



## 49TH PCT.'S BMX TOURNAMENT

Members of the Morris Park community and the 49th Precinct met for the precinct's first-ever BMX Tournament on Thursday, July 7 at Loreto Park. Bicyclists of all ages and skill sets performed wheelies and other totally awesome stunts at the fun-filled event. More photos and story on page 18.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

# GROUP HOME APPEALS VOTE

## Service provider challenges CB 10's 'no'

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The operator of a controversial proposed group home in Throggs Neck is appealing a community board decision to oppose the home's siting.

Martin Prince, Community Board 10 chairman, said that CB 10 received notice that operator Services for the Underserved will appeal to the NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities regarding the proposed site at 276 Graff Avenue.

An OPWDD commissioner's hearing will be held on the matter, SUS confirmed.

A hearing date has not been set yet, said Prince, who also said that the board is committed to representing the community.

Under the 28-year-old Padavan Law, which provides means for communities to oppose group homes for the developmentally disabled, the community could oppose the siting if there is over-satura-

tion, meaning a concentration of similar facilities, in the area, said Prince.

"You can go with over-saturation: that is the primary reason a community could oppose one of these facilities," said Prince of the options. "Finance can also come into play."

However, Prince added that the outcry over the Graff Avenue location has made it

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## Three deadly 'H' overdoses in Loreto Park

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A rash of heroin overdoses have become a common occurrence in a local park recently.

According to sources, there have been at least three reported incidents of heroin overdose inside Loreto Park, which is generating great concern among the Morris Park community.

The apparent overdoses, which are believed to have all

taken place inside the park over the last two weeks, claimed the lives of 21-year old Chris 'Hood' Morello and Michael Coscia, the former of whom was a Morris Park resident. The third overdose victim has not yet been identified, as of press time.

Morello, who passed away on Saturday, July 2 and attended nearby P.S. 83, was described as friendly and harm-

less but didn't receive parental guidance from an early age, according to a former classmate.

"He wasn't a bad kid by any means - he just went down the wrong path," said Andrew Melillo, Morello's classmate nearly a decade ago. "I hadn't been in touch with him in recent years, but in the past I remember him being on the streets frequently

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# Grand opening of Triangle Plaza Hub held

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The grand opening of a new shopping plaza signifies a turn in the right direction for development in the Bronx.

On Wednesday, July 13, Triangle Equities, along with elected officials, business partners and local merchants, gathered for the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Triangle Plaza Hub, a \$35 million multi-use complex located at 459 E. 149th Street, right in the center of 'The Hub'.

The Triangle Plaza Hub, an 88,000 square-foot community-centric development, will house Fine Fare Supermarket, Brightpoint Health, DaVita Dialysis Center, Vistasite Eye Care, Boston Market and Dunkin Donuts, along with a 6,000 square foot plaza for the public's enjoyment.

Last, but certainly not least, the plaza will be home to the Metropolitan College of New York's Bronx campus, where classes will begin in September.

The campus, located at 463 E. 149th Street, will serve over 500 students and will feature



Petracca and Diaz (center) gather with elected officials, business partners and local merchants during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

17 classrooms, three computer labs and a multipurpose conference space, allowing the college to host large events.

"The opening of MCNY Bronx demonstrates our long-term commitment to the south Bronx community and its renaissance," said MCNY president Dr. Vinton Thompson.

The 2-story building has 83 rooftop parking spaces.

Currently, one ground floor of retail space totaling 3,900 square feet and one 3,000

square-foot pad site adjacent to the public plaza are available and present prime opportunities for potential tenants.

In total, this project generated 151 construction-related jobs and 191 permanent jobs.

In addition, Triangle Equities has worked with the HireNYC program to develop a targeted local hiring and workforce development plan to fill these newly created employment opportunities.

"I am very proud of this

beautiful facility - for the fact that it has created economic opportunities, educational and social services and provided this area with a much needed supermarket - an area that has been a food desert for years," said Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

"This is a very exciting project - one that will provide countless opportunities for the area," said Marlene Cintron, president of the Bronx Overall Economic Develop-

ment Corporation.

"Development like this one continues to revitalize this area," said Councilman Rafael Salamanca, who remembers the property back when it was a vacant lot.

"The completion and grand opening of Triangle Plaza Hub is a great source of pride for us," said Lester Petracca, president of Triangle Equities, the lead developer on the project.

"We're delighted with the mix of tenants we have at Triangle Plaza Hub and even more so now that their services and amenities are available to this south Bronx community, and while this was an exceptionally challenging project to build, as is the case with the majority of our developments, reaching this milestone and providing tangible value to a community is what truly matters to us," Petracca added.

Partners of the new project include the NYC Economic Development Corporation, Goldman Sachs Urban Investment and Low Income Investment Fund.



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# CB 11 objects to removal of tree, street

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community support for the reconstruction of the north-side of Pelham Parkway is slipping over items that have been around 100 years.

The objections arose when the city proposed closing an access street and removing a majestic tree as part of the project.

The city's plan to remove the small roadway and return it to green parkland is scheduled for Phase 2 of Pelham Parkway's reconstruction.

The NYC Department of Design and Construction is heading the project that will run from 2017 to 2019.

Also, the Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance has raised concerns about the planned removal of a Civil War-era elm tree next to a bus stop just west of Williamsbridge Road, according to John Fratta, CB 11 administrative manager, who handles community concerns regarding this project.

"Both issues are basically non-starters for us," said Fratta, adding the community

by and large agrees with the rest of the project.

CB 11 voted unanimously to name the 200-foot section of roadway near the New York Institute for Special Education that links a Pelham Parkway service road with westbound Pelham Parkway as Paulding Avenue, in support of the community.

The vote took place at a full board meeting on Thursday, June 23. In order for the CB 11 street naming plan to move forward, the NYC City Council would have to approve it, and the street portion would then have to be alienated by the state legislature to remove it from NYC Department of Parks and Recreation jurisdiction.

"That's been a street for over a 100 years, before the Parks Department even existed," said Fratta about the road. "People use that street, the NYC Department of Transportation put a stop sign there and it is paved, so for anyone to say it is not a street is nonsense."

Councilman James Vacca said he supports the CB 11



The plan is to remove this elm tree on Pelham Parkway West near Williamsbridge Road during the north side reconstruction. The Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance is fighting to keep it.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

proposal, adding that in order for it to work, approval will be needed in two consecutive state legislative sessions.

Senator Jeff Klein said in a statement that he looks forward to working with the city and state legislatures to make sure the community needs are

met on both issues.

PPPA has information indicating the elm tree will be felled because the city plans to move the bus stop within feet of the tree, further west, said Joe Menta.

"We are very adamant that the tree stays," said Menta,

adding "That tree has stood the test of time, and escaped Dutch Elm disease, and I think we owe it to the tree to have it remain."

As an alternative, he believes that instead of moving the bus stop further west, the city could move it a block away.

According to a source familiar with the Pelham Parkway reconstruction plan, the elm tree in question is within the area of the exiting bus stop, and that trees are usually grandfathered in, but an engineer's report recommended the tree's removal for road safety reasons. The tree's girth prevents a guardrail installation at the location.

A DDC spokeswoman stated that the city agencies involved in Pelham Parkway's Phase 2 reconstruction would review the plan.

According to DDC, Pelham Parkway's Phase 2 reconstruction includes a new trunk water main, a select bus service lane, dedicated left turn lanes and wheelchair accessible sidewalks and ramps.



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Hello readers! Welcome to another edition of Around Town.

**Greetings from Alaska**  
Vivian Nolan, Jacobi Medical Center director of training and education, recently took a vacation to Alaska. The Bronx was not



Vivian Nolan

Photo courtesy of Bob Nolan



Bronx Lady Hawks

far from her mind, and as you can see from the picture, she is proudly wearing her Bronx shirt after hiking on a glacier. Sara M. was the photographer on this one.

**Bronx Lady Hawks Win**  
The Bronx Lady Hawks, an all-girls Amateur Athletic Union travelling basketball team, won a basketball tournament in Ocean City, Maryland on Sunday, June 26. The girls took home the championship at the

Ocean City Hardwood Classic after playing four games in two days.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

## 40 Precinct

**Tuesday, July 5, 10:00 p.m.** -- Cops received a report of a forcible touching incident at Elton Avenue and East 156th Street.

A 39-year-old woman reports that a black man, approximately 16-years-old and five feet, eight inches tall grabbed her buttocks before fleeing the location.

Police have reports of a similar incident and suspect when a 33-year-old woman was walking in front of 2882 Third Avenue and was grabbed on her breast at 10:15 p.m. that same night. The suspect was wearing a blue football jersey, blue shorts and white sneakers.

## 45 Precinct

**Saturday, May 28, 11:54 a.m.** -- A larceny occurred at a store. The suspect asked a 26-year-old employee to show him a cell phone. The employee of the store put the cell phone, which was in its box, on the counter.

When the employee turned away the suspect picked up the box and ran out of the store. The suspect is described as a white or Hispanic man who is 25- to 35-years-old. He was last seen wearing a white shirt, sunglasses, white sneakers and red shorts.

## 49 Precinct

**Sunday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.** -- There was a 911 call reported to police about an attempted robbery near Bogart and Lydig avenues where three suspects posed as police officers. They impersonated law enforcement personnel to gain access to a residence. Once inside, one of the suspects took out a handgun. Nothing was taken from the residence and no one was injured. The suspects fled in two vehicles: a red van and a black SUV. They are described as two Black men who are 30- to 35-years-old and an Hispanic man in the same age range. One of the suspects was carrying a yellow duffel bag.

## 44 Precinct

**Monday, June 27, 8:10 a.m.** -- A 32-year-old woman was the victim of a grand larceny at the corner of Wythe Place and East 170th Street. The woman was talking on a cell phone when the suspect snatched it out of her hands and fled on East 170th Street.

The suspect is a black man, about 20- to 30-years-old, six feet tall and 195 pounds. He has black hair and medium complexion. He was last seen wearing a white baseball hat, white sneakers and a gray jacket.

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(l-r) Andrew Penzi, Capital Team leader; Assemblyman Victor Pichardo; Jussara Edwards, Landscape Designer; NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver; Councilman Fernando Cabrera; Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa and Kavan Brandon.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## Cabrera finances renovation to Grand Playground

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Construction has started on the new Grand Playground on the corner of West 181st Street and Grand Avenue.

Councilman Fernando Cabrera - who financed the \$2,690,000 project - and other borough officials gathered on July 7 to share a few words on the project and break ground on the site.

"As you can imagine I'm excited today because it is going to happen," Cabrera told the community members in attendance.

Discussions to revitalize the park began in 2010 and in 2011 and Cabrera began allocating funding to renovate the park.

However, he said as he was allocating funding, nothing was moving forward under the previous parks administration.

The councilman said under the new administration and NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, this park and others are progressing.

The new park will feature a basketball court, a play area designed for children of various ages, and two entrances.

It will also have sprinklers and a seated area for seniors.

"We want to make sure when we have playspaces -we have an aging population in New York City - we want to make sure they have a wonderful green space where they can age beautifully and watch the children play but also just get outdoors and enjoy the green space," said Silver.

Cabrera said the issues in connection to the park surrounded more

than just the playground. Water from the park was running into residents' homes.

"Now everyone is going to benefit including the neighbors whose property is adjacent to the playground," said the council member.

Cabrera, like Silver, also touted how the park will be able to appeal to all ages.

"We have something for the seniors, we're going to have something for the children, we're going to have basketball for the teenagers," he said.

Eduardo Hernandez, a park manager, grew up in the neighborhood.

Hernandez said, as he stood on Grand Avenue parallel to West 181st Street, the right side of the park was sunken in six or seven feet.

He added the park used to be all blacktop, with insufficient benches and one basketball hoop.

"I lived in this neighborhood for 21 years," said Hernandez. "I'm really excited about this park."

Kavan Brandon, parks and recreation committee chair for Community Board 5, was also happy to see a new park coming to the area.

"We don't have as many playgrounds and park as some of the other districts," said Brandon. "So it's a great day when something like this happens because we have very limited space."

He added, "I think we need more of this and the current parks administration and the councilman are doing a great job in making sure these parks are pursued."

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## The rules must change

Dear editor,

Considering the fate of the Zika Virus bill, I now realize why we have a 'do nothing' congress. How did it get this way?

Government's prime role it is to protect its citizens. The Zika virus is an acknowledged health hazard resulting in horrible birth defects in new born children.

The 'Democratic' White House, never known for leadership, nevertheless has recognized the threat to its citizens, requests congress appropriate funding for prevention, research, education, health services, international aid and vaccine development.us. A 'bipartisan' committee (Dems and GOP) agrees and comes up with a bill and the money. The Senate votes in favor. The House already voted in favor on a Senate-House compromise. The 'bipartisan bill' should now go to the President for his signature. Yea for bipartisanship!

Not so fast. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid in league with Planned Parenthood (they want some of the money) stops the bill in its tracks. Reid called the bill "the most irresponsible legislation I have ever seen in my 34 years in Congress". He convinces Senate Dems to stop the bill by a vote of 48-42 (48 Dems voted to stop the bill after 44 Dems previously voted in favor). It was a Democrat proposal to begin with!

The Dems cow towing to Reid's wish, voted down their own bill. This is what happens to a simple health care bill. Imagine the 'narrow and small minded interests' that get in the way of serious legislation.

Now I know what has been happening over the past eight years to every meaningful bill brought up by the GOP. They have to get a proposed bill past 'one' mean old man in the Senate.

One man (or woman - think Pelosi) with that much power and clout, whether Democrat or Republican must not be tolerated by the American people. The rules must change. Whatever happened to the statesmen in JFK's 'Profiles in Courage'?

Carl J. Cannizzaro

## The advent of TV dinners

Dear editor,

July 18, will mark the eleventh anniversary of the passing of 'TV' dinner inventor Gerry Thomas. His employer Swanson & Company overestimated the demand for Thanksgiving turkey in 1953. They were stuck with 260 tons of frozen turkeys. The birds were stored for many weeks in ten refrigerated rail cars which traveled back and forth on a track between Nebraska and the East Coast. The train had to be moving so the compressors which supported the refrigerators preserving the turkeys would keep working.

In the early 1950s, Thomas observed how airlines provided passengers with meals in aluminum serving trays. He modified this by adding separate sections for the main course, vegetable and potato. This resulted in the first Swanson TV Dinner. For only eighty nine cents, over 25 million were sold in 1954 which was the first year of production. Many were consumed by customers watching television, which was also still a relatively new invention in the 1950s. Thomas was the marketing genius for Swanson & Company who came up with the name TV dinner.

Growing up in the 1960s as a teenager, my dad was a teacher during the day and a high school librarian several nights per week. On those evenings, I would have to prepare dinner for and my younger sister. When we tired of the local options such as McDonalds, Westons, pizza or Chinese take-out - TV dinners were a quick solution. Selections were provided by either Swanson's, Banquet or Morton's. They were the big three competitors during that era.

A real treat in those days were the TV diners which provided a fourth compartment, containing a brownie for dessert. Sometimes two TV dinners were required to satisfy your appetite as the portions were never that big.

The selection of TV dinners at your local supermarket today is much different from those of past generations. Besides Swanson's, Banquet and Morton's, there are many more competitors such as Healthy Choice, Lean Cuisine,

Stouffers, Boston Market, Marie Callendar and others. Their various product lines offer far more variety and selections. Far healthier choices are available for today's generation on the go.

Even during college and post college bachelor days, TV dinners always found some space in the freezer compartment of my refrigerator.

Perhaps the post office should consider issuing a stamp for Gerry Thomas and the TV dinner, still American as apple pie 63 years later.

Larry Penner

## Don't need the Second

Dear editor,

Let's join the rest of the civilized world by getting rid of the Second Amendment.

The Eighteenth made sense at one time, buy we dumped that fast, yet today we still have the ridiculous Second Amendment

The Second allows every nut and terrorist in the country to buy weapons they want. Are we nuts?

We're the only country in the world to allow the slaughter of its citizens to go on and on and on.

Dante Barozzi

## BID article correction

Dear editor,

I wish to make a correction to Patrick Rocchio's article on the Throggs Neck BID effort. A BID is not a 'governmental entity.' It is a public/private partnership - controlled entirely by merchants and property owners - that advocates on behalf of the business district. In plain language, it's a business plan for the business district that gives a unified voice to area.

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# CB 6 district manager Ivine Galarza retires

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Community Board 6 district manager Ivine Galarza is set to retire from the board after nearly 21 years of service.

According to CB 6, Friday, July 29 marks her official last day as the board's district manager.

Originally from Puerto Rico, Galarza and her family emigrated to America in the early 1950s and settled down on Boston Road in the Bronx.

Galarza graduated from Lehman College earning a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1972.

Following college, Galarza embarked on her governmental career serving as liaison to community boards 4, 5, 7 and 8 during former borough president Stanley Simon's administration.

After working for the borough president, she founded and served as executive director for the now defunct non-profit housing organization, the Housing Workshop from 1985 to 1995 where she implemented a program providing legal representation to low-income tenants in housing court and formed a housing education program added to all public school's across com-

munity school districts 10 and 12's curriculum.

Appointed CB 6's district manager in 1995, Galarza has since demonstrated excellent leadership and commitment toward improving the community and residents' lives throughout her career.

As district manager, her responsibility was to observe and make recommendations ensuring city services and programs were delivered in a timely and sufficient manner to the community.

She also served as an arbitrator to NYC municipal agencies and elected officials while advising the community board on the city's capital and expense budget.

Since the late 1990s, Galarza has worked closely with the families of the victims of the Happy Land Social Club Fire by organizing an annual Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and a vigil at the Plaza of the Eighty-Seven to remember the 87 victims who perished in one of New York's worst tragedies.

"A lot of the families didn't know each other, but they became bonded through this terrible tragedy," said Galarza.

To ensure this tragedy is never repeated, Galarza led the effort to have domestic violence and fire prevention forums for the community and to have the FDNY properly inspect local bars. She noted the district does not house any nightclubs following the Happy Land incident.

"She's an excellent worker and professional," said Wendy Rodriguez, CB 6 chairwoman, adding. "Whenever there's an issue in the community, she will not stop until it is resolved."

A retirement Mass and reception event were held for Galarza on Wednesday, June 29 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and St. Thomas Aquinas School.

In recognition of her many years of service to the borough, Galarza received proclamations from Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Councilman Ritchie Torres and 78th Assembly District State Committeeman Kenny Ago-sto representing outgoing Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson.

