



## BRONX DOMINICAN DAY PARADE

The Bronx's Dominican pride was on full display at the 27th annual Bronx Dominican Day Parade on Sunday, July 24 on the Grand Concourse. Families and friends waved Dominican flags, sung and danced while enjoying the celebration's trademark colorful parade down the Concourse. The God of Colorful Photography graced the parade crowd with its visually stunning presence.

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# VACCA INSISTS ON 'ROAD DIET'

## Asks DOT to reduce E. Tremont Avenue lanes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

An elected official is spearheading an effort for more traffic controls on an accident-prone stretch of roadway, despite local opposition.

Councilman James Vacca is requesting that the NYC Department of Transportation implement a road calming plan on East Tremont Avenue between Waterbury Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard known as a 'road diet.'

The plan was first presented to Community Board 10 in spring 2015.

The plan developed by DOT, part of the mayor's Vision Zero traffic safety initiative, was rejected by the board.

The proposal calls for the narrowing of the roadway to one lane in each direction for several blocks and the addition of turning lanes.

The push to slow traffic comes after the death of bicyclist Giovanni Nin in a

hit-and-run incident at East Tremont and Mayflower avenues on Saturday, June 11.

That death comes on the heels of another fatality where three vehicles killed a pedestrian, 74-year-old Angel Figueroa, when he was crossing East Tremont Avenue at Puritan Avenue in October 2013.

"This is a situation where I could have sat back and said

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## Merriam Ave. tenants take landlord to court

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Tenants living in a three building complex in Highbridge are suing their landlord after enduring years of substandard housing conditions, they claim.

On Wednesday, July 20, residents from 1307, 1311 and 1315 Merriam Avenue filed a lawsuit against their landlord, Diamond Property Group, for its alleged negligence in providing them with essential

services.

The lawsuit presented before Bronx Supreme Court claims Diamond failed to provide cooking gas for more than five months and often failed to provide heat and hot water.

Aside from gas outages, tenants are subjected to living with unsanitary hallways, staircases and common areas; non-functioning door locks

and intercoms and vermin and cockroach infestations, the tenants charge.

The majority of complex's tenants live on a fixed or limited income, have young children and speak English as a second language.

They claim the lack of repairs and maintenance resulted in the building's gas pipes bursting on November

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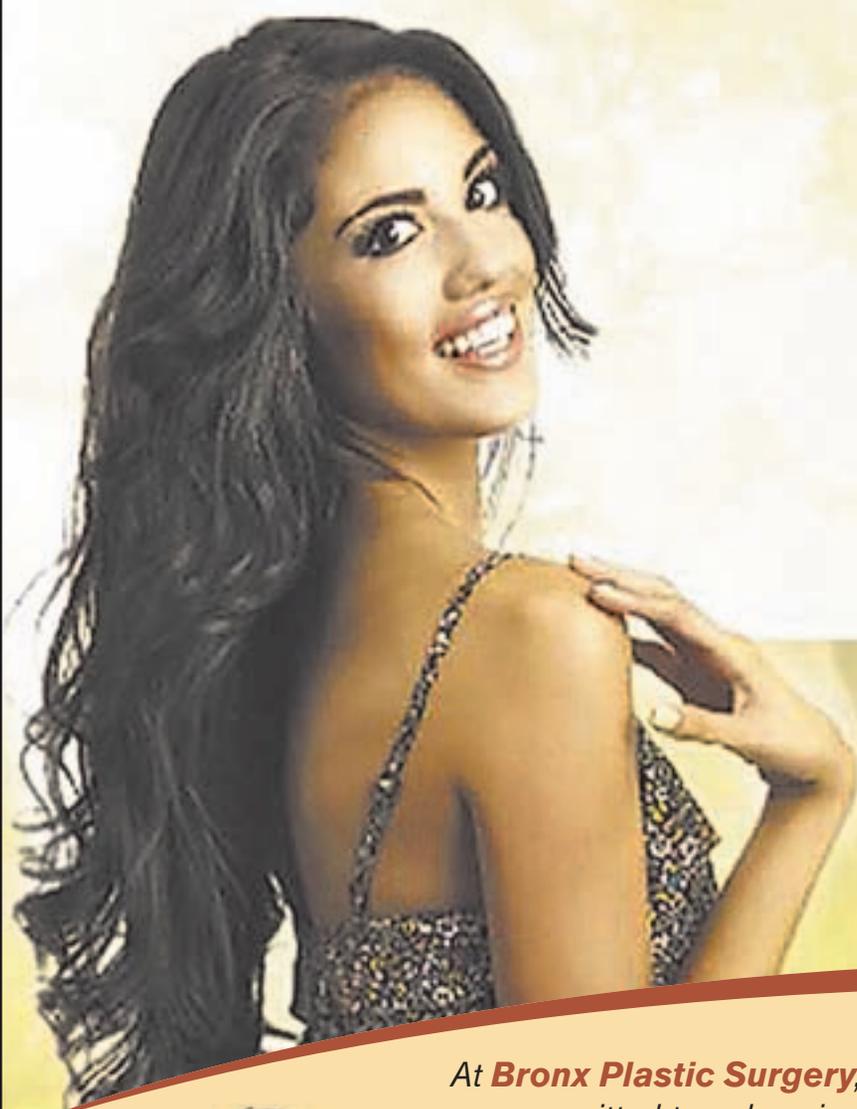
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# King honors father with '5 Kings' street naming

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

It's not the Fab Five - it's the King Five!

A street co-naming was recently held in the Bronx to honor a community basketball program that served thousands.

On Saturday, July 16, Councilman Andy King's office hosted a street co-naming at East 216th Street and Barnes Avenue as 'Kings 5 Way', in honor of the King 5 basketball team, which was founded over 25 years ago.

King 5, a community-based basketball organization, was founded by Councilman Andy King's father, Andy King, Sr., in the early 1970s.

The organization's goal and purpose was the get neighborhood youth off the city's street corners and provide them with recreational activity, boost morale and cultivate leadership skills that are essential in everyday life.

King, Sr., who served in the Korean War for three years, even financed trips outside of the Bronx for involved youth to meet professional basketball players and role models in business.

The Kings 5 Basketball Program, which was the longest-running basketball program that existed in the northeast Bronx between the early 70s and late 80s, practiced and played out of Olinville Park, now known as the Agnes Haywood Playground, just outside of where the street co-naming took place.

In total, Kings 5 serviced more than 10,000 males, ages 8 to 40, in neighborhoods in the northeast Bronx.

While in existence, Kings 5 also competed in numerous basketball championship tournaments across the city and in Westchester County, including the Holcomb Rucker Basketball League, Mount Vernon Fourth Street Summer League and the Runyon Heights Basketball League, among others.

King, who lived across the street from the park and was later named to All-City second team when he played basketball at Evander Childs Educational Campus in 1981, also mentioned that two players from the neighborhood who played in the program even ended up making it to the



(l-r) Andrial, sister, Bernice, mother, Andy King, Sr., father and Councilman Andy King. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

NBA.

Tom Henderson ended up winning the championship with the Washington Bullets in 1978, while Steve Sheppard was on the 1976 United States national basketball team which won the gold medal during that year's summer olympics in Montreal, Quebec.

The street co-naming of 'Kings 5 Way' was part of the annual Olinville Old Timers Day event.

In addition to the co-naming, Councilman King and the Olinville Old Timers Day committee honored two residents.

Michael Pressley, a former coach for Kings 5, received the Andy King, Sr. Award and Cynthia Richardson, president of the Surrey Cooperative, received the Community Service Award.

"In the winter, we would even play in the rain and snow - it didn't matter because we

loved the game and the program so much," said the councilman.

The event was sponsored by Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Councilman Andy King, the Olinville Old Timers Day Committee, Nathans of the Co-Op City Bay Plaza Mall, Fifteen Dynasty Entertainment, Universal Zulu Nation, McCalls Bronxwood Funeral Home and Amalgamated Bank.



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# Co-op City resident questions FDNY's 'fly car' strategy

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The FDNY is touting its new 'Fly Car' pilot EMS program that is geared toward providing faster and more efficient emergency medical service to the residents throughout the city.

The program, which began on June 20, has been the the topic of recent discussion in Co-op City.

According to the FDNY, fly cars are driven by paramedics who respond to life threatening injuries.

Dr. Alvin Ponder, a Co-op City resident and Community Board 10 member, has claimed the fly car system could be problematic because its not specifically tasked with taking a sick person to the hospital.

The recent loss of the Advanced Cardiac Life Support ambulance, nicknamed by firemen '15-Willy', from its Co-op City berth to another part of the Bronx, has created an even larger hole in EMS' ability to respond to a local emergency, Ponder pointed out,

Ponder fears that a fly car responding to a cardiac arrest may not be able to get the patient to the hospital in time.

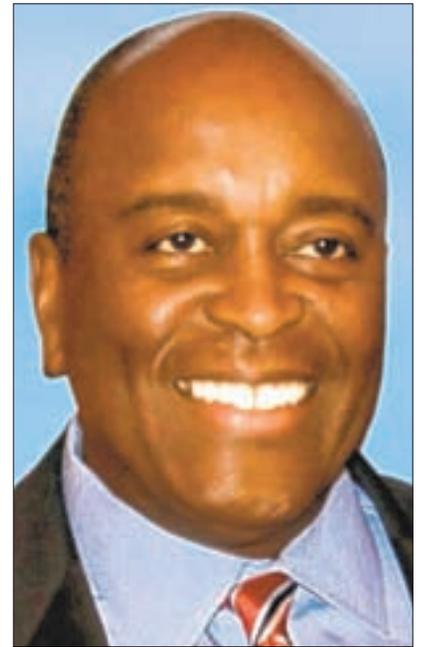
"Sudden cardiac death is the number one killer in the U.S. causing about 325,000 adult deaths in the United States each year," said Ponder.

He also said, citing the American Heart Association, there is a "a golden period of less than 6 to 8 minutes wherein intervention with an electrical shock or defibrillator can lead to a successful outcome."

Frank Dwyer, a spokesperson for the FDNY, said the fly cars are designed to free up ambulances and provide more help to more people.

In addition Dwyer says the fly cars are only driven by the most qualified paramedics and are reserved for life threatening situations.

He also explained that this new strategy is not tasked with going to the hospital because it is meant to be available at a moment's notice to



Alvin Ponder is worried about the FDNY's new 'fly car' program

Photo Courtesy of Alvin Ponder

respond to a life threatening emergency.

The spokesperson gave the example that when someone calls 911, the fly car will be able to respond quicker than the other emergency vehicles.

Ambulances will still respond to the scene, along with police cars and fire trucks, and be able to transport the patient to the hospital if further medical care is necessary.

The fly car, which will not go to the hospital, will be available to address the next life-threatening situation.

Dwyer also noted, that if necessary, fly cars can also take patients to the hospital.

An additional 50 ambulance tours have been added to the city wide EMT network by using this new tool he said.

Dwyer also said the FDNY has "absolutely increased our resources throughout the Bronx to medical emergencies two years in a row."



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to another edition of Around Town.

**Notable Passing Of Veteran**  
Morris Park resident **Marshall Ralph Siciliano**, 94, was laid to rest recently at Calvary Cemetary in Queens after a funeral service at Holy Rosary Church.

During the service, Siciliano was remembered and

celebrated as a soldier.

He was a World War II veteran who was a prisoner of war in a Nazi camp. During the funeral, a U.S. Army bugle corps. player played taps and the flag that draped his casket was presented to his nephew, **John Marshall Siciliano**.

He was active in a veterans organization at the James J. Peters V.A.

*These days I can't help but reflect on the mood of the times which is world chaos. However, it's heartening to know that in our past lives 'once upon a time' people sacrificed their lives to make this world a better place*



Bharati Kemraj



Pictured is a news clipping from a 1943 issue of the Bronx Home News dealing with John Marshall Siciliano's POW status in World War II.

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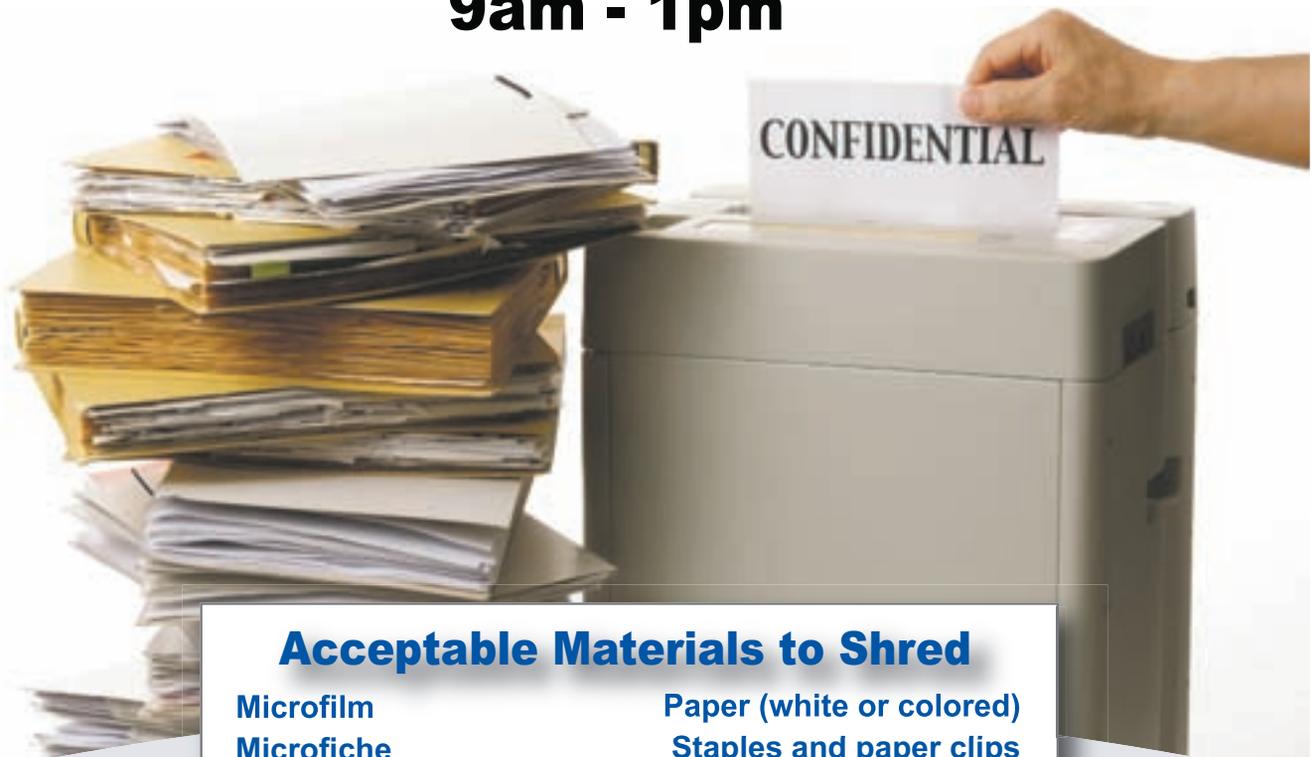
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# POLICE BLOTTER

## 44 Precinct

**Saturday, June 23, 1:53 a.m.** -- Cops heard the shots fired that ultimately killed a victim while they were on patrol in a radio car. The police officers who heard the shots in their patrol car proceeded to the site, 977 Anderson Avenue, where they found a 24-year-old man in front of that location who had been shot in the head. The victim was taken to Lincoln, where he was later pronounced dead. At the scene, three men who were considered 'persons of interest' were taken into custody.

## 45 Precinct

**Wednesday, July 20, 4:27 a.m.** -- Cops received a report of a burglary at a pharmacy located at 1721 Crosby Avenue. Two black men entered the store by cutting the metal bars on the front gate. They forced open a cash register while inside and removed cash before fleeing.

## 46 Precinct

**Monday, July 25, 5:14 a.m.** -- A gruesome double-homicide happened with cops responding to shots fired near East 175th Street and Weeks Avenue. When the police arrived on the scene they found a 37-year-old woman shot in the torso and a 33-year-old man blasted in the head, back and wrist. EMS pronounced

the man dead on arrival, and took the woman to St. Barnabas, where medical personnel were unable to save her. A weapon was recovered near the scene of the crime.

## 47 Precinct

**Monday, July 25, 2:44 a.m.** -- Police responded to the call of woman stabbed at 3017 Barker Avenue. When the cops arrived on the scene they found a 49-year-old woman with a stab wound to the back. EMS took the woman to Montefiore, where she was pronounced dead. A suspect turned himself into the police shortly after the incident and charges are pending.

## 49 Precinct

**Friday, July 22, 1:00 a.m.** -- Cops got a report of an assault that involved a gun at El Rey De Copas, located at 2712 White Plains Road. The suspect got into a dispute with a 52-year-old man, the victim, while inside the location. Subsequently the suspect discharged a firearm striking the victim in the neck and chest. He was taken to Jacobi where he was listed in stable condition shortly after the incident. Cops are looking for a Hispanic man who is five feet, eight inches tall with black hair. He was last seen wearing eyeglasses, a black or grey jacket, dark colored pants and black dress shoes.



## Our Perspective Given a Fair Choice, Workers Choose Unions

By Stuart Appelbaum, President,  
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, RWDSU, UFCW

**O**ver 1,000 employees at Spanish-owned Zara fashion retail stores in New York City have over-whelmingly chosen to join the RWDSU. It's the biggest retail organizing win in recent years, and Zara workers can now look forward to having a voice on the job, and changing things for the better in their workplace.

