

## 3 NABBED IN BUS ASSAULT

### Pols call for Bx8 'special' arrangement

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

NYPD officers arrested on Monday, December 5, three girls in a connection to a potentially race-related attack on a city bus.

According to police, on Tuesday, November 22, four white female St. Catharine Academy students were on board a Bx8 bus near Middletown Road and Westchester Avenue.

During their ride home from school, two black male passengers began to take their picture.

Later on, three black females boarded the same bus at the Westchester Avenue stop. They were friends of the males that were harassing the white

students. The teenage girls immediately started fighting with the St. Catharine four-some.

According to a NY Post article, the boys yelled things such as, "Oh, white girl got money!" and "Oh you go to St. Catharine's? What, do you have money? Go drink your coffee, white girl and go shopping."

In addition, the boys allegedly threatened to urinate on the victims.

The St. Catharine girls' attorney, Scott Seskin, confirmed the comments.

They suffered minor cuts and bruises from the attack and were taken to Jacobi Hospital.

NYPD has identified two of the girls arrested as 17-year old Miracle Rattray and 16-year old Mollychi Rattray.

Both girls were charged with 2nd degree gang assault.

The third girl arrested, age 15, was not identified but charged with 3rd degree assault.

The victims' mothers chose not to speak with the Bronx Times, however Seskin said his clients are very upset.

Seskin said he has filed a notice of claim - a precursor to a lawsuit - against the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

In addition, they are planning a lawsuit against the bus

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### Santa Visits TN Shopping Center

Throggs Neck children and their families had a holly, jolly time meeting Santa Claus and his elves at the Throggs Neck Shopping Center on Sunday, December 11. Sisters Leia (l) and Natalija Ortiz enjoyed some tasty candy canes given to them by Father Christmas. See more photos on page 66.

Photo by Laura Stone

## 5 candidates announce for 13th Council seat

BY ROBERT WIRSING

As 2016 nears a close, five candidates have already announced their candidacy for next year's 13th Council District primary race.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, John Marano, Alex Gomez, John Doyle and Marjorie Velazquez-Lynch have announced their intentions to vie for the Democratic party nod to replace Councilman James Vacca, who will be term-limited at the end of 2017.

Vacca has served in the Council since 2005.

On Monday, December 12, Gjonaj announced his candidacy at the Chippewa Democratic Club to over 150 community leaders in attendance.

"I have decided to run for NYC Council, without matching funds, to better address the quality of life issues residents of City Island, Pelham Bay, Throggs Neck and Morris Park struggle with everyday," stated Gjonaj. "From City Hall I will be in a better position to create more jobs, enhance our neighborhoods, increase our police force and combat homelessness. I look forward to displaying the type of leadership my neighbors have come to know and expect from me."

The Morris Park native would work to have Mayor de Blasio honor his promise of closing Rodman's Neck, allocate resources to confront the increasing homeless pop-

ulation and supply local precincts with additional officers to combat the increasing drug epidemic.

Assemblyman Gjonaj starts his third term in Albany in January.

John Marano, a lifelong Throggs Neck resident and community activist, is a well-rounded candidate and dedicated public servant.

"Working almost 20 years of my life as a NYPD officer and NYC fireman is what started my desire to become a public servant," said Marano. "After retiring from the FDNY, I continued my public service with CB 10 for the last

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# Renovations begin on new BCA headquarters

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Construction on the Bronx Council on the Arts' long awaited new home at a former bank building in Westchester Square is under-way.

After a long delay, the former Washington Mutual branch at 2700 East Tremont Avenue that was donated by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank some five years ago is now being renovated to house BCA headquarters.

The \$5.6 million renovation project, funded by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs with money allocated by local elected officials, will convert the 7,300 former bank into a first-class art hub by the fall of 2017.

A kick-off celebration for the 'BCA@2700' with elected officials, business and civic leaders, artists and community members was held on Friday, December 9.

Congressman Joseph Crowley, who helped broker

the donation from J.P. Morgan Chase, called the bank a good corporate citizen and lauded the roughly \$900,000 gifting of the building in 2011.

"The construction for the Bronx Council on the Arts' new headquarters is not just an exciting development for the Westchester Square community, but for the entire borough of the Bronx as a cradle for the arts," Crowley.

Councilman James Vacca was praised at the kick off by Crowley and by John Bonizio, Westchester Square Business Improvement District president, for his advocacy of Westchester Square.

The councilman said that the city bureaucracy does not always move at the pace that many would like, but expressed his happiness to see the project underway.

"This is a prime example of a public-private partnership," said Vacca, who provided funding for the renovations along with Borough

President Ruben Diaz Jr, added that the borough is 'coming back more every day.'

"This is important because the borough of the Bronx is the borough of culture," said Diaz in his remarks, adding "We certainly need to push forward in the conversation of having cultural institutions where our creative class can continue to grow...that is what is going to happen in this building."

The project will include an extensive reworking of the building's interior to accommodate professional development workshops, grant writing, administrative offices, artistic programs, and artist development workshops.

"The new BCA@2700 headquarters will house all of BCA's staff and operations including: cultural grant-making, the Bronx Writers Center, multidisciplinary arts, exhibits, community



(l-r) John Bonizio, president, Westchester Square BID; Joseph Kelleher; Councilman James Vacca; Deirdre Scott, BCA project director; Congressman Joseph Crowley; Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Tom Finkelpearl, commissioner of NYC Dept of Cultural Affairs; Charles Rice-Gonzalez, BCA board chairman; Eileen Newman; BCA board member; Gayla Jennings O'Byrne, formerly with JP Morgan Chase, and Feniosky Peña-Mora, Department of Design and Construction commissioner.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

programs, and advocacy activities," said Deirdre Scott, BCA project coordinator and former executive director.

Feniosky Peña-Mora, NYC Department of Design and Construction commissioner, said the building would include flexible space that will allow BCA to use the area in multiple arrangements.

DDC is managing the project on behalf of the DCA.

The features of the newly remodeled building will include LEED Silver standards

for environmental responsibility, ample natural lighting and modern lighting and climate control systems.

Tom Finkelpearl, DCA commissioner, said that artists in the borough had a strong advocate and supporter in BCA.

"We are proud to support this renovation project, helping to establish a new cultural hub and provide BCA the space it needs to serve the borough's vibrant cultural community," he said.

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Mark Colon, deputy commissioner of the Housing Preservation Department, responded to residents complaints about an increase in carrying charges at Jamie Towers, a Mitchell-Lama property.

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## HPD responds to Jamie Towers \$\$ complaints

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The state has responded to numerous monthly increase complaints at a Soundview complex.

In early November, Senator Ruben Diaz Sr. sent an open letter to Governor Cuomo requesting the reasons behind an increase in carrying charges and other fees at Jamie Towers.

Diaz and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda met with Jamie Towers residents in early November to discuss their concerns about the charges.

Mark Colon, deputy commissioner of the NYS Office of Housing Preservation, recently responded to Diaz' letter and the Jamie Towers shareholders, addressing the recent increases.

Colon stated the development's recent carrying charge increase would be lowered \$12.71 per room starting in January 2017 due to objections.

He said 2016 was the first time since 2011 carrying charges were increased at Jamie Towers.

He acknowledged the hardship this change would be on co-ops on fixed incomes or with disabilities.

Colon said residents who qualify can use the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption.

He said HPD has instructed the Jamie Towers management company, First Services Inc., to continue providing SCRIE and DRIE applications to residents.

Colon also said the increase in carrying charges allows the Jamie Towers to "realize several crucial outcomes that will save money in the long term, while providing some much-needed services, fairly soon, for Jamie Towers' shareholders."

For example, said Colon, it allows Jamie Towers to have a full comple-

ment of security staffing while insuring the guards receive the state's new minimum wage.

In addition, Colon said it allows Jamie Towers to pay down loans and finance capital improvements that are needed.

Residents also complained about an increase in parking fees from \$50 per month to \$75 per month and an increase in air conditioner fees from \$25 to \$35 per month. Colon said the air conditioner fees are due to an increase in the electrical costs associated with their use.

The parking fee increases, Colon said, went to repaving the three Jamie Towers parking lots which cost nearly \$400,000.

Jamie Towers is a four building, 624-unit, 12-acre Mitchell-Lama cooperative.

According to Barbara Jones, a 21-year resident of Jamie Towers, the co-op's security staff has been reduced.

In addition, she said there are issues with inconsistent heat.

"If it is 60 degrees outside they're giving us heat," Jones told the Bronx Times in early December. "When it's six degrees outside you don't get any heat and that's really a problem, it's really a problem."

Jones, who serves as chair for Jamie Towers' Gems and Gents Senior Group, said there is insufficient outside lighting, leaving the property in darkness at times.

According to Jones, 60 percent of the residents in Jamie Towers are senior citizens and some are 80 and 90 years old.

The Bronx Times reached out to First Services Residential multiple times to ask about the conditions Jones described but received no response.



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Hello readers and welcome to another edition of Around Town.

### Birth Announcements

White Plains Hospital sent the following birth announcements to the Bronx Times Reporter:

• **Jaxon William Hernandez** was born to parents Katherine Cruz and Victor Hernandez of Pelham Bay on Tuesday, November 1. He weighed eight pounds and 15 ounces.

• **Chase Richard Vargas** was born to parents Claudia and Richard Vargas of Pelham Parkway on Thursday, November 3. Baby weighed seven pounds and nine ounces.

### Notable Passing



Seymour Goodman

**Seymour Goodman**, 90, died at NYC Health + Hospitals / Jacobi on Thursday, November 24.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army from July 11, 1944, until June 21, 1946. He was a private first class.

Goodman was born on December 12, 1925, in Brooklyn, NY.

After serving in the U.S. Army, Goodman held various positions in the workforce.

Eventually he got a job with the NYS Department of Mental Health.

Goodman worked for the state until retiring in 1991 at the age of 65. He lived in the Pelham Parkway community for 46 years.

Goodman married Shirley Wasserman in April 2, 1954.

The couple had two daughters.

Due to an illness that befell his wife he raised his daughters by himself.

He is survived by his daughters, Robin and Deborah Goodman; his five granddaughters Ava, Alexa, Alanna, Aria and Tara; sisters Sylvia and Shiela and brother Melvin.

He was buried at Montefiore Cemetery in Queens on Sunday, November 27 with an Army Honor Guard present.

## Apply to community boards

The Office of the Borough President will be accepting applications for all 12 community boards from city residents who reside, work or have professional or other significant interests in the Bronx.

In addition, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. is encouraging people ages 16 and 17 to apply for community board membership. Presently, there are six high school students who have been appointed by the borough president to community boards, and is working to insure that there is a least one youth

member per community board.

Applications are available at the Borough President's Community Board office at (718) 590-3914, at your local community board office or on line at [bronxboropres.nyc.gov](http://bronxboropres.nyc.gov).

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## TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCK GETS STUCK



A tractor trailer truck struck the Westchester Avenue overpass above the Hutchinson River Parkway's northbound lane on Friday, December 9 resulting in long traffic delays. According to a FDNY spokesman, six units and 30 firefighters were dispatched to the scene at 11:25 a.m. The truck's trailer was damaged by the crash. No injuries were reported following the incident.

(Above) Firefighters investigated a tractor trailer truck stuck underneath an overpass overlooking the Hutchinson River Parkway's northbound lane.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



## POLICE BLOTTER

### 41 Precinct

**Wednesday, December 7 at 12:20 p.m.** - Cops responded to a 911 call about two young children needing help at 720 Hunts Point Avenue. When they arrived at the location, they found a 1-year-old girl and a 2-year-old girl who were both unresponsive. EMS transported the victims to Lincoln Hospital, where both were pronounced dead. Police are investigating and the medical examiner will determine the causes of the deaths.

### 43 Precinct

**Saturday, November 12 at 3:45 p.m.** - A theft was reported inside a residence at 437 Beach Avenue after someone gained access by opening a rear sliding door. Once they were inside, they took a 34-year-old victim's jewelry and fled. As the person was fleeing, the victim, a woman who was home at the time, yelled at the person. The person sought by police is a Hispanic man who is 28 to 35-years-old. He was last seen wearing a black shirt, blue jeans and black shoes. The male arrived at the location in a black four door sedan.

### 44 Precinct

**Monday, November 21 at 10:35 p.m.** - An incident of public lewdness on a southbound D

line train was reported to cops. A black man who is described as being 28-years-old to 35-years-old exposed himself to a 30-year-old woman passenger on the train and masturbated in front of her. The man left the train at East 59th Street in Manhattan and led to parts unknown. The person is described as being about five feet, eight inches tall and 180 pounds. He was last seen wearing a black baseball cap and a black hooded jacket.

**Thursday, December 1 at 9:35 a.m.** - An assault occurred at a mobile store at 1372 Jenson Avenue. A 54-year-old man became involved in a verbal dispute with two unidentified black men in their early 20s. The dispute escalated and one of the men struck the victim about the head and body with a baseball bat. The other identified man punched and kicked the victim in the body and head. The victim suffered pain, bruising and an injury to his right eye. He was transported by EMS to Lincoln Hospital.

### 47 Precinct

**Friday, December 2 at 3:00 p.m.** - Police responded to a robbery where two 15-year-old men were attacked and/or had property taken by two assailants. One of the victims was punched and kicked in the face when he refused to comply with the assailants demands. Another victim complied and had his iPhone taken. One of the suspects in the incident was arrested. The other is described as black man who is 16-years-old to 19-years-old.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Not buying into Trump

Dear editor,

Color me amazed and amused by the inaccurate and disingenuous letters written by Trumpists in last week's edition.

I maintain that Trump is xenophobic, sexist and racist based on his own bigoted statements and inappropriate actions, which are a part of the public record – yet conveniently overlooked by those who agree with his exclusionary brand of politics.

One individual attempted to dismiss the numerous accusations of sexual misconduct because one woman was not credible.

The hypocritical religious right supported Trump due to his reactionary stances on social issues, turning a blind eye to his obvious and glaring ethical lapses. Trump has a history of stifling contractors for the work they performed. Trump's had three marriages, one out-of-wedlock daughter. Trump's false statements would fill a shelf at the local library.

I believe that people can change for the better and I fervently hope that this change does occur in Trump's case, for the sake of all Americans.

Pasqual Pelosi

## The new Dem party

Dear editor,

I was pleased to read two letters to the editor this week, both of which echoed my own thoughts about the need for all Americans to work with President-elect Donald J. Trump, for a better future for all.

It seems that the Democratic party has largely 'brain-washed' New Yorkers into a form of 'group think' -- Democrats are good, anyone else is bad. City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito went so far as to organize an anti-Trump rally on the steps of City Hall.

If Mayor de Blasio refuses to turn over relevant information on persons suspected of a federal crime to the federal au-

thorities, he may find himself a one-term mayor. We are, or should be, "One Nation, under God, Indivisible ...".

I consider myself a conservative; this means that I believe in traditional values, such as-- a marriage is between a man and woman, the best way to raise children is with the father and mother in the household, and that we should all expect to work for a living, and not rely on government handouts when we are capable of working.

It has been truly said that today's Democratic party is not the party of John F. Kennedy or Franklin Roosevelt. The Democrats have become the party of the 'radical left'.

Paul Birnbaum

## The dreaded SAT test

Dear editor,

SAT, an acronym that strikes fear and anxiety into every teens' heart across the states. It's simply a standardized test used for admission in most U.S. colleges.

Although I may be exaggerating, taking the SAT is like trying to destroy the hardest Super Mario boss. Its overwhelming and stressful, we are being tested on only two topics, Math and English.

Also some students are terrible test takers and can't handle the pressure of a test, but are brilliant. Others are more powerful in other topics or have abilities that can not be seen in their SAT scores.

The creators believe they're doing something great but in reality may be harming us. The best solution would be to get rid of the SAT.

Standardized test scores should not define a student and colleges should not determine our future with them over one test. These standardized test are not personalized, they are unaware of a students strengths or talents.

## Zhane Norman Merchants who help

Dear editor,

I would like to encourage your readers and our neigh-

bors to make a concerted effort to shop and dine at our neighborhood merchants and restaurants this holiday season.

My family has seen first hand the charity and friendship displayed every year by our neighborhood merchants. We often take for granted the expenses of our wonderful Throggs Neck parades, holiday lights, charitable golf outings, and countless charitable activities that would not be the successes they are without the generous donations of our merchants. These costs extend into the thousands annually for many of them.

I have seen two neighborhood restaurants close their doors recently, which does not bode well for our great community.

Whenever I see a full page thank you ad in this paper for a recent event, I see the same merchants and restaurants time after time being thanked for helping our community be one we can be proud of.

Let's all try to give back to those who did so much for our Throggs Neck community.

**Ed Murphy, board member  
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## TWO SHOT IN MOUNT HOPE



One man is dead while another fights for his life after being shot this past Sunday in Mount Hope. According to police, the shootings occurred on Sunday, December 11 at 7 p.m. near East 175th Street and Weeks Avenue. A 41-year-old man identified as Jose Morales was pronounced dead on arrival after sustaining a gun shot wound to the head. An unidentified 25-year-old man was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital in critical condition after being shot twice in the face and once in the back. Anyone with information about the shootings is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

(Above) Police conducted a thorough investigation in the shooting of two men near East 175th Street and Weeks Avenue on Sunday evening.

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# Two toddlers die due to radiator malfunction

BY MARK HALLUM  
AND PATRICK ROCCHIO

Two toddlers were killed by a radiator malfunction in a Hunts Point building on Wednesday, December 7.

The two girls were in a first floor apartment at 720 Hunts Point Avenue when a malfunctioning pressure valve let off steam, causing the children to go into cardiac arrest, with major burns, according to published reports.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:20 p.m., with the two girls transported to Lincoln Hospital, according to police.

They have been identified as Scylee Vayoh Ambrose, who was one-year-old and Ibanez Ambrose, a two-year-old, according to the NYPD.