The Throggs Neck resident was also awarded a citation from the NYS Assembly by Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda and a commendation from Ash-



Dedicated to helping the community, Ivine Galarza has proudly served as Community Board 6's district manager for over two decades. Photo courtesy of Community Board 6

ley Torres representing NYC Comptroller Stringer.

Galarza has received many accolades over these two decades most notably being named as the 2012 Woman of Distinction by Senator Hassell-Thompson.

Upon her retirement, Galarza said she intends to continue working with her parish, St. Thomas Aquinas Church by teaching English as a second language classes and introducing workshops to explain to recently arrived immigrants how the government operates and the services available.

Galarza's successor has not yet been named.



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# Hoops tournament for mom lost to gang violence

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Rev. Anthony Hendrickson is using basketball to promote safer communities against gang violence.

Hendrickson, head of the Lead By Example Reverse The Trend non-profit group, will hold the Jessica White Safer Community tournament on Friday, July 15 from noon to 4 p.m.

White, a 29-year old mother of three, was fatally shot in March during a shooting exchange linked to gang violence.

White was shielding her children as bullets flew across a park at 700 Westchester Avenue.

According to Hendrickson, the tournament was created to promote public safety and youth development.

"The reason we did it is because we don't want to lose another parent," he said.

"Jessica White should not have lost her life protecting her children inside a park and playground," he added.

Hendrickson said he wants to send a message to gang members that this is not a

place for gang activity.

As part of the tournament, which will take place at 721 Tinton Avenue, police officers in the 40th Precinct will play against kids from the community.

Originally, the tournament was supposed to happen on July 9.

However, due to the string of violence that occurred in Louisiana, Minnesota and Dallas, officers were stationed at other locations around the city during protests.

Instead of having the tournament, the kids held a scrimmage on July 9 to get ready for the real thing.

Hendrickson also took the time to provide a short word to the kids about the recent string of violence.

He explained that not all officers are bad despite a few rogue officers and what happened over the weekend were tragedies.

He added that the children should not act out in violence in response to the recent tragedies.

Hendrickson wants to make sure there is a very strong fo-



James Santos, representing the Bronx DA, Antonio Hendrickson, Lead by Example, and Richard Price, famous author and screen writer, and local youth that participated in a scrimmage for the Jessica White Memorial Basketball Tournament on Friday, July 15

Photo Courtesy of Silvio Pacifico

cus on what happened to Jessica White and the steps the community is taking to move forward.

The pastor explained he wants everyone in the community to spread the message of public safety.

"I think when the youth get involved, parents get involved and the community comes together, it sends a strong message," said Hendrickson.

He hopes that message will cause others to "be more vigilant" and said "together we can put the 'neighbor' back in neighborhood."

Lead by Example, founded by Hendrickson and other group of mentors in 2014, was created to "to reverse the spiraling growth rates of incarceration of young people in disadvantaged communities," according to the organiza-

tion's website.

Hendrickson, now an ordained evangelist at True Vine Pentecostal Faith Church, and some of the other mentors at Lead by Example are former convicts who are now looking to affect positive change for young people in their communities.

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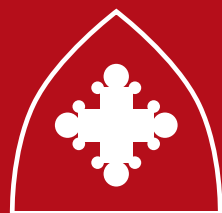
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The 49th Precinct, with the tournament's winners and participants.

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## 49th Precinct conducts BMX bike tournament

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Amidst the current civil unrest between civilians and police officers, one precinct conducted a bike tournament to extend closer ties to the community.

On Thursday, July 7, the 49th Precinct held their first Bike 'BMX' Tournament at Loreto Park, where youth of all ages were provided the opportunity to participate in a outdoor, community-wide summer event and compete against their fellow BMX peers.

the relationship between the police department and our community."

The atmosphere in Loreto Park was electric even before the event began, as all of the contest's participants practiced their bike moves and tricks, similar to athletes practicing in the arena before a big game.

The participants performed in three age categories: 10-12 year-olds, 13-16 year-olds and 17 and up, with about 10 contestants from each age group.

Skateboarders were also welcome to participate.

A steady rain didn't deter the event's 30 contestants who 'weathered the storm' and waited for the rain to subside.

The spectators, which included friends, family members and local residents, were treated to food, snacks and drinks.

Food was donated by Sabrett Hot Dogs, F&J Pine Restaurant, La Masa Restaurant, Morris Park Meat Market, Fresh and Tasty Baked Products, Emilio's of Morris Park, Captains Pizzeria & Restaurant, GoodFellas Beverage, Big Deal Supermarket and Nutrishop, among others.

Sponsors for the Bike 'BMX' Tournament, many of whom were present at the event, included the Morris Park Community Association, Jacobi Medical Center, American Red Cross, New York Sports Club, Planet Fitness and Lair, among others.

RAIR, a new Morris Park clothing retailer, donated hats for the event. There was also a raffle for a free bike.

"This kind of event lets the community know that we are here for them - even on a friendly level," said 49th Precinct community affairs officer David Lepore. "We are very grateful to have such a strong community in support of us."

"This event was a brain child of the 49th Precinct - one that brings youth and adolescents out of their homes during the summertime," said Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, who attended the event. "I commend Captain (Keith) Walton and the 49th Precinct for the great job they have done - and this event shows that they are friends of the community."

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Mark Gjonaj  
Assemblyman

The Bike 'BMX' Tournament, more specifically, was initiated by Captain Keith Walton, commanding officer of the 49th Precinct, who was previously involved in the precinct's Bike Patrol Unit.

"This event was part of many events that the 49th Precinct is hosting to create a safe haven for the youth of our community by taking back our parks throughout the summer," said Walton. "These events are extremely important to our mission of continuing to improve



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# Brothers create change through performing arts

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Bronx residents Max and Kenny Cabral enjoy singing, dancing and acting. However, the two brothers don't perform their talents simply to entertain an on-looking crowd.

Kenny and Max "want to change the world."

The Cabral brothers, residents of Wakefield, got into performing at a very young age as their older brother, Daniel Estrella, was acting and learning the art at the Rosie's Theater Kids performing arts school.

"When I was younger I would listen to a lot of music and my older brother was in Rosie's so I was influenced by him to become an actor, dancer and singer" said Kenny, 12.

"I danced a lot at all the parties and family gatherings," said Max, 14. "They'd be like, 'Hey where's Maxwell,' because I would always dance because I just liked doing it."

Max said that since he was happy he "always liked making people happy and putting smiles on people's faces."

He also said with his older brother in RT Kids, it "really helped influence" him to say

"this is what I want to do."

Estrella, 23, is now a part of the musical theatre department at the University of Michigan.

Lori Klinger, co founder of Rosie's Theater Kids with Rosie O'Donnell, was very proud of the boys.

Like their big brother both boys now attend the school.

"There can't be talent without nurturing," said Klinger. "They bring the talent and we nurture and that's our job."

Although both brothers love performing, being on stage is about much more.

"I want to change the world which is what our generation is supposed to do" said Max, who will be attending the Professional Performing Arts School in the fall.

Kenny said he hopes to change people's thinking on subjects that aren't commonly discussed.

He pointed to the play 'Runaways,' which the two performed in at the New York City Center from July 6 to July 9.

Elizabeth Swados created the play in 1977 after studying the lives of young children who had run away from home

and dealt with various difficult experiences.

Max played the role of Shabach – a New York City teen who runs away from home because his parents won't get along. Kenny played the role of Jeremiah – a young teen who has a terrible relationship with his mother and turns to the basketball court to find comfort.

Both boys acknowledged that, although the play's cast consisted totally of children, there were mature aspects to the play as many runaways deal with abuse, prostitution and drug abuse.

Max and Kenny said they appreciated the opportunity to show an aspect of the real world and the issues with which many runaways are battling.

"Many people don't know that kids are out in the street and I think we're helping inform people about what's going on," said Kenny.

Max said he wanted to be in the play because "it was so real."

"There aren't a lot of musicals with kids in it," he said, adding usually "the one's that



Max (left) and Kenny (right) with their brother Daniel Estrella (center)

Photo Courtesy of Maria Matos

are on Broadway are about fairytales."

Kenny and Max also provided advice to kids who may be considering participation in performing arts.

"Have fun," said Max, "because if you're not having fun it's not for you."

"If it looks interesting to you then go ahead," said Kenny. "No one's going to stop you."



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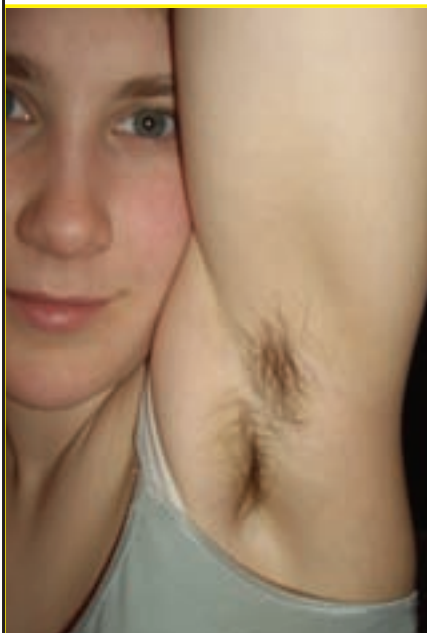
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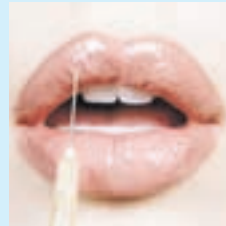
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Rendering of the completed East 132nd Street Pier Park

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## Salamanca obtains \$2 million to fund Pier Park

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Councilman Rafael Salamanca has secured \$2 million through NYC Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito's office for the revitalization of East 132 Street Pier Park.

Salamanca, since he stepped into office in March, has been working to get funding for this project, according to his office.

"What an exciting investment we are making today for the Port Morris neighborhood and for families across the south Bronx," said Salamanca. "Without a doubt, providing waterfront access to our community through places like Barretto Point Park in Hunts Point and now the Haven Project in Port Morris make a huge positive impact for south Bronx residents. That's why I was so proud to work with our speaker, Melissa Mark-Viverito, to secure this funding."

Ryan Monello, Salamanca's communications director, said the councilman has also been looking to improve parks such as Boretto Park in Hunts Point and Starlight Park in Longwood.

"He sees the value of having these types of parks in areas that for far too long didn't have any access to waterfront [spaces]," said Monello.

The work that will be done at East 132nd Street is the first step in a larger New York Restoration Project open space plan.

According to a press release, the NYRP is looking "to harness the ex-

pertise of local community leaders, researchers, designers and health partners to deliver a network of open spaces that will improve community health, support safe pedestrian and bike movement, foster social capital and support shoreline resilience."

NYRP is also working with various partners such as HealthxDesign, Healthfirst, Montefiore Medical Center, South Bronx Unite and Bronx-Works to complete the open space plan.

"Through this collaboration, the south Bronx will in the long-term see a new Pier Park and waterfront esplanade that will provide shoreline resilience and brand new waterfront recreational use, improved access to the Randall's Island Connector, a network of green spaces with significant improvements to the urban tree canopy, and revitalization of industrial heritage sites," said NYRP.

In addition to aiding the aforementioned open space plan, Salamanca has also provided aid to other parks in the Bronx.

According to Monello, the councilman's office contributed \$82,000 towards PEPS vehicles for Crotona Park, \$70,000 for ARGUS security cameras at Crotona Park and \$100,000 for improvements at Drake Park.

Salamanca also provided funds, along with Mark-Viverito and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., to the \$1.5 million expected to help improve the new Garrison Playground.





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The high volume of visitors to City Island's eateries during the summer has restaurant owners and the community raising the possibility of a paid detail of off-duty NYPD officers offering extra police presence.

Silvio Pacifico

## City Island discusses 'paid detail' for restaurants

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A plan is in the works that could lead to a greater police presence on City Island during the peak tourism periods.

The City Island Chamber of Commerce and City Island Civic Association met recently with NYPD officials regarding the possible creation of a 'paid detail' of off-duty police officers to work in cafeteria-style restaurants during busy times.

The officers would be paid by the local eateries to complement existing security when they are not on the clock at the NYPD.

The plan's details, including who would be liable for any confrontations, are still being worked out, said Gerard "Skip" Giacco, CICC president.

"There is no objection to it, but its needs to be done in a way that protects the merchants from liability," said Giacco, adding that the plan could come to fruition if the restaurant owners would not bear any or would carry minimized liability from any confrontations arising between these off-duty cops employed by the restaurants and anyone else.

"If the positives outweigh the negatives, we will talk about it further," added Giacco.

The meeting comes after renewed openness to the idea from the NYPD, said John Doyle, CICA corresponding secretary, who added that his group was very grateful to the police department for looking at the idea from a fresh perspective. It has been a non-starter for years, he added.

Meeting attendees included representatives from NYPD community affairs and 45th Precinct commanding officer Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia, as well as representatives from Seafood City, Don Coqui and Johnny's

Reef, said Doyle.

"We are hopeful that the major stakeholders can come together," he said. "Whether you own a business or live on City Island, we all share the same general goal: we want to be people to be able to travel on City Island safely and we want the area to be secure."

A paid detail can go a long way to accomplishing goals of both the businesses and the community, said Doyle, adding that while the idea is still being developed, everything has to start somewhere.

After discussion with the security personnel from some of the restaurants, it was apparent that a contingent of four or five officers would be necessary, said Giacco.

This is important because if a police officer removes someone from a restaurant, additional officers could be needed to make sure the ejected people do not continue problematic behavior out on the street, he said.

The chamber president added that a NYPD paid detail would be tasked with maintaining order, and that the discussions are recognition that when you have many people in a small space, as is the case with many of the island's eateries, there is the potential for issues.

John Marano, Community Board 10 vice-chairman, community activist and a former police officer, said that he believes that the police department and the businesses on City Island working together regarding a paid detail is mutually beneficial.

"When that happens, it benefits everyone," said Marano. "It shows that the restaurants are taking a proactive approach and are working out the concerns of residents of City Island."



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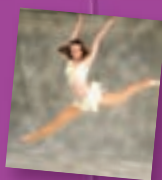


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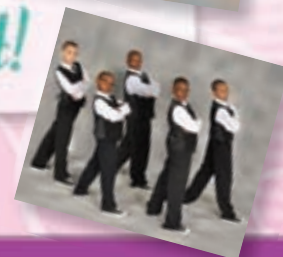
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# Catholic Charities opens food hub for soup kitchens

**BY ROBERT CHRISTIE**  
Catholic Charities is now making it easier to serve hungry Bronxites.

The organization opened on June 23 a new food hub at its South Bronx Community Center, located at 402 E. 152nd Street.

The hub will serve as a warehouse type-location at which fresh produce and other food will be delivered.

From there Catholic Charities will distribute the produce to soup kitchens and other smaller operations in their organization that help feed residents who need food.

"For nearly 100 years, Catholic Charities of New York has been feeding the hungry," said Monsignor Kevin Sullivan, executive director of Catholic Charities. "We are establishing this new food hub in the Bronx to continue to help hungry individuals and families of all religions throughout New York City. Critically important is the hope that these families

achieve greater independence in their lives. Through the professional support Catholic Charities will provide."

Planning for the food hub began in 2015, according to Dianne Johnson, division director of community outreach service for Catholic Charities.

Johnson said members of the organization noticed a lack of fresh produce available at the smaller operations and wondered how they could provide that produce.

She said the group had to come up with a way to use space Catholic Charities already owned - but was underutilized - to provide the necessary service to the community.

According to Johnson, for many of the smaller operations produce shipments are too large.

She said if the shipment is too big - and the soup kitchen can't take the food - then that food is taken back.

Johnson said the new food hub will act like a warehouse.

The hub will be able to hold large shipments of food from which Catholic Charities can distribute the right amount to the various operations.

Johnson said Catholic Charities currently has a Ford Transit and is working on getting a box truck to make distribution easier.

Catholic Charities is also providing food to non-Catholic operations including a few Protestant locations and a mosque.

In addition to the food hub, Catholic Charities also opened a new Client Choice food pantry.

The pantry allows families in need to hand pick their groceries like they are at a supermarket.

Johnson said this is "more empowering and liberating" for those who visit the pantry.

The Client Choice pantry opens on Thursdays at 10 a.m., Thursdays at 5 p.m. for working families and Fridays at 10 a.m.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan blesses the new Catholic Charities Food Distribution Center, on 152nd Street. Photo Courtesy of Silvio J. Pacifico

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# Resources to rescue children in crisis

Less than two hours after a Bronx high school sent word that they had a student in an emotional crisis, Debra Thomas was at the school, ready to help. Debra, a psychiatric social worker with VNSNY's Bronx Mobile Crisis Team for children and adolescents, quickly convened a meeting with the student, 16-year-old Nicole\*, and a school guidance counselor. This swift response is what the Mobile Crisis Team is known for—and so is their ability to connect quickly and effectively with the youngsters they treat.

"As it turns out, Nicole was in no imminent danger," says Debra, "but she was clearly depressed." The teenager, who had a borderline IQ, lived with her mother and would cut herself as a way of dealing with the anxiety she felt after one of her troubling visits with her absentee father. Together, Debra and Nicole came up with a "safety plan"—actions the girl could take when she felt like cutting herself. Nicole liked poetry, so she agreed that when she felt the anxiety welling up, she'd write a poem or call a designated adult.

In the follow-up meeting, Nicole told Debra about a bad visit she'd just had with her father. The visit had left her with the urge to hurt herself—but she hadn't. Debra asked her how she was able to restrain herself. "Because I made a contract with you," Nicole said. Debra linked Nicole with outpatient mental health services at a non-profit mental health agency, where she would receive ongoing psychological support.

For at-risk New York City youth like Nicole, VNSNY's Mobile Crisis Team program is a proven lifesaver. The program launched its first mobile unit in the Bronx in the summer of 2013 and added two others last fall in Brooklyn and Queens. Each mobile team is staffed by a coordinator, two psychiatric social workers and two family advocates. Referrals are made through LifeNet, New York City's 24/7 crisis call center, and may come from parents, teachers, ther-

apists, or the children themselves. The team then has two hours to dispatch two field workers to the site.

Thanks to funding from the city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Mobile Crisis Team services are available to any child under age 18 in their service area free of charge. While Mobile Crisis Team members don't administer actual psychiatric treatment, they provide children with coping skills, help them draw up a safety plan, review intervention techniques with the parent, and link children and families with longer-term services as needed. During the four weeks after the initial call, staffers also follow up to make sure the child is stable and receiving the services that he or she needs.

