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Baychester Square traffic concerns voiced

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community leaders and business owners hold a variety of different opinions about a proposed shopping center.

Preliminary plans for Baychester Square, slated for East Gun Hill Road along I-95 and across from Home Depot, Bay Plaza and The Mall at Bay Plaza, call for an outdoor mall with the equivalent of five blocks of shopping and a senior housing building with 170 units, according to one of the developers.

The project, which greatly exceeds the parcel's current zoning, will need to go through a Uniform Land Use Review

Procedure, which is expected to begin in 2017 and then go before Community Board 12 some time this year.

The operator of the Mall at Bay Plaza, Prestige Properties, opposes the development, stated company spokesman Hank Sheinkopf in an email.

The spokesman wrote that the proposed 400,000-plus square foot retail destination "would severely impact the community's already difficult local area traffic, increase air and noise pollution and threaten the businesses and jobs at The Mall at Bay Plaza and Bay Plaza."

The Mall at Bay Plaza is

supporting Speak Up for a Better Bronx, an effort focused on raising awareness and activism in opposition to the current scope of Baychester Square, stated Sheinkopf.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is selling the property to Gotham Properties Group and Grid Development Partners because of its potential for substantial retail development, said Drew Greenwald of Grid.

"This was identified as one of those assets where you could have significant commercial development that could bring

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Hutchison Commemoration

Senator Jeff Klein presented a proclamation in commemoration of The Anne Hutchinson Year 2016 at an East Bronx History Forum meeting on Wednesday, December 21. The meeting marked the ceremonial end of the AHY program and was a tribute to the late Bronx Times history columnist Bill Twomey. Senator Klein is standing with Eleanor Rae, who is dressed as Anne Hutchinson, a 17th century heroine.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Norovirus illness ongoing at 83 Annex

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene returned to the P.S. 83 Annex during the holiday break after a highly contagious stomach flu continued to sicken students and staff.

The school announced Friday, December 9, that students

had been sickened by the norovirus, more commonly known as the stomach flu, a common and highly contagious sickness.

As many as 200 students and staff members were sickened in the week leading up to the announcement and the building was disinfected, and then disinfected again over the following

weekend.

But the cleanings was apparently not enough, as the DHMH was scheduled to return to the school on Bogart Avenue for further cleaning while the school was closed for the holidays, according to the NYC Department

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Kingsbridge Armory rink still stalled in litigation

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Plans to build the largest indoor ice hockey facility in the country at the former Kingsbridge Armory remain on hold after a lawsuit filed against the city was thrown out by a judge last week.

On Tuesday, December 20, New York Supreme Court Judge Ruben Franco dismissed a lawsuit by Kingsbridge National Ice Center, a development company spearheaded by New York Rangers legend Mark Messier, alleging breach of contract against the NYC Economic Development Corporation for failing to turn over the lease to the property to the developers so they could acquire financing.

Without the lease, the group alleges, obtaining funding for the project has been severely hampered.

Franco noted in his decision that his verdict would likely be appealed, dragging the fight on even longer.

Councilman Fernando Cabrera, who represents the Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood, said in a statement he was cautiously optimistic about the project's future following the decision.

"I am hopeful that Judge Franco's recent decision will finally end the stalemate that has delayed the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory and allow the project to move forward," Cabrera stated in a release after the decision.

But other Bronx elected officials have grown frustrated with the delays, including Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., who has been a champion of the project from the beginning after plans for a shopping center at the location was scrapped under the Bloomberg administration.

"Both sides need to come together and make this project happen. The community has waited too long and worked too hard to accept anything less," said John DeSio, Diaz's communications director.

But EDC spokesman Anthony Hoglebe put the blame squarely on the developer for not living up to its end of the deal.

"We hope KNIC will now stop wasting time on lawsuits, and start securing the financing to get this project moving," he said.

KNIC LLC could not be reached for comment on the decision for this story.



Plans to build an ice hockey rink at the vacant Kingsbridge Armory are on hold as legal battle continues between the developer and the city. Courtesy of NYC EDC

Among those frustrated with the lack of progress and numerous delays is Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, who sided with the developer on the opinion that the EDC was to blame for delays.

"Why are we still talking about this? I suggest the EDC get off its butt and get this done," Dinowitz said.

The assemblyman said it would have a positive recre-

ational and economic impact on both the Kingsbridge community and the Bronx as a whole.