But unfortunately, American-owned companies rarely treat their employees' legally guaranteed right to join a union with respect, as Zara did. At many American companies, the right to join a union is disrespected or downright ignored. When workers in the U.S. attempt to organize, they often face a barrage of harassment, intimidation, and other tactics to prevent them from exercising their legal right to a union voice.

Bosses hold captive meetings with employees, telling lies about unions and claiming they are bad for workers. They threaten workers' jobs, and say that they will

end up closing the workplace if they join the union. They'll make empty promises about changing the way they do things if workers don't unionize, or even dole out small raises or make other long-overdue changes in the workplace in hopes of keeping the union out.

And, orchestrating it all are so-called "consultants" – union busters – who are paid big money to scare, threaten, and lie to workers. These lowlifes make their living doing whatever it takes to confuse and frighten working people into voting against their own interests. Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump recently spent over half a million dollars on union busters in a failed effort in Las Vegas to keep workers at his Trump International hotel from joining a union.

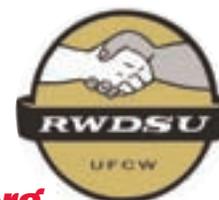
But it doesn't have to be this way.

The RWDSU, the UFCW and Zara reached an agreement earlier this year where the employer agreed to remain neutral and not interfere with the organizing drive at the world's

largest clothing retailer. This agreement allowed workers at Zara the chance to decide for themselves if they wanted a union, without intimidation, harassment, or the usual bag of underhanded tricks. No union-buster showed up to scare them, and nobody threatened to fire them or close the store. It's a different approach from U.S.-owned companies, and one that helps make workers and the company stronger.

Zara workers – on a fair, level playing field – chose to join RWDSU Local 1102, and now the company and the workforce will move forward with a strong relationship based upon trust and respect. American companies should follow the model of Zara and others who respect the right of freedom of association.

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## Conflicting perspectives

Dear editor,

Last week a contributor be-moaned the Congress' failure to pass a bill to fund efforts to control the Zika virus, blaming the inaction on the Democrats in general and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid in particular, neglecting to mention the Republican additions to the legislation that would reduce funding for Planned Parenthood, defund parts of the Affordable Care Act and reverse a ban on flying Confederate flags in military cemeteries.

The obstructionists (Republicans) are the ones who effectively killed the bill by adding these extraneous amendments to the bill, with the full knowledge that the Democrats would never eviscerate Obamacare or the budget of Planned Parenthood. Fly Confederate flags in federal cemeteries? Really? What on earth did these three amendments have to do with Zika?

Republican supporters should be ashamed of their 'leadership' and the cynical disregard for the health of the American people that Mitch McConnell and company exhibited by dooming this bipartisan bill, but true ideologues, like the writer, those who have swallowed the "cool-aid", continue to insist that the fault lies with the party that is truly interested in protecting the American people, the Democratic party. Once again half-truths have been offered in an effort to paint the Democrats in an unfavorable light. The level of intellectual dishonesty displayed by this contributor is truly shocking.

Pasqual Pelosi

## CB 11 ULURP corrections

Dear editor,

Being the chair of the Landuse Committee of Community Board 11 is a difficult job. Zoning is very complicated and nuanced. I wish to make the following corrections to last week's ULURP article:

• In the third paragraph, it was stated that the property in question was legally non-conforming. That is incorrect. It should have been stated that the commercial use of a

residential property is not allowed.

• The ULURP process was to apply a commercial overlay in a residential district, not a rezoning.

• The commercial overlay process only applies to the twelve properties that border the corner of Williamsbridge Road and Pierce Avenue, not all the properties from Van Nest Avenue to Pierce Avenue on both sides of the street.

Joseph A. McManus  
Community Board 11  
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## Recognition of Evangelicals

Dear editor,

On Thursday, July 21 as the Republican Party nominee for President of the United States of America, Donald Trump said the following: "I would like to thank the Evangelical community because, I will tell you what, the support they have given me — and I'm not sure I totally deserve it — has been so amazing. And has been such a big reason I'm here tonight. They have much to contribute to our policies."

It is important for you to know that whether you like Donald Trump or not, he is the only candidate who has publicly recognized the importance of Evangelicals in our nation.

Everyone else mocks us calling us fanatics, religious zealots, radicals, repressive and oppressive.

In front of millions of viewers, Donald Trump told the world that he values Evangelicals.

I, for one, am an Evangelical. I am a Democrat, and to be more specific, I am a Conservative Democrat, and everyone knows it. I have been the pastor of the Christian Community Neighborhood Church for many years here in the Bronx, and I also serve as the president of the New York Hispanic Clergy Organization, which is comprised of more than 150 Evangelical ministers in the metropolitan area.

I hope and pray that other leaders, including Hillary Clinton, governors, mayors and other elected officials will start to pay attention to the Evangelical movement and our socially conservative values.

Rev. Senator Ruben Diaz

## Save local newsstands

Dear editor,

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agencies has contributed to the reduction in newsstands over past decades.

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# International efforts needed to save world's largest mammals

A team of conservation biologists is calling for a worldwide strategy to prevent the unthinkable: the extinction of the world's largest mammal species.

In a public declaration published in an edition of the journal *BioScience*, a group of more than 40 conservation scientists and other experts are calling for a coordinated global plan to prevent the world's "megafauna" from sliding into oblivion.

Among the threats cited by the group as drivers of this mass extinction are illegal hunting, deforestation and habitat loss, the expansion of agriculture and livestock into wildlife areas, and the growth of human populations.

"The more I look at the trends facing the world's largest terrestrial mammals, the more concerned I am we could lose these animals just as science is discovering how important they are to ecosystems and to the services they provide for people," said Dr. William Ripple, professor of ecology at Oregon State University and lead author of the study.

Ripple worked with other authors on the study to exam-

ine population trends of many species, including many of the most well-known, charismatic species such as elephants, rhinos, gorillas, and big cats that are now threatened with extinction.

Approximately 59 percent of the world's biggest mammalian carnivore species—including the tiger—and 60 percent of the largest herbivores are now listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species as threatened with extinction.

"Perhaps the biggest threat for many species is direct hunting driven by a demand for meat, pets, and body parts for traditional medicines and ornaments," Dr. Elizabeth Bennett, WCS's Vice President of Species Conservation and a co-author on the study. "Only a massive commitment from the international community will stop this rampant destruction of so many animal populations."

All of these large species play critical roles in their ecosystems. Species at risk include elephants, that provide a suite of vital ecosystem services as ecological engineers, dispers-

ing seeds and nutrients across vast areas. "The loss of elephants in the forests of Central Africa is increasingly damaging the function of the region's most important ecosystems," said WCS Conservation Scientist Dr. Fiona Maisels, one of the study's co-authors. "We're only beginning to understand how vital these keystone species are to the health of rainforests and other species that inhabit them."

Human-wildlife conflict is a serious concurrent threat for many species. "With simultaneous loss of wildlife habitat and expansion of human populations and agriculture, negative interactions between people and wildlife are bound to rise," said WCS India Scientist Dr. Varun R. Goswami, also a co-author on the study. "For wide-ranging megafauna like elephants and tigers, we need landscape-scale conservation strategies, taking into account the increasing interface between wildlife and people."

Some megafauna face the threat of obscurity. The loss of elephants worldwide to poachers in pursuit of ivory is well-known and is the focus of extensive efforts to shut down



African elephant, Amboseli Kenya.

Photograph Varun R Goswami

this trade, but the study authors point out that many species are at risk from many similar threats but are so poorly known that effective conservation efforts to save them are difficult.

The paper includes a 13-part declaration that highlights the need to acknowledge the threatened status of many large mammals and the vital ecological roles they play. The declaration also cites the importance

of integrating the efforts of scientists and funding agencies in developing countries where many species occur; the need for a new global framework to conserve megafauna; and the moral obligation of saving the world's biggest mammal species.

The study titled "Saving the World's Terrestrial Megafauna" appears in the latest edition of *BioScience*.

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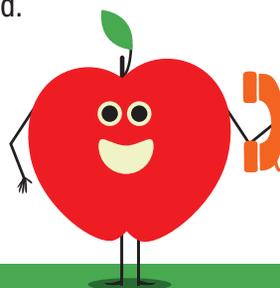


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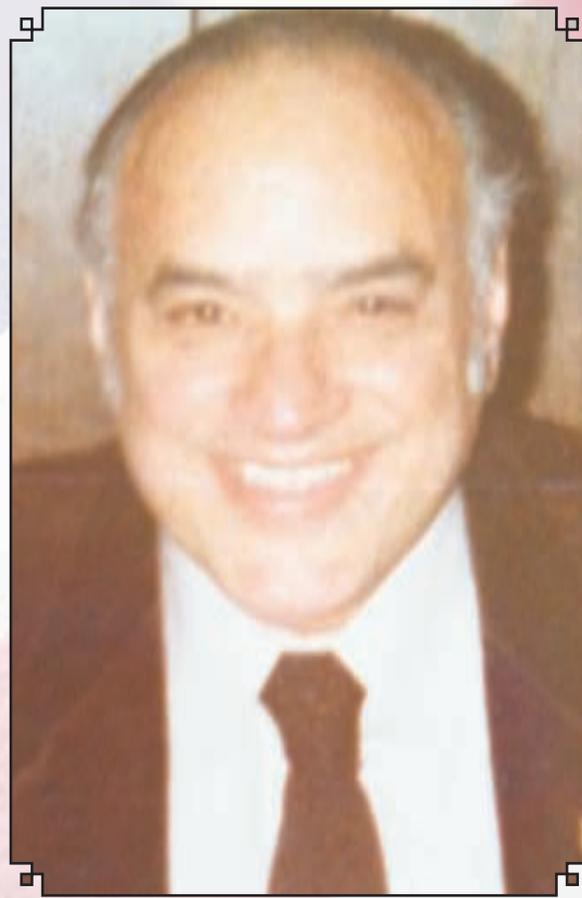
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The Van Cortlandt Village Library will soon move to a two-story, nearly 6,000 square-foot building at 3882 Cannon Place. Photo courtesy of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s office

## Larger space leased to expand VC Library

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The Van Cortlandt Village Library will soon have a state-of-the-art facility to call home.

On Monday, July 25, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., along with Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Councilman Andrew Cohen announced that \$2 million in new funding had been allocated to relocate the library to a building more than double its current size.

ing programming for adults, teens and children very difficult, considering the fact that the library's program attendance has increased by 49 percent in the last five years.

To fund the relocation, each of the local elected official secured \$500,000 in capital funding as part of their Fiscal Year 2017 budget allocations.

"I am proud to have partnered with the New York Public and my colleagues in government to help bring a brand-new Van Cortlandt branch library to the residents of the northwest Bronx," said Diaz, Jr. "The library is one of the most important institutions we have, and this new location will allow for residents of all ages to enjoy an up-to-date, expanded branch library."

"Libraries are sanctuaries of knowledge and imagination where the public can come to enjoy quiet time with a book in their neighborhood," said Klein. "The Van Cortlandt branch serves its residents well, but we're long overdue for an upgraded facility."

"More than twice the size of the standing library, the new Van Cortlandt branch will begin a new chapter for community engagement and activities and I hope everyone in the area takes advantage of it," the senator added.

"This library branch serves thousands of individuals in our area and an enhanced facility is greatly needed in our community," said Daniel Padernacht, chairman of Community Board 8. "We are thankful to our elected officials for setting aside funds for relocation of the this branch to a larger, state of the art facility, in order to provide greater services to our community."

The borough president's office did not confirm when the library's relocation would take place.

**T**his library branch serves thousands of individuals in our area and an enhanced facility is greatly needed in our community.

**Daniel Padernacht**

The library, presently located at 3874 Sedgwick Avenue, will be moved to 3882 Cannon Place, just three blocks away.

The Cannon Place property was formally used as a supportive housing facility.

The two-story, nearly 6,000 square-foot building will replace the existing branch, which has been at its original location since 1968.

The new space would also provide useful outdoor areas for its visitors, which could be a great opportunity to keep children and young readers engaged in recreational programs, especially during the summer months.

Currently, the existing location provides just one room and just over 2,000 square feet for its users, mak-



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# Boston Road building offers a healthier life

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The key to a better health may come with the key to the front door of a new apartment, officials who built a new supportive housing development suggest.

A new multi-unit building in Morrisania, that is offering housing for the formerly homeless, along with affordable rents for low-income families, opened on Tuesday, July 19.

Breaking Ground, a non-profit social services organization is the developer.

The colorful façade, modern design and pleasant public areas at the new 154-unit apartment building at 1191 Boston Road will be completely occupied by August, said Brenda Rosen, president of Breaking Ground.

The housing and support services for the formerly homeless at the building are designed to reduce Medicaid costs as part of the New York

State and Governor Cuomo's redesign of Medicaid.

"We knew that if we could get people housed and get them the support services that they need, that the Medicaid costs would go down," said Rosen, adding that treating health conditions that have not been treated for years in a setting that is not an emergency room will often lead to reduced spending on healthcare.

The agency's president believes that about \$10,000 per formerly homeless person, per year can be saved if people who have been out on the street for months or for decades get the support and health services they need and remain in permanent housing.

Among the services that will be provided are primary medical treatment and psychiatric care, she said.

"The savings come from people not having to use public resources when they are out on the street," said Rosen,

adding that this includes fewer visits to emergency rooms, which are most costly, and people getting early treatment for chronic illnesses that are treatable leading to cost savings.

Sometimes, homeless people perish on the street from chronic medical conditions that are treatable, she said.

Breaking Ground dedicated 94 units to formerly homeless people who were high users of Medicaid dollars. The remaining 60 units were reserved for people and families making from \$18,000 to \$35,280 per year.

Applications are being accepted for the affordable units.

The 94,000 square-foot, 12-story building features amenities including high-efficiency mechanical systems and lighting, water-saving fixtures, a green roof, fitness room, computer lab, on-site laundry, bicycle storage and



The front façade of the building is quite colorful.

Photo by Miriam Quin

24-hour security. It is also a 'green building,' with certification pending.

Construction began in November 2013 and was completed earlier this year.

The housing for the formerly homeless residents works like other rent-stabilized apartments, said Rosen, and it is permanent, with ten-

ants expected to pay rent.

As long as they pay their rent, they can stay as long as they like, she said.

"I think the best thing about (the housing) is that it gives people the opportunity to restore their lives and become contributing members of society once again," said Rosen.

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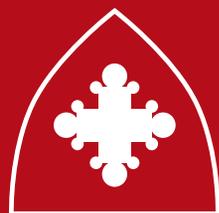
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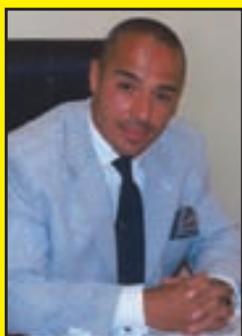
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# LGBT care comes to boro

BY PAUL SCHINDLER

Through a cooperative partnership as well as expansion and planned expansion beyond Manhattan, the city's two non-profit LGBT-focused healthcare providers, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center and Apicha Community Health Center, are aiming to better meet the growing demand for culturally competent services for New Yorkers.

Two important steps in that effort have now been launched. On Friday July 1, Callen-Lorde opened a new 3,500-square-foot clinic in Morrisania on Third Avenue near East 161 Street, its first footprint outside of Chelsea in Manhattan. Callen-Lorde and Apicha have also announced a partnership under which Callen-Lorde will offer clients it cannot serve in the time frame they require a "warm hand-off" to Apicha, which currently has unused capacity in its clinic at 400 Broadway in Manhattan's Chinatown.

These two developments are intended, explained Wendy Stark, Callen-Lorde's executive director, to correct a current "capacity-demand mismatch" facing providers and consumers of LGBT-focused healthcare.

By locating a new clinic in Morrisania, the organization can also better serve residents of that borough as well as upper Manhattan, including hard-to-reach consumers such as youth and those without stable housing.

In that spirit, Apicha is nearing agreement on space in Jackson Heights, Queens, for a clinic that organization aims to open in mid-2017, and Callen-Lorde, over a one-to two-year horizon, hopes to establish a new facility in or near Downtown Brooklyn.

All of this activity comes as the demand for healthcare services grows with the full implementation of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act and a year after both Callen-Lorde and Apicha were among 266 healthcare centers nationwide — only a handful of them focused on LGBT care — designated for the New Access Point program created under Obamacare.

That program is designed to improve public health in underserved and vulnerable areas — such as in Morrisania — and guarantees each organization \$650,000 in annual federal funding, as well as eligibility for federal malpractice insurance and cost-based reimbursement under the Medicaid program. For health centers like Callen-Lorde and Apicha that offer care at low or no cost to certain patients, the unreimbursed cost of care is a significant concern that constrains the ability to expand services. With roughly 17,000 clients making 100,000 visits a year, Callen-Lorde's Chelsea facilities had been incurring annual unreimbursed costs of care running at about \$5 million, Stark said in an interview last year.

And there was little doubt that Callen-Lorde needed more space, if not in Chelsea then somewhere else in the city. At times, Stark said, the two Manhattan clinics have had to turn away



Jonathan Santos-Ramos, the director of operations at Callen-Lorde's new clinic in the south Bronx, with staff member Luis Prieto.