The apartment where the incident occurred is part of the city's cluster-site program for temporary homeless housing in privately owned buildings.

Local elected officials responded to the tragedy shortly after the incident by calling for a full investigation.

"We are in the preliminary



Senator Ruben Diaz Sr (c.) visited the building where the tragedy occurred on Wednesday, December 7.  
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stages of what is a highly active, multi-agency investigation into what happened in this home and whether there's anything that can be done to help prevent such an unspeakable event in the future," said Borough President Ruben

Diaz Jr. shortly after the incident. "Our law enforcement, buildings, fire and social services personnel will not rest until we can answer what has given rise to this heartbreaking incident."

Councilman Rafael Sala-

manca, in response to the deaths, said that the New York City Council would hold oversight hearings into the Hunts Point tragedy.

"While this may have been a 'freak accident', I believe that city leaders still have the ability and the authority to make changes that could help to prevent this from happening in the future," stated Salamanca.

"This was a cluster site, but obviously it could happen anywhere."

He will also introduce legislation aimed at preventing similar mishaps, he stated.

"I'm proposing some pragmatic solutions that I hope we can work on in the coming weeks to help prevent something like this from happening again," stated the councilman.

The councilman's legislation will deal with requiring inspection of radiators, regulations covering radiator covers or barriers and a plan to require any landlord with 'C' violations or stop work orders from receiving contracts from the NYC Department of Home-

less Services to house families.

Mayor de Blasio addressed the situation shortly after the incident on Thursday, December 8 at an event in Bayside, Queens.

According to de Blasio, the last semi-annual DHS shelter inspection of the building took place a month ago.

The NYC Department of Buildings, however, lists a variety of violations since the 1980s, but none involving the heating system.

"We do not see any precedent in anything that has happened before, said the mayor. "This was a freak accident, a series of painful coincidences that led to the loss of these children."

The mayor said it is very natural that New Yorkers be concerned about radiators but he has no evidence of something like this specific incident happening in the past.

The mayor called for a full investigation.

Part of this story was published in the Bronx Times's sister paper, the Queens Times Ledger.

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State officials are looking for a developer to build a mixed-use complex above a waterfront south Bronx rail yard. The state-owned site is also the site of the new FreshDirect headquarters. Photo courtesy of Empire State Development

## State eyes developers for Harlem River railyard

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Big changes may be afoot on the shores of the south Bronx waterfront, as a longtime rail yard could see a massive redevelopment project.

The Empire State Development has issued a Request for Expression of Interest from developers to gauge interest in the 13-acre south Bronx rail yard located on the NYS Department of Transportation-owned 96-acre Harlem River Yard, for covering the existing rail station with a deck and building residential and/or mixed-use buildings above it.

"It's exciting, and very rare to offer the opportunity to develop more than a dozen acres of prime waterfront land in New York City," said Empire State Development Commissioner Howard Zensky in a statement announcing the proposal.

The Port Morris location offers easy access to the waterfront, multiple mass transit options and a major highway, he added.

A state-conducted on-site tour of the location was scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, and proposals must be submitted by February 2.

Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president Marlene Cintron stressed the state was simply looking to get a feel from developers of how interested they would be in taking on the project, and its not a formal request for proposals.

She said she had fielded calls by developers intrigued by the possibilities the site offers.

"The site has a view to kill for," she said.

However while the cost of decking such a project may have gone down, she said the challenges of building on the waterfront would make it an equally massive undertaking.

"It will be a very expensive venture that can provide rewards - depending on what kind of tenants they hope to put on top," she said.

Affordable housing at the site did not seem feasible, she said.

A similar project known as Hudson Yards is already underway on the west side of Manhattan.

That project will see business office space and market-rate housing built above it.

The Bronx rail station sold to the state DOT in 1982 and is primarily used for industrial and manufacturing purposes.

The property managed through a joint venture with the Schenectady-based Galesi Group called Harlem River Yards Inc.

Galesi signed a 99-year lease with the city to operate the site in 1991, and Cintron said that lease was unlikely to be altered.

Calls to Galesi site manager Anthony Riccio following the site tour were not returned by press time.

Because it is a state owned property, the state can change the zoning at the site without city approval.

It is currently part of the Special Harlem River Waterfront District.

Harlem River Yard tenants include a FedEx distribution center, the New York Post printing and distribution facility, and a solid waste transfer station.

Further west from the rail yard on the property is the future site for the headquarters of FreshDirect.

The upstart online grocery chain was lured to the Bronx from Queens after receiving an \$87 million subsidy from the city.

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# Holiday scrooge robs youth softball league

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The holiday season often brings out the best in people, inspiring acts of charity and good will towards men.

But that wasn't the case in Throggs Neck last month when an unknown person or persons broke into a storage shed at Veteran's Bicentennial Park, vandalizing and stealing thousands of dollars in equipment from a girls youth softball League.

The Throggs Neck Girls Softball League is the only all-girls softball league in the entire borough, and is entirely funded by donations.

New league president Linda Del Toro said members take pride in that status and have worked hard to keep the league afloat since 1975 without the national support that little leagues often have.

"We maintain the field, and we even buy the clay for it," Del Toro said.

Trouble started on Thursday, November 22 when an em-

ployee of the NYC Parks and Recreation Department contacted her to say they had found a homeless person sleeping in the storage shed.

The man had slept in a pile of uniforms that are likely ruined, and used a bucket to relieve himself, she said.

The same man was nabbed by police in the shed again after it was re-locked, she added.

The shed has since been secured with a better lock.

On Wednesday, November 28, the shed was broken into once more, this time however the league's bats and other equipment were stolen or tossed onto the softball field.

Also missing was the P.A. system for announcing games and a \$2,000 defibrillator, which the league is required to have on hand for games under state law.

"It's upsetting, and I just feel creeped out about it," she said.

Del Toro said police did not know whether the homeless

man who was sleeping in the shed was also responsible for the theft, or was just taking advantage of the open shed.

A police report was filed and an investigation is ongoing but no arrests have been made, according to an NYPD spokesman.

Luckily, the league was able to get a new defibrillator through a state safety program.

The life-saving unit is no longer being stored in the shed, Del Toro said.

Other equipment such as team uniforms must still be replaced.

This isn't the first time vandals had damaged the girls' fields.

In recent years delinquents, likely neighborhood teens, have lit the team's portable toilet on fire, Del Toro said.

Litter and graffiti have also been an issue in years past, but the installation of security cameras has helped deter most of the vandalism.



The storage shed owned and used by the Throggs Neck Girls Softball League was broken into multiple times last month, and thousands of dollars worth of equipment was stolen. An investigation is ongoing.

Linda Del Toro

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# Pols to USPS: Put back the blue mailboxes

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Elected officials are calling for the United States Postal Service to replace mailboxes that the organization removed earlier this year without prior notification.

As part of a security effort to stop thieves from stealing mail from mailboxes, known as fishing, USPS began removing its blue mailboxes from various Bronx locations to customize them against tampering.

The old mailboxes are being modified with a small slot through which mail can be placed instead of the small, hinged door.

According to USPS, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service has made 150 arrests in the Bronx since January in connection to fishing.

Donna Harris, a spokesperson U.S. Postal Inspection Service Office, told the Bronx Times in November that the postal service would not release information on when the mailboxes would be returned to their locations.

Six weeks later elected officials are still wondering when the mailboxes are being returned.

USPS suggested flippantly that residents without boxes can hand their mail to their local mail carriers or go to the nearest USPS stations.

According to another USPS spokesperson the agency removed 124 boxes in the Bronx but replaced 65 mailboxes - outfitted with the new security measure - the same day they were removed.



Elected officials are calling for the United States Postal Service to replace mailboxes that the organization removed earlier this year. USPS removed mailboxes (like the one pictured above) to replace them with more secure boxes which will have a smaller slot through which mail can be placed instead of the small, hinged door.

Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

Seniors and individuals with disabilities, in particular, find it difficult to get to a post office.

Andrew Cohen

Councilman

In a letter to Bronx Postmaster Lillian Rodriguez, elected officials said on Thursday, December 8, the missing mailboxes have become an inconvenience to many residents.

Their statement also calls the postal service's decision to take away the mailboxes without prior notice "an egregious move."

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz said his office has received many complaints from residents concerning the non-existent mailboxes.

Councilman Andrew Cohen acknowledged the postal service's security concerns but was worried about the lack of transparency from USPS.

"While USPS has a new mailbox design that prevents theft, my biggest concern is that they knew that a year-

end rush would be coming, but they largely kept the community in the dark about how removal and reinstallation would affect residents' ability to mail important holiday packages," said Cohen.

Cohen also said dropping packages off at a local post office might not be an easy alternative for all residents.

"Seniors and individuals with disabilities, in particular, find it difficult to get to a post office," Cohen said.

Both Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Congressman Eliot Engel are demanding the USPS rectify the situation as soon as possible.

"The USPS should immediately replace these mailboxes and provide an alternative to residents during their absence," said Senator Klein.

Engel suggested a solution: "Postal officials need to rectify this problem immediately by establishing mobile collection stations throughout the borough."

USPS released a statement in connection to resident's concerns.

"Our goal is to protect the US Mail from criminals who seek to violate the safety and security that our customers expect. This will be an ongoing program until we have completed collection box enhancements throughout the Bronx."



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# Norovirus outbreak sickens P.S. 83 students

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Administrators and staff scrambled to wipe a local school clean last week after a norovirus outbreak left a large number of students and staff members sick at the P.S. 83 Annex in Morris Park.

Norovirus, more commonly referred to as stomach flu or food poisoning, is extremely common and highly contagious, especially in enclosed, highly populated spaces.

The actual number of people sickened at the school is still being determined, but more than 100 may have been affected.

NYC Department of Education spokeswoman Toya Holness said the school, located on Bogart Avenue, was thoroughly disinfected Friday and again over the weekend before school opened again as usual Monday morning.

"Families were notified and the school was thoroughly disinfected on Friday and again over the weekend out of an abundance of caution," Holness said Monday afternoon.

Principal Brandon Muccino said parents were notified of the outbreak by multiple methods, including automated phone messages and a letter that was sent home with children Friday.

He said the school had not previously experienced any sort of widespread outbreak like the one that occurred last week.

"This was the first time in my 16 years

here," Muccino said.

Stomach flu outbreaks in schools are hardly uncommon: Earlier this month, EMS crews responded to P.S. 160 in Brooklyn where approximately 30 students were sickened by the virus, according to published reports.

Noroviruses are a group of related viruses that can cause gastroenteritis, or inflammation of the stomach and intestines that leads to cramping, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

While known as the stomach flu, it is not an actual type of influenza.

A norovirus can spread very quickly.

It can be contracted by eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with norovirus, touching surfaces or objects with the virus on them and then putting your hand or fingers in your mouth or by having direct contact with a person who is infected with the illness.

To help prevent the spread of noroviruses, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advise washing hands with hot water and soap after using the bathroom, changing a diaper or before preparing food.

Soap and hot water and more effective than alcohol-based hand sanitizer lotions.

Carefully rinse fruits and vegetables, and cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating them.

Those infected should avoid preparing food for two days afterwards, and clean



Stomach flu sickened students and staff at P.S. 83 Annex on Bogart Avenue last week, forcing the staff to thoroughly clean the building.

Arthur Cusano

possible contaminated surfaces such as bathroom sinks and kitchen counters with a bleach-based cleaning product.

Those infected or living with an in-

fecting individual should wash potentially contaminated laundry and linens thoroughly with detergent and place them in a dryer.

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Robles-Alvarado and Arroyo at "The Abuela Stories" book launching.

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## Artists collaborate on book celebrating their 'abuelas'

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A local author and photographer have combined their respective talents to create a new collaborative project.

On Thursday, December 8, Bronx-ites Peggy Robles-Alvarado and Daisy Arroyo hosted the launching of 'The Abuela Stores Project' at the Bronx Museum of the Arts to promote the release of the new book.

'The Abuela Stories Project' is an anthology of 14 women writers, all Bronx-born and some of whom are grandmothers themselves, expressed through photography, poetry and writing.

The book covers all aspects and experiences in the everyday life of being a grandmother in the Bronx. Many of these heart wrenching stories describe an anything-but-average abuela's involvement in art, dance and music, contrary to the typical cooking, knitting and rocking chair stories we are all used to hearing about.

Many cultures are covered in the compilation, including grandmothers who come from Afro-Latina, Jewish-Latina and Portuguese decent, among other origins.

The book launch also including an art installation piece, where the writers contributed items that related to either being a grandmother or having a grandmother in their lives, along with poetry readings and performances by the writers.

The book is 124 pages and contains 50 pictures - and makes for a great coffee table book, according to Peggy.

"I always wanted to put these stories out there - to show readers just how multifaceted grandmothers are and the roles they've played and continue to play in our lives," said Robles-Alvarado, who became a grandmother five years ago. "Putting this project together was both an amazing journey and a great challenge - and I would like to thank Daisy (Arroyo), Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx Council on the

Arts and everybody else who played a part in releasing this book."

Having her first kid when she was only a teen, Robles-Alvarado has faced multiple challenges and obstacles in her life - but that has not deterred her from the path of success.

"My parents taught me that education is what gets you paid - and they always drove that point home," she said. "I've always loved challenges - and no matter how difficult the situation, I've always told myself that I would get through it and figure it out."

Robles-Alvarado, who applied for a grant through Bronx Council of the Arts for this project, met local photographer Daisy Arroyo at the Bronx Museum of the Arts' in 2013. After initially hitting it off, the two decided to collaborate on a project combining writing and photography.

Three years later, the project has come to fruition.

"Peggy is a firecracker - she continues to amaze me with all the work that she's done. She is someone who has so much to offer, someone who is not afraid to share the spotlight and it's an honor to have worked on this project with her," said Arroyo, a lifelong Soundview resident who focuses primarily in fine arts photography, along with fashion, portrait and street photography for her many works.

"The Bronx has so many beautiful and talented artists - and it's important for people to know that there is a lot of creativity taking place here here," she added. "I'm very proud to be an artist from the Bronx."

Books were available for purchase at the book launch. For those who would like to purchase a copy, the book is available on Create Space and Amazon.

In June, Peggy was named one of the Bronx Times' 25 Influential Women for her success as an author, poet and teacher.



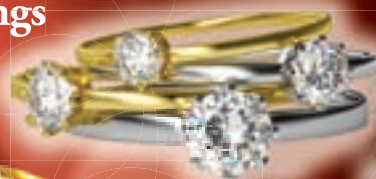


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# Korony Post 253 wraps up annual toy drive

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local holiday toy drive delivered once again for needy borough children this year.

Approximately 800 toys were purchased and donated to non-profit organizations that service needy children as part of the Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253's Joseph Mazzariello Memorial Toy Drive, said drive co-coordinators.

**It is the Bronx helping the Bronx. For these kids to get something at Christmastime - they really appreciate it.**

**Joe McManus**

Charitable organizations including Claremont Neighborhood Centers, Acacia Network, Concourse House Home for Women and Children and

several others received donations.

Groups came to Throggs Neck to pick up bags of toys on Tuesday, December 13.

Additionally, Joe McManus, Bronx Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #3 president, dropped by the post's toy distribution to present a \$300 donation from his group to go towards next year's effort.

Drive co-coordinator Anthony Ferrara said that the charitable enterprise has benefited this year and previously from the generosity of Youngland Stores on Third Avenue.

"Youngland gives us a break on the price of the toys and a substantial amount of toys on the cuff," said Ferrara.

Ferrara said he was with the drive when its founder, U.S. Marine and Vietnam veteran Mazzariello, would place collection boxes in bank lobbies and raise money from jars put in Throggs Neck businesses.

After Mazzariello's passing in 2009, a group of coordinators including Ferrara, Judy Lanci and Colleen McCarthy continued the drive in his honor, in part through donations from



Joe McManus, president of the Bronx Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 3, presents Theodore Korony Post #253 with a \$300 check on Tuesday, December 13 for the toy drive. (l-r) Guy Richardson, Lorraine Johnson, Joe McManus, Anthony Ferrara, Judy Lanci, Dolores Stolze, Gerry Ferrara and Cathy Priano.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Korony members and from other borough American Legion posts.

Danielle Mazzariello-Fava, the daughter of the drive's founder, now also volunteers.

"(The drive) will be going on probably forever," said Ferrara, adding "You got to figure that a lot of these children are going to get either nothing or something small."

Abraham Jones, Claremont Neighborhood Centers' executive director, dropped by to

pick up toys on December 13th.

"Each year the American Legion has been wonderful in terms of helping us make this time of year enjoyable for so many needy children," said Jones,

Claremont is located in one of the poorest Congressional districts in the nation and many families there are struggling financially, he said.

"This is going to be a huge help," he said. "Our kids look forward for this time of year,

and Claremont being able, with the support of the American Legion, to give them gifts and toys."

McManus said that Hibernians typically help youth in Catholic schools with scholarships and prizes, and he indicated that the toy drive is a natural extension of the work the organization does on behalf of young people.

The organization has a special connection to the drive because a family member of AOH borough leader Bob Nolan is a member of the Korony Post family.

The money donated from the Hibernians is raised through its annual golf outing, he said.

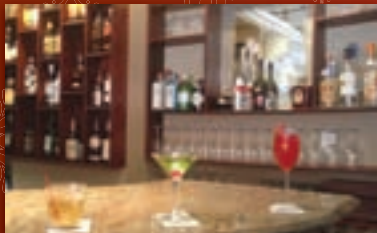
"It is the Bronx helping the Bronx," said McManus, adding that he remembers growing up poor with six people in his household as a youngster sharing a one-bedroom apartment.

The Hibernians especially help poor and indigent youth and their families, he said.

"For these kids to get something at Christmastime - they really appreciate it," said McManus.

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# Pol's \$\$ adds technology to pre-k classrooms

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Pre-k classes at P.S. 392, also known as the the Bronx Delta School, are grateful for new technology provided through Councilman James Vacca.