The armory once held various recreational events, but now, even though the city spent millions fixing the roof, Dinowitz said it now sits vacant.

"We want a return on that investment," he said.

The former Eighth Regiment Armory, located in Kingsbridge Heights at the corner of West

Kingsbridge Road and Jerome Avenue, was the largest military armory in the world.

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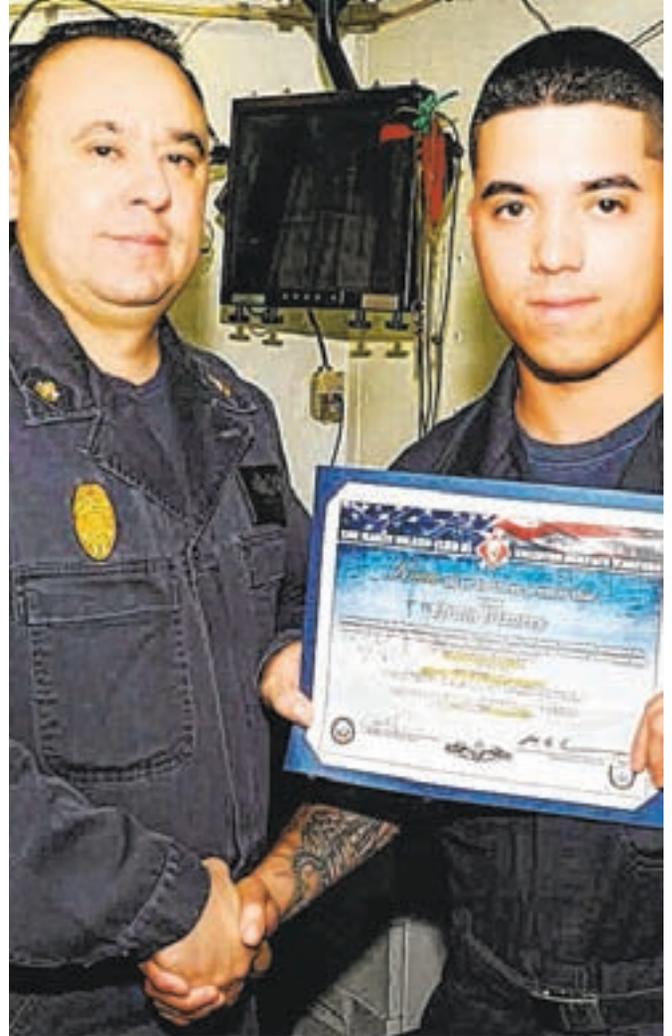
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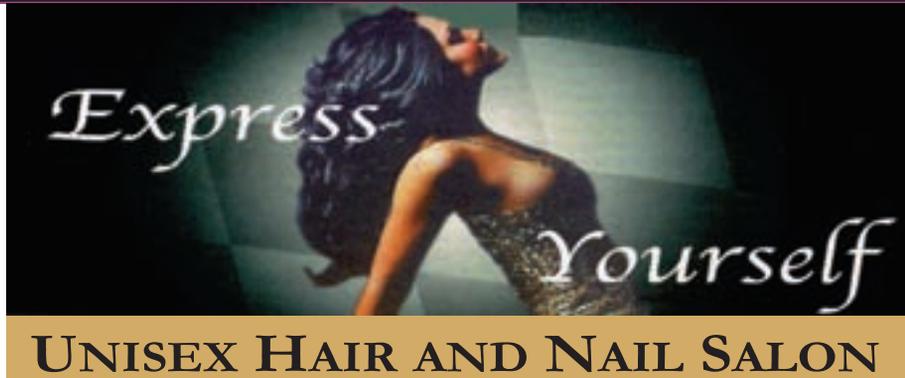
Seaman Efrain Irizarry (r) received his certification from Chief Petty Officer Sergio Perez. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Navy