Today, Debra works as a Program Coordinator for the Mobile Crisis Team, supervising and supporting the social workers and family advocates on the Bronx team. Her clinical experience coupled with her ability to improvise when appropriate makes her a gifted program coordinator. "People can sense if you aren't authentic," she says, "especially the kids. They're street smart, and you have to meet them where they're at." In her program coordinator role, Debra helps instill these qualities in her team. "We have team meetings twice a week, and I also sit down with each team member individually. I might ask them, 'What could you have done differently?' or 'How would you react if the child's mother said this?'"

Debra still takes on an occasional case herself, and also goes out with her clinicians to observe their technique and give constructive suggestions. "My staff knows they can call me anytime," she says. "As I tell my team, these people aren't just calling out of hysteria—they're calling for help. And we have a great track record of helping."

For more information or to contact a VNSNY Bronx Mobile Crisis Coordinator, call 718-742-7106. \* The patient's name has been changed for privacy

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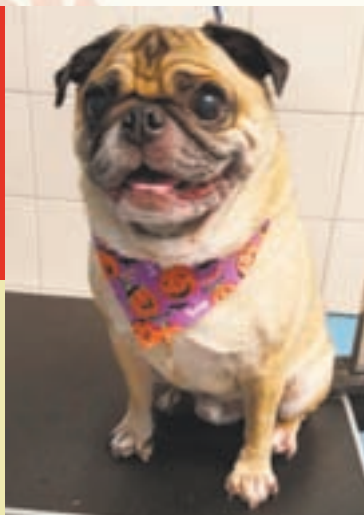
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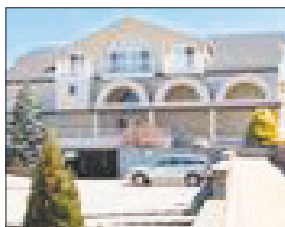
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Ridgewood Savings Bank's Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Leonard Stekol to President and Chief Operating Officer effective July 1, 2016. Leonard was also elected Trustee to the Board of Ridgewood Savings Bank.

Leonard Stekol has been with the bank for over 23 years and has previously served as Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer as well as Chief Financial Officer prior to that. On his promotion, Leonard Stekol commented, "Ridgewood Savings Bank has always put customers first, and I am pleased to continue this tradition".

The Board approved the following officer promotions:

- Matthew Schettino, Vice President and Marketing Director
  - Barbara Giglio, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Risk Officer
  - Joyce Groza, Assistant Vice President and Accounting Officer
  - Evelyn Faya, Hector Nieves, Frank Guevara, Judy Williams - Assistant Vice President
  - Leonardo Genna, Anthonie L. Marshall, Sabrina Urso, Merari Heyman, Shahadoth Kazi, Frederick Shivrattan - Branch Banking Officers
  - Danielle Fuschetto, Assistant Risk Officer - ERM
  - Douglas Coleman, Information Security Officer
- Peter M. Boger, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank said, "On



Leonard Stekol

behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to extend my gratitude to Leonard Stekol for his 23 years of dedicated service. I am confident that Leonard will ensure Ridgewood Savings Bank remains focused on the ideals that the Bank was founded on in 1921, and will continue to implement the forward thinking vision needed for the Bank to remain strong. Additionally, I also recognize the contributions made by all, and appreciate their continued support and dedication to the success of Ridgewood Savings Bank".

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# Senator Klein to host 'Cease and Desist' hearing

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

No solicitation, never!

On Thursday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m., Senator Jeff Klein will hold a follow up 'Cease and Desist Zone' public hearing at Villa Barone Manor, 737 Throgs Neck Expressway, to officially determine the size of the zone - determined by communities who have been subject to intense and repeated real estate solicitation.

The public hearing will provide those in attendance the opportunity to submit testimony and other evidence that proves an intense solicitation by real estate agencies and salespeople.

If a cease and desist zone is indeed established, property owners in the affected areas, whether residential or commercial, will be eligible to add their address and telephone number to a cease and desist list, which would prohibit real estate brokers and salespeople from contacting them.



Said Klein, "Our residents should not be subject to these aggressive and repeat solicitations."

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

**I** urge homeowners to continue to submit evidence to my office and participate in our upcoming hearing to further determine the perimeters of the zone. This is my responsibility, along with the community's responsibility, to prove to the state that this 'Cease and Desist Zone' is still needed in our community.

Senator Jeff Klein

Area property owners claim they have been deluged with offers to buy houses for cash flyers on their front doors and fences.

At the initial public forum held on Wednesday, April 20 at P.S. 14, which was led by Klein and attended by the NYS Department of State, the senator spoke to property owners from community boards 10 and 11.

Many in attendance were victimized by aggressive real estate solicitations mailed or dropped off to their homes.

A follow up forum, which on June 28, began the process of determining the boundary of the Cease and Desist Zone where solicitations would be prohibited.

"The first meeting really got the ball rolling in moving this process forward in the right direction," said Michael McNerney, president of the Coun-

try Club Civic Association, who added that he receives several solicitations each week, either by mail or handbills, and presents between 25 to 50 solicitations to Klein's office each month.

"Without this law in effect, the solicitations have increased and I still see real estate agents going door-to-door on a consistent basis. It's harassing our community and hopefully this law can be in effect for the greater 10465 area."

According to Klein, a Cease and Desist Zone was in place in sections of community boards 10 and 11, which prohibited real estate businesses from contacting and soliciting residents in those areas.

However, the law expired in 2014, and Klein is looking to renew it and extend it to Community Board 9.

He also repaired a loophole that allowed real estate agency representatives to solicit on behalf of the real estate business.

"We must continue to defend our Bronx homeowners and I will continue to work with the Department of State to establish a cease and desist zone in Community Board 10," Klein said. "Our residents should not be subject to these aggressive and repeat solicitations."

"I urge homeowners to continue to submit evidence to my office and participate in our upcoming hearing to further determine the perimeters of the zone," Klein added. "This is my responsibility, along with the community's responsibility, to prove to the state that this 'Cease and Desist Zone' is still needed in our neighborhoods."

As recently as this week, a solicitor representing KW Realty Group was seen going from door to door and handing out real estate flyers on Calhoun Avenue, just off of East Tremont Avenue.

To RSVP for the upcoming public hearing, contact (718) 822-2049.



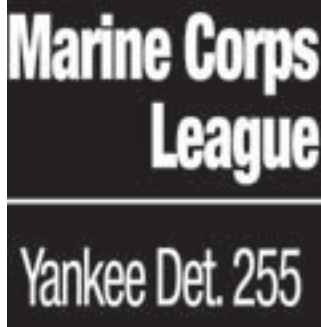
BY GEORGE AMATO

First off, Congratulations to Balissa Perez of P.S.108 on her receiving a \$50 award for Citizenship. Senior vice-c o m m a n d a n t Robert Feliciano and Dexter Hendon made the presentation.

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BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Well we did it again, another successful BBQ at the Kingsbridge VA Hospital. Many thanks to George Brins,

George Amato, Ed Mc Carthy Tony Laboy, Owen Mangan Clorindo Nieves, Shelia Toth and me. Clorindo was a giant hit with his homemade bread pudding. Gloria Castellano was there with an entourage of helpers from the senior center at St. Ray's including Candy Rosa, Rosa Melendez, Lidia Martillo and Rae Sazalutto. If I left any one out or misspelled any name, I'm sure to hear about it and will correct the error next week.

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More Hollywood heroes: Charlton Heston was a radio operator and aerial gunner on a B-25 flying all over the Aleutians and Chuck Connors was a tank warfare instructor. Claude Aikens was in the Signal Corps and served in Burma and the Philippines. Clifton James served in the South Pacific with the Army and was awarded a Silver Star and Purple Heart. More next week.

#### Trivia Time

The Civil Right Act went into effect on July 2, 1964.

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# 45th Precinct commander gets NYPD promotion

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The commanding officer of the 45th Precinct recently was promoted.

Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia was promoted from captain to deputy inspector on Friday, June 24 as part of a group of NYPD promotions.

**When there is a problem, she hits it head on. She is a real go getter and gets things done.**

**Bob Bieder**

Members of the 45th Precinct Community Council and community leaders say that the promotion is well deserved, affirming confidence in her leadership of the east Bronx precinct.

Inspector Raia stated that she was humbled by the step up, and that she

was glad to be at the command.

"(I) couldn't have done it without the community's support," stated Raia. "Let's continue the great work we have been doing and make the 45th that much better."

Raia was especially helpful on a variety of issues, said Bob Bieder, 45th Community Council president, adding that she knows how to get things done.

"When there is a problem, she hits it head on," said Bieder, adding "She is a real go getter and gets things done."

Bieder said that Raia was especially helpful in helping to gather together all interested parties when some students at Lehman High School were pulling fire alarms to get outside the school building to have fights.

She helped arrange a sting where blue dye packs were placed on the fire alarms in the school and sprayed dye when someone pulled it, alerting cops as to the identity of the students, said Bieder.

Raia also makes herself available

at odd hours, once saying at a precinct council meeting that she would respond to an inquiry in the early morning hours, with Bieder added that he personally had called her at 3 a.m. and that it was true.

45th Precinct Community Council board member, John Dolye, said that Raia was especially helpful on City Island, which is often busy during the spring and summer with visitors, creating traffic and security concerns.

Raia has thought outside of the box when it comes to the island's traffic concerns, he said.

"She is someone who has really dedicated herself to her job," said Doyle, adding that she has done all she can to ingratiate herself into the community, is committed to keeping precinct neighborhoods in good condition, and likes to see progress.

Raia has shown a willingness to hear people out, and it is good that the way people see her in the community is reflective of how they see her downtown at police headquarters, said Doyle.

"She doesn't tolerate any non-



Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia, the commanding officer of the 45th Precinct, was promoted recently.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

sense, and she has the community's best interests in mind," said community activist John Marano, adding that he hopes she does not leave the precinct anytime in the near future, a sentiment echoed by Bieder and Doyle as well.

Marano said that promotions in the department are often bittersweet because they usually indicate that a move is likely.

For her part, Raia stated she is not going anywhere else (in the department) anytime soon.



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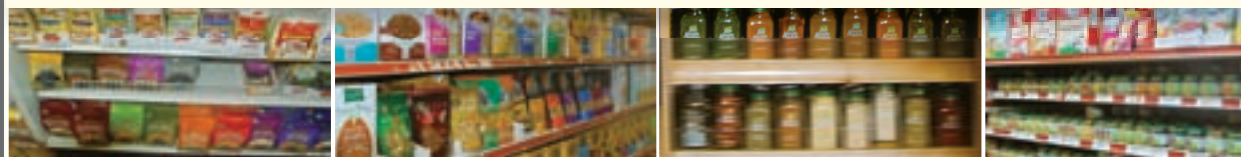
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# Bronx beat

## Chamber business breakfast

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Admission is \$10 for Bronx Chamber members; \$20 for non-members.

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

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The New York City Department of Housing **Preservation and Development** commissioner Vicki Been and New York City Housing Development Corporation president Gary Rodney announced the opening of the Housing Connect lottery for 151 affordable apartments in the 3160 Park Avenue development. The new building is currently being constructed on once vacant land in the Melrose section at the intersection of Park Avenue and E. 161st Street.

The rents range from as low as \$532 a month for a one-bedroom apartment to \$1,683 a month for a three-bedroom apartment.

3160 Park Avenue will be an 11-story newly constructed building with 45 one-bedroom, 80 two-bedroom, and 27 three-bedroom apartments. These apartments will be affordable to very low- and low-income households and includes one unit for an onsite superintendent. The building will also include over 20,000 square feet of ground floor retail for a New York City Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) supermarket.

More information on available apartments and instructions on how to apply are available on the NYC Housing Connect website here: NYC Housing Connect. The deadline for applying is September 9. Eligible applicants who have been selected can expect to start moving into their new homes by the end of 2016.

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The Board of Trustees at **SBH Health System** (St. Barnabas Hospital), which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, has appointed David Perlstein, MD as president and chief executive officer. Dr. Perlstein, who previously served SBH as executive vice president and chief medical officer replaces Scott Cooper, MD who retired after more than three decades at SBH on June 30th, 2016.

Dr. Perlstein, a pediatrician, came

to St. Barnabas Hospital in 1999 as Director of Ambulatory Pediatric. He remains engaged in medical education and is faculty at both the Albert Einstein College of Medicine as well as the CUNY School of Medicine. He is currently Chair-Elect of the AHA's Committee on Clinical Leadership serving in an advisory capacity on a number of issues impacting hospitals and physicians.

After receiving his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Perlstein completed residency and chief residency in pediatrics at The New York Presbyterian, Weill Campus. He then earned an MBA from the University of Massachusetts' Isenberg School of Business.

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This summer, Matt Caruso and Danny Castro of nonprofit group **Sustainable South Bronx** are setting up exhibit tables at community events to explain how Bronx residents can take advantage of a NY State energy agency program that offers free or reduced cost home assessments. The reports identify upgrades to improve the comfort of their residence and lower energy bills. The program provides financial benefits and low interest financing for the upgrades.

They will represent SSBX at the 20th Annual St. Theresa Feast, on Wednesday, July 20 to Saturday, July 24, on St. Theresa Avenue.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NY-SERDA) offers a wide range of energy conservation programs that cover individual homes, multi-family apartment buildings, small businesses, nonprofits, community centers, and houses of worship, as well as solar energy options. Most New York City homeowners are eligible for a free energy assessment through the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® program, for which Sustainable South Bronx (SSBx) is NYSERDA's Bronx partner. As a partner of the NYC Cool Roofs program, SSBx provides free reflective coatings for nonprofit facilities.

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# Parks and AT&T expand public Wi-Fi and mobile charging

NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FACIP, today joined AT&T's New York President Marissa Shorenstein, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and community members to announce a deal to extend free public AT&T Wi-Fi in the Parks for an additional five years. The free Wi-Fi is available, regardless of wireless carrier, to parkgoers at 27 locations in 21 parks across the five boroughs. The collaboration increases the number of free solar mobile charging stations to 34 units at 15 parks and beaches; and four new parks will receive the popular AT&T Street Charge units—Queens Flushing Meadows Park at David Dinkins Circle and Edlerle Terrace, Brooklyn's Sunset Park and Prospect Park at the LeFrak Center and Joyce Kilmer Park in the Bronx, where the announcement was made.

Launched in 2011, the Wi-Fi in the Parks initiative was the City's first free public Wi-Fi program that allows all smartphone and tablet users to connect. Through the program there have been 8.6 million

connections.

"The renewal of our partnership with AT&T, expanding free Wi-Fi and charging stations to more of our parks this summer and fall, furthers Parks' commitment to utilizing technology to serve parkgoers city wide," said Commissioner Silver. "Through amenities like Wi-Fi and charging stations in parks, we help increase technological access, while gathering insights into how our visitors engage our green spaces; insights that strengthen our strategic approach to building a better park system for the future."

"Over the past five years, millions of visitors to New York's parks and beaches have connected over Wi-Fi in the Parks and charged their devices at AT&T Street Charge units," said Marissa Shorenstein, AT&T's New York State President. "It's been exciting to watch these programs become proof points for how a city can leverage advances in technology to keep its citizens connected. AT&T is excited to continue working with the de Blasio administration to offer

these free services and support New Yorkers on the go."

"This agreement will serve communities throughout the five boroughs, and provide internet access to more New Yorkers than ever – and that can only be a good thing as we move further into the 21st century," said City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito. "I'm especially proud that we're extending this initiative to Joyce Kilmer Park in the Bronx, which is in my district. I'd like to thank the de Blasio Administration, the New York City Parks Department, and AT&T for prioritizing technology and internet access, and I look forward to expanding access even further in the future."

"We welcome the expansion of free wireless services in twenty four of our public parks across the city and the increment on the number of free solar mobile charging stations," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. "I want to thank AT&T for enhancing the park experience for our residents by increasing the access of Wi-Fi services

throughout city parks; and for their efforts to expand park amenities, as well as for helping our residents to stay better connected and helping getting people outdoors."

AT&T Street Charge units were introduced in 2013 in response to power and connection issues New Yorkers experienced in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The solar-powered units operate in all weather conditions and are available throughout the summer and fall in the five boroughs.

Park visitors can enjoy free AT&T Wi-Fi at the following locations throughout the Bronx: Joyce Kilmer Park, Devoe Park, and Hunts Point Riverside Park.

In Manhattan: Marcus Garvey Park, Thomas Jefferson Park, Tompkins Square Park, The Battery (Bosque Area and Ferry Landings), Central Park (Rumsey Playfield, CP Zoo, Mineral Springs and Tavern on the Green), Thomas Paine Park/Foley Square, Holcombe Rucker Park, and The High Line.

Brooklyn: Prospect Park

Picnic House, Herbert Von King Park, McCarren Park Field House, Brooklyn Bridge Park (Piers 1, 5 and 6), and Fort Greene Park.

Queens: Astoria Park, Flushing Meadows Corona Park (Queens Zoo), and MacDonald Park.

Staten Island: Clove Lakes Park and Ocean Breeze Park

AT&T Street Charge units in the Bronx are at: Joyce Kilmer Park, and Orchard Beach Promenade.

Manhattan: Wall Street, Albany Street, Coenties; Union Square Park, and Marcus Garvey Park.

Brooklyn: Brooklyn Bridge Park, Dumbo Heights Plaza, Prospect Park (LeFrak Center and Vanderbilt, Sunset Park, and Coney Island Boardwalk.

Queens: Flushing Meadows Park, West Side Tennis Center, Rockaway Beach, and Corona Plaza

Staten Island: South Beach and Midland Beach.

Governor's Island: Yankee Pier and Ball Field.

AT&T Wi-Fi and Street Charge locations can be found citywide.

## Generation born in 1995 already has a name

**Y**ou can tell a person's age by his teeth.

No, not by whether they're missing or yellowed (or, if they're really old, wooden!). They key is what the teeth are sinking into. "Generation Z" — the folks born after 1995 — have already established different eating patterns from the rest of us.

At least, so said an article I was reading in Nation's Restaurant News. (Yes, I love reading trade magazines!) Fascinated, I called up the editor to ask, first of all, what new food trends are coming down the pike? And second of all, ye gads — does the generation born after 1995 really have a name already?

The answer to the second question is apparently yes. And the answer to the first, according to editor Sarah E. Lockyer, is that Gen Z is even more Millennial than the Millennials.

"We always believed that Millennials were the first digital natives," she says. "But they really weren't. They weren't born with a phone in their hand. They got them at 10 or 12."