On Friday, December 2 he visited the school's two pre-k classes which include technology in their everyday activities.

"We have to realize many children do not have access to technology," said Vacca, whose office contributed a total of \$96,000 for technology in the school's pre-k and kindergarten classes. "We take it for granted that they do but they do not."

"I also think that if we're talking about learning outcomes in future years - technology is the key," Vacca continued. "We have to get this equipment out here for our kids as soon as possible."

Each pre-k classroom has four I-pad's, two Macbook laptops and a desktop.

Principal Marie Rogalle spoke of the importance of having students begin using technology at a young age.

"It's the present and it's the future," Rogalle said. "So we need to make sure that they have that opportunity and that experience at a very young age - beginning with pre-k and all the way up to second grade."

Each of the two pre-k classrooms are set up into stations. The stations are divided by I-pads, macs/desktop, and non-technology activities.

The students have an allotted time at each activity and also get to choose their station based on the activity in which they are interested.

With this method, students aren't forced into an activity they don't want to do.

Michelle Kunzman, one of the pre-k teachers at the Bronx Delta School, said the kids are enjoying using the new technology in the classroom.

"They get really excited about it and it really helps with their learning," said Kunzman. "For example, some of the kids need that visual for learning their letters and numbers."

"It's just really interactive," she continued, "and it's just an exciting addition to the

other things they're doing in the classroom."

Rogalle also said the technology helps identify what level each student is at in their learning.

"So if the children are at beginning stages of reading they'll be working on a different program than a child that is still identifying letters," she said.

According to Rogalle, Vacca's grants helped to buy I-pad's during the 2014-2015 school year and then laptops, printers, and smart boards during the 2015-2016 school year.

The Bronx Delta School is a fairly new school, opening its doors in the fall of 2014, and currently teaches pre-through second grade.

The school is adding third grade in the 2017-2018 school year and Rogalle hopes to use funding from Vacca to buy smartboards for each of the third grade classrooms.

In addition, Rogalle said she hopes to add a technology teacher in the coming year.

The principal said technology plays an important role



Councilman James Vacca and Marie Rogalle, principal of the Bronx Delta School, look on as pre-k students use their iPad's in the classroom.

Photo Courtesy of Frank Fraioli

in the school's plan for its students.

"What we do here at Delta is we create a nice balance," said Rogalle. "So we have a very strong curriculum, we have technology infused into our curriculum, and then we

also have a very large arts program."

"So that's our goal - to create a well rounded child that has opportunities and practices many different things that could one day be a specialty for them," she added.



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Troop leaders Sean Cahill (l) and Robert Rico, 49th Pct Community Council President Joe Thompson with members and family members of Cub Scout Pack 162 in front of Big Deal Supermarket on Saturday, December 10.

Photo by Laura Stone

## 49th Precinct Food Drive through Dec. 21

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The annual 49th Precinct Holiday Food Drive kicked off after Thanksgiving.

The drive, now in its 11th year, works with local schools in Morris Park, Van Nest and Pelham Parkway to collect food for two nearby pantries around the Christmas and holiday season, said Joe Thompson, 49th Precinct Community Council president.

It also collects non-perishable foods – pasta, canned food, dry goods – from the general public as well, he said.

The drive organizers plan to wrap up their efforts and deliver all their food to the Bronx Jewish Community Council and St. Lucy's Church pantries by Wednesday, December 21, said Thompson.

"Whatever you feed your family that is not perishable is what we are looking for," said Thompson, adding this includes rice, pasta, beans and canned goods. The drive doesn't accept bread and cakes.

Individuals may now drop off any non-expired food at the precinct's station house located at 2121 Eastchester Road, confirmed David Lepore, 49th Precinct Community Affairs Officer.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can simply stop by the precinct and tell the desk officer that they are there to drop off food, said Lepore, adding they'll be directed to the collection site.

"There are a lot of people out there hungry," said Lepore, adding "You are doing something for someone else that they cannot do for themselves."

Thompson said that this year, he is trying to encourage more people to stop by the precinct and make food do-

nation before December 21st.

The drive typically collects about 15,000 pounds of food per year.

Thompson stressed that whatever is collected is distributed within the precinct.

He said that because these communities are not generally considered to be those in the highest need, they are sometimes overlooked by larger hunger initiatives.

Participating schools in the drive include P.S. 83, P.S. 105, P.S. 108, Van Nest Academy and P.S. 481.

Additional youth participating are members of the 49th Precinct Youth Explorers, as well as Cub Scout Pack #162, which joined Thompson in front of Big Deal Supermarket on Saturday, December 10 for four hours collecting donations of food and money.

"The kids get a huge kick out of giving and knowing that they are feeding their neighbors," said Thompson, adding "It is pretty delightful to watch these scouts in action; some of these eight-year-olds are really good salesmen!"

As Thompson tells it, the drive was created years ago to fill a void because the same people who are hungry at Thanksgiving are also hungry during Christmas and New Years.

Despite this, the focus of many of the charity drives after Thanksgiving shift from food to toys, he said.

"It is great to have toys when you wake up, but it is equally great to have dinner – to have food on the table," said Thompson.

Additional donations of turkeys, if any are available, would be made to senior programs at Eastchester Gardens, Pelham Parkway Houses, Parkside Houses and Beth Abraham.



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## Our Perspective

### Reduced Transit Fare Would Help Get Low-Wage Workers Moving

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

**W**orking people in New York City face yet another MTA fare hike next year – and this time it could go up to \$3 per ride. It's just one more challenge workers in New York will face as the price of just about everything continues to rise higher and higher. Recent history has seen MTA fares rising at an alarming rate, and the trend figures to continue.

That's why we support a proposal from the Community Service Society and the Riders Alliance to subsidize a half-fare MetroCard for the working poor. It would benefit 800,000 New Yorkers struggling at or below the federal poverty line by putting more money in their pockets for necessities including food, rent, and the electric bill.

According to the Community Service Society, 25 percent of working-age, low-income New Yorkers often cannot afford the current fare, transit expenses eat up more than 10 percent of poor families' budgets. Bus and subway fares are soaring – rising 45 percent between 2007 and last year – six times faster than average income in New York City. And that doesn't even take in to account the MTA's recently announced plan to raise fares next year.

Those eligible for the proposed half-fare plan would save more than \$700 a year, a large amount of money for the working poor and other low-wage workers in various industries across the city, including thousands upon thousands who work in retail.

Similar proposals have already been implemented in San Francisco, Seattle and London and they are gaining popular support in Boston, Denver and here in New York City. Advocates note that the cost of the program to the city would amount to a miniscule 0.3 percent of the city's annual budget – far outweighed by the benefit for working families. This proposal, supported by some 30 organizations representing low-wage workers and transit advocates, also has garnered editorial support from news organizations including the New York Times and the Daily News.

Implementing this proposal will help hundreds of thousands of working-poor New Yorkers get moving again toward a path to the middle class. We support it and will work toward making it a reality.



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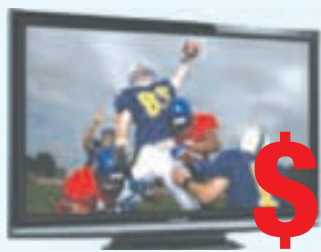
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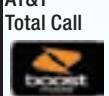


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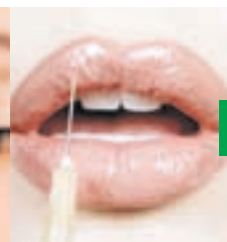
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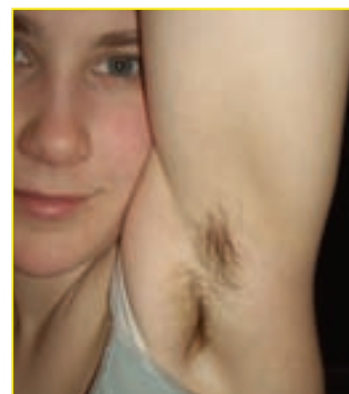
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Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(Above) Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (back, c), Gene DeFrancis, Allerton International Merchants Association president (r), local youth and Santa Claus helped spread some holiday cheer.



(Above) (l-r) Nathalia Fernandez, Gjonaj's chief of staff; Gene DeFrancis; John Marano, Community Board 10 first vice chairman; Mike Connolly as Santa Claus; Assemblyman Gjonaj and Joe McManus, 80th Assembly District and Community Board 11 Land Use Committee chairman; celebrated the season of giving together.



A little rain didn't spoil any of the crowd's merriment as they watched this year's Christmas tree lighting ceremony from across the street in front of The Sanz Banquet Hall.



The festive Christmas tree by Allerton Avenue and Boston Road shone brightly into the night.



Inspirational Award recipient Carmen Cruz Lee (c) graciously accepted her award from (l-r) Nathalia Fernandez, Assemblyman Gjonaj, Mike Connolly and Gene DeFrancis.



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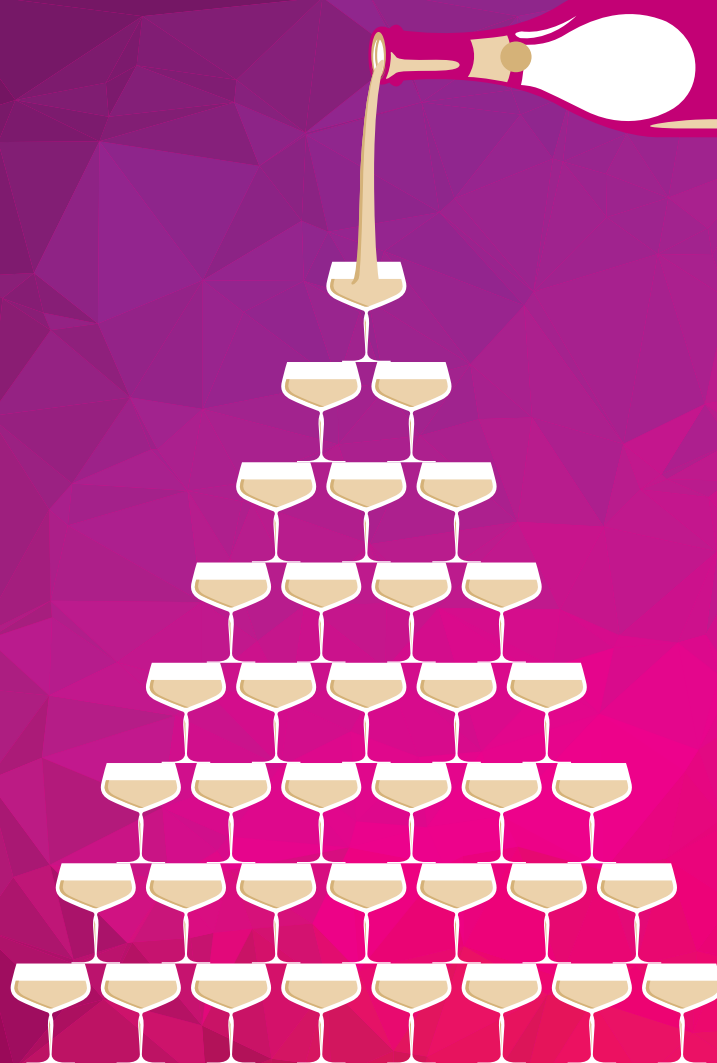
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The Pelham Bay Merchants gave us a delicious layer cake that our guest enjoyed. Our tree was donated by Colonial Home Improvements (718) 882-1586. and, of course, Santa's helpers, Scott Bernard, Annie Boller, Andrew Chirico, Clara Chirico, John Doyle, Joan Gerardi, Danny Garardi, John Marano, Joanne Murphy, Mary Jane Musano, Fannie Scalfani, James Scheffen, Virginia Strasser, Joe Torrioni, Michele Torrioni and Tony Ferrara (Santa).

This years' event was staged with our own volunteers and donations from the above mentioned business. To all of the members of the Waterbury LaSalle Community and Homeowners Association we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year. We hope to see you at our monthly membership meetings. Please read our weekly column in the Bronx Times Reporter for news that affects you as a member of our community.

We ask that you use the above mentioned local business that donate and support us whenever you have a special occasion or a special project at your home.

We have seen several new shopping malls open in our community, motor traffic in the area has become even more unbearable. We ask that you continue to support our local merchants on Crosby Avenue, Middletown Road, East Tremont Avenue, Bruckner Boulevard, Westchester Avenue and in Country Club, now more than ever they need you. We cannot afford any more empty stores, the local privately owned business are the life blood of our community.

In this season of giving we ask that you remember and support our veterans by making a special donation to a charity or church or veterans organization.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, 3075 Baisley Avenue. This will be our Christmas /New Year's party. Merry Christmas - Happy Chanukah - Happy New Year - to all.

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## 49TH PRECINCT HOSTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 49th Precinct hosted a holly, jolly Christmas party on Saturday, December 10 at its 2121 Eastchester Road precinct house. The holiday festivities included Christmas tree decorating and a special meet and greet with Father Christmas.



Delilah (l), Harper (2nd from r) and Mackenzie Masi had fun meeting Santa this season.

Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Police officer Jackie O'Connor; captain Thomas Alps, 49th Precinct commanding officer; Santa Claus and police officer Lepore helped spread holiday cheer to the community they protect and serve. Photo by Laura Stone

## CHLL HOSTS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Castle Hill Little League celebrated the holiday season in festive style with its second annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 10 at Zerega and Gleason avenues. Santa Claus traveled all the way from the North Pole to meet with all of the good boys and girls and distribute presents prior to the holiday.



Jordan (l) and Jace Vega (r) received holiday presents from jolly old St. Nick.

Photo by Laura Stone



Castle Hill Little League board members and Santa Claus celebrated the holiday season in front of the lit Christmas tree.

Photo by Laura Stone

## BP DIAZ ATTENDS WBLS MEETING

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. was a guest speaker at the Waterbury LaSalle Community and Homeowners Association's monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 30 at First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck.

Borough President Diaz (4th from l) met with WLCHA board members (l-r) Annie Boller, Michele Torrioni, Fannie Scalfani, Mary Jane Musano, Andrew Chirico and Scott Barnard.

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## FDNY RESPONDS TO BORO'S BLAZES



One person was injured in a late night private house fire this past Sunday. According to a FDNY spokesman, 12 FDNY units and 60 firefighters were dispatched to an one-alarm fire inside 256 Logan Avenue on Sunday, December 11 at 11:29 p.m. Firefighters gained control of the fire within 25 minutes. The FDNY said the fire originated on the first floor. One person sustained minor injuries and was taken to Jacobi Hospital for treatment.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Firefighters made quick work extinguishing a Parkchester home's basement fire last Friday. According to a FDNY spokesman, 12 units and 60 firefighters were dispatched to combat a fire at 1968 Ellis Avenue on Friday, December 9 at 3:22 p.m. The fire began in the two family house's boiler room located in the basement apartment before spreading to the first floor. The FDNY gained control over the blaze at 4:29 p.m. There were no injuries or fatalities reported in the incident.

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## New tenants welcomed at Hutch Metro Center

Simone Development Companies announces the signing of five new and expansion leases totaling over 20,000 square feet of office and medical space at 1200 Waters Place at their flagship Hutchinson Metro Center.

Simone Development's Hutchinson Metro Center is one of the most successful commercial projects in the history of the Bronx, totaling over 1.4 million square feet of office, medical and retail space that is occupied by some of the leading medical, educational and government tenants in New York City, including Montefiore Hospital, Affinity Health Systems, Mercy College, the NYC Housing Authority, the IRS and the NYC Administration of Children's Services among dozens of tenants employing over 6,000 individuals. The campus is also home to a Marriott Residence Inn, the borough's only national flag hotel, LA Fitness, Applebee's and other retailers.

New tenants at 1200 Waters Place include Clearview Eye, a vision correction medical group, which took over 2,500 square feet; Isleep, a leader in sleep diagnostics and management in the New York City metropolitan area that leased 2,500 square feet; and Property Appraisal, a full service real estate ap-

praisal firm serving the Tri-State area since 1987, which signed a 2,000 square-foot lease in a relocation and expansion.

The property at 1200 Waters Place is a 460,000-square-foot modern office building featuring three floors of Class A office space and a host of outstanding amenities including a full-service Café with landscaped courtyard, Fitness Center, Teleconference Center, Child Care Center, Sundry Shop and abundant parking.

Another long-time major tenant at 1200 Waters Place, the Visiting Nurse Services of New York, has renewed and expanded its long-term lease at the property to 8,400 square feet. Hutchinson Metro Dental has also extended and expanded their long-term lease at the property to nearly 5,000 square feet.

Josh Gopan, director of Leasing for Hutch Metro Center, represented Simone Development, in all transactions "These deals reinforce the Hutch Metro Center's reputation as the destination of choice for major medical providers and office tenants in the Bronx. Offering convenient access to Manhattan, Queens, Long Island and Westchester, the Hutch Metro Center offers the convenience of a suburban office park setting in the center of it all, said Gopan."

# Bronx beat

## Lehman/CUNY Digital Learning Innovation Award

Lehman College and CUNY have won the 2016 Online Learning Consortium's (OLC) Digital Learning Innovation Award (DLIAward), in the Faculty-led team category for advancing undergraduate student success through the adoption of digital courseware. The Lehman College-led team was one of three institutions and five faculty-led teams selected from among 106 submissions in this first year of the Online Learning Consortium's (OLC) DLIAward competition.

The CUNY team's project, titled "A Resource Intensive Course Design – An Effective Flipped Pedagogy in Chemistry," is driven by three overarching goals: increase the success of students in gateway science courses, particularly students from communities underrepresented in science; reduce the out-of-pocket costs of students; and find truly effective pedagogical practices that can be implemented in resource-limited public institutions like CUNY. The project focused on students from communities underrepresented in the sciences.