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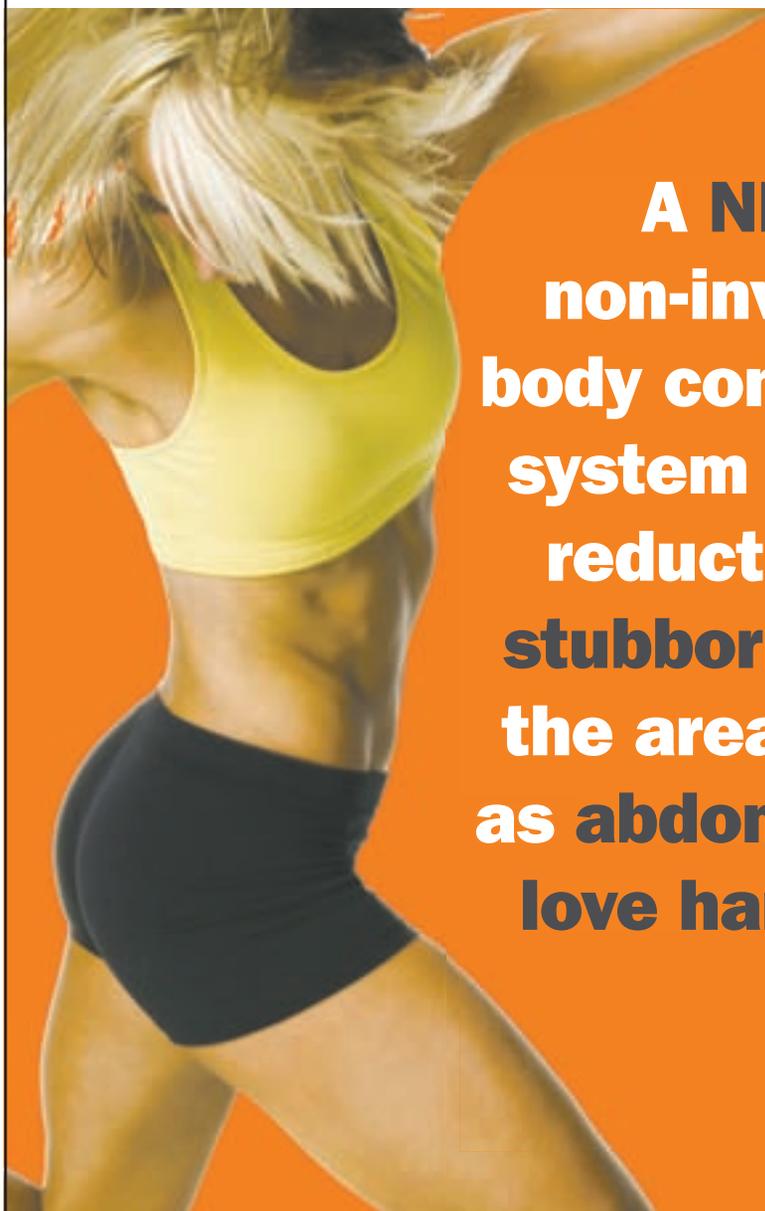
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TN, Whitestone toll lanes gone by fall 2017



Governor Cuomo announced on Wednesday, December 21, toll lanes will be removed in 2017 from all MTA bridges throughout the state. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

If you're tired of waiting in line to pay a bridge toll, your life may get a little easier by this time next year.

Governor Cuomo announced on Wednesday, December 21 that toll plaza lanes will be removed in 2017 from all Metropolitan Transit Authority bridges and tunnels.

The plan includes the toll plaza lanes for the Throgs Neck Bridge and the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge.

According to a release from the MTA, cash lanes at the aforementioned bridges will be removed by fall 2017.

The removals are apart of the governor's plan to implement Open Road Tolling.

"Open road tolling streamlines commutes, reduces inconvenience, and, along with bolstered security measures and new LED lighting and art, reimagines New York's crossings as part of our infrastructure overhaul to meet the needs of current and future generations of New Yorkers," Cuomo said. "This project is a transformative investment in our future that revolutionizes statewide transportation and helps us build a new New York."

Instead of toll booths drivers will now drive under structures called gantries.

These gantries will be fitted with state-of-the-art sensors and cameras which will take a photo of a vehicle's license plate.

If that driver has an E-ZPass tag, it will be charged the toll automatically. If not, a bill for the toll will be sent to the vehicle owner's residence within 30 days.

The MTA and state estimate the open road tolling model will save drivers 21 hours of drive time per year.

In addition, they expect it to reduce

emissions and decrease the fuel that is commonly burned by the 'stop and go' at a toll plaza.

"These improvements will enhance traffic flow, reduce congestion, and decrease commute times making it safer for New Yorkers to get where they need to go," said Thomas F. Prendergast, chairman of the MTA. "The accelerated schedule we are undertaking to modernize all of our facilities in 2017 underscores the Governor's commitment to investing in New York's transportation network to meet the needs of a growing city."

