civilian law enforcement.

Retired Rear Admiral Terry McKnight, writing for the United States Naval Institute has called the Coast Guard the 'Forgotten Fleet.'

"No other service does more with less than the Coast Guard... For a service that has some of the most demanding missions to support our national security, the current departmental funding falls well short of the requirement... Even though the Coast Guard has taken on more requirements in the post Sept. 11, 2001 era the consequences of sequestration have started to directly affect some of the basic mission requirements. Like the Navy, the Coast Guard's fleet, will see a major reduction in the next few years and, if the trend is allowed to continue, this could jeopardize our national security. If the Coast Guard does not see an

increase in its shipbuilding account, the fleet of high and medium endurance cutters will suffer a major decrease in the next ten years..."

Speaking to the National Press Club last week, Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Paul Zukunft noted that his service played a key role in countering the cyber assault on defense personnel. He also pointed out that the Coast Guard, due its limited resources, is only capable of responding to 10% of the information it obtains regarding drug smuggling.

However, it is the extraordinary expansion of Russian military activity in the Arctic that poses the greatest challenge to the Coast Guard.

Ukrainian sources detailed Moscow's new and ongoing activities in that region:

"Russia has announced it is deploying new radar stations and fighter aircraft on islands in the Arctic Ocean as Russia increases its presence on the frozen continent amid a simmering territorial dispute over the energy-rich region. Moscow announced back in 2008 that it would use the Arctic zone as a "strategic resource base" for the development of Russia in the 21st century. Russia's territorial claims encompass an area of roughly 1.2m sqkm which Moscow hopes would secure the rights to billions of tons of oil and gas. But Denmark, Canada and the US all dispute this and also each claim huge swathes of the vast continent, which is predicted to become ice-free in the coming decades.

Ukraine Today reported in July that "The Russian Navy's Northern Fleet has started forming a new air force and

air defence system to protect the country's interests in the Arctic.

A major portion of Russia's increased presence is its fleet of icebreakers. A 2013 study by the U.S. Naval Institute noted that Russia had 37 icebreakers, plus four under construction. The U.S. total was five, plus one under construction.

In his recent address to the National Press Club Admiral Zukunft stated that while the Coast Guard had seven ice breakers in 1977 when he entered the service, it currently has only two, "and only one of them, the 39-year-old Polar Star, is a 'heavy' breaker capable of cracking through ice that is 21 feet thick. Russia, which he said is "militarizing the Arctic," has some 20, with more under construction."

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

The Waterbury LaSalle Community Association is inviting you to help our heroes. Our local AMVETS needs our help and we are stepping up but we need you to join us.

On Saturday, November 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. we will be having a fund raiser to help our heroes at the AMVETS. Our friends at the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck have

partnered with us once again and the event will be held in Bartus Hall at the Lutheran Church.

Our community has always joined together to help those in need and I am asking that we stand shoulder to shoulder to help our AMVETS. Everyone can do something to help. Here's what we need you to do. If you are an artist, author, musician or jewelry maker we

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need you to participate in the event by offering your paintings, books, jewelry and CDs to our attendees on November 7. We ask that you donate

50% of your profits to the AMVETS. This is a great opportunity to get exposure for your art or craft and help a very worthy organization. If you belong to an arts organization please let them know about our event.

If you are a veteran or soldier, we need you to get the word out to your organization. You can send an e-mail blast, announce it at your meetings or help us by distributing flyers to your friends, neighbors and local stores.

We decided to have this event on November 7 for several reasons. It is the day before our community Veteran's Day parade and we hope to inspire area residents to come out

to the parade in great numbers to support our veteran's and those serving right now. We want to see you at the parade and we will be giving out flags to wave as our heroes pass by on November 8 at the parade.

November is the month that people usually start Christmas shopping. Maybe we can help you cross some names off of your list. There is no better gift than something unique and handmade from our local arts community. Looking for a gift that you know they won't have? You'll find it at this event!

If you can help in any way, please call me at (718) 792-6385 and we can discuss the details. Remember, together we can do great things!

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BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Good news, Navy LT Commander Timothy White will not be charged for discharging his fire arm at terrorist nut Mo Abdulazeez. Some one smartened up.