The flipped design for General Chemistry 1 and 2 combines out-of-class video instruction with in-class active learning exercises. Students do not purchase a textbook, all materials are imbedded in the platform, including an openstax e-textbook. This reduces student costs by 50 percent or more from \$300 to between \$100 and \$150.

In the past two years this resource-intensive course has been offered to over 3,000 students at two CUNY institutions: Lehman College and Hunter College. At both institutions, passing rates in General Chemistry exceed 75% and the average student performance on a national chemistry test meets or exceeds the national average. "The real key to any education reform is student success, and when I flip and do active learning in the classroom, my students do better," says Professor Donna McGregor, an assistant professor of chemistry at Lehman College and one of the course designers.

A flipped classroom is a blended learning experience that reverses the traditional learning environment. Students are able to access online content, view online lectures, and podcasts and to collaborate with each other.

The winning team is composed of CUNY faculty from Lehman College: Donna McGregor, Pamela Mills, and Gustavo Lopez; Hunter College: Nadya Kobko, Gabriela Smeureanu, C. Michael Drain; the Graduate Center: Matthew K. Gold and Boone B. Gorges; and CUNY Central: Lisa Brundage and George Otte.

Former U.S. Under Secretary of Education Martha J. Kanter, Ed.D. presented the DLIAwards to honorees on November 17 in Orlando.

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Mount St. Michael Academy has appointed Thomas A. McCarthy to serve as vice president of Institutional Advancement. McCarthy comes to The Mount from Manhattan College where he held the po-

sition of Director of Alumni Relations, a role he assumed in 2011. Prior to his appointment, McCarthy served as assistant director for Annual Giving, and focused on sustaining and recruiting donors and prospects, while connecting and cultivating alumni at a variety of events.

As director of Alumni Relations at Manhattan College, McCarthy played a crucial role in leading alumni relations into a new era, including enhancing alumni communication, maintaining and building relationships with young and senior alumni, planning and organizing a variety of events, and much more. His alumni and development experience were instrumental factors in guiding Manhattan College's alumni office and broader alumni community into meeting the strategic goals of the institution.

After graduating from Manhattan College with a Bachelor of Science in secondary education and a concentration in mathematics in 2006, he initially worked as a teacher at a Catholic high school in Westchester County before returning to his alma mater. McCarthy's attraction to Catholic education continues; he begins his role at The Mount on December 12.

McCarthy, is the son of Thomas McCarthy, Sr., MSM Class of 1964. He completed a master's in general counseling in 2010, and is currently working toward a Ph.D. in Catholic and non-public school leadership at Fordham University.

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Councilman Ritchie Torres announced \$26 million in funding for the first ever civil apprenticeship program that will provide painting jobs for public housing residents. District Council 9 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades worked with Torres, the New York City Housing Authority and City Hall to create more than 100 new apprenticeship titles. DC 9 plans to organize NYCHA residents to become apprentices through the new program – starting them on a path to the middle class with New York's premier finishing trade union.

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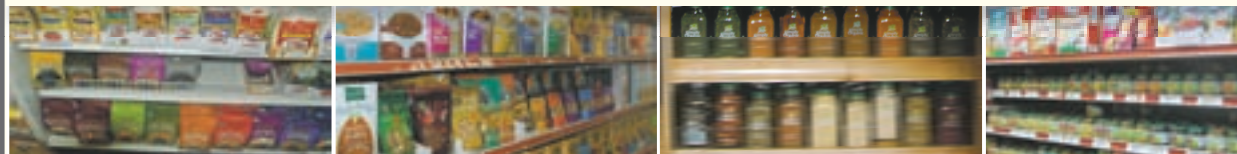
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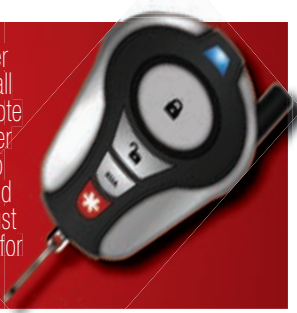
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# St. Barnabas inducts new honor society members

St. Barnabas High School recently inducted 26 students into the Blandid Stewart Chapter of the National Honor Society, the Virginia Woolf Chapter of the National English Honor Society and the Luis Ponce de Leon Chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society.

Chosen for their accomplishments in and commitment to scholarship, service, leadership, and character, 16 juniors were inducted into the 2016-2017 Blandid Stewart Chapter of the National Honor Society, including: Jessica Celzo, Geetangalie Goberdan, Akporobaro Idolor, Daina Jameison, Litzy Leon-Sixtos, Becky Markose, Taise Martinez, Marie-Claire Milius, Marie-Elise Milius, Jade Munroe, Alpha Perez, Kayla Rahaman, Karol Santiago-Jaquez, Sabrina Sousa, Joanna Walch, and Tyler Zepherin.

Senior member and president of the 2016-2017 National Honor Society, Stefanie Berwise, was inspired by James Monroe who said, "National honor is national property of the highest value." "The mem-

bers of the National Honor Society strive to maintain and protect our national honor", Stephanie added.

Following the National Honor Society, the St. Barnabas High School Virginia Woolf Chapter of the National English Honor Society and the Luis Ponce de Leon Chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society also had the pleasure of welcoming new inductees.

President of the 2016-2017 National English Society (NEHS), Karina Luna, inducted the following 17 students: Stephanie Berwise, Vivian Ezugwu, Geetangalie Goberdan, Tanika Gustave, Akporobaro Idolor, Daina Jameison, Becky Markose, Marie-Claire Milius, Marie-Elise Milius, Danitta Nyantakyi, Alpha Perez, Kayla Rahaman, Julia Rohan, Karol Santiago-Jaquez, Sabrina Sousa, Joanna Walch and Tyler Zepherin.

The new inductees accepted their candidacy by signing their names into the roll book and reciting the NEHS pledge.

President of the 2016-2017 Luis Ponce de Leon Chapter of



: New inductees of the Saint Barnabas High School National Honor Society, National Hispanic Honor Society and National English Honor Society.

the National Hispanic Honor Society (NHHS), Katherine Aquino, welcomed the following 21 new inductees: Christal Calder, Jessica Celzo, Erica Diaz, Maria Isabel Drallo, Geetangalie Goberdan, Tanika Gustave, Akporobaro Idolor, Diana Jameison, Litzy

Leon-Sixtos, Becky Markose, Taise Martinez, Marie-Claire Milius, Marie-Elise Milius, Jade Munroe, Dailin Perdomo, Alpha Perez, Kayla Rahaman, Karol Santiago-Jaquez, Sabrina Sousa, Joanna Walch and Tyler Zepherin.

The new inductees com-

pleted their candidacy by reciting the NHHS pledge.

"We are very proud of these students and know their futures are bright because of their service, spirit and determination", stated Saint Barnabas principal Frances Dzi-uma.

## BronxNet's TV production workshops offered

Community-building proponents are gathering support, artists are sharing their visionary work and Bronx residents from all walks of life are inspiring tens of thousands, through BronxNet...

And, you can use BronxNet to inspire others as well. The organization's public access production training program teaches Bronx residents how to share their voice, views and vision through television.

Media and film industry professionals train participants in all aspects of studio or location production, covering everything from videography to audio recording, to lighting, directing and more. After completing an introduc-

tory workshop in studio or field production, participants receive access to professional studios and equipment free of charge. Producers receive airtime on BronxNet channels, which opens the possibility of the program being watched by viewers in up to 350,000 Bronx homes, and all over the world through the web.

Giselle Brea is among the talented Bronx residents who completed production training at BronxNet. She was recently honored with the Best New Program Award at BronxNet's 2016 BETA (Bronx Excellence in Television Access) Awards for her domestic violence information program, Tales of a Survivor. "BronxNet has the

tools and the personnel to help you achieve your goals and thrive. I'm so humbly grateful for their help in making Tales Of A Survivor what it is today. My vision without BronxNet would be just a dream," she stated.

A brand new program, Don't Give Up, and Win recently debuted on BronxNet in December. According to producer Jacqueline Wayans who completed BronxNet production training in the summer of 2016, "Don't Give Up and Win is designed for those reaching for a dream while pushing away life's challenges. I dreamed of taking the production class for years. I'm looking forward to connecting with viewers."

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For details, contact BronxNet's Training Department at

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BronxNet's ultra-local programming helps connect the Bronx with the World while our training programs and partnerships are a part of community development through media.

BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

The next general meeting of our association will be on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. Once again, this will be our annual Holiday Party, and welcoming in of the New Year. As in years past, we are looking forward to spending quality time with our mem-

bers and neighbors, in a casual and festive setting. We are not scheduling any guest speakers, and if any business is discussed, it will be kept to a bare minimum. The end time will also be extended in order for us to enjoy the food, beverages, music, and conversation later into the evening.



Our Event Committee chairwoman Angela Ryan has

begun assembling both an attendance list, and the menu items needed for that evenings festivities. If you plan on attending please contact Angela at the number listed below so that we have a more accurate headcount.

The meeting will be held at the Villa Maria Academy Caf-

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# Municipal Credit Union accepting applications for 2017 scholarships

Municipal Credit Union (MCU) is currently accepting applications for the 2017 Scholarship Program. MCU will award \$66,000 in scholarship grants to college-bound graduating high school seniors, including eight memorial scholarships worth \$5,000 and 13 grants of \$2,000 respectively.

Eligibility for participation in the MCU Scholarship Program is open to an MCU member, a child or a grandchild of a member in good standing. Selection is based on academic performance, extracurricular and community activities, references, and an essay expressing personal goals. Additionally, students applying for the scholarships who are also MCU members will also automatically be entered for a \$500 statewide Public Relations and Marketing Council Scholarship.

"MCU is deeply committed to supporting the youth throughout the communities in which our members work and live. Our scholarship program is one way we achieve this by recognizing and rewarding young people for their outstanding academic performance and community service," said MCU president/CEO Kam Wong. "We hope our scholarships will enable these students to achieve their goals and succeed in their future endeavors."

Applications for MCU's 2017 Scholarship Program are available at MCU's Bronx branches located at 560 Courtlandt Avenue, 353 East 149th Street, and 755 Co-op City Boulevard, on MCU's website, [www.nymcu.org](http://www.nymcu.org), and also at any MCU branch. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted is January 6, 2017.

MCU will hold a special awards reception in the spring of 2017 to recognize the eight \$5,000 scholarship winners.

The scholarships are part of MCU's long-standing, larger corporate commitment to youth education and financial literacy across New York City. In

addition to these scholarships, MCU also awards valedictorian/salutatorian recognition awards to graduating high school seniors.

2016 is Municipal Credit Union's Centennial Celebration year. Called the Credit Union of Employees Conference Committee when it first opened its doors on October 15, 1916 in Manhattan's Municipal Building, MCU has been growing strong ever since. Today, MCU serves more than 400,000 members. MCU is celebrating its 100th anniversary all during 2016 through various programs to give back to the communities it serves.

Municipal Credit Union (MCU) is the oldest credit union in New York State and one of the oldest and largest in the country. Established in 1916 and headquartered in New York City, today MCU has assets of more than \$2.4 billion and offers a full range of financial services to its more than 400,000 members. With branches in New York City, Westchester and Long Island, its members also have access to the credit union's large and growing ATM network. Eligibility to open accounts at MCU is available to New York City and Yonkers municipal employees; state and federal employees who work in the five boroughs; health care professionals who work in New York State; members of select industry groups; employees of private colleges in New York City and private and public colleges in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester; all students enrolled in a college, university, school, or institution in the City University of New York (CUNY) education system; certain family members, and qualifying retirees. MCU is an equal opportunity lender, and deposits are federally insured to at least \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), a U.S. government agency. For more information about Municipal Credit Union, visit [www.nymcu.org](http://www.nymcu.org).

#### BY TONY SALIMBENE

OK, minor panic, our 89th Annual Christmas Party will still be on the 18th of December, right after our (brief) regular 3rd Sunday meeting, at ATNY. I get to make mistakes just like the real media! The meeting is at 11 a.m., ends at noon, with our party from 1 p.m. on. Please bring a vet to join us.

I think I forgot Post 19's work at the VA Auxillary Holiday Gift Shop, good job again and thanks.

If we don't work together we should just pack it up.

The Post 253 annual Christmas Toy Drive, named after PPC Joe Mazza-riello, will finalize this week, thanks

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elves. Remember, Judy will still collect donations now to prepare for next year, please remember those in need.

Until next time: Thanks 620 again for the hospitality for both the Community Board 10 Veterans Meeting and our annual Bronx County Christmas Party.

BTW, have you asked a vet, lady, son or rider to join us?



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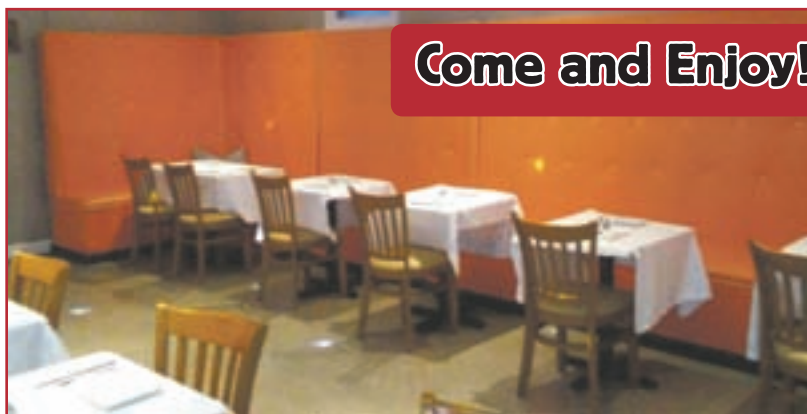
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# Jacobi is now a pedestrian-friendly campus

NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi's chief executive officer William Foley today announced the completion of a project to make the hospital campus safer and more pedestrian-friendly. The work is the result of a successful collaboration with NYC Department of Transportation. As part of its Vision Zero efforts, DOT toured the campus and recommended a number of strategies to transform Jacobi's outdoor space, with a focus on pedestrians, who are the majority of the users of the hospital's large suburban campus.

Hundreds of patients and staff who traverse the campus on foot each day will now benefit from safer streets and slower vehicular speeds as they cross streets. The following roadway and parking improvements are now complete:

- Installation of eight speed bumps,
- Clearer pavement markings to show crosswalks and vehicular pathways,

- Installation of reflective posts and "Pedestrian Crossing" and "Yield to Pedestrian" signs,

- Replacement of "STOP" signs with more easily visible ones,

- Painting of curbs to increase their visibility at intersections,

- Narrowing and clearer demarcation of Seminole Avenue to discourage speeding, and

- Installation of "Pick Up and Drop Off Only – No Parking" signs outside the Outpatient Care Pavilion, to better guide traffic.

"NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi is taking a common-sense approach to create a safer environment for both our patients and our staff," said Foley. "We see these improvements as an extension of our work to promote wellness."

Foley expressed his appreciation to the NYC Department of Transportation for



Collaboration with NYC Department of Transportation yields important safety improvements.

their guidance and expertise.

"As part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero initiative, we have been working hard at redesigning streets all over New

York City, making them safer for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists" said Nivardo Lopez, Acting Bronx Borough Commissioner for the Department

of Transportation. "With these new changes, Jacobi's employees, patients and their families will all benefit from important safety improvements."

## *Flu vaccine best antidote to getting, passing the flu*

The peak time for the flu is right around the corner.

Are you doing all you can to prevent getting the flu? Or are you counting on being lucky?

Usually peaking in January or February, flu season can continue into the spring.

"If you haven't yet had a flu shot, now is the time to get vaccinated," said Dr. Eric Appelbaum, senior vice-president and chief medical officer at SBH Health System (St. Barnabas Hospital). "Usually, it takes up to two weeks to fully develop protection after you get the flu shot. Everyone older than six months of age needs it, especially pregnant women."

Up to 20% of people in the U.S. are likely to get the flu.

According to Dr. Appelbaum, here are ways to limit your exposure (or giving it to others):

- Get a flu shot. Hands down, this is the best way to prevent the flu.

- Wash your hands. Make sure to do this before and after meals, after touching your face, coughing, and/or sneezing.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes. Cough into your elbow or use tissues.

- Take care of yourself. Make sure to get plenty of sleep, eat a healthy diet and exercise to keep your immune system strong.

- Pay attention when traveling. Try to limit or avoid exposure to those who are sick.

"We strongly encourage our patients to get a flu shot – regardless of whether they got a flu shot last year," said Dr. Appelbaum. "The more people who get vaccinated, the more will be protected from getting and spreading the flu. This is particularly important among those most at risk: the elderly, young children, pregnant women, and those with certain health conditions that make them more vulnerable to serious flu complications."

According to Dr. Appelbaum, only injectable flu vaccines are being given this year (with those dispersed in nasal sprays no longer recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

A vaccine for older people is also available.

"Some children up to the age of eight years old, who are getting vaccinated for the first time, require two doses of flu vaccine, spaced at least 28 days apart," he said. "While children under the age of six months are too young to receive the vaccine, it is important that parents and older siblings get vaccinated to prevent the spread of the flu to infants who are most vulnerable to serious complications."

The effectiveness of the vaccine depends in part on the match between the vaccine virus used to produce the vaccine and the strains of flu that will circulate this season.

While the vaccine is produced to protect against the flu viruses that research and surveillance indicate are most likely to be common this season, there is no way to predict with certainty.

"Flu viruses not only change from season to season, but can even change within the course of a single season," said Dr. Appelbaum. "Still, antibodies made in response to a vaccination with one flu virus can sometimes provide protection against different but related viruses. That's why, even if the vaccine is a less than a perfect match, it is still far more effective in preventing the flu than getting no shot at all."

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all.

The Kids Had a great time at the Post Children's Christmas Party. Many thanks to Jeanette and Mary. They did yeoman's work on this gala. Santa is always a favorite.

