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Westchester creek cleanup set

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Major upgrades to two underground sewer junctures to improve the ecology of Westchester Creek were announced.

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection will substantially enlarge two underground 'regulators' or sewer junctures under Eastchester Road to reduce the discharge of raw sewage into Westchester Creek.

About 400 million gallons of

sludge will be diverted to the Hunts Point Wastewater Treatment Plant annually.

The agency announced that the \$22 million project is slated to be completed by the end of 2019, and that it will coordinate the construction work with the surrounding community to mitigate the inconvenience at Eastchester Road and Morris Park Avenue and at Waters Place.

Elected officials represent
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Parks destroys artist's Pel Bay Park memorial

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A father is up in arms after his son's memorial site was desecrated.

The memorial, located deep inside Pelham Bay Park since July 2015, was removed last month.

It commemorated the unfortunate death of Throggs Neck resident Eric Merchant,

a graphic artist, illustrator and muralist.

Merchant, 32, the owner of Steiner Enterprises, who was described as an adventurous and daring individual, had set up a tent on Hunter Island in mid-February of last year to camp out for the evening.

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Borough Feels The Burn!

History was made last Thursday, March 31 when Democratic Party presidential candidate, Senator Bernie Sanders held his 'A Future to Believe In' rally with 18,000 enthusiastic supporters at St. Mary's Park.

(Above, l-r) Jessica Cavanaugh, Christopher Jabrell, Karin Moreno and Rebecca Vitali waited on line for hours to attend the historic rally. See page 8 for the full story.

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Bronx Residents Fight to Cure Nation's Deadliest Cancer at The Lustgarten Foundation's New York City Walk for Pancreatic Cancer Research



Bronx residents Jeunesse Jackson and Nick Sabino may not know each other, but both know where they will be on Sunday, April 10: joining the fight against pancreatic cancer in honor of the loved ones they have lost to this deadly disease. They will join with family, friends and their fellow New Yorkers at The Lustgarten Foundation's 6th annual New York City Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk, which will be held at Pier 84, in Manhattan's Hudson River Park.

The Lustgarten Foundation, headquartered in Bethpage, NY, is the nation's largest nonprofit funder of pancreatic cancer research. Since its inception in 1998, the Foundation has directed nearly \$120 million to more than 200 research projects at nearly 60 medical and research centers worldwide. Every dollar that Jeunesse, Nick and their fel-

low walkers raise will go directly to pancreatic cancer research due to the support of Cablevision.

For Jeunesse, her father Jesse's diagnosis was a complete shock. According to Jeunesse: "My father could handle anything. He worked in the police and fire departments so he couldn't help but be that protective, brave guy, always ready to help someone out. I was his princess. That's why it was devastating to discover in June 2011 that my healthy, active father was suddenly diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. When my mother told me the news it was the most horrific day ever. My dad protected me my whole life. One month after his diagnosis, he was gone."

Nick's experience was similar. In 2011, he learned that his mother, who was healthy and went to the gym weekly, had pancreatic cancer. He explains: "My mother Eileen was my best friend. I grew up without a father, so my mom was everything to me. She worked

three jobs - 80 hours a week - to make sure I had a good education. We weren't rich, but we had what we needed: each other. Everything changed when we learned she had pancreatic cancer. You would never think a routine doctor's appointment could end with, "You have six months left." Nick's mother beat those odds, but sadly passed away in January 2013.

Unfortunately, this type of scenario is common for individuals diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, says Lustgarten Foundation Executive Director and COO Kerri Kaplan: "Pancreatic cancer is swift and silent, often undetected until it's too late. The overall five-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer is eight percent, and most with advanced cancer die within a year. There are no early detection tests, no effective long-term treatments and, unless the cancer is surgically removed in its earliest stages, no cure. Research is our best

hope to change these facts."

Both Bronx residents find that the walk is an inspiring way to honor their loved ones and to spread awareness. "It is such a positive experience when everyone comes together, knowing that they understand what you have been through and that we all want to fulfill the same goal: beating pancreatic cancer," says Jeunesse. "I also think the 100% support, where every single dollar raised goes right to research, is great. This cancer in particular can take someone so quickly. The more research that is done, the quicker we can find out more about this disease, and possibly help save lives."

Nick agrees: "My friend found out about the Foundation's first New York City walk. We signed up right away and have been walking ever since. Through the walks, and sharing my story on my blog and Facebook page, I can help make others aware."

"Jeunesse and Nick know that pancreatic cancer is the most lethal of all cancers. That's why they and many other dedicated individuals join The Lustgarten Foundation each year, determined to make a difference and help advance research to beat this disease," said Kerri Kaplan. "Anyone can get pancreatic cancer, and that's why we need everyone to join us in this important fight to find a cure."

Nick, like Jeunesse, is driven to change the impact pancreatic cancer will have on future generations. "I don't want this to happen to anyone else, to their children, or to any of our loved ones. We all have to start somewhere. That's why I walk."

The Lustgarten Foundation's New York City Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk at Pier 84, Hudson River Park, begins at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 10, with registration starting at 8:00 a.m. For more information about the walk or to register, please visit www.curePC.org.

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Hello Readers! Welcome to another edition of Around Town.

Rotary Club News

The Rotary Club of the Bronx ended the month of March, which celebrates the contribution of women, with the creation of a new award to be given to a deserving recipient named in honor of **Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo**.

Beatrice founded Regional Aid For Interim Needs, a senior services organization, in 1964. She has been a member of this Rotary chapter since 1987.

According to the club president, **Toba LaCrown**, she was full of appreciation to the entire membership of the

club for a job well done by approving the resolution in time for **Castiglia-Catullo's 100th birthday**.

As of press time, **Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.** was scheduled to be the club's speaker at their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5.

Local Sailor Aboard

The U.S.S. Ronald Reagan Aviation Boatswain's Mate, **Airman Travis Mills**, who comes from the borough, is serving aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan. Mills is the ships 'Blue Jacket of the Quarter,' an honor among the personnel assigned there. According to the U.S. Navy, *Ronald Reagan provides a force that protects and defends the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.*

Airwoman Honored For Women's History Month
Technical Sargent **Maribelle Hernandez** of the borough is a manpower analyst



Technical Sargent Maribelle Hernandez

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Former principal blasts P.S. 89 situation

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The former principal, parents and past and present teachers of a local school are in an uproar over the current principal's actions.

A recent protest at P.S. 89 Williamsbridge School exposed principal Ralph Martinez' excessive number of teacher reassignments and dismissals.

The saga began in September of 2010, when Martinez took the reins at P.S. 89.

Since his tenure began, Martinez has been responsible for the removal or reassigning of approximately 95 teachers, including 20 teachers during a one week stretch last month, the protesters charge.

The teachers were removed from their classroom settings and moved to other classrooms without notifying the parents of these changes, creating a poor learning environment for the students, they added.

"I'm convinced that Ralph (Martinez) took the position of principal with the intention of dismantling the school," said Ron Rivera, the school's for-

mer principal for seven years before he retired in September 2010.

"He came here to dismiss staff and remove the school from its existence - that's what his intention is. He sees a school that he thinks is 'struggling' and he considers it a loss."

Rivera said that he'd only been retired one week when he started receiving calls from staff, citing harassment, verbal and psychological abuse from Martinez. One teacher even took a leave of absence to check into a psychiatric center.

"This school had a successful, progressive, team-building atmosphere where all of the teachers were happy to be - now everybody wants to leave," Rivera added.

Rivera said before his time as principal, students scored only 20 percent on their English, Language Arts & Math state tests, but after he took over that number rose to about 70 to 80 percent.

He said he only had about a 1 or 2 percent teacher turnover rate, compared to Martinez's

current 95 out of 145 teachers that have been moved.

According to Rivera, Martinez is forcing teachers to sign petitions against other teachers or else become his next victim.

Teachers are not the only ones who have been shut out.

Former parent coordinator Francine Palmieri, who was a respected icon in the community, was pushed out.

Assistant principal Karen Shapiro, who brought in many programs and grants, including over \$250,000 to renovate the school's library and auditorium, was also let go.

Martinez is also charged with violating student's Individualized Education Program, according to many parents and teachers.

The removal of so many teachers has interfered with student IEPs.

The students depend on particular teachers and teaching assistants to help them with special educational needs such as attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and autism, among other learning disabilities.



(l-r) Kathy Cole, Iris Rosario and Maria Guzzone during last month's rally at P.S. 89. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

"There are so many violations going on at this school - it's absolute madness," said parent Iris Rosario, who ran for president of the parents association, but claims she was denied the position due to a ballot box stuffing.

"It's unfortunate that the only person who has control of this situation is the one who is causing it," she said.

"There is a lot of corruption going on at this school," said former teacher Jeffrey Losak, who taught at the school for 18 years and specialized in special education. "He bribes, he

manipulates - and the school is suffering as a result."

"I loved my job, whether I worked overtime or in the summers - it didn't matter because it was all about helping the students learn," said Maria Guzzone, the school's former guidance counselor for 16 years. "This is a sad scenario - I didn't want to believe that this was the reality, or that this was even possible for a school setting."

Guzzone stated that in 2013, shortly after filing a complaint

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Sanders NY rally held in south Bronx

BY MADELINE ANTHONY

The Bronx is feelin' the Bern!

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders made his first New York appearance on the campaign trail in the south Bronx last Thursday evening.

Sanders took to the stage and addressed over 18,000 Bronxites and New Yorkers, some of whom had been awaiting his arrival in St. Mary's Park for more than five hours.

A few Bronx elected officials attended the rally including Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda and Councilman Ritchie Torres.

Filmmaker Spike Lee and actress Rosario Dawson spoke prior to the senator's speech.

Lee advised the mostly young crowd to talk to their parents about voting for Bernie. "The older generation - they are on this Clinton thing," said Lee.

Rosario spent the majority of her time at the podium criticizing Hillary.

"I don't want to vote against someone - I want to vote for a candidate," said Dawson.

Sanders began his speech by reminding his cheering supporters of his childhood in Brooklyn, where he grew up with immigrant parents in a rent-controlled apartment.

I stand with my African American brothers and sisters. I stand with my Latino brothers and sisters.

Bernie Sanders

Many people in the energized and enthusiastic crowd held up signs and creative props showing their dedication to the Sanders campaign.

One man held a homemade puppet that resembled a mini-Sanders made of papier-mâché.

Another young supporter held a sign with Sanders dressed as Robin Hood.

Groups of girls calling

themselves "Bernie Babes" danced in the Woodstock-like crowd. There was no mistaking it - the Bronx was burning.

The candidate's stump speech didn't surprise supporters.

He stuck to his popular platforms, which addressed making higher education affordable for all, enacting universal health care, and ending corrupt Wall Street policies.

The Vermont senator made sure the crowd heard about perhaps his most prominent campaign pillar - the fact that he does not have a superpac, nor does he accept large corporate campaign donations.

Instead of cashing large corporate checks, Sanders relies on small contributions from his spirited supporters.

Sanders asked the enthusiastic crowd if they knew what the average donation was, and was answered with a resounding "twenty-seven dollars!"

The senator spoke directly to minority voters, many of whom made up the diverse crowd.

"I stand with my African



Senator Bernie Sanders delivers a riveting speech before legions of supporters during last Thursday's 'A Future to Believe In' rally at St. Mary's Park.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

American brothers and sisters," said Sanders, in an attempt to sway the black vote, which has been largely won by Clinton, "I stand with my Latino brothers and sisters."

The crowd was full of jazzed millennials, yet the candidate yielded the great-

est applause when he dissed his opponent Hillary Clinton, who he repeatedly attacked despite early campaign promises not to give into the ugly side of politics.

Votes will be cast for the New York presidential primaries on Tuesday, April 19.



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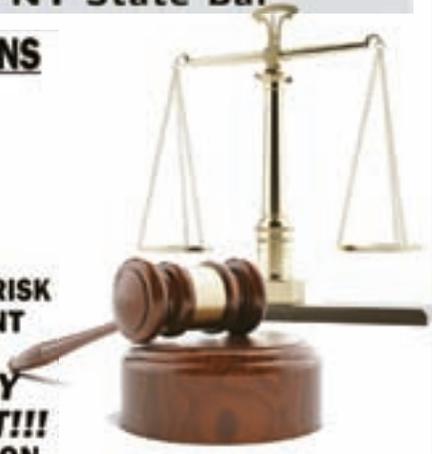
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45 Precinct

Friday, April 1, 11:15 p.m. -- A 45-year-old man was the victim of a robbery at a gas station on City Island when another man approached him and a dispute ensued. During the course of the incident, the man stabbed the victim in the back and slashed his left arm before fleeing the scene in a white BMW. Initial reports indicated that the men knew each other.

Friday, April 1, 2:30 p.m. -- A centenarian was the victim of a hold up in a Co-op City building. The 103-year-old woman was followed as she returned to her apartment in an elevator on Bellamy Loop. When she got off the elevator and into the hallway a suspect knocked her to the floor and grabbed a cart containing two meals she had gotten from a community center, as well her purse with money and credit cards. The suspect is described as a black female who is five feet, eight inches and weighs 250 pounds.

Friday, April 1, 8:30 p.m. -- Cops are looking for two suspects in a robbery at a barber shop at 3028 Buhre Avenue. Two thugs waked into the shop with a gun. The two men allegedly took a 29-year-old man's chain and bracelet and then fled on Jarvis Avenue. The suspects are both described as black men. One was approximately

sixfoot, two inches tall and about 200 pounds, and was last seen wearing gray sweats. The second man is about five feet, eight inches tall and about 160 pounds, a light complexion and a green and brown camouflage outfit.

46 Precinct

Sunday, February 28, 1:20 p.m. -- A robbery was reported at a bank at 248 E. Fordham Road when a man approached the victim, a 25-year-old woman, at knife point and forced her to withdraw \$500 from an ATM at the bank.

49 Precinct

Saturday, March 26, 9:08 p.m. -- Cops responded to a report of a traffic accident near Allerton and Barnes avenues. When they got to the scene, they found a 37-year-old man who was unconscious. He was brought to Jacobi Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. After an investigation, police determined he was driving a black 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe on Allerton Avenue when he hit two parked cars and a light pole as he careened into 800 Allerton Avenue.

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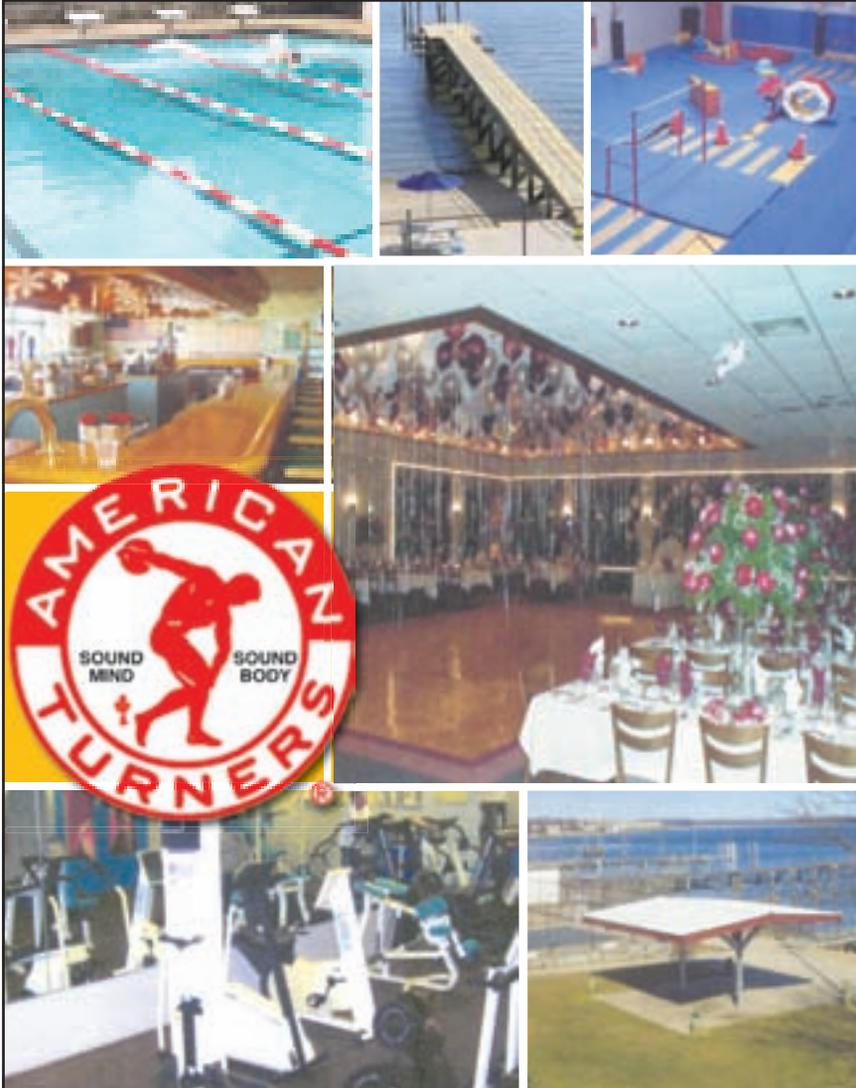
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Buttrick Ave. group home stirs controversy



Judge Armando Montano (c), a local resident, speaks on the proposed group home at 241 Buttrick Avenue, at the Community Board 10 hearing on Wednesday, March 30.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A proposed group home on a quiet Throggs Neck residential street has prompted concerns from neighbors.

Several residents of Buttrick Avenue between Miles and Harding avenues testified at a Community Board 10 public hearing on Wednesday, March 30 about their concerns with a proposed group home for six young adult men with developmental disabilities.

A wide range of opinions were expressed about the plan to purchase 241 Buttrick Avenue for \$650,000 as a Daybreak Independent Services-sponsored facility.

Among them were comments about the structural integrity of the proposed site, loss of the residential nature of the block and circumvention of the city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure.

Community Board 10 did not yet vote on the issue because a quorum was not present at the hearing.

Another proposed group home, a completely unrelated project for adult males with autism at 1538 Crosby Avenue did not appear to have substantial community opposition.

Special Futures Unlimited, the sponsor, plans to enter into a rental agreement with the Pelham Bay property's current owner.

Ebenezer Smith, a resident of Buttrick Avenue who attended the hearing held at Fort Schuyler House, felt the proposal would alter his block's character.

Smith believes the quality-of-life on Buttrick will be affected because there will be more traffic when transporting the residents to and from their work-sites, the home's around-the-clock staffing and ancillary deliveries.

He said he once lived next door to a group home on Sylvan Avenue, and

that he saw first-hand increased traffic.

All of this extra activity will likely create noise on what is otherwise a quiet block, he said.

Smith rebuffed the sponsoring agency's claim that the home would have a positive impact on local businesses.

"The commercial corridor is seven blocks away," he said. "You need to have a long walk or take a vehicle to get there."

He speculated that the best place for a home like the one proposed would be on or near a major thoroughfare like East Tremont Avenue, where residents are used to noise and other effects of being near a commercial district.

Another neighbor, Judge Armando Montano said that he was concerned about the safety of the residents.

He, as well as many other neighbors, believe the building being considered has serious structural flaws.

He said that the 2-family house, built 10 years ago, has never been occupied and believes the reason may be due to shoddy construction.

He called for an engineer to thoroughly inspect the property, as well as the two adjoining homes.

He also expressed his belief that situating a group home there would adversely affect the resale potential of the other two properties that have also been vacant or partially vacant for years.

"If you have a building with mentally disabled people and right next door you have a abandoned building, that's a dangerous situation, it is a disaster waiting to happen," said Montano.

Daybreak Independent Services is considering alternate sites proposed by CB 10, said its executive director Vilas Loban.

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Waiting to play ball

Dear editor,

My son, who is 8-years-old, has played Throgs Neck Little League for three years in a row now. It's all he thinks about, talks about and his favorite past time.

This year due to unexpected financial problems we did not have the money to register our son at the time of normal registration. We have reached a better place now and had the money about a week and a half ago. I went to the little league office and asked if I could still register my son for this season. I was told it was too late and he would have to be put on a waiting list along with two other boys

I was told there are five teams consisting of 13 players on each team and they could not and would not allow two teams to have 13 players and three teams to have 14 players. I thought this was for the children and I don't see the problem with adding three more kids to teams so they could play baseball like they dream about.

The last time I checked there are only nine players allowed on the field at a time, so there shouldn't be a problem. I would not have a problem if there were 20 or more kids on the waiting list and it would be unfair to pick which ones get to play, but we are talking about only three more children who are being denied the chance to play baseball because as I was told by the president of the league's of the league's policies.'

Keith Deleno

Not worth celebrating

Dear editor,

Is there real reason to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the creation of the NYC Economic Development Corporation? New York City prospered and successfully grew prior to creation of the Economic Development Corporation and it's predecessor, the NYC Public Development Corporation which was created in 1966.

In 1991, the NYC Public Development Corporation was merged with the NYC Financial Services Corporation to form the Economic Develop-

ment Corporataion.

In many instances, projects supported by these government corporations have been heavily subsidized by taxpayers, commonly known as corporate welfare. Between direct government funding, low interest below market rate loans and long term tax exemptions — the bill to taxpayers in the end is greater than the so-called public benefits.

There also a relationship between Pay for Play campaign contributions from developers to elected officials looking for favorable legislation, private property condemnation under eminent domain, building permits, public infrastructure improvements, along with direct and hidden subsidies. In some

cases, city and state development corporations actually compete against each other attempting to outbid each other in offering potential investors the best deal. This translates to the highest subsidies at taxpayers expense.

Don't forget the conflict of interest for senior staff from municipal regulatory and permitting agencies. Too many leave in the twilight of any mayoral administration to become employees or consultants to the same developers they previously oversaw.

Some developers try to purchase the support of local community groups by making so-called voluntary donations. They also make promises for capital improvements, which

after the major project is completed don't always appear. Other commitments for creation of permanent new jobs and tax revenues frequently do not meet expectations.

If these projects are worthwhile, why can't major developers use their own funds or obtain loans from banks, like medium and small businesses?

Real business people who believe in capitalism build their companies on their own. How sad that some don't want to do it the old fashion way by sweat and hard work. They are looking for shortcuts in the form of huge subsidies at taxpayers expense and favors from elected officials.

Larry Penner

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PS 108 celebrates SMART Board tech

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The latest high-tech gadgets at a local elementary school will go a long way in terms of helping its students prepare for their future.

All of the schools in my district now have SMART Boards because of my funding over the past five years.

James Vacca
Councilman

P.S. 108 announced the installation of about \$74,000 in SMART Board technology that will allow students to learn in ways many are accustomed to in a time of digital media. A local councilman helped secure the funding for the equipment.