Bad news, Rick Perlstein claims that the P.O.W. Flag is racist and should be discontinued. He is not getting his 15 minutes of fame in this column. Find some other venue. Idiocy not spoken here.

Female Vets Spa is still on for Saturday, August 22, here at the post beginning at noon. Computer acting up!

Trivia Time!!

The Son of Sam was caught on August 10, 1977>

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Isaac Singer patented the sewing machine on August 12, 1851. Patent # 8294.

The first Model 'T' Ford came off the line on August 12, 1908.

On the same date in 1949, the Whitestone Drive-in opened.

Cortez conquered the Aztecs on August 13, 1521.

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

Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER
AND KENNY AGOSTO

I'd like to start this column out with heartfelt candor. Sitting here after a tiring, rewarding day of block beautification, I honestly can't decide whether to write a column or not. Being in this community activism business, it wears on the the heart, and sometimes the will isn't there.

But we are all human and we all know that the ultimate goal in life involves love: To love your soulmate, to love your son, your daughter, your mom or whomever gives you lasting fulfillment. But also, another type of love is friendship and respect between people who pursue the same goals where they live.

Thus that respect has sparked me to write this column.

Being under 30 years old, I am not fit to introduce to you someone who has been an activist for almost as long as I've been alive, but I'll try, humbly.

Bronx Park East Community Association as you may know started out with five board members in 2012, then expanded to seven at my request, so we could be more inclusive, especially to residents of the Allerton area. One of the new board members elected in June of 2014 was Norma Lopez, a resident of Cruger and Mace avenues in Allerton.

The first time I met Norma, she came up to the front table after a B-PECA meeting and asked to get involved in our beautification activities. She first painted mailboxes at a B-PECA's Thwaites Place beautification in April of 2013, and inevitably she asked that we do the same on her block.

To make a long story short, there have been ups and downs in the time between first meeting Norma Lopez and now. To once again quote the composer Ludwig Van Beethoven: "Difficult is good. Difficult is beautiful. Difficult is closer to the truth."

Behind all of the positive, transformative events that Bronx Park East Community Association does, there is always behind-the-scenes difficulty and flares of tempers, as with many groups. Obviously, we all have the same goals in mind, that being making our community better and more enjoyable.

But there are some days where you sit in awe of the

abilities of someone and you just have to let it be known.

This past Saturday, August 16 Norma and I led a tree care clean-up, after weeks of Norma reminding me how profuse the weeds had become on her block's Pin Oak trees. Twenty-four hours after sending out a text message and facebook group post, Norma and I completely removed the weeds and garbage from 17 trees on her block, with the help of over a dozen volunteers. Pizza was given to the volunteers, as well as community service certificates.

Then the real magic happened.

At 6 p.m., Norma had her second planning meeting to finalize the details of her upcoming block party, which takes place this Saturday, August 22.

(Sometimes I enjoy writing as I think, so forgive this wandering, winding road.)

Even more people crammed into Norma's dining room for her 6 p.m. block party meeting than came to the volunteer activity, and with good reason.

I have never been a father, nor do I have much experience raising a younger sibling. And I think this quality is what makes Norma Lopez great.

The amount of love and motivation and glee that permeated this planning meeting was awe-inspiring. Endless energy, derived from an intense passion to do good and make the children on her block happy, at least one time every year: At her annual block party.

I do not show much emotion in-person, but in all honesty my eyes are welling up while typing this.

There are many jewels who live on each block in Allerton and Pelham Parkway and the Bronx. Some discovered, some undiscovered. Some who have realized their incubated potential, and some who haven't come of age to shine yet.

But simply put, despite all the flares and difficulties that have interspersed the two plus years I have known Norma, it needs to be said that she is one of those diamonds of our community. And she is shining brighter than ever.

A fervent activist in her workplace, a loving mother and grandmother, and a motivator. For people who are of a special vein of humanity, it is

said that when they are down they are inconsolable, and when they up they are uncontrollable. Norma's power to bring people together with her intense, smiling glee makes this ring true, in similarity with my own emotional attributes.

Thus, I would like to give appreciation where appreciation is due and type truth to paper.