Not much going on at the post as the season is upon us. Suffice it to say that much cleaning up and repair is being done. The outside is a constant clean up what with the

oak leaves all over the place as well as the acorns. The squirrels at not doing enough of their job keeping the acorns in check. Painting will be coming soon.

I remind all my loyal readers that we are still collecting non-perishable food stuffs as well as eye glasses and cell phones. We are also collecting serviceable clothing for men, women and children for the vets. Please leave the do-

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nations on the table inside the gate on the Ericson Place entrance. Thank you all.

The next post member meeting is on Saturday, January 7.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy Kwanzaa. Any holiday that has to do with food is my kind of holiday.

Another short column this week.

**Trivia Time**

Christmas Seals first went on sale on December 9, 1907.

Guam Fell to Japan on December 10, 1941.

Germany and Italy declared war on the USA on De-

cember 11, 1941. Some nerve!

New Zealand was discovered by Abel Tasman on December 13, 1642. This is the same fellow that discovered the Devil.

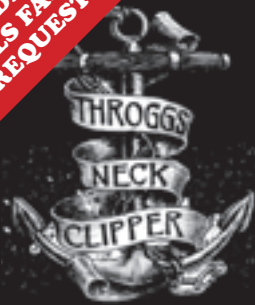
Saddam Hussein was captured on December 13, 2003.

The following day in 1799, George Washington died at the age of 67.

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# Lenore's fear of scorpions is misguided

Stephanie Loria would like to set the record straight: "If you get stung by a scorpion and you are a healthy adult, you won't die." She paused, then added, "You may wish you were dead. But they get such a bad rap."

Yes, pity the poor scorpions — so misunderstood. Fortunately, the species has Loria on its side. A native of Glendale, Queens, and graduate of New York's Catholic school system, she is perhaps the city's only scorpion apologist. She loves the creatures, researches them, and this fall she got her Ph.D. in scorpion studies from the American Museum of Natural History's Richard Gilder Graduate School. Other grads included a frog researcher, a bat specialist getting an honorary degree, and a guy who has identified 70 new species of wasps.

Not sure I'd want to be at their Christmas party. But having never seen an actual scorpion — or scorpion researcher — I did want to meet Loria. So the other day I went to the museum and was escorted past dozens of dinosaur-de-

manding school groups, up to the restricted fifth floor, past hundreds of lockers housing insects specimens, and then through a hall lined with clear plastic boxes containing — omg!

Tarantulas. Live tarantulas, the size of chipmunks, waving their furry legs.

How did "Night at the Museum" miss these guys?

One floor up I found Loria in her lab, scorpions at her side — dead.

"We have some live stuff downstairs, but those are more like pets," she said. "These I actually collected during my trips to Southeast Asia."

And how does one collect a scorpion? Well, said Loria, cheerful as a flight attendant, you just have to go into the jungle at night. Scorpions are black, so you can't see them except by using an ultra-violet flashlight, but then they phosphoresce like Jimi Hendrix posters. They also shed their exoskeletons. So you look for glowing bits of dead scorpion on the trail leading you to a live one and then, using foot-long tweezers, you try to grab it as fast as you can before it scur-



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Lenore Skenazy

ries into its borrow.

At that point, says Loria, you often have "moths swarming around your face and you're swallowing them, and sometimes you're also near ants, and you're covered with them, and some of them are pretty nasty." Long story short, if you don't manage to grab the scorpion with the tweezers, sometimes you just dig them out.

That's right: You stick your hands into a scorpion den hoping you'll find some.

One time, Loria recalls, she and her advisor were on a

nighttime hunt in the Malaysian jungle when suddenly, a scorpion stung him.

"Two of his fingers were paralyzed and he had a burning sensation moving up his arm and into his chest," says Loria. "It was just me and him in the middle of nowhere."

Then what happened?

"He took an antihistamine," says Loria. By the morning, he was fine.

After an agonizing night.

Loria won't let this prejudice you against scorpions. There are 2,200 species of them, she says, and only 45 have poisonous venom. What's more, they can live up to 25 years, and are members of the arachnid family, like spiders, but less popular. At arachnid conventions (I know, I know), "85 to 95 percent of the talks are about spiders," says Loria, bummed. Scorpions get no respect. And yet, they have been around since before the dinosaurs.

In her own pre-history, Loria grew up digging millipedes and centipedes out of her backyard and bringing them inside, to her parents non-delight. She had an ant farm, a moth farm, and a grammar school teacher who

showed her rubber replicas of bugs and encouraged her curiosity. One time, Loria wore a dead cicada's shell on her nose to freak out her schoolmates.

It worked.

But Loria wasn't really trying to disgust anyone. She was just fascinated by the "behind the scenes" work that insects and arachnids do.

"If you watch any nature shows on TV, it's always about big cats, or other mammals we relate to." But the real heroes, she says, are the smaller creatures we rely on. Bees pollinate. Millipedes play a role in decomposing. Spiders and scorpions keep the insect population down.

By high school, she was taking after-school classes at the Museum and did an internship studying flamingo behavior.

Now that she has her Ph.D., she is heading to San Fran to start studying the evolution of scorpion venom. Her future looks so bright, she has to pinch herself.

Before anything else does.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker, founder of the book and blog Free-Range Kids, and a contributor at Reason.com.

### BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

With the threat of frost and possibly snow, I took advantage of the nice weather on Saturday to get some year end garden clean up done. I broke down the straw bales from my straw bale gardening experiment and added the straw to the artichoke frame. Last weekend, my husband re-installed the lid to the top of the frame and helped me wrap it up in 3ml plastic again. Now there is a deep bed of straw around each plant and around the inside perimeter of the frame, all on top of a layer of leaves. That should keep the plants pretty warm, it worked last year.

I climbed into the asparagus beds and finished cutting down the ferns, chopping them up and spreading out on the bed an even layer of that with another 6" thick layer of leaves on top. I never got around to sifting the compost pile this fall, so spring will be a huge yield. Once the compost cures, the asparagus and the artichokes beds will get a generous soil amendment.

Two weeks ago, I harvested all of the Serrano peppers that were left at the garden at Preston and at The Garden Next

Door and dropped them off at Bronx Green Up for the Bronx Hot Sauce Project. We grew seven pounds of peppers and have opted to receive our 'payment' in bottles of Bronx Hot Sauce, which will be shared with the fledgling gardeners in the Preston Garden Club.

I'm hoping it will inspire them to grow even more peppers this year and turn it into a real school project. Nevertheless, Bronx Hot Sauce is available through [www.fromthebronx.com](http://www.fromthebronx.com) and is made from peppers that are grown in community gardens across the Bronx.

With the harvesting all done, all I had to do at the Garden Next Door was pull out and chop up all of the spent pepper, basil and tomato plants. I spread whatever clippings there were on to the bed. I pulled out all of the garden stakes, cleaned them off and put them away for next year. I took down the deer fencing (or cat fencing as it actually should be called here in the Bronx.) and rolled it up as neatly as possible and stowed that away too. I left the trellis framework up, just to see if it survives the winter.



I added a 6" layer of leaves across the whole bed, but left the parsley, mint and wild celery. I piled up the leaves around the plants but didn't cover them as they seemed to be still thriving despite the cold. The snow will certainly kill them off, but until then, I will let them and the rainbow chard that's growing on the side of the house to continue on their merry way.

The last task was to rake and sweep up the front of the house and replenish the supply of leaves for composting. I made stock and had a lot of nasty things that needed to be buried in leaves in the brown organics bin. We're in Throggs Neck and we're part of the NYC Department of Sanitation Organics Composting Pilot Area, so I can dispose of food scraps in our garbage. It can be a very messy and gross task, especially in the summer, but with the cold temperatures and good

supply of dried leaves, I can avoid as much nastiness as possible.

Once I was done, I had another garbage pail filled with leaves so I grabbed the cooled down pot of stock bones off the top of the stove. I opened the brown bin and filled it halfway with leaves, added the stock bones and filled the rest of the container up with more leaves. I locked the lid securely and set it back in the garbage can corral.

Clean up was done and I am now free to spend the rest of the year concentrating on other projects!

One of those projects involves many other people that just finished closing up their gardens too: The New York State Community Garden Workgroup. We had a terrific conference call last week which clarified a lot about what the goals of the work group are. All of our input is being used to create, among other things, a land use guide to help communities navigate the regulatory issues around creating and running community gardens. We were also sent links to the recently released USDA publi-

cation, the Urban Agriculture Tool Kit and a recent study by the John Hopkins Center for Livable Future, 'Vacant Lots to Vibrant Spots'. I am quite the luddite and can't read things on my mobile device, so Dan Hogle from Senator Jeff Klein's office was nice enough to print them out and mail them to me.

Once I read through them over the holidays, our plan is to meet in January at the senator's office to discuss this issue and how we can start reaching out to local community groups to help facilitate their projects. With Bronx still rated the most unhealthy county in New York State, we need to start making radical changes to get ourselves out of this hole.

I promise I will continue to update my readers on this issue as we make progress. If you would be interested in receiving a link to either of these studies, email me at [cnapolitano@netzero.net](mailto:cnapolitano@netzero.net) and I can forward them to you.

In the meantime, here is to our gardening plans for 2017, our dreams of delicious meals shared with family and friends and becoming the change you want to see in the world.





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# East Bronx History Forum news

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room announces the East Bronx History Forum will hold its 116th meeting on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

This is a very busy time of the year as we prepare for the holiday season, shop and cook for our family and friends. The East Bronx History Forum and Huntington Free Library also extend our holiday greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year. We also recognize that this is also a good time to look back, reflect and give thanks for our good fortune.

Our good fortune is the many friends and members that have made our Bronx history meetings fun, enjoyable and educational. Our members have also encouraged

and promoted a love of community through local history. This month, we look back and remember those individuals that have led us and guided us over the years, mentored us, called us friends, but sadly are no longer with us.

All of the old-timers will quickly know Bill Twomey, Artie Seifert and John McNamara, the three men, who in their different way, shaped our knowledge of Bronx history and our organization. The young members know Bill Twomey who founded the History Forum and John McNamara who wrote the book on Bronx streets in 'History in Asphalt'. All three men took the time to record and present our history, through photographs, articles, lectures and walking tours. In addition, Artie Seifert collected

many items that he donated for research. Just about every photograph taken from the air was by Seifert while a passenger in his brother's plane.

The East Bronx History Forum is pleased to present and remember our Bronx historians with a video lecture 'Tour of Westchester Square and Town' with Bill Twomey and John McNamara. This high quality film, with great sound, taped at the Huntington Free Library, will surely be educational, heartwarming and not to be missed.

Please take the time out of your busy schedule to enjoy this special moment. The Anne Hutchinson Group will also honor Bill Twomey, providing refreshments through the generosity of Senator Jeff Klien.

All meetings are free and



(L-r) Bill Twomey, Artie Seifert and John McNamara.

open to the public at the Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, located next to

Apple Bank at 9 Westchester Square. Free street parking after 7 p.m.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Mayors of 18 large cities throughout the U.S. have pledged to retain their sanctuary city policies despite President-elect Trump's threat to withhold federal funding from localities that seek to block his drive to reduce illegal immigration. The White House could withhold \$650 billion in funding, with some cities potentially losing over \$7 billion, according to Bloomberg News.

The Center for Immigration Studies notes "Across the U.S., there are 340 cities, counties, and states that are considered 'sanctuary cities.' These jurisdictions protect criminal aliens from deportation by refusing to comply with ICE detainers or otherwise impede open communication and information exchanges between their employees or officers and federal immigration agents...

This has resulted in the release by local authorities of approximately 1,000 criminal aliens per month... [The] Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) reported to Congress that, between January 1 and September 30, 2014, local sanctuaries released 9,295 alien offenders that ICE was seeking to deport. More than 600 people were released at least twice... Out of these, 5,947 of the criminal aliens (62 percent) had significant prior criminal histories or other public safety concerns even before the arrest that led to a detainer. Fifty-eight percent of those with a prior history of concern had prior felony charges or convictions; 37 percent had serious prior misdemeanor charges, and 5 percent had multiple prior misdemeanors. An alarming number — 2,320 — of the total number of released offenders

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were subsequently arrested within the time period studied for new crimes after they were released by the sanctuaries... Of the 6,460 criminal aliens who were still at large during the time period studied, 3,802 (58 percent) had prior felonies or violent misdemeanors."

In sanctuary cities, local law enforcement officials aren't required by local government to alert federal authorities about the immigration status of individuals with whom they come in contact, reports Politico. According to a Washington Free Beacon study, about 179,000 aliens who have committed crimes roam the United States. Trump's first target in his activist anti-illegal alien policy is the expulsion of criminal aliens.

Last year, Senate Democrats successfully blocked the 'Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans Act.' Sen. David Vitter, (R-Louisiana) who sponsored the legislation, pointed to the extraordinary danger posed by criminal aliens. Taxpayers in those cities have complained also of the unmanageable costs of providing education and other basic services to illegals. Congressional legislation

occurred in the wake of the nationally reported murder of a young woman, Kathryn Steinle in San Francisco, allegedly by an illegal who had already been deported five times. The bill would have made it unlawful for cities to refuse federal requests for notification before releasing illegals, and the stopping of federal funds to localities that violate the law. Opponents of the president-elect's plans argue that the White House does not the legal authority to withhold funds unless specific authorization exists.

According to the Congressional Research Service "The term 'sanctuary city' is not defined by federal law, but it is often used to refer to those localities which, as a result of a state or local act, ordinance, policy, or fiscal constraints, place limits on their assistance to federal immigration authorities seeking to apprehend and remove unauthorized aliens.

Supporters of such policies argue that many cities have higher priorities, and that local efforts to deter the presence of unauthorized aliens would undermine community relations, disrupt municipal services, interfere with local law enforcement, or violate humanitarian principles. Opponents argue that sanctuary policies encourage illegal immigration and undermine federal enforcement efforts. Pursuant to § 434 of the Personal

Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA, P.L. 104-193) and § 642 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (IIRIRA, P.L. 104-208), states and localities may not limit their governmental entities or officers from maintaining records regarding a person's immigration status, or bar the exchange of such information with any federal, state, or local entity.

Reportedly, some jurisdictions with sanctuary policies take a "don't ask, don't tell" approach, where officials are barred from inquiring about a person's immigration status in certain circumstances. Though this method does not directly conflict with federal requirements that states and localities permit the free exchange of information regarding persons' immigration status, it results in specified agencies or officers lacking information that they could potentially share with federal immigration authorities."

On the other side of the issue, Zero Hedge reports that Texas governor Greg Abbott vowed to sign legislation banning sanctuary cities in Texas and to issue orders to cut off funding to dissenters.

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## Van Cortlandt Jewish Center free Chanukah Celebration

On Tuesday, December 27, the night of the 4th Chanukah candle, at 7:15 p.m., the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is having a free Chanukah Celebration at VCJC, 3880 Sedgwick Avenue.

There will musical entertainment by David Jo-

seph of David's Piano.

Food will include latkes and jelly donuts.

They will have a raffle for adults and games and prizes for children.

Everyone is invited.

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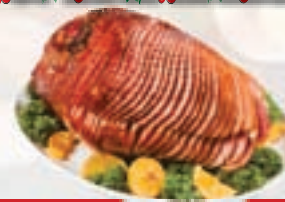
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# IN Christmas Tree Lighting Brightens Spirits

The Throggs Neck community had a merry time celebrating the holiday season with a Christmas tree lighting sponsored by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto on Sunday, December 4 at DeRosa and O'Boyle Triangle. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus traveled all the way from the North Pole to meet local children and help distribute gifts supplied by the Throggs Neck Merchants Association. All photos by Silvio Pacifico

(Top) Santa, Mrs. Claus and the St. Benedict Children's Choir wished everyone the most happiest and healthiest of holidays this season.

(Top right) North Pole natives Mrs. Claus and her husband, Santa, delivered holiday cheer to local children and their families.

(right) Laiba Mahmood helped Santa distribute presents to all of the good boys and girls.

(middle right) Budding artist Melina Aponte received a new drawing board from jolly old St. Nick.

(bottom right) (l-r) Santa's helpers from Lehman High School: Miguel Martinez, Kalitri Grant, Ashley Resto, Carl Acevedo, Miguel Martinez and Jackie Han celebrated the Yuletide in style.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj emceed this year's Christmas tree lighting celebration.

((below) back, l-r) John Cerini, TNMA treasurer; Stephen Kaufman, TNMA president; John Marano, Community Board 10 first vice chairman and Anne Myers, director of music and St. Benedict's Church Youth Choir with Santa, Mrs. Claus and St. Benedict's Children's Choir members.







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## MORRIS PARK ASSOC. HOSTS 'BOOKS WITH BHARATI'

The Bharati Foundation and Morris Park Community Association celebrated the holiday season by hosting a fun-filled 'Books with Bharati' book reading celebration on Friday, December 9 at the MPCA's 1824 Bronxdale Avenue clubhouse. Santa Claus paid a surprise visit to meet with children and their families at the event proving reading is more than just fundamental.

Andrea Seigel (back, l), Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association president; Tony Signorile (back, c), MPCA president; Bharati Kemraj (r), Bharati Foundation founder and local children enjoyed some fine reading with jolly old St. Nick.

Photo by Laura Stone



## AMERICAN LEGION DISTRIBUTES GIFTS

Members of various Bronx-based American Legion posts distributed holiday gifts to veterans undergoing hospitalization at the James J. Peters VA Hospital on Saturday, December 3.

American Legion members provided hospitalized veterans some much needed holiday cheer.

Photo courtesy of John Fraser Bryan American Legion Post 19

## CO-OP CITY CELEBRATES TREE LIGHTING

The Riverbay Corporation celebrated its annual Co-op City Christmas Tree Lighting on Wednesday, December 7 at Dreiser Auditorium B. Children and their familie met with the always jolly Santa Claus prior to the holiday.