The latest technology advancement will also serve to support the curriculum at P.S. 108 in a more cost-effective

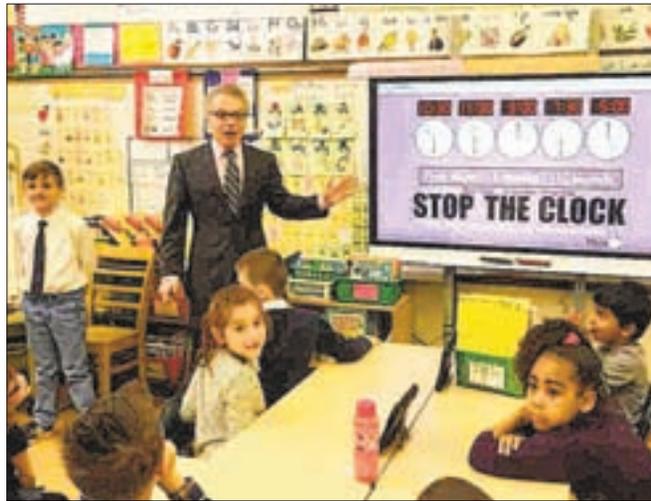
way, as much of the lesson plans are now available in digital form, said the school's principal Charles Sperrazza.

"Many of the books that children and schools are interested in are now in eBook format," said Sperrazza, adding that from a financial standpoint, it is much more cost effective for the school to purchase a license for an eBook for use on electronic devices than to purchase printed copies, which of course, the school still does.

Councilman James Vacca, who is chairman of the city council's Technology Committee, was able to secure the allocation in the city budget that benefited P.S. 108 and allowed the school to purchase the new electronic gear.

"All of the schools in my district now have SMART Boards because of my funding over the past five years," said Vacca, who also said that he works to meet the needs of about seven or eight schools in his district every year.

The funding for the P.S. 108 high-tech learning came as part of a request that the councilman received from the administration in answer to an



Councilman Vacca learns how the students are using the new technology in a lesson about telling time. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

annual letter he sends to principals concerning unmet instructional needs.

"Many of the technology needs of the schools have to be met through my allocations," said the councilman. "Many of our schools don't receive certain things, so I want to supplement (what they already receive)."

During a visit to the school on Friday, April 1, Vacca got a first-hand look at the technol-

ogy he funded in action.

In first grade teacher Jessica Miano's classroom, the students were learning how to tell time using a SMART Board.

The students said a collective "thank you" to the councilman when he first entered the room, and the technology committee chairman proceeded to ask how many of the students had smart phones, with several students answer-

ing in the affirmative.

"I think people who are my age learn about technology from people who are your age," Vacca told the group of youngsters, several of whom were clutching tablet computers used in instruction.

"I remember years ago when my daughter was teaching me how to use the computer," he said to the children. "So we learn from you; as much as we try to help you, you help us."

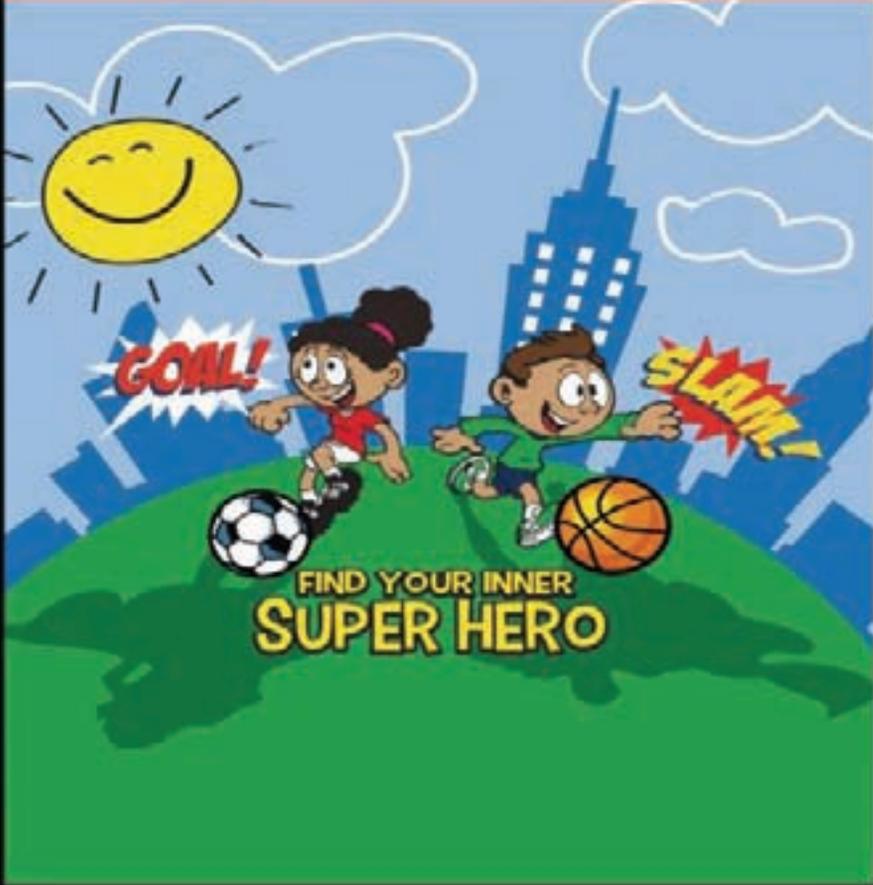
In addition to benefits from a business standpoint of the technology being more cost effective, according to the principal there is also another practical advantage to using SMART Boards and viewing eBooks on tablets computers.

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Craft of War Writing instructor Jeremy Warneke (back, c) to his right Nate Bethea, co-instructor at the 14th Street Y Workshop in Manhattan and Kara Krauze (2nd on left), Voices From War founder with participants at last November's 'An Evening of Creative Writing by Veterans' event. Photo by Yana Kusayeva

Craft of War Writing Workshop at MP Library

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A new writing workshop is teaching the essentials of writing, and the similarities veterans and civilians share.

The Craft of War Writing is a two-hour weekly writing workshop consisting of ten sessions running Saturday, April 2 through Saturday, June 11, noon to 2 p.m. inside the Morris Park Library at 985 Morris Park Avenue.

Offered in partnership with Voices From War and Morris Park Library, this free writing workshop for veterans and civilians emphasizes reading war narratives while considering how participants can pen their own tales. No prior writing experience is required.

Each week, the class will read published war writing works from classic and contemporary authors while searching for literary elements to aid them in understanding the essentials of writing.

These aspiring authors will proceed to compose their own short pieces, read each other's work, offer feedback and edits as well as suggest revision strategies to aid their peers in realizing the vision for his or her own stories whether fiction or creative non-fiction.

Serving as instructor is Jeremy Warneke, a United States National Guard veteran who served honorably in Iraq from May 2003 until July 2004.

A Sarah Lawrence College graduate, Warneke has attended and participated in numerous writing workshops since 2009 to better hone his craft.

"Writing is an art form and it's important that war stories are told," he expressed. "However, it's important they're told in a way that makes them interesting."

A published writer, Warneke's works have appeared in 'Task and Purpose', 'Proud to Be: Writing by Ameri-

can Warriors', 'Afterwords', 'Scintilla', 'The Bronx Times Reporter' and 'The Bronx Chronicle' among many others.

The workshop is made possible through funding provided by the Bronx Council on the Arts through the Department of Cultural Affairs' Greater New York Arts Development Fund program.

His 'Standing Down: From Warrior to Civilian', a reading and discussion series for veterans was held at local libraries last year.

Various authors are slated to visit the workshop including Phil Klay, Iraq War Marine Corps. veteran and 2014 National Book Award winner; Kristina Shevory, peacetime Army veteran and freelance reporter for the New York Times and other publications; Matt Gallagher, Iraq War Army veteran, 'Kaboom' author and co-editor and contributor to 'Fire and Forget: Short Stories from the Long War'; Nicole Goodwin, Iraq War Army veteran and published poet; Maurice Decaul, Iraq War Marine Corps. veteran and published poet; Emily Brandt, daughter of Vietnam Air Force veteran and co-founding editor of 'No, Dear' magazine; Brandon Caro, Afghanistan Navy corpsman veteran and author of 'Old Silk Road'; Kara Krauze, Voices From War founder and published writer; Nathan Bradley Bethea, Afghanistan Army veteran and published writer and Steven Volynets, Ukrainian immigrant and published writer.

Light snacks will be provided by Big Deal Supermarket during the weekly workshop, Warneke confirmed.

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CBs submit FY 2017 budget needs

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The 12 Bronx community board memberships recently forwarded their requests for capital and expense budget proposals that they feel would benefit their communities.

The preliminary register, which is released every January, is followed by a published executive budget every April and a final advisory after the budget and funding for certain proposals and requests are adopted.

The capital and expense budget estimates the proposed agency spending for the upcoming fiscal year, based on the financial plan which comprises each department's estimates, which usually takes place in November.

Between the Bronx community boards, over 200 proposals and requests were submitted.

As an overview, here are some of the top Fiscal Year 2017 capital and expense budget proposals for each of the borough's boards:

The number one request for south Bronx board CB1 is to fund construction of a new STEM-Business, K-12 School at 425 Grand Concourse, the former site of P.S. 31, which was built in 1899 and demolished last year.

CB2, another south Bronx board, submitted the installation of LED street lighting at various intersections throughout the district as a top priority, including intersections at Bruckner Boulevard, Southern Boulevard and Westchester Avenue. The borough commissioner's office is currently reviewing the request.

The number one request for south Bronx board CB3, was the reconstruction of Southern Boulevard from Jennings Street to East 174th Street, which is needed because of the deteriorated condition of the street, according to the board.

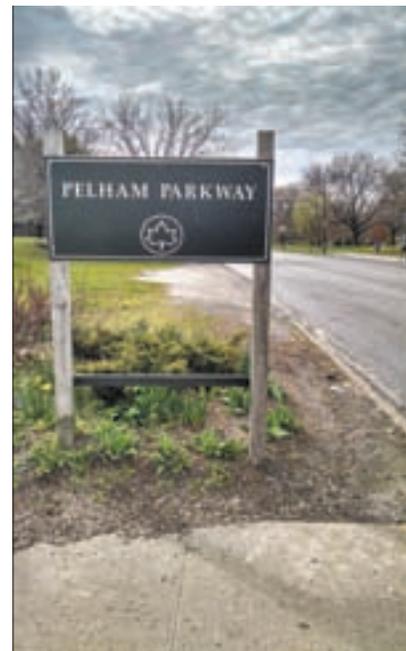
The project will also include a trunk water main and sewer line replacements.

CB3 is also recommending that the NYC Department of Design and Construction consider expanding the existing scope of this project's work to include NYC Department of Transportation funding for curb to curb street re-surfacing as well as new curb and sidewalk improvements and new street lamp-post installations along the Southern Boulevard corridor.

The project is being funded by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, per the 2010 Borough Consultation hearings.

CB4, a west Bronx board, submitted the construction of the East 153rd Street Bridge as their number one request.

Residents within the confines of CB4 have requested the re-construc-



Reconstruction of the north side of Pelham Parkway is the top priority for CB11.

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tion of this cable stayed bridge for over 20 years. DOT has requested funding for this project.

The number one priority for CB5, which includes Fordham, Morris Heights and Mt. Hope, was the construction of a new 46th Precinct facility.

The current facility is old, dilapidated and archaic, according to residents. However, at this time, NYPD's funding constraints, project capacity and priorities rule out including this project.

Another CB5 request is the installation of an elevator and/or and escalator at the IRT #4 Burnside Avenue elevated station, which poses a challenge for disabled individuals, people with carriages, strollers and seniors who need to access the station platform.

Currently, the community has submitted over 1,000 petition signatures, but according to the Transit Authority this request has not been recommended for funding.

CB6, which includes Belmont and West Farms, submitted the construction of additional schools, the providing of capital funding for district wide park improvement projects and funds for the renovation of firehouses as its top needs.

Additional new schools to relieve student crowding was targeted, while additional parks funding would improve and repair parks that sorely need rehabilitation.

Funding for firehouses would benefit engine companies #46 and #88 that

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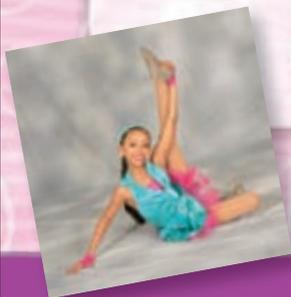
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Rodman's Neck sound has NYPD's ears

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community advocacy over noise at a police range and detonation facility in Pelham Bay Park is getting louder.

The City Island Civic Association's received a response from William Bratton, NYPD commissioner, reaffirming plans for noise abatement at the police training range and bomb squad facility at Rodman's Neck.

The facility is slated to undergo a major \$150 million renovation.

The civic group has been advocating for the installation of sound barriers to mitigate the effects of range noise for over two decades, according to CICA board members.

In Bratton's letter to CICA president Bill Stanton dated Wednesday, March 16, he went into specifics about the department's plans for sound blocking technologies at the range that are part of a larger plan "to modernize the facility and transform it into a state-of-the-art training location."

"We will work with the designers to consider all sound mitigation technologies, in-

cluding installation of an overhead baffle system with enhanced sound proofing and ballistic sidewalls which will reduce noise considerably" stated the commissioner in the letter.

The letter referenced the use of an existing electronic notification system, Notify NYC, to provide real time notifications prior to bomb squad detonations, a request that CICA board members had also made of the police department.

The initial reaction among the activists calling for sound attenuation was cautious optimism that this time sound baffling will come to fruition.

This was the first time the commissioner has put in writing specific plans to address sound abatement at Rodman's Neck, said John Dolye, CICA board member.

"It was very specific on the sound abatement matters, which is good; but then again, these pledges have been made for 20 years," said Doyle

He said that the civic is looking for a timeline as to when the sound attenuation



Most of the Rodman's Neck peninsula in Pelham Bay Park is a restricted area.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

part of the project can begin.

The CICA's hope is the sound abatement is the first thing done as part of that reconstruction project, said Barbara Dolensek, CICA vice-president.

"The sound abatement should really come first or be addressed during the construction," she said. "We have been waiting for 25 years or more."

Councilman James Vacca sought a timeline as part of

his questioning of the commissioner at a city council public safety hearing on Monday, March 21, and Dolensek commended the councilman's "strong effort" in pushing for a timeline.

Vacca said the commissioner explained that a consultant was studying the cost of sound baffling at Rodman's Neck, and should have a number in time for the release of the mayor's executive budget in mid-April.

At that time, Vacca said that he would include funding for the noise reduction equipment.

"I am pushing for a timeline," said the councilman, adding as part of the range rebuilding, issues with lead contamination, which he said have also lingered for years, should be addressed.

The NYPD commissioner is providing details on Rodman's Neck sound baffling.



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49th Pct. conducts three outreach events

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

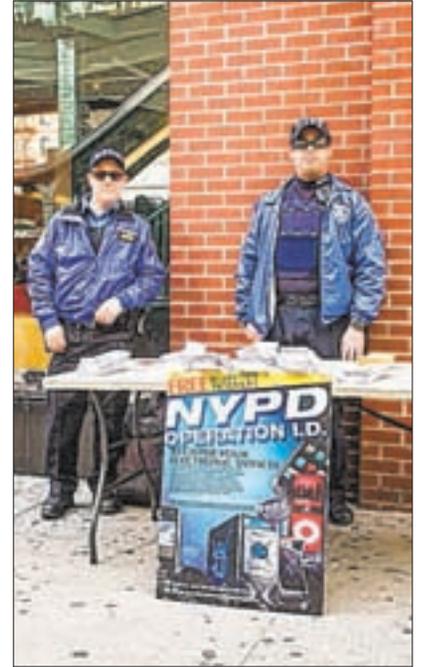
The 49th Precinct reached out to the community with three events designed to encourage and promote positive police-community relations.

Three Anti Crime and Quality of Life Community Outreach Initiative outings were held around the precinct from Tuesday, March 29 to Thursday, March 31.

The outreach took place in Bronx Park East, Pelham Parkway and Morris Park.

According to the precinct's commanding officer, it was developed as a 'pre-National Night Out' event. NNO is an annual celebration of police and community togetherness, and crime prevention, that takes place nationwide every August.

"We are trying to get ahead of the curve being that the National Night Out is at the end of the summer," stated 49th Precinct captain Keith Walton.



Crime Prevention Officers Kelly (l) and Mederman a table on Wednesday, March 30 during the 49th Precinct Outreach event.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

It's important for the community to see that we are 100 percent committed to their safety and to try to expend upon our Community Partner Program.

Keith Walton

49th Precinct Captain

"By looking at our resources at a precinct level and tapping into our greatest resource of all, the community, we are (listening) to their concerns and their interests in seeing more uniformed members in their neighborhoods and in the most problematic locations."

Another goal of the four-nine's own effort was to reach out and expand police presence in sensitive areas, as well as to sign people up for the NYPD's Community Partnership Program, stated Walton. The department's Community Affairs Bureau runs CPP.

"It's important for the community to see that we are 100 percent committed to their safety and to try to expand upon our Community Partner Program," said the captain. "We can never do enough with our community partners and we always want to expand and explore new avenues."

Joe Thompson, the 49th Precinct's Community Council president, said that events like the precinct's initiative do make a real impact when it

comes to improving police and community relations.

Thompson said that the police department is making a major effort to change their image in many communities, and that better relations is a way they are bringing crime down.

No matter how much personnel is deployed, said Thompson, unless police get into the inner workings of the community, crime will really continue to persist.

Events like these have a gradual impact in breaking down barriers between police and community, and it helps to the community to see cops as people who have a job to do and are not different in any other regard to them.

"The community sees that these are people just like me," said Thompson.

A member of the 49th Precinct Clergy Council said he was inspired to see a public roll call and prayer invocation in a park on Tuesday, March 29 at Britton Street near Barker Avenue.

"There were a lot of children in the park at that time and they were asking questions," he said.

"This is important in getting the generation coming up to see that the police are not their enemies," he added.

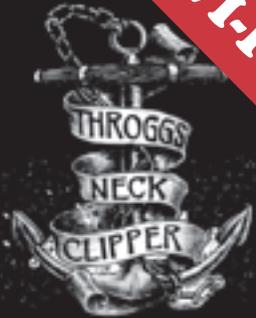
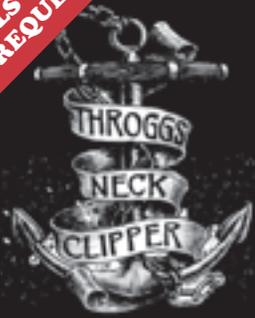
Events were also held at Pelham Parkway and White Plains Road and the Morris Park Community Association on successive days.

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were built over a century ago and are in dire need of major upgrades.

Ivine Galarza, district manager from CB 6, also brought up Mapes Field and Quarry Road Park as major priorities.

“These parks are both in dire need for serious renovations and that has been the case for years,” Galarza said. “Mapes Field needs new bleachers, fencing, signage and new turf, especially considering the many little league teams that play there.”

Galarza also added that Quarry Road Park has had a longtime issue with water filtration. “The little league teams, the community board, the residents - we all want this.”

The number one request for CB7, located in the west Bronx, was the allocation of funds for a full-service community center to include senior, youth and child care services the former Bronx Library Center, located at 2556 Bainbridge Avenue.

The board’s second priority is the allocation of funding for additional schools to address overcrowding of students in School District 10.

In total, CB7 had 38 capital budget requests and priorities, the most of any board in the Bronx.

CB8, located in the northwest Bronx, asked for immediate repairs and upgrades of several public schools, including M.S. 244, The Marie Curie High School for Medicine and P.S. 81, as their number one request, but the Department is not recommending the projects at this time.

The number one request for CB9, which includes Castle Hill and Sound-

view, was to allocate funding for a study to construct and fund a recreational facility in El Parque de los Niños, located at Morrison and Watson avenues.

The facility would be similar to the YMCA on Castle Hill Avenue and the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club on Randall Avenue.

Its number two request is to reconstruct various streets within CB9.

CB10, an east Bronx board, submitted their number one request as dredging of Hammond Cove Marina, due to the difficulties that boats are experiencing both entering and leaving the channel due to silting.

The responsible agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, is studying the issue.

“Hopefully they can get started on this project, because it’s been an issue for quite a few years now,” said CB10 chairman Martin Prince.

The top three requests for CB11, which includes Morris Park and Pelham Parkway, were funding for the reconstruction of the north side of Pelham Parkway, the rehabilitation of the Peace Memorial Plaza and the rehabilitation of Pelham Parkway parkland.

The Pelham Parkway gray area rehabilitation would focus on replanting foliage and improving paths, pedestrian walks, sidewalks and curbs.

CB12, located in the north Bronx, submitted its top request to facilitate the conversion of 1250 E. 229th Street into a YMCA-operated youth center.

Its number two priority was to allocate funding for the construction of an extenuation to P.S. 19 to alleviate student overcrowding.

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We will extend the cut off date to our April meeting, which is April 14. Please make sure that your dues are received by that date. If we have not received your dues by that date, we must remove you from our membership list and you will not receive your Bronx Times Reporter subscription.

We have a few members that have been removed and have asked to be reinstated. When this happens, we will reinstate you after we receive your check. Please know that it takes time for you to begin receiving your newspaper, so please be patient. You can avoid this by making sure you pay your dues on time.

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Some of our members have sent in extra dues and for that we thank you. It is much needed and very much appreciated.