Norma Lopez is one of a kind and her ability to do great things in anything she puts her mind and heart to should never be discounted or underestimated. The heart of Cruger-Mace Block Association is beating intensely, and it beats with the positive, unerring intensity of Norma Lopez.

Annual Cmba Block Party

Thus, I invite you to experience the magic of Norma and her Cruger-Mace Block Association by coming to the 3rd Annual Cruger-Mace International/Back-to-School Block Party this coming Saturday, August 22. Taking place from noon to 7 p.m. at the corner of Cruger and Mace avenues, there will be so many positive activities and showcases, all with the goal of making kids smile, something that brings a tear to both mine and Norma's eyes. I do not try to oversell or over-hype an upcoming event, but with the intense planning and feeling that has gone into this, it promises to really be something special. Very special. And remember, it's for the children.

Open Mic Freestyle Friday

This Friday, August 21 from 6 to 10 p.m. join B-PECA board members Raphael Schweizer and Kenny Agosto as we once again highlight and bring together the Artists of the Bronx. After jaw-dropping performances by super-talented artists such as keyboardist Ray Champion, musician Celeste, hip-hop artists Sean Elliot and 'Afro Jedi' Brent Jones, and artwork showcased by Jayson Agosto, Alice Elisabeth, Brunilda Pichardo and Jack C Cruz, you're invited to see the magic happen again this week.

Bronx Culture Night was awesome, so we're doing it again at Gasolina Lounge, located at 2525 Boston Road, by Holland Avenue. There is a \$5 cover, which gets you a complimentary drink and dibs on karaoke. Ages 18 and over only. (Event not sponsored by

B-PECA)

Bronx Suv Peace March

This Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. join Jacob Hospital's Bronx Stand Up To Violence 'SUV' initiative and Senator Jeff Klein to take a stand against the violence that still plagues Bronx communities. The march heads down White Plains Road from East 229th Street starting at 9 a.m., and culminates with an 11 a.m. rally at Gun Hill Road.

Then from noon to 3 p.m. there will be a Family Day with music and games near Pelham Parkway Houses, at Mazzei Playground by Mace Avenue and Williamsbridge Road. Event sponsored by Bronx SUV and Senator Klein.

In Memoriam

This week in memoriam, we remember another group of dynamic Bronxites gone too soon. We remember blind veteran community activist from the south Bronx and crusader for the visually impaired, Gregory Bell. Greg fought for homeless disabled veterans and advocated for all people with disabilities. Greg was an early pioneer in the grandparents rights movement. As a family man, he made sure he took care of his children, including single-handedly raising his great grand son.

We remember longtime Pelham Parkway community activist Diane D'Ambrosio. Diane served tirelessly for many years as a board of elections coordinator. She was a charter member and secretary of the Liberty Democratic Association. In addition, Diane also belonged to the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association.

We also remember longtime Co-op City board member and beloved River Bay president Al Shapiro, who suddenly died from a recently discovered illness; Bronx senior and member of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen in WWII, Fitz Allen Squires, 95 last winter after a long illness, Clare Marie Goggins, 21, died recently after a long illness. Both Fitz and Clare were respectively husband and grand-daughter of Bronx community advocate Myra Goggins-Squires; U.S. Army Specialist Joshua Phillip Fennell, 25, killed-in-action in Afghanistan; Bronx senior Morty Bruh, father of Bronx activist Mark Bruh; Bronx

senior Dennis Demers, 67 after a long illness, Dennis was husband of Bronx activist Marcy Guss Lewis-Demers; Edward Pollak, 80, father of former New York State Democratic chair David Pollak.

NY Giant super star and ABC sports commentator Frank Gifford, 84. Gifford was also husband to television hostess Kathy Lee Gifford on Today and Live with Regis and Kathy Lee; king of the one liners, comedian Jack Carter, 93; musician Chris Squire, 67, lead bassist with rock band Yes; television character actor George Coe. Coe appeared on the very first Saturday Night Live. He also has appeared on many TV shows including L.A. Law and Star Trek: The Next Generation. Last, but certainly not least, NAACP civil rights legend, the Honorable Julian Bond, 75. Bond was the charismatic and passionate chairman of the nation's oldest civil rights organization who worked with Dr. Martin Luther king, Jr. and Bayard Rustin in the 1960s. Bond distinguished himself in the fight for voting rights, the anti-Vietnam War campaigns and the War on Poverty. Bond also served in both houses of the Georgia State Legislature. Recently he led the fight for gay civil rights leading up to the new supreme court ruling on Marriage Equality. The streets of heaven is too crowded with angels. God Bless the memories of all of these honored dead...