Callen-Lorde Community Health Center

20 patients a day, even with a six-days, four-evenings a week schedule.

The Morrisania clinic, open just two weeks when Gay City News visited on Friday, July 15, will allow Callen-Lorde to serve up to 3,800 patients for about 20,000 visits per year. According to Jonathan Santos-Ramos, the clinic's director of operations, most of the clients served to date traveled from neighborhoods in the Bronx or Upper Manhattan, many from the immediate vicinity of the facility, though some visited from as far away as Brooklyn and Queens, with one arriving from Massachusetts.

Santos-Ramos, whose previous positions included nine years focused on HIV work at Callen-Lorde as well as similar responsibilities with the city health department, returned to Callen-Lorde four months ago from a Community Healthcare Network clinic in Washington Heights, where, he said, about three-quarters of the patients were Spanish speakers. The new Callen-Lorde clinic is fully bilingual.

The Morrisania facility is part of a five-story development in which the other major provider will be BOOM!Health, which is establishing a wellness center to provide HIV prevention and health-related, employment readiness, and other community services to underserved populations including youth and women. BOOM!Health first reached out to Callen-Lorde several years ago so that the organization could provide the direct medical services for the overall project.

One priority for the Morrisania facility is to serve the community who are homeless, have unstable housing situations, or have erratic work opportunities — all factors that can make it difficult to keep medical appointments.

Using a "one-half open access" approach, the clinic will reserve half of the appointment times for people who call the day of or the day before. Between eight and 10 percent of the patients served by Callen-Lorde's Chelsea clinics are homeless. However, 80 percent of its Health Outreach to Teens (HOTT) program's patients are homeless or have unstable housing situations.

Transgender clients, for whom culturally competent care is particularly important, are also at high risk for homelessness or housing instability.

*A version of this story first appeared in the Gay City News.*



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# Bronx DA's office to hold 'Gun Buyback'

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A plan to reduce the number of civilian-owned firearms is underway.

On Saturday, August 6, the NYPD and Bronx DA's office will host two gun buyback events as part of the Bronx Gun Buyback program.

These events will take place at Fellowship Tabernacle of Praise, COGIC, 1234B East Gun Hill Road, between Pearsall and Throop avenues, as well as at Evangelical Garifuna Church, 344 Brook Avenue, between East 141st and 142nd streets. The simultaneous events will take place from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Gun Buyback will allow civilians to turn in their operable handguns, rifles, assault rifles, shotguns or air guns in exchange for pre-paid debit cards, which will be issued after the gun is screened by officers and determined to be operable. The cards are bank cards and can be used like cash.

According to the Bronx DA's office, guns must be placed in a plastic or paper bag/box when they are brought to the



This upcoming 'Gun Buyback' will be first to be held under DA Clark.

Photo courtesy of the Bronx District Attorney's office

drop-off site.

If a gun is being transported by car, the gun must be transported in the trunk of the car.

An individual may surrender as many guns as they please, but they will only receive payment for up to three guns.

Active or retired law enforcement officers and licensed gun dealers are not

eligible to participate in the program.

In 2015, there were two gun buyback events held in New York City, which resulted in 88 guns being turned in.

This event is the first one of its kind being held under Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark, who replaced Robert Johnson as Bronx DA at the beginning of the year.

"Gun Buybacks are great for this borough and this city because it gives residents the opportunity to rid themselves of firearms," said Clark. "This program also allows and empowers residents to work with our office to make the Bronx safe."

A press conference further detailing the gun buyback event will take place on Monday, August 1 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, on the Walton Avenue side.

For more information regarding the Bronx Gun Buyback program, please call (718) 590-2272 or visit <http://www.bronxda.nyc.gov>. 311 can also provide more information about the program.

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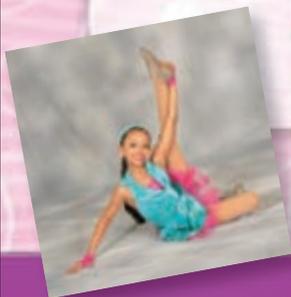
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# Local veteran named 'Legionnaire of the Year'

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local veteran was recently named the American Legion's Department of New York 'Legionnaire of the Year.'

The honor was bestowed upon Waterbury-LaSalle resident Joseph Mondello during the organization's New York State convention, that took place from Wednesday, July 13 to Saturday, July 16 in Binghamton, NY. Ten legion districts from around the state had submitted a candidate for consideration.

The award was presented as recognition of his years of volunteer activism as a legionnaire since 1996.

He is a member of Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253 since 1993, and has twice served as its commander.

"It was nice to receive the award; my peers made me feel honored," said Mondello, adding that he saw the award as a 'pat on the back' for his hard work.

"I accepted the award on behalf of all legionnaires, we are all volunteers," he said.

Mondello is a Vietnam-era veteran

who was inducted into the U.S. Air Force in April 1975, just weeks before the war ended. He served four years in Mississippi, Japan and at the Pentagon in Washington D.C., he said.

The former military man said he joined the American Legion because it gave him the opportunity to use his talents in audio, sound, video and communications on behalf of veterans.

He operates a small business called Wide Area Communications that specializes in installing satellite communications, security cameras, sound and related equipment.

The legionnaire developed and produced a public access talk show called Veterans Focus in 1996 and 1997. Many of the guests on the show were American Legion members from around the state, he said.

Mondello was also affiliated with the American Legion Department of New York Public Relations team from 1998 to 2008, where he taught veterans the latest technology.

Additionally, he's also been active since 1998 in organizing an annual Flag Day assembly at P.S. 14.

He started the tribute to Old Glory when his son was a student, and the resulting presentation, called The History of Our Flag, has been held every year since with the American Legion's blessing.

The program, which promotes patriotism and Americanism on or around June 14, has expanded to other schools.

He provides sound services for the City Island Memorial Day Parade and the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade.

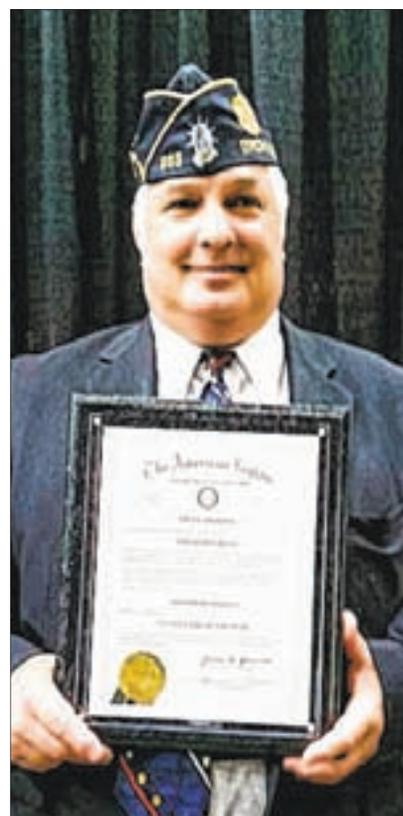
He helped coordinate a Manhattan concert for veterans who had served in Afghanistan, he said.

Mondello is humble about his accomplishments.

"I don't talk and brag, I just like to do things," he said. "I am glad when things work out and I accomplish something."

He encourages fellow veterans to join the American Legion, if for no other reason than to give veterans issues a voice on Capital Hill.

"Even if you don't become an active member, part of your dues goes



Waterbury-LaSalle legionnaire Joseph Mondello has been named New York State Legionnaire of the Year.

Photo courtesy of Joseph Mondello

to lobbyists who advocate for veterans rights," said Mondello. "If you join, and then you don't want to be active, just pay your dues and you will be helping yourself and fellow veterans."

## Parkchester resident wins CNR's Angela Merici Medal

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Parkchester resident Margaret Comaskey commitment to education helped her receive the Angela Merici medal from the College of New Rochelle.

Comaskey, a 1961 graduate from the college, received the medal during the CNR 76th Annual Alumni College Weekend in June.

According to the college's press office, the medal is "bestowed upon outstanding alumnae/i for their exceptional loyalty to the church and to the college as well as for distinctive achievement in their careers."

"I'm grateful," Comaskey said of receiving the medal. "It reflects my appreciation of the college and what it does for expanding education to a wider and wider group of people."

Throughout her career, Comaskey has shown a dedication to education.

She earned a chemistry degree from CNR and a Ph.D in physical chemistry from New York University.

After graduating, she spent a brief time in teaching before making a career in textbook publishing, working for Worth Publishers, Inc.

In addition to her commitment to education, she has also worked with the her church and many of its charitable organizations

Currently, Comaskey attends the

Church of St. Anthony in Manhattan and works as a communications volunteer for the Sisters of Charity Center in Riverdale.

The charity, according to its website, works to reveal "the Father's love" by helping "all in need, especially the poor."

Comaskey, now retired, said she has more time to give to the church and has become more involved in charity work.

She said, "Faith really does cover everything one does."

She's also noticed that "even if it isn't church related, people tend to do a lot of good to help other people."

In addition to doing charity work, Comaskey also volunteers as a teacher at the New York Botanical Garden.

"Botany when you get into it is even more interesting [than chemistry]," said Comaskey.

Comaskey said her favorite part of teaching young children at the garden is to help them "discover and learn about science and encourage them at an early age that they may learn and grow with it."

(Right) Margaret Comaskey received the Angela Merici Medal from Judith Huntington (at right), president of The College of New Rochelle.





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# Deer crossing signs installed in PelBay Park

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Motorists travelling through Pelham Bay Park are now witnessing new signs alerting them to watch for deer s.

Among a number of sign enhancements in the park, the NYC Department of Transportation installed three deer crossing signs after hearing the concerns of local residents and elected officials.

The signs have long been on the City Island Civic Association's agenda, with its members reporting numerous deer-related incidents over the years to government agencies and insurance companies, said John Doyle, CICA board member.

A DOT spokeswoman stated that the deer crossing signs were installed after the agency made the determination that they were needed based on NYPD crash data.

Councilman James Vacca had been able to get a variable message sign warning of deer

crossings installed temporarily in the park for several weeks at the end of 2015.

He said he made a request to DOT that permanent signs be installed in the park while alerting officials at the agency of several accidents involving deer and motorists.

"(The signs) are at three locations around Shore Road and Bartow Circle," said Vacca. "I think they serve as a good warning to people that there can be deer in the Bronx."

The councilman said that some motorists may not expect to see deer in the borough given its urban setting. Vacca thanked DOT for listening to his and the local community's concerns.

The signs are especially needed along Shore Road, said the councilman, because of the swerving nature of the roadway and a nearby wildlife refuge.

There are also ongoing infrastructure issues along part of the road, according to local

activists, making driving on Shore Road more dangerous.

The signs have been installed on Shore Road at the county line, eastbound on Shore Road between City Island Road and Bartow Circle and next to the circle itself.

The DOT installed signs after being facing a similar upswing in the deer population on Staten Island, where the agency responded with a similar action, stated Doyle.

"I think this is a case where persistence paid off," said Doyle. "The civic has written countless letters on this for years, followed up on those letters with conversations with DOT officials and documented incidents with photos, videos and even insurance reports."

Doyle believes that the growing body of evidence related to deer made it clear to DOT that warning motorists was necessary, he said.

In 2007, 2009 and 2010 Senator Jeff Klein wrote letters on



Three new deer crossing signs, like this one at Bartow Circle, were installed in Pelham Bay Park recently.

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behalf of the CICA about the deer issue in the park, said Doyle. The senator has been an advocate for better safety in the park in more recent years, said his spokeswoman.



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# Bronx beat

## Blink Fitness continues growth in the borough

- NACWA Names Hostos Director Administrator Of The Year
- New Group At Calvary: "The First Day Of The Rest Of Your Life"
- Baldor Specialty Foods Collaborates With Whole Foods Market

**Blink Fitness**, the premium-quality, value-based fitness club, announced the opening of its new club, located at 645 East Tremont Avenue. The club is slated to open in the fall/winter of 2017. Blink Fitness is growing rapidly with more than 50 clubs open or in development. The company's rapid expansion and continued success is attributed to its unique Mood Above Muscle™ philosophy, which focuses less on the physical results and more on the mood-boosting potential that comes from being active.

The club will add to ongoing development in the neighborhood, occupying more than 13,000 square feet of space with a spacious, colorful, and bright design. Guests can expect top-of-the-line cardio and strength equipment, knowledgeable and friendly staff, and a crew of nationally certified personal trainers.

"We are thrilled to be in the Tremont community. Located on two newly constructed upper floors, this will be a bright inviting gym space," said Bill

Miller, vice president of real estate for Blink Fitness. "We're sure that our Mood Above Muscle™ philosophy and the idea that feeling good is the new looking good will be a great fit for the neighborhood."

Reflected in a recent ad campaign titled "Every Body Happy," Blink promotes a change to the ongoing rhetoric around fitness via spirited visuals of confident and happy gym goers who come in all shapes and sizes.

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Blink plans to open more than 300 additional gyms by the end of 2020 through franchising and continued growth of corporate-owned locations.

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The National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) has named **Hostos Community College** (CUNY) athletic director Krishna Dass a 2016 Administrator of the Year Award recipient. The Administrator of the Year Award is presented annually and honors NACWAA members for significant contributions made in athletic administration.

Dass has thrived while participating in a wide variety of activities that benefit a diverse population of students and staff members. Since joining Hostos in 2013, she has effectively managed the budget, implemented a new website for heightened program exposure, secured donors, and developed programs that affect student-athletes and staff.

Hostos president Dr. David Gómez said Dass has improved the lives of the student-athletes at the College, while supporting the College's mission.

"We could not be more proud of the job Krishna has done to raise the bar for our athletic programs," Gómez said. "Her commitment to raising the academic standards of all of our athletes is also something to be celebrated. This honor is certainly well-deserved."

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In September, **Calvary Hospital** will be starting a new group "The First Day of the Rest of Your Life: A Meaning Centered Psychotherapy Group for Bereaved Individuals."

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The group will meet on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road.

This group is open to any adult members who have previously attended and graduated from a bereavement support group whether it was at

Calvary Hospital or another organization.

For more information, contact Raman K. Mohabir, LMHC, NCC, at (917) 708-0133.

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Baldor Specialty Foods, the premier ingredient source for NYC's best chefs, announced a collaboration with Whole Foods Market's Northeast Region that will make the company's selection of unique culinary items available to home cooks for the first time through an in-store, digital kiosk called The Baldor Forager which will launch exclusively on July 26 in coordination with the grand opening of Whole Food Market Williamsburg, located at 238 Bedford Avenue in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Baldor Forager is tailor-made for an era when retailers must compete for the business of an increasingly sophisticated customer.

Despite surging interest, specialty ingredients are rarely available through brick-and-mortar retailers. The inaccessibility of these items is reflected in search results, where two of the terms most commonly associated with a wide array of specialty ingredients are "where to buy" and "substitute."

When The Baldor Forager launches, it will satisfy the growing demand for wild mushrooms, heirloom produce and other items that were once the secret of the metro area's top chefs. The Baldor Forager's digital interface will encourage exploration, discovery and a retail experience focused on customization. Shoppers will be able to place their orders conveniently at The Baldor Forager kiosk and return for in-store pick-up in a day or two on average.

Baldor will curate items based on uniqueness, seasonality and popularity with celebrated restaurants like Estela and Daniel. At launch, offerings will include fresh, water-grown wasabi root, white strawberries and an unusual variety of lavender-hued mushroom from France called a Bluefoot.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

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Korony American Legion Post 253

You may know of someone becoming increasingly worried about their loved one's inability to adjust after returning home from

our current conflict, behaviors as if they were still in a combat zone, but they are back in a nice town, safely at home.

Or are they? Serious behaviors driven by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)(DSM-IV-TR Appendix E). The last you heard he or she was going to the VA Hospital to seek help and then bang - the sad news of suicide.

One of the Four Pillars we are formed around is the care and rehabilitation of our buddies in need and their families and we must never forget that. They may consider the American Legion a bunch of 'old guys' but with age comes the experience and knowledge that is revered in other cultures. Been there - done that - got the T shirt. We hope they will listen and accept our help. We may have to change our ways too.

New Yorkers should be proud of the recently established Veteran's Court, not an excuse for behavior but a diversion program designed by and manned by veterans to seek treatment rather than incarceration for minor lapses in judgment. Jail time sometimes makes matters worse, offering little rehabilitation for PTSD and related issues. We hope other jurisdictions will get on board.

As we move forward with committees and advisory boards, these ideas (and these newsletters) are only as good as the dedicated post members who will respond 'grass roots', recognizing PTSD as a real time medical emergency. Of course I'm including the Auxiliary, Sons and Riders as front line fighters to help at least stem the tide of these tragedies.

Prayers go out to the families and as we say, remember those still suffering physical and mental disabilities, may the Lord cheer them and bring them His comfort and happiness.

Until next time: Will your post identify some young heroes and invite them in?

BY GEORGE AMATO

# Marine Corps League

Yankee Det. 255

Well this is my sixth article and no one has called me for any information. I know you Marines are out there, so get off your butts and call or you will give me 50.