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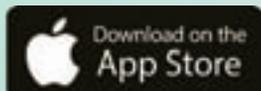
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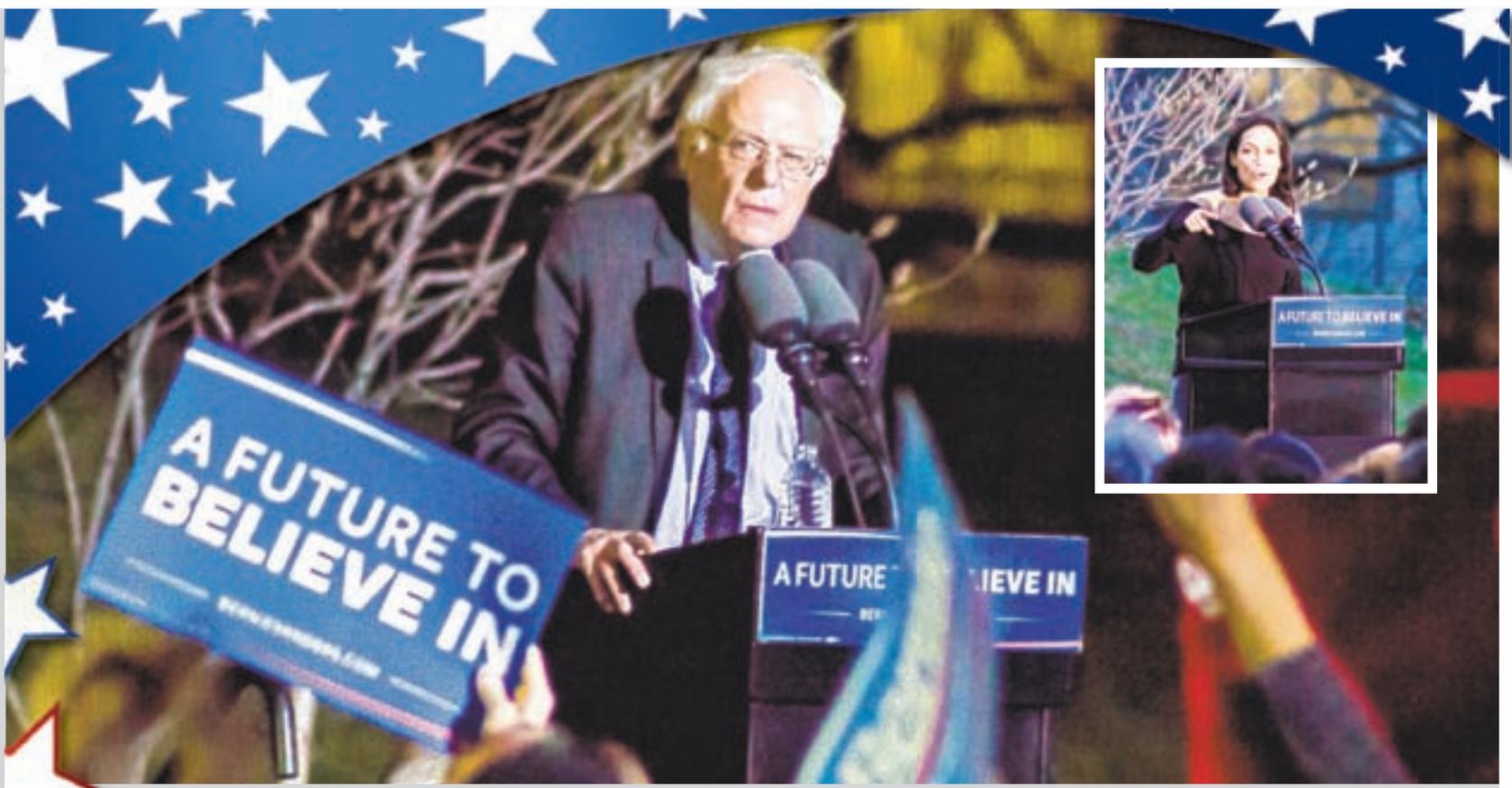
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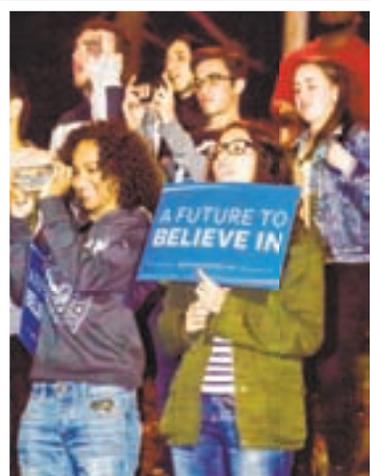
The Bronx 'Feels The Bern' in St Mary's Park

The Bronx 'felt the Bern' last Thursday, March 31 when Democratic Party presidential candidate, Senator Bernie Sanders held his 'A Future to Believe In' rally at St. Mary's Park. Over 18,000 supporters flocked to last week's historic event to listen to Sanders present a wide array of issues such as getting big money out of politics, his plan to make public colleges and universities tuition-free, combating climate change and ensuring universal health care. Also in attendance for the evening's program were featured guest speakers, actress Rosario Dawson and former Calle 13 vocalist, Residente who lent the Democratic Party presidential candidate their full support. Councilman Ritchie Torres and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda were spotted in the crowd, (Above) Democratic party presidential candidate U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders addresses his vast audience during last Thursday's rally. (Insert) Known for her political activism, actress Rosario Dawson gave a rousing speech endorsing the Democratic presidential candidate last Thursday evening.

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St. Mary's Park filled up quickly with legions of Sanders supporters.



Jose Robledo (l) and his wife, Allison Urquidi, brought their children, Ari and Juliana, to the historic rally.



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Originally from Peoria, Illinois, Nixon holds a Master of Music from the Royal Northern College of Music in Great Britain, and a Bachelors of Music from the Steinhart School at NYU. She is an active freelancer and teacher with over six years of experience teaching violin and has performed in various ensembles in the city, including the Bronx Opera, Mimesis Ensemble, and the Chelsea Symphony, with which she recently appeared as soloist.

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Come to the library after school for studying and a chance to unwind. Every Monday-Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

Friday After School Activities: 3 p.m.: Friday April 1 - April Fools' Day Quiz; Friday April 15 - Agar.io Competition; Friday April 22 - Disney-nature Earth; and Friday April 29 - Wii & Board Games.

Animals and The Law: The Committee on Animals and the Law has a presentation packed with useful information on animal laws in New York. The presentation is intended as a general overview and the presenter cannot give legal advice. Presented by Amy Sheridan. Saturday April 9, 1 p.m.

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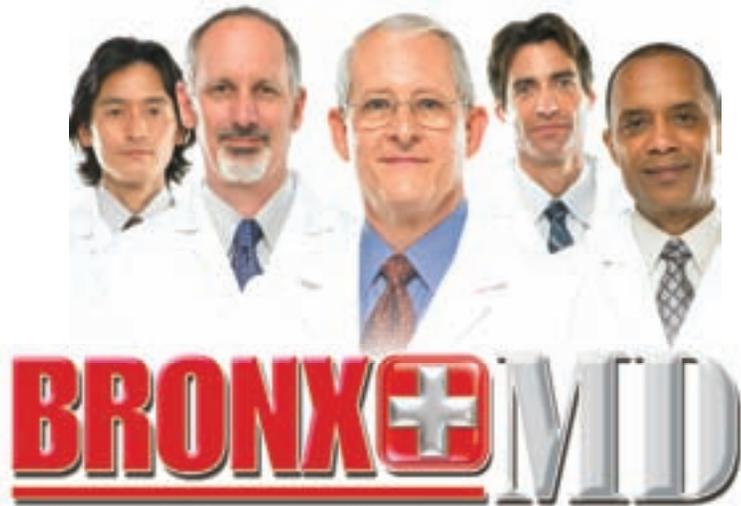
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New 'MRI Without Walls' Offers Patients Many Benefits

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UDMI is the only private practice radiology facility in the New York Metropolitan Area offering the Philips Healthcare Panorama High Field 1 Tesla Open MRI, which features the widest patient opening of any high-field MR system creating an "MRI Without Walls".

UDMI's new high-field open MRI can accommodate body weights of

up to 500 pounds.

In addition to making patients more comfortable, the new high-field MRI Without Walls takes LESS time and collects MORE data than a traditional low-field open or standup MRI which means a more accurate diagnosis. For example, a brain scan that takes 40 minutes with the low-field open or standup MRI requires only 15 minutes with UDMI's new high-field MRI Without Walls.

"We are thrilled to now offer our patients access to this latest in state-of-the-art open MRI technology. Many patients, due to their size or feelings of claustrophobia, prefer open MRI systems. Physicians will appreciate the high-resolution images that allow the radiologists at UDMI to make more precise diagnoses," said Marc Prager, MD, Medical Director of UDMI.

"The Panorama High Field Open MRI system we have installed offers an unprecedented combination of clinical excellence and patient acceptance. Getting this power in an open design provides us with a great deal of flexibility. We're able to accommodate more patients, give them a comfortable experience and get the most effective results from our work. This system is a tremendous diagnostic benefit to the communities we serve," said Daniel Gurell, MD, Associate Medical Director of UDMI.

"Our new open MRI system represents a significant investment by our practice. We are committed to providing the highest quality diagnostic imaging by experienced, board-certified radiologists to our growing patient population in the Bronx and lower Westchester County," said Dr. Prager.



UDMI Administrative Technologist Tony DellCarpini with patient and UDMI's new High Field 1 Tesla Open MRI

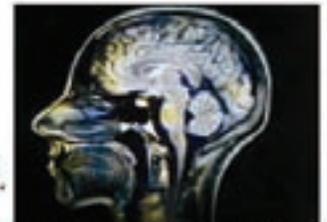
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Breaking dyslexia stereotypes

Dyslexia affects as many as 17 percent of school children in the United States, making it the most commonly identified learning issue according to the Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity. In Canada, between 15 and 20 percent of the population has dyslexia, says The Reading Clinic in Ontario. In spite of its prevalence, dyslexia is still widely misunderstood.

What is dyslexia?

The Mayo Clinic notes that dyslexia is marked by difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words. Dyslexia is more than just seeing letters or words backwards, as it also may be characterized by dif-

ficulty comprehending rapid instructions and remembering the sequence of things. Some people with dyslexia may have trouble seeing and hearing similarities and differences in letters and words. Many children with dyslexia read below the expectations for their age.

Dyslexia warning signs

Parents who are concerned about dyslexia can recognize some early warning signs, including:

- delayed speech;
- difficulty learning and remembering names of letters;
- reading or writing showing repetitions, additions, transpositions, omissions, substitutions, and reversals in letters, numbers and/or

words;

- complaints of feeling or seeing movement in words while reading or writing;
- reading and rereading with little comprehension; and
- difficulty putting things into words.

What causes dyslexia?

Doctors and researchers have yet to identify a single cause of dyslexia, but genes and brain differences do play a role. Dyslexia often runs in families, and certain genes are associated with reading and language processing issues.

Many people with dyslexia have above-average intelligence, but other differences in the brain may be apparent through scans. According to the organization Understood, an organization aiming to help parents of children with learning disabilities, the planum temporale area of the brain plays a role in understanding language. It is typically larger in the dominant hemisphere (the left side of the brain for right-handed people) than in the less-dominant side. However if a child has dyslexia, the planum temporale is probably about the same size on both the left and right sides of the brain.

Schools and parents can do much to help children with dyslexia succeed in the classroom. Accommodations in class, such as extra time on tests or word-prediction or dictation software, can help immensely. Children also may benefit from smaller group instruction, as well as a multisensory approach to link listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

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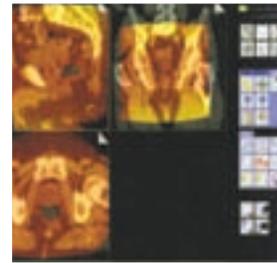


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Matter of health: Talking to children about alcohol

Many people consume alcohol when attending summer parties, holiday gatherings or weddings. Children in attendance may see adults drinking and having a good time and wonder why alcohol is off-limits to them.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism says that parents can have a major impact on their children's drinking habits by influencing children's values and decisions about drinking. Alcohol can affect both the body and the mind, and parents who want their kids to approach alcohol responsibly when they are of legal drinking age can teach their youngsters about the ways alcohol can influence their health.

The NIAA states that alcohol is used by more young people than

tobacco or illicit drugs. A person who begins drinking as a young teen is four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than someone who waits until adulthood to try a drink.

Alcohol and its effects

Many kids and their parents are not overly concerned about alcohol, which does not carry the same stigma as illegal drugs. When consumed in small amounts, alcohol may not seem very dangerous, but even small quantities can affect the body.

Alcohol is a depressant, which slows down the body and makes a person feel relaxed. With more alcohol, movements become clumsy and uncoordinated. It also interferes with decision-making abilities and could

lead to risky behavior. As alcohol slows reaction time, driving under the influence can be deadly.

The liver is responsible for filtering alcohol out of the blood. With greater quantities of alcohol, it can take longer for the liver to do its job. Over time, alcohol consumption can damage the liver.

Get the facts

Some families have misinformed views about alcohol. Beer or wine may be considered "safer" than hard liquor, but each has the same effect on the body. It can take anywhere from two to three hours for a single drink to leave a person's system and the process cannot be sped up.

Young people have smaller bod-

ies, and alcohol can affect them differently. It may only take a small amount of alcohol to cause considerable impairment. Plus, young bodies are still developing, and alcohol may have an effect on a maturing brain, leading to long-lasting intellectual effects.

People tend to not realize how much alcohol is affecting them. Overconsumption of alcohol can lead to risky and potentially dangerous behavior.

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Common roadblocks to weight loss and how to overcome them

Diet, exercise and maintaining a healthy weight are essential elements of a healthy lifestyle. Adapting to a new diet and embracing a new exercise regimen requires a strong commitment, but so, too, does maintaining a healthy weight once those pounds have been shed.

Losing weight can be difficult, and many people who set out to shed a few extra pounds encounter a handful of common obstacles along the way. These roadblocks do not disappear once weight has been lost, which only highlights the long-term approach men and women must take as they look to lose weight and keep pounds off for the long haul. The following are a handful of obstacles men and women may face as they

look to lose weight and keep weight off for years to come.

Snacks

Snacking is perhaps the biggest obstacle to weight loss many men and women will face. Choosing the wrong snacks can compromise your efforts to lose weight, but the right snacks can provide energy boosts without negatively impacting your waistline. Rather than high-calorie snacks that offer little nutritional value, choose low-calorie alternatives. For example, instead of fried tortilla chips, opt for reduced-sodium baked chips instead. In lieu of ice cream on a warm afternoon, choose low-fat yogurt, which can be just as refreshing without all those empty

calories.

Restaurants

Dining out is another potential obstacle for men and women trying to lose weight. Avoid buffet-style restaurants or those establishments you know serve especially large portions. When dining out, ask to swap high-calorie side dishes with vegetables when possible, and choose nutritional, low-calorie entrées that won't compromise the hard work you put in all week eating at home.

Busy schedules

One common obstacle that compromises even the most dedicated weight loss efforts is a hectic schedule. Commitments to career and family can make it easy to veer off course with regard to diet. Planning is often an effective way to overcome a hectic schedule. Plan meals in advance so you are not tempted to order takeout or delivery after a long day at the office. Use weekends to schedule and plan your weeknight meals, preparing meals in advance when possible and using a slow cooker so your meals are cooking while you're at the office and ready to eat the moment you arrive home at night.

Setbacks

Setbacks are another common obstacle that can threaten weight loss goals. Everyone experiences a setback or two as they attempt to lose weight and keep that weight off. Don't allow such setbacks to derail your weight loss efforts, and don't beat yourself up when a setback occurs. Respond by rededicating yourself to your weight loss efforts, and before you know it, you will be back on track.

Men and women can expect to face some common obstacles as they attempt to lose weight. Anticipating those obstacles is a great way to ensure they don't derail your weight loss efforts.



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anxiety and make the experience go more smoothly. The following are some guidelines to consider when preparing for a mammography visit.

- Choose a reputable and certified facility. Select a radiology center that is certified by the FDA, which means it meets current standards and is safe. Many women also prefer

to select a facility that is covered by their health insurance. Plans usually allow for one mammogram screening per year.

- Time your visit. Schedule the mammogram to take place one week after your menstrual period if you have not reached menopause. Breasts are less likely to be tender at this time. Also, schedule your visit for a time when you are not likely to feel rushed or stressed. Early in the day works best for many.

- Dress for the occasion. Two-piece ensembles enable you to only remove your shirt and bra for the examination. A blouse that opens in the front may be optimal. Some facilities require you to wear a paper gown for the exam.

- Watch your grooming practices. You'll be advised to abstain from wearing powder, perfume, deodorant, ointment, and lotions on the chest or around the area. These substances may look like an abnormalities on the mammogram image, potentially resulting in false positive diagnoses.

- Take an OTC pain medication. Mammograms are not necessarily painful, but they can put pressure on the breasts, which creates discomfort. Breasts are compressed between a plastic plate and the imaging machine. This spreads out the tissue and helps create a clearer picture. If your breasts are tender, medications like acetaminophen or ibuprofen taken an hour before the appointment may ease discomfort.

- Expect a short visit. Mammogram appointments typically last around 30 minutes. The technician will mark any moles or birthmarks around the breasts so they can be ignored on the imaging. You'll be asked to hold your breath as the images are taken. If the images are acceptable, you are free to go. But new images may be needed in some instances.

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Safe and healthy ways to shed those extra pounds



Maintaining a healthy weight is a great way to avoid sickness and disease. According to the Obesity Education Initiative, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, as people become overweight and obese, their risk for developing a host of ailments, including coronary heart disease, type 2 diabetes, certain cancers, and hypertension, increases.

But the consequences of being overweight or obese are not only physical. Psychological side effects like anxiety and low self-esteem have been linked to overweight and obesity as well. With such serious consequences linked to being overweight, it's no wonder so many men and women are looking to shed pounds.

As adults embark on their weight loss journeys, they can expect to encounter a host of "miracle" solutions to weight loss that will promise skinnier waistlines seemingly overnight. But the best way to lose weight is to do so safely and nutritiously.

- **Avoid short-term diets.** Many adults know someone who has experience with a "get-thin-quick" diet that promises to produce slimmer waistlines in a matter of days or weeks. While such diets might actually be able to deliver on their promises, short-term diets rarely lead to long-term weight loss. When attempting to lose weight, men and women should want to shed pounds and keep those pounds off. Short-term diets may require dieters to make unreasonable sacrifices to produce rapid weight loss. But such sacrifices can rarely be made over the long-haul, and doing so might even be unhealthy. Approach your diet as a long-term commitment that requires a lifestyle

change, not temporary and difficult-to-maintain restrictions.

- **Eat only when you're hungry.** Eating only when you're hungry may sound obvious, but many people eat as an emotional response to difficult situations, while others may eat as a way of dealing with boredom. If you routinely respond to stress by eating, find a healthier way of coping, whether it's going to the gym for a workout or taking the dog for a walk. In addition, don't respond to boredom with food. If boredom is setting in, pick up a book or call a friend and plan an activity together. You may be surprised to learn how much weight you can lose when you limit eating to only those times when you are truly hungry.

- **Eat at home.** Even though many restaurants now provide calorie information on their menus, dining out does not afford adults the opportunity to control their diets as much as eating at home does, as dieters can control each and every ingredient that goes into their meals when eating at home.

- **Don't forget to exercise.** A healthy, low-calorie diet is only half the formula to healthy and sustainable weight loss. Adults looking to shed weight also must commit to routine exercise if they want their weight loss to be both healthy and lasting. Men and women, especially those people who are considerably overweight, should take things slowly at first, gradually committing to more vigorous exercise as they lose weight and their body grows more acclimated to daily exercise.

Losing weight can be difficult, but adults who commit to healthy and nutritious weight loss are more likely to lose weight and keep the weight off than those who look for quick fixes.

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- Visit an obstetrician or midwife as soon as possible. Once the pregnancy test comes out positive, make an appointment with your doctor to discuss the course of the pregnancy and what can be done from the start. Doctors may schedule blood screen-

ings and estimate due dates. They also will go over nutrition and care guidelines, which will usually include a regimen of prenatal vitamins.

- Discuss age and risk factors with the doctor. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention point out that there has been a societal shift in the age at which most women become pregnant, with many waiting until later in life to start their families. Whereas ages 20-24 used to be the peak time for pregnancy, many women in North America now become pregnant for the first time between the ages 25 and 29, while many more wait until their 30s. Waiting longer to become pregnant for the first time may increase a wom-

an's risk for certain conditions during pregnancy. Your doctor can answer any questions you may have and let you know about additional testing that may be necessary.

- Don't overeat. Eating right is one of the best things you can do for yourself and the baby. Anything you put in your body can affect the baby, so prioritize a healthy diet. Contrary to popular belief, you do not need to eat for two. During the first few months, you may not have much of an appetite. The fetus does not require many additional nutrients until the end of the pregnancy. Only then will an increase of 200 calories or so be adequate. Speak with your physician about what constitutes healthy and unhealthy weight gain during pregnancy.

- Choose healthy foods. Avoid undercooked foods and soft cheeses that may harbor bacteria. Some seafood, such as tuna or shark, may contain high levels of mercury. Lean meats, fruits, vegetables, fiber, and dairy products can fuel your body and keep the baby growing.

- Continue to exercise. Unless there are complications during your pregnancy, you likely can continue to exercise. However, don't overdo it with exercise, and call your doctor if you experience any adverse side effects during or after exercise sessions.

- Avoid drugs, tobacco and alcohol. Smoking, taking drugs or drinking during pregnancy can cause serious health problems for the baby. Miscarriage, premature birth, low birth weight, and SIDS are just a few of the potential side effects of drinking alcohol, smoking tobacco or taking drugs while pregnant, advises Baby Center. Avoid these behaviors and always check with a doctor before taking any over-the-counter or herbal remedies as well.

- Get educated. Pick up a book from a reputable doctor or author so that you can better understand your pregnancy. It can save you stressful moments and keep your pregnancy on a healthy track.