Well Wishes

We would like to wish B-PECA's own Francine Ruh a speedy recovery from a fractured shoulder. We also wish Bronx community leader Rev. Leslie McHenry; Bronx businessman Frank Garcia; B-PECA patrons Maria Delores, Gaspar and David Gonzalez well as they heal from their many ailments. Our thoughts are also with B-PECA's treasurer Donal Holway and District Leader Shirley Saunders (D) 82 A.D. Part B as they endure from two devastating fires in their homes.

Until next time, feel free to contact B-PECA anytime at (347) 654-7044, emailing bxparkeast@gmail.com or on our facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/bxpark-east.

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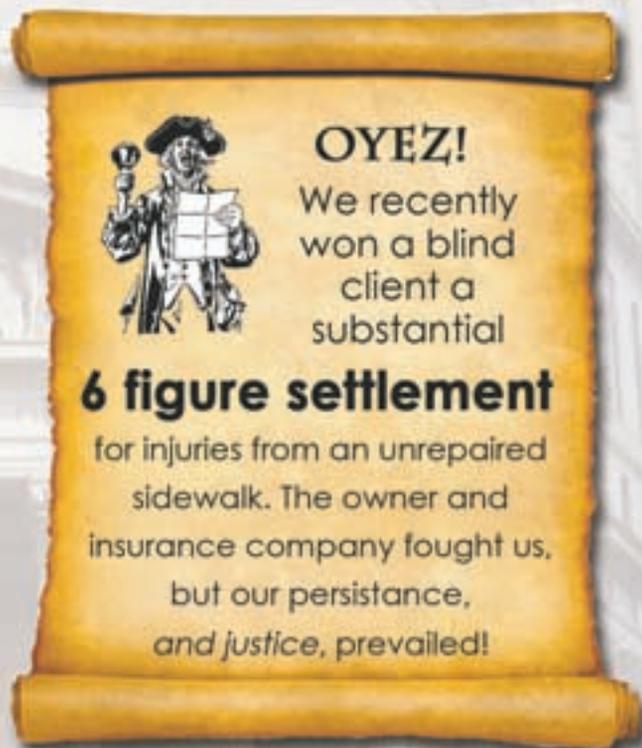
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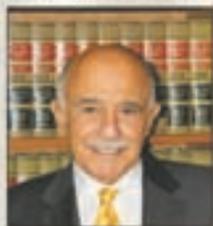
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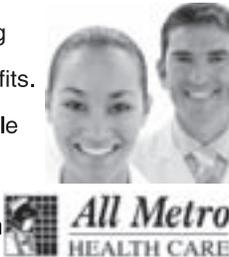
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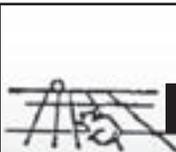
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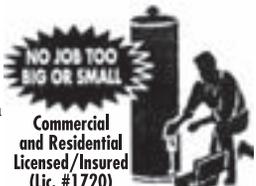
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Pelham Bay tenants forced to endure an elevator-less summer

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"We have 80-year old residents and parents carrying strollers in this building - how are they supposed to get up and down the stairs safely?"

"Although the elevator has had a chronic break down history over the last 10-12 years, this particular situation is the worst that it has ever been since I've lived here," said Mel

"(The landlord) says that the elevator won't be fixed until mid-September, but after the elevator is repaired, it has to be inspected, which could take at least two to three more weeks, so (residents) will not see a working elevator until the end of September at the earliest. After all these issues, how does the landlord not understand that we need a new elevator?" he added.

Both Mel and Linda filed multiple complaints with 311 and the Department of Buildings throughout the summer but have not yet been responded to.

According to the DOB website, this building has received over a dozen elevator violations since 2002.

"There are residents in this building suffering without a working elevator while the landlord and superintendent are on vacation - they could care less," Mel added.