That makes them practically pterodactyls compared to the Zs. The newest kids on the block want to eat what they see on social media, and they want to put on social media whatever they eat.

That isn't news. Food porn is possibly more popular than good old-fashioned porn porn. What is news is how the restaurants are responding. Take, for instance, Taco Bell.

"Taco Bell used to be food that you ate at 2 am," says Lockyer. "You really didn't think about it. And while that still happens today, now you can go on the Taco Bell app and you can add guacamole and take off sour cream and add extra cheese. It's very mobile friendly. You order on your phone, you pay on your phone, you go pick it up."

Restaurants that are completely interactive are the ones that are going to win, she says.

So are the ones that allow you to, in the words of an ancient Burger King jingle, "Have it your way." Even McDonald's is jumping on that trend. My hus-



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band went to the tricked-out Mickey D's near Bloomingdale's and ordered from a kiosk rather than a human at the counter. He was served a giant, juicy burger slathered in chipotle mayo that made the Big Mac look like the meat equivalent of a flip phone.

Maybe even a landline.

Burgers themselves are still cool, but Gen Z is not eating as many of them as their

elders. The Zs prefer chicken, pizza, and food that is ostensibly "clean" — a word that is both holy and amorphous. Ask me, it roughly translates to "\$1 extra."

YPulse, a New York market research firm specializing in young people, calls this trend the "healthifying" of fast food. Young folks aren't rejecting milk shakes or cheeseburgers, they just want them organic, or locally sourced, or something more "pure" (i.e., labor intensive) like that.

So "clean food," light-colored, ostentatiously healthful restaurants are winning out, as are places that feel communal: You walk in and sit at a big table with people you don't know. Maybe you don't actually strike up a conversation, but at least you feel like you aren't alone. (Except if everyone else is having a great time and you're poking at your oatmeal.)

Communal tables are popular with older folks, too, particularly those folks willing to forgo a couple of car payments to afford a cup of soup at Le Pain Quotidien. But for young people,

communal eating is not a new concept, it is just the way they expect to eat: in groups and sharing food.

And then comes the sharing of the experience of the sharing of the food. Everything is documented to the point where showing friends what you ate is almost like showing them your closet or (I'm dating myself again) your bookshelf.

So if you wonder who the Gen Z kids are and what are they bringing to the table (as it were), it is: organic ingredients, hyper-customized entrees, lots of sharing each other's food without getting (visibly) annoyed about it, and phones busy every step of the way, from finding the restaurant to videoing the very last drop of sriracha dipping sauce.

This generation may still be too young to earn a living. But the way they're going, they better start soon.

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



# Co-op City Displays **PATRIOTIC** Pride

Co-op City celebrated America's 240th birthday a day early with its traditional Independence Day Block Party and Fireworks Show on Sunday, July 3 on the Greenway opposite the Co-op City Little League Field. Sponsored by Riverbay Fund, the annual celebration featured live music by the Unique Band, delicious food and a fireworks display lighting the skies over Co-op City in patriotic hues.



(Top left) Assemblyman Michael Bandedetto (l) and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie joined in celebrating the festivities.

All Photos by Silvio Pacifico

(Top Middle) Thirty-sixth Senate District hopeful Jamaal Bailey (l), Assembly Speaker Heastie's community affairs director and Male District Leader in the 83rd Assembly District with Lillian Valez and Terrell Wheeler during the celebration.

(Above) Janet Batista wore patriotic head gear to Co-op City's annual Independence Day celebration.

(Left) Bruff' (l) and Claudia Sampson danced the night away.





# In memory of Dervish Luzha, the holy man

BY ESAD A. RIZAI

The least we can do for a man like Dervish Luzha, who has left undelible traces in the memory and the consciousness of the Albanians from Malësia to Tropoja, from Rrafshi i Dukagjinit to Rugova all the way up to Kaçanik, as well as in Puka, Has and Mirdita, is to honor his name and tell the young generations about him.

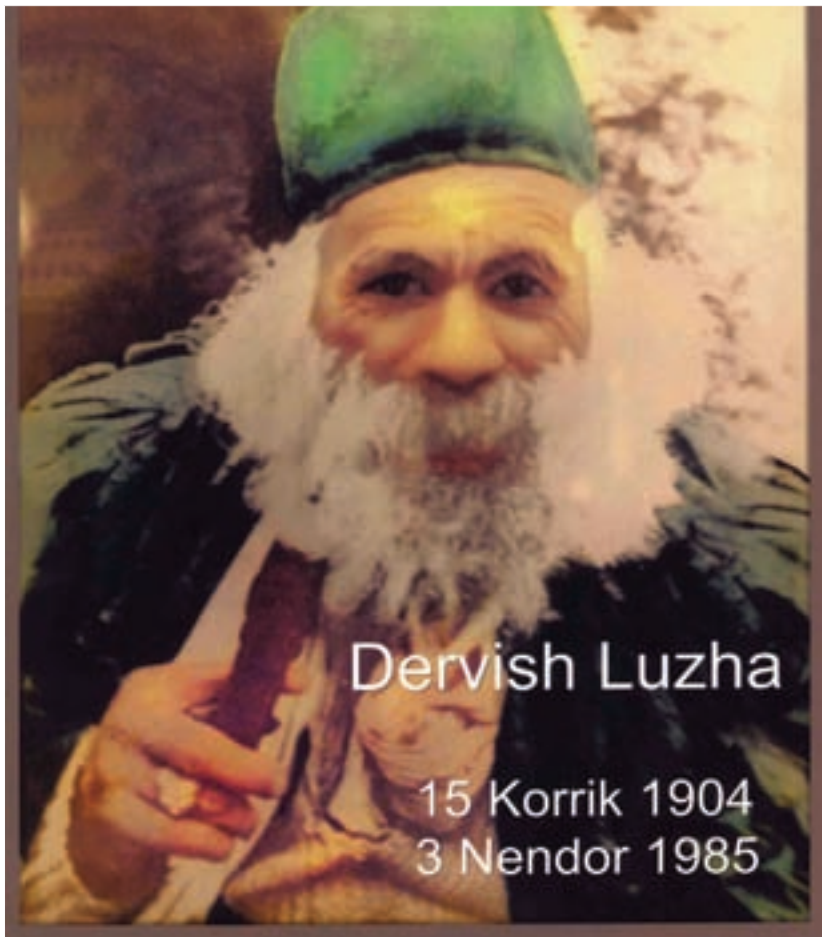
In this context I would like to share a personal story that has been meaningful to me.

Not long after the fall of communism in Albania, in company of my mother, I returned to the country of my birth. It was September 1992, 41 years after my family had left in search of freedom and a better life in the west.

In Tirana, I met my brother Sahit. We spent one week with relatives in Tirana, before travelling to my birthplace in Luzha in the north. During my sojourn there, I visited every day with my brother the tomb of Dervish Luzha.

One evening we stood there until very late. That night would change my life. It was about 5 a.m. when I woke and I felt as if I was living a dream. I heard a voice telling me: "Your way is clear, do something about the children!"

My brother sensed my reaction and turned to ask me about what had happened. "I didn't see anyone or any image," I replied, "however, I distinctly



DERVISH LUZHA

classes in the Albanian language.

So, together with Hasan Gashi, Shaqir Gjonbalaj, Dervish Ramë Çelaj, Martin Papovic, Father Pjetër Popaj and Mark Shkreli, we went to the office of District 10 Superintendent John Reehill who was very sympathetic to our request and the Albanian school began its work in the Bronx in a classroom provided for free.

Meanwhile, I intended to start a foundation named for Dervish Luzha, with the purpose of supporting the school, but my father Ali Alia convinced me against it. "Never mix school with religion or politics," he wisely advised.

It is important to remember again how natural and easy it had suddenly become for me to engage in these efforts in the service of my nation and my community since that dream episode back in the place of my birth.

Suddenly I was filled with trust in my efforts and belief in the victory of our causes.

In 1993, I went on to found the Foundation of the Albanian American Society, which has been very active for many years and has played an important role in the life of the Albanian community here in the United States, in New York and beyond.

Twice during 2000 and 2001, the mayor of New York City, Rudolph Giuliani presented our foundation with special proclamations declaring November 28th as the Day of the Albanians in New York. (It was an initiative of our foundation to start the beautiful tradition of raising the Albanian flag in front of the City Hall on our national holiday, starting from 1997.)

In cooperation with the Councilman James Vacca, our foundation has organized the celebration of Kosova independence in the City Hall, with the participation of numerous Albanian-American activists, American politicians and personalities of art, culture and science.

Another highlight of our cooperation with Councilman Vacca was naming a street in the Bronx, as 'Mother Teresa Way', a beautiful gesture in honor of the famous Albanian saint and Nobel Prize winner.

Besides Councilman Vacca, Dervish Luzha was honored by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Council members Ritchie Torres and Andrew Cohen.

My engagement in all these activities and in many others has been inspired and encouraged by the life and work of Dervish Luzha.

Interestingly, I have met this great personality only once, when I was only three years old. I still remember it. He came to our house, held me on his lap and gave me an apple.

Dervish Luzha was a great humanitarian, patriot, prescient man and prophet from whom I and many others like me have found the strength and the audacity to do great deeds for the Albanians.

heard a voice saying: do something about the children." From that moment, I felt very much relieved as if a heavy weight had been lifted off my shoulders.

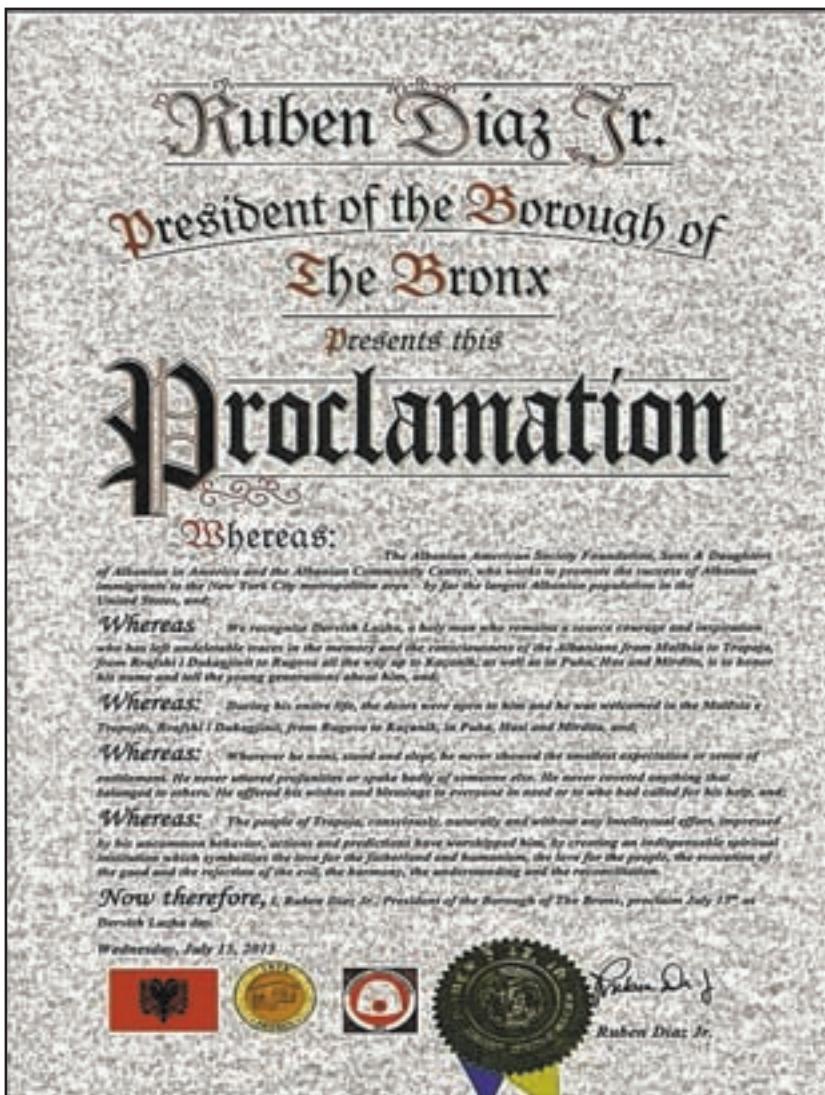
My brother told me that we had to go again to the tomb of Dervish Luzha. That is what we did... I felt a different man after that night and a growing sense of courage self-belief in me.

What was that voice and where did it come from? I believed it came from the tyrbe (tomb dedicated to dervishes) of Dervish Luzha.

A few days later, I travelled with Brahë Ali Gegëhyseni to purchase a photograph in the town of Bajram Curri. He gave me a small photo of Dervish Luzha and I took it with me to Tirana. I was again accompanied by Brahë Ali Gegëhyseni and Fadil Furriku and we met with a talented artist, a painter. I asked him whether he could enlarge the photo and use the color that Dervisha Luzha so much admired. He loved the season of spring and the green color that came with it.

"The spring resembles the birth of man, the blossom of a flower, the start of life..." he used to say. The artist worked the whole day and produced a large photo in color.

Three months later, after I returned to America, I met with Hasan Gashi and some other teachers who had opened an Albanian school in the Bronx. They asked for my help to convince the authorities in the Bronx borough so that one of the local public schools could offer a classroom free of charge, to hold







## 49TH PRECINCT HOSTS BMX TOURNAMENT

The 49th Precinct hosted a BMX Tournament on Thursday, July 7 at Loreto Park as part of local law enforcement's continued commitment toward establishing strong community relations.

Members of the community and law enforcement participated in the 49th's Precinct's first-ever BMX Tournament.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

(l-r) Zana Gjonaj, Sanija Kurtovic, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Suzana Gjonaj, Rocky Gjonaj, Krisitna Gjonaj, Emma and Amber enjoyed the festivities at Loreto Park.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



## GEORGE LAMOND PERFORMS AT CROTONA PARK

City Parks Foundation's SummerStage 2016 got the summertime festivities started with a crowd-pleasing concert performance by famous freestyle music and Salsa singer, George Lamond on Tuesday, July 5 at Crotona Park.



George Lamond entertained concert goers by performing some of his greatest hits.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## LOCALS TOAST BRONX411 WEBSITE LAUNCH

Bronx411.com, Lexa Bar and the East 204th Street and Bainbridge Avenue Merchants Association hosted a launch mixer for the newly established Bronx411 website on Wednesday, June 29 at 357 E. 204th Street. The website features news, job listings, events, a business directory and more to help local businesses with additional exposure and marketing strategies.



Andrew Sandler and Adaline Walker-Santiago had a great time celebrating Bronx411.com's launch.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago

(front, l-r) Jacqueline Villanueva, Marketing and Advertising Solutions founder and CEO; Melissa Cebolero, director of Health and Human Services for the Bronx Borough President's Office; Adaline Walker-Santiago, Community Board 7 chairwoman; Rudy Feliciano; Andrew Sandler, CB 7 district manager; Gino Pacheco, Beso Lounge co-owner; Mike Sassano, LaSorsa Car Dealership general manager; Wendell Butler; (back 1st from r) Bill Curran, McKeon Funeral Home director and Eli Garcia, (back, 2nd from r) Bainbridge Avenue and East 204th Street Merchants Association president and Beso Lounge co-owner.

Photo by Jehovy Santiago



## NYISE STUDENTS MEET 'DAREDEVIL' ACTOR

New York Institute for Special Education students were visited by Charlie Cox, the star of Netflix's new hit series 'Daredevil' on Friday, June 10. Cox's character Matt Murdock, a blind lawyer-by-day who fights crime at night as the costumed Daredevil in NYC's Hells Kitchen, was an inspiration to the visually impaired students. The children received several gifts, shared stories and took photos with the actor during their school's annual Campus Fun Day.



'Daredevil' star Charlie Cox met with NYISE students and gave them 'Funko Pop!' vinyl figures of his Marvel Comics alter ego.

Photo by James Rivera



# Summer auto insurance tips

**BY JOHN CERINI**  
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**INSURANCE BROKER**

The heat of summer is upon us and it may affect our vehicles performance.

Because people tend to do a lot of traveling during the summer, roads will be busier and there will be longer lines of traffic. Our vehicles will be over worked so it is important that we keep our vehicle in good running order to extend the life of the car. By staying diligent with our vehicle

maintenance it will lower the cost to operate over the long term. Just a few of the things we need to check before a long summer road trip are:

- Transmission Fluid
- Power Steering Fluid
- Air Conditioning Coolant
- Window Wiper Fluid
- Motor Oil
- Tire Air Pressure
- Spare Tire Availability

Some insurance companies such as Progressive also offer discounts for allowing them to attach a device to your vehicle

which tracks your safe or unsafe driving habits, such as speeding, breaking hard, sudden lane changes. These bad habits can also cause wear and tear on your tires. Therefore, by driving safer you will not only save money on your insurance and extend the life of your car, you will also save lives.

As a vehicle owner, we need to make sure we purchase the right auto insurance and additional endorsements where available for somethings such

as roadside assistance or towing and rental reimbursement. If you should have an accident you will need a sufficient liability insurance limits to help reimburse other vehicle owners for damage sustained to their vehicle or bodily injuries. If your vehicle has a lienholder you are required to have full coverage, which is not only NYS Liability, but also comprehensive and collision coverage. However, if you own your vehicle outright, you are not required

by NYS law to purchase full coverage. While you may not be required to purchase the comprehensive and collision, you might want to consider keeping this coverage active if affordable. Collision insurance covers the insured for repairs to your vehicle in an accident. Comprehensive covers the vehicle for Fire, Theft and Vandalism. For more information on the auto insurance policy or for a free policy review, please call John Cerini at 718-829-3200.

## Hutchinson's 425th birthday; BAE's SummerMusic

**Anne Hutchinson's 425th Birthday Celebration** will be held on Wednesday, July 20, at St. Paul's Church Historic Landmark Site, 897 South Columbus Avenue, Mt. Vernon, at 1 p.m.

David Osborn, lecturer and site manager, will explore the interface between the local Lenape Indians, the Dutch Commercial colony of New

Netherland, and the Puritan rebel, exile Anne Hutchinson, near St. Paul's in the 1640s.

For further information visit [dho59stpaul@yahoo.com](mailto:dho59stpaul@yahoo.com) or call (914) 667-4116.

Partnering the celebration is the Anne Hutchinson Year 2016: Tribute to Bill Twomey, founder and first president of the East Bronx History Forum.