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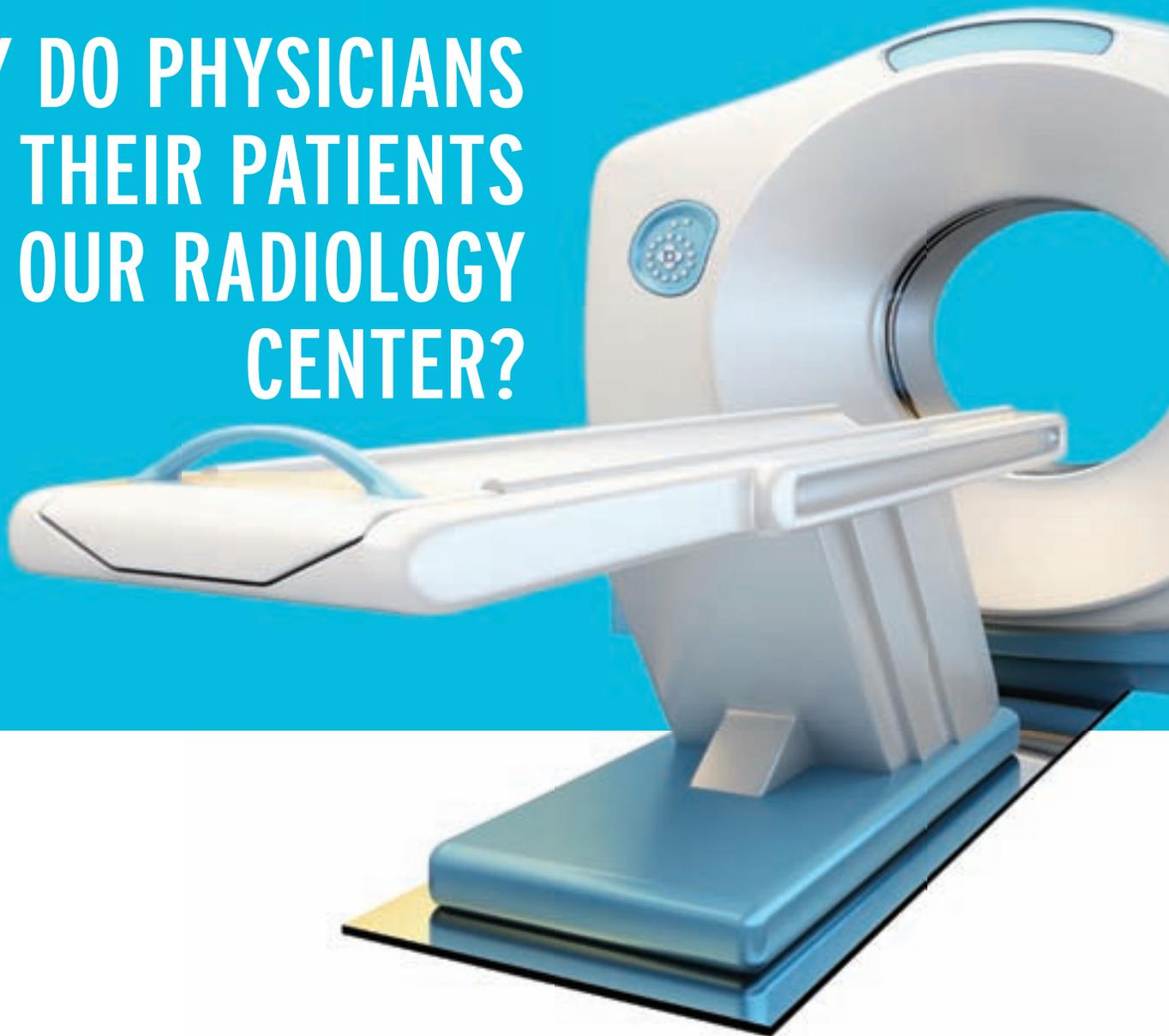
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Many seniors are targeted through telemarketing scams in which elders are scared into giving money out of fear

of losing their homes. Some are exploited by people closer to home who forge signatures or get an older person to sign over deeds or power of attorney.

Criminals often see elderly men and women as easy targets. Seniors may be suffering from declining physical and/or mental health, which compromises their ability to defend themselves or even recognize they are being taken advantage of. Seniors also may be embarrassed that they were duped and not

share their experiences with others as a result. But elder fraud also can be perpetrated by family members who aim to acquire an elderly relative's assets.

Recognizing scenarios where fraud may be committed can help men and women protect their elderly relatives from being victimized by elder fraud.

- Confirm professionals are who they say they are. More than 170 designations and certifications are used within the financial industry to identify professionals. Some of them do not necessarily mean a person is qualified or can be trusted to handle an individual's assets. Always ask a financial advisor if he is overseen by a government agency or is authorized to provide advice under the "fiduciary standard of care." Be especially careful when dealing with advisors who try to push certain products or those who suggest shortcuts and blending services. Such professionals are not necessarily criminals, but they may have ulterior motives in mind and not be overly concerned about you or your loved one's financial well-being.

- Pay attention to your accounts. Unusually large withdrawals from automated teller machines or cashed checks with signatures that do not match the signature on the account are both indicative of fraud. If you are monitoring a loved one's accounts, question any surges of activity in accounts that are normally somewhat inactive.

- Ask a loved one to keep you abreast of changes in their will. Abrupt changes in a will or other financial documents should also cause concern. Family members caring for a senior should be aware of any major changes to important documents.

- Monitor a loved one's purchases. Sudden purchases, whether it's an updated insurance policy or unnecessary home repairs, may be indicative of elder fraud.

Elder financial fraud targets an often vulnerable segment of the population, and it's often up to loved ones to protect their elderly relatives from being victimized by such crimes.



Vaccines and their side effects

Vaccines are recommended to prevent disease and keep us healthy. Vaccines are responsible for something called “herd immunity.” If the majority of people in a community have been vaccinated against a certain disease, an unvaccinated person is less likely to get sick himself. During the past 60 years, vaccines have helped eradicate smallpox and almost wiped out all cases of polio. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also reports a 99 percent reduction in the incidence of bacterial meningitis since the introduction of the vaccination against the disease.

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- injection site reactions, such as pain, swelling, a small lump, and redness
- mild fever
- shivering
- fatigue
- headache
- muscle and joint pain

More serious side effects, such as allergic reactions, are rare. Parents should monitor their children after vaccinations for any behavior or health changes. Some doctors recommend taking a fever reducer, such as ibuprofen, if a fever develops and makes a

child or adult feel uncomfortable after he or she is vaccinated.

Many vaccination side effects are short-lived and not a cause for concern. But if side effects do not subside shortly after you have been vaccinated, bring this to the attention of your physician.

It can be tempting to forgo vaccines out of fear of any of the aforementioned side effects. But the benefits of vaccines far outweigh the risks. Although they are not 100 percent effective in every person, vaccines do provide the best defense against diseases that can kill or injure millions of people.

For more information on vaccine schedules, visit the CDC (www.cdc.gov) or the American Academy of Pediatrics (www.aap.org). Doctors also can provide a wealth of information about immunizations.

Everyday Threats to Your Vision and Eye Health & The Importance of Comprehensive Eye Exams

Digital Eye Strain A Growing Problem

With the prevalence of technology use by people of all ages, digital eye strain is becoming a significant concern in the optometric community. Cases of dry eye, blurred vision, eye fatigue, neck and back pain and headaches are on the rise, and are associated with our ever-increasing use of Digital Devices such as computers, tablets, and smartphones. These devices, plus many indoor light sources such as LED light bulbs, emit High-Energy Visible (HEV) blue-violet light; in addition to physical discomforts listed above, there is a growing body of clinical evidence suggesting that this blue light is damaging to the retina, and may contribute to macular degeneration over time.

Other effects of increased exposure to blue light include sleep disruption; lower-energy blue light is beneficial to the eye in proper doses during the day, but when the eye receives too much blue light at night in the hours before bedtime, this can cause not enough melatonin to be produced (this hormone signals to the body that it's time for sleep).

Ask your eye care practitioner about new eyewear products including "blue blocking" lenses and coatings that limit the transmission of

harmful blue light to the eye.

The Dangers of Sun Exposure

Repeated exposure of the eyes to sunlight (especially in Spring & Summer when we have more hours of daylight, but also during Fall and Winter) has many negative potential effects:

- Short term: risk of photokeratitis (corneal inflammation – like a "sunburn to the eye")
- Longer term: increased risk of cataracts, pterygium (a growth in the corner of the eyes) and pinguecula (a lesion on the surface tissue of the white part of your eye)

An annual eye exam will detect the above, and your eye doctor can provide treatment options where available. To prevent sun damage, invest in a good pair of sunglasses (in your prescription if you need vision correction), with total UVA/UVB protection; polarized lenses are also a good choice to eliminate glare.

From a cosmetic perspective, over time the very sensitive skin that surrounds your eyes will naturally get thinner, drier, and start to wrinkle. Ongoing exposure to the sun will accelerate this process – and can cause skin cancer. Quality sunwear will protect your eyes and should be worn all year 'round, even during months with fewer daylight hours and in overcast conditions.

The Importance of Comprehensive Eye Exams

Children and adults alike need complete eye exams every 1-2 years – not only to check for refractive error and other visual acuity issues, but also for conditions of the eye such as infections, injuries, dry eye, and "lazy eye," as well as more serious diseases including cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration (some of which have no obvious symptoms for the patient until the condition has advanced). Eye exams will screen for these, and if found, your eye care professional will recommend treatment options. In the meantime, an



ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure – many issues are treatable when caught early enough.

Accessing Comprehensive Eye Care

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How to handle food safely

Consuming contaminated food or drink puts anyone at risk for a foodborne illness. Foodborne pathogens do not discriminate based on genetic background or family history of illness. Bacteria and other dangers in poorly handled food can cause a small outbreak or illness that affects thousands upon thousands of people.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as The Mayo Clinic estimate that 31 pathogens are largely responsible for the roughly 48 million cases of foodborne illnesses that occur each year in the United States. About 127,000 people are hospitalized annually for these conditions, and approximately 3,000 do not survive.

Norovirus, salmonella, campylobacter, staphylococcus, and listeria are a handful of pathogens known to cause foodborne illnesses. While norovirus can be spread from one infected person to another, many other cases of foodborne illnesses can be traced to the presence of bacterium on raw meat and poultry. That bacteria is then spread through improper food packaging, handling and cooking procedures.

Symptoms of foodborne illness may include gastrointestinal distress, fever, cramps, vomiting, and diarrhea. Listeria can cause confusion and convulsions, and the CDC notes that a listeria outbreak in September 2011 claimed several lives. In that instance, the bacteria were passed to consumers via contaminated cantaloupe.

Contaminated food can turn up in restaurants or in home kitchens, so it's a must that both professional and amateur cooks exercise caution when handling food. Cooking foods at proper temperatures and storing items properly can prevent illnesses caused by food pathogens. Because you cannot see or smell bacteria, you must always assume it is present in your food and take the necessary precautions to safeguard yourself and the people you cook for from illness.

When shopping for groceries, select food carefully. Shop for nonperishables first and do not place refrigerated and frozen items in your cart until you are ready to check out. Avoid any ripped or damaged packages of meat and poultry, and ask that such items

are wrapped twice before you leave the store.

Pay close attention to sell-by or use-by dates on foods. Do not buy items past their expiration dates, and, if something is expiring soon, promptly freeze it or use it immediately.

Before cooking, always clean your hands as well as the surfaces you will be using to prepare meals before you begin that preparation. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running water, even those with skins that will not be eaten. Contaminants can be spread from rinds to the food beneath. Clean the lids of canned goods before opening.

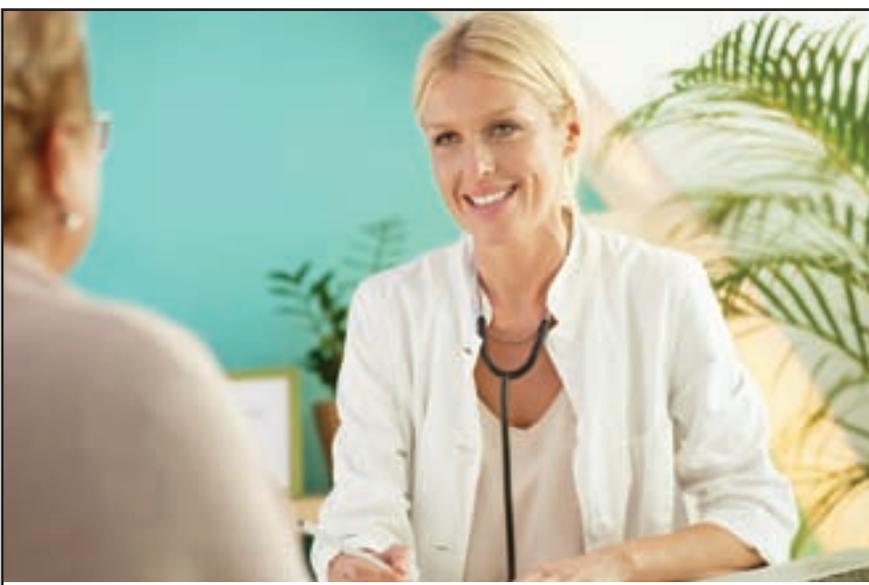
Separate raw meats from other foods. Designate one cutting board or container for such foods so they do not contaminate others. Never place cooked food on an unwashed surface that previously held raw meat, seafood or eggs. Do not reuse marinades that once held raw foods.

Cook foods to the proper internal temperature to kill foodborne pathogens. This varies depending on the food, so to be safe, you can refer to cooking charts or a food thermometer. Color of foods is not a reliable indicator of doneness. Eggs should be cooked until the yolk and white are firm. Avoid recipes that call for raw meat or raw eggs.

Check the temperature of the freezer and refrigerator to ensure such appliances are working correctly to keep food fresh. Leftovers should be promptly refrigerated to slow the growth of harmful bacteria. Periodically clean out the refrigerator and freezer of old foods. They will not stay fresh interminably, even when cold.

Although foodborne pathogens make millions sick and cause many deaths, some people fail to take the threat of these viruses and bacteria seriously. Always practice safe food handling to avoid foodborne illnesses.





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Which doctor to see and when

Women who split their health management among different doctors may not know which doctor to turn to when their health comes into question. They may ask themselves, “Is this is-

sue best addressed by a family doctor or a gynecologist?” Answers to such questions depend on personal preferences and the type of condition you’re looking to treat.

Family doctors or general practitioners may be qualified to provide many of the screenings and services for which a woman may visit a gynecologist or women’s health practice. Such doctors can perform routine pelvic examinations, oversee screenings for cervical cancer and conduct breast exams to check for lumps and other abnormalities, just like a woman’s specialty doctor may run tests to calculate body mass index or check for cholesterol levels.

A woman who feels more comfortable with one specific doctor may see him or her for a variety of health concerns, provided that doctor offers certain services. However, there are instances when certain healthcare questions are best answered by specialists. The following information can help women determine which doctor to see when certain situations arise.

* **Annual physicals:** Gynecologists and family doctors can conduct physical examinations. Both can order blood lab tests and urinalysis to check cholesterol levels and for any vitamin deficiencies. Heart rate, blood pressure, weight, and height are other screenings that can be handled at either office.

* **Bacterial and yeast infections or urinary tract infections:** A general practitioner or gynecologist can address these infections. However, some women feel more comfortable discussing genital issues with their gynecologists. A gynecologist may be more experienced at identifying problems and ordering appropriate follow-up exams. A family doctor may not require an examination unless you request it and may treat broad symptoms.

* **Colds and coughs:** In theory, a gynecologist may be able to diagnose and treat common health ailments. But the majority of a gynecologist’s work concerns the female reproductive system, so common colds and coughs are best left to general practitioners who diagnose respiratory and bronchial conditions daily.

* **Mood disorders:** If changes in mood seem to stem from hormones or the result of a pregnancy, a gynecologist or obstetrician may have treatment options available that can alleviate specific triggers. Many women initially turn to a family doctor if they are experiencing depression or changes in mood or behavior. Both a family doctor or a gynecologist may refer a patient to a mental health specialist if the situation seems to warrant more action.

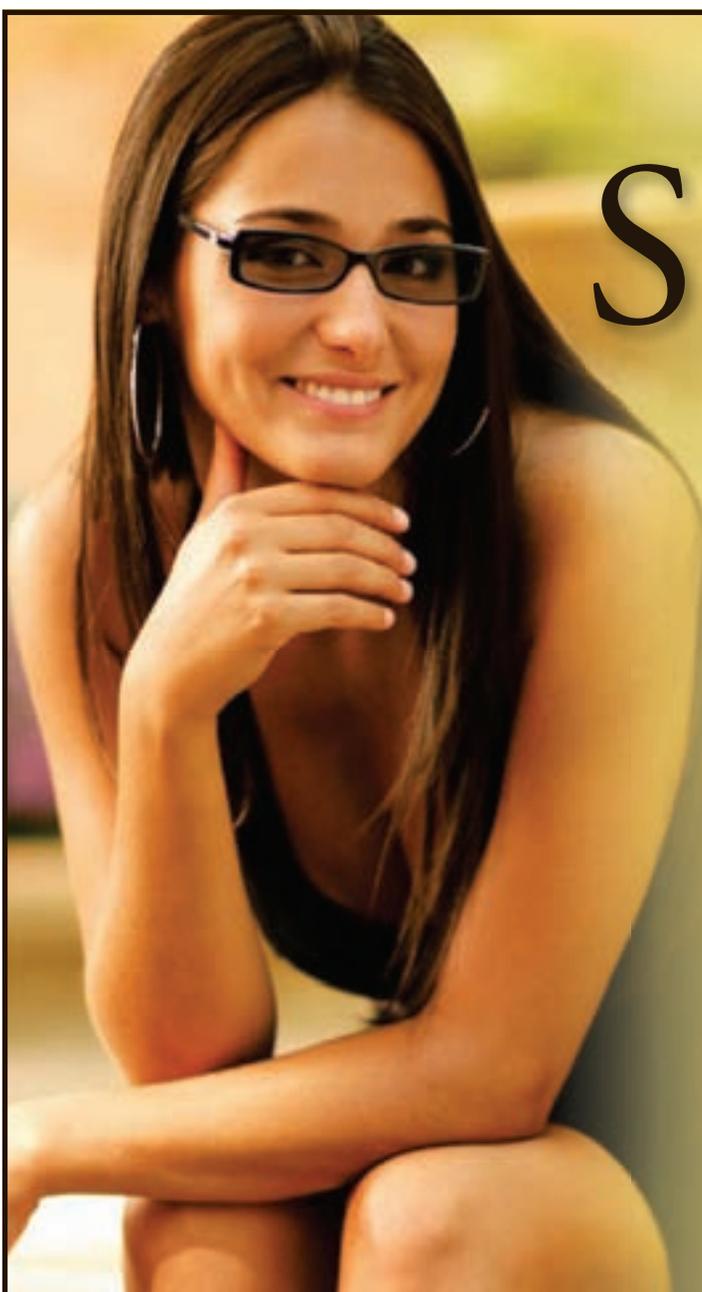
* **Nutrition and weight loss:** Many patients see a family doctor to seek advice on adopting a healthy diet. Some medical offices have a nutritionist on staff who can offer food counseling and exercise advice.

* **Infertility:** It is best to visit a gynecologist or obstetrician to talk about any infertility issues. Such doctors have more intimate knowledge of the female reproductive system and could be more learned regarding the latest therapies and studies pertaining to fertility.

* **Cancer screening:** PAP tests and breast exams can be performed at either doctor’s office, although patients may feel more comfortable if a gynecologist performs these screenings.

It is important to note that not all gynecologists are obstetricians. Some handle women’s reproductive issues but do not deliver children. Patients who prefer a doctor knowledgeable about reproductive health and won’t be busy handling child deliveries should select a gynecologist.





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Women's heart attack symptoms can differ from men's

Symptoms of a heart attack can include radiating pain down the arm and tightness in the chest. While these may be universally recognized symptoms of heart attacks for men, new studies have shown such symptoms are not necessarily what women can expect if they're having a heart attack.

Research indicates women may experience symptoms quite different from men when it comes to heart attacks. Dismissing the symptoms of a heart attack can delay life-saving actions. It is critical for women to recognize warning signs. Even when signs are subtle, the results can be

deadly.

The American Heart Association notes that a heart attack occurs when blood flow that brings oxygen-rich blood to the heart is slowed down or cut off. Arteries that supply blood flow to the heart may gradually become blocked by cholesterol, fat and plaque. The National Institutes of Health indicate women often experience new or unusual physical symptoms as early as a month before experiencing a heart attack.

Women's symptoms may not be as predictable as men's, but there are still some signs to consider:

- sweating,
- pressure in the chest and back that may feel like a rope being tightened around the body,
- nausea,
- pain in the back, neck, jaw or stomach,
- shortness of breath without having exerted yourself,
- lightheadedness,
- chest pain may be present, but fewer than 30 percent of women actually experience any pain in their chest,
- unusual fatigue,
- indigestion, and/or
- sleep disturbances.

If a woman experiences any of the above symptoms and suspects a heart attack, it is better to be safe than sorry. First, call 9-1-1 and make sure to follow the operator's instructions. Chew and swallow an aspirin (325 mg) if you have one available. Aspirin will prevent platelets in the blood from clotting and further blocking up an affected artery. This prevents any other heart muscle cells from dying from a clot obstruction.

If you suspect you are having a heart attack, do not drive yourself to the hospital. Wait for paramedics or have someone else drive if you have no other choice. Lie down and try to remain as calm as possible until emergency responders arrive. Be somewhere safe in case you lose consciousness and have the door unlocked so that EMTs can get inside your home should you lose consciousness.

One of the best ways to remain healthy with regard to heart attack is to take certain preventative measures to reduce your risk of heart attack. Quitting smoking, walking 30 minutes per day and choosing foods that are lower in fat and dietary cholesterol can help prevent heart attacks.



How to make flossing easier for kids

It is well known that a combination of brushing, flossing and periodic dental checkups are essential to oral health. Some parents teach their children to brush thoroughly early on, even

taking them for dental visits at young ages so youngsters can become acclimated to the dentist's office. But flossing is one component of oral hygiene that may be overlooked because many kids simply don't enjoy it.

Flossing is one of those tasks that people understand they must do regularly, but many still do not. According to Humana Dental, flossing cleans bacteria and trapped food from between the teeth. Brushing only reaches the surface of the teeth, but floss is required to get into the small crevices to prevent bacteria from turning into plaque buildup. The American Dental Association recommends flossing at least once per day. It is far better to floss once a day and do a thorough job rather than several times a day and miss areas of the mouth by doing it quickly.

Children should be urged to floss regularly in addition to brushing. However, flossing can be cumbersome for youngsters who have yet to develop the dexterity needed to manipulate dental floss. There are many products available and techniques that can be used to assist children with cleaning between their teeth. The following are some flossing tips for kids.

- * Begin the introduction to floss early. The younger children are introduced to floss, the more likely they are to embrace flossing as part of their oral hygiene routine.

- * Show visual proof of the benefits of flossing. Oftentimes, children are more likely to respond to something they can see. Show pictures of dental decay and what occurs when proper oral hygiene is not followed. This may help make the concept of flossing more attractive.

Get the proper tools

Kids cannot floss unless they have floss products on hand.

There are various age-appropriate flossers and types of dental floss available. Children may not be able to use dental floss properly because of a lack of dexterity. However, floss picks are much easier to hold and work between the teeth, particularly for kids with small hands. Floss should always be on hand, whether at home or when you go on vacation.

Let kids choose

Take kids down the dental aisle at the store and let them pick and choose which products they want to use. They may be more excited to brush and floss if they're using something they picked out themselves.

Lead by example

Children will be more likely to floss if they see their parents flossing. That means adults should floss regularly and let their children watch and learn.

Benefits of flossing

Removing bacteria and trapped food from teeth has a number of benefits. Bacteria can cause bad breath, but flossing and brushing helps to keep breath smelling fresh.

Dirty teeth can lead to dental carries. Children may be more inclined to floss if they know they'll be preventing cavities and avoiding potentially painful trips to the dentist.

Plaque trapped between the teeth and along the gum line that leads to periodontal disease puts a person at a greater risk for heart disease. There are some studies that show bacteria from the mouth can end up in the bloodstream.

Flossing is a necessary component of good oral hygiene. Everyone should floss, no matter their age, and children should begin flossing as soon as their mouth starts to fill out with pearly whites.





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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR., J.D.