According to residents, landlord Amanda Jankovic of Rok Realty Corp has hired at least six different repair companies in the last decade.

Residents believe she switches re-

pair firms when she is told that she needs to replace the entire elevator - which she is not willing to do.

She then proceeds to hire a new elevator company altogether, someone that will comply to her wishes.

The elevator was previously out of order for nearly a month, along with the gas service, in 2012.

During the past year, residents claim the elevator has been out at least one day per week.

Senator Jeff Klein has been working with DOB to ensure timely completion of repairs, while also working with the Division of Housing & Community Renewal to receive rent reductions for tenants who have lacked elevator service in the past months.

Councilman James Vacca is also involved and currently has legislation pending that would make the landlord economically responsible for the installation of new elevators as well as entitle residents to rent reductions.

"A situation that has senior citizens and disabled individuals climbing steps with no option for an elevator is absolutely unacceptable," Vacca said.

Jankovic could not be reached for comment.

(Right) Residents in 1650 Hutchinson River Parkway have been without their only elevator for over two months. The inconvenience is expected to continue for at least another month.

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Mall at Bay Plaza celebrates its first anniversary

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stores in one place.

"I don't have to go to Westchester county anymore, I don't have to go to the palisades, I can stay here in my home borough of the Bronx," said Jamaal Bailey, a representative for Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

"You don't have to go outside our neighborhood anymore to hit big name stores," said John Marano, vice chair of Community Board 10.

The board has also been pleased that Prestige Properties has been receptive to concerns, especially about traffic, said Marano.

"Their doors are always open for us," he said.

And those major traffic concerns have gone largely unrealized, said Benedetto, thanks to the city and state Department of Transportation's attention to the issue.

"It's no where near the problem people said it was going to be," said Benedetto.

Nevertheless, city and state officials are still looking for ways to better the situation, he said.

"We are continuing to work on transportation improvements to get people in and out of Co-op City and the Bay Plaza Mall in a speedy efficient way."



The Mall at Bay Plaza on opening day, August 14, 2014.

File photo

"He does more than two things. He passes the ball, he rebounds the ball and everybody knows he can score. He's definitely on another level this year."

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

A Special And Unique Tree

The sports Curmudgeon told us Tonciu, Romania is a town that thought it needed a soccer pitch for the local youth to play on and to develop their skills on. So, the City Fathers decided to spend about \$20K to create such a facility. However, here in Curmudgeon Central, we know well that no good deed goes unpunished and now those City Fathers are being held up to scorn and ridicule for the implantation of their "nice idea" due to the giant oak tree in the middle of the pitch." The pitch had to be built around the tree.

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But now he's out with a concussion, and that's troubling because it's at least his fourth concussion. He's on 15 25.

Chris Owusu's final season at Stanford, 2011, was cut short because of a concussion. In a November game against Oregon State, he went down after helmet-to-helmet contact and left the field in an ambulance. It was his second concussion in a three-week span, his third in 13 months.

His skill set intrigued NFL scouts -- some felt he had third-round talent -- but he didn't get picked at all. No doubt, teams were concerned about his medical history. He

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Bingo's All-Stars win Pro City title in first season



Tenants endure an elevator-less summer

The Bingo's All-Stars celebrate its first Pro City tournament title.

Photo by Patrick McCormack

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Maxwell "Bingo" Cole waited a long time to get his Bingo's All-Stars into the Pro City Tournament. It was worth the wait for the experience of winning New York City's premier summerball league in the team's first season there.

"Winning my first championship at Pro City is big," the coach said. "This is something I have been wait years to get an invite. I finally got it and we finally came through to win the championship for the first year in it."

For the South Bronx native Cole, who is known as the "Godfather," the wait made the 113-105 victory over Big Apple Basketball at Baruch College on Aug. 13 even more special.

"As far as streetball, this is at the top of my list," he said.

For Cole and his team, thing started out well as they grabbed a 22-point lead early in the second quarter, but they saw Big Apple Basketball rally to take the lead for a short period in the third before the Bingo's All-Stars were able to grab the advantage for good and secure the championship.

"We started out strong," Cole said. "Then we came back. I got professionals. I told them this is a long game. We can be up 20 and it doesn't mean anything. You got to stay with it. [Dominique] Jones hit big shots for me."