Safire Brian (l) and Justin Cruz (r) told Santa what they want for Christmas this year.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## DIAZ HOSTS BRONX DIVA SPA EVENT

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Charito Cisneros, Hispanic Cosmetology and Beauty Chamber of Commerce founder; MetroPlus and other volunteers partnered up to offer complimentary spa treatments to domestic violence survivors on Tuesday, December 6 for the borough president's 14th annual Bronx DiVA Spa at Hostos Community College.



Borough President Diaz joined others for a fun-filled and relaxing spa day.

Photo courtesy of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s Office



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## POST 19 BRINGS HOLIDAY DECORATIONS TO VETS

During this year's season of giving, the John Fraser Bryan American Legion Post 19 gave back to hospitalized veterans by donating holiday decorations to the James J. Peters VA Hospital on Saturday, December 3.



(l-r) Post 19's Earl Menard, Robert Da Silva, John Pucci and Edward Deglomini gave back by helping veterans celebrate the holiday season.

Photo courtesy of John Fraser Bryan American Legion Post 19

## KORONY DISTRIBUTES THANKSGIVING MEALS

The Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 and Acacia Network director Ravi Rampersaud delivered 18 turkeys with bags filled with everything needed to make a delicious Thanksgiving dinner for veteran families in need on Wednesday, November 16.



Former post commander John Lanci was ready to help distribute plentiful Thanksgiving meals.

Photo courtesy of Judy Lanci



## HOLIDAY FLEECE BLANKET GIVEAWAY

CenterLight Healthcare and its transportation partner, National MedTrans helped spread warmth this holiday season by distributing fleece blankets to CenterLight PACE program participants on Thursday, December 8 at 2401 White Plains Road. Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. joined CenterLight and National MedTrans senior executives in offering warm holiday wishes to the PACE participants.

(l-r) Ben Duster, CenterLight CEO; Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Etwaria Bickram, PACE participant; Karen Eastmond, CenterLight chief compliance officer and Alvin Empalmado, CenterLight vice president of Center Operations.

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Borough President Diaz (l) gave Miguel Matos a brand new fleece blanket.

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## GIFTS FOR LEAKE & WATTS KIDS

With the holidays soon approaching, children ages two to four-years-old at Leake and Watts' Seabury Day Care Center for low-income families received a special visit from Ernst and Young employees bearing hundreds of gifts on Wednesday, December 7.



Children in Leake and Watts programs received toys from Santa at a toy drive event. Photo courtesy of Leake and Watts



## LEAKE AND WATTS CELEBRATE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

With the holidays soon approaching, children from the Castle Hill and Soundview area celebrated the season at the Leake and Watts hosts 'Holiday Festival' on Saturday, December 10 at Soundview Family Resource Center. The festivities included music, arts and crafts, stories, treats and a free stocking stuffer for all the children.

Children enjoyed story time during the holiday festival. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES HOSTS CONCOURSE HOUSE TOY DRIVE

During this year's season of giving, Transportation Alternatives Bronx Activist Committee organized a toy drive benefitting Concourse House on Saturday, December 10. Located at 2751 Grand Concourse, Concourse House is a transitional housing shelter for women and children ages nine and younger. Council members Ritchie Torres, Fernando Cabrera and Andrew Cohen were in attendance and helped spread holiday cheer to Concourse House residents in need.



Members of Transportation Alternatives and Concourse House worked together to make this year's holiday toy drive possible. Photo by Silvio Pacifico





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## SANTA VISITS TN SHOPPING CTR.

Throggs Neck families and their children met Santa Claus at the Throggs Neck Shopping Center on Sunday, December 11 to let him know what they want for the holidays. If interested in meeting Santa, stop by Throggs Neck Shopping Center on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 from 2 to 7 p.m.



(l-r) Castle Hill residents Juan Carlos DeJesus, Sahil DeJesus, Eduardo Rojas, Ethan Rojas and Elianna Rojas enjoyed meeting Santa Claus this holiday season. Photo by Laura Stone



## TN MEMORIAL POST SERVES HOLIDAY LUNCH

Throggs Neck Memorial American Legion Post 1456 celebrated its festive holiday luncheon on Saturday, December 10 for Bronx VA Hospital veterans at its 1456 Shore Drive clubhouse.

Veterans of Throggs Neck American Legion Post 1456 and veterans from the Bronx VA Hospital had lunch together this holiday season. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## VNNA HOSTS CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance celebrated the holiday season with its radiant Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 11 at Convent Cross on Van Nest Avenue between Unionport Road and Victor Street. Santa Claus was in town and stopped by to deliver gifts to all the good boys and good during the festivities.



Van Nest resident Lyra Medino (r) enjoyed some hot cocoa with Santa Claus. Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Fr. Robert Aufieri, St. Clare's Church pastor; Councilman Ritchie Torres; Joe McManus, 80th Assembly District and Community Board 11 Land Use Committee chairman and John Messenger, VNNA treasurer, braved the cold. Photo by Laura Stone



## VETS HONORED ON PEARL HARBOR DAY

In honor of the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day recognizing local veteran activist leaders was held on Wednesday, December 7 at the Gasolina Bar and Lounge.

Those being honored were (l-r) Sergeant Gonzalo Duran, Joseph Ronda, Neva Shillingford-King, Kenny Agosto, and Councilman Andy King with honorees Anna Archible, Carmen Rosa Rodriguez and Leroy 'Archie' Archible. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



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Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (front, 4th from l) with the night's honorees and Bronx Family Court Bar Association Board members.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME CELEBRATES 50TH

The McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home commemorated its 50th anniversary with a Black Tie Christmas Gala on Saturday, December 10 at Eastwood Manor Caterers. McCall's made a \$50,000 donation to the North Bronx Section of the National Council of Negro Women to continue its success for years to come.



The owners and staff of McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home commemorated their remarkable milestone at the Eastwood Manor.

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Senator-elect Jamaal Bailey (r) congratulated James Alston, McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home owner, on his business' many years of service.

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## VETERANS REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR ATTACK

Veterans from the Throggs Neck Memorial Post 1456, Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 and Silver Beach American Legion Post 1371 marked the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack on Wednesday, December 7 at Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park.



Korean War veteran, Bob Forsberg remembered listening to FDR's Day of Infamy speech on the radio, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack, when he was eight-years-old living in Edgewater.

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Veterans from the Throggs Neck, Silver Beach and Theodore Korony American Legion remembered those lost in the Pearl Harbor attack 75 years later.

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## SHAMROCK INN TOASTS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Patrons and staff at the Shamrock Inn toasted the Pelham Bay establishment's 20th anniversary on Saturday, December 10. Friends and families visited the popular 1729 Crosby Avenue watering hole to commemorate its incredible milestone and service to the community.



(l-r) Kyle Mahoney, Dominic Dillon, Katherine McDonald, Sean Wallace and Michelle Wallace toasted to many more years of success for the Shamrock Inn.

Photo by Laura Stone



Shamrock Inn owners Chris (front, r) and Rosetta Lawless (front, l) celebrated the milestone with friends, John and Maureen Murphy.

Photo by Laura Stone

## 'ABUELA STORIES PROJECT' BOOK LAUNCH

Award-winning poet and author Peggy Robles-Alvarado debuted her third book, 'The Abuela Stories Project' with a book launch on Thursday, December 8 in the Bronx Museum of the Arts. Alvarado, one of this year's Bronx Times 25 Bronx Influential Women honorees, partnered with Bronx-based visual artist and photographer Daisy Arroyo to capture grandmothers as artists, dancers, drummers and rebels redefining themselves. The project was made possible through Robleswrites Productions and public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the Department of Cultural Affairs' Greater New York Arts Development Fund Program.



(l-r) 'The Abuelas' Warixi Soto, Elena 'Mamarazzi' Marrero and Olga Huraira Ayala attended the fun-filled book launch celebration.

Photo by Laura Stone



Evelyn Correa (r) got a copy of 'The Abuela Stories Project' signed by author, Peggy Robles-Alvarado.

Photo by Laura Stone



## ST. BARNABAS HOSTS TREE LIGHTING

St. Barnabas Hospital, P.S. 59 students, seniors and Emerald Society of Band Pipers celebrated the hospital's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 9 inside Bronx Gardens nursing home's main lobby.

Santa sang along with the children from P.S. 59.

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This year's Biennial features 245 works by 150 artists curated across ten exhibition spaces in New York City.

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que..." / "I am one of those people that..." addresses the intensely personal nature of the creative process, and how intellectual autonomy functions within the context of social issues.

The artworks included in the multi-venue exhibition are executed in diverse media, including installation, painting, photography, mixed media, and sculpture.

The Biennial works installed at the Hebrew Home will be on view through December 31.

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# Mott Haven soldier awarded Medal of Honor

I was traveling around Mott Haven with Nick DiBrino and we stopped for a closer inspection of Lozada Playground. It's slightly over an acre in size but seems far more spacious due to its positioning and the inclusion of benches outside on the sidewalk. It is located on the north side of East 135th Street between Willis and Alexander avenues just east of the Jonathan D. Hyatt School. We were there on February 20 and nary a soul was in sight. That surprised me as it was a holiday, President's Day, and the weather was fair.

PFC Carlos J. Lozada certainly earned the distinction of having this playground named in his honor. Carlos was born on September 6, 1946 in Caguas, Puerto Rico, which is in the central mountain range about 20 miles south of San Juan.

His family moved to the Bronx in the early 1950s and Carlos attended local schools graduating in 1966 and then married his high school sweetheart in 1966.

He joined the U. S. Army hoping that the GI benefits would help with a college edu-

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

cation.

He was sent to Vietnam on June 11, 1967 assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503 Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade.

This is the brigade given the nickname "The Herd" from the days when the theme song of the western television show "Rawhide" was used for reveille. Can you imagine being awoken each morning to the sound of thousands of cattle charging along?

The brigade was assigned to secure Hill 875 at Dak To, Vietnam on November 19, 1967. Hill 875 gets its name from its height above sea level in meters (875 meters is equivalent to about 2871 feet). It is located just off the Ho Chi Minh Trail less than five miles from the Cambodian border. It was supposed to be defended by one company of regular North Vietnamese troops but it turned out to be the overwhelming force of

two regiments. It was a battle that dragged on for about five days costing many American lives. What was supposed to be a skirmish turned into one of the fiercest battles of the entire war.

Lozada was one of the four soldiers assigned to an early warning outpost on November 20. He was a machine gunner and was defending his outpost when it was attacked by the large force of North Vietnamese.

They just kept coming to the point where Lozada killed at least 20 himself, but more and more kept pouring in.

He warned those with him to withdraw and offered to give them cover.

He remained at his position knowing that death was inevitable but allowing his comrades an opportunity to find better cover.

He died so that others might live and their mission might be



I took this picture of historian and author Nicholas DiBrino posing in front of Lozada Playground on President's Day while scouting for changes in the area. The playground is located on the north side of East 135th Street between Willis and Alexander avenues.

accomplished.

Hill 875 would be secured by American forces, but at a heavy price.

According to John McManus in his book "Grunts," 290 men ascended Hill 875 on November 20 and by the end of that day, 100 were dead and 50 wounded.

PFC Carlos James Lozada was awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor, a rare privilege and one well-deserved.

There is a monument of remembrance in front of the capitol building in San Juan dedi-

cated to that island's fallen heroes and PFC Lozada's name can be found thereon.

An oil portrait of him hangs in the Capitol Rotunda. He is also on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at Panel 30E-Row 045.

The Bronx named the playground on East 135th Street after him on November 21, 1987.

It was re-dedicated when the playground was reconstructed in 1995. Further improvements were made in 2007. Today it could serve as a model play area for our youngsters.

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# Proposed Bronx Arts & Science Charter School

The Bronx Arts and Science Charter School is proposed to open in September of 2018, pending approval from the New York State Department of Education.

The school welcomes all students to find out more information and apply to the school at <http://thebronx-charter.org/>

The school will be located in Community District 10 and will serve 180 students with an enrollment of 60 students per grade level in kindergarten through grade 2 in its first year of operation.

One additional grade will be added each subsequent year until the school reaches a total enrollment of 420 students, serving 60 students per grade level in kindergarten through grade 5.

The mission of the Bronx Arts and Science Charter School is to provide a high quality education in a digital learning environment to empower students to meet and surpass grade level standards and succeed in college and careers.

The founders of Bronx ASCS believe that excel-

lent teaching combined with proper technology integration empowers all students to learn and achieve at the highest possible level.

Technology integration will be at the forefront of all educational programs at Bronx ASCS. Classrooms will be fitted with Smart Boards, reflective cameras, digital classroom response systems and digital pens.

Curricula will be accessed online and digital platforms will be used to enhance and personalize student learning.

The school will have high

expectations for students but will be coupled with robust supports and interventions to ensure student success. Through sustained, ongoing and intensive professional development opportunities, teachers will receive the training and support needed to positively impact student learning and outcomes.

Multiculturalism and diversity are highly valued and students will be exposed to different cultures through Celebration Days and Summer Programs.

Students will be able to

choose from a variety of afterschool clubs and students who excel will have the opportunity to participate in national competitions.

The school recognizes that schools are anchors in the community. Bronx ASCS will foster school, family and community collaboration/involvement with a focus on parent programs and community outreach.

The Bronx Arts and Science Charter School looks forward to serving the Bronx community starting in 2018!

## NYBG Orchid Show; St. Ann's 175th anniversary

The **New York Botanical Garden celebrates** its 15th year of spectacular orchid exhibitions with The Orchid Show: Thailand, an homage to the wealth of orchids, acclaimed tropical gardens, renowned orchid breeding, and rich cultural history of this Southeast Asian nation, which is home to more than 1,200 native orchid species.

From February 18 through April 9, 2017, this year's Orchid Show will feature thousands of orchids in a classic Thai garden setting. The grand centerpiece of the design will be the façade of a sala, a traditional pavilion used for shade and relaxation, with a signature sweeping gabled roofline festooned with exquisite orchids.

The show's design in the Seasonal Exhibition Galleries of NYBG's Enid A. Haupt Conservatory recalls the ancient Thai garden tradition of mai dat, in which trees and shrubs are pruned and trained over time to form fanciful shapes. Throughout the exhibition, small ponds and pools—historical features of Buddhist monastery gardens in Thailand—create a tranquil atmosphere. Colorful flowers will float in large glazed water jars, providing an ephemeral moment of beauty and reflection.

An astonishing array of orchids on view will include some of the varieties that have helped Thailand earn its international reputation as a center for orchid horticulture and breeding. It is now world famous for breeding Vanda orchids,

whose large patterned blooms are popular in Thai gardens and homes, as well as an extraordinary variety of Dendrobium, another genus grown widely in Thailand that offers a uniquely tropical quality with cane-like stems resembling bamboo. Paphiopedilum orchids, which grow in Thailand's highest mountain forests, captivate with their unusual and beautiful pouch-shaped lips.

To create this irresistible paradise of fragrance and color, NYBG horticulturists assemble thousands of flowers from the garden's research collections as well as the finest growers across the country. Orchids of seemingly every conceivable color, shape, and provenance, including rare and iconic specimens, will be on display.

Complementary programming, including tours and demonstrations, enhance the exhibition. Orchid Evenings, one of New York City's most romantic date destinations, bring a nighttime experience to The Orchid Show: Thailand, as guests stroll through the beauty of the exhibition with cocktail in hand while music plays. On select evenings, visitors can upgrade their experience with entry into the Young Garden Circle Orchid Lounge. Upgraded ticket holders will enjoy skip-the-line access to the exhibition, and a private open bar, complimentary light bites, and special DJ in an exclusive space among the orchids in the Conservatory's stunning Aquatic Plants and Vines Gallery. Young Garden Circle Members should contact

the Garden Patrons Office at (718) 817-8553 or [ygcvents@nybg.org](mailto:ygcvents@nybg.org) to reserve their complimentary tickets to these events.

For more information about the Orchid Show: Thailand and to purchase tickets, visit the Garden's Web site, [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org).

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**St. Ann's Episcopal Church**, built and donated by Gouverneur Morris Jr. in 1840, has stood the test of time. St. Ann's, once a modest community church, is

now listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a New York City historic landmark. In honor of St. Ann's Church's 175th birthday, BCHS Educator Vivian Davis will chronicle the Morris family's history and activism in the Bronx and the surviving legacy St. Ann's Church. This lecture will be held at the Bronx County Archives 3313 Bainbridge Avenue, on Saturday, December 17, at 1 p.m. For directions, (718) 881-8900. The Bronx County Archives is wheelchair accessible.



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## LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Amour Luxe Hair, LLC a domestic limited liability company LLC. Articles f organization filed with Secretary of State on 11/16/2016. NY office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of state shall mail copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 113th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Aleiris Beauty Salon, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/2016. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, Aleiris Beauty Salon, LLC. 1885 Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of BEACH REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/2016. Office located in Bronx County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: Emily Jin Zhuo, 1447 Beach Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GD Spofford, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/17/16. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 5670 Liberton Ct., Dublin, OH 43017. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

YOUR EVERYDAY SERVICE, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 4/6/2016. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. Herbert Matthews designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 2440 Olinville Ave, #317, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of H&H Maintenance LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 9/02/16. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him to Homeira Farzamifard, 67 Bamsallow Dr., Trumbull, CT 06611. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kryslian Day Care LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on November 18, 2016. Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 1926 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Peninsula JV, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/17/16. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 5670 Liberton Ct., Dublin, OH 43017. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

JUANA ANTONIA MONTGOMERY,  
Plaintiff,  
v  
STANLEY TYRONE MONTGOMERY,  
Defendant.

To: STANLEY TYRONE MONTGOMERY

TAKE NOTICE that a Complaint seeking an Absolute Divorce was filed on August 6, 2014 in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than January 18, 2017 said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 9th day of December, 2016.