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Cardinal Theory returns to **Bronx Arts Ensemble's SummerMusic** free concert series with popular '60s and '70s hits at Pelham Bay Park at Middledown Road and Stadium Avenue on Friday, July 15 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, July 17 at 2 p.m. in Van Cortlandt Park, Rockwood Drive Circle and 4 p.m. in Keating Hall at Fordham University performing

selections by The Beatles, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, Marvin Gaye, The Supremes, Jackson 5, Bobby Darin, Marvin Gaye, Ben E. King, The Beach Boys, Bee Gees, Rolling Stones and more.

SummerMusic 2016 free concerts continue with String Breezes in the Woods on July 24, Hot Tangos! on July 31 and

Summer Winds on August 7 in Van Cortlandt Park and Fordham University. Twilight Concerts on Fridays in Pelham Bay Park continue with New Orleans Jazz on August 12 and Latin Jazz on September 16 in Bronx Bark East at Lydig Avenue.

For more information, visit [www.bronxartsensemble.org](http://www.bronxartsensemble.org) or call (718) 601-7399.

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

The reality of the persecution of Christians is an issue that continues to be neglected.

The U.S. State Department has outlined an example of the persecution of Christians in its International Religious Freedom Report: "In Mosul, Iraq and nearby towns, shortly after the takeover of the area by militants of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Christians who had been given the choice to convert, pay a ruinous tax, or die, gathered their families and what few possessions they could carry, and sought all possible means to escape. Their community, having been a part of the rich culture and history of this city for more than a thousand years, was being threatened...[by] ISIL's brutal persecution, which has targeted all those, including religious and ethnic minorities, who oppose or do not fit in with ISIL's ideological vision and its categorical and violent opposition to religious freedom."

The Open Doors organization notes that: "The most rapidly growing areas of persecution are in the Middle East, Africa, and Central Asia.

"Islamic extremist self-styled caliphates have ex-

panded their sphere of operation across international borders.

"Governments became more fearful of Islamic extremism and responded by either (a) boosting nationalism as a counter-force or (b) tightening regulations and increasing surveillance over all religious expression.

"Muslims throughout the world are becoming more Islamic out of fear that extremism may take over their areas and that sleeper cells may awake.

"More states are lawless, with minorities suffering at the hands of violent groups."

A Pew study found that there has been a "rise in religion-related terrorism... Of the 198 countries included in the study, 24% had high or very high levels of government restriction in 2014... Although only about a quarter of the countries included in the study fall into the most religiously restrictive categories, some of the most restrictive countries (such as Indonesia and Pakistan) are very populous. As a result, roughly three-quarters of the world's 7.2 billion people (74%) were living in countries with high or very high restrictions or hostilities in 2014..."

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The report found that there was a "marked increase in the number of countries that experienced religion-related terrorist activities carried out by such groups as Boko Haram, al-Qaida and the Islamic State. Of the nearly 200 countries and territories included in the study, 82 (41%) had religion-related terrorist activities in 2014, up from 73 (37%) in 2013... in 60 countries, religion-related terrorism led to injuries or deaths, including at least 50 casualties in each of 28 countries. Casualties from religion-related terrorist activities have been rising in recent years... Looking at the overall level of restrictions in 2014 - whether resulting from government policies and actions or from hostile acts by private individuals, organizations or social groups - the new study finds that restrictions were high or very high in 34% of countries... Christians were harassed in 108 countries in 2014, up from 102 in 2013."

Christians are extremely

endangered throughout the Islamic world. The Obama Administration's bizarre refusal to admit them in any more than a minuscule token number, while disproportionately welcoming Islamic refugees, raises numerous questions.

According to National Review "The gross underrepresentation of the non-Muslim communities in the numbers of Syrian refugees into the U.S. is reflected year after year in the State Department's public records. They show, for example, that while Syria's largest non-Muslim group - Christians of the various Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions - constituted 10 percent of Syria's population before the war, they are only 2.6 percent of the 2,003 Syrian refugees that the United States has accepted since then. Syria's Christian population, which before the war numbered 2 million, has since 2011 been decimated in what Pope Francis described as religious "genocide."

The percent of Christian Syrian refugees admitted to the U.S. is dwindling even further. A CNS study report found that "The number of Syrian refugees admitted into the United States jumped to 1,037 during May - an increase of 130 percent over the previous

month - but the proportion of Christians among them remains minuscule: two Christians (0.19 percent) compared to 1,035 Muslims. May's figure of 1,037 Syrian refugees brings the total number since the beginning of 2016 to 2,099 - compared to 2,192 for the whole of 2015, according to State Department Refugee Processing Center data... Of the 2,099 Syrian refugees admitted so far this year, six (0.28 percent) are Christians, 2,043 (97.3 percent) are Sunni Muslims. The remaining 50 are 17 (0.8 percent) Shi'a, 30 (1.4 percent) other Muslims and 10 (0.47 percent) Yazidis."

The facts raise serious questions for the Obama Administration. It has not been favorable towards the current al-Sisi government in Egypt, for example that has sought to stop oppressive acts against Christians, but the White House was supportive of the former regime of Mohamed Morsi, a member of the radical Muslim Brotherhood, which increased anti-Christian persecution.

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## NYC FIRST LADY TOURS MONTEFIORE WELLNESS CENTER

NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray joined U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services Dr. Herminia Palacio and Commissioner of Health Dr. Mary Bassett in touring Montefiore Medical Center's Wellness Center at 1510 Waters Place on Thursday, June 30. The tour was part of the U.S. Surgeon General's national campaign to address America's prevalent prescription drug and opioid crisis in line with First Lady McCray's efforts to combat negative attitudes about mental illness in NYC.



(l-r) Recovering patients, Leonard Seals and Rosa Diaz met with First Lady Chirlane McCray, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and Walter Ginter, a recovering patient and director of the center's Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## STUDENTS STUDY ANCIENT CONSTRUCTION

Approximately 50 public middle school students from the School District 9 visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Friday, July 8 to study the relationship between architecture, design and visual art in ancient to modern times. The students are part of the NYC Department of Design and Construction's Middle School Summer Enrichment Program under DDC STEAM which was started in 2014 as a way to engage NYC youth in the architecture, construction and engineering industries.



Bronx middle schoolers gained extensive insight on historical architecture and design during a visit to the MET's Ancient Assyrian Palace and Ming Dynasty Chinese Courtyard.

Photo courtesy of NYC Department of Design and Construction



## NYC COUNCIL VISITS WINGS ACADEMY

Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland paid a visit to Wings Academy students on Monday, June 27 to discuss potential summer employment opportunities. Training is taking place at Wings Academy and is designed to aid teenagers and young adults as they begin working through the NYC Summer Youth Employment Program in July.

Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (l) and Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (r) discussed summer employment opportunities with Wings Academy youth.

Photo by John McCarten/NYC Council

## R.A.I.N. CELEBRATES BOLLYWOOD

Tolentine Center's Regional Aid for Interim Needs, Inc. (R.A.I.N.) and the Bharati Dance Academy attended the Inaugural Bollywood Celebration on Friday, June 24. The Bollywood celebration showcasing a 'Taste of Indian and Caribbean Culture' was the first of its kind to be held in any R.A.I.N. center.



(back, l-r) R.A.I.N. Tolentine Center seniors celebrated diversity with Larcenia Walton, Office of the Borough President director of senior services; Iris Bonhomme, R.A.I.N. Tolentine Center program director; Jane Arce-Bello, R.A.I.N. Inc. executive director; Detective Herawattie Jeeuth; Councilman Fernando Cabrera; (front, l-r) Manuel Diana Bonhomme and Bharati Kemraj, Bharati Dance Academy.

Photo courtesy of Bharati Dance Academy

## FAT JOE ROCKS CROTONA PARK

The Bronx's Fat Joe made the Boogie Down live up to its namesake when he performed before thousands of excited SummerStage 2016 concert goers on Wednesday, July 6 at Crotona Park. Fat Joe rocked the crowd with some help from hip-hop icon Tony Touch and a special appearance from Remy Ma from Fat Joe's rap crew, Terror Squad.



Fat Joe gave a larger than life performance at one of SummerStage 2016's biggest shows.

Photo by Miriam Quin



# Carvel celebrates National Ice Cream Day July 17th

America's Freshest Ice Cream® announced that in celebration of National Ice Cream Day on Sunday, July 17, guests will be able to purchase any size soft ice cream cone or cup and get a second for free at participating locations. Carvel is giving this year's promotion a new twist by asking Americans how they most enjoy eat-

ing their ice cream – by licking or biting it.

To Lick or Bite? Carvel celebrates National Ice Cream Day by solving the debate and offering Buy One Get One free ice cream cones all day on Sunday, July 17t

According to a national survey, 44 percent of Americans prefer to lick their ice cream

over biting into it (26 percent). No matter which way you go, Carvel's decadent ice cream treats await, including the brand's latest flavor innovation – the limited-time soft ice cream made with Ghirardelli®.

"We're thrilled to offer buy one get one in celebration of ice cream's biggest holiday. National Ice Cream Day is

important for us, as America's freshest ice cream, we want our guests to celebrate the day with us," said Scott Colwell, president of Carvel. "This year, we decided to take National Ice Cream day to the next level and survey consumers to get an even better idea of how America prefers to enjoy ice cream."

The national survey also sought to determine which method is better for avoiding brain freeze, which 77 percent of Americans admit to getting from eating ice cream. Respondents who reported never getting brain freeze preferred licking (31 percent) over biting (15 percent).

## BY KENNY AGOSTO

We dedicate this column in memory of all victims of violence and terrorism here in America, Turkey, Bangladesh, Iraq, Israel and Saudi Arabia. This summer in particular, we can't seem to turn on the television without seeing graphic images of violence and destruction on our local streets.

In Orlando, where 49 human beings who were slaughtered for being LGBTQ and Latino by a disturbed self conflicted individual done in the name of ISIS. Two African American men who were killed by police officers in Louisiana and Minnesota captured on live social media sparking nation-wide protests. And now, five members of Dallas law enforcement who were murdered while protecting and serving at a peaceful rally.

It seems our society is collectively experiencing mass Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) on a global scale. We cannot just recoil silently from our personal comfort zone. We must continue engaging to suppress this rising violent paradigm in our social media-driven world. In our country, since 1997, we have lost hundreds of thousands of innocent people to gun violence. Fifty-nine mass shootings from Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Aurora; to Newtown to Fort Hood to Boston to Memphis to San Bernadino to Columbia to Orlando, to Dallas.

This carnage represents 49,000 deaths in America compared with only 112 in nine Western European countries which comprises the same population as the United States (324 million people).

Why? They all have comprehensive gun control laws. We have a second amendment to our constitution saying we have the right to bear arms and the often ignored "A well regulated militia being necessary for the security of a free state shall not be infringed." Were they talking about two people in a pickup?

We must change our laws without impeding the right to bear arms. but surely, we can convince the majority members of both houses of congress to enact legislation to stop this madness. After all, this affects everyone; White elementary school children, Black church goers, college students, movie goers, dance club goers and on and on and on...

The Bronx Park East Community Association joins the call for change in our laws to stem the violence. If you do not, we will remember in November. All we seek is justice and domestic tranquility. All we seek is Life for our children to grow up without becoming a statistic, Liberty for the disenfranchised members in the margins of our society, and the pursuit of happiness for all people.

## In Memoriam

## AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Monday, July 18, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be taken prior to that time.

To reserve a seat, call 718) 892-2235.

This 6-hour course will refresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips. Those who complete the course will receive a reduction of approximately 10 percent from the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

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

## Bronx Park East Community Association

In this special memoriam, B-PECA would like to first acknowledge and remember legendary Tuskegee Airman and longtime president of Bronx Community College Dr. Roscoe Brown, Jr, 94. Dr. Brown proudly served in WWII, flying 68 combat missions as a fighter commander of the first black aviators, the famous Tuskegee Red Tails. He was the 'go to voice of reason' during the volatile years in the Bronx. Public servants and mayors sought his help and counsel. Dr. Brown was a source of inspiration to so many young people. Thank you Dr. Brown for serving our country and the people of the Bronx.

Profound Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Jewish Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, 89. Wiesel made it his business to bear witness to never ever let the world forget the millions of innocent people who were exterminated by the Nazis during WWII.

Longtime former Bronx Assemblyman and power broker Murray Lewinter, 89 of Alzheimer's disease. Lewinter served as confidant to both Bronx Democratic chairmen Pat Cunningham and Stanley Friedman. We also remember Bronx senior Juan Cordero. Juan was also father of longtime Bronx community activist Awilda Cordero. Bronx senior Germania Zambrano. Germania was also mother of Angelina Teran of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation. Donald Jelinek, 82, attorney for the prisoners of Attica. New York radio legend Vaghn Harper, 71 host of 'The Quiet Storm' on 107.5 FM WBLS. TV's Lois Lane on the original 'Superman' Noel Neill, 95. Alton Sterling of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Philando Castile of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, both Afri-

can-American men were shot and killed by local police.

The victims of Dallas: PD Sgt. Michael Smith, 55, a former Army Ranger who had been with the department since 1989; PD Senior Cpl. Lorne Ahrens, 48, who had been with the department since 2002; PD Officer Michael Krol, 40, who had been with the department since 2007; PD Officer Patrick Zamarrripa, 32, a Navy sailor and Iraq War veteran who had been with the department since 2011; and DART Officer Brent Thompson, 43, a former Marine[ who had been with the department since 2009. Thompson was the first DART officer to be killed in the line of duty since the department's inception in 1989.

The deaths of five officers in the shooting made this the deadliest single incident for police officers in the United States since the September 11 attacks, surpassing two 2009 shootings in Lakewood, WA, and Oakland, CA, where four officers each were killed.

The Victims of Orlando: Stanley Almodovar III, 23; Amanda Alvear, 25; Oscar A. Aracena-Montero, 26; Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33; Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21; Martin Benitez Torres, 33; Antonio D. Brown, 30; Darryl R. Burt II, 29; Jonathan A. Camuy Vega, 24; Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28; Simon A. Carrillo Fernandez, 31; Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25; Luis D. Conde, 39; Cory J. Connell, 21; Tevin E. Crosby, 25; Franky J. Dejesus Velazquez, 50; Deonka D. Drayton, 32; Mercedes M. Flores, 26; Juan R. Guerrero, 22; Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22; Paul T. Henry, 41; Frank Hernandez, 27; Miguel A. Honorato, 30; Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40; Jason B. Josaphat, 19; Eddie J. Justice, 30; Anthony L. Laureano Disla, 25; Christopher A. Leinonen, 32; Brenda L. Marquez McCool, 49; Jean C. Mendez Perez, 35; Akyra Monet Murray, 18; Kimberly Morris, 37; Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27; Luis O. Ocasio-Capo, 20; Eric I. Ortiz-Rivera, 36; Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32; Enrique L. Rios

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Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37; Yilmery Rodriguez Solivan, 24; Christopher J. Sanfeliz, 24; Xavier E. Serrano Rosado, 35; Gilberto R. Silva Menendez, 25; Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34; Shane E. Tomlinson, 33; Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25; Luis S. Vielma, 22; Luis D. Wilson-Leon, 37; and Jerald A. Wright, 31.

The largest mass shooting in American history. May all of the honored dead find their Rest In Peace...

## Upcoming Events

Don't forget our final meeting of the year/Pot Luck Picnic on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Bronx Park on Waring Avenue and Bronx Park East. Our upcoming two block parties: Saturday, July 23, from noon to 8 p.m. on Thwaites Place and Olinville Avenue and Saturday, August 27, noon to 7 p.m. on Cruger Avenue and Mace Avenue. On Sunday, August 7, B-PECA Beach Party Blanket Bingo from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. at Orchard Beach Section 8. Live entertainment. Be there or B-PECA.

## Contact B-PECA

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If you are on facebook, please join our interactive group where you can post articles, pictures, videos and more: [facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast).

Until next time, It's going to be a hot summer. Check on your neighbors and pets, Please conserve your energy by keeping the AC on energy saver mode and by unplugging unused chargers and power strips plugged into your sockets. This will prevent rolling brown outs. It's been a tough summer. We are all Dallas, Minnesota, Louisiana, Orlando, the Bronx and all places subjected to violence.



## WALTER POFELDT'S PHOTOS SHOWN AT POE PARK

Waterbury-LaSalle resident and longtime Bronx Times Reporter photographer, Walter Pofeldt debuted a selection of 20 prints from his 12-day trip to Cuba last October at a reception for the 'The Faces of Cuba' exhibit on Saturday, July 2 at Poe Park Visitor Center. The photos will be viewable between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. until Sunday, July 31 at 2640 Grand Concourse.



Photographer Walter Pofeldt (front, c) was joined by art aficionados for his exhibit's opening reception.

Photo by Miriam Quin



Pofeldt pointed out one of his featured photos showcasing street musicians in Cuba.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## ALLERTON SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

The third annual Hello Summer Block Party provided some much needed summertime fun for the Allerton community on Saturday, June 25 on Barnes Avenue between Allerton and Arnou avenues. The seasonal celebration was hosted by Bob McNeil and organized by Allerton Barnes Block Association, the Allerton Library and Bronx Park East Community Association.



(l-r) Miss Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade Women's Pageant queen Elizabeth Ruiz-Delgado; Juvenil first princess Heavenly Tavares; Pre-Teen queen Brianna Perez; Infantil queen Kayla Cordero; Pre-Teen first princess Arilya Hidalgo; Grace Lovaglio, Allerton Barnes Block Association founder and chairwoman and Norma Lopez, Cruger Mace Block Association founder and chairwoman.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Park East Community Association



## BHARATI DANCE ACADEMY HONORS STUDENT

Bharati Dance Academy in collaboration with Sanjay Pallets, Melanie's Restaurant and BronxNet honored Manuel Diana, a professional dancer and choreographer, with a \$500 check on Wednesday, July 6 at 1248 Castle Hill Avenue. As part of the Connecting Borders Initiative with the Bharati Dance Academy and the Bharati Foundation, organizations and community members recognized Diana's time, dedication and commitment in interning at BronxNet, performing at various Bronx events and street festivals and volunteering his time with several local organizations. Diana will return to his native Puerto Rico to continue his studies.

(l-r) Munesh and Suneta Naraine, owners of Melanie's Restaurant; Nicholas Himidian, Jr., Community Board 9 Youth and Education chairman; Iris Bonhomme, Manuel's mother; honoree Manuel Diana; Freddie Melendez; Sugenny Flowers and Bharati Kemraj, Bharati Dance Academy.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## HARLEM RBI, STARKIST FEED S. BRONX FAMILIES

Harlem RBI and StarKist joined forces with Feed the Children to provide food and essentials to 800 south Bronx families whose children participate in the Harlem RBI program on Thursday, June 23 at Patterson Playground. Participating RBI families received a 25-pound food box; a 10-pound box of basic essentials including shampoo, conditioner, lotion and personal care items and a box of assorted Avon products. The families also received Disney books and children's toys provided by K.I.D.S. and additional product provided by StarKist and Deep River Snacks.