Keydren "Kee Kee" Clark, who had 20 points and 12 assists, took home the Pro City MVP award. Jones added 21 point and Corey "Homicide"

Williams chipped in 16 points and seven rebounds. Bronx native Jarrid Famous paced Big Apple Basketball with 26 points and six rebounds and former Bishop Ford standout Chaz Williams had 24 points.

For Clark winning his first Pro City title with Bingo is as good as it gets.

"There is no greater feeling," Clark said. "We won a lot of championships, but to win this tournament with Bingo in our first appearance with my brothers, it doesn't get any better than this. It's a great way to end the summer."

Clarke along with Anthony Glover started playing with Bingo when they were 12-13 years old at Riverside Church and they helped make the title special for the their longtime coach.

"These guys help me build Bingo's All-Stars and without them I wouldn't be who I am today," Cole said.

Bingo's All-Stars became the second team on three years to win Pro City in its first season. Sean Bell All-Stars, who Bingo beat in the semifinals, won in 2013.

Cole was getting ready to retire, but couldn't pass up an invite to compete for a title that ranks a top of his long list of championships. Even after achieving his goal retirement isn't on Bingo's mind as he wants to come back to repeat next season.

"No I am not retiring," Cole said. "I am here. I was going to retire, with no Pro City. But now I am here for a few years," Cole said. "We have to two peat."

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Former Fordham star confident heading into IAAF World Championships

BY PATRICK MCORMACK

Kerri Gallagher is preparing for the biggest race of her career. The Queens native and former Fordham University standout is racing in the 1500 meters for Team USA at the IAAF World Championships in Beijing on Aug. 22 and has herself ready to give her best.

"Training has been going really well," Gallagher said. "I had the opportunity to get some good workouts in after coming back from Europe. At this point it is all about maintaining fitness and staying confident which I think I am doing a good job with."

Gallagher, who runs for team Oiselle and NYAC throughout the year, and the rest of team USA are training for the meet in Narita, Japan. She is pretty calm and focused at the moment.

"It's a new experience making this type of time and cultural adjustment, but everyone here in Narita has been overwhelmingly welcoming," she said.

After qualifying for Worlds, Gallagher competed in the 1500 in the Diamond League race in Monaco. There she ran 4:06.07, one of her better times of the season, against some of the world's top runners. Gallagher took

gold in her final tune up before the worlds by winning the 800 at the Jentendo International running a 2:04.04. She is soaking up the experience she earned.

"Particularly in Monaco, it was very humbling and exciting to be able to line up in a field like that and really test my racing," she said. "It made me that more excited to keep pushing my boundaries and to compete at Worlds."

Following the Diamond League race, Gallagher took a break from competition and worked at the American Running camp. The camp helped add to her excitement of going to Worlds as he got a chance to interact with some great coaches and enthusiastic campers gearing up for their cross-country seasons.

"It made for a really special week before coming to Japan for final prep for Worlds," Gallagher said.

Gallagher is grateful for all the support she has received and he gets ready for the biggest race of her life. The event will be broadcast on the NBC family of networks.

"It is an incredible honor to be able to represent team USA," she said. "I am looking forward to the opportunity and am thankful for all the support from friends, family, coaches, Oiselle and NYAC for getting me here."



Former Fordham standout Kerri Gallagher will be running the 1500 meters for Team USA at the IAAF World Championship this weekend in China. Fordham Athletics

St. Ray's star Brown leaves for hometown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The draw of playing at home one final time was too strong for Cahiem Brown to turn away from.

The Coney Island native left a talented St. Raymond boys' basketball team in the Bronx to play his senior year for his neighborhood school Lincoln. It gives him a chance to fulfill a dream of bringing another Public School Athletic League city crown to the neighborhoods and play for his family and friends.

"It feels great knowing that I can play in front of everybody I grew up with, everybody that I am around," he said. "I have a great feeling about this year."

It wasn't an easy choice to leave a Ravens roster that is one of the best in the Catholic league and teammates he has played with in one way or the other since the seventh grade. St. Raymond lost in the Archdiocesan final last season and in the intersectional quarter-

finals. He averaged 17.8 points per game for St. Ray's as a junior.