The state also plans to be much stricter with enforcement at MTA toll bridges in the coming year.

In 2017, they will add 150 state troopers to key checkpoints in an effort to stop chronic toll evaders and bolster public safety.

In addition, if a driver does not pay the toll, penalties will include a \$50 violation fee, car registration suspension and a late fee if the first toll bill goes unpaid.

The late fee could increase to as much as \$100.

Commercial vehicle registrations will be suspended if unpaid tolls climb above \$200.

If a driver with a suspended registration attempts to drive through a toll gantry a state trooper standing at that location will immediately pursue the driver.

In addition to the Throgs Neck and Bronx-Whitestone bridges, toll lanes will be removed from the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (January 2017), the Queen Midtown Tunnel (January 2017), Rockaway Bridges (spring 2017), the RFK Bridge (summer 2017) and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge (summer 2017).

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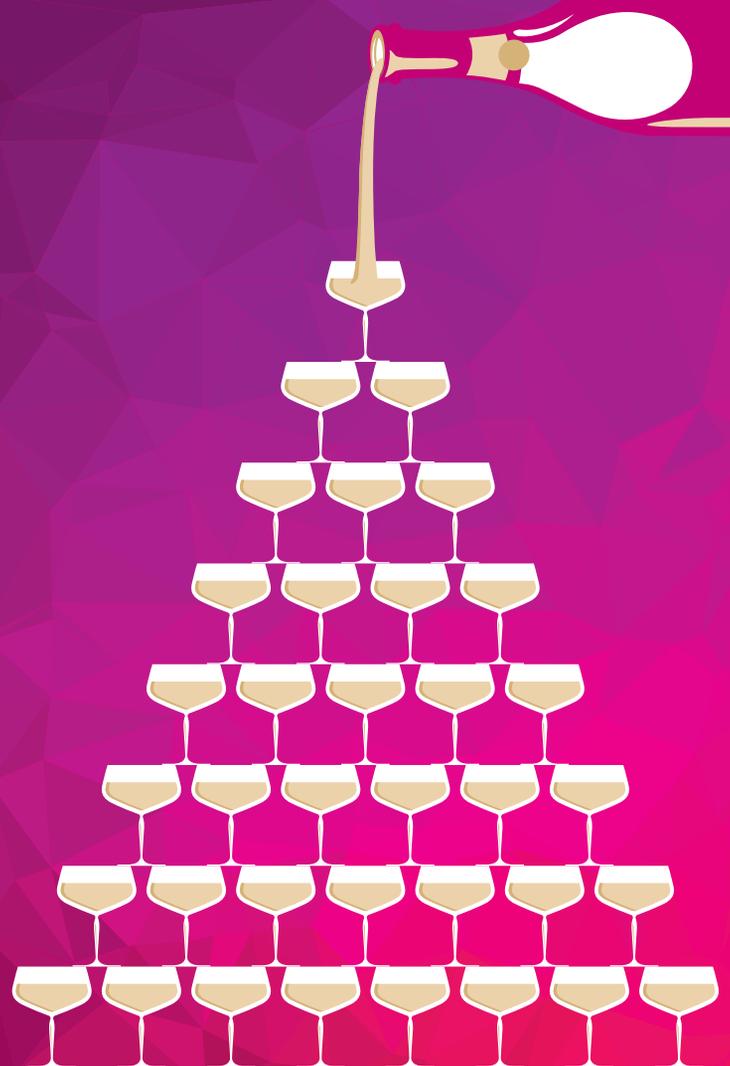
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Gifford Ave. home being repaired after collapse

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A frame structure that has been in dire straights for almost a half dozen years is finally getting the attention it needs.

The two-story, multi-family home located at 2717 Gifford Avenue, which was damaged by a massive fire in 2010 which resulted in a recent partial collapse, is currently in the process of being renovated.

The house, which has been vacant since the fire occurred back in November 2010, experienced the collapse on Wednesday, December 7.

The damage was inflicted on the western side of the house, which left gaping holes in its walls and roof, further compromising the property's integrity and potentially putting neighboring residents at risk.

Following the collapse, the FDNY requested an inspection of the property.

A permit was also issued for the property on Monday, December 12, which will result in structural repairs to the house's floors, ceilings and some of its walls, which



Construction workers from JRS Construction & Expediting Services, Inc. repair the west side of the house.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

were destroyed in the fire. Other walls, along with doors, windows, stairs and plumbing fixtures, will be replaced, ac-

ording to the NYC Building Information System.