New York Yankees outfielder Brett Gardner (back, c) and his wife, Jessica (back, 4th from r) and J.C. Watts (back, 3rd from r), Feed the Children president, joined StarKist, Harlem RBI, Hain Celestial, Cbix and Feed the Children volunteers to serve and assist families in need.

Photo courtesy of Feed the Children



## BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

On Tuesda, June 28, I was thrilled to attend the gala evening honoring this year's recipients of the Bronx Times Reporter's 25 Bronx Influential Women Award. Being honored this year was especially wonderful after a somewhat tumultuous year, personally. But as I said in my speech, from change comes new beginnings. It was wonderful to hear everyone else's speech and learn about their stories.

Having my cousin Debra Arles also being honored this year was great and three of our nieces were able to attend the event to see what their crazy aunts are up to. Extra special was the fact that my table was filled with some of my Locust Point Civic Association cohorts, the people who made all those hours of work on the LPCA board fun and worthwhile. Plus, some very special friends attended, people that truly inspire me with all of the things they do in our community. My BFF was there with one of my cousins and most important, my husband was there too. Many people have heard that he exists but he is an elusive one.

Speaking of tumult, the last minute change of venue for the Locust Point CSA was somewhat panic inducing. I knew it would cause some members to not return (it did), but in the end, we got plenty of new members to make up for those who dropped out. Having the CSA at my house is ac-

tually easier for me and my wonderful neighbors have all been incredibly supportive of the mad rush on Monday evenings. Our members have been respectful as well, nobody has been double parking or blocking driveways. Some of our neighbors have stopped by during set up and distribution to ask what we're doing. We always have extras, so I have been 'spreading the love' with random bags of vegetables left on front stoops in the morning.

We had a juice tasting from a small Vermont business called 'Purify Juice Company'. Patrick, one of the owners, brought a large cooler filled with cases of four of his juices. Our members were able to sample all of the flavors and by the end of the evening Patrick had sold out. Three of our members are single men and they spent the whole night chatting under our tent, helping with moving empty crates and just generally enjoying the evening. Even the rain shower did not deter our crowd; we moved the table under the tent and continued doling out samples of the four juices.

The week before, we had escarole in our shares. This is a delicious green, a little bitter though and not one I like to eat raw in a salad. It can be sautéed in oil and garlic, but my husband is not a fan of the sautéed green and with all the salad we've eating, I don't need any more greens in my diet right now. And so I de-

## food for thought

cided to make a big batch of escarole and white bean soup with the head I got from my share, plus the two that were leftover in the extras bin. It's in season and if you see it in the farmer's market give it a try. If you have borage growing in your backyard, my new neighbors, who are northern Italian, told me you can use borage the same way you use escarole. I have it growing in copious amounts in my backyard; I'm thinking of giving it a try with the last bag of beans and the last jar of stock I have left.

I didn't have cannellini beans, but I had a one pound bag of organic heirloom beans that were white with a touch of tan, so I decided to use them. I soaked them overnight in water, drained them and put them in a large enamel pot. I added fresh water to cover by two inches and turned the heat to high. Once the pot was boiling, I lowered the heat to a simmer and let the beans cook for an hour. At this point, you can add a bay leaf or two, but do not add salt. The cooking time for the beans I use is pretty short and if you are using standard grocery store beans you may need to cook the beans longer. I'm using dried beans that were harvested in fall of 2015. Many typical gro-

cery store dried beans can be a year or two old by the time you use them. This will extend the cooking time.

Once the beans are cooked, drain them in a colander and set them aside in a bowl. Some people will make their soup utilizing the cooking liquid from the beans. I find that this practice can cause the excessive gas that some people experience when eating beans, similar to when you don't drain canned beans of their packing liquid. If this is a problem for you, I recommend you try this method.

Trim and clean the escarole using a colander or a salad spinner. Chop the leaves to one or two inch pieces. A few rinses will do, this can be a gritty green. Using the same large enameled pot, add ¼ cup of oil and a ¼ cup of butter (remember, I'm using three heads of escarole, cut the oil and butter to 1 tablespoon each if you're making it with one head) to the pot and turn the heat to medium high. Add three cloves of garlic, chopped fine (again, reduce for a single batch). You can also use your garlic scapes here instead. When garlic is light gold, start adding the escarole in large handfuls to the pot, stirring to get the leaves covered in oil and butter and to get them to start wilting. After each handful, add a pinch of salt, this helps keep the escarole green while it cooks. Once the escarole has all been added to the pot and tossed about, add one quart of chicken stock

and one quart of water. I used my homemade chicken stock, which is loaded with flavor and can handle being diluted. Turn up the heat to high and bring the liquid to a boil.

When it's bubbling, add half of the reserved beans. Using a potato masher, mash the rest of the beans and add that to the soup. The secret ingredient to this soup is the rind from a piece of imported Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. I got mine from Pastosa on Tremont Avenue. Add piece of rind to the soup and turn the heat to a low simmer. Cook for 45 minutes. Taste and season with salt, freshly ground black pepper and red pepper to taste. Serve with a splash of very good olive oil and a piece or two of crostini.

Needless to say, with a heat wave going on, escarole soup and white bean soup may not be on the menu for you, but we did manage to have a small bowl on Saturday night. The rest of it was put in three containers and placed in the freezer for a few winter meals. You can replicate this recipe quickly by using one head of escarole and a can of low sodium or organic cannellini beans, plus a quart of undiluted stock. But if you can get a hold of a rind of cheese, it will make all the difference. Plus, in the middle of the winter, you will have something to remind you to sign up for your 2017 CSA share.

So get your cook on! And be the change you want to see in the world.

## BY GENE DEFRANCIS

We would like to encourage a world where people did not live in fear. Fear because of a uniform someone is wearing, fear of someone's skin tone, fear of someone's religion is the most oppressive mentality anyone can acquire.

Fear is oppressive. It inhibits your rights and your security. And one can talk until they are blue in the face, but nothing you can say can dispel someone's fear.

But we will try. We are not going to debate whether Black Lives Matter or All Lives Matter. The title is not the result.

We want people to feel safe.

We want people to feel equal.

Attacking each other with words or violence is the opposite of safe.

So thanks to the ACLU we are listing their information provided when stopped by po-

lice:

### Know Your Rights

- You have the right to remain silent. If you wish to exercise that right, say so out loud.

- You have the right to refuse to consent to a search of yourself, your car or your home.

- If you are not under arrest, you have the right to calmly leave.

- You have the right to a lawyer if you are arrested. Ask for one immediately.

- Regardless of your immigration or citizenship status, you have constitutional rights.

### Your Responsibilities

- Do stay calm and be polite.

- Do not interfere with or obstruct the police.

- Do not lie or give false documents.

- Do prepare yourself and your family in case you are

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arrested.

- Do remember the details of the encounter.

- Do file a written complaint or call your local ACLU if you feel your rights have been violated.

If you feel like your rights have been violated, do not keep it to yourself. Contact the precinct's Community Affairs. Contact the precinct council that's meets once a month. Community board can handle these matters. Local elected officials. State elected officials. News media.

By reporting bad behavior you can possibly save someone else. So take the time. We

know every profession has someone that is not equipped to work there. We can not take for granted the good employees and let the few bad apples spoil the reputation of the whole.

We must also support our police officers. The working conditions are deplorable and their job is thankless.

No matter how you slice it. We all have a right to go home. Even the misguided. Enough of the finger pointing and name calling.

The only way we solve anything is together.

We at the Allerton International Merchants Association stand firmly along side the men and women of the NYPD and 49th Precinct.

We also stand for the men and women of our community who are hungry and frustrated and working hard everyday to make ends meet. Many who fall into disparity

and depression.

We know the complexity of the situation.

We try to simplify it by simply saying stay united.

For any concern or issue you can always contact us at AllertonMerchants@gmail.com. Or on Facebook at Allerton International Merchants Association.

Noisy neighbors. Litter and dog poop. Or to tell us stories about your favorite store on Allerton. Don't hesitate to share.

Great things are happening on Allerton and it's only getting better. Stay cool this summer and keep an eye on your neighbors. Especially Senior Citizens during the heat wave. Make sure they are ok.

Your community is your business.

Next meeting is Tuesday, August 2, at 7:30 p.m. at The Sanz, 815 Allerton Avenue.



# COUNCILMAN VACCA VISITS NORTHEAST BRONX SENIOR CENTER

Councilman James Vacca hosted a fun-filled exercise program at the Northeast Bronx Senior Center on Wednesday, July 6.



Councilman Vacca helped Northeast Bronx Senior Center residents and staff stay in shape.

Photo courtesy of Councilman James Vacca's Office



## EAST BRONX HISTORY FORUM RECEIVES GRANT

Congratulations are in order for the East Bronx History Forum which received a 2016 Citizens Committee for NYC Neighborhood Grant in the amount of \$2,000 on Friday, July 8. The East Bronx History Forum plans to utilize this grant money on a variety of worthy causes to advance and develop the study of Bronx history.

(l-r) EBHF board members Thomas Casey; Mike Gupta; Richard Vitacco, president; Tom Vasti, vice president and Anthony Pisciotta.

Photo courtesy of Thomas Casey

## VACCA HONORS MIDDLETOWN PLAZA STAFF

Councilman James Vacca presented NYC Council Citations to Middletown Plaza staff members Gloria Velez, Angel Rodriguez and Vincent Hannwacker on Thursday, June 23 recognizing the work they do for the seniors and the 3033 Middletown Road building.

(l-r) Honorees Angel Rodriguez and Gloria Velez; Councilman Vacca; honoree Vincent Hannwacker with Rev. Marilyn Oliver, Middletown Plaza Resident Council president.

Photo courtesy of Councilman James Vacca's Office





## Upcoming Wave Hill highlights and events

For those who know Wave Hill well, intimacy is one of the defining characteristics of any visit.

**Saturday, July 23; Sunday, July 24: Family Art Project: Handmade River Rafts:** Collage a mixture of buoyant materials cut from repurposed foam trays, colorful foam sheets and reeds. Make it into an all-natural raft or handmade boat.

**Saturday, July 23: Tai Chi Chuan:** In this multi-level class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts, and promotes an awareness of its health benefits.

**Saturday, July 23: Art Workshop: Felted Tree Portraits:** Unite fibers of wool to construct your own "painting" made entirely of felt. Following this workshop led by artist Anne Scully of GroArt Therapy, enjoy a tree tour with one Ahorticulture specialists.

**Saturday, July 23: Garden Walk: A Day In The Life Of A Plant-Labeler:** Join Horticultural Interpreter Charles Day on a tour of the grounds as he ex-

plains labeling techniques and the mysteries of botanical Latin.

**Saturday, July 23: Gallery Tour:** Join Wave Hill's Curatorial Fellow for a tour of Glyndor Gallery exhibitions.

**SUNDAY, JULY 24: YOGA:** Classes are led in partnership with Yoga for Bliss.

**Sunday, July 24: Meditation:** Classic sessions include instruction in simple techniques followed by 20 to 30 minutes of guided meditation led in partnership with Yoga for Bliss.

**Sunday, July 24: Garden Highlights Walk:** Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

**Sunday, July 24: Meet The Artists:** Caroline Larsen And Rachael Wren: Both artists exhibiting in Wave Hill House discuss their sources, techniques and how they approach nature through painting.

Wave Hill, Apublic garden and cultural center, is located at 675 West 252nd Street.

For further information call (718) 549-3200 ext. 232.



Wave Hill's Family Art Project, Handmade River Rafts, participants.

Photo courtesy of Wave Hill

## THE NEW SOUND OF BROOKLYN

The Community News Group is proud to introduce **BROOKLYN PAPER RADIO**. Join Brooklyn Paper Editor-in-Chief **Vince DiMiceli** and the New York Daily News' **Gersh Kuntzman** every Thursday at 4:45 for an hour of talk on topics Brooklynites hold dear.

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## JULY

Saturday, July 9th  
**MOVIE NIGHT**  
 "MINIONS"



Saturday,  
 July 23rd  
**STOP  
 'N SWAP**  
 AND  
**CARNIVAL**  
 12-3pm

## AUGUST

Saturday, August 13th  
**SALSA FEST**  
 3-6pm

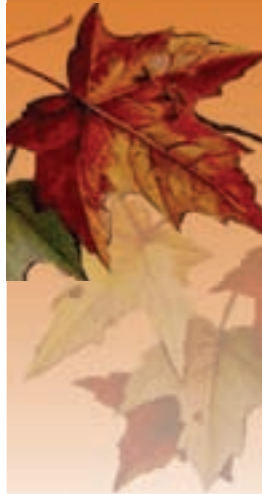
Tuesday, August 16th  
**CELEBRATE  
 ELVIS ANNIVERSARY**  
 7-9pm

Saturday, August 27th  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**  
 2-5pm



## SEPTEMBER

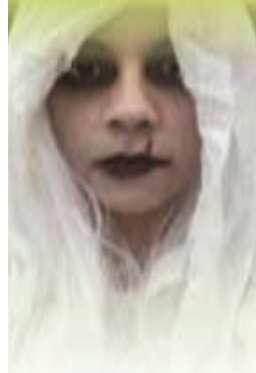
Saturday, Sept. 10th  
**MOVIE NIGHT**  
 "ZOOTOPIA"



## OCTOBER

Friday, October 7th  
**MOVIE NIGHT**  
 "HOTEL  
 TRANSYLVANIA 2"

Monday, October 31st  
**HALLOWEEN  
 @ THE SQUARE**  
 5-8pm



## NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 26th  
**SMALL BUSINESS  
 SATURDAY**  
 12-4pm



Thursday, Nov. 24th  
**COMMUNITY  
 THANKSGIVING  
 DINNER**  
 Owen Dolen  
 Recreation Center

## DECEMBER

Friday, December 9th  
**HOLIDAYS  
 @ THE SQUARE**  
 5-8pm



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NOTICE OF SALE  
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HILDAAYALA, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/26/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 8/15/2016 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 664 Manida Street, Bronx, NY 10474, 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 2765 and Lot 317.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$722,108.56 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 381580/2008.

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

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee.  
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

D a t e d : 6 / 6 / 2 0 1 6  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of SJS Global Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on May 05, 2016. Office located in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 454 E 160th Street, Bronx, N.Y 10451 apt 1E. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of S VALENS LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on October 21, 2015. NY office location: NEW YORK County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any Process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O the LLC. 604 West 158th Street, New York, NY 10032. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PR III/MD Storage TRS, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/11/16. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in DE on 5/4/16. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Setplex LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/23/16. Office location: Bronx County. LLC formed in DE on 3/3/15. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 2320 Arthur Ave., Bronx, NY 10453, principal business address. DE address of LLC: c/o Agents and Corporations, Inc., 1201 Orange St., Suite 600, Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number 1293950 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Liquor at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1144 Castle Hill Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 for on premises consumption.

LA VECINA CORP  
DBA-LA VECINA RESTAURANT LOUNGE  
1144 Castle Hill Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10462

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006 FRE1 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates; Plaintiff(s) vs. CAROL STERLING; SHANE STERLING; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 7, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On August 15, 2016 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 3306 FISH AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10469  
Block: 4736 Lot: 41

ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BRONX, STATE OF NEW YORK.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$389,548.10 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380793/11  
Leonard C. Aloï, Esq.; REFEREE

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant Wine License, #1295937, has been applied for by PABELLON, INC. to sell Wine and Beer under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1501

Westchester Ave., Bronx, New York, for on-premises consumption.  
BY: PABELLON, INC.  
1501 Westchester Ave.  
Bronx, New York, 10472

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2006-AC3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AC3,

Plaintiff,  
Against  
Index No.: 382786/2009  
ANTHONY DAWSON, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 3/25/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 8/15/2016 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 840 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455, 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 2675, Lot 49.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$549,769.46 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 382786/2009

Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee.  
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 425, UNIONDALE, NY 11556  
Dated: 6/17/2016 MNB

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AHL1, Plaintiff

AGAINST  
MAMADOU SALL, et al.,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 17, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY, on August 01, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1326 Leland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3880, Lot 122 (F/K/A P/O Lot 25). Approximate amount of judgment \$707,107.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #382677/09.

Susan K. Starr, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, MANA Series 2007-AF1; Plaintiff(s)

vs. THERESA A. CLARNER; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 26 Harvester Avenue, Batavia, New York, 14020, 585.815.0288

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about June 1, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On August 8, 2016 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 198 LONGSTREET AVENUE a/k/a 842 Shore Drive, BRONX, NY 10465-4047  
Block: 5519 Lot: 151

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.

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 \$604,259.58 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 35290/2014E  
Lawrence T. Schiro, Esq.; REFEREE

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,

Against  
Index No.: 380042/13  
DANIEL A. HOLGUIN A/K/A DANIEL HOLGUIN, CARLOS E. PINELA A/K/A CARLOS PINELA, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/23/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 7/25/2016 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1048 Kelly Street, Bronx, NY 10459, 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 of the Bronx, County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 2716 and Lot 110.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$612,920.26 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380042/13.

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

Dated: 6/16/2016 File Number: 201101368 PB



**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS  
Index No. 32113/2015E  
FILED: 6/20/2016  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
Plaintiff designates Bronx County as  
the place of trial.  
Venue is based upon the County in  
which the Mortgage premises is  
situated.

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC

Plaintiff,

- against -

Carmen Void, Individually and as  
Heir to the Estate of Leopoldo Fleming  
a/k/a Leo Fleming, Leopoldo F. Fleming  
a/k/a Leopoldo F. Fleming, Individually  
and as Heir to the Estate of Leopoldo  
Fleming a/k/a Leo Fleming, Alberto  
Fleming, as heir to the Estate of  
Leopoldo Fleming a/k/a Leo Fleming,  
Denise Thomas and Alexis Fleming, as  
heirs to the Estate of Leopoldo Fleming  
a/k/a Leo Fleming, if living and if Denise  
Thomas and/or Alexis Fleming be dead,  
any and all persons who are spouses,  
widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor,  
heirs, devisees, distributees, or  
successors in interest of such of the  
above as may be dead, and their

spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees  
and successors in interest, all of whom  
and whose names and places of  
residences are unknown to Plaintiff,  
Juan Johnson, as heir to the Estate of  
Leopoldo Fleming a/k/a Leo Fleming,  
Criminal Court of the City of New York,  
Midland Funding LLC dba in New York,  
New York State Department of Taxation  
and Finance, New York City  
Environmental Control Board, New York  
City Parking Violations Bureau, New  
York City Transit Adjudication Bureau,  
United States of America, David Void,  
Lenard Fleming,

Defendants.  
TO THE ABOVE NAMED  
DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to  
answer the Complaint in this action and  
to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the  
Complaint is not served with this  
Summons, to serve a Notice of  
Appearance on the attorneys for the  
plaintiff within twenty (20) days after  
service of this Summons, exclusive of  
the day of service (or within thirty (30)  
days after service is complete if this  
Summons is not personally delivered to  
you within the State of New York). In  
case of your failure to appear or answer,  
judgment will be taken against you by  
default for the relief demanded in the  
Complaint.

**NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION  
AND RELIEF SOUGHT**

THE OBJECT of the above  
captioned action is to foreclose a  
Mortgage to secure \$55,000.00 and  
interest, recorded in the Bronx County  
Office of the City Register on May 3,  
2000, in Book 1769, Page 1550,  
covering premises known as 431 Howe  
Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473.

The relief sought in the within action  
is a final judgment directing the sale of  
the premises described above to satisfy  
the debt secured by the Mortgage  
described above.

**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.**

Dated: Williamsville, New York  
May 6, 2016

By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq.  
Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman &  
Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff

53 Gibson Street (Main Office) Bay  
Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100  
Our File No.: 01-073990-F00

TO:

Carmen Void, Individually and as  
Heir to the Estate of Leopoldo Fleming  
a/k/a Leo Fleming, Denise Thomas, as  
heir to the Estate of Leopoldo Fleming  
a/k/a Leo Fleming

Alexis Fleming, as heir to the Estate  
of Leopoldo Fleming a/k/a Leo Fleming  
New York State Department of Taxation  
and Finance

United States of America

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF ACTION  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF  
NURSING**

IN RE: The license to practice as a  
Registered Nurse of  
Nadine Bowie

220 Cherokee Court, Unit 121  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
(Seminole County)  
939 East 214 Street, #2  
Bronx, NY 10469

(Bronx County)  
CASE NO.: 2015-31372  
LICENSE NO.: RN 9256824

The Department of Health has filed  
an Administrative Complaint against  
you, a copy of which may be obtained  
by contacting, Judson Searcy, Assistant  
General Counsel, Prosecution Services  
Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin  
#C65, Tallahassee Florida 32399-3265,  
(850) 245-4640.

If no contact has been made by you  
concerning the above by August 26,  
2016 the matter of the Administrative  
Complaint will be presented at an  
ensuing meeting of the Board of Nursing  
in an informal proceeding.

In accordance with the Americans  
with Disabilities Act, persons needing a  
special accommodation to participate in  
this proceeding should contact the  
individual or agency sending this notice  
not later than seven days prior to the  
proceeding at the address given on the  
notice. Telephone: (850) 245-4640,  
1-800- 955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-  
955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY  
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against

INEZ F. BERENGUER A/K/A INEZ BERENGUER A/K/A INEZ FELICIANO, 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 APRIL 16, 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 AUGUST 15, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 343 PENNYFIELD AVENUE, BRONX NY 10465. Block 5505 Lot 5. 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 \$593,528.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380967/13.

EDMOND J. PRYOR, ESQ., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
Index # 17763/07  
PAUL LOPEZ, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 6/29/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on 7/25/2016 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2869 Schley Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Section 18, Block 5562 and Lot 170.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$237,870.79 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 17763/07.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee.  
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556  
Dated: 6/15/2015 CN

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT -COUNTY OF BRONX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC  
Plaintiff  
-Against-  
DATUS MURRAY, ETAL  
Defendants  
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on May

**LEGAL NOTICE**

14, 2015, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on August 1, 2016 at 2.00 pm Premises known as:

679 East 232nd Street  
Bronx, NY 10466  
Block 4835 Lot 15

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$546,435.97 plus interest and costs.

Index No.: 380081/11  
Gerald L. Shiewotz, Esq. REFEE  
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff

145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
Dated: June 21, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH ADDO; VERONICA ADDO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 28, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on August 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2056 Cross Bronx Expressway, 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 3802 and Lot 39. Approximate amount of judgment is \$592,027.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35486/2013E.

Susan Starr, Esq. Referee  
Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff  
AGAINST

Chaim Stauber a/k/a Chaim J. Stauber; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 21, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room B-129, (Ground Floor), Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on August 15, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1519 Metropolitan Avenue Apt 1d, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 3944 Lot: 4390. Approximate amount of judgment \$67,189.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380146/13.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: June 22, 2016- #88810

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC 2007-3, Plaintiff

AGAINST  
CARMEN P. CINTRON AKA CARMEN CINTRON, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 25, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY, on August 01, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1110 Fleye Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3748, Lot 80. Approximate amount of judgment \$785,988.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #381396/08.

Robert A. Abrams, 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 MidFirst Bank, Plaintiff AGAINST Allison Bristol, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/12/2016 and entered on 5/3/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on August 1, 2016 at 02:00 PM premises known as 916 East 224th Street, Bronx, NY 10466. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4859, LOT: 56. Approximate amount of judgment is \$611,686.23 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380813/2011. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF11, Plaintiff

LAS AMAPOLAS CORP., et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 07, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,

851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, on July 25, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2305 BELMONT AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10458. 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 3087, LOT 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$730,520.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 381548/08.

Harry M. Forman Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

COUNTY OF BRONX  
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO.

Plaintiff.  
-Against-  
ANIEMAABASIURUA, et al., Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about March 21, 2016. I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, 10451 on July 28, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as: 2032 Tillotson Ave, Bronx, New York 10475

Block: 5227 Lot: 3  
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, City and State of New York, as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$ 422,548.40 plus interest and costs.

Index No.: 380425/2010  
Anne Julia Penachio, Esq.

REFEERE  
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff

145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
Dated: June 7, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICE**

REFEERE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF BRONX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff – against – STEPHEN ERZAH, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 14, 2016. 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 1st Day of August, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Borough of Bronx and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Premises known as 2217 Powell Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) New York 10462.

(Block: 3820, Lot: 83)

Approximate amount of lien

\$736,528.27 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35205/2013E. Michael H. Maizes, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700  
Rochester, NY 14614-1990  
Tel. 585/760-8218  
Dated: June 7, 2016

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE FOR WMALT SERIES 2007-2 TRUST, Plaintiff against JACOBO MARTINEZ; WANYS MARTINEZ, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 5, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 8 th day of August, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. premises 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.

Said premises known as 432 Calhoun Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10465.

Tax account number: SBL # : 5577-61.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 912,862.08 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380626-2012. Susan Starr, Esq., Referee.

Fein, Such & Crane, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
28 East Main Street, Suite 1800  
Rochester, N.Y. 14614  
(585) 232-7400

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

HSBC BANK USA N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST AND FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDES OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-D1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff against JOSHUA THOMAS JR., et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 20, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 1st day of August, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 1142 Manor Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10472.

Tax account number: SBL#: 3743-23.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 875,360.27 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380014-10. Donald Zolin, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway, P.C.  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
(914) 636-8900



# Group home appeals vote; service provider challenges CB10's 'no'

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clear that CB 10 needs to be more proactive when a group home is sited in the board.

He wants to bring together the communities affected, service providers and group home clients and their families to foster greater understanding when OPWDD facilities plan on locating in CB 10.

"In OPWDD type cases, what I would like to see in that 40-day period is that the providers working with us and the community to explain themselves and get to know (us), and to interact with people who will be in close proximity," said the chairman, adding that just scheduling a public hearing is not doing enough.

Stronger dialogue would be helpful in preventing tension in a community that feels as if something is being forced on them.

Speaking for the board, Prince said that the developmentally disabled are citizens of the community.

He added that while there may be objections that the group home clients do not come specifically from CB 10, he

believes there is need for developmentally disabled services in the board and borough.

Opposition to all group homes will make it harder for the community to request services when they are needed or to attract top-notch operators, he said.

Nevertheless, opposition to the Graff Avenue site remains among neighbors, a group of which attended CB 10's Thursday, June 16 meeting and voiced their opposition.

Graff Avenue neighbor Sonia Capifali believes that the purchase price for the property, \$600,000 according to SUS, is way above fair market value for the home.

"From a taxpayer standpoint, [the house] is just not worth the money," she said. "It is not a good use of taxpayer money."

Neighbor Foti Bouklis believes the operator should seek a more commercial area for its facility.

He is also concerned about traffic congestion and safety in the residential area, and said that he believes the purchase price is very high.

SUS is determined to exercise its right to a commissioner's hearing un-



A proposed group home for 276 Graff Avenue will proceed to a hearing at OMRDD. CB 10 already expressed its opposition to the siting of a group home at this location.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

der the Padavan Law, said Louis Cavaliere, SUS executive vice president for developmental disability services, in a statement in response to several questions from the Bronx Times.

The service provider doesn't plan on further dialogue with the community on the matter, the statement said,

adding that the community was entitled to voice its opinions.

SUS has already attended two public hearings and answered all questions posed to them, Cavaliere said.

"It is now up to the OPWDD commissioner to decide what happens next," he stated.

## Three deadly heroin overdoses inside Loreto Park

From page 1

at an early age, with his parents barely in the picture."

Melillo, who said he was unsure of what drug Morello took to overdose, added that another former P.S. 83 classmate of his, Muhammad Ahmin, also overdosed on drugs two months ago after ingesting Xanax followed by alcohol, which led to seizures and ultimately led to his death.

"It's a tough situation to be in - to be young and have a tough home life where the parents are barely involved. As we have seen, the consequences can be drastic," he said.

Due to the increasing concern in the area, these incidents have caused residents to get proactive in searching for the drug dealers in the neighborhood who were responsible for these deaths.

"These incidents are very concerning to our community - and something needs to be done about it," said Al D'Angelo, first vice-president of the Morris Park Community Association, who said that Loreto Park has been a drug scene for years, including minors smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol in the park.

"Our main task here and now is catching the 'small fish' who will lead us to the 'big fish' - and we know who these dealers are. It's important that we continue to work closely with the 49th Precinct so we catch them and save our community," D'angelo said.

Posters and flyers were displayed throughout the neighborhood in the aftermath of the deaths, which gave information on several drug dealers believed to be responsible for the distribution of heroin and other drugs in the community.

One flyer read that a potential suspect lives on Van Nest Avenue and that "he is to blame - and needs to be wiped out of the community forever." The flyers were later removed by the 49th Precinct.

"I am very disturbed by these incidents that have occurred - it's bringing down the community with every incident," said Tony Signorile, president of the Morris Park Community Association, who added that he believes that a local resident across the street from P.S. 83 has been selling drugs from their first floor window.

"I encourage anybody with information to reach out to us so we can work with the 49th Precinct in catching those who have triggered these incidents."

"It's devastating that lives were taken from us because of heroin addiction," said Senator Jeff Klein. "Tragically, in every corner of our state, heroin and opioid addictions are destroying lives," Klein added.

A spokesperson for the 49th Precinct said, "the precinct is looking to ascertain some leads to identify the individuals distributing these drugs."

On Saturday, July 9, a prayer vigil and impromptu memorial ceremony was held for Morello inside Loreto Park,



Poster from Morello's prayer vigil and impromptu memorial.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

where family members, friends and community members gathered to pay their respects.

A poster board with pictures, messages, flowers and balloons were placed on one of the park's fences, as well as over 100 candles, which were arranged under the poster board.

According to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Bronx had the second-highest rate of unintentional drug overdoses in 2013 behind Staten Island, with about 15 deaths per 100,000 residents.

The rate of unintentional overdoses in the Bronx decreased by 39%, from 20 deaths per 100,000 residents in 2006 to 12.3 deaths in 2010.

Since 2010, rates of unintentional drug overdoses in the Bronx increased to 15 deaths in 2013, according to DOH.

In 2012-2013, the neighborhoods of Hunts Point and Mott Haven had the highest rate of overdoses in the five boroughs, with 28.2 deaths per 100,000 resi-

dents, according to DOH.

In 2013, heroin was the most common drug involved in overdose deaths and contributed to 58% percent of overdose deaths among Bronx residents, according to DOH.

If you or anybody you know suffers from heroin or substance addiction, the Bronx provides multiple drug addiction treatment centers for patients, including Daytop Village Inc., located at 2614 Halperin Avenue, Pac Program of the Bronx, located at 1215 Stratford Avenue, Hunts Point Multi-Services Center, located at 785 Westchester Avenue, MARS Statewide Network, located at 804 E. 138th Street, Bronx TASC, located at 1020 Grand Concourse, Success Counseling Services, Inc., located at 1015 Ogden Avenue, Promesa, Inc., located at 1776 Clay Avenue, and Tri Center, Inc., located at 2488 Grand Concourse #401, among other Bronx locations.

Additional reporting contributed by Patrick Rocchio.



## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against  
RICHARD J. PERRI; ANGELA L. PERRI, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 16, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 1st day of August, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and the County of the Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 1733 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10462.

Tax account number: SBL # : 15-4035-11.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 512,692.46 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35555/2014E. Pierre M. Janvier, 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

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEETO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MLMI TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007- HE1,

V.  
MYRA ROSADO AS ADMINISTRATIX OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE GATHERS A/K/A MAXINE GATHERS WHITE, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 24, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein U.S. BANK,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEETO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MLMI TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1 is the Plaintiff and MYRA ROSADO AS ADMINISTRATIX OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE GATHERS A/K/A MAXINE GATHERS WHITE, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I,

the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on August 1, 2016 at 2:00pm, premises known as 2149 PROSPECT AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10457: Block 3097 Lot 48:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35426/2014E.

Philip W. Coleman, Esq. - Referee.  
RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

INDEX NO.: 35509/2015E.

FILE DATE: 06/10/16.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1523 Leland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460.

BL #: 3922-25.

Plaintiff designates BRONX County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,

-against-

UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF MIGDALIA DIAZ, if living,

and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, ET AL., 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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE

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.

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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 OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$787,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of BRONX on December 7, 2010, in CRF Number 2010000409619, covering premises known as 1523 Leland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460- Block

3922: Lot 25.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendant(s) UNKNOWN HEIRS FOR THE ESTATE OF MIGDALIA DIAZ the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Sharon A.M Aarons JSC of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated March 24, 2016.

Dated: New Rochelle, NY

June 9, 2016

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

By: /s/

Sonia J. Baez, Esq.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure.

In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at [www.dfs.ny.gov](http://www.dfs.ny.gov).

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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. 35658/2014E STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY,

Plaintiff, -against- CANDIDO DAVILA a/k/a CANDIDO GONZALEZ, as a possible heir-at-law to the Estate of Josefina Davila; EDWIN DAVILA, as a possible heir-at-law to the Estate of Josefina Davila; JOSE DAVILA a/k/a CHOOILENG DAVILA; MILAGROS DAVILA a/k/a MILAGROS FALERO, as a possible heir-at-law to the Estate of Josefina Davila; NORBERTO DAVILA, as a possible heir-at-law to the Estate of Josefina Davila; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF JOSEFINA DAVILA AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST, et al., Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT(S): ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JOSEFINA DAVILA AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR 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 Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on the 31st day of May, 2016 in the Borough of Bronx, New York and to be duly entered in the BRONX County Clerk's Office, in the Borough of 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 and County of Bronx, City of New York and State of New York and is commonly known as 818 Trinity Avenue, Unit C, Bronx, New York 10456 and all other relief as to the Court may

seem just and equitable. DATED: June 7, 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

PROBATE CITATION  
File No. 2015-1528/B  
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

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

To: Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx county and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of JAMES EDWARD BROWN, 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 Calvin N Phillips, who is domiciled at 3 Pearce Pl., Durham, NC 27712

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, BRONX County, at 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, ROOM 406, New York, on August 16, 2016, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of James Edward Brown lately domiciled at 5670 Netherland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471 admitting to probate a Will dated December 16, 2008 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of James Edward Brown deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to; Calvin Neal Phillips

Dated, Attested and Sealed  
July 7, 2016  
HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez  
Surrogate  
Michael P. Hausler  
Chief Clerk  
Charles Lesnick, Esq  
Attorney for Petitioner  
733 Yonkers Ave Suite 200  
Yonkers, NY 10704  
Address of Attorney  
914-476-0600  
Telephone number of Attorney

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

Transportation providers and other interested parties are hereby notified that Help On The Way, 1338 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10459 is applying for a federal grant of up to \$500,000, under Section 5310 of Chapter 53 of Title 49, United States Code, for transport of individuals to and from day program, scheduled activities in the community, supportive employment and job training within the Bronx and South Bronx areas to meet the needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

The purpose of this notice is to invite private for-profit bus, taxi, ambulette operators and other interested parties to participate in the development of proposed grant project(s) and in the provision of enhanced transportation services to elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities. Please contact Kathy Cucinell at (718) 484-7810 within 15 calendar days of this public notice to request a copy of the project(s) proposed. Comments on proposed projects must be submitted to Kathy.Cucinell@hotmailny.org within 15 calendar days after receipt of the proposed project information.



## DROWSY DRIVING CAN BE AS DANGEROUS AS DRIVING IMPAIRED

The public is well educated about the dangers of driving while impaired by medication, alcohol or illegal drugs. But drivers may not be aware that driving while tired can be just as dangerous.

Driving when tired can be a fatal mistake. Just as alcohol or drugs can slow down reaction time, impair judgment and increase the risk of accident, so, too, can being tired behind the wheel. Drowsy driving is reportedly what caused the fatal crash in June 2014 between a limousine and a Walmart truck that ended the life of

comic James McNair and seriously injured fellow comedian Tracy Morgan. The driver, Kevin Roper, was going 20 miles over the speed limit and was almost at his drive time limit, according to preliminary reports by the National Transportation Safety Board.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 100,000 car crashes in the United States each year occur as the result of an overly tired driver. Various studies demonstrate that drivers who have remained awake for 18 hours prior to

driving mimic the driving performance of intoxicated motorists. In fact, drowsy driving can be confused with driving with a high blood alcohol content.

Sleepiness can arise relatively quickly, and according to Thomas Balkin, PhD, director of the behavioral biology program at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research and a leading expert on sleep and fatigue, it's difficult for drivers to assess just how sleepy they are.

"Sleepiness affects the part of the brain responsible for judgment and self-awareness," he says.