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# Bronx Dems Host Annual Dinner Awards Gala

The Bronx Democratic County Committee honored six distinguished community leaders during its annual award dinner gala on Wednesday, July 13 at the Marina del Rey. This year's honorees included Congressman Eliot Engel; Vincent Alvarez, NYC Central Labor Council president; Sylvia Lask, Bronx Democratic County Committee president; Henry Garrido, District Council 37 executive director; Philip Ozuah, executive vice president and COO of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore and Kathy Zamechansky, KZA Realty Group president.



(l-r) Assembly Speaker Heastie, Governor Cuomo and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo had a great time at the event.

Photo by Laura Stone



Senator Adriano Espaillat addressed the crowd

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(Above) (l-r) Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. met with Mazeda Uddin, Alliance of South Asian American Labor national women's coordinator and Senator Espaillat during the celebration.

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Assemblyman Crespo, Bronx Democratic County Committee chairman, gave a riveting speech at the ceremony.

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Governor Cuomo shared words of encouragement with Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie's daughter, Taylor.

Photo by Laura Stone

# National Night Out Against Crime Aug. 2

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Now more than ever, National Night Out Against Crime is here to draw police and community closer together.

The 33rd Annual National Night Out Against Crime will take place across the country on Tuesday, August 2, with every police precinct in the borough planning recreational and information activities for community members at sepa-

rate events across the diverse borough.

NYPD officials, elected officials and members of precinct councils are urging the community's attendance at a raft of events taking place at different times and places on August 2.

"Come out," urged a senior NYPD official. "(National Night Out) is for everyone to have fun."

In previous years, National



Representatives from the 45th Precinct at a National Night Out Against Crime event in Co-op City.



Pelham Parkway community members at a recent year's National Night Out Against Crime participated in a multitude of fun, engaging events such as rock wall climbing.

Night Out has included rides for children, food, games, giveaways and educational materials and demonstrations about what police do.

A complete list of the borough's 2016 National Night Out events by precinct is listed below:

•40th Precinct: St. Mary's Park at East 146th Street, East 147th Street and St. Ann's Avenue from 3 to 7 p.m.

•41st Precinct: Southern Boulevard between Longwood and Intervale avenues from

noon to 8 p.m.

•42nd Precinct: 763 Jennings Street from 3 to 8 p.m.

•43rd Precinct: Metropolitan Oval in Parkchester from 2 to 6 p.m.

•44th Precinct: East 169th Street between Walton and Gerard avenues 3 to 8 p.m.

•45th Precinct: Rear of 140 Benchley Place in Co-op City from 6. to 9 p.m., with a movie from 9 to 11 p.m.

•46th Precinct: Grand Concourse at East 181st Street from 4. to 8 p.m.

•47th Precinct: Grenada Place between Ely and Laconia avenues from 4 to 8 p.m.

•48th Precinct: Arthur Avenue between East 180th and East 181st streets from 4 to 8 p.m.

•49th Precinct: on Pelham Parkway at Wallace Avenue from 6 to 9 p.m.

•50th Precinct: West 234h Street between Broadway and Bailey Avenue from 4 to 8 p.m.

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The St. Benedict's School Class of 1966 shared a half century of memories at their reunion on Saturday, July 9 at the American Turners Club.



St. Benedict's School Class of 1966 at their 50th anniversary at the American Turner Club.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# TD BANK SUPPORTS JCC OF PELHAM PARKWAY

As part of TD Bank's 'Bring Change' campaign, TD Bank's Pelham Parkway branch served as a designated hub to support the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway on Friday, July 15. All funds raised will support JCCPP's continuous efforts toward bettering the lives of East Bronx community members as the neighborhood's only walk-in social services center.



TD Bank presented David Edelstein (1st on r), JCCPP executive director, with a check as part of their contribution to the fundraiser.

Photo by Miriam Quin



Everyone was encouraged to donate whatever funds they had toward the worthy cause.

Photo by Miriam Quin

# AMVETS POST 38 HOSTS GOLF OUTING

AMVETS Post 38 hosted a golf outing fundraiser on Friday, July 15 at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course for the first time since 2012. Superstorm Sandy almost totally decimated the post four years. The funds will be used toward the final phase of the building's renovations.



AMVETS Post 38 members celebrated their milestone first annual golf outing at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course.

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Guests dined on mouth-watering patriotic cupcakes made by Brittany Lombardi.

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# What's not to like about mail-order brides?

Years ago, when Marcia Zug read a GQ magazine article about mail-order brides, she was revolted. A high-flying New York City photographer, fed up with all the demanding models he was dating, wanted to find a subservient woman to make him happy. So he ordered a pretty bride from a foreign country.

When the bride got here he found her annoying, too. So he sent her home — pregnant with his child — and went back to dating models.

Zug never forgot that piece. And even after she left her hometown of Manhattan to become a professor of family and immigration law at the University of South Carolina, she felt she had to expose the evil men who get their brides by mail. She delved into her research and guess what?

Now she's married ... to a very different narrative.

"I'm not suggesting that this is the marital path for everybody," Zug said in a phone call. But in her new book, "Buying a Bride: An Engaging History of Mail-Order Matches," (NYU Press) she presents the opposite of the idea she went in with. Far from depressing and degrading,

mail-order matrimony "can actually be a very good choice for certain people in certain situations."

The book starts at the dawn of mail-order love: Jamestown, Virginia, circa 1600. Unlike New England, which was settled by families, Jamestown was settled by men. Conditions horrendous — one settler described it as "hell, a misery, a death" — and there weren't any English-speaking women to not enjoy it with.

Some men high-tailed it home, others married Native American women and went to live in their comfier villages. In desperation, the Virginia Company decided to try attracting Englishwomen by paying their dowries. For young women toiling as servants just to save up enough to marry, the offer was liberating, and about 140 came over.

They got to choose their husbands and seem to have been treated quite well, thanks to the laws of supply and demand. Laws were written to keep them happy. They could, for instance, legally break an engagement — something they couldn't do back in England.

Fast forward to the Western



## RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

frontier a couple hundred years later when, once again, American men were heading out, and women weren't. As much as these men needed wives, some women back east needed husbands. These included women appalled by the local prospects, like the gal who placed this ad in a Missouri paper in 1910:

"Attractive women, not a day over thirty, would be pleased to correspond with eligible man.

Would prefer one with property, but one with a good paying position would be satisfactory. The young lady is of medium height, has brown hair and gray eyes, not fat, although, most decidedly, she is not skinny. Her friends say she is a fine-looking woman. Object matrimony. Reason for this advertisement, the young woman lives in a little dinky town, where the best catches are the boys behind the counters in the dry goods and clothing stores, and every one of 'em is spoken for by the time he is out of his short pants."

Gosh, I'd marry her — what spunk. Zug found little evidence of exploitation or mistreatment of these brides. And today, the same holds true.

Americans seeking brides can easily go online to meet prospects. Most of the women live in Asia or Eastern Europe. And while it seems like a terrible imbalance — any schlub with U.S. citizenship can attract a desperate catch — it is a better marriage market for everyone.

"The women come from countries where their prospects are not great," says Zug.

Some live where they're not allowed to pursue a career. Some live where they are worthless if divorced, widowed, already have children, or are simply too old — perhaps 25. They look to America, and the path to get here is marriage.

"These men are often much more attractive to them than the men they see in their countries," says Zug.

The men are not allowed to marry women sight unseen. Legally they must meet at least once before they marry, and the mail-order sites organize trips to get the prospects together.

Once here, says Zug, the brides not only have far rosier prospects than back home, they often make the men shape up, too. As in "I'm learning a whole new language. Go get your GED!"

And unlike the GQ article, many of these couples live happily ever after — maybe even happier than most, since everyone likes to get a surprise in the mail.

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

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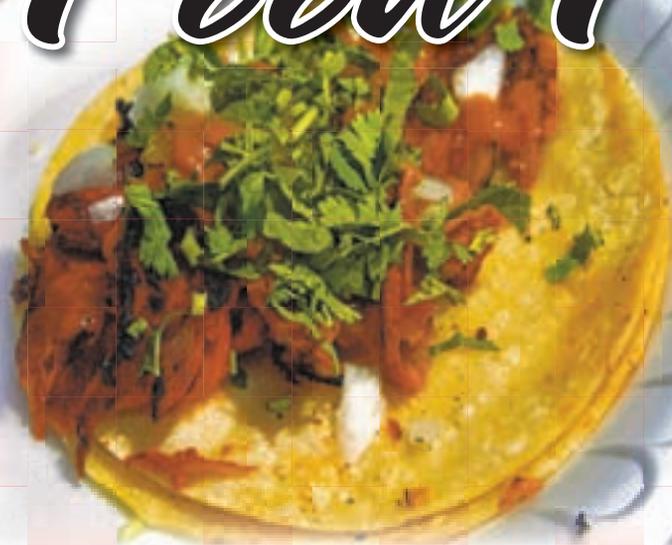


One of two victims killed in an early Monday morning shooting in Mount Hope has been identified by police. According to law enforcement officials, 37-year-old Jahaira Duverge and her 33-year-old unidentified male friend were hanging out with friends on Weeks Avenue near East 175th Street following the 27th Annual Bronx Dominican Day Parade when they were shot to death around 5 a.m. on Monday, July 25. Duverge, a mother of four, re-married almost four years ago after her husband was fatally shot nearly a block away from where she was killed this past Monday morning. Both victims were discovered by Duverge's husband when he returned from grocery shopping. Duverge was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital with a gunshot wound to her torso, but succumbed to her injuries. Her friend was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot in the head, wrist and back. No arrests have yet been made, however police are on the hunt for at least one gunman in this case. A gun was recovered at the scene, however a motive behind the shootings remains unknown. Anyone with information about this shooting is asked to call NYPD Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

(Above) Police conducted a thorough investigation at Weeks Avenue where two people were gunned down in an early morning shooting on Monday, July 25.

Photo by Edwin Soto

# INTERNATIONAL Food Festival



An annual international food festival served up the best culturally diverse dishes the Bronx has to offer. Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj hosted the ninth annual Allerton Avenue International Food Festival on Saturday, July 16 at Allerton and Barnes avenues. The celebration featured a food tasting competition; live musical performances by Jumpin' Dragons and Gene DiNapoli and several family-friendly activities such as face painting, bounce houses and hayrides. (Above left) Guests satisfied their tast buds with several delectable treats such as Antojitos tacos del pastor. (Above right) Senator Klein and Assemblyman Gjonaj had fun hosting the annual international food show.

Photo by Miriam Quin



(l-r) Allerton Tenants and Homeowners Associations Frank Vignali and Joseph Menta celebrated with John Marano, Community Board 10 first vice chairman.

Photo by Miriam Quin



Antojitos tacos del pastor won an award for 'Best Presentation' at this year's fair.

Photo by Miriam Quin



(l-r) Gene DeFrancis, Allerton International Merchants Association director, 1st place winner Lotus Flame Restaurant's Jennifer Garib, judge Chef John Denizard and 2nd place winner Mama Rosa.

Photo by Miriam Quin

# Assemblyman Benedetto sponsors MetroCard Van

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto announces that the MetroCard Mobile Van will be parked at the curb in front of the his district office located at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue,

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## BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

'Survival of the fittest' is a phrase we are all familiar with, learned in school when we studied natural selection. Most people assume that this phrase means that 'the strongest survive'. What Darwin actually was referring to was those that are "better designed for an immediate, local environment", as he stated in the 5th edition of *On the Origin of Species*. The way I understand it is that those that are better suited to adjust to changing environmental conditions are the ones that will survive.

For example, in current times of drought, those that make efforts to create more efficient rainwater collection systems and practice 'dry farming' (a method of irrigation still practiced in Europe, especially in vineyards where irrigation systems are not allowed) have a better chance than those who continue to rely on municipal water supplies.

California, which is still suffering from a drought, is where Americans grow at least 50% of our food. This includes not just annual vegetable crops, but fruit and nut tree orchards and vineyards. Quite often, when it does rain on the west coast, they suffer from mudslides due to poor rainwater collection infrastructure.

European vineyards, utilizing land practices that help plants retain water, create a root structure that extends from 20 to 30 feet into the soil, allowing plants to access moisture from underground sources such as aquifers. It also creates a more flavorful grape. Conventional irrigation practices in the US result in plants with root structures only 2 to 3 feet deep. Instead of allowing the plants to access underground water sources in

a sustainable rate, American farmers drain aquifers to irrigate their crops. Not a sustainable practice.

Whether the changes are man made or part of the natural processes on earth that control our weather patterns is a moot point, quite frankly, and serve to illustrate my point. In the 1930s, the country was suffering from what we all know as the Dust Bowl. What I find fascinating about this period of history is that the causes of the Dust Bowl were wide ranging: changes in environmental conditions such as ocean temperatures and rainfall, manmade changes such as the aforementioned loss of topsoil due to increase in agriculture combined with socioeconomic changes that nobody could have foreseen.

For example, in the early 20th century, the Russian Revolution caused a worldwide decrease in the supply of wheat and other commodity crops such as cotton. The advent of WWI further increased demand and drove up prices. The United States stepped up their agricultural production to meet these needs and this included the cultivation of the Great Plains.

For centuries, the native grasses of the Great Plains held soil in place and helped retain moisture during dry seasons. But American farming stripped the land by deep plowing. Cotton fields left bare during the winter deprived the soil of needed nutrients. After years of this, combined with an extended drought, large swaths of the country dealt with almost daily storms of dust clouds that made life unbearable.

The Depression didn't help either. Farmers who wanted to make changes to adapt couldn't due to falling crop prices. Banks in the Dust Bowl region failed at a



higher rate than elsewhere, so farmers could not get credit to make the changes to crops more suitable to eroded land or for any upgrades that would have helped them adapt. Eventually, the federal government stepped in and with the help of a team of soil scientists, they created programs that included the planting of millions of trees along the Canadian border to Abilene, TX to be a wind break and assist with soil retention.

Many farmers, unable to maintain their herds of livestock, sold the animals off to Federal programs to save their farms. If you've read the book (or seen the movie), *The Grapes of Wrath*, you might know that the Dust Bowl created a great migration and displacement of population. Ken Burns made a documentary in 2012 called *The Dust Bowl*, I highly recommend it as an introduction to this fascinating time in our history.

We are still feeling the affects of the Dust Bowl today. The positives were the understanding of better soil management practices and ultimately, the triumph of the human spirit to overcome hardship. Our American culture will be forever changed by the migration to the West Coast and its development as a major population center.

The negatives are the loss of families raising herds of livestock that feed and graze on pasture, replaced by large CAFO's run by huge corporations. Gone are family farms that raise a variety of crops, replaced by agribusiness and monocrops with intensive ir-

rigation utilizing deep wells into the aquifer. After WWII, the use of artificial pesticides and fertilizers coupled with giant harvesters created immense crops year after year, regardless of rainfall. American farmers began to think that technology was the answer to all the old problems of farming: dealing with the variables of weather, rainfall and disease.

In the end, we've learned nothing. Our current conventional practices are not sustainable and the food produced is not as nutritious. Unforeseen complications are affecting the health of Americans. Nobody could have foreseen that animals raised in CAFO's and fed corn and other chemicals would be biochemically different than the animals that humans had hunted and then raised for the last million years, and how that would affect our health. Nobody could have foreseen the affect of the nitrogen-based fertilizers we started using in the 1940's on our crops and how they would leach into the water and cause vast swaths of the Gulf of Mexico to be unable to sustain life.

But it is not all doom and gloom. That triumph of the human spirit that we Americans are so famous for? Well, that is what will help us. Making 'better decisions' about food doesn't mean that you have to spend more money on food. It means reading labels and putting in a little more effort. But most importantly, it means that we need to understand where our food comes from. Accessing the local and regional food system via CSA and farmer's markets is simply the best way to do this. It also opens you up to a community of people who are trying to do the same thing and love to share information.

Here in Throggs Neck, we are blessed to live in a community where most of us live in single family homes with the opportunity to grow vegetables in our own backyard. Communities like Edgewater, where private homeowners have small properties have combated this problem by creating the Garden in the Park, where families have plots within the garden and are raising food via the Straw Bale Garden method.

Area schools are creating their own gardens and even if all they accomplish is one day of offering students a salad made with the on site produce, that is still probably the best meal those children will get at school all year. I am meeting with one of the city council candidate's tomorrow night to discuss this very issue: how do we create food gardens in schools and what impact can they have on curriculum and the health and well being of our students? Perhaps telling the story of the Dust Bowl during history class opens up the subject of how disparate events can be connected (i.e.: the Russian Revolution and the Dust Bowl). Perhaps telling the story of the Dust Bowl during science class opens up the subject of weather patterns and their affect on us. Perhaps telling the story of the Dust Bowl during literature class opens up the discussion of how this migration affected us culturally through books, music and movies.

To argue against action while sticking one's head in the sand is anathema to our ability to survive. To argue about how something happened at the cost of actually doing anything is also not helping us. The only thing that saves us is action.

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# TN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HOSTS GOLF OUTING

The Throggs Neck Merchants Association scored an 'hole in one' with its annual golf outing held on Thursday, July 14 at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course.



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto (back, 2nd on l) joined the Throggs Neck Merchants Association at its annual golf outing at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## TRIANGLE PLAZA HUB OPENS FOR BUSINESS

Triangle Equities, local elected officials and stakeholders celebrated the grand opening of Triangle Plaza Hub, a \$35 million, multi-use complex located at 458 E. 149th Street in The Hub on Wednesday, July 13. The 88,000 square-foot community-centric development houses a Fine Fare Supermarket, Brightpoint Health, DaVita Dialysis Center, Vistasite Eye Care, Boston Market, Dunkin' Donuts, a 6,000 square-foot plaza for public enjoyment and Metropolitan College of New York's Bronx Campus where classes will begin this September.