Free elections in the United States are increasingly endangered. The threat comes from a number of fronts, including the use by the Obama Administration of federal agencies to intimidate political opponents, and the increasingly oppressive and biased actions of campaign regulatory agencies.

The most well-known scandal is the action by the Internal Revenue Service to attack Tea Party groups, which oppose President Obama's policies. Despite the clearly illegal nature of the IRS action, and the mandate of the court to produce information about its misdeeds, the tax agency continues to evade compliance with the law.

Last month, as noted by the Courthouse News Service: "The Sixth Circuit slammed the IRS for continuing to resist, after nearly a year, an order compelling it to release lists that Tea Party groups say singled them out for harsh scrutiny....The targets of such attention allegedly faced year-long delays in the processing of applications, tight deadlines for responses, and requests for large amounts of unneeded documents. After a federal judge cracked the whip... the IRS continually shrugged off the court order and filed its own petition claiming that the documents were confidential. Disagreeing with that characterization, the three-judge appellate panel said applications that were accepted or rejected are not considered

"tax-return" information, and are not afforded such confidentiality... the decision does demand the documents be released "without redactions, and without further delay."

Judicial Watch's investigation revealed that email exchanges between former Internal Revenue Services (IRS) director of Exempt Organizations Lois Lerner and enforcement attorneys at the Federal Election Commission (FEC) demonstrated that the IRS provided "detailed, confidential information concerning the tax exempt application status and returns of conservative groups to the FEC," a violation of federal law. Included with the email exchanges were IRS questionnaires to a conservative group that contained questions of a hostile nature.

In its March 16 decision, the Sixth Circuit Court bluntly stated: "Among the most serious allegations a federal court can address are that an Executive agency has targeted citizens for mistreatment based on their political views. No citizen...should be targeted or even have to fear being targeted on those grounds. Yet those are the grounds on which the plaintiffs allege they were mistreated by the IRS here.

The allegations are substantial: most are drawn from findings made by the Treasury Department's own Inspector General for Tax Administration. Those findings include that the IRS used political criteria to round up applications for tax-exempt status filed by so-called tea-party

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groups; that the IRS often took four times as long to process tea-party applications as other applications; and that the IRS served tea-party applicants with crushing demands for what the Inspector General called "unnecessary information."

Yet in this lawsuit the IRS has only compounded the conduct that gave rise to it. The plaintiffs seek damages on behalf of themselves and other groups whose applications the IRS treated in the manner described by the Inspector General. The lawsuit has progressed as slowly as the underlying applications themselves: at every turn the IRS has resisted the plaintiffs' requests for information regarding the IRS's treatment of the plaintiff class, eventually to the open frustration of the district court. At issue here are IRS 'Be On the Lookout' lists of organizations allegedly targeted for unfavorable treatment because of their political beliefs. ... almost a year later, the IRS still has not complied with the court's orders.

The IRS defiantly continues to seek to use its enormous power to influence elections. A Capital Research analysis reports: "President Obama's IRS is still holding nonprofit applications from conserva-

tive and Tea Party groups hostage even now, years after the IRS targeting scandal first made headlines. The IRS remains a powerful instrument of political repression in the hands of Obama. Always on the hunt for new ways to disadvantage his political adversaries, Obama is also now moving forward with a fresh campaign of political intimidation against nonprofit groups that strikes at the heart of the American democratic process. Ominously, IRS boss John Koskinen has vowed 'to have new rules to limit political activities of nonprofit organizations in place before the 2016 election, raising the specter of another major fight over the tax agency and political targeting,' the Washington Times paraphrased Koskinen saying. The IRS already tried to impose a rule preventing nonprofits from running voter registration drives (which is currently legal if done on a "nonpartisan" basis), but backed down in the face of a public backlash."

The concept of campaign regulation is also threatening the future of free elections in the United States. It is, under the guise of "taking the influence of money out of politics," placing both free speech and free elections under the thumb of biased bureaucrats intent on replacing the will of the people with the goals of a politically biased elite.

A CATO examination of campaign regulation noted: "campaign finance regulations favor incumbents, stifle grassroots activity, distort

and constrict political debate, and infringe on traditional First Amendment freedoms. There is little reason to believe that still more regulation and public funding will yield positive results. The framers of the Bill of Rights provided for the First Amendment to keep the government from attempting to limit political debate and criticism. We should recognize the wisdom of that decision and return to the system of campaign "regulation" that the Founders intended: "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech."

An Institute for Justice study concurs: "the federal government and most states have passed campaign finance laws that blatantly violate [free speech] rights. Sold as efforts to control the influence of 'money' in politics, the laws in fact regulate what money buys—political speech—and what it represents for many citizens—a meaningful opportunity to participate in the political process...In short, in America, it is now constitutional for the government to control and even ban political speech and participation. To borrow from Justice Thomas in his now-famous dissent in the Kelo case: Something has gone horribly awry with the Court's—and the country's—approach to the First Amendment."

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BY GENE DEFRANCIS

It's appropriate we began this organization in the spring of 2013. We started as a handful of residents who had enough of our deteriorating quality of life. The neglect and disrespect we received from those not from or apart of our community.

It is humbling to see what we have blossomed into over the years. We accomplished everything with very little money and a whole lot of TRC (Trust, Respect and Communication).

We made it a point to remember the names of our neighbors and to properly pronounce their names. To listen to them and their concerns even if we didn't agree with it. To accept criticism whether it was privately or publicly made.

We only associate our-

selves with elected and city officials that recognize the people run the city. Our concerns are the only concerns that matter. Unfortunately, some politicians are not getting the message that we are not here to serve them. That we are here to dictate to them what we need. And if they are not in cooperation with us, we will elect someone who is.

We have not always agreed with every elected official in our community. I think it would be very unnatural if we did always agree. Our friends and allies are those we can communicate with and respect each other's difference in opinions.

Those are the elected officials we will support and defend until the end. The elected officials that reach out to us. The elected officials who have joined us in our Anniversary celebration.

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thing in our power to maintain your trust and respect.

We want to humbly thank everyone for coming out to celebrate our anniversary.

It was very much appreciated that we had so many friends, colleagues, and neighbors join us on a Wednesday night.

Congratulations again to Jeremy Warneke, our night's honoree. And our recipients of the Allerton Inspiration Award Guy Herman, Chris Montalvo, and Janice Walcott.

Big thank you to: The Sanz Banquet Hall (providing staff and location); Mamma Rosa Catering (providing food); Gasolina Lounge (providing drinks); Morris Perk (providing dessert and coffee); Gun Hill Brewery (local home craft beer); DJ Manny Martinez and Jumpin Dragons.

A special thanks to the offices of: Congressman Jo-

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Also: Theodore Korony Post 253 Color Guard; Beth Abraham; Scott Kazdan, chiropractic; Ridgewood Savings Bank and Exit Realty.

And our amazing volunteers: Grace (Little Helper) Lovaglio, Larry Mauriello, Varahn Chamblee, Debby Deb

and Aleksander Nilaj and his team.

The Ridgewood bags received that night were purchased by the merchants association at the bank. They are \$1 each and goes to a charity that works to keep our waters clean. If you would like to join the cause and pick

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up more bags, stop in our Allerton Ridgewood Bank branch.

Also please reach out to Pamela Damon if you know a young lady that would be interested in being a part of her organization for young women.

Morris Park Community Association turned 42 and we were proud and honored to be in attendance at their celebration event inside the beautiful Marina del Rey.

It is a very good feeling when you know that you have great strength and support coming from your neighboring community.

We are only as safe as our neighbors are. Their problems will soon become your problems if you don't work together to find solutions and solve them.

We are proud to have you as community partners. Congratulations and may you have continued success.

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take the responsibility of driving seriously. If you are tired or just not up to driving, don't.

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We want to thank the 49th Precinct for starting a community initiative to clean up our streets and make every corner of our neighborhood safe.

This week our precinct has deployed an unprecedented amount of officers to patrol and interact with our community.

Representatives from our association were present at the launch of this campaign to thank and show our support to the men and women in blue.

But it goes beyond police action. It's up to us in the community to reach out to our teens and young adults and let them know that their lives are valuable and they can succeed in this world. Too many of our young men and women are struggling and believe they are on borrowed time. They live carelessly and treat each day like it could be their last.

We need to recognize that they are human and many of them are scared. Their tough exterior is just a show for survival. Those that can be saved must be saved before they get caught up in the law.

We cannot obstruct the officers from responsibly doing their jobs. Crimes committed are crimes that must be punished.

We cannot tolerate petty crimes, animal cruelty, and vandalism in our community.

We cannot look the other way when they occur. We must each speak up. We have a tremendously engaged captain commanding our precinct and we must work together every day to save our kids from getting into trouble and discipline those who are creating the trouble.

P.S. 89 park is under construction. I'm sure many of you have noticed. And no... they are not building a new school there.

The beams that you see in the center of the park will hold the new basketball rims.

Instead of one full court and two half courts, we will now have two full courts and a track around the perimeter.

At another community event we spoke with our Councilman James Vacca and expressed to him our request to fix our park. Now coincidentally a few months later our park is being renovated which is long overdue.

Even though the funds are coming from the mayor's office I can't help but believe Jimmy had a hand in this. Either way we are very

grateful for this long overdue and much needed upgrade. It is noticed and well appreciated.

New membership discounts for our members at a few stores outside of the Allerton Community. For a full listing of all you can save with our membership card, visit our Facebook page at Allerton International Merchants Association.

Any issues using your card at participating stores, let us know and we will address it. Members also receive a subscription to this great paper, The Bronx Times.

And finally, our next event will be our Mother's Day clean up. We will be handing out carnations to moms passing by and doing a thorough clean up in our neighborhood.

Volunteers and sponsors are appreciated and you can RSVP by emailing us AllertonMerchants@gmail.com.

If the weather is bad, we will reschedule for the following week. The process is very simple and easy when many people come to pitch in. We will remove graffiti, old posted fliers and stickers, and do some corner gardening and picking up trash.

This event is May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at The Sanz, 815 Allerton Avenue.

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All school and no play makes Jack a dumb boy

In ancient times — say, the 1950s, or '60s, or '70s or maybe even the '80s — children were expected to waste a good deal of their time riding their bikes to nowhere, making up basketball moves, or drawing with chalk.

Their parents didn't worry that this meant they were going to end up drug addicts, or at least at a second-tier college. In fact, most parents were eager to shoo kids out of the house. But that was before something began taking over all waking hours of the day.

School. When we think about how different childhood is today — structured, supervised, stressful — we tend to blame helicopter parents, or the culture of fear that has made stepping outside without mom or dad into an activity mentally accompanied by scary organ music. After all, every parent's worst nightmare could be just around the corner!

But Peter Gray, author of the basic psychology textbook used in colleges across the country (including Harvard), says that while “increased fears from the media” are

partly to blame for this new, constricted childhood, there's another force at play.

Or, rather, not at play. “Part of it that we don't give enough weight to is the increasing amount of influence of schooling.”

Think about how school dominates the lives of kids today. When Gray, now a white-haired professor, was growing up, the school year was five weeks shorter. I remember that, too — a three-month summer vacation. Bliss! No one was freaking out about the “summer slide” — kids forgetting the lessons they left behind in May. Summer was seen as the charger kids needed, not a drain.

As for what happened during the school year itself, there was little or no homework in the lower grades, unless the kids had to do something like gather leaves for a project. No nightly homework sheets. No nightly reading log, the bane of my existence as a mom. (Forcing your kids to read a certain amount each day turns out to be the perfect way to make them hate reading. Try it!)

Gray, who is at Clemson



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

University this week to give a talk at the Rebooting Play Conference, as am I, says that those logs are just one hint of how parents are now supposed to continue the school day at home. They are expected to review their kids' homework and, often, to sign it. They're also expected to volunteer at the school, as reading buddies, or running the book sale. It's as if school has become the biggest force in our lives, inescapable from morning to night. Parents are told that this is how it has to be if they want their kids to succeed.

Once parents are taught to be “school partners,” says Gray, “all of society develops the view that children grow best when carefully monitored and guided. And it used to be children grow themselves.”

This is not to say that kids learn algebra by climbing trees. But they do learn how to gauge risk, and handle fear. Playing a game of catch, even against a wall, they learn how to do something over and over to get it right. (Think how much easier it is to learn that lesson on the playground than in the classroom.) Playing with friends, they learn how to control their impulses, share, throw it a little easier to the youngest kid — a trait also known as empathy — all the arts of being human.

These activities don't stunt intellectual development, they make young minds curious and creative.

In an essay titled, “Be Glad of Our Failure to Catch Up with China in Education,” Gray compares our education system to China's, where grammar school kids spend nearly 10 hours a day studying, and by high school they face a 12-and-

a-half-hour school day.

Kids are forced to endure this “to get a high score on the ‘gaokao,’ the national examination that is the sole criterion for admitting students to college,” writes Gray.

What happens to those high-scoring winners?

“A common term used in China now to refer to the general results of their educational system is ‘gaofen dineng,’ which means, literally, ‘high scores, but low ability.’ Because students spend nearly all of their time studying, they have little chance to do anything else,” like develop interests, physical stamina, or social skills.

That's a “success” America would do well to avoid.

To raise the kind of engaged and eager kids who grow into entrepreneurs and simply happy citizens, we need to stop school from seeping into every hour and activity of the day.

fooling around turns out to be the best schooling around.

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

Temple Hatikva announces Shabbat services

Temple Hatikva will hold its next Shabbat service on Friday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m., continuing its regular monthly schedule.

As always at Temple Hatikva, worship will be followed by a free Kiddush. In celebration of the upcoming Passover

holiday, this month's Kiddush will consist of a delicious ‘Kosher for Passover’ array of macaroons and other traditional sweets and treats.

The entire community is invited to join in this joyous evening, which is, of course, free of charge.

The final session of the monthly Adult Education series will meet at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. Cantor Kyle Cherry will lead a discussion and look into the ancient Israelites' escape from centuries of enslavement in Egypt, led by Moses, and their miracu-

lous exodus to the Promised Land.

The usual bagel breakfast will be provided to all attending, free of charge. This month the breakfast will be supplemented with Passover treats. The education series is sponsored by Shalom Jewish

Funeral Home. Adult Ed sessions will resume in the fall.

Temple Hatikva is located at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway S. The synagogue can be reached at (718) 892-5766, by email at TempleHatikva@aol.com, or on the web at www.TempleHatikva.com.

Assemblyman Benedetto sponsors mammography van

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 on Saturday, April 23, as follows: 9:30 a.m. in front of the assemblyman's office located at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue; and 1:30 p.m. at the Baychester Public Library, lo-

cated at 2049 Asch Loop North in Co-op City

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

Italian language classes for children and adults

The Morris Park Community Association and Councilman James Vacca will be sponsoring Italian language

classes for children aged 7-years-old to 9-years-old, as well as for adults.

On Saturday, April 9, from

10 a.m. to noon, there will be an in-person registration for the program at the association, located at 1824 Bronxdale

Avenue.

Adults and parents interested in learning more about scheduling, pricing and the

courses can either attend Saturday's registration or call the Morris Park Community Association at (718) 823-0596

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WICKED WOLF RECEIVES SHAMROCK AWARD

On Thursday, March 17, Wicked Wolf Restaurant manager Kathy Gallagher and her staff were awarded the Shamrock Award for 'Best St. Patrick's Day Parade Party' in Throggs Neck by the Tasty Ladies of New York. The Tasty Ladies of New York visited over ten restaurants and bars to review the best after St. Patrick's Day Parade party and allowed Tasty Ladies fans to cast their votes via Instagram, Facebook, email and the Tasty Ladies' official website. Deemed a 'howling success', the Wicked Wolf's event featured live Irish musical performances by Narrow Backs, McLean Avenue Band and Girsas.



(l-r) Emily Muira; Kathy Gallagher, manager and Sarah Higgins are presented their Shamrock Award by the Tasty Ladies' Bailey Provetto (3rd from l). Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto

ALLERTON MERCHANTS SHARE ANNIVERSARY

The Allerton International Merchants Association celebrated its third anniversary on Thursday, March 30 by honoring outstanding community members at The Sanz. This year the merchants honored Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke; Christopher Montalvo of Montalvo Fin Consult; Janice Walcott, Allerton Coops Tenant Association president and Guy Herman of Keller Williams Realty with Allerton Inspiration Awards. In addition, this year's celebration featured live music from DJ Jumpin' Dragons, beverages provided by Gun Hill Brewery and raffle prize giveaways.



(l-r) Allerton International Merchant members Christine Ryall and Veronica Castro, honorees Christopher Montalvo, Guy Herman, Janice Walcott and Jeremy Warneke with Gene DeFrancis, AIM director. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(Right) Ashley Torres (2nd on left) from Comptroller Stringer's office, presents the Allerton International Merchants Association with a Letter of Commendation. Accepting this prestigious honor are Christine Ryall (l), Veronica Castro (c) and Gene DeFrancis. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



AFFINITY HEALTH PLAN CELEBRATES 30TH

With help from Corbin Hill Food Project, Affinity Health Plan commemorated its 30th anniversary last Wednesday, March 30 by distributing bags of free fruits and vegetables to families at their 305 E. Fordham Road community center as they sought to jumpstart residents' journey toward good health.

(Top) (l-r) Affinity Health Plan's Victor Hayghe, Facilities and Administrative Services vice president; Keith Mitchell, Primary Care director and Edina Vukic, Primary Care executive director, were on-site to distribute bags of free fruits and vegetables to Fordham Road residents. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Alexandra Raymondo (l) brought her children, Alexa and Taylor Flores to congratulate Affinity Health Plan's Cheryll Hsiao on the milestone. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

SOUNDVIEW HINDUS CELEBRATE HOLI

Vishnu Mandir Hindu Temple congregants, the Bharati Dance Academy and Hindus from the Soundview community celebrated Holi the Festival of Colors, a vibrant occasion welcoming the spring season, at 1216 Noble Avenue on Sunday, March 27. Holi or 'Phagwah' as it is often referred, is a Hindu celebration that involves the sprinkling of 'gula', multicolored powder or water, on each other to symbolize the breaking down of all barriers of discrimination so everyone looks the same.



Soundview's vibrant Hindu community celebrated the start of spring in a very colorful way. Photo by Kathleen Canzoniero

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Remember, our regular Sunday, April 3 meeting and gathering afterwards, 11 a.m. sharp at American Turners. Nominations and election of officers coming soon.

Good news, Joe Mondello moderated a NYC M.O.V.A. and community planning board officials meeting, where

Borough President Diaz, Jr. stressed his mandate to have Veterans Services Committees established for local board service areas. Yours truly could at least stand and claim a sub-committee for Community Board 10, for now. Our Pat Devine received a certificate recognizing his many years of service to the veterans of our

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community.
Gene DeFrancis' Allerton International Merchants As-

sociation event was fantastic - thanks again Post Color Guard; JP, Ed and Christine this time.

The annual Support the Troops Bingo fundraiser is always a sold out success and our annual Belly Bomber Bingo at the VA Hospital is always a great time, though not exactly a dietician's best choice! (Let

me see if I have some frozen Castles downstairs!) Colleen, Judy, Cathy, Tony F. and probably others. Thanks. What a great crew.

Until next time: You can see by all the serious and fun activities above, the American Legion is not just a bar, it's grass roots activism at it's best, for America since 1919.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

Oh my, freezing temperatures predicted this week again. So far, I haven't seen anything below 37 degrees in my backyard microclimate. The asparagus is growing and producing a spear or two a day. I only started cutting them a few days ago and already have half a dozen spears in a glass in the fridge. I use a kitchen scissor to cut the stalks once they are 12" high and cut them right below the surface. I keep a glass in the fridge with about an inch of water to store the spears until I have enough to make a dish for dinner. However, I do have a solitary ritual of eating the first spear cut fresh from the bed.

Some would say I am crazy for devoting two good sized raised beds for this crop. I approach my little farm as my additional source for food, so it's important that I grow things that I don't get from the CSA. Asparagus is one of my favorite vegetables and it's simply not in season in the northeast when the CSA is running. Seeing it come up year after year and having something to eat from garden in April is one of the joys that make gardening worth the work. By the way, this is the time of year that as-

paragus in the local market and grocery store could very well be from this region and most likely you'll find it a good price. Check the provenance when you're buying and snap it up. Grilled, shaved over a salad or steamed, this versatile vegetable is the harbinger of good things to come.

I planted some Asparagus crowns at the garden in Preston High School last fall. They were in a bucket in my greenhouse for over a year, so I don't have too much hope for them. I have this coming Friday on my schedule to be at the Preston garden all day, weather permitting. I'm hoping to clean up the beds, direct seed a few things and install some trellises and stakes for when I start planting seedlings. I'm curious to see if any of those old crowns will sprout.

On Saturday, I'm stopping by the Garden in the Park at Edgewater Park to chip in on the garden clean up and pay for the 6 straw bales that I ordered. This group has had great success with Straw Bale Gardening and at Deb Roff's suggestion, I ordered a book on this subject. I have a few spots on a concrete slab in the backyard that I am going to trying this method of garden-

food for thought

ing out on. Can't wait.

Christina from New Beginning Animal Rescue is coming by tonight with some traps to show me how to set them up. Hopefully I will be able to get a few feral cats spayed before kitten season. More updates to follow.

Thanks to Deb Hunt, chair of the Health and Human Services Committee at Community Board 10, who asked me to speak at their March 30 meeting about CSA. Got a few people who were interested. When I checked this morning, we already have 20 shares signed up. As soon as I submit this column, I have some people looking to split shares that I need to follow up with. I think we may just reach our total 34 shares before the May 30 deadline. If you want information, go to www.stoneledge.farm.

Don't forget, there are Bronx distribution sites with Stoneledge Farm in not only Locust Point but City Island,

on Anderson Avenue and at 810 Gerard Avenue. If you are a resident of CB11, there is a CSA in Parkchester at St. Paul's Church on McGraw Avenue Rogowski Farm. For more information on their CSA program, contact parkchestercsa@gmail.com.

I got a really good review from a friend who tried one of the frozen Cabbage and Spicy Pork Tortes that I made a couple of weeks ago. I thought that the cabbage was a little overcooked, it was sautéed cabbage that had been frozen, so I was a bit concerned about that. My friend and her son thought it was fine and not overcooked, they thought that there was just enough of the spicy pork to not overwhelm the cabbage and they thought the pastry dough was flaky and very tasty. This is inspiring me to make a bunch more and will definitely add a Torte Workshop to the roster once I get my food business up and running.

Speaking of which, I promised an update about my food business, but unfortunately the meeting I had with NYS Agriculture and Markets was cancelled. I am rescheduling and hopefully by the next column I will have some informa-

tion. If you are on Facebook, check out or 'like' Two Wrasslin' Dogs Farms. I am trying to post something everyday about my progress with setting up as many planting areas as I can, with the hopes of maximizing my property to produce as much food as possible.