Martha C. Massie,  
... Attorney for the Plaintiff  
324 West Wendover Avenue  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27408  
(336) 275-6695  
NCSB No. 31668

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, number Pending for beer and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer and wine at retail in a billiard under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 857 E. 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10455 for on premises consumption. D Angel Billiards Corp.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number 1298371 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer/wine at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 384 E 188th Street, Bronx, NY 10458 for on premises consumption.  
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384 E 188th Street  
Bronx, NY 10458

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license number 1298330 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer/wine at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1761 Crosby Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461 for on premises consumption.  
1761 FONDA MEXICO MAGICO LLC  
1761 Crosby Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10461

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. PAUL CHAMBERS; CLAUDIA HARRISON; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about October 31, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On January 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 4122 DIGNEY AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466  
Block: 05003 Lot: 0046

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Lot No. 25 of Block 15, Map of part of Section B of Edenwald, Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, made by Josiah A. Briggs, C.E. dated June, 1892, filed in Volume 10 Page 5 in Office of the Register of the County of Westchester on 07/01/1892.

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 \$314,121.38 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 35451/2014E  
Gerald P. Goldsmith, Esq.; REFEREE

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-8, Pltf. vs. MALGORZATA LUKASINSKA, et al, Defts. Index #10-380241. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 24, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 1123 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3758, Lot 47. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$692,180.51 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. EDMOND J. PRYOR, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 34243 - #89840

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Pltf. vs. BARBARA C. GRAVES, et al, Defts. Index #35110/2012E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 18, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 603 Walton Ave., Bronx, NY 10451 a/k/a Block 2353, Lot 47. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$396,264.91 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. GERALD S. LEONSCU, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDAN, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 56471. #89961

## 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 duly 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 January 09, 2017 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 formerly known as part of Lot 45. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380280/12.

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

WELLS FARGO BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-FRE1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES; Plaintiff(s)

vs. KEVIN KAGER; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about October 11, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On January 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 1801 ARNOW AVE, BRONX, NY 10469

Block: 4790 Lot: 33

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, designated as Lot No. 529 on a certain map entitled, "Map of 1370 Lots, property of Henry B. Hoyt, deceased, located on Gun Hill Road, Eastchester Road and Baychester Avenue and adjacent streets and avenues in the Borough of the Bronx, Bronx County Register's Office on April 17th, 1922 as Map No. 571 and 572.

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 \$575,411.97 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380728/08  
MOSHE S. NEISS, Esq., Referee

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff

AGAINST  
DIANE S. JUNGK, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 12, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY, on January 09, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1953 Paulding Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4268, Lot 14. Approximate amount of judgment \$520,176.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #380980/13.

Jeanette Westphal, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221



## SOUTHERN BOULEVARD BID'S CHILDREN'S COAT DRIVE

The Southern Boulevard Business Improvement District helped local children stay warm this winter season with its fifth annual Children's Coat Giveaway and Coat Drive on Saturday, December 10 at Ponce de Leon Bank on 980 Southern Boulevard. Volunteers who helped make this drive possible included Souther Boulevard BID executive director Marques Payne, Ponce de Leon Bank staff, 41st Precinct police officers, MAS Productions and residents.



Volunteers from different local organizations helped children keep warm this season with brand new winter coats.

Photo courtesy of Southern Boulevard BID

## VACCA ATTENDS GAI SERVICE AWARD LUNCHEON

Councilman James Vacca attended the Hellenic Community of Zoodohos Peghe and the Greek American Institute's Service Awards Luncheon on Sunday, December 4. Vacca joined Rev. Sylvester Berberis in honoring Stamatis Ghikas, Hellenic American Chamber executive director and Anne Prokop, Greek American Institute principal, for their years of service.



Councilman Vacca (2nd from l) and Rev. Berberis (r) thanked Stamatis Ghikas and Anne Prokop for their service.

Photo courtesy of Councilman James Vacca's Office

## 50/50 WINNER DONATES TO TN VETS PARADE

Shamrock Inn co-owner Rosetta Lawless was named the winner of the Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253's Veterans' Day 50/50 Raffle. As a sign of gratitude, Lawless donated the \$300 back to fund the annual Bronx Veterans' Day Parade in Throggs Neck.



Shamrock Inn co-owner Rosetta Lawless accepted the check from Tony Ferrara, post member and American Legion adjutant.

Photo courtesy of Judy Lanci



## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
WM Specialty Mortgage LLC; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. MIGUEL ARIAS; 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 June 24, 2010, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse.

On January 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 235 Sunset Boulevard, 9-235E, Bronx, NY 10473  
Block: 3432 Lot: 1130

THE Condominium Unit (the "Unit") known as Home No. 9-235-E in the premises known as Shorehaven Condominium, said unit being designated and described as Home No. 9-235-E in the Declaration establishing a plan for condominium ownership of said premises under Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (the "New York Condominium Act") dated 9-11-89 and recorded in the Bronx County Office of the Register of the City of New York (the "Register's Office") on 10-11-89 in Reel 946 page 695 and also designated as Tax Lot 1130 in Block 3432 of Section 14 of the Borough of the Bronx, on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment by Theodore Liebman Architect, on 9-1-89 and filed with real property assessment department of the City of New York on 10-11-89 as Condominium Plan No. 33, Map No. 34. TOGETHER with an undivided 0.4388% interest in the Common Elements.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$208,130.36 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380614/07  
FLORA EDWARDS, Esq., Referee

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
Index No: 380883/12  
YARON ZIEGEL, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 9/18/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on 1/9/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 3909 Dyre Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4968 and Lot 20.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$306,484.86

plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380883/12.

Linda G. March Esq., Referee.  
STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 167 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768  
Dated: 10/28/2016 File Number: 201202749 PB  
Defendant(s)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,  
A g a i n s t  
Index No.: 380973/2013  
MARY CAMPBELL, VINTON CAMPBELL, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 4/7/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/9/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 714 East 217th Street, Bronx, NY 10467, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4664 and Lot 61.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$404,443.59 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380973/2013.

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.

Bernard M. Alter, Esq., Referee.  
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 11/3/2016  
GNS

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ANGIE J. CAMPANA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 11, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 09, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1061 Grant 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 2451 and Lot 33. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380013/14.

Lorraine Coyle, Esq., Referee  
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

US Bank National Association, as Trustee for CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4, Plaintiff

AGAINST  
Antonio Recio; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; Sun Lee; Moon Lee; Jessica Recio; Brenda Ramos; Luis Ramos; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 9, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on January 9, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 590 East 178th Street, Bronx, NY 10457. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3068 Lot 144. Approximate amount of judgment \$589,935.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381280/11.

Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.

Gerald Leonescu, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
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Dated: November 10, 2016 #90012

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-WFHE4, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WFHE4, Plaintiff,

v.  
SHAWN FRENCH A/K/A SHAWN FFRENCH, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE  
IN FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT  
In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated December 16, 2014 and entered in the office of the County Clerk of Bronx County, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on January 9, 2017 at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

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The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 380859-12, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants,

restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

Patrick J. Wynne, Esq., Referee  
Stephen J. Lapp, Esq.  
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP  
Judgment Amount: \$515,762.11  
Plaintiff's Attorney  
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.  
Rochester, New York 14614  
Tel: 585.987.2800

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

SDF63 CAP NY 2 LLC, Plaintiff - against- TINY FIESTA REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 18, 2016 and entered on November 23, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm

PARCEL I: situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Grand Concourse, distant 100 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Grand Concourse and the northerly side of East 159th Street; being a plot 60.10 feet by 69.73 feet by 188.55 feet by 22.89 feet by 49.28 feet by 6 feet by 40.71 feet by 18.31 feet by 2.41 feet by 219.62 feet.

PARCEL II: situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Sheridan Avenue, n/k/a Concourse Village West, distant 103.44 feet northerly of East 159th Street; being a plot 83.69 feet by 40.71 feet by 88.67 feet by 41.75 feet. Block: 2459 Lot: 34.

Said premises known as 888 GRAND CONCOURSE a/k/a 170/180 EAST 161ST STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$11,490,821.17 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 35480/2013E.  
JOSEPH THEODORE JEDNAK, ESQ., Referee

KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON  
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FANTASTA DIANE DOCTOR

CASE NO: 2016-8510-1356

NOTICE OF HEARING  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO:  
EDWARD M. BROWN, ESQUIRE,  
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER  
POST OFFICE BOX 20261  
CHARLESTON, SC 29413

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DATES OF HEARING: FEBRUARY, 13, 2007

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DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER:  
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IN THE PROBATE COURT

SUMMONS

CASE NO. 2016-ES-10-1356  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

DIANE DOCTOR,  
Petitioner,  
vs.

PHILLIP LEARY, GEORGE DOCTOR,  
ANASTASIA DOCTOR and JACOB DOCTOR,

Respondent(s).  
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Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner

Dated: June 30, 2016  
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haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Legal Notice NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT HEARING METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART ADMISSIONS CLAIM

This Notice is to inform all persons who purchased either admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art (the "Museum") or a membership in the Museum on or after March 5, 2007 of a proposed Settlement of a class action brought against the Museum on your behalf in the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

The lawsuit alleges that the Museum's disclosures of its current admission fee policy violate consumer protection laws by not adequately disclosing to visitors that they may enter the Museum upon payment of an amount of their choice ("pay what you wish"). The Museum denies those allegations.

The parties have agreed to a proposed settlement under which the Museum, without any concession, finding of wrongdoing, or agreement regarding the adequacy or inadequacy of the current disclosures, will revise its signs, website, and other disclosures of its "pay what you wish" admission fee policy. No money will be paid to class members, and no adjudication of any claims for money damages they may have will occur.

The Court will hold a hearing on approval of the Settlement at 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2017, in Courtroom 228, 60 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007. Any class member may present objections he or she has to the Settlement.

You may learn more about the Settlement and procedures for objecting to it at [www.metfees.com](http://www.metfees.com), or by calling Class Counsel at (212) 763-5068. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT.

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DATED: December, 2016

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Public Sale

On Monday January 9th 2017 at 10 am or thereafter. Secure Self Storage located at 4268 Third Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457, will hold a lien sale online with [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com) Register and bid for free. The contents of the storage units are listed below will be sold to the highest bidder. Contents are household goods, furniture, etc... for more information please call 718-294-1111.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF BRONX Index  
35424/2015E. Filed 11/16/2016.  
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS

TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER  
PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff,

v.  
THE ESTATE OF JAY STEVENS  
A/K/A JAY A. STEVENS A/K/A JAY  
ALFONSO STEVENS; WILMA D.  
STEVENS A/K/A WILMA D. SUMPTER;  
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OF JAY STEVENS A/K/A JAY A.  
STEVENS A/K/A JAY ALFONSO  
STEVENS; UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE  
SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND  
FINANCE; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF  
HARBOR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN  
CONDOMINIUM III; JOHN DOE  
(Unknown Tenants/Occupants of the  
subject property being set forth to  
represent any and all occupants of the  
subject property being foreclosed  
herein, and any parties, entities of any  
kind, if any, having or claiming an  
interest or lien upon the mortgaged  
property), Defendants.  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND  
NOTICE.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED  
DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to  
answer the Amended Complaint in the  
above captioned action and to serve a  
copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's  
attorney within twenty (20) days after  
the service of this Supplemental  
Summons, exclusive of the day of  
service, or within thirty (30) days after  
completion of service where service is  
made in any other manner than by  
personal delivery within the State. The  
United States of America, if designated  
as a Defendant in this action may  
answer to appear within sixty (60) days  
of service hereof. In case of your failure  
to appear or answer, judgment will be  
taken against you by default for the  
relief demanded in the Amended  
Complaint.

NOTICE  
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If you do not respond to this  
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proceeding against you and filing the  
answer with the court, a default  
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lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the  
court where your case is pending for  
further information on how to answer the  
Supplemental Summons and protect  
your property.

Sending payment to your mortgage  
company will not stop this foreclosure  
action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY  
SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER  
ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE  
PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY)  
AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE  
COURT.

To the above named defendants:  
The foregoing Supplemental Summons  
is served upon you by publication  
pursuant to an order of the Hon. Larry S.  
Schachner, a Justice of the Supreme  
Court of the State of N.Y., dated  
November 2, 2016 and filed along with  
the supporting papers in the Bronx  
County Clerk's Office. This is an action  
to foreclose a mortgage on the property  
located at 80 Heron Lane, Unit 381,  
Bronx, NY 10473 also known as Block:  
3432 Lot: 1857. Bronx County is  
designated as the place of trial based  
upon the location of the property being  
foreclosed. Attorneys for Plaintiff: Stern  
& Eisenberg, PC, 485 B Route 1 South,  
Suite 330, Iselin, NJ 08830, T:  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE  
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

File #: 158149

Docket #:

V-19588-16

V-19587-16

In the Matter of a Custody/Visitation  
proceeding

Lalita Rambarran,

Petitioner,

- against -

Narine Ramraj,

Respondent.

regarding Samantha Ramraj dob  
4/3/2002  
and Matthew Ramraj dob 1/2/2004

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF  
THE STATE OF NEW YORK

To: Narine Ramraj

(Address Unknown)

A petition under Article 6 of the  
Family Court Act having been filed with  
this Court, and annexed hereto

You ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to  
appear before this court on

Date/Time: January 23, 2017 at 2  
pm

Purpose: Return of Process

Part: 3

Floor/Room: Floor 3/Room Part 3

Presiding: Hon. Lisa S. Headley

Location: 900 Sheridan Avenue  
Bronx, NY 10451

to answer the petition and to be dealt  
with in accordance with the Family Court  
Act.

On your failure to appear as herein  
directed, a warrant may be issued for  
your arrest.

Dated: November 16, 2016

Stephen G Bymes, Clerk of Court

NOTICE: Family Court §154(c)  
provides that petitions brought pursuant  
to Article 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 of the Family  
Court Act, in which an order of  
protection is sought or in which a  
violation of an order or protection is  
alleged, may be served outside the  
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who is not a resident or domiciliary of  
the State of New York. If no other  
grounds for obtaining personal  
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aside from the application of this  
provision, the exercise of personal  
jurisdiction over the respondent is  
limited to the issue of the request for, or  
alleged violation of, the order of  
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been served with this summons and  
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Court may proceed to a hearing with  
respect to issuance or enforcement of  
the order of protection.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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You are invited to submit comments in  
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Reserve Bank of New York, Attention:  
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Street, New York, New York 10045 or via  
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The comment period will not end before  
Thursday, January 5, 2017. The Board's  
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"I told them, they're too young to feel pressure at this point. Just have fun. I'll take the pressure and have the heart attack on the sideline."

JOE LODS .....89

## RAMS COME UP SHORT IN RIVALRY REMATCH



Fordham's Javontae Hawkins tries to go up for a basket as the Rams fell to St. John's at Caransecca Arena on Dec. 9.

Photo by Robert Cole

BY LAURA AMATO

Jeff Neubauer was actually feeling pretty good at half-time.

And then the second half happened and the Fordham men's basketball coach watched his squad fall into mistakes and miscues, dropping a lopsided 90-62 showing to St. John's on Dec. 8 in Queens.

"What they did in the first half was expected. They made some shots, they're very good shooters and they had a good plan attacking our defense," Neubauer said. "Their value for the ball was pretty darn good. When they continued to do that in the second half, that's when we've been able to turn that one over."

The Red Storm rolled from

the get-go, sparked by the dominant performance of freshman guard Shamorie Ponds who notched a game-high 26 points and nine assists. Fordham, clawed back to make it a one-point game with just over three minutes left in the first half and the Rams felt fairly confident they could turn the tide.

St. John's, however, had other plans. Sophomore guard Federico Mussini notched a three-point play just before the buzzer, giving the Red Storm a nine-point cushion at the break.

The Rams still managed to find the positives in the opening 20 minutes – confident after shooting 41.4 percent from the floor and 40 percent from behind the arc.

That confidence took a definitive hit in the second half as St. John's opened up the period on a 15-to-4 point run, leaving Fordham searching for answers.

"We expected them to play great and I really thought, even at halftime, we were down nine and we were in a good spot," Neubauer said. "Give St. John's credit, they continued to play at a high level."

The Red Storm continued to pull away down the stretch – going 18-for-27 in the second half and, by the final whistle, shooting a blistering 58.2 percent from the floor.

Of course, Fordham's defensive gameplan regularly gives teams a chance to shoot that well – focused instead on quick-play and forcing turn-

overs – but the Rams defense struggled to keep up with St. John's as the game went on.

In fact, Fordham forced just 16 turnovers in the rivalry matchup, a low number for the squad this season.

"We give up a high percentage every night and that's part of our defensive philosophy," Neubauer said. "However, we usually come away with a lot more steals."

Chris Sengfelder led Fordham on the box score with a team-high 20 points, while Nemanja Zarkovic and Javontae Hawkins combined for 25 points. Still, Neubauer was disappointed with his team's collective play in the backcourt, struggling to hit its offensive stride.

"Our guards, in general,

did not play very well and a lot of the credit probably goes to Shamorie Ponds," Neubauer said. "We saw him play in AAU, thought he was terrific and he's much better than that."

The Rams cruised to a victory over St. John's at Rose Hill Gymnasium last year and while Neubauer was certain that memory was in the collective mind of the Red Storm, he refused to use it as an excuse. There was a bit of emotion in this one, but there's emotion in every game and, now, it's simply about how Fordham recovers.

"That's going to be the story of our season is our improvement," Neubauer said. "We've got guys who are getting better."



# 2016 Bronx All-Area Boys Soccer All-Stars

BY LAURA AMATO

It was a fantastic year for boys soccer in the Bronx.

Fordham Prep led the charge, posting a perfect record in city play, clinching yet another Archdiocese championship and avenging last year's city title loss with a penalty-kick victory over Regis. The Rams weren't the only CHSAA squad to bring home titles. Both Cardinal Spellman and Cardinal Hayes brought home hardware this fall, clinching, respectively, the 'A' and 'B' intersectional championships.