Local elected officials, business and community leaders formally welcomed Triangle Plaza Hub to the neighborhood.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## NFL'S JOE KOWALEWSKI VISITS CHAM PATIENTS

Former New York Jets and Miami Dolphins football player, Joe Kowalewski paid a surprise visit to patients staying in the Children's Hospital at Montefiore on Tuesday, July 19. Representing the philanthropic organization 'Bear Givers', Kowalewski distributed teddy bears and spent some quality time with the young patients to brighten their day.



Thirteen-year-old Matthew Cruz (l) spoke with former NFL player Kowalewski during his heart warming visit to the hospital.

Photo courtesy of Montefiore Health System

## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT ORCHARD BEACH

Fun was in season when Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. hosted the annual 'Bronx Summer Concert Series' at Orchard Beach on Sunday, July 17. The event featured incredible live musical performances from MTG All Stars Orchestra introducing Rosio Valentin 'La Brava de la Salsa'; R&B, Latin Jazz and Pop group, Ladybird Sunshine and The King Tut Ensemble and Salsa powerhouse, E.C. Salsero. (Below left) Ladybird Sunshine and the King Tut Ensemble gave a crowd pleasing performance at Orchard Beach. (Below right) Borough President Diaz, Jr. (r) shared some of his freestyling skills with DJ Ralphie Mercado.

Photo by Laura Stone



# Home Insurance Tip of the week?

BY JOHN CERINI  
INSURANCE AGENT

Home owners that are paying a mortgage need to read this. If your mortgage is like most, you pay principal, interest, taxes and insurance or better known as P.I.T.I. Because this monthly mortgage payment includes your real estate taxes and your home insurance, you never have to pay a

separate bill for these expenses. By doing so, we become complacent and neglect to question the increases in our monthly mortgage payment. Sometimes due to an error in billing or payments, your home insurance may lapse.

When your policy lapses, your mortgage company will immediately spring into action to protect their investment

in your home, and force place coverage. Lender-placed insurance is hazard insurance that is placed on a home, which you agree to when you sign for your mortgage. You give the mortgage company permission in advance to do so if a homeowner's insurance lapses or is cancelled. It's a vital part of the mortgage application, protecting both the home owner and

their mortgage company.

If you eventually purchase a new policy, you may replace the lender-placed policy. However, beware that the lender forced-place policy is usually twice the cost of the original policy you purchased. Sometimes the forced-placed insurance does not offer the home owner the same coverage.

Therefore, keep an eye on

your monthly mortgage payment. If it goes up, try to find out why. If it goes up by more than \$75 a month, you should immediately check if the policy you chose is still in effect. If you suspect this may have happened to you, give us a call and we will help investigate for you. Call us at (718) 829-3200. We are open Saturdays and here when you need us all year round.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Recent statements and actions by key elected and appointed officials have highlighted a deeply worrisome trend. Politicized judges, attorneys general, agency officials and elected office holders have unlawfully hijacked their positions for illicit purposes.

The unprecedented scale, over the past seven and one-half years, of the abuse of public resources and agencies for partisan political purposes is a major threat to the American form of government. The effort has grown thanks in part to the lack of serious criticism by a media that largely agrees with the goals (even if they are uncomfortable about the methods of achieving them) of those who are responsible to these affronts to the Constitution and the very concept of equality under the law.

The resulting size and scope of the disregard, as a result of these actions, for First Amendment rights of speech and assembly is deeply troubling. The Internal Revenue Service harassed nonprofit groups that disagreed with the White House. The Federal Communications Commission sought

(unsuccessfully) to place monitors in newsrooms in response to the White House's anger that talk radio stations were substantially disagreeing with presidential policies, and has attempted to harass a leading news organization that has been highly critical of the Administration. The Federal Election Commission has imposed draconian penalties in response to minor infractions, if the alleged violator is of a party not in power in the White House.

The latest examples come from both elected government as well as the legal system.

The illegal use of the law itself as a partisan weapon was highlighted this year by the attempt of 17 Democrat-led attorneys general, led by New York's AG Eric Schneiderman, to harass think tanks and research organizations for merely disagreeing with President Obama's climate change policy. Subpoenas were issued to research and writing organizations such as the Competitive Enterprise Institute for no valid legal reason other than to further the oppression of those who have different views than the White House.

## Community Action civic Association

One truly wonders whether these individuals have even a basic comprehension of their role. An attorney general's job is to enforce the law. They are neither policy makers nor are they the strong arm enforcers of a politician or a political party. Their actions have led to investigations into their unlawful actions. Congress is examining the actions of both Schneiderman and Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey for what has been described, according to reports in the Washington Times, as their "coordinated efforts to deprive companies, nonprofit organizations, scientists and scholars of their First Amendment rights."

The unlawful assault by Democrat elected officials on those disagreeing with President on climate change has taken to an extremity never before seen in this nation. A proposed legislative bill in Califor-

nia cleared two committees in the state legislature that would have actually criminalized espousing a view that opposed the concept of man-made global warming.

Once considered a paragon of impartiality, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has also succumbed to the epidemic of politicization. The Free Beacon reports that agents involved in the investigation of Hillary Clinton's email scandal were required to sign an unusual non-disclosure agreement about their work, a probable forerunner to the startling decision to not indict the Democrat presidential candidate for acts which any other individual, as even FBI director Jim Comey admits, would have resulted in punishment.

The Congressional affairs newspaper The Hill puts it this way: "Despite clear evidence, which would culminate in an extensive tour at a government facility in Leavenworth, Kan., for you or me, the director of the FBI failed to recommend any form of accountability for Clinton, now the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee; no prosecution, no loss of access to classified material, no

loss of future positions of 'special confidence and trust' with the U.S. government."

The abuses of official positions for partisan purposes do not just occur at the national and state levels. The almost exclusively Democrat NYC Council, reports the NY Post, used taxpayer dollars and city government resources to produce a "report" that paints a biased, critical picture on the impact of presidential candidate Donald Trump's policies on the city.

Refreshingly, one act, that of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, did uniquely receive widespread condemnation. Justice Ginsberg, (who in 2012 during a speech in Cairo made the stunning statement that if she were drawing up a constitution today, she would not use the U.S. Constitution as an example) openly criticized the Republican presidential candidate, a move which violates the necessity of impartiality on the part of the august body on which she sits.

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BY GENE DEFRANCIS

Our next scheduled meeting will be this Tuesday August 9 at the Sanz Banquet Hall, 815 Allerton Avenue. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

And just like that ... It is time to prepare for the holidays. Not you... You enjoy the many days left in the summer... but we at the merchants association must get everything lined up and prepared for the season.

Starting with preparations for the Halloween Party and Parade. But more importantly, we will get a start on collecting for the holiday lights.

First notices will be deliv-

ered soon. We would love to wrap up the collection by September, end of October the latest. By now it should be second nature and you should be ready to join the rest of your neighbors and colleagues.

I stress again, merchants who contribute to the holiday lights are merchants that are still on Allerton. That's because community relationship is invaluable to business. When the community sees your Sponsorship sign in your window, it helps.

We are also dedicated to helping our neighbors get their holiday lights up as well this year. We are as strong and safe as our neighbors so we must work together.

## Allerton International Merchants Association

We are also going to expand outwards to paint mailboxes and other areas where graffiti lives, once the weather cools down a bit. We are also collecting for our annual mural project.

We have a few stores open. We are active in helping to fill them and shifting the face of Allerton with new businesses. If you have any requests, reach out to us.

Any complaints, reach out

to us. File a 311 complaint and send us the complaint number.

Finally we were able to get an upside down sewer cap right side up and resolve several noise complaints.

No problem is too big or too small. Your community is your business so get involved.

Come to the meeting. Join the merchant association for a small fee and you will receive a discount card to some of your favorite stores as well as a subscription to The Bronx Times.

We will be helping out at the Cruger Avenue Block party and Parkside community event.

Join our Facebook page -

Allerton International Merchants Association.

Email us at [AllertonMerchants@gmail.com](mailto:AllertonMerchants@gmail.com).

Tell us how our shops are doing or share with us what kind of business you would like to see open on Allerton.

Please make sure to check up on your neighbors during this heat. Especially the elderly. Remember to drink plenty of water.

And finally, we will be conducting a Back to School Clean Up in September so we will put together the details for that and share the information here and on Facebook.

Until then, enjoy the summer.

## CONCOURSE PLAZA MULTIPLEX FUNDS CANCER RESEARCH

Concourse Plaza Multiplex raised funds for the 67th annual Jimmy Fund/Variety Children's Charities Theatre Collections from Monday, June 20 to Thursday, July 28 with all contributions going directly toward supporting lifesaving adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.



(l-r) Tantiana Montgomery, Rhonda Ottley and Luis Santiago collected money for the Jimmy Fund at the Concourse Plaza Multiplex Cinema.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## BENEDETTO RAISES APRAXIA AWARENESS

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto presented a resolution to Christopher DeJesus' family proclaiming May 14, 2016 as 'Childhood Apraxia Awareness Day' in New York State on Wednesday, July 20. The assemblyman introduced the resolution at the request of DeJesus' parents, Michael and Addy to bring awareness to Apraxia, a speech disorder causing children to have extreme difficulty learning to speak.

Assemblyman Benedetto presented a resolution to an excited Christopher DeJesus.  
Community News Group / Robert Wirsing

## ANNE HUTCHINSON'S DESCENDANTS VISIT BARTOW PELL

History was made when the descendants of Anne Hutchinson attended a reunion celebration at the Bartow Pell Mansion Museum on Saturday, July 23. Following the reunion, the descendants met with members of the East Bronx History Forum, Anne Hutchinson Year 2016 and Bartow Pell Mansion Museum for a lecture and luncheon at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course.



Anne Hutchinson's descendants met with members of the East Bronx History Forum, Anne Hutchinson Year 2016 and Bartow Pell Mansion Museum around Anne Hutchinson's memorial tree planted three years ago.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## CHAMBER HOSTS BUSINESS BREAKFAST EVENT

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce hosted several business professionals for a business breakfast networking event on Thursday, July 21 at Applebee's in the Hutchinson Metro Center on 1776 Eastchester Road.

Bronx Chamber of Commerce members and business professionals met at Applebee's for an entertaining and informative networking breakfast.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# Setting Up a Great Back to School Transition

It's back to school time, which can be a source of nerves and excitement for many children. A little preparation can go a long way, however, to making your child feel comfortable and optimistic. Here are five tips for setting the stage for a smooth transition back to school this fall:

**Start with an open conversation.** Rather than launch into a one-sided lecture about what you expect from your child this school year, ask how he or she is feeling—and then simply listen. If your child brings up fears or struggles from last year, be supportive and positive. Offer encouragement by letting your child know that no problem is insurmountable, that together you can work through any issues and that the start of a new school year is a fresh beginning.

**Make a list of goals for the year.** After you've had the opportunity to start things off on the right foot with an honest conversation, talk about you and your child's goals for this year. Focus all goals on making improvements (e.g. raising a grade or becoming more organized) rather than reaching achievements (e.g. getting all As). Also make sure to break big goals into smaller steps. If your child wants to become better at math, what does he or she think are the necessary steps to make that happen? And how can you support that?

**Get organized at home.** Now is the time to get your home ready for the new school year. Have your child tidy up his or her desk and make a list of supplies that need restocking. Make a shopping trip for supplies for school and home, and be sure to buy a new planner and have your child write his or her class schedule in the front. Hang a family/school calendar in a central location. If you have your own system for managing school paperwork such as an inbox or folder in a home office, review that process with your child. Finally, designate an area for unloading backpacks, organizing papers, hanging jackets and storing shoes.

**Get the brain school ready.** The last couple of weeks before the new school year begins, have your child look over last year's textbooks and assignments for subjects such as math and science—even if just 10 minutes each evening. If the reading has waned over summer break, reestablish that nightly habit as well. These efforts can help minimize regression and give your child a helpful refresher on the things learned last year as well as what is to come.

**Consider creating a school year contract.** The switch from summer leisure to a school schedule can feel abrupt for many children. A supplemental agreement between you and your child can help. Set expectations and goals through a written contract that outlines your child's responsibilities as a student, how you will support your child (and how you will not), and anything else you think is important to address (such as screen time or extracurricular activities). Remember to make this a constructive, encouraging process.

It doesn't take much to get your child mentally ready to return to school with a positive and motivated outlook. Make sure to model enthusiasm and optimism for a great year ahead. Assure your child that with hard work and a good attitude, good things will happen—and if problems arise, you will work together to correct them.

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

I read the Bronx Times article regarding the poor gentleman that was killed by a hit and run driver on Tremont Avenue. I'm still trying to figure out how someone could come to the conclusion that this sad event could possibly be the fault of Community Board 10's decision to vote down the NYC Department of Transportation's dangerous and unacceptable traffic plan for Tremont Avenue. Instead, our community board should be thanked for making a good decision. We did not make this decision alone. Board members spoke to business owners and residents and overwhelmingly this plan was thought to be unsafe for Tremont Avenue. The will of the people and the board members who take voting on such things very seriously must stand.

Right now, drivers speed down our streets, make unlawful U-turns and double park. The problem is not just on Tremont Avenue. It happens on Crosby Avenue as well. A plan to make Tremont Avenue a one lane road each way will only make a dangerous situation worse. What will happen when someone double parks? What will happen when there is a delivery to a store? Is anyone thinking of how dangerous this will be? I've thought about the many scenarios that will take place and I cannot understand how anyone could think that making Tremont Avenue a two lane road would make it safer.

That being said, there are ways to make our streets safer, and we have been asking for those things to happen but our requests have fallen on deaf ears. We need traffic calming on many of our streets, not just Tremont Avenue. When people speed, make illegal U-turns and double park, they should be ticketed. But in order to do this we need more police.

Hiring more police would accomplish more than just traffic calming. A police presence on streets like Tremont and Crosby would not only make our streets safer but our communities

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as well. A bump up of community policing would give our officers a chance to get to know store owners and residents and a relationship would be fostered of unity and respect.

There are many other ways of tackling this problem. Posting 25 MPH signs along Tremont along with the use of electronic signs that remind drivers of their speed would be helpful. But, of course, you need officers to enforce that. Installing live cameras along Tremont would also help in several ways. Police could monitor the speed of motorists and also check on the clubs along Tremont that have been problematic. When people drink too much they are much more liable to speed, leave the scene of a crime and do other things that are dangerous. It seems to me that too many people cross the street while engaged on their phone. They do not obey traffic signals and put their lives in danger. Maybe we should require, or at least make available, more driver safety courses to remind people of the many things that they can do to keep themselves and others safe.

In thinking about traffic in our community, I'm wondering why we are only discussing Tremont Avenue when Crosby Avenue is a disaster waiting to happen. During the school year parents double and triple park along Crosby to pick up their children. Students and parents run between cars and across Crosby to their cars creating an extremely dangerous situation. With cars double and triple parked emergency vehicles as well as cars cannot pass through.

This has never been addressed even though it has been brought to the attention of the powers that be. Instead of fixing a dangerous situation our government has chosen, once again, to make matters worse, much worse!

Adding 344 more students to P.S. 14's population is the most irresponsible plan I have ever seen. When someone gets hurt there whose fault will it be then.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Let's begin with this.

A bad person pulled up to the Ericson Place entrance last Tuesday at about 6:30 p.m. and left three 5-gallon cans of toxic material on the sidewalk. The police were called and they called the Fire Department who sent for the hazmat crew. The stuff was taken away. The best part of this story is that our closed circuit security cameras work and he and his vehicle were recorded. There will be a follow-up to this as his performance will be turned over to the proper authorities. So there. Never a dull moment.

The next BBQ at the VA Hospital will be on Sunday, September 18, at noon. The shut-ins really appreciate these functions. At this time we will book

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the Christmas slash Holiday Party. That's the one with Chip Hiney and Shay Mac playing and singing and the Transit Pipe and Drums will be in attendance piping and drumming. I need volunteers

for both functions.

Our next post meeting will be on Saturday September 3, at 1 p.m.

Dues are due.

Some more Hollywood Heroes; Don Knotts served in the Pacific. Don Rickles served in the Navy aboard the USS Cyrene. The Navy found out that Earl Holliman lied about his age and discharged him after a year's service. Ed McMahon was a fighter pilot during WW II and flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well. More next week.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.

# DIAZ HOSTS 'ABRAZO DOMINICANO IN NEW YORK' BANQUET

Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; Assembly members Marcos Crespo, Luis Sepulveda, Michael Blake and Victor Pichardo and Councilman Rafael Salamanca honored six distinguished Dominican community members during the annual 'Abrazo Dominicano in New York' banquet on Friday, July 22 at Eastwood Manor. This year's honorees included Senator Adriano Espaillat's chief of staff Aneiry Batista, Maria Santos, Michelle Melendez, Jose Mota, Milton Nunez and Jose Vilorio.



Honoree Aneiry Batista (c) graciously accepted her awards from the elected officials.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## 15U AAU BLUEWAVE TEAM WINS WAR AT THE SHORE

The 15U Amateur Athletic Union Bluewave Team rode the wave to success, earning first place at the War at the Shore Tournament on Thursday, June 26 in Atlantic City. The team is headed to the AAU Nationals in Hampton, Virginia during the last week of July.