It's been an interesting process so far, frustrating, but interesting. I go into anything that will require dealing with governmental issues with much trepidation and the process so far has not disproved that. I met with one person at a small business incubator who was reasonably helpful in the fact that he confirmed that I will need a food handler's license, but was unable to tell me about any other requirements I might have. However, if you have never run your own business, the Business Outreach Center at Banknote Building is a great way to start. They can help with setting up a business plan and other basics, and the service is free.

It's stopped raining, so I'm going to try to run out and check to see if there are any more asparagus spears to cut. Be the change you want to see in the world.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Remember the flea market here at the Post on Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors are still needed. we have a bunch already. Tables are \$25 each and vendors are to be in at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to the vets.

Speaking of flea markets, the Sisters Servants of Mary are holding one at 3305 Country Club Road. Contact: Mother Ema Munoz or Sister Purification at (718) 829-0428.

This happening occurs on Thursday and Friday May 5 to 6. Saturday, May 7, is a Plant and Bake Sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. same place and people. Stop in at their boutique

as well. The Sisters are hosting their First Annual Golf and Classic Dinner on Monday, May 16. Shotgun start at noon. This will be held at the New York Country Club, New Hempstead, Rockland. Further info: call (914) 332-4772, (917) 957-5884 or (718) 829-0428. All this came by way of Cathy Praino, super supporter of vets and veterans affairs. She is known as Aunt Cathy all over Afghanistan as she sends care packages to the troops over there. Cathy is the aunt of Chris Engledrum who was killed in action there.

Hey, did you know that there is an American Airpower Museum out at Republic Airport. It's located at 12130 New High-

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way, Farmingdale. This in from our own Ed Mc Carthy. It's a fascinating place, great for kids. Log onto www.americanairpowermuseum.org and get more info.

I wrote last week that Borough President Rubin Diaz, Jr. held a meeting here at Post 620. He and his staff educated all the community boards in the Bronx regarding vet affairs. Every board has a member specifically assigned to

deal with veterans and their needs. We here in Community Board 10 headed by Ken Kearns have two, Bill Chin, retired Army Colonel and the other Bronx Times Literatus, retired Coast Guard Vet Tony Salembene. That means the vets are in good hands.

Election of post officers will be held here at the post next meeting, which, by the way will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 1 p.m.

The raffle at our pub this time is a bottle of Tullimore Dew which I'm told is some pretty good stuff. Chances are \$2 each and only 25 chances will be sold, nice odds.

Remember, we are still collecting non-perishable

food stuffs, eye glasses, hearing aids and clean clothing. Again, if we are closed, leave your donation on the table inside the fence on the Ericson Place entrance.

Trivia Time
April 3, 2009, saw the Binghamton Massacre. there were 13 dead and one wounded.

General Mac Arthur died on April 5, 1964 at the age of 84.

Peary and Henson reached the North Pole on April 6, 1909. Santa and the elves greeted them.

The Unite States entered WW 1 on April 6, 1917.

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

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49TH PCT.'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Last week, the 49th Precinct conducted an anti-crime/quality of life and community outreach initiative at three locations including Britton Street on Tuesday, March 29; White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway on Wednesday March 30 and the Morris Park Community Association at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue on Thursday, March 31.



49th Precinct Crime Prevention police officers Kelly (l) and Medera helped residents register for NYPD Operation I.D. during last Wednesday, March 30's Anti-Crime/Quality of Life and Community Outreach Initiative at White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



KORONY'S SUPPORT THE TROOPS BINGO

253 hosted its annual Support the Troops Bingo Night last Friday, April 1 at the Samuel H. Young American Legion Post 620 Hall to honor those who go above the call of duty to help our nation's heroes.

(Top) Event organizers Judy Lanci (2nd from l) and Angie Napolitano (r) stand with honorees Miguel Garcia from Big Deal Supermarket, Gerry Ferrara, Sharon Cullen and Diane Lanci.

Photo by Laura Stone

Judy Lanci (l) presents certificates of appreciation to Cathy Praino and Michael Mc-Nerney for the work the Korony American Legion Post 253 does for veterans.

Photo by Laura Stone



MONROE'S 'TYING INTO MANHOOD'

More than 300 students from local high schools met at Monroe College's Bronx campus for the educational institution's 7th Annual Male Empowerment Event. This year's theme was 'tying into manhood' inspiring young men to display their commitment toward success.



(l-r) Dr. Cecil Wright, dean of admissions at Monroe College and director of student empowerment programs; guest speaker Tanya Dean, SKATEROBICS founder and Lindsay Rosen, assistant director of admissions at Monroe College, celebrate female empowerment.

Photo courtesy of Monroe College

TEMPLE BETH EL'S ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Temple Beth El of City Island celebrated its 82nd annual dinner dance last Saturday, April 2 at Pelham Split Rock Golf Courses. This year's prestigious gala formally recognized the Bronx Jewish Historical Initiative and the synagogue's former interns Rabbi Eva Sax-Bolder, Rabbinic Pastor David Daniel Klipper and Rabbinic Pastor Aliza Erber.



(l-r) Board president Paul Klein, Marti Michael from the Bronx Jewish Historical Initiative, Rabbi David Guza Markus, honorees Rabbinic Pastor Aliza Erber and Rabbi Eva Sax-Bolder, Rabbi Shohama Wiener and honoree Rabbinic Pastor David Daniel Klipper.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

TATA GROUP DONATES BOOKS TO KIDS



The Tata Group announced during their Monday, March 28 'Read-A-Loud' event that it will donate 10,000 new books to children in Morrisania, Claremont, Crotona-Mapes, Longwood, Charlotte Gardens and Belmont, in partnership with the non-profit, First Book and the assemblyman. To commemorate this historic effort, one of Tata Group's companies, Tata Consultancy Services hosted a 'Read-A-Loud' that same day with Urban Scholars Community School pre-kindergarten through fifth graders where each of them received two books to add to their libraries at home.

(Pictured left) (l-r) Kyle Zimmer, First Book CEO; Balaji Ganapathy, head of Human Resource Workforce Effectiveness; James Shapiro, resident director of Tata Sons Limited North America; Debra Jones, Urban Scholars Community School principal; Blake's mother, Hilary Lawrence; Assemblyman Blake; Shankar Venkateswaran, Tata Sustainability Group chief; Sarah Matheson, Tata Sustainability - North America lead; Pamella Rodrigues, program lead of Corporate Social Responsibility and three Urban Scholars Community School students.

(Right) Pamella Rodrigues proudly displays the proclamation she received from Assemblyman Blake.

Photo by Seitu Oronde

DONATIONS BUILD ROCK CLIMBING WALL



WellCare Health Plans donated \$5,000 to Bronx House during a Monday, March 28 check presentation to aid in constructing the Pelham Parkway community's first state-of-the-art rock climbing wall and to support other fitness-related events at Bronx House's gymnasium. Deputy Borough President Aurelia Green and more than 50 Bronx House after school program children were present for last week's prestigious ceremony. The Bronx House Rock Climbing Wall is the result a grant, contributions from community-conscious partners such as WellCare of New York, Monroe College, Atlantic Tomorrow's Office, UJA-Federation of New York's Sports for Youth Program and individual donors.

(Above) WellCare presents a check for \$5,000 to Bronx House to construct a rock climbing wall in the gym.

(l-r) Leon Davis, Bronx House Children and Family Services director; Lawrence Cassar, WellCare Health Plans Field Sales and Marketing director; Deputy Borough President Greene; Joel Ray-Alexander, WellCare Health Plans care coordinator and Doris Quinones, Bronx House director of development.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



COMPTROLLER STRINGER'S TOWN HALL MEETING

Comptroller Scott Stringer held a town hall meeting last Thursday, March 31 at Bronx House. Done in partnership with Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Councilman James Vacca, this meeting served as a prime opportunity for area residents to express what is on their mind, suggest how local electeds can improve New York City and learn what the comptroller's office can do to help their community.



Comptroller Stringer (c) stands with NYC Public Advocate Leticia James as the comptroller's staff (l-r) Carra Wallace, chief diversity officer; Tim Mulligan, deputy comptroller for budget and Brain Cook, director of economic development, listen intently to her speech.

Photo by Laura Stone



BRONX BUZZ FEATURES BRONX TIMES

The Bronx Times Reporter's very own Patrick Rocchio, assignment editor, appeared on a Thursday, March 31 edition of BronxNet's 'Bronx BUZZ', a televised reporters' roundtable offering multiple points of view on local topics and issues. Moderated by Garl Axelbank, last Thursday's riveting installment saw Axelbank, Rocchio and Michael Benjamin, Bronx Chronicle managing editor, asking if communities can truly get what they want and discussed noise abatement surrounding Rodman's Neck.

(l-r) Michael Benjamin, Bronx Chronicle managing editor; Garl Axelbank, 'Bronx BUZZ' moderator and Patrick Rocchio, Bronx Times Reporter assignment editor following their appearance on Bronx BUZZ's Thursday, March 31 episode.

Photo courtesy of BronxNet



TORRES, VACCA HONOR BRUCKNER TENANTS

Council members Ritchie Torres and James Vacca awarded a proclamation to Sonja Melendez, the tenants association vice president of 3555 Bruckner Boulevard on Monday, March 28 for her work in mobilizing the building's residents to aid the approximately 90 victims of this past winter's six-alarm fire at 2086 Valentine Avenue.

Council members Ritchie Torres (3rd on left) and James Vacca with some of 3555 Bruckner Boulevard tenants who helped the Valentine Avenue fire victims.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

CALVARY HOSPITAL HONORS PATRICE CASHEN

Calvary Hospital honored 15-year veteran, Patrice Cashen, registered nurse, with the prestigious 2016 Meviar Smith Humanitarian Award on Monday, March 14. This award, which has been bestowed since 1988, was created to honor long-time employee, Meviar Smith, who passed away in 1987. Smith was renowned for her loyalty, conscientious work ethic and dedication to Calvary Hospital's patients which this year's selection committee believed Cashen best embodied.

Patrice Cashen (c) graciously accepts the plaque presented to her by Michael Brescia (l), MD, Calvary Hospital executive medical director and Frank Calamari, Calvary Hospital president and CEO.

Photo courtesy of Calvary Hospital



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Grupo Niche at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts presents the return of Grupo Niche for a dazzling concert celebrating their 35th anniversary on Saturday, April 16, at 8 p.m. One of the world's most popular Latin salsa groups, Grupo Niche is known for both up tempo and vigorous dance music as well as slower-paced salsa romántica numbers. Produced by Lehman Center and José Raposo.

For listeners across the country, SiriusXM Radio will broadcast the salsa concert featuring Grupo Niche - live from Lehman Center - on SiriusXM Caliente channel 150 beginning at 8 p.m. EST.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets are

\$60, \$55, and \$45, and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at (718) 960-8833. Low-cost on-site parking available for \$5.

Grupo Niche was formed in Bogotá in 1980 by songwriter, vocalist, arranger, and producer Jairo Varela, who began his music career at age eight with the group La Timba.

Beginning in the late '80s, Grupo Niche turned to romantic lyrics, leaving behind their songs about social issues.

Grupo Niche has released more than 30 albums, receiving numerous international music awards, including the Latin GRAMMY® nomination for the 2001 Album of the Year for Propuesta with its famous cumbia "Canoa Rancha".

During his lifetime, Jairo Varela was a prolific com-



Grupo Niche will be performing at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 16.

poser. His death in 2012 did not mean the end of Grupo Niche as he organized the orches-

tra in a manner that allowed continuity. Their first posthumous album, Tocando el

Cielo Con Las Manos (Touching the Sky With Your Hands) was released in 2013 and hit the #10 spot on the Tropical album charts. That same year, Grupo Niche resumed touring internationally, performing in Europe, North America, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru and Australia. In 2015, Varela's trusted musical associate José Aguirre took over as musical director. Late 2015 saw the release of the second posthumous album 35 Aniversario which rose to the #6 Tropical album chart position. The record's first single, "Te Enseñaré A Olvidar", which was first sung by Jairo Varela in 1989, earned the #2 Tropical song chart position. The second single, "Enamorada" was just launched at the beginning of March of this year.

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Bronx Chamber awards banquet April 13th

The **Bronx Chamber of Commerce** will hold its annual awards and scholarship banquet on Wednesday, April 13, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Marina del Rey. Marina del Rey.

Tickets for the banquet are \$275 in advance, \$500 at the door (if still available), and \$2500 for a table of ten.

For further information or to RSVP: call (718) 828-3900 or phil@bronxchamber.org.

This year, the chamber is honoring Bronx colleges and universities with the Educating Future Leaders Award; Anthony Wallace of Fordham Plaza,

with the Longevity Award; and Cablevision News 12 with the Community Service Award.

The evening includes a celebrity appearance by Otis "OJ" Anderson celebrating his 25th anniversary as Super Bowl XXV MVP; celebrity MC Valerie Smaldone, five-time Billboard Magazine award winner and radio talk show host, and music by the Just Nuts party band.

Grease, the iconic film that helped define a generation is coming to **Cardinal Hayes High School**. On Friday,

April 15 at 8 p.m., the Cardinal Players are performing the theatrical adaptation of the 1950s film. It's the classic case of boy meets girl and the complicated love story that ensues.

Come and see the Cardinal Players at the Regis Philbin Auditorium as they revisit Zucco, Danny, Rizzo, Frenchie and some of the coolest members of Rydell High School.

Additional performances include Saturday, April 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. For ticket information, contact Mrs. Aquino at (718) 292-6100, extension 112. Tickets are \$10.

Upcoming Wave Hill events:

Saturday, April 16; Sunday, April 17: Family Art Project: Starting Seeds With Mini Fences: With storytellers Rama Mandel and Channie Waites, learn about starting seeds through movement and verse—and see some that have sprouted. Think about how you would protect a budding plant. Then work with chopsticks, popsicle sticks and found sticks to make small, painted fences and portable plant signs.

Saturday, April 16: Tai Chi Chuan: Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts, and promotes an awareness of its health benefits.

Saturday, April 16: Spring Basket Demo: Join Shop staff for informal, drop-in workshops in the Courtyard of The Shop, and learn how to design sweet seasonal centerpieces for your spring table, including plants and decorative elements available for purchase.

Saturday, April 16: Art And Nature Portfolio Review: Artists may sign-up to meet with a curator, gallerist or critic for a 20-minute session providing feedback on their work or presentation materials.

Saturday, April 16: Wave Hill History Walk: Discover the fascinating history of Wave Hill's architecture and landscape on a walk with a Wave Hill Garden Guide.

Saturday, April 16: Gallery Tour: Join Wave Hill's Curatorial Fellow for a tour of current exhibitions.

Sunday, April 17: Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji. All levels welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17: MEDITATION: Each session, led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji, includes instruction in simple techniques, followed by guided meditations.

SUN, DAY APRIL 17: GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS WALK: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Wave Hill is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For more information call (718) 549-3200 ext. 232.

Notice of Joint Public Hearing, April 11, 2016

Intent to Award as a Concession the Renovation, Operation and Maintenance of Three (3) Snack Bars and the Operation of up to Fifteen (15) Mobile Food Units at Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx to TAC Food Services, Inc.

NOTICE OF A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING of the Franchise and Concession Review Committee and the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation to be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 2 Lafayette Street, 14th Floor Auditorium, Borough of Manhattan, commencing at 2:30 p.m. relative to:

INTENT TO AWARD as a concession the renovation, operation and maintenance of three (3) snack bars and the operation of up to fifteen (15) mobile food units at Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx ("Licensed Premises"), for an eight (8) year term, to TAC Food Services, Inc.. Compensation to the City will be as follows: for each operating year, TAC Food Services, Inc. shall pay to the City a license fee consisting of a flat guaranteed annual fee (Year 1: \$203,000; Year 2: \$214,500; Year 3: \$226,000; Year 4: \$237,500; Year 5: \$248,000; Year 6: \$264,500; Year 7: \$280,000; Year 8: \$283,900).

A draft copy of the agreement may be reviewed or obtained at no cost, commencing Monday, March 28, 2016, through Monday, April 11, 2016, between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm, excluding weekends and holidays at the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 313, New York, NY 10065.

Individuals requesting Sign Language Interpreters should contact the Mayor's Office of Contract Services, Public Hearings Unit, 253 Broadway, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10007, (212) 788-7490, no later than SEVEN (7) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING.

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- APRIL 12 - 6:00-8:00pm
• Celebrating the Legacy of Jane Jacobs: A Conversation with Greg Lindsay*
Fordham Law School Constantine Room, Lincoln Center Campus
- APRIL 13 - 12:00-5:00pm
• Ninth Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium - Oral Presentations & Poster Session.
McGinley Center, Rose Hill Campus
- APRIL 21 - 4:00-5:30pm
• Earth Month Presentation Carl Zimmer - Science Writer Larkin Hall 170
- APRIL 26 - 2:30-4:00pm
• Dr. Eric Sanderson "The Past, Present and Future of Bronx Ecology: An Update from the Welikia Project"
Flom Auditorium, Walsh Library



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- APRIL 21 - 10:00am-2:00pm
• Earth Day Celebration:
The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), the Family Learning Place, and the Engineering/Green Initiative Department will host an interactive and educational day for the community and inpatient families.



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- APRIL 22 - 10:00am-12:00pm
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LEGAL NOTICE

5812 MOSHOLU LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 02/17/2016. Off. Loc.:Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 3400 Fort Independence Street, Apt. DF, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of Foreign LLC: FlatRate Delivery, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/9/16. Office loc.: Bronx Co. LLC formed in DE: 1/22/16. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205. DE addr. of LLC: 108 W. 13th St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Capital Fourty Nine LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/16/16. Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Ralins Technologies LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 2/16/16. Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1249 Bronx River LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 02/01/2016. 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 to Gloria Velez, 1326 Elder Ave., Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1326 Elder LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 02/01/2016. 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 to Gloria Velez, 1326 Elder Ave., Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1343 Elder LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 02/01/2016. 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 to Gloria Velez, 1326 Elder Ave., Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Brook Avenue Management I, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/19/05. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: 98 Second Ave., Ground Floor, NY, NY 10003, Attn: Sidney Hoffman. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Handy Team LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 02/09/2016. NY Office location: BRONX County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to 1001 GRAND CONCOURSE, APT bsmt, BRONX, NEW YORK, 10452. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Liberty Prints LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company Liberty Prints LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on March 2nd, 2016. 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 Washington Sarmiento 3232 Hull Avenue Apt C1 Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: M HAYNES CLEANING & MAINTENANCE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/08/2015. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: MARK A. HAYNES 590 EAST 166TH STREET SUITE 2D BRONX, NY 10456. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: BROADLOCAL, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/04/2016. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may

be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 454 E. 141ST STREET APT. 3 BRONX, NY 10454. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DROP ZONE PACKAGES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/2015. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: C/O UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Urban Tax Group LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 12/24/2015. 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 Urban Tax Group LLC 1458 Rowland Street Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Firza Realty, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/30/16. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in MI on 11/17/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office address: 3062 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, NY 10467. Cert. of Form. filed with Director, MI Dept. of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, PO Box 30054, Lansing, MI 48909. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff against BEATRICE JARRETT, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane LLP, 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered FEBRUARY 25, 2016

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, AT 2 P.M. AT 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK ON ANY MONDAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS on APRIL 18, 2016 at 2:00 P.M..

Premises known as 2558 STEDMAN PLACE, BRONX, NY 10469. Block 4463 Lot 30.

ALL that certain lot, 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$543,831.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment

Index No 35664/2014
CHRISTINA ROMANO, ESQ., Referee

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF A COOPERATIVE APARTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: by Virtue of default under Loan Security Agreements, and other Security Documents, held by JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Secured Creditor, George Nelson, DCA # 1300011, will sell at public auction, with reserve, on the front steps of the Bronx County Supreme Courthouse, facing Grand Concourse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, at 1:00 p.m., on April 18, 2016, 284 shares of the capital stock of College Gardens Cooperative, Inc. (a Cooperative Housing Corporation), issued in the name of Raymond Cortez, and all right, title and interest in a Proprietary Lease to 3535 Kings College Place, Apt. 3E, Bronx, NY 10467.

Sale held to enforce rights of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Secured Creditor, who reserves the right to bid. Ten percent (10%) Bank/Certified check payable to the Escrowee, Stiene & Associates, P.C., as attorneys for JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. Balance due at closing within thirty (30) days. The auctioneer's fees are required at sale.

The Cooperative Apartments will be sold "AS IS", and possession is to be obtained by the purchaser(s).

Dated: March 16, 2016
Stiene & Associates, P.C. (Escrowee)

Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against KOI E. GERMANY, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane LLP, 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered MARCH 3, 2015

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, AT 2 P.M. AT 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK ON ANY MONDAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS on APRIL 18, 2016 at 2:00 P.M..

Premises known as 4052 GRACE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466. Block 4980 Lot 20.

ALL that certain lot, 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$562,289.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment

Index No 380098/13.
JEFFREY E. DINOWITZ, ESQ., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. WINSTON ISAAC; et al; Defendant(s)

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

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

On April 18, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1519 Commonwealth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460

Block: 3917 Lot: 42
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected situated, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as part of Lot No. 110 in Block "C" on a certain map entitled, "Map of Property belonging to Hudson P. Rose, known as the Mages Estate, West Farms, New York City" filed in the Register's Office of the City and County of New York on February 16, 1896 under Map No. 430.

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

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

INDEX NO. 381130/08
FRANCIS J. APICELLA, ESQ., REFEREE

N.L. Britton, botanist, established Botanical Garden

Nathaniel Lord Britton was one of those rare individuals born to nature. Even as a young boy he was enamored by plants and the natural world around him. He was born on January 15, 1859 on Staten Island and had the good fortune to have nurturing parents and neighbors with an interest in science. One of those neighbors was John Strong Newberry, a professor of geology and mineralogy at Columbia College. Upon graduation from the Staten Island Academy, he was enrolled in the Columbia College School of Mines where he began his course of studies in 1875.

He graduated in 1879 as an engineer of mines and so great was his aptitude and knowledge that he was immediately given the position of assistant instructor. During that same year he worked as a field assistant with the Geological Survey of New Jersey and collected fossil specimens with his friend Arthur Hollick in the Wyoming Territory. The two also published "The Flora of Richmond County," the first of many, many works. They were very active in the Torrey

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Club, an early botanical organization. It was at that club where he met Elizabeth Gertrude Knight, who would later become his wife. She also became one of the world's leading experts on moss.