"I have a close relationship with all the guys on that team," Brown said.

It's been a smooth transition so far competing with Lincoln in summer leagues such as Smartball and EBC Rucker Park. Brown's cousin Donald Flores plays for the Railsplitters and Brown knows many of the players already just from growing up in Coney Island. The switch drops Browns commute to school from an hour and half to 10 minutes.

"You are not coming to strangers," Lincoln coach Kenny Pretlow said.

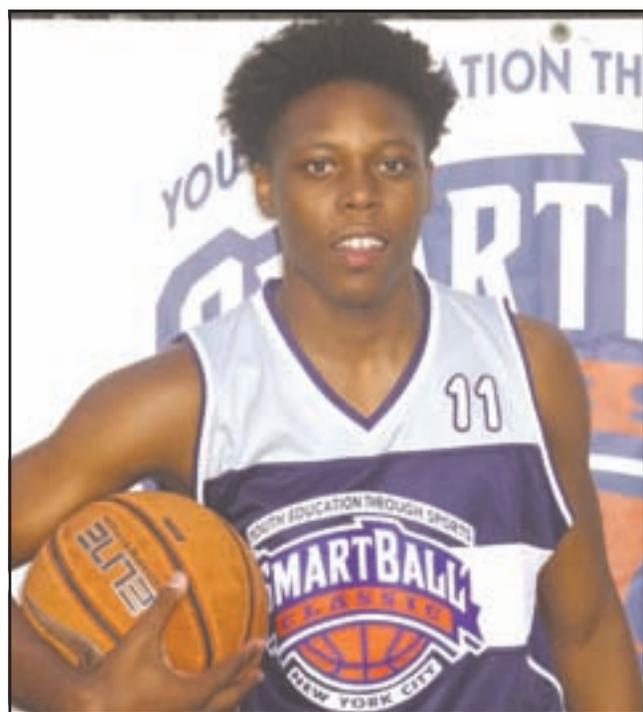
The 6-foot-3 Brown, who has interest from Monmouth, Cleveland State and Hofstra, gives the Railsplitters a much-needed dose of size and scoring with the graduation of center Greg Poleon and shooting guard Ezekiel Charles.

Lincoln also found out rising sophomore Paul Person has transferred to Hoosac in Upstate New York. Brown's ability to score, run the floor and rebound gives Pretlow plenty of ways to use him.

"It just gives us another versatile weapon to add to the way we played last year," the coach said. "We like to spread people out. That's a guy who can do it and finishes well. I'm looking forward to having him with us."

Brown is even more excited about who will be in the gym watching him. His family and friends will not have to travel far to see his final high school season unfold. He said many of them weren't always able to make it to games at St. Raymond. When asked how many people he expected at each home game this year, Brown didn't hesitate.

"Everybody," he said. "The whole of Coney Island is going to be there."



St. Raymond wing and Coney Island native Cahiem Brown has transferred to Abraham Lincoln. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Motivated Clark caps stellar season with Pro City crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was personal for Keydren “Kee Kee” Clark this summer.

The former St. Peter’s College and Rice guard took his already stellar game to other level. He wanted to earn his first Pro City title with his long time coach Maxwell “Bingo” Cole and his Bingo’s All-Stars teammates for more than 10 years on the streetball circuit.

His 20 points, 12 assists and four rebounds in the championship game last Thursday ensured the Bronx native made good on his intensions.

“Mission accomplished,” Clark said. “It’s about time.”

Bingo’s All-Star held on to beat Big Apple Basketball 113-105 at Baruch College in the team’s first season in New York City’s top summerball tournament. Clark took home MVP honors to cap a stellar campaign. He was the league’s leading scorer at 28.6 points per game and second in assists with 8.1.

The 30-year-old Clark, who lead the nation in scoring twice at St. Peter’s, also dropped in 20 points, including a huge three late to lead Bingo past rival Sean Bell 94-81 in the semifinals. Longtime Bingo teammate and fellow Bronx native Anthony Glover called

Clarke the top point guard in the city and said this is the best he’s seen him play.

“He does more than two things,” Glover said. “He passes the ball, he rebounds the ball and everybody knows he can score. He does things off the basketball that makes him good. He’s definitely on another level this year.”