The 15U AAU Bluewave Team were thrilled over their first place victory at the War at the Shore Tournament.

Photo courtesy of Patty Justiniano

## DREAMYARD PROJECT PLAYGROUND BECOMES REALITY

More than 200 volunteers from Delta Air Lines, DreamYard Project, Bronx Pro Group organizers from KaBOOM! and community members rolled up their sleeves to construct a new playground at the DreamYard Art on Saturday, July 23. The playground's whimsical design is based on children's drawings created at a special DreamYard Project benefit event in May.



These 350 volunteers helped put together the play space located behind them.

Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Tad Hutcheson, Delta Air Lines community affairs vice president; Assemblyman Michael Blake; Henry Kuykendall, Delta Air Lines vice president; Hector Rivera (back, 2nd from r), DreamYard Project Art Center program director; Jason Duchin (back, 1st from r), DreamYard Project co-executive director; Eilah Brown, KaBOOM! senior project manager and Mari Robles, DreamYard Project Art Center director displayed the ceremonial check.

Photo by Laura Stone



## ICE HOUSE CAFE SERVES UP 'FREE HUGS'

Confetti Party Place and the Ice House Cafe's Terry Dee Dee hosted the feel good family event, 'Free Hugs for Unity' on Tuesday, July 19 at the popular Throggs Neck waterfront eatery. The Free Hugs Campaign is a social movement involving individuals who offer hugs to strangers in public places as random acts of kindness.

(Above) (l-r) Argentina Gonzalez, Joanna Gonzalez, Jamaal Soto, Jolee Soto (front, c), Jayleen Acevedo and Diandra Morte shared in a group hug.  
Photo by Miriam Quin



Elaine Sanabria shared a hug with her son, Ryan Sanabria during the feel good event.  
Photo by Miriam Quin

## PLAYGROUND 52'S GROUNDBREAKING REDEVELOPMENT

NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver; Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Councilman Rafael Salamanca and PAL New South Bronx Center students broke ground on the \$3 million reconstruction of Playground 52 on Tuesday, July 19 in Woodstock. The park's basketball courts and amphitheater will be completely renovated and a new skate park will be constructed with new pavements, fences, planting, lighting and drainage system.



Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rosa-Rodriguez (3rd on l), Borough President Diaz (c) NYC Parks Commissioner Silver (4th from r) and Councilman Salamanca (3rd from r) joined other leaders in breaking ground for Playground 52's reconstruction.  
Photo by Daniel Avila / NYC Parks



NYC Parks Commissioner Silver (2nd row, c) and Councilman Salamanca (2nd row, r) met with students and teachers from PAL New South Bronx Center at the ceremony.  
Photo by Daniel Avila / NYC Parks

## JOBS-PLUS HOSTS BLOCK PARTY & RESOURCE FAIR

Jobs-Plus in the Bronx hosted a block party and resource fair on Saturday, July 23 on Croes Avenue between Seward and Lafayette avenues. The event helped connect residents to employment services and job opportunities.

Bin Bin the Clown entertained Evangeline Hamilton (back, l), Kiarra Haines (back, r), Avery Staford (front, l) and Adamo Okott (front, r).  
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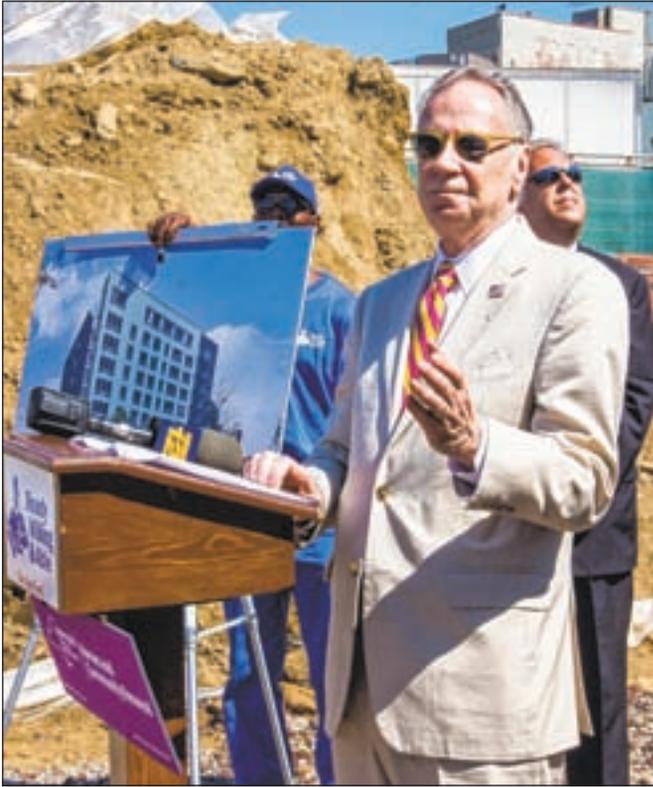
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## WEBSTER GREEN BREAKS GROUND

The Doe Fund, with its funding partners, city and state agency representatives and Magnusson Architecture and Planning broke ground for Webster Green, a \$30 million, 82-unit affordable and supportive housing development at 3100 Webster Avenue. Construction on the 76,000 square foot, 8-story building is slated for completion in spring 2018.



George McDonald (front, c), Doe Fund president and founder, spoke at Webster Green's groundbreaking ceremony. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## OLYMPIC LEGEND VISITS P.S. 294

P.S. 294 students received a huge surprise when Olympic legend, Jackie Joyner-Kersey visited them on Friday, July 15. Joyner-Kersey is considered one of the greatest athletes of all time. Made possible by Brandon Steiner of Steiner Sports, Joyner-Kersey distributed Nike track uniforms, water bottles, backpacks, gift cards for new sneakers to the future Bronx youth track stars as well as signed framed photographs.

P.S. 294 students had fun meeting and Jackie Joyner-Kersey (back, c) and Brandon Steiner (back, 2nd from r) at the event.

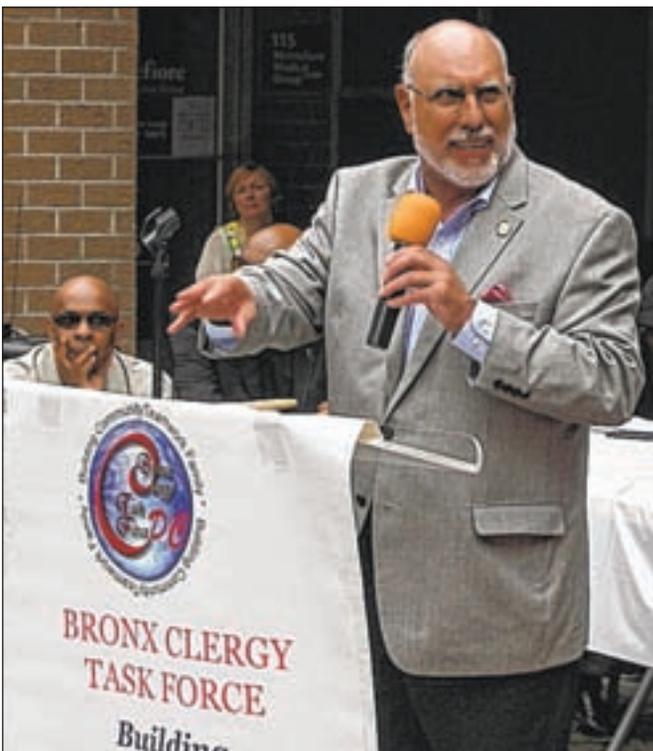
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Olympic legend Joyner-Kersey (l) signed framed photographs for many of her adoring fans. Photo courtesy of Abbot House

## CO-OP CITY POLICE SHOOTING RALLY

In response to the horrific murder of five Dallas police officers on Thursday, July 7, approximately 200 Co-op City residents joined civic and religious leaders for a peace rally on Saturday, July 9 at Dreiser Center's plaza. The three hour prayer-filled event was co-hosted by Church of God's Children bishops Angelo and Nancy Rosario and pastor Deborah Jenkins of Faith at Work Christian Church.



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto gave a riveting speech at the Co-op City Peace Rally. Photo courtesy of William Stuttig

## WSBID, GROWNYC HOST 2ND ANNUAL SHOP N' SWAP

The Westchester Square Business Improvement District and GrowNYC hosted its second annual Shop N' Swap and Carnival on Saturday, July 23 at Owen Dolen Recreation Center. The free thrifting event allowed residents to bring and trade reusable portable items such as clothing, house wares, games, books and toys. A fun-filled carnival featured a Pitch Burst game station, delicious cotton candy, bouncy castles and art demonstrations.



(l-r) Kathleen Crosby, GrowNYC reuse event coordinator; Lisa Sorin, WSBID executive director and Carl Harry Nau from GrowNYC's Office of Recycling Outreach and Education had a great time at the carnival

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(l-r) Silver Beach residents Meredith Anull; her mother, Susan and her granddaughter, Samantha donated many items for the Shop N' Swap event.

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## RIVERA, PICHARDO HOST SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

Senator Gustavo Rivera and Assemblyman Victor Pichardo hosted their third annual Senior Health Fair on Friday, July 22 at Monroe College's King Hall Auditorium. As part of Senator Rivera's Bronx CAN Health Initiative, the event gave attendees access to health information, tips on preventative measures and an array of health screenings ranging from blood pressure to glucose testing.



Senator Rivera (2nd from r) met with Harris Keene, Gloria Collier (2nd from l) and Tomia Scales during the senior health fair.

Photo by Miriam Quin



## BPECA ANNUAL THWAITES PLACE BASH

Bronx Park East Community Association and Thwaites Places residents celebrated the fifth annual Thwaites Place Bash on Saturday, July 23 at Olinville Avenue between Thwaites Place and Pelham Parkway North. The neighborhood festival included a pizza eating contest, face painting, a dunk tank and water sprinklers for everyone's amusement.

Pizza Eating Contest winner, Roy Christopher (c) and runners up, Jesus and Felipe Maldonado.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## STATE OFFICERS ATTEND SONS OF ITALY MEETING

NYS Grand Lodge state officials met with current officers at the Uguaglianza Northeast Bronx Lodge 83 Sons of Italy Meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at Spoto's Restaurant to welcome the lodge's newest members.



(l-r) Edward Angelino, Lodge 83 vice president; Judge Dominick Massaro; Lilyana Pekic; Robert Ferrito, state 1st vice president; Carolyn Reres, state president; Sal Mastrocola, Lodge 83 president; Anthony Naccarato, state 2nd vice president and John Fratta, state treasurer.

Photo courtesy of Edward Angelino

## ST. BARN TEENS ATTEND NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

Jayvon Hines, Tyasia Jordan, Justin Lara and Malik Smith, four Bronx teenagers from St. Barnabas Hospital's Teen Health Center traveled to Orlando on Monday, July 18 for a four-day intensive training program teaching them how to discourage other teenagers from using tobacco products.



(l-r) Tyasia Jordan, Bronx School of Law and Finance junior; Jayvon Hines, High School of Computers and Technology junior; Justin Lara, Bronx Theatre High School junior and Malik Smith, Mount St. Michael Academy graduate, attended the national event in Orlando.

Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas Hospital



Pepper Coleman happily dished out food during the block party.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# GIBSON HOSTS 'STEPS IN SOLIDARITY' PEACE MARCH

Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and Bronx Connect Release the Grip met with the 44th Precinct Council, NYCHA tenants leaders, community leaders, clergy, anti-gun violence advocates and other elected officials for 'Steps in Solidarity', a peace march held on Tuesday, July 19 at Mount Eden and Grand Concourse.



Councilwoman Gibson (front, 5th from r) joined other community leaders and anti-gun violence advocates on the steps of the historic Andrew Freedman Home. Photo by Aracelis Batista



Belsy Sanchez (r) was thrilled to receive her raffle prize from Saralicza Cabrera, Compare Supermarket manager. Photo by Miriam Quin

## WHITE PLAINS ROAD BID COMMUNITY FAIR

There was a great deal of fun at the White Plains Road Business Improvement District's first annual Community Fair on Saturday, July 23 on White Plains Road near Maran Place and Cruger Avenue.

(l-r) Sergio Martinez, Vonrey Martinez Betario, Senator Jeff Klein, Anastacia Mejia, Maria Del Carmen and Daysi Peralta had fun at the White Plains Road BID's first annual community fair. Photo by Miriam Quin



## THROGGS NECK HOUSES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Senator Jeff Klein, NYC Housing Authority, Throggs Neck Residents' Council, FDNY, Police Service Area #8, NYPD Housing Bureau and court officers hosted the second annual Throggs Neck Houses Basketball Tournament on Saturday, July 16 at Ferry Point Park. Hundreds participated in the two-day tournament which emphasizes establishing stronger relationships between residents and law enforcement and a better sense of community.



Monique Johnson (front, 3rd on l), Throggs Neck Residents Council president, joined Throggs Neck Houses residents in celebrating their second annual basketball tournament.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## Kiku returns to the NY Botanical Garden

The New York Botanical Garden's distinctive and acclaimed fall exhibition, Kiku: The Art of the Japanese Garden, returns to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory from October 8 through 30, with magnificent displays of chrysanthemums in awe-inspiring shapes and styles. Kiku, the Japanese word for "chrysanthemum," is the most celebrated of all Japanese fall-flowering plants. NYBG's unforgettable presentation of kiku, painstakingly trained to grow in a mesmerizing variety of forms and sizes, pays homage to hanami, the traditional Japanese custom of enjoying the ephemeral beauty of flowers.

Intriguing installations of traditional kiku displays pioneered by the chrysanthemum masters at the Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden in Tokyo and re-created by the kiku experts at The New York Botanical Garden provide the opportunity for visitors to learn about the fascinating history of this storied flower as it traveled from its native China to Japan and ultimately to the West.

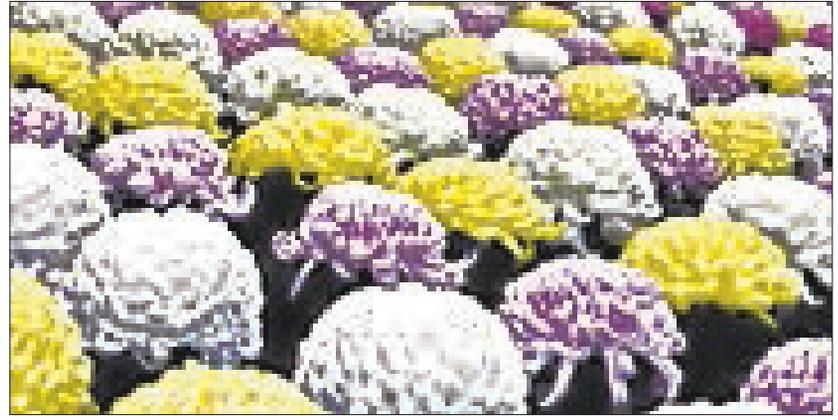
Botanical garden experts work up to 11 months each year to grow, train, and shape the kiku on display. During Kiku: The Art of the Japanese Garden, three traditional kiku styles will be displayed in the Haupt Conservatory:

- **Ozukuri (Thousand Bloom):** In this highly complex technique, a single stem is trained to produce hundreds of simultaneous blossoms in a massive, dome-shaped array. Ozukuri are planted in specially built wooden containers called sekidai.

- **Kengai (Cascade):** This technique features small-flowered chrysanthemums. They are trained to conform to boat-shaped frameworks that cascade downward like waterfalls for lengths of up to six-and-a-half feet. The result is a burst of hundreds of tightly clustered blooms.

- **Ogiku (Double and Triple Stem):** These plants feature enormous individual flowers perched at the ends of stems up to six feet tall.

This year's kiku team is led by goorman of Gardeners, James Harkins, un-



Ogiku plants

Photo courtesy of Robert Benson Photography.

der the supervision of Marc Hachadourian, director of the Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections. James trained with and works alongside kiku expert Yukie Kurashina, who was educated by kiku masters from Tokyo's Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden. Marc curates NYBG's groupings of plants housed in the Nolen Greenhouses, the behind-the-scenes glasshouses where plants for the

Garden's indoor and outdoor displays and science program are grown and maintained.

The exhibition is designed by Francisca P. Coelho, Vivian and Edward Merrin vice president for Glasshouses and Exhibitions, best known for her plantsmanship and key role in the design and development of high-profile horticultural displays.

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### DiNAPOLI To HONOR ELVIS AT BB KING'S



Gene DiNapoli and his Elvis show will be celebrating Elvis' anniversary by performing at BB King's, 237 W. 42nd Street in Times Square, on Saturday, August 13, starting at 12:30 p.m. For tickets and further information call (212) 997-4144.

# Dinowitz kicks off Summer Concert Series

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz welcomed members of the community to the first two concerts of his 2016 Summer Concert Series. The first show featuring The Gene DiNapoli Variety All-Star show packed the theater at the Riverdale YM-YWHA with over 200 people, while the second show featured Grammy Award-winning musician John Benitez and his Latin Jazz Band at the Amalgamated Train Park on Orloff Avenue and Gale Place. The concert series is an annual event every summer in the Northwest Bronx and is cosponsored by Assemblyman Dinowitz and the Bronx Council on the Arts.