The house is currently being repaired by Queens-based JRS Construction & Expediting Services, Inc. On-site construction workers did not wish to comment, but did say that the repairs would be completed within the next month or so.

The estimated total cost of these repairs will run just over \$70,000.

The 3,000-plus square foot building, which was built in 1910 and last sold for \$342,000 in July 2003, was recently purchased in early December by Matthew Ahdoot, according to the BIS.

"That home has been in disrepair for years," said Mary Jane Musano of the Waterbury Lasalle Community Association, who passes by the it often. "Sometimes it's boarded up - sometimes it's open - but it has certainly been abandoned for a while."

"It's definitely a giant eyesore for this block," said Kevin Heckman, a local resident who filed the home as a zombie property with the NYS

Department of Financial Services. "When you're passing through (Gifford Avenue), it's hard to miss it."

"The noise of the construction isn't the most pleasant, but hopefully the process of fixing up this home is moving forward," said another nearby resident, who wished to remain anonymous. "Now we (the residents) won't have to worry about the safety hazard."

The fire in 2010 claimed the life of 60-year old Johanna Parliament, who was trapped in her basement apartment during the morning blaze. The inferno also injured two firefighters and three civilians.

The house, which was in the process of foreclosure at the time, was left open for a few weeks following the fire. Its windows and doors were eventually boarded up by financial service company GMAC ResCap, the mortgage holder, to prevent unlawful intruders.

As of press time, JRS Construction & Expediting Services, Inc. did not return a request for comment.

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415 Concord Avenue will no longer house Zero International - a company specializing in making fireproof, soundproof and smokeproof doors - following a relocation of the company to Indiana. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

Bronx firm moves to Indiana, jobs lost

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Fifty-eight employees could be without jobs heading into the new year following a relocation of the long-standing Bronx-based business Zero International.

Allegion, the new owner, is moving the business to Indiana after it was based in the Bronx for 89 years.

Zero International, created in 1927 by Hungarian immigrants, specialized in fireproof, soundproof and smokeproof doors.

Elias Wexler, the former Zero International owner, sold the company to Allegion on April 1, 2015 and is upset how events have unfolded.

"I am sorry that this happened and it should not have happened," said Wexler, a Romanian native who bought the company in the 1980s.

When Wexler sold the company to Allegion for \$20 million in 2015, he seemed hopeful about the company's prospects moving forward.

He even wrote a personal note on his LinkedIn account explaining the move.

"Allegion's acquisition of Zero, finalized on April 1, provides the resources for Zero to grow and prosper in an increasingly competitive marketplace, while continuing to build on our core values of quality and service to our customers," Wexler wrote.

According to Wexler, before selling the company, which was located in two adjacent buildings in the Bronx, as well as sites in Ohio and North Carolina, operations were so busy many of his employees were working second shifts.

The note also said Wexler was supposed to remain on staff as president emeritus and in a primarily advisory role for incoming Allegion personnel.

However, things didn't go according to plan, said Wexler.

The former CEO was removed from his position in the fall 2015.

Wexler said one day an Allegion representative came into his office and said he had 30 minutes to leave.

"It was bizarre," said Wexler who to this day does not know why he was asked to leave.

Allegion filed a Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification with the NYS Department of Labor on September 1.

The document stated layoffs would begin on Tuesday, December 13. They will finish on Friday, February 10, 2017.

According to Wexler, now the CEO at DeltrexUSA, he heard about the layoffs from his former employees.

"I've talked to about 30 to 40 percent of the people [that worked there]," he said.

The former owner said Allegion promised to keep Zero International in the Bronx four at least four more years.

In addition, said Wexler, he leased the buildings to Allegion for half the market rate so they'd have no reason to leave the Bronx.

The Bronx Times asked Allegion for a statement addressing its decision to relocate the business and the amount of consideration Allegion gave to the employees who were losing their jobs.

"After reviewing the Zero business and its operations the company concluded that consolidating to our Indianapolis operations was in the best interest of the business," said a spokesperson for Allegion. "The main drivers in reaching the decision were: efficiency, managing and growing the Zero business, and improving the customer experience."

They added, "We appreciate and thank the people in the Bronx who are affected by this transition for their hard work and dedication."

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