Britton received his doctorate degree from Columbia in 1881 and published his thesis "A Preliminary Catalogue of the Flora of New Jersey" that same year. He continued his work with Columbia advancing in position along the way. He also continued publishing papers on all facets of botany becoming known as one of the leading experts in the nation. One of the Torrey Club outings took him to the Bronx and he immediately fell in love with the area and would one day make it his home. When visiting England with his wife they discovered the Royal Botanic Garden at Kew Gardens and upon their return Elizabeth gave an impassioned speech to

the Torrey Club and the seeds for the Botanical Garden in the Bronx were sown.

It was not until 1892, however, that the state legislation set aside 250 acres of Bronx Park and \$250,000 to make this dream come true. The following year Cornelius Vanderbilt presided over a meeting of the leading citizens of the day and plans were made to raise another half a million dollars to place the new botanical garden on a strong financial foundation. Plans moved ahead rapidly with the support of Vanderbilt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Seth Low, and other leading members of society. The site chosen in the Bronx proved ideal as the Lorillard family had maintained and developed their property with care. It even included a grove of hemlocks.

When the New York Botanical Garden was fully established in 1895, Britton gave



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up his position at Columbia to become the first director-in-chief. He was also a member of their first board of managers along with Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt II, and J. Pierpont Morgan. He finally gave up the position of director in 1929 to pursue his botanical research in warmer climates. His wife, Elizabeth, who

worked with him at the Garden since they helped establish it so many years earlier passed away on February 25, 1934 and he followed her in death on June 25, just four months later. One thing that seems certain is that there would be no Botanical Garden in the Bronx without Nathaniel Lord Britton and his wife, Elizabeth.

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NOTICE OF SALE
RIMBAMBITO LLC, et al v. JOSEPH FLORIANO, et al. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 24, 2015, bearing index no. 35035/2013E, I will sell at public auction on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 2:00 PM in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451 the premises known as 1057 Morris Park Ave, Bronx, NY (Block: 4129, Lot(s): 37). Premises sold subject to filed Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale. Judgment amount \$719,084.89 plus interest and costs. Steven J. Baker, Esq., Referee. Harry Zubli Esq., attorney for plaintiff (516) 487-5777.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. COUNTRYWIDE BANK, A DIVISION OF TREASURY BANK, N.A., Plif. vs. PAUL S. APPELTON, et al, Defts. Index #381426/08. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated June 18, 2010, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 727 East 136th St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 2565, Lot 74. Said property located on the Northerly side of 136th St., 321.1 ft. Easterly from the corner formed by the Northerly line of 136th St. with the Easterly line of Southern Blvd., being a plot 25 ft. x 100 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$354,970.08 plus costs and interest. This is a First Mortgage. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. STEVEN J. BAKER, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC, Attys. for Plif., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 20082 - #88144

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF BRONX
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAPB LLC TRUST 2007-AB1, Plaintiff, AGAINST EDWARD MEJIA AKA EDWARD A. MEJIA, MARITZA MEJIA-TIRADO, et al. Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered January 13, 2016
I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451 on April 25, 2016 at 2:00pm premises known as 223 WEST 252ND STREET, BRONX, NY 10471
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. Block 5834 and Lot 3012
Approximate amount of judgment \$622,823.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #35046/2013E
SERGIO MARQUEZ, ESQ., Referee,
Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. H & R BLOCK BANK, A FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, Plif. vs. CISLYN CRISP, et al, Defts. Index #35099/2013E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Jan. 14, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Apr. 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2232 Light St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4950, Lot 42. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$598,422.98 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LORRAINE COYLE, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Plif., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 39890 - #87861

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 380097/14
PRISCILLA A. BRITO A/K/A PRISCILLA BRITO, CINTHIA DE LEON A/K/A CINTHIA DELEON A/K/A CINTHIA P. DELEON, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 2/9/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 5/9/2016 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2784 Pond Place, Bronx, NY 10458, 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 3289 and Lot 11.
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$554,088.05 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380097/14.
Joseph Jednak, Esq., Referee.
STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 187 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743
Dated: 3/8/2016 File Number: 201201996 PB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-C, MORTGAGE-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-C, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 380115/13
GEORGE GONZALEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Courthouse on 12/21/2015, I, the undersigned Referee,

will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/2/2016 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1015 Quincy Ave, Bronx, NY 10465, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 5534 and Lot 29.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$696,995.19 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380115/13.

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

James U. Notice, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504
Dated: 3/1/2016 GNS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
CP-SRMOF II 2012-A TRUST, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY A TRUSTEE, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 35071/2012
ATIBA KALONJI DEY, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 1/12/2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/9/2016 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 1339 Chisholm St., Bronx, NY, and described as follows

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 2971 and Lot 29.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$624,167.28 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 35071/2012.

Devyn Humphrey, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 3/9/16 File Number: 25988 GMH

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK-BRONX/WESTCHESTER, Plaintiff, vs. ANGEL HERNANDEZ, ET AL.,

Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 29, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 260 Underhill Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3454 and Lot 38. Approximate amount of judgment is \$287,871.27 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35121/2014E.

Iman Akbar, Esq., Referee
Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX
US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc. 2007- AHL1, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-AHL1, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Thyce Mattis; et al., Defendant(s)
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 26, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on April 18, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2919 Holland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4547 Lot 48. Approximate amount of judgment \$729,645.38 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380568/12.

Christopher Marengo, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: March 1, 2016
#87936

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK - BRONX/WESTCHESTER, Plaintiff, vs. RACHEL AVGUSH, DORON AVGUSH, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 08, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on May 02, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 6015 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5955 and Lot 614. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,473,753.75 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381050/10.

Joyce Brown, Esq., Referee
Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Barbara C. Graves, Keith Graves, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2-18-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, NY on 5-9-2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 603 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451. 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: 2353, LOT: 47 Approximate amount of judgment \$396,264.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35110/2012E. Gerald S. Leonescu, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-056471-F00

LEGAL NOTICE

REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff - against - DONNA THOMPSON, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 24, 2015. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York on the 25th Day of April, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Premises known as 4038 Wilder Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY 10466. (Block: 4984, Lot: 15)

Approximate amount of lien \$129,993.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 381107/2013. Joseph Vozza, Esq., Referee.
Davidson Sink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700
Rochester, NY 14614-1990
Tel. 585/760-8218
Dated: March 03, 2016

GIBSON'S WOMEN'S HERSTORY CELEBRATION

Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson commemorated several exemplary community leaders at last Wednesday, March 30's 'Women of Distinction: A Celebration of Women's HerStory Month' held at the Mullaly Recreational Community Center. Co-sponsored by Gibson and SCAN New York, this year's honorees were Rev. Wendy Calderon-Payne, BronxConnect executive director; Leticia Rodriguez-Rosario, superintendent District 9; Musu Drammeh, Cultural African Preservation founder and president; Thomasina Bushby, Community Board 5 secretary and Meisha Ross-Porter, superintendent District 11. Author and vice president of operations for the New York City Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Sulma Arzu-Brown and nationally recognized civil rights leaders and anti-violence advocate Tamika Mallory served as the evening's guest speakers.



Councilwoman Gibson (l) congratulates guest speaker and honoree Sulma Arzu-Brown on her success.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago



Thomasina Bushby (l) graciously accepts her proclamation from the councilwoman.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago



Musu Drammeh (l) proudly displays her proclamation.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago

HEALTHFIRST WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AWARDS

Healthfirst hosted their first annual Women's History Month Community Awards Celebration last Thursday, March 31 at Maestro's Caterers to recognize the ground breakers and 'herstory makers' of our time. This year's distinguished honorees included Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene; District Attorney Darcel Clark; Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras; Councilwoman Annabel Palma; Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson; Dr. Rosie Mills, William Hodson Senior Center executive director; Lisa Kenner, Van Dyke I Houses Resident Association president; C. Virginia Fields, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. president; Elba Cornielle, Boston Road Pediatrics administrator; Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Paloma Izquierdo-Hernandez, Urban Health Plan president and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson.



Ann Tripp (l) and George Hulse, Healthfirst External Affairs vice president, congratulate honorees Councilwoman Gibson and Deputy Borough President Greene on their success.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago



George Hulse and Ann Tripp present honoree C. Virginia Fields (c) with her award.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago

COUNCILMAN ANDY KING & P.S. 87 CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS

Councilman Andy King, Subcommittee on Libraries chairman, celebrated the literary works of beloved author, Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known by his nom de plume, 'Dr. Seuss', with the Unity Neighborhood Center at P.S. 87. Dressed to impress, King wore the Cat in the Hat's iconic red and white striped top hat as he, the school's principal Donna Anaman and several volunteers read various Dr. Seuss works to more than 50 children.

Wearing the Cat in the Hat's trademark top hat, Councilman King joined P.S. 87 students in celebrating Dr. Seuss' iconic literary works last Tuesday.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Andy King's Office



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

PNC Bank, National Association
successor in interest to National City
Real Estate Services, LLC, successor
by Merger to National City Mortgage,
Inc., formerly known as National City
Mortgage Co., Plaintiff

AGAINST
Maria Olmeda; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
December 21, 2015 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New
York on May 2, 2016 at 2:00PM,
premises known as 2678 Bailey
Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. All that
certain plot piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, Block 3239 Lot 29.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$168,699.74 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
380809/10.

Youngik Yoon, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: March 10, 2016- #88002

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
October 15, 2014 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse in Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor),
Bronx, on May 09, 2016 at 2:00PM,
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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR
AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE
ASSETS TRUST 2007-5 MORTGAGE-
BACKED PASS-THROUGH

CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5,
Plaintiff.

-Against-
ARTHUR E. DIMELLA, JR., et al.,
Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment of
foreclosure and sale granted on or
about March 19, 2012, I the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx NY on April 18, 2016
at 02:00 pm. Premises known as:

24 Pennyfield Ave, Unit 1C, Bronx,
New York 10465

Block: 5529 Lot: 1103

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

Approximate Amount of Judgment:
\$638,850.48 plus interest and costs.

Index No.: 382698-09

Lisa Jadian, Esq. REFEREE
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.,
Attorney for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot
Street, Suite 210 New Rochelle, New
York 10801

Dated: February 25, 2016

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff, vs. ROY PATTERSON,
DOROTHY PATTERSON, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on
September 09, 2015, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on
May 02, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 721 East 219 Street, Bronx,
NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, Block 4667 and Lot 41. Premises
will be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index # 380173/14.

Bianka Perez, Esq., Referee
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy
& Fenchel, P.C., 00 Garden City Plaza,
Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

US Bank National Association, as
Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston
Mortgage Securities Corp., CSAB
Mortgage-Backed Trust 2006-2, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Shirley Brown; Trevor Brown; et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April
23, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction in Room 600, of
the Bronx County Courthouse, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on
May 2, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises
known as 814 East 214th Street a/k/a
812-814 East 214th Street, Bronx, NY
10467. All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and

improvements erected, situate, lying and
being in the, Borough and County of
Bronx, City and State of New York,
Block 4672 Lot 42. Approximate
amount of judgment \$477,877.05 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be
sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index# 381274/11.

Leonard Charles Alo, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: March 10, 2016- #88019

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

Deutsche Bank National Trust
Company, as Trustee for Fremont Home
Loan Trust Series 2006-3, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Isaiah Obaro-Best; et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March
13, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction in Room 600,
Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, New York on May 9,
2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as
3010 Wilson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469.
All that certain plot piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying and
being in the Borough and County of
Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4589
Lot 12. Approximate amount of
judgment \$501,976.16 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
381432/11.

Michael Bloomfield, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, NY 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: March 9, 2016- #88007

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

FIRST AMERICAN CAPITAL LLC,
Plaintiff -against- CALVIN HILL,
VERICA HILL, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered herein and dated July
3, 2008, I, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction at the Bronx
Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April
18, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. premises lying
and being in the Borough of Bronx. In
the Condominium known as "The
Parkchester South Condominium".
Together with an undivided .0137
percent interest in the common
elements assigned to Unit Number 8C.

Said premises known as 28
METROPOLITAN OVAL, UNIT 8C,
BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$
55,419.13 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 24211/2004.
WILLIAM F. MACKEY, ESQ.,
Referee
McGovern & Amodio, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
2 William Street, White Plains NY,
10601

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

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

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

pursuant to a Final Judgment of
Foreclosure dated July 2, 2010, and
entered in the Office of the Clerk of the
County of BRONX, wherein INDYMAC
BANK, F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and
MOHAMMAD R. ISLAM, ET AL. are the
Defendant(s). I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 851
GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY
10451, on April 25, 2016 at 2:00pm,
premises known as 1243 COLLEGE
AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10456: Block:
2439, Lot: 67

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff against
SAFRAZ JAMALUDIN; SHAMEEZA
JAMALUDIN, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered on
December 28, 2015.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 18th day
of April, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 2383
Bathgate Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10458.

Tax account number: SBL # :
3055-62.

Approximate amount of lien \$
378,474.97 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35178-2014E.
Christopher J. Marengo, Esq., Referee.
Fein Such & Crane, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1800
Rochester, New York 14614
(585) 232-7400

LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION
File No. 2014-1845

SURROGATE'S COURT, Bronx
County

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and
Independent

TO: Victor Michael Dunbar, Michelle
Elizabeth Dunbar, Earline Deloris
Thompson Williams

To: Michael Dunbar whose
whereabouts are unknown and after due
diligence cannot be ascertained, if they
be living and if they be dead, to their
heirs at law, distributees, executors,
administrators, creditors, lienors, their
husbands or wives or successors in
interest and to the unknown heirs at law
and next of kin of Elizabeth Thompson,
deceased, if they be 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
Denise A. DeShane who is/are
domiciled at 30 Lincoln Plaza, Apt 24D,
New York, New York 10023.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO
SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's
Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New
York, on April 21, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in
the forenoon of that day, why a decree
should not be made in the estate of
Elizabeth Thompson lately domiciled at
775 Concourse Village East, 14E,
Bronx, New York 10451, United States
admitting to probate a Will dated May
28, 2014 a copy of which is attached, as
the Will of Elizabeth Thompson
deceased, relating to real and personal
property, and directing that: Letters
Testamentary issue to Denise A. De
Shane

Dated, Attested and Sealed,
March 10, 2016
Seal
HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate
Michael P. Hauser
Chief Clerk
Steven W. Wolfe
(Name of Attorney)
Eaton & Van Winkle LLP
(Firm)
3 Park Avenue, 16th Floor, New
York, NY 10016
(Address)
(212) 561-3647
(Telephone)

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the relief requested. You have a right to
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\$22M and not a drop to drink; E'chester Rd. sewer project set

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ing the area embraced the project, citing the environmental benefits to the creek.

Initial reaction from Community Board 11, however, indicates that there is concern about the impact the project could have on traffic, said its district manager Jeremy Warneke.

Regarding the project, Congress-

man Joseph Crowley stated that he was encouraged to see DEP making the investment. Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. concurred.

"This is a significant investment in the infrastructure of our borough, one that will lead to a cleaner Westchester Creek and improve the overall quality of the borough's environment," said Diaz.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto called waterways a precious resource and he commended DEP for minimizing the impact of overflow wastewater into Westchester Creek.

The reconstruction has been a long time in the making, said Councilman James Vacca. It will benefit the Ferry Point community and Lehman High School, both located adjacent to the creek, he said.

The councilman's office received many complaints about the odor and appearance of the creek, and the issue has dogged the body of water since his time as Community Board 10's district manager, a decade or more ago.

"I think it has been apparent for years; anyone who looks at Westchester Creek knows that this project is long overdue," said Vacca. "We have had an overflow situation for some time, and we need something to prevent pollution here."

The councilman said that it was

important to make sure that all of Westchester Creek was cleaned up, and not just part of it, and this project is an inclusive approach to that end.

This project will definitely upgrade Westchester Creek tremendously.

Dotti Poggi

Dotti Poggi, of the Friends of Ferry Point Park, believes that when the project comes to fruition, it will be good for the channel of water.

"This project will definitely upgrade Westchester Creek tremendously," she said, adding that the water quality still will not be improved enough to make it safe for swimming, a long-range goal of hers.

She said she expects this project to be an incremental step in improving the creek's water quality.

Something definitely needs to be done about the creek, said Warneke, but some CB 11 members are also concerned about the impact on traffic where the construction will occur.

"I foresee disruption," the district manager said, explaining that the thoroughfare that will be dug up to reach the regulators includes two bus lines and a number of businesses.



The red stars show where the two regulators that will be upgraded are located: Eastchester Road near Waters Place and Eastchester Road near Morris Park Avenue.

Photo courtesy of DEP

Former principal blasts P.S. 89

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about Martinez, she received the first unsatisfactory rating of her career.

As a result of the chaos at P.S. 89, Guzzone was diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder. "I am still in contact with teachers there - and everyone is afraid to speak up."

"There should be an anonymous petition sheet for parents, teachers

and even students to complain about him," said a former teacher of P.S. 89 who wished to remain anonymous to avoid any confrontations with Martinez in the future.

The rally demanding the immediate ouster of principal Martinez took place outside of P.S. 89 on Thursday, March 17.

Martinez did not reply to the Bronx Times requests for comment.

Bronx Parks Department destroys victim's memorial

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To provide warmth and comfort he ignited a charcoal grill heater inside the tent to counter the frigid cold winter weather, according to his dad.

His parents believe Merchant miscalculated the tent's ventilation and shortly after he laid down to sleep, he suffered asphyxiation and died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the city's medical examiner.

Earlier reports attributed his death to a suicide.

Merchant's body was discovered in the tent about six weeks later by a Park Ranger. A funeral service was held for

Eric on April 1.

Last July, Eric's father Michael set up a 225-square foot memorial to honor his late son at the wooded area where he perished.

The memorial consisted of a three-foot metal cross, flowers, a bird feeder, Rosary beads, branches, messages and photos commemorating Eric's life.

Early last month, NYC Parks removed the memorial, including the metal cross, which had been cemented deep into the ground.

According to a Parks statement, it removed the memorial shortly after it was discovered, because placement of such displays are against Parks' rules and regulations.

The statement also stated that overnight camping is never permitted, as the curfew at Pelham Bay Park and all other non-playground sites in the Bronx is 10 p.m.

However, Michael is still determined to find a way to preserve a memorial site in Pelham Bay Park for his late son, even if it is against Parks policy.

"I understand that he (Eric) wasn't supposed to be in the park at that time, but I'm hoping that Parks will make an exception in this case," Michael said. "It's a remote area and there haven't been too many deaths like this in the park so I'm hoping that they (Parks) will let us have a site for him."



Memorial site for Eric Merchant.

Photo courtesy of Michael Merchant



Memorial site for Eric Merchant.

Photo courtesy of Michael Merchant

Michael added that because his son's body was so severely decomposed after one and half months in the park the family cremated his remains.

"Pelham Bay Park is over 2,700 acres and they won't let us have 225-square feet for a memorial space?" the dad said.

Merchant thanked Parks for all the

assistance they provided the family early on.

Parks even offered to plant trees in Eric's honor.

Michael Merchant is insisting on a memorial and said that he will soon begin collecting signatures on a petition to get the project approved by Parks.

LEGAL NOTICE

ACCOUNTING CITATION
File No. 2013-658/B
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent,

TO: Sonia Clark; Adriane Sean Baptist; Attorney General; JOHN DOE, as father of the Carlton Williams a/k/a Carlton Rahssan Williams, decedent, whose identity and whereabouts are unknown if living, or if dead, to his respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; and

The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of CARLTON WILLIAMS a/k/a CARLTON RAHSSAN WILLIAMS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence;

A Petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336, Bronx, New York 10451;

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451 on May 10, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the Court should not grant the following relief: (1) that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of CARLTON WILLIAMS a/k/a CARLTON RAHSSAN WILLIAMS, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 1545 Archer Road, 3H, Bronx NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$974.23 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$487.11 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$487.12 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Rodman & Campbell, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; (3) that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); (4) that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2301 and 1106 (1) & (2) be allowed; (5) that the father of the decedent, whose identity and whereabouts are unknown, should be disqualified from receiving a distributive share pursuant EPTL 4-1.4(a); (6) that, if the father of the decedent, whose identity and whereabouts are unknown, is not disqualified pursuant to EPTL 4-1.4(a) that his distributive share be paid to NYC Commissioner of Finance f/b/o JOHN DOE, as father of the Carlton Williams a/k/a Carlton Rahssan Williams; (7) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to Sonia Clark and Adriane Sean Baptist as the decedent's sole distributees; (8) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ
Surrogate

Chief Clerk
Dated, Attested and Sealed,
March 29, 2016
Attorney for Petitioner(s): RODMAN AND CAMPBELL, P.C. Tel. No. (718) 882-2681
Address of Attorney: 1428 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York 10469
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LEGAL NOTICE

ACCOUNTING CITATION
File No. 2014-2179/A
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent,

CITATION
TO: Attorney General of the State of New York; NYC Department of Social Services; and

Hermin Noble whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence and

The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of MELBOURNE BARRETT, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence;

A Petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336, Bronx, New York 10451;

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451 on April 19, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the Court should not grant the following relief: (1) that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of MELBOURNE BARRETT, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 3377 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$1,807.42 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$903.11 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$903.11 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Rodman & Campbell, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; (3) that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); (4) that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106 (1) & (2) be allowed; (5) that the claim of NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$22,776.70 be allowed; (6) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; (7) that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant pursuant to SCPA

2225 if appropriate; (8) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ
Surrogate
Michael P. Hausler
Chief Clerk
Dated, Attested and Sealed,
February 26, 2016

Attorney for Petitioner(s): RODMAN AND CAMPBELL, P.C. Tel. No. (718) 882-2681
Address of Attorney: 1428 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York 10469

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LEGAL NOTICE

File No: 2009/1740

CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT, TO: KALIEF MARTIN, an incapacitated person, DOLORES SERRANO, As the Guardian of the Person & the property of KALIEF MARTIN, an incapacitated person over the age of 21. 1199 SEIU Funds, National Benefit Fund, ALAN MARTIN aka ALLAN MARTIN, whose whereabouts are unknown if living or dead to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors, & creditors in interest whose names are unknown & cannot be ascertained after due diligence & to the ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK Being persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees or otherwise of the ESTATE of RONALD MARTIN, deceased who at the time of his death resided at 2940 Parsell Ave., Bronx NY, 10469, A petition having been duly filed by DOROTHY MARTIN who is domiciled at 3164, Fenton Ave., Bronx NY, 10469 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogates Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx County at room 406, Bronx, NY on May 10, 2016 at 9:30 AM WHY the account of the proceedings of DOROTHY MARTIN as administratrix of the Estate of RONALD MARTIN, deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled & WHY the Administratrix should not be empowered to compromise & settle a certain claim for wrongful death against MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL for the sum of \$280,000.00 settled per Supreme Court Order of Hon Judge McKeon dated March 18, 2014 & to discontinue any claim for conscious pain & suffering &, WHY the provisions in the limited letters of Administration issued to the Petitioner dated March 3, 2010, restraining the compromise or collecting upon aforesaid claim, & cause of action, should not be modified to permit said compromise & WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with & WHY the claim of 1199 SEIU (National Benefit Fund) in the amount of \$9,126.54 should be rejected & WHY the net recovery of \$182,968.75 minus a lien of \$9,126.54 to be paid to 1199 SEIU (National Benefit fund) should not be allocated to the cause of action for decedent's wrongful Death and WHY after the attorneys fees, disbursements & lien payments, the net balance of the settlement to wit the sum of \$173,842.21 (plus interest accrued) should not be distributed to those distributees having sustained pecuniary

loss as follows: 100% of the balance to DOROTHY MARTIN widow of the decedent & WHY upon payments as hereinbefore mentioned, said Administratrix should not be permitted to execute & deliver general releases & all other necessary papers to the defendant Montefiore Hospital or defendants insurance company, releasing them from all claims against them arising out of the aforesaid action for wrongful death, together with any & all papers necessary to effectuate said compromise. DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED, 24 March, 2016 Hon. Judge Nelida Malave Gonzalez County Surrogate
Chief Clerk Michael Hausler
Rhona A Silverman Esq. 16 Squadron Blvd, New City NY 10956 917-593-7063

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids are requested Bronx Charter School for the Arts: FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM, 950 Longfellow Avenue, Bronx, NY 10474, April 20, 2016. An RFP can be obtained by emailing mtaylor-myke@bronxarts.net . A pre-bid conference is scheduled for 2:30 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 2016. Sealed bids must be mailed only (no drop-offs) and received by 2:00 PM, Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Bids will be opened April 20, 2016, at 2:15 PM.