"There is no better way to spend a beautiful summer evening than by listening to talented musicians play mu-

sic with friends and family," said Assemblyman Dinowitz. "I was so excited to see hundreds of community members attend these concerts which are excellent opportunities for people of all ages to relax and enjoy quality music together. I am proud to partner with the Bronx Council on the Arts to sponsor this series of free concerts across the northwest Bronx, and I look forward to seeing the community at our next concert featuring the Just Nuts Party Dance Band on Monday, August 1st at Henry Hudson Park!"

"It is a great honor and privilege to partner again with Assemblyman Dinowitz to produce this free summer concert series serving Riverdale and surrounding communities," said Deirdre Scott, ex-

ecutive director of the Bronx Council on the Arts. "Bronx Council on the Arts takes pride in providing wonderful programs and showcasing all the great cultural talent for our constituents."

The Gene DiNapoli Variety All-Star Show kicked off the concert series at the Riverdale YM-YWHA on Tuesday. For the third year in a row, Gene DiNapoli not only brought his incredible musical style reminiscent of Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra, but also the talent of several different acts and performers that captivated the audience. From a 106 year old stand-up comedian, to a very convincing rendition of "Candyman" by an incredible Sammy Davis Jr. impersonator, the Gene DiNapoli Variety All-Star Show

had the crowded theater of 200 community members singing in their seats and dancing in the aisles.

The second concert took place in the heart of the Amalgamated Housing Cooperative, just south of Van Cortlandt Park. Hundreds of senior citizens, families with young children, and everyone in between gathered on benches, folding chairs, and along fences to listen to the music. After brief words of welcome from Assemblyman Dinowitz and Senator Jeff Klein, John Benitez and his band took over, playing a two-hour set. The band's rousing trombone, saxophone, drums, and bass solos created a fun, festive atmosphere, and dozens of attendees even took to dancing.

This week's two concerts

were the first of eight free shows sponsored by Assemblyman Dinowitz and the Bronx Council on the Arts. The remaining six include:

- Monday, August 1 – The Just Nuts Party Dance Band at Henry Hudson Park, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, August 4 – Ginetta's Vendetta at the Amalgamated Train Park, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 9 – Mystery Tour Beatles Tribute Band at Henry Hudson Park, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, August 11 – Orquesta SCC at the Williamsbridge Oval, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 16 – Donald Vega at the Amalgamated Train Park, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 17 – NY Skyscrapers and Friends at the Riverdale YM-YWHA, 7 p.m.

## Smells abound at NYBG; BCA presents Hot Tangos!

Whenever the rare *Amorphophallus titanum* blooms, it causes a sensation. Perhaps it is because it is one of the largest flowers in the world and its blooming cycle is unpredictable, but more likely it is due to the infamous odor it releases during its brief 24–36-hour peak bloom—like the smell of rotting meat, the reason the plant is more popularly known as the corpse flower. Native to Sumatra in Indonesia, it first bloomed in the Western Hemisphere at **The New York Botanical Garden** in 1937, and is expected to flower once again at NYBG sometime during the next week.

The bloom cycle occurs extremely quickly. NYBG horticulturists noticed the flower bud had formed on Friday, July 15, 2016. The corpse flower was moved on Monday, July 18, from NYBG's behind-the-scenes Nolen Greenhouses for Living Collections to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, where it is now on display in the Palms of the World Gallery, allowing visitors to experience this curiosity with their own senses.

Its strong, distinctive odor, which attracts pollinators that feed on dead animals, will be at its most pungent during its peak blooming. *Amorphophallus titanum* is the largest unbranched inflorescence (a cluster of flowers on a spike) in the plant kingdom, growing 12 feet tall in its natural habitat and about six to eight feet in cultivation. Although the enormous plant in bloom resembles one giant flower, it actually comprises a fleshy central spike called a spadix that holds two rings of male and female flowers, wrapped by the frilly spathe, a modified leaf that resembles a petal.

In the first several days of the bloom cycle, the bud grows about four to six inches per day. Then growth slows significantly. The two bracts at the base of the spathe shrivel and fall off. Next, the spathe, which was once tightly wound around the spadix, loosens and begins to open, revealing the deep-red color inside. During bloom, the

spadix self-heats to approximately human body temperature, which helps disseminate odor particles. The spathe unfurls during the course of about 36 hours (full bloom) before withering and dying back. Generally the life cycle of the bloom is only one or two days.

A young corpse flower takes about seven to 10 years to store enough energy to begin its bloom cycle. This specimen was accessioned by The New York Botanical Garden in 2007 and has been carefully nurtured by horticulturists in the Nolen Greenhouses for nearly a decade. After the current cycle is complete, it will be several more years before this plant is ready to bloom again.

It has been almost 80 years since a specimen of this rare plant flowered at The New York Botanical Garden; its appearance this year will mark another memorable event during NYBG's 125th Anniversary celebration. On June 8, 1937, the corpse flower bloomed for the first time in the Western Hemisphere here at NYBG. A second specimen bloomed at NYBG on July 2, 1939. Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons commemorated the event by designating *Amorphophallus titanum* as the official flower of the Bronx. (The Bronx's official flower was replaced by the daylily in 2000.)

Visitors can watch the progress of the corpse flower online via the Garden's live video feed at [www.nybg.org/exhibitions/2016/corpse-flower.php](http://www.nybg.org/exhibitions/2016/corpse-flower.php) or see and smell this rare plant first-hand during its limited time in the spotlight at NYBG by purchasing an All-Garden Pass, available at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).

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**Bronx Arts Ensemble** presents Hot Tangos! with bandoneón player Raul Jaurena, vocalist Marga Mitchell and dancers Carolina Jaurena and Andres Bravo featuring music by Eduardo Martinez, Armando Pontie, Anibal Troilo, Hermanos Cuccaro, Rodolfo Biagi, Miguel Calo, and S. Pianna on Sunday, July 31 at 2 p.m. at Rockwood Drive

Circle, Van Cortlandt Park near Broadway and Mosholu Avenue, repeated at 4 p.m. in McGinley Center Ballroom at Fordham University, Bronx Rose Hill Campus at Southern Boulevard. In case of rain, the public will

be invited to the 4 p.m. concert at Fordham, which supersedes a 2 p.m. rain location this season. All SummerMusic concerts are free to the public. For more info visit [bronxartsensemble.org](http://bronxartsensemble.org) or call (718) 601-7399.

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to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage. Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee Judgment Amount: \$379,168.79 Stephen J. Lapp, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel: 585.987.2800

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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 SIUATED 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

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# Bronx resident, Lt. Colonel Floyd Carter, Tuskegee Airman

John Scuoppo was at an affair some time ago and was fascinated to meet a Tuskegee Airman by the name of Lt. Colonel Floyd Carter there.

He mentioned my name and obtained the colonel's home address and phone number for me. I was ill at the time and couldn't drive so I asked Nick DiBrino to stop by to see him and get some preliminary information for me.

The colonel is quite a busy man so finding a mutually convenient time to get together with me proved challenging and then he had to postpone a couple of meetings when his wife was hospitalized. In the interim, we had any number of very pleasant chats and I got to know the colonel quite well. The Tuskegee Airmen, for those who don't know, were a unit of African-American pilots established in Tuskegee, Alabama in 1941. Prior there to, African Americans were banned from flying in the military service which was still segregated.

The Tuskegee Airmen proved that not only that they were excellent pilots, but also that they were fearless in com-

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

bat.

They were credited with shooting down over 100 German airplanes and destroying an even larger number on the ground. They also sunk one destroyer and bombed almost a thousand war vehicles including railroad cars.

They received several Unit Citations and numerous medals, including eight Purple Hearts, and about 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses for their valiant efforts.

There weren't all tough times as they occasionally found something to bring a smile to their faces.

One comical story he is fond of relating concerns the governor of Alabama, who was a well-known bigot.

One very dark and starless night, Colonel Carter was on a training flight in a very noisy B-25 when on the spur of the moment he decided to play a trick on the governor whom he knew was giving an important

speech at the Capitol Building in Montgomery, which was only about a half hour flight away. He knew it was dark enough that his identification markings could not be seen from the ground. When he was directly over the building, he turned the props up as high as he could creating a racket that could be heard for miles around and then he quickly disappeared into the night chuckling all the way home at disturbing the governor's solemn speech.

Floyd J. Carter was born in historic Norfolk, Virginia and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He graduated from the Tuskegee Flight School on March 23, 1946 as a flight officer in class 46-A-TE.

It was at the school where he met his wife, Artherine, who worked there repairing airplanes. The couple moved to the Bronx in 1953 where they still reside.

The colonel would later join the Air Force Reserve where



Lt. Colonel Floyd Carter, Tuskegee Airman.

he flew missions during the Berlin Airlift. He also served as the first African American commander of the 732nd Airlift Squadron from 1971 to 1974. His service to his country spans several decades and three wars: World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam. He

was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2007 by President George W. Bush. As if his life wasn't busy enough Lt. Colonel Carter also spent 27 years with the New York City Police Department. His last position there was as a detective in the 40th Precinct.

## Sentenced to 6 months

BY GINA MARTINEZ

A former history teacher from Whitestone faces six months in jail after a sting caught him trying to lure what he thought was a 14 year-old girl for sex, the Queens district attorney said.

Jonathan Blum, 29, pleaded guilty to attempted criminal sexual act in April, according to DA Richard Brown.

Blum, a former employee at Dreamyard Preparatory School in the Bronx, was forced to resign from his position and surrender his New York State teaching license, the DA said.

He will also be required to register as a level two sex offender on the New York State Sex Offender Registry.

He was sentenced to six months in prison and 10-years of probation, according to Brown.

Blum became a suspect in April 2015 after an NYPD vice detective posed as a 14-year-old from Queens, prosecutors said.

The detective responded to a Craigslist ad in which Blum asked if any teens wanted to hook up with a real licensed teacher,

Brown said.

Blum used the screen name jess\_delia@yahoo.com and continued to talk to the person he thought was the 14-year-old from April 13 to May 14, 2015.

He was arrested May 14, 2015 when he met up in Queens with an undercover officer posing as the 14-year-old, according to the district attorney.

Brown believes this case should motivate parents to watch over their kids' Internet activity to avoid predators like Blum.

"The defendant has admitted his guilt and will go to jail," he said, "This case once again underscores the crucial importance of Internet surveillance by law enforcement to protect children from sexual predators. This defendant's actions should serve as a warning to parents to closely monitor their children's Internet access and activities because predators continue to relentlessly search the Internet for victims."

To reach reporter Gina Martinez by e-mail at [gmartinez@cnglobal.com](mailto:gmartinez@cnglobal.com) or by phone at (718) 260-4566.

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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

PennyMac Corp.; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. ELANA LOVE MORIN F/K/A ELANA WALKER; OLIVER WITT; 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 6, 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 22, 2016 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1714 MATTHEWS AVE, BRONX, NY 10462 Block: 4045 Lot: 59

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 of New York, 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 \$666,447.30 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380006/10  
JOSEPH STRASBURG, Esq.; REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CSMC ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NOIOSI

1675 Palm Beach Lakes West Palm Beach, FL-33401 Plaintiff,

A g a i n s t  
Index No.: 381580/2008

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  
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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

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Bronx Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Cecily Palmer a/k/a Cecily O. Palmer, Sentueal M. Jones, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/10/2015 and entered on 11/19/2015, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on August 29, 2016 at 02:00 PM premises known as 445 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3499, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$547,196.53 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35322/2013E. Larry A Arias, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. GREGORIA MARTINEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 16, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York, on August 15, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 928 Tiffany Street, Bronx, New York. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block: 2712; Lot: 120 will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381044/2013.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee  
We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione & Wabnik, LLP, 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff

AGAINST  
SANTOS DEJESUS, Jr., BRIAN DEJESUS, LUZ DEJESUS, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 02, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), Bronx, on August 29, 2016 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1935 ELLIS 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 3794, LOT 87. Approximate amount of judgment \$396,786.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 35913/2014E.

Manuel A. Sanchez Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

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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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE FOR WMLT 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

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April 07, 2015 and the Order to Amend Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale to Include Reformation of Mortgage filed on April 25, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on August 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1910 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3500 and Lot 145. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380280/12.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee  
Berkman, Henoach, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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.]

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Action Environmental Systems, LLC  
Proposed Change in Hours of  
Operation Fact Sheet

Action Environmental Systems, LLC  
("Action") seeks modification of its NYS  
DEC permit to change the hours of  
operation of its 920 East 132nd Street  
transfer station. Application ID #  
2-6007-00015/00030.

As part of the application process,  
Action is required to notify the public  
about the proposed change and give the  
public the opportunity to comment. The  
proposed change would:

- Allow Action to operate on Sunday  
between 8:00 pm and 12 midnight in  
exchange for eliminating Saturday  
hours of operation between 7:00 pm  
and 12 midnight from its current  
permit.

Why does Action need to change its  
operating hours? So that Action can  
make sure that Sunday's waste will get  
picked up in a timely manner, and not  
be left on the street for extended periods  
of time.

How might the change affect the  
surrounding community? Action is  
aware that truck traffic is a concern.  
However, the proposed change in  
operating hours will not increase the  
number of trucks that Action handles  
each week. The proposal only changes  
the hours during which the facility  
receives trucks. If you are concerned  
about potential impacts, you may wish  
to get more information. See below to  
find out how to get more information.

How can I participate in the permit  
modification review process? You may  
provide comments to be considered in  
the permit modification review process,  
including any comments on how the  
proposed change will impact the  
community. Comments may be given at  
public meeting(s) and written comments  
may be submitted during the public  
comment period. Call the Action contact  
listed below for information on meetings

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and comment period dates.

Where can I get more information  
about the proposed change?

- Visit the document repository. Key  
documents relating to the proposed  
expansion will be stored at the  
following repository: Mott Haven  
Library, 321 East 140th Street,  
Bronx, NY, 10454, (718) 665-4878.
- Attend a public meeting about the  
change in operating hours. This  
meeting is scheduled to be held on  
August 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM at St.  
Mary's Recreation Center, 450 St.  
Ann's Avenue Bronx NY 10455.  
Please call or write to the Action  
contact listed below for any  
additional information.

Christian Morgan  
Action Environmental Systems, LLC  
920 East 132nd Street, Bronx, NY  
10454

Phone: (973)286-7088

Who is responsible for reviewing the  
permit application? The New York State  
Department of Environmental  
Conservation (NYSDEC), Division of  
Environmental Permits, 47-40 21st St,  
Long Island City, NY 11101-5401, is  
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the required permits. Tel:  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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lose your home.

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further information on how to answer the  
Summons and protect your property.

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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

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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

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by contacting, Judson Searcy, Assistant  
General Counsel, Prosecution Services  
Unit, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin  
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(850) 245-4640.

If no contact has been made by you  
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- Watch out for parked cars. Oftentimes, drivers exit their vehicles and do not check for oncoming traffic or cyclists. You can be hit by a swinging car door.
- Make yourself as noticeable as possible. This could include using a light or horn on the bike to signal your presence to drivers.
- Always wear a helmet and other applicable safety equipment.

- Maintain your bike so that it is safe to ride.

- Do not carry others on your bike (such as a friend or a child) if it is not designed to do so. Riding on the handlebars or behind the cyclist can be dangerous.
- Avoid the use of ear buds or headphones while cycling. You want all of your senses to be available to avoid accidents.
- Cycle out of the way of drivers' blind spots so you'll be more visible.

- Do not ride your bike on the sidewalk where you could injure pedestrians.

## Pedestrians

- Always use sidewalks and crosswalks when available. If no sidewalk is present, be sure to walk against the direction of traffic.
- Use traffic signals as your guide. However, make sure all traffic has stopped before crossing the road or stepping off of the sidewalk.
- Keep control of pets when

walking on a leash, so you're not pulled out into traffic.

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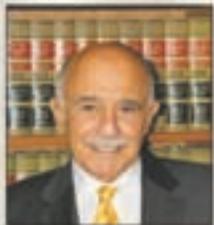


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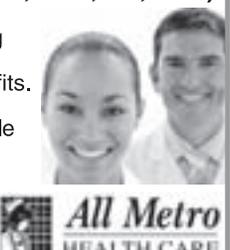
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# Vacca insists on 'road diet'; asks DOT to reduce E. Tremont lanes

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nothing, because every time a change is proposed, there is opposition," said the councilman, adding that after the CB 10 vote, there were no ready alternatives to the proposal.

"I thought it was something that we could no longer defer action on," said the councilman, who has sent a letter to DOT requesting the plan's immediate implementation.

Vacca cited scores of traffic accidents along this stretch of East Tremont Avenue from the start of 2013 to the middle of 2016 that warranted his call to action.

Numerous curves in the roadway, blind spots and persistent speeding makes the effected blocks especially dangerous for motorists and pedestrians, said the councilman.

Cerini, a member of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, is a critic of the plan.

He believes the 'road diet' will back up traffic on East Tremont Avenue, forcing motorists to avoid the

bottleneck, pushing the traffic onto the residential streets.

Another opponent of the plan, Waterbury-LaSalle activist Andrew Chirico, said cutting down the number of lanes for traffic "will only enrage the law-abiding public." Increasing a visible police presence in this area would solve the problem, he said.

A DOT spokeswoman stated that the 'road diet' and turning lanes were part of a larger implementation of Vision Zero traffic calming to stretch from Williamsbridge Road to Bruckner Boulevard.