"When you've reached the stage where you are fighting sleep, the effect of any method of reviving yourself can be very short-lived."

Furthermore, people do not have to be in a deep sleep to actually be asleep behind the wheel. Micro-sleeps occur when certain brain cells temporarily shut down for a few seconds. A person is not completely asleep but in a sort of fog as if they are asleep.

When sleepiness sets in, the best course of action is to pull off the road. Opening the window, turning on the radio or blasting cold air is,

at best, only a temporary solution. If driving with passengers and feelings of sleepiness appear, hand the keys over to a passenger and have them take over driving, if possible. Otherwise, a short nap and a cup of coffee can be used in combination to increase alertness.

It's also a good idea to avoid beginning a long road trip in mid-afternoon around the hours of two or three o'clock. While alertness generally dips in the evening hours, due to the circadian rhythm, alertness also dips in the late afternoon, prompting

drowsiness. A 2010 study by the American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety found that as many drivers reported falling asleep at the wheel in the afternoon hours as reported falling asleep late at night. Driving in a warm, quiet car also may spur drowsiness, as would driving after a heavy meal.

Driving tired is just as dangerous as other impaired driving. Slow reaction times and unawareness of surroundings can contribute to accidents that are otherwise avoidable.

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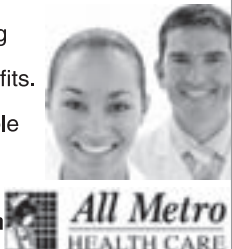
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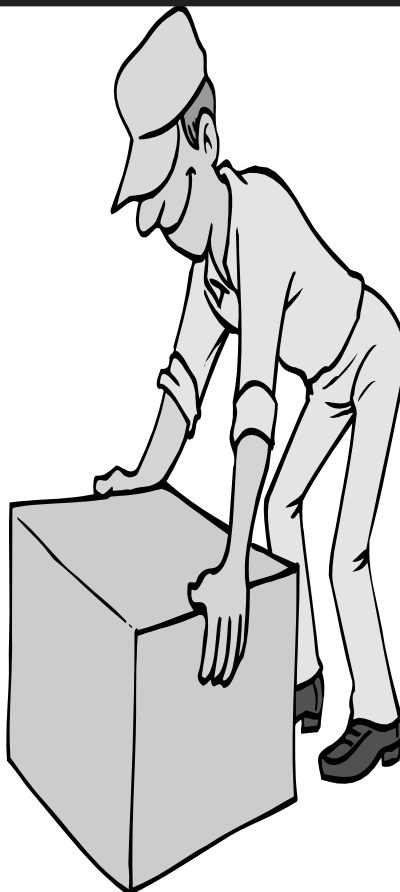


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## PIPE DREAMS

By Sean Connolly

Maybe it's me but, I think that the professional sports players should be more involved with the amateur sports programs. It would help both players. The pros seem to forget what it was like to run the bases after a homerun. They seem to forget, their imagination would put them at the plate with a full count and two outs. How many kids have dreamed of being in that position hitting the game winning homerun? Or in basketball taking the winning fade away shot to win the game with no time left on the clock? I have so many young players wanted the ball when the clock is counting down, their teammates count it down. Then the shot is made, swish, then the buzzer goes off. The excitement on everyone's face is priceless.

It is that time of year for all-star games to be played. Major League Baseball is always a good one to watch. The homerun derby. If you want to watch baseball at its purest go watch the Little League All-Star games. There are so many teams from the local areas playing. The District 22 series being played out right now. It was nice to the Throggs Neck 10 & under All-Stars at the St Frances de Chantal Mass. They received a special blessing from Fr. Steven. My good friend Andy O'Conner hit a homerun in the 10 & under game. The ball traveled over centerfield fence. Congrats to the Throggs Neck 13 & under team as well. Under their manager Mike Hangan they won 17-2. Good luck to all the teams representing the Bronx. Please email the times and locations of you games. It is a good time to get the Bronx on the map.

Went to my first Met game at Citi Field the other night. I found the stadium very nice. It does blow away Yankee Stadium. Mr. Steinbrenner must be rolling in his grave that the Mets have a nicer home then the Yankees. Hardest part of the game was finding out that my daughter is a Met fan.

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# FORMER FIELDSTON STAR LOOKS FOR SPARK IN MINORS

BY LAURA AMATO

Will Savage is a thinker and, more often than not, he finds himself thinking about baseball.

The former Fieldston star, who was picked by the Detroit Tigers with the 475th selection in the MLB Draft earlier this year, is settling into his life as a pro ball player, hitting his stride with the Connecticut Tigers in the New York-Penn League.

It's been a whirlwind, jam-packed with games and buses and different stadiums, but it's also given Savage plenty to think about. He thinks he likes it all.

"It's an adjustment, but it's definitely been a good time so far," Savage said. "I was hoping to be assigned to Connecticut because I knew it was a good league and it's a nice spot – close to home. So I definitely was excited to be coming back up here after being down in Florida for about a week."

Of course, Savage's reputation as a thinker goes beyond baseball.

After a standout high school career at Fieldston, the Bronx native stayed close to home, heading to Columbia University where he studied biology.

It was always a tough line to walk – between academics and athletics – but one that Savage was able to tread.

"It's definitely been challenging to do both," he said. "Academics and athletics are never easy together. But I enjoy doing both and I've really enjoyed going to school and being able to play. It's just always about getting better."

Savage certainly did get better during his three years with the Lions. A Louisville Slugger All-American at second base during his freshman season, Savage established himself as one of the best hitters in the Ivy League and wrapped up 2016 with a



Will Savage has hit his professional stride since joining the Connecticut Tigers this year and the former Fieldston star is relishing his time on the field.

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team-leading .367 batting average.

"I stay relaxed and just always trust myself," Savage said of his on-field approach. "I know that my hard work will pay off. That's kind of my mindset. It's mostly all mental."

That mental process hasn't changed now that Savage is a pro. If anything he's even more focused on maintaining a consistent approach at the plate. The New York-Penn League has a reputation as a bit of a pitcher's league, but Savage hasn't changed his

game at all. He's still trying to bat on ball and he isn't going to overthink that.

"The pitching is generally a little better, but it's always the same game," Savage said. "The main thing that I worry about is maintaining the same frame of mind in the batters box."

It hasn't always been easy. Savage is hitting leadoff for the Tigers, but he's faced his fair share of struggles at the plate. As of July 12, Savage is hitting .182 with 10 hits in 55 at bats. He isn't, however, letting it shake his con-

fidence. Savage is focused on the bigger picture here and he knows this is only the beginning of his journey.

It's been an exhausting few weeks, but Savage wouldn't trade any of it. As far as he's concerned, this is the perfect summer. He'll have time to think about it a bit more in the fall – when he plans to head back to Columbia and finish his degree.

"I hope to, it depends on what the Tigers ask of me this fall," he said. "But I should be able to and I hope to finish up as soon as I can."



# Fordham Prep star running towards next challenge

BY LAURA AMATO

It all started with Conor Lundy's grandfather.

Then it was his mother. Then his older brother. They all ran. They ran fast, they ran for miles, they ran and they won.

It was enough to inspire Lundy to run as well.

Now, the former Fordham Prep star, who graduated from the school a few weeks ago, is running towards his next goal, preparing for his college career at Princeton this fall.

He's also picking up a few more accolades along the way. Lundy earned his ninth All-American honor earlier this month after being named to the US All-American team in the two mile run.

"It's just a reflection of all the hard work and support I've had over the last four years in high school," Lundy said. "I couldn't be more grateful. I know it's a pretty great accomplishment, but it's not just me, it's all the great support from my family and my coaches and my school."

Lundy's four years at Fordham Prep were nothing short of dominant, but the standout credits his family for success.

In fact, he can pinpoint, almost to the moment, when he knew he wanted to join the family tradition of running.

"(My brother) ran at Fordham Prep and he's always been kind of a big role model for me," Lundy said. "He's 11 years older than me so when I was a little kid, he was having a lot of success."

"He won the Millrose Games when he was at Fordham Prep like four years in a row. I remember going to that and sitting at Madison Square Garden just thinking I wanted to do the same thing. I wanted to be a part of that success."

Lundy succeeded and then some. In addition to his nine All-Americans, he wrapped up his high school career with a second-place finish in the the boys NYS Federation 1,600 and a fifth-place showing in the two mile at the Brooks PR Invitational.

Now, however, he's ready for the next challenge.

Lundy will head to Colorado later this month, working out with some of his future Princeton teammates before the cross country season gets underway in the fall.

He's admittedly a bit nervous at running with a new squad, but Lundy is also determined to prove himself.

After all, that's why he runs in the first place – to prove something.

"The thing about running is it's so tangible," he said. "I've always been a competitive person and I'm willing to work hard to achieve what I want. I think running really allows for that because you're going to see the results from the work you put in."

Lundy isn't worried about the future holds.

He's well aware of the expectations around him and he knows that it won't be easy to balance academics with athletics. This is, after all, the Ivy Leagues. But he's also certain that his four years at Fordham Prep have helped prepare him for both sides of his soon-to-be college career.

Lundy isn't looking too far ahead. He knows that staring down the finish line will only result in him tripping over his own feet, but he still has plenty of goals he wants to accomplish.

He's going to take on Princeton first and then, he's ready to run towards everything else.

"I don't want to look too much into the future because I don't want to get in over my head or anything," he said. "But I think if I work day in and day out and continue to improve, then I think, as cliché as it sounds, the sky's the limit."



Natalie Martinez (second from the left) poses with her USA Athletes International teammates during the squad's multi-day trip through Europe last month.

Photo courtesy of Natalie Martinez

## Fordham volleyball standout set to bump up her game after European trip

BY LAURA AMATO

Natie Martinez can't stop looking at the pictures.

She finds herself staring at them in her downtime, double and triple checking her social media profiles to relish memories that will stick with her for the rest of her life.

The Fordham volleyball standout isn't sure she'll ever be able to stop. And she's not particularly sure she wants to.

After all, when a trip changes your life, you tend to want to remember every single detail of it.

Martinez competed with the USA Athletes International team in the Bavaria to the Beach Volleyball Tour last month, one of 10 players from around the country who made up the squad.

The trip took Martinez and her teammates from German to Austria to Italy, competing against some of the top talent in the world and showcasing the excitement of volleyball.

It's a trip Martinez isn't only thankful for, but one she knows she won't ever forget.

"I'd never been to Europe on my own," Martinez said. "So the opportunity to get to travel was really cool for sure. A couple of the upper-classmen had the opportunity to do it, but I thought that was a like one-time thing. So to have the chance to also go was definitely really cool."

Martinez, who grew up in Palm-dale, California, has been playing volleyball for as long as she can remember and she's the first to admit that she feels more comfortable on the court than just about anywhere else.

That's why she was so anxious to join USAAI team. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, giving her the chance to, not only see the world, but compete internationally. Aside from the Olympics, there aren't many other opportunities for athletes to play at such a high level.

"I think Austria gave us the hard-

est time," said Martinez, who actually played out-of-position while in Europe. "We did come out undefeated, but Austria's teams were definitely by far the strongest. It was definitely a challenge because every team and every country played differently."

Of course, while her focus was on the game, Martinez made sure she also experienced Europe during the nine-day tour. She had plenty of time to explore the cities and the cultures around her and Martinez didn't waste a single moment.

"They gave us a lot of time for that, I was actually surprised," Martinez said. "We had a couple of days that was just exploring actually. I loved Austria. It looked like something out of a fairy tale."

Martinez is a competitor through and thorough, but for the first time in her career, she walked away from the game without focusing on the final score.

Instead, she realized that, at least in this instance, volleyball wasn't about who won or who lost, but, rather, who she met because of it.

She didn't have the same experiences off the court as the players she was competing against. She didn't even speak the same language. But, in the end, the only thing they had in common was the thing that mattered most of all. They loved the sport.

It was an eye-opening revelation for Martinez, one that she knows has already helped refuel her dedication to volleyball and one, she hopes, will help spark her game at Fordham this year.

"It was really important to me," Martinez said. "You could tell how hospitable the other teams were and how excited they were to play against us. Everyone on our team had something to bring to the table, but when you put us all together I think we did a great job of representing Division I and Division III collegiate athletics."



Former Fordham Prep star Conor Lundy picked up his ninth All-American honor earlier this month, just weeks before he starts his college career at Princeton.

Photo courtesy of Conor Lundy

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# Velocity Track Club New York highlights

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Velocity Track Club New York continues their outstanding season on Saturday, July 9th at the 27th Annual Johnson & Johnson Honor Meet. We traveled to Somerville High School in Somerville NJ to take advantage of this FREE meet. There are only two FREE meets that I know of, The Colgate Women's Games and Johnson & Johnson Honor Meet. Most track & field meets cost each athlete an average of \$18 to participate in 3 events (\$6 per event). During outdoor season, most teams like us, goes to at least 3 meets per month, which cost us approximately \$54 per child to compete each month. Therefore, we like to say THANK YOU to Colgate-Palmolive Company and Johnson & Johnson for giving back to the community with the free meets.

At the 27th Annual Johnson & Johnson Honor Meet, trophies were giving to the top 3 athletes in their event, division / gender. Medals were giving to the top 3 relay teams. I'm pleased to note that we were blessed with 8 trophies and 4 medals! The following athletes earned awards: In the 9 & 10 girls division, Saniah Caldwell, Kimaris Hickman, Adonijah Washington and Dakota Hickman took 1st place in 4 x 100 meter relay and earned gold medals. Dakota also took 3rd place in the 100 & 200 meter dash and earned 2 trophies. Her sister, Kimaris took 2nd in the 400 meter dash and also received a trophy. Don-tae Lindo took 3rd place in the boys 11 & 12 age division 800 meters & 1500 meters race and he earned 2 trophies. In the girls 15 & 16 age division, Na-



Velocity's athletes sporting awards at the 27th Annual Johnson & Johnson Honor Meet.

riah Mathis took 1st place in the 100 meter dash and 3rd place in the 200 meter dash, for 2 trophies. In the same division, Jaelah Eargle took 3rd place in the long jump and earned a trophy. Pierce Parker, who is in the 8 & under division, didn't win a trophy. But I must mention him, because I move him up to the boys 9 & 10 age division. There were no events longer than 200 meters for 8 & under athletes. Pierce is a national champion and All American in the 1500 meters & 800 meters race. After a conversation with Pierce and his parents, we

all agree to move him up to the 9 & 10 age division to give him an opportunity to run his events and he perform well, taking 6th place in the 800 meters race. Great job to all athletes, job well done!

We will close our out season at the 2016 AAU National Club Championships @ ESPN Wide World of Sports - Kissimmee, FL from July 12th - July 18th. The children will have an opportunity to visit Disney after their events.

Anyone interested in joining Velocity Track Club New York. We are

having orientation on Thursday, August 11th in the Bartow Community Center room 28 at 7:00pm. Parent or Guardian must attend orientation for child to try out for team. Child does not have to be at the orientation. 1st day of practice will be August 15th.

Velocity Track Club New York is a 501C3 Non for profit. 100% of your donation will go to help our children. For additional information, you can go to our web site [Velocitytrack.org](http://Velocitytrack.org) or contact me, Coach Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or via email at [watclt@aol.com](mailto:watclt@aol.com).

## Pipe Dreams

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When I told I had tickets to the game, the look on her face was one of mixed emotions. One I happy that she was happy and the other was one that I felt like I got stabbed in the heart. While at the game it was Jose Reyes first game back in NY. They chanted Jose, Jose, Jose as in a soccer chant Ole Ole Ole. I also couldn't believe how many women wore his jersey. Seems that everyone forgot he beat up his wife. I received a lot of dirty looks when I had my own chant for Reyes. I used the old Ranger Potvin chant. Beat your Reyes, beat you wife. What will the Mets do now that their star pitcher Harvey, 27, is suffering from thoracic outlet syndrome, a condition that creates pressure on blood vessels and cells in the shoulder? The Mets are fighting for a wild card in the playoffs. They

have seen numerus amount of their players on the disabled list. They bruised up are Noah Syndergaard, Jacob deGrom, Steven Matz, 43-year-old Bartolo Colon and Logan Verrett. Syndergaard and Matz both have bone chips in their elbow that may require surgery - the condition is more acute for Matz. Zack Wheeler, an 11-game winner in 2014, has hit a road bump in his recovery from 2015 Tommy John surgery, and there is no timetable for his return.

A-Rod seems to be going out fighting. His bat has been struggling against righties. He is hitting .198 with five homers and 17 RBI in 126 at-bats against righties this season. Girardi could decide to use Rob Refsnyder or even Aaron Hicks against righties over A-Rod, he has been sitting on the bench. Manager

Joe Girardi spoke about A-Rod's bat of lately "I liked his at-bat (Saturday), his struggles have really been against right-handers, not lefthanders. His at-bats have been better, but Ref's at-bats have been pretty good, too. We'll take a look at things when we get back." A-Rod grabbed one of Mark Teixeira's first-base gloves to start taking infield practice with infield coach Joe Espada. How much longer will 39-year-old All-Star Carlos Beltran be a Yankee? He has let the club know the 15 teams he would need to approve a potential trade to.

This week in sports history in 1876 Baseball's 1st no-hitter, St Louis' George W Bradley no-hits Hartford. 1845 NY Yacht Club holds its 1st regatta. 1941 NY Yankee Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak ends in Cleve-

land. 1978 NY Yank manager Billy Martin & Reggie Jackson fight in dug out. 1951 Jersey Joe Walcott at 37 becomes oldest to win heavyweight champion. 1877 1st Wimbledon Men's Tennis: Spencer W Gore beats Marshall (61 62 64). 1903 1st Tour de France won by Maurice Garin of France. 1990 Cincinnati Red Pete Rose is sentence to 5 months for tax evasion. 1858 Fee 1st charged to see a baseball game (50 cents) (NY beats Bkn 22-18). 1976 Hank Aaron hits 755th & last home run off Angels Dick Drago. 1975 NY Met Félix Millán hits 4 singles; erased by Joe Torres 4 double plays.

There are only a couple of weeks left till the Olympics begin in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. There have been plenty of TV coverage. Help support

the team. Not all the athletes are professionals. There are so many sports that are still amateurs. Did you know that boxing is a sport with an ancient history? It was introduced to the ancient Olympic Games in the 7th century BC. The earliest evidence of boxing dates back to Egypt around 3000 BC. The sport was introduced to the ancient Olympic Games by the Greeks in the late 7th century BC, when soft leather thongs were used to bind boxers' hands and forearms for protection. What is your favorite sport to watch?

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