LEGAL NOTICE

Index No. 35435/2015E
Date filed: April 28, 2015
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Premises being foreclosed: 2065 St. Raymonds Avenue, 1H
Bronx, NY 10462
ACTION TO FORECLOSE
MORTGAGE ON PROPERTY
SITUATED IN
BRONX COUNTY
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,
-against-
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of America,
Defendant(s).
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TO THE ABOVE 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 Plaintiffs attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of the Summons exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. In case of your failure to appear, or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in this Complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Bronx County, dated Jan. 27, 2016 and filed with the complaint and others papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on July 3, 2014 in CRFN 2014000224068, covering premises k/a 2065 St. Raymonds Avenue, IH, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3943, Lot 3522.

Plaintiff designates BRONX County as the place for trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

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Dated: February 25, 2016 Carle Place, New York
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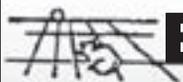
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SUMMONS, NOTICE AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF NATURE OF ACTION CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Index No. 35717/2015E STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff, -against- IMOGENE FOWLER as heir to the ESTATE OF CONSTANCE GARCIA (deceased); ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTANCE GARCIA AND ANY OF HER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; et al., Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT(S): ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTANCE GARCIA AND ANY OF HER SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of Bronx. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of Bronx, New York. 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 YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Mary Ann Briganti, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on the 8th day of March, 2016, in Bronx, New York and to be duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office, in Bronx, New York. The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property owned by the above named defendants as specified in the complaint filed in this action. The above named defendants have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a judgment foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and premises

which situates in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York and is commonly known as UNIT #1016, 825A Trinity Avenue, Apartment G1, Bronx, New York 14056 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. DATED: March 22, 2016 SCHILLER, KNAPP, LEFKOWITZ & HERTZEL, LLP BY: WILLIAM B. SCHILLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 950 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110 Telephone: (518) 786-9069

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS- SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-2, Plaintiff, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF THE ESTATE OF TOMA ZONEA, ZOITA ZONEA, DONALD QUIRKE AS APPOINTED FIDUCIARY FOR THE ESTATE OF SEAN QUIRKE and AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY QUIRKE, DEIRDRE AMERLING f/k/a DEIRDRE M. QUIRKE individually and AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY QUIRKE, THERESA GEORGIO a/k/a TERRY GEORGIO f/k/a THERESA P. QUIRKE individually and AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY QUIRKE, JOHN QUIRKE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MARY QUIRKE, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF THE ESTATE OF MARY QUIRKE, and JOHN DOE #1-10, the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons, or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest in the premises described in the complaint, Defendants. Index No.: 23130/2015E, Premises: 3631 Tibbett Avenue, Bronx, New York 10463, Block 5768, Lot 858 TO EACH OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the verified complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the verified complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and, in case of your failure to appear, or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the verified complaint. Dated: New York, New York June 5, 2015 This is an action brought pursuant to Article 15 of the Real Property Actions and Proceedings Law seeking to compel the re-execution of a duplicate original deed conveying title to the Premises to TOMA ZONEA dated December 23, 2004, or, in the alternative, seeking an order directing the Office of the City Register to accept a duplicate copy of the Deed for recordation, among other relief. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Mary Ann Briganti, J.S.C. filed February 25, 2016.

ADAM LEITMAN BAILEY, P.C. Counsel for Plaintiff Deutsche Bank By: Jackie Halpern Weinstein, Esq. 120 Broadway, 17th Floor New York, New York 10271 Tel: 212.825.0365 x1970 [not for Fax: 212.825.0999] service of Email: jweinstein@ablawfirm.com. }papers

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No.: 32070/2015E Date of Filing: March 15, 2016 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX LIBERTY HOME EQUITY SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, .

-against- CHRISTINA GALOPPE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF WILLIAM GALOPPE; MARIA GALOPPE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF WILLIAM GALOPPE; MELISSA GALOPPE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF WILLIAM GALOPPE; NICHOLAS GALOPPE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF WILLIAM GALOPPE; VINCENT GALOPPE AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF WILLIAM GALOPPE; JOHN DOE 1 THROUGH 50; JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM GALOPPE WHO WAS BORN IN 1941 AND DIED ON MAY 26, 2015, A RESIDENT OF BRONX COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 424 HARDING PARK, BRONX, NY 10473. THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF; ATLANTIC CREDIT & FINANCE, INC.; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HP HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; BRONX SUPREME COURT; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES," SAID NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS, PARTIES INTENDED BEING POSSIBLE TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES, AND CORPORATIONS, OTHER ENTITIES OR PERSONS WHO CLAIM, OR MAY CLAIM, A LIEN AGAINST THE PREMISES, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s)

within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, 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.

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YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Mary Ann Briganti of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on March 8, 2016, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, State of New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by WILLIAM GALOPPE to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR LIBERTY HOME EQUITY SOLUTIONS, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS bearing date January 30, 2014 and recorded in CRFN: 2014000085057 in the County of Bronx on March 12, 2014.

Thereafter the aforesaid instruments were assigned to LIBERTY HOME EQUITY SOLUTIONS, INC. by assignment of mortgage dated July 31, 2015 and recorded on August 17, 2015 in the office of clerk of Bronx County in CRFN: 2015000285199.

Said premises being known as and by 424 Harding Park, Bronx, NY 10473. Date: ..February 19, 2016

Batavia, New York Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue Batavia, NY 14620 585.815.0288

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF RICHLAND, IN THE FAMILY COURT

Kevin Quimby and Valaura K. Quimby

vs. Sabrina Carpenick and Patrick Gordon

Case #: 2015-DR-40-2991 SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT SABRINA CARPENICK:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which the original is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Family Court, for Richland County and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their office of Moore Taylor Law Firm, 1700 Sunset Boulevard, Post Office Box 5709, West Columbia, South Carolina 29171, within thirty (30) days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. MOORE TAYLOR LAW FIRM, P.A.

WILLIAM B. FORTINO, ESQUIRE Attorney for Plaintiffs TO THE DEFENDANT SABRINA CARPENICK:

TAKE NOTICE that the Summons in the above-entitled action, of which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Complaint herein were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Family Court, for Richland County on the August 14, 2015.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Sean Connolly

Maybe it me but, boxers in today's world seem to forget what their coaches taught them in the beginning of their studying of the sweet science of boxing. Boxing programs throughout the metro area, the coaches teach their boxers the values that they need in everyday life. Programs like the Cops and Kids under the guidance of Retired NYPD Pat Russo and the great Teddy Atlas help get the kids off the streets and make them study their school work. They should not look up to Boxers like Adrien Broner.

Adrien Broner defeated Ashley Theophane with ninth-round knockout victory. Broner dominated the fight. His nickname is The Problem. That name fits him perfectly. He was 4 ounces over the 140 pound limit. He had to give 50,000 to Theophane, also Broner was stripped of his title. But that is only the beginning of his "Problem", Broner has two outstanding warrants for his arrest in his home state of Ohio for felony assault and aggravated robbery in connection to an incident during the early morning hours of Jan. 21. He is accused of assaulting a man and robbing him of \$12,000 at gunpoint outside a bowling alley. Broner, who allegedly lost the money to the victim during a night of high-stakes betting on bowling games, allegedly knocked him unconscious outside the bowling alley after a confrontation and took the money. After the fight Broner had the nerve to call out retired Champ Floyd "Money Maker" Mayweather. Floyd was scene laughing at him. The crowd responded with a mix of jeers, boos, and laughter. Broner went back to Cincinnati to turn himself to face the chargers. Adrien thought maybe if fights Floyd, he might be able to afford the lawyers to help him stay out of prison.

The New York State Senate finally approved a bill to
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REILLY NAMED JASPERS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Manhattan College introduced new Athletic Director Marianne Reilly, an alum of the school, at a press conference last week.

Manhattan College Athletics/Mike McLaughlin

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Manhattan College brought home one of its own to be the school's new athletic director.

It formally introduced Marianne Reilly, who graduated in 1982, during a press conference at the school on March 31. She even brought her old Jaspers women's basketball jersey and travel bag with her.

Reilly is the first female athletic director in school history and the third in the MAAC. She was one of four finalists before earning the job.

"I am thrilled to be home again," Reilly told reporters at the press conference.

He returns to Riverdale after 30 years working at Fordham University. She was elevated to Associate Athletic Director in 1996 and was the school's Senior Woman Administrator.

Her duties for the Rams in-

cluded oversee NCAA compliance and eligibility and serving as a sports administrator to a number of intercollegiate teams. She had a hand in hiring coaches including men's basketball, women's basketball, football and softball.

Reilly was also the sport administrator for women's basketball, which won the 2014 Atlantic 10 championship and the softball program, which has qualified for the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six seasons.

Reilly plans on spending time with the Manhattan athletics staff and student athletes right away. She plans on running a program defined by integrity and class without any exceptions.

"I promise we are going to do some special things at the college, so hop on board," Reilly aid.

She has hands-on experience in numerous areas of intercollegiate athletics and was also an elementary school teacher at PS 261 in the Bronx before joining the Fordham staff. Being an educator and not just a coach is something she stresses.

"All coaches are teachers," Reilly said. "They may be able to teach skills in their classroom or on their court or in the pool, but we all have to remember we are obligated to be educators."

At Fordham Reilly began as the Assistant Director of the Vincent T. Lombardi Memorial Center, which included intramural, club and lifetime sports as well as facility management. She was also an assistant coach with the Rams' women's basketball team and spent two years as the head coach at Mount St. Vincent.

Reilly played the sports for the Jaspers and was the first 1,000-point scorer in program history and the first woman inducted into the school's Hall of Fame.

"As a former athlete and coach Marianne has a deep understanding of the student athlete experience and all that goes into assuring the welfare of our student athletes," said Manhattan College President Brennan O'Donnell.

Reilly takes over for Noah LeFevre, who was fired in January. Interim Athletic Director Tom O'Connor and his search company Athletic Solutions Consulting, helped in the process of hiring Reilly.

"We have found the best possible individual to lead our Division I Intercollegiate athletic program," said Richard Satterlee, Vice President for Student Life,

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All-Bronx Boys' Basketball Honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx remained home to a plethora of the city's top teams and players during another exciting season on the hardwood.

Cardinal Hayes surprised much of the city by winning the CHSAA Archdiocesan regular season and diocesan title with a very young roster filling in around senior stars. St. Raymond didn't have the year everyone expected, but still reached the diocesan title game and lost a double overtime thriller to Christ the King in the Intercessional quarterfinals.

Wings made another run for a PSAL Class AA city title, despite losing its three top players from a team that won the Federation crown in 2015. The Wings reach the semifinals before losing to eventual champ Jefferson.

The Bronx did see one citywide champion when KIPP NYC took home its first PSAL Class B crown to cap a perfect league season. The senior-laden Bulldogs saw their season end in heartbreak when a questionable late whistle cost them a chance to play for a state title.

All these amazing years means plenty of incredible players. Here are the ones dubbed the best in The Bronx:

**ALL-BRONX
PLAYER OF THE YEAR
CLIVE ALLEN,
CARDINAL HAYES**

Sure the Cardinals had plenty of good young players, but they don't have the year they did without the steady play of the Robert Morris-bound senior. Allen still averaged 21 points per game while make his teammates better around him. He had 28 points in just three quarter versus St. Ray's at home and had 18 of his 20 points in the second half of the diocesan title game. Allen carried Hayes when he needed too.

**ALL-BRONX
COACH OF THE YEAR
JOE LODS,
CARDINAL HAYES**

This easily could have been a down year for the Cardinals and no one would have though twice because of their youth. Instead Lods and assistant coach Tim Phillip trusted their young players and let them learn on the job. He pushed his senior to lead and Hayes won 11 straight league games before losing to Xaverian in the Intersectional quarterfinals.

**ALL-BRONX
FIRST TEAM
F PEDRO MARQUEZ,
CARDINAL HAYES**

The senior wasn't a household name when the year began be he shot his way into the upper echelon of players the CHSAA. Marquez averaged 10 points per game but picked up his play in some of the year's biggest games. He had eight of his 14 points in the fourth quarter



Cardinal Hayes coach Joe Lods (r.) is the All-Bronx Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year. Photo by Robert Cole



Cardinal Hayes senior guard Clive Allen is the All-Bronx Boys' Basketball Player of the Year. Photo by Robert Cole

against St. Ray's and beat the Ravens at the buzzer the second time.

**G BOUBACAR KAMISSOKO,
WINGS ACADEMY**

The junior guard took his game up to another level in the post season. Kamissoko went from averaging 12 points to 16 in the playoffs. He was an explosive scorer who collects points in bunches, especially when his three-balls are going down. That was huge in a Bronx borough final win over Kennedy.

**F JOSE PEREZ,
WINGS ACADEMY**

Perez filled the leadership void and near for dependable scorer after all that Wings left. The junior averaged 17.5 points and 8.3 rebounds per game to help his team to another division and Bronx

title. Perez, a smooth shooter, made scoring 20 points look easy in a quarterfinal win over Construction.

**G ISAIAH WASHINGTON,
ST. RAYMOND**

Washington shook of a sluggish sophomore season and matured into one of the city's most dynamic all-around players. The junior point guard averaged 16.8 points per game and often carried the scoring load for the Ravens. He did that while still making his teammates around him better.

**F SIDNEY WILSON,
ST. RAYMOND**

Wilson was one of the city's most dynamic players. The junior continues to score inside and out and posted a 42-point game this sea-

son. Wilson, also an excellent shot blocker, averaged a team-leading 17.1 points per contest. He helped the Raven reach the Archdiocesan title game for the second straight year.

**SECOND TEAM
G JUSTIN BATIZ,
KENNEDY**

The senior wing was the real deal and one of the city's most underrated players. Camera could stroke a three as easily as he could get to the hoop for two when he was going well. The excellent rebounder and defender averaged 16.4 points and 5.9 rebounds per contest.

**F TESHAUN BECKLES,
EAGLE ACADEMY**

Beckles was the lynch pin to the Eagles attack. He averaged 16 points and 6.5 rebounds per contest during the regular season and upped both those numbers in the post season. The Eagles are going to miss his presence.

**G ELIJAH BUCHANAN,
MOUNT ST. MICHAEL**

The junior enjoyed a big-time breakout season. He was second in the CHSAA Class AA league in scoring with 466 points, good enough for 21.2 per game. The Mountaineers found a star that is only getting better.

**G BARRON GOODRIDGE,
CARDINAL HAYES**

The dependable Goodridge was a big reason for the Cardinals' success. He provided needed leadership while averaging 10 points per contest. The senior was instrumental in orchestrating the Hayes offense.

**G KEVIN SAYLOR,
WINGS ACADEMY**

Saylor emerged as a quiet force for Wings this season. The silky smooth senior was consistently one of the team's leading scorers and a big-shot maker. He averaged 14 points and six rebounds per game.

HONORABLE MENTION

- F Bakary Camara, Kennedy
- F Jordan Cintron, DeWitt Clinton
- G Jordan Gaitley, Fordham Prep
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- F Sequan Singleton, Monsignor Scanlan
- G Omar Silverio, St. Raymon

Bonilla tosses perfect game against Spellman

BY TREY RODRIGUEZ

St. Raymond couldn't have kicked off its baseball season better than with a flawless first outing – a perfect game by senior starter Jeancarlos Bonilla.

Sophomore Justin Torres was 2-for-3 with two RBI in the 3-0 home CHSAA win over Cardinal Spellman on April 1. However, it was the pitchers' duel that brought the excitement. Bonilla finished the game with 13 strikeouts, keeping the pressure on hitters by getting ahead in the count early on.

"My team and I worked hard in the off-season," Bonilla said. "I just kept thinking of that and kept going, saying in my mind, 'One more inning, one more inning.'"

Bonilla would power through to the end, but not without a small scare in the seventh. He would end up falling to a three-ball count at one point, which St. Raymond coach Marc DeLuca admitted was the one point in the game in which he was even nervous. Bonilla was too.

"I was a little nervous," he said. "I just stayed with my mechanics. We were up 3-0. I had nothing to lose and I wanted to attack the hitters."

Bonilla would, of course, bounce back and keep the perfect game alive. Behind every pitcher is a flawless defense, helping secure a perfect game. Bonilla had encouraging words for his teammates, remind-



St. Raymond coach Marc DeLuca (r.) celebrates after senior Jeancarlos Bonilla's (l.) perfect game against Cardinal Spellman. Marc DeLuca

ing them to stay aggressive and always be ready. However, you don't actually utter the P-word.

"You don't say anything," De-

Luca said "You just let it go. It's one of those things where everyone knows what's going on, but the superstition of us athletes is

just don't talk about it. It's like an unwritten rule."

No words were needed, given Bonilla's performance. He had control of his fastball, curveball and changeup, all while entrusting the defense behind him to make plays by pitching for contact.

"The pitching coach and him were on the same page the whole time and there really wasn't a lot to do but watch and admire the performance," DeLuca said, "Anything we called he threw it and threw it well."

The Ravens were a young team last year that struggled often. They hope to build off their experience last year and get the program back on the right track. St. Raymond won the CHSAA Inter-sectional title three years ago.

"I feel like we're athletic, young and we have a lot of speed," Bonilla said. "Our defense is way better so I feel confident as a pitcher because I don't have to worry about striking guys out."

According to DeLuca, his players are very hungry, the seniors especially. Perhaps nobody is hungrier than Bonilla given his first performance of the spring. When asked what Bonilla had going so well in the flawless outing,

DeLuca responded with one word: "Everything."

Pipe Dreams

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legalize professional mixed martial arts bouts in New York. New York is one of the last states where the sport is illegal. The Senate bill was sponsored by Sen. Joe Griffo, R-Rome. The Senate, which voted 48-14, approved a MMA bill for the seventh consecutive year. It will now go to the state Assembly, which has never voted on the legislation. Gov. Andrew Cuomo asked lawmakers to legalize the sport for the first time in his state budget address. "As mixed martial arts continues to rise in popularity, these passionate athletes deserve to have the privilege of fighting safely and professionally in their own home state," Griffo said. "Since 2010, I have been relentless in my push to lift the statewide ban on professional MMA, and I am proud that we are now the closest we've ever come to joining the rest of the nation in legalizing this competitive sport."

The Ranger's still trying to get ready for their run at Lord Stanley. Rangers General Manager Jeff Gorton announced this week that the team has agreed to terms with free agent forward Adam Chapie. He is 24 years old, skated in 39 games with the UMass-Lowell River Hawks this season, registering 16 goals and 19 assists for 35 points, along with a plus-11 rating and 57 penalty minutes. The 6-1, 185-pounder skated in 148 collegiate games over four seasons with UMass-Lowell, registering 46 goals and 49 assists for 95 points, along with a plus-16 rating and 105 penalty minutes. Chapie averaged 0.88 points per game over his final two seasons with the River Hawks, registering 66 points (28 goals, 38 assists) in 75 games. Chapie recorded 12 or more goals in each of his final three seasons of collegiate hockey.

How many people had Vil-

lanova going against North Carolina in their brackets? I know that Kelly Knapp had chosen correctly. Another person having those two teams was the parents of Carolina's Nate Britt's. They are also the legal guardian of Nova's Kris Jenkins. One of the brothers will be cutting down the net. This is a game that movies are made out of. They might not be brothers from genetics, they are brothers and they compete just like siblings would do. "If we win Monday," Britt said, "Kris will never hear me stop talking about the time we beat him for the national championship. I will permanently have a one up on him." Jenkins came right back at his brother with, "There's nobody in the world I want to beat more than my brother. It's not a movie script. It's amazing how it worked out". I am routing for Villanova to beat North Carolina.

Nothing beats opening day in baseball. It is a new

beginning for all the teams. At least everyone is in first place. The Mets will have to open up against the Champions Royals. Let's hope the Mets can get back to where they were last year. They had some unfinished business. Yankees will be playing against Houston with an experienced hitting team. Just have to hope their pitching can last.

This week in sports history, imagine what baseball could have been if in 1961 General Douglas MacArthur didn't turn the job as MLB Commissioner. In 1974, Hank Aaron hits his 715th home run, breaking Babe Ruth's record. Another first in MLB in 1775 Frank Robinson of the Cleveland Indians becomes first black manager of a major league baseball team.

Flounder fishing opened up last week. Reports from some of our local anglers were coming in with positive reports with keepers.

Captain Chris Cullen of the Island Current Fleet reports that the water temperature is up ten degrees from last year. That is going to help with the fishing in our area. He had dozen keepers on his trips out. Try the Rodman's Neck area if you want a keeper. Captain Chris still has one of his boats up in Rhode Island for the spring codfish. It has been the best in years. If you want to take a trip for the codfish or just local flounder, you can call the Island Current 917-417-7557. E-mail me your fishing reports. If you think you have a big fish you want to report. Take a picture of yourself with the keeper. Because we all know of the fish that got away story. I will post your winning sizes in the next article.

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