Cole said he is playing at the top right now and not all of it has to do with his prolific three-point shooting and slick passes. He understands how to get his teammates involved around his open scoring chances. Clark, who will play professionally in Turkey next season, is also more comfortable as a leader.

In the past he led by example. Cole joked that it took him five years just to get him to talk. Clark’s time overseas has taught him how important it is to be vocal, especially as a veteran.

“It’s something that grew on me,” he said. “It’s not something I like to do, but not it is just a part of me.”

The game itself has become easy for Clark at this stage of his career, but keeping it that way is not. In the past he would use his time on the streetball circuit as just a way to keep up his cardo up. This year he pushed



Keydren Clark (r.), the Pro City playoff MVP, poses with coach Maxwell “Bingo” Cole (l.) after the beating Big Apple Basketball in the final.

Photo by Patrick McCormack

himself more, not just to ensure a championship, but to make certain younger players don’t pass him by when he heads back across the water.

“He’s really stretching out his pro career,” Cole said. “He understands what it takes”

Clark also knew it would take his

best to bring Bingo’s All-Stars at Pro City crown. The satisfaction of doing so was sweet.

“To finally get the money off my back and win it with no other team than Bingo’s All-Stars is amazing,” Clark said. “There is no greater feeling.”

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signed with the San Francisco 49ers, also spending time with the San Diego Chargers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers before landing with the Jets last season.

After a strong offseason, Owusu got off to a fast start in camp, moving up the depth chart. He was getting first-team reps in three-receiver packages, working ahead of Jeremy Kerley at times.

I Agree With The SC On This

“Scott Ostler of the SF Chronicle wrote recently that the National Anthem renditions at various sporting events need an upgrade. I could not agree more. Some of the “local talent” they trot out to sing the anthem is enough to make your hair hurt and while it may be “cute” there

are precious few sixth grade glee clubs that can sing the song even marginally well. One more note from experience:

Jazz saxophonists have their place in the musical cosmos but standing at home plate and blaring the anthem in to a microphone prior to a baseball game is not their place.”

Robert Merrill was the best I ever heard.

The SC Added

I have said it before and will reiterate it here. José Canseco is the gift that keeps on giving for these sorts of rants. Here is the latest “Canseco antic”:

He is going to spend an entire week living as a woman as a show of support for Caitlyn Jenner. Canseco will be in full drag dress-mode for that whole week.

Seriously...

The fact that Canseco will also be involved in his own “reality show” come next Fall of course has nothing to do with this behavior. It is all about learning what Caitlyn Jenner “feels” and nothing at all about an episode for the Internet reality show Spend a Day with José. Yeah, right...

Boston Did Something Right

The SC wrote, “While I was gone, the good people of Boston – and of Massachusetts as a whole – seemingly came to their senses and terminated their bid to hold the 2024 Olympics there. The mayor of Boston had been a supporter of bidding for the games but when he was faced with signing a “host city contract” that included clauses making Boston responsible for any cost

overruns that “might occur”, he balked. Evidently, there was some pressure from various Olympic officials with regard to a deadline for signing and Mayor Marty Walsh would not be cowed by the USOC. The folks in Boston ought to hold a parade for Mayor Walsh.”

Molinaro Maranara

Bob Molinaro (Hampton Roads Pilot) wrote, “The way it is: Not to exaggerate the dominance of MLB pitching, but doesn’t it seem like that every three or four days a starter takes a no-hitter into the late innings? Makes you wonder how little offensive production there might be in the playoffs, when pitching traditionally dictates.

Hospital report: During NFL training camps, we’re reminded almost daily of the

carnage created by the football grind. Spotlights this week is the grisly injury to Texans running back Arian Foster, who is undergoing surgery today to reattach his groin muscle to the bone. It hurts just to write those words.

Suspicion: A third women’s basketball player from North Carolina’s heralded 2013 recruiting class has transferred this summer, jumping ship before NCAA sanctions are handed down in the paper-class scandal. The loss of another star apparently deepens the paranoia in some Chapel Hill circles that the women’s program will be scapegoated by the university that’s looking to reduce or avoid sanctions on the big money makers: men’s basketball and football.”

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