On the public school side of things, top-seeded Truman grabbed a city title with a 3-2 victory over Laguardia in the 'B' final. Bronx Science also impressed in the 'A' division, making it to the quarterfinals before falling to eventual champ MLK.

Of course, the championships wouldn't happen without the players. Here are the best of the best from the Bronx this fall:

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
MICHEAL KENNEDY,  
FORDHAM PREP**

**COACH OF THE YEAR  
PETER MCNAMARA,  
FORDHAM PREP**

McNamara and the Rams have built a bit of a dynasty at Fordham Prep over the last few years, but this season was something particularly special. The Rams cruised to a perfect 15-0 record in the regular season, scoring five or more goals in six different games. The focus, of course, was a city championship, but McNamara and his group were about more than just a title. This group played together with ease, finding a rhythm from the very first whistle this season and while it ended earlier than they hoped – in OT of the state semifinals – what the Rams accomplished this season can't be overstated.

**JORGE GONZALEZ,  
FORDHAM PREP**

He's got soccer in his genes – his father is Real Madrid great Raúl – but Gonzalez proved his own worth this season. The sophomore forward racked up 17 goals, regularly beating opposing defenses with his speed and on-field know-how. He was almost always in the right place at the right time.

**NICHOLAS KARKUT,  
BRONX SCIENCE**

The senior was an offensive force in his final season on the high-school pitch, leading Bronx 'A' with 36 points in 13 regular season games. He was just as efficient in the playoffs, adding another four goals and two assists in a pair of postseason tilts.

**ABOUBACAR KONATE,  
JOHN F. KENNEDY**

It wasn't a dominant season for



Fordham Prep sophomore Jorge Gonzalez was an offensive force to be reckoned with this season and one of the best soccer players in the Bronx.  
Photo by Robert Cole

JKF, but Konate didn't get the memo. The senior scored 11 goals and added six assists this year, good enough for second place in Bronx A scoring.

**DREW DWORKIN,  
RIVERDALE**

The center-mid sparked the Falcons' offensive efforts as the squad notched a regular season Ivy League title. Dworkin played across the field, seemingly everywhere at once, but he was most affective on the attack, scoring 15 goals to go along with 11 assists.

**MARCOS LEON,  
CARDINAL SPELLMAN**

The senior midfielder scored a key goal in the Pilots 2-1 victory over St. Joseph by the Sea in the CHSAA 'A' city final. The three-time all-league honoree also earned a spot on the Mayor's Cup roster this fall.

**LUKE MCNAMARA,  
FORDHAM PREP**

A coach's son who grew up around the game, McNamara was excellent when it came to putting the ball right where it had to be. The senior midfielder notched 14 goals and also helped set up his teammates on the rush with eight assists, regularly turning the field and getting the Rams out in space.

**ETHAN YANG,  
BRONX SCIENCE**

The Wolverines offense took a good chunk of the spotlight this season –

regularly notching lopsided victories during the year – but the defense was just as strong and Yang was the backbone of that line. The senior was an immovable force in front of the net, earning a spot in the Mayor's Cup for his performance.

**SHANE QUEENAN,  
FORDHAM PREP**

The Rams defense frequently got overshadowed by its high-powered offense, but Fordham Prep's back line was just as strong as its front and Queenan was a big part of that. He was part of a squad that notched 13 shut-outs, including a nine-game stretch during the regular season.

**ATEF FAYED,  
BRONX SCIENCE**

The two-year starter and captain was the undisputed leader of this year's Wolverines squad. He gave up just three goals during the regular season, racking up a whopping 52 saves as Bronx Science captured its third Bronx A division title in three years. He added eight more saves during the postseason.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

GK: Angel Tafoya, Cardinal Spellman  
D: James Rendon, Cardinal Hayes  
F: Armando Bravo, Truman  
F: Samuel Ruben, Bronx Science  
F: Ardit Belegu, Columbus  
M: Andre Wallfall, Clinton  
M: Anthony Meja, James Monroe

## Warriors Winter Recreation Program

Director of Operations, Joe Desimone and chief Jerry Demers welcome all boys and girls ages 6 to 13 to attend the Warriors Football League's Winter Recreation Program at Lehman High School.

Participants may register on-site starting on Tuesday, January 10 for ages 10 to 13.

Boys and girls may register on-site starting Thursday, January 12 for those 6 to 9 years of age.

The program will run for eight weeks.

Activities include basketball, touch football, dodgeball, kickball, wiffleball and skill contests.

Participants are divided into teams and participate in all sports regardless of their skill level.

T-shirts and awards are available for all players.

The program is held at the Lehman High School gym from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Bring a friend, get some exercise, and take a night off from video games.

The cost is \$35 for all eight sessions.

For further information call Jerry at (718) 829-7574,



# Flying high: Hayes hoops hangs on for win at Loughlin

BY LAURA AMATO

Jontai Williams had some fun.

The Cardinal Hayes junior guard set his feet just outside the arc, called for the ball and let it fly, almost, as soon as it hit his fingertips.

It went in – and he couldn't wipe the smile off his face.

Williams scored the go-ahead three-pointer with eight seconds left as Cardinal Hayes held on for an 87-84 victory over Bishop Loughlin on Dec. 9.

"My teammates grabbed the ball and it was a great steal and they just looked up to me and found me," Williams said. "I knocked down the shot." It was a game of swinging momentum as Hayes jumped out to a double-digit cushion early in the first half, slowing down the Lions' strong backcourt and bringing the defensive pressure from every angle.

The Cardinals thought they had the game all but locked up heading into the fourth quarter, nursing a 20 point lead, but Loughlin refused to go down without a fight. The Lions staged an improbable comeback in the final eight minutes of play, clawing back to make it a six-point game with just under six minutes left.

Hayes (4-0) tried to keep its collective cool on the court, but that proved difficult as foul trouble took its toll on the Cardinals' roster.

"It was crazy because we lost four guys. Four starters fouled out," Hayes



Cardinal Hayes' Jontai Williams hit the go-ahead three pointer with just eight seconds left on the clock to lift his team to a win over Bishop Loughlin on Dec. 9.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

coach Joe Lods said. "I told them, they're too young to feel pressure at this point. Just have fun. I'll take the pressure and have the heart attack on the sideline."

Hayes did its best to answer each one of the Lions' offensive runs – sparked

by power forward Terry Dawkins. The junior notched three different bucks to snap Loughlin streaks and helped keep his team in the game down the stretch.

"I thought that every time they got a rum, I had to score to try and stop their

momentum," said Dawkins, who finished with 16 points. "We didn't want them to get on a big run and I really felt like I had to take a quick shot."

Loughlin took a 79-78 lead with 59 seconds left on the clock – on an Adrien Nuñez jumper – but Hayes answered right back, with the least-likely hero. Jeffrey Ramirez came off the bench to sink two key free throws.

"He's our twelfth guy," Lods said. "To come in and make those free throws, that's why I got to church on Sunday. That's when the Lord repays me for my faith."

Tyrese Gaffney put the Lions back up with a three-point play just seconds later, but the Hayes defense stood tall when it had to, forcing a pair of quick turnovers for two shots, including Williams' trey.

Loughlin had a chance to tie it up after Keith Williams was fouled behind the arc, but the senior went 2-for-3 from the line. Williams, who finished with 26 points, sealed the win with his own pair of free throws with just one second left.

It wasn't always easy – and it wasn't always pretty, but after Hayes had gathered its collective breath and lowered its collective heart rate, the Cardinals had to admit, it was pretty fun.

"Coach always said to play with a lot of energy and we did that from the first quarter to the fourth quarter," Williams said. "It was great."

## Velocity Track Club New York highlights

Velocity Track Club New York is Truly Blessed! Thanks to the generous donations and some fundraising, we were able to purchase sweat suits for the entire team, without any cost to our parents. This is something I prayed for and it was a awesome feeling to see our children wearing their Royal Blue Velocity sweat suits at the CT Hawks Youth Developmental Meet. The last time we purchase sweat suits were in 2013 and the parents had to purchase their child's suits. So this is extra special to the parents, they can use their funds to pay for the meets and other things associated with track & field. We (Velocity TC) says thank you!

Wearing the new sweat suits must have brought additional pride to our children, because they performed extremely well on Sunday, December 11th at the CT Hawks Youth Developmental in New Haven CT. This was an excellent meet with most of the top teams from Conn. The meet was held at the Lovely Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven Conn. Plus they only charged \$10 per athlete to compete in 3 events. That is truly a blessing, since some meets cost \$8.00 for one event. The following events contested were:

1500M Race Walk, 55 meter hurdles for all ages, 1500 meters race, 400 meters, 55 meters dash, 800 meters, 200 meters and 3000 meters. Plus the Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Pole Vault. The following VTC athletes finished in the top 3: In our boy's 5 & 6 years old division: Our Grandson, Justyce Moore took 2nd in the 55 meter hurdles. In the 55 meters dash, Justice Wellington took 1st in the 400 meters, 2nd in the 200 meters and 3rd in the 200 meters dash. In the 7 & 8 girls and boys division: Kassir Gayle took 1st in the shot put and 2nd in the 55 meter dash. Pierce parker took 1st in the 800 meters and 3rd in the 400 meter race. Dillon Hampton took 2nd in the 800 and 400 meters dash. In the 9 & 10 years old division: Dakota Hickman took 2nd in the High Jump, Tiarra Jackson took 1st in the 1500 meters Race Walk and Adonijah Washington took 2nd. Aysya Brown took 3rd in the 1500 meter race and Matthias Anderson took 2nd in the Shot Put. In the 11 & 12 years old division: Hannah Gadpalle showed off and showed out! She won the 55 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters race, plus she broke the meet record in all 3 events! Not to be denied his 3 in a row 1st place finish was Dontae Lindo,



Picture: VTC Athletes at the CT Hawks Meet wearing their Royal Blue Velocity sweat suits

meet record in the 1500 meters race. Jordon Ingram ran his personal best in the 3,000 meters for a 2nd place finish and 3rd in the 1500 meter race. Julian Caldwell took 3rd in a hard 800 meters race and Kabir Gaybarik took 3rd in the 400 meter race. All athletes performed, especially our 7 & 8 girls Shyenne Blake and Miniya Fraser performing Long Jump for the 1st time. Great Job!!

December 16th, 17th & 18th. Plus our Boys will compete in the Armory Youth Meet on Sunday, December 18th.

Velocity Track Club New York is a 501C3 Non for profit. 100% of your donation will go to help our children. For additional information, you can go to our web site [velocitytrack.org](http://velocitytrack.org) or contact me, Coach Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or via email at [watclt@aol.com](mailto:watclt@aol.com).



# Focused on final: Fordham Prep goalie's laser focus leads to success

BY LAURA AMATO

Micheal Kennedy had a plan.

As soon as the whistle sounded on last year's CHSAA city championship, the Fordham Prep standout had just one thought – he wasn't going to lose in that game again.

So he didn't.

Kennedy started preparing for another run at a city championship as soon as he walked off that field, zeroed in on a championship and settling in as the leader of the Rams. His plan worked. The senior goalkeeper was a force to be reckoned with this season and when it mattered most he made the saves, lifting Fordham Prep to an undefeated regular season and, most importantly, a city championship.

It's a performance that also earned Kennedy Bronx Times Player of the Year honors this season.

"When we lost [the 2015 city championship] game, it was tough, but I decided then and there we had to win the next one," Kennedy said. "We went into the preseason, worked hard and we didn't look back from there."

Kennedy led the Rams to a 15-0 regular-season record, racking up 13 shutouts. But it was his performance in the city championship that defined his final high school season. Kennedy notched a handful of saves during regulation and two overtimes – his second straight OT performance – before hauling in a pair of saves in penalty kicks, lifting Fordham Prep to a 9-7 PK victory over Regis.

"I love those situations," Kennedy said. "That's why I play soccer. You have those situations and you've got

to step up. I was definitely really confident at the time.

I just knew I was going to step up and our guys were going to kick good penalties. All I had to do was make a few saves."

It was a performance that was, literally, years in the making.

Kennedy grew up around athletics – playing any sport he could suit up for, including Irish football, but he only started focusing specifically on soccer two seasons ago.

Once again, that focus was for one very specific reason. He wanted to win a city championship.

"It was just the chance to really become successful and help the team become successful," Kennedy said. "I wanted to have an impact and help set up my future."

Kennedy couldn't have asked for a better team than the group of guys he competed with this season. The Rams were a cohesive unit every time they stepped onto the field, sparked by Kennedy's shutdown performance in net and the senior keeper can't remember ever having more fun playing the game he loves.

"It was really just an overall sense of buying into the team," he said. "We went out there and we knew, no matter who the opponent was, we weren't going to lose. It was just a decision and a determination to win."

It didn't end perfectly – a 1-0 OT loss to eventual state champion Chaminade in the semifinals – but, a few weeks removed from that game, Kennedy can't bring himself to be too disappointed.

He did what he set out to do. He



Fordham Prep senior Micheal Kennedy hauled in a pair of saves during penalty kicks to help lift the Rams to a dramatic city championship win over Regis this season.

Photo by Robert Cole



Fordham Prep goalie Micheal Kennedy was the Rams' unquestioned leader in net, leading the squad to a CHSAA city championship this fall

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won a city championship and, now, as he turns his attention to the end of high school, he's got a brand-new goal to focus on.

And if there's anything Kennedy is certain of, it's that focus can make

just about anything happen.

"It's just trying to find a good college soccer fit for me," Kennedy said. "I've got a dream of being a college soccer player too and now that's the focus. It's non-stop."



# 3 nabbed in bus assault; pols call for Bx8 'special' arrangement

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driver who allegedly did nothing while the attacks continued.

The notice of claim gives the MTA at least a month to review the situation before a lawsuit is filed.

According to Seskin, the bus driver did not stop the bus to let the victims off.

However, he said, the driver did stop between bus stops to let the alleged attackers off the bus.

At one point the alleged attackers tried to drag one of the girls off the bus and then stole her backpack containing a laptop, according to sources.

Seskin said at this point there is no way to change what happened to the girls.

"We can't undo what's been done," said Seskin. "The civil legal system provides us a monetary remedy."

Following the alleged attacks, elected officials - including Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, assemblymembers Mark Gjonaj and Michael Bendetto, Senator Jeff Klein and Councilman James Vacca - are sending a let-

ter to the MTA asking for safer conditions for students on the bus route.

The letter points to an arrangement other schools have in which students are transported home by a dedicated bus which permits drop offs only.

The group is calling for a similar procedure.

The officials identified the Bx12 and Bx8 bus routes as the main routes St. Catharine Academy students use following dismissal.

The officials are asking that the special bus make all stops, foregoing Westchester Square.

Elected officials plan to package the letter with two other letters calling for changes in response to the attacks.

(Right) According to police, on Tuesday, November 22, four white female St. Catharine Academy students were on board a Bx8 bus near Middletown Road and Westchester Avenue where they were allegedly attacked by three black teenage girls.

Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie



## Five candidates announce for 13th Council seat

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ten years where I worked very closely with the local merchants and residents to better address their needs."

Marano currently serves as CB 10's first vice chairman and was the board's chairman for four years.

As councilman, Marano would insist on a narcotics module for the 45th and 49th precincts to stop illegal drug activity, bring more alternative energy resources and programs to owners of both private and multiple dwellings and address the lack of parking



JOHN MARANO

employed in the social services field and currently serves as a Phipps Neighborhoods director.

"Out of all the candidates, I'm the lesser known, but I am the one furthest away from the political machine who can bring fresh ideas to our communities and the city," said Gomez.

If elected, Gomez would support tax breaks to small business owners and homeowners, bring more social services to the district and the city and create programs for people to become better educated on environmental issues.

City Island resident John Doyle, has listed seven policy platforms including ethics in government, transportation, education and the environment.

His resume includes serving on 45th Precinct Community Council, City Island Civic Association, Councilman Ritchie Torres' treasurer and Senator Jeff Klein's community affairs director.

If elected, Doyle would work to ren-



MARK GJONAJ

ovate the Pelham Bay IRT train station and improve traffic in the surrounding area, institute participatory budgeting allowing residents a direct say in how their tax dollars are spent in their community and hold annual town hall meeting in every community for residents to express their con-



MARJORIE VELAZQUEZ-LYNCH



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cerns directly to their local representative.

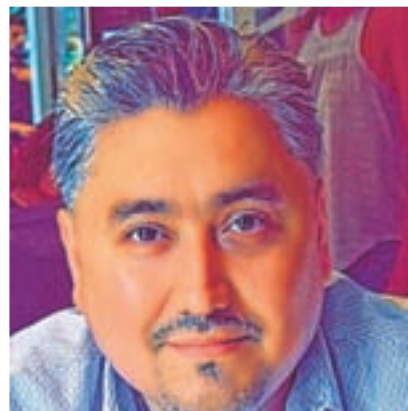
Vacca has endorsed CB 10 member and 82nd Assembly Female District Leader Marjorie Velazquez-Lynch in the race to succeed him.

"Marjorie will be a forward-looking, effective advocate for our children and seniors in the City Council," Vacca said.

The Throggs Neck resident will focus on improving education at local schools, protecting healthcare access and expanding public transportation in the 'transit desert' community.

Council District 13 encompasses Pelham Bay, Throggs Neck, Waterbury-LaSalle, Country Club, Spencer Estate, Westchester Square, Edgewater Park, Silver Beach, Locust Point, Pelham Gardens, City Island, Allerton, Pelham Parkway North and South and Morris Park.

Next year's City Council primary, as well as races for citywide office, are set for Tuesday, September 12.



ALEX GOMEZ

while working closely with property owners throughout the district's commercial strips to continue attracting businesses needed in the communities.

Colombian born Alex Gomez was raised in the Mount Hope section of the Bronx before moving to Throggs Neck a decade ago.

For the last 18 years, he has been



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