That overall area saw 218 motor vehicle, 59 pedestrian and 10 bicycle injuries between 2009 and 2013, the spokeswoman stated.

When CB 10 voted in 2015, they only voted to approve the part of the plan that ran from Williamsbridge Road to Ericson Place, the spokeswoman stated, adding that DOT is currently working with stakeholders and Vacca to review community concerns for the rest of the plan.



A curving stretch of roadway between Waterbury Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard on East Tremont Avenue illustrates why some want traffic calming measures are warranted.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

## Merriam Avenue tenants take landlord to court

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14, 2015, cutting off service to 75 families for five months.

Instead of fixing the problem, Diamond provided single burner hot plates forcing tenants to pay higher electric bills generated by these inefficient and hazardous appliances.

Jeanne Schoenfelder, Legal Aid Society staff attorney, said the complex's gas service was fully restored on April 28.

A New Settlement Apartments' Community Action for Safe Apartments community organizer said some cosmetic changes were made in March including repainting walls and repairing front entrance door locks.

"I have been residing at 1315 Merriam Avenue for the last four years and have had numerous communication issues with building management," said tenant Geni Madden. "No human being should have to live under these conditions."

They demand Diamond immediately correct the unlawful conditions affecting their apartments and common areas and provide compensation for the harm they suffered, including financial losses, while deprived of essential services.

The tenants are represented by Bronx Legal Services and the Legal Aid Society with organizing support from CASA.

The lawsuit is being filed through



Tenants from 1307, 1311 and 1315 Merriam Avenue rallied outside their home to speak out against their landlord, David Diamond's alleged negligence.

Photo courtesy of CASA

the Tenants Rights Coalition, a partnership between Legal Services NYC and the Legal Aid Society with funding provided by the city's Human Resources Administration.

Schoenfelder explained the litigation came after a letter tenants wrote to Diamond listing their residences' issues went unanswered.

She added, the case is in its early stages and a trial would only be necessary if Diamond Property Group, Merriam Realty LLC and managing agent Edgar Oyola do not comply.

NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development stated, as of Wednesday, July 27 the six-story, 71-unit buildings has approximately 28 open housing violations including three Class

A non-hazardous violations, 15 Class B hazardous violations and ten Class C immediately hazardous violations.

Ketty Marcucci, 1307 Merriam Avenue tenant, said her apartment desperately needs repairs.

Her E4 apartment has suffered two years worth of water damage from a

broken bathroom sink and a rooftop leak causing her laminate tile floor to become warped.

Marcucci said water has damaged her walls which has allowed mold to grow.

"I love my apartment, but it really needs to be fixed," she said.

Marcucci has been in contact with management about these issues, but they have yet to be properly addressed.

Diamond Property Group, located at 3677 E. Tremont Avenue, is a family owned and operated business involved with Bronx real estate for 40 years.

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Sean Connolly

Maybe it's me but, watching the Baseball Hall of Fame induction hearing the players thank their fathers and coaches got me thinking how important it to be careful what you say to children. Coaches who are working with young players have to realize the words they choose are very crucial to the children. Coaches say many things and can't remember what they say all the time. But, the players remember everything. I had a player I coached many years ago come up to me and say "remember that time you said this at a game. Those words I still live by". Without blinking an eye I said yes. Many quotes come from the great John Wooden. After that player I try to remember to be careful what I say to the players and people.

I couldn't help hearing one of the most memorable movie lines. "There is no crying in baseball", by Tom Hanks. This past weekend Mike Piazza and Ken Griffey Jr. were inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame. Both men got emotional when thanking the people who helped guide the paths to the Hall. Could only imagine what the Hall of Famers were thinking, must have been very uncomfortable.

These two men had different paths of opportunities. Mike Piazza was the 62nd-round draft pick of the Dodgers in 1988. Ken Griffey Jr. was the top pick in the 1987 draft, the chosen one. Mike's father was a friend of Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda. Ken was able to part of baseball because of his father. Piazza, who grew up in the Philadelphia area idolizing Mike Schmidt. He mentioned a meeting with Ted Williams, when he was 15. Ted checking out a young Piazza working in the batting cage and saying to Piazza's father, "I couldn't hit like that when I was 15."

Mike thanked the coaches who were in his path while he was young. "I was fortunate

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# BP DIAZ TEAMS UP WITH A-ROD, MLB, AND GOV. Launch Baseball Academy



Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. welcomes New York Yankee designated hitter Alex Rodriguez to The Bronx after announcing that the 14-time Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star, Gov. Cuomo, MLB, MLB Players Association, & Harlem RBI will team up to open a MLB youth baseball and softball academy at Roberto Clemente State Park.

Bronx Borough President Diaz has teamed up with Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Major League Baseball (MLB), MLB Players Association, Harlem RBI and New York Yankee Alex Rodriguez announcing the launch of a youth baseball and softball academy based out of Roberto Clemente State Park in The Bronx.

The MLB academy will serve at least 1,500 youths, tripling the number of aspiring major leaguers currently participating in the Roberto Clemente State Park's baseball programs.

"I could not think of a better park to be the home of this project," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.; who was joined, on Thursday, by MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, MLBPA senior advisor and former New York Mets general manager Omar Minaya, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Rose Harvey, and Roberto Clemente Jr. to make the announcement. "Roberto Clemente was not only a great Hall of Fame baseball player, one of the greatest

to ever swing a bat, but also a Hall of Fame humanitarian without peer, carrying himself with a quiet dignity, speaking loudly through his actions both on and off the baseball diamond."

The renovated baseball and softball facility will be funded \$6.5 million in state funding, \$4 million from Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association, and \$750,000 from New York Yankees designated hitter Alex Rodriguez and will have the park renamed after the New York

Yankee designated hitter. Bronx Borough President Diaz will add another \$500,000 in capital funds for resiliency upgrades to the park.

"These kids already have a special connection to baseball since Yankee Stadium is right in their backyard," said the four-time MLB All-Star, currently fourth on the all-time Home Run list behind Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, and Barry Bonds. "I hope this park will give them a chance to experience the game and dream big from the field as well as in the stands."

# Bronx native heads home for second shot at hoops success

BY LAURA AMATO

Alexandria Smith wanted to come home.

But this wasn't a click your shoes together three times and wish yourself home kind of situation. Instead, Smith opted to take a different approach.

She found her way home the same way she does just about everything – on the basketball court.

The former Murry Bergtraum standout and Bronx native is back in the area after transferring to Manhattan College, joining a women's basketball program that is in the midst of a rebuilding process under first-year head coach Heather Vulin.

It's a homecoming that Smith is happy to make and another step in a career that has been filled with its fair share of ups and downs.

"It's a great opportunity for me," Smith said. "The people here are great and being close to home is also great. Having my family to come see me play and being able to be around

people was a big part of my choice."

Smith was a star during high school, a dominant presence in the post and an imposing figure on the court thanks in large part to her 6-foot-3 frame.

Her strength on the block led to plenty of college interest and Smith ultimately decided to head to Middle Tennessee State.

She learned a lot during her first year in college, but she also redshirted and after spending the last season on the sidelines, Smith decided to take a shot at a different program.

The downside of that decision, however, is that Smith once again won't be able to play this season, forced to sit out a year due to the NCAA's transfer rules.

Smith is the first to admit that the lack of in-game play is frustrating, but she's determined to put this time to good use.

"Redshirting another year actually gives me more time to develop my skills," she said. "I still play pick-up



Former Murry Bergtraum basketball standout Alexandria Smith is back home in the Bronx after transferring to Manhattan College, looking for a fresh start on the court.

Photo by Robert Cole

with my team and I'm always working out. By the time I actually get to play a game in college, I know my skill level will be top and developed way more than a typical freshman would be."

While the last few years have been a challenge for Smith, she hasn't lost

her confidence. In fact, she's more determined than ever to prove herself and she's certain the best place to do that is at Manhattan.

"I am unstoppable in the post," she said. "I'd really say that. Nobody can really stop me. I'm developing my shooting skills more and my face-up game. So I'm becoming more versatile as the days go by. So I'd describe my game as a dominant post player with shooting ability and I'm a great passer too."

Smith may have to wait another season before she can put her own self-evaluation to the test, but now that she's back home, the center is happier than she's been in quite some time.

She's got high hopes and even higher expectations for her eventual on-court return, and now that she's home, Smith refuses to let anything stop her.

"I have the confidence in myself to know I'll be one of the top post players, if not the top post player, in the conference once I get out there," Smith said. "Especially with the direction of what I've learned from Tennessee and the coaching staff here. By the time I play, I know I'm going to be one of the best post players in the MAAC."

## Fordham soccer trio climb Mt. Fuji to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes

BY LAURA AMATO

A few weeks ago, Fordham men's soccer coach Jim McElderry was approached by three of his players with an idea.

Christopher Bazzini, Mateo Gowland and Tetsu Tonegawa stood in front of their coach and explained the plan – they were going to climb Mt. Fuji in Japan, intent on raising money for Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes.

At first discussion, the idea seemed more than a bit far-fetched, but McElderry will be the first to admit that he was impressed with the thought his three players put into planning the endeavor.

It didn't take long for the trio to work out the particulars of the trip, joining forces with Fordham's athletic department to sketch out a schedule, and the group took off for Japan on July 21.

"I know all three of those guys are real kind forward-thinking guys and good students," McElderry said. "A lot of guys talk about those kind of things, but making them happen is a whole other story. They started talking about it and I, quite honestly, didn't have a lot to do with it aside from just trying to encourage them. They really did it all on their own."

Throughout the course of the year, nearly all of Fordham's student-athletes participate in charity-work and community service of some sort, but this particular idea hit rather close to home for the Rams' soccer family.

Bazzini's sister, Daniela, has Type 1 Diabetes and the group couldn't come



Fordham soccer standouts Christopher Bazzini, Mateo Gowland and Tetsu Tonegawa climbed Mt. Fuji on July 24 as part of a fundraiser to raise awareness for Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes.

Photo Courtesy of Fordham Athletics

up with a better cause to support. The trio hoped to raise at least \$2,500 for Team JDRE, a grassroots fundraising program which brings together those looking to find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

The group began their climb on July 24 and reached the top of Mt. Fuji the next morning, witnessing the sun-

rise on the peak. In addition to the trek, the soccer standouts also planned to spend time at an area school, meeting with the students and helping with an English lesson.

It was a detailed itinerary, but the focus, of course, was to bring awareness to the fight against Type 1 Diabetes. McElderry couldn't quite surpress

his pride when he discussed all the work his players put into making sure the trip went off without a hitch.

"Honestly it's one of the real nice things about working at Fordham," McElderry said. "There's a lot of great schools out there, but the kids at Fordham always seem to exceed my expectations with that."

The Rams hope to continue their fundraising efforts once the school year gets underway, led by Bazzini, who was dubbed the squad's quasi-charity organizer by his teammates.

"We give guys different responsibilities throughout the season and that was one of the things that fell under his watch was to pick some events that we get involved in," McElderry said. "I think it's really important to see if we can make an impact in one little way or another in a certain area. So my guess is we'll be doing some stuff with that same cause as we go through."

The trio will be back on campus – along with the rest of their Fordham teammates – on August 10 and while McElderry is more than ready to get the season underway, he knows it may take a few practices before the mountain-climbing squad is up to literal speed.

McElderry understands that – after all, it's difficult to run at the top of Mt. Fuji.

"These guys want to be back on the field as bad as I want them to be back on the field," McElderry said. "We'll worry about getting up to speed fitness-wise when they get back. This was too good of an opportunity to pass up."

# Truman soccer star set for trip to Spain with PSAL

BY LAURA AMATO

Emily Herrera saw her name on the computer screen and couldn't come up with enough adjectives to possibly convey how excited she was.

The Truman soccer standout had been selected as part of the PSAL's international girls soccer team, which will send some of the city's top on-field talent to Spain for a week-long trip from August 6 to 13.

Herrera didn't exactly jump for joy when she realized she made the team's final cut, but she did do a bit of excited screaming.

"I was extremely excited," Herrera said. "It was fantastic. I don't really know how else to say it or put it in to words. I was just really, really excited."

Herrera had a solid junior season with Truman last fall, scoring seven goals and notching 15 assists during the regular season. She added two more goals and another four assists in three playoff games.

But while Herrera wasn't lacking for confidence, she was still a bit intimidated by the players on the field during the PSAL's two-day tryout for the international team.

The multi-day event brought together 120 soccer stars – both boys and girls – and Herrera was immediately impressed by the undeniable talent in front of her.

"It was difficult at first because I had never met any of the other girls before," Herrera said. "So sometimes it was hard to work with players that you had never seen before or knew, but it came together really



Emily Herrera

well. And that made it a lot easier to play and settle into it all."

Once Herrera settled into the schedule of tryouts, the rest was easy. She's always loved being on a soccer field and even this instance, despite the slightly higher-than-

normal stakes, was still the same game.

Those same players that she didn't know just a few weeks ago have quickly become quasi-instructors for her and Herrera has added to her own game after seeing what

her brand-new teammates brought to the field.

"I got to know a lot of the girls during the tryouts and they were all very nice and they were all very talented," she said. "I really just learned a lot of new stuff throughout the tryouts by working with them and started to work well with them."

Herrera is counting down the seconds until she'll be on that plane to Spain and while she's anxious to test her skills against international competition, she's also determined to soak up every moment off the field as well.

"We're going to watch a professional game, we've been invited to see Barcelona play," Herrera said. "And we're going to be doing a ton of sight-seeing. I'm really excited for that. Last year I went to Ireland, so this is another great opportunity that I'm really excited to take."

Herrera may not be able to put into words excited she is to be a part of this team and this trip, but that doesn't mean she's lacking for goals – both on and off the field – once her feet touch Spanish soil.

This selection was a big-time confidence boost for Herrera and she's determined to make sure she doesn't waste this opportunity.

"At first I thought that I had a lot of flaws when I came to soccer and a lot of things that I could improve on," she said. "And of course I still know there are things to work on, but I hope that this trip will allow me to try and improve those things. Then I can bring that back to my high school team."

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enough to have Johnny Roseboro and Kevin Kennedy as my first catching instructors," Piazza said. "I could still remember the pain of blocking balls by the machine and lying in bed at night, but it wasn't all bad, I actually got the chance to hit batting practice off the great Sandy Koufax. A little benefit of being with the Dodgers." Piazza also talked about. "One spring training early in my minor league career, I noticed a rather imposing hitting coach around the cages. He strutted around like a peacock, he had that drill sergeant voice, and if you said something he disagreed with, he would snarl at you and your spine would shrink. He was Reggie Smith. There is a handful of people in your life who change the direction of your destiny. Reggie was this for me. He originally came up with the Boston Red Sox with Ted Williams as his hitting coach. And I was so fortunate to have Ted Williams give me a private hitting lesson at 15 years old, as you saw in the video. There's no

greater experience than a 15-year-old to get a lesson from the greatest hitter of all time. Reggie knew right away that I had something you couldn't teach, power." He also spoke about Bobby Valentine who he didn't get along with. "Bobby, I know we didn't always agree, but you were an amazing motivator, extremely intelligent baseball man, and I can honestly say that you gave the best pregame motivational speech I ever heard [before a game against St. Louis after the Cardinals had thrown at one of the Mets' hitters]. Sorry, Tommy." He also talked about the love/hate relation with Bobby, but also said he got the most out of him.

Mike also spoke about his father, "My father, Vince, was the son of Italian immigrants. He's so proud of his Italian heritage. . . . My dad always dreamed of playing in the major leagues for his all-American love of baseball. He could not follow that dream, as the realities of life and having to support his family forced him to work. He built a great business and

employed many people. We made it, dad. The race is over. Now, it's time to smell the roses. The journey is over."

Ken Griffey Jr. thanked the most important person to him, "To my dad, who taught me how to play this game, but more importantly he taught me how to be a man. How to work hard, how to look at yourself in the mirror each and every day, and not to worry about what other people are doing," said Griffey. "See, baseball didn't come easy for him. He was the 29th round pick and had to choose between football and baseball. And where he's from in Donora, Pa., football is king. But I was born five months after his senior year, and he made a decision to play baseball to provide for his family, because that's what men do. And I love you for that." Jr. as everybody knew him didn't waste time in being a showman that he is, put his hat on backwards. Wonder if the Hall will have it like that.

This week in sports history 1957 Floyd Patterson TKOs Tommy Jack-

son in 10 for heavyweight boxing title. 1988 Cincinnati Reds pitcher John Franco sets a record of 13 saves in 1 month. 1990 George Steinbrenner is forced by Commissioner Fay Vincent to resign as principal partner of NY Yankees.

Don't forget to tune into or set your DVR to Showtime's Boxing on July 30th. This is going to be a great card if you want to go in person at the Barclay Center. Battle for Brooklyn. WBA Super World Featherweight Ireland's Carl Frampton will box against Champion Leo Santa Cruz. WBA Middleweight Champion Daniel Jacobs is on the card and the Battle of Brooklyn between two of my good friends Paulie Malignaggi and Gabriel Bracero. That is one where it will be hard to watch.

Thank you for your comments and emails. Keep them coming. If there is something that you might like to see in upcoming articles or if you might like to make a comment you can do so by e-mailing me at [sconnolly103@op-tonline.net](mailto:sconnolly103@op-tonline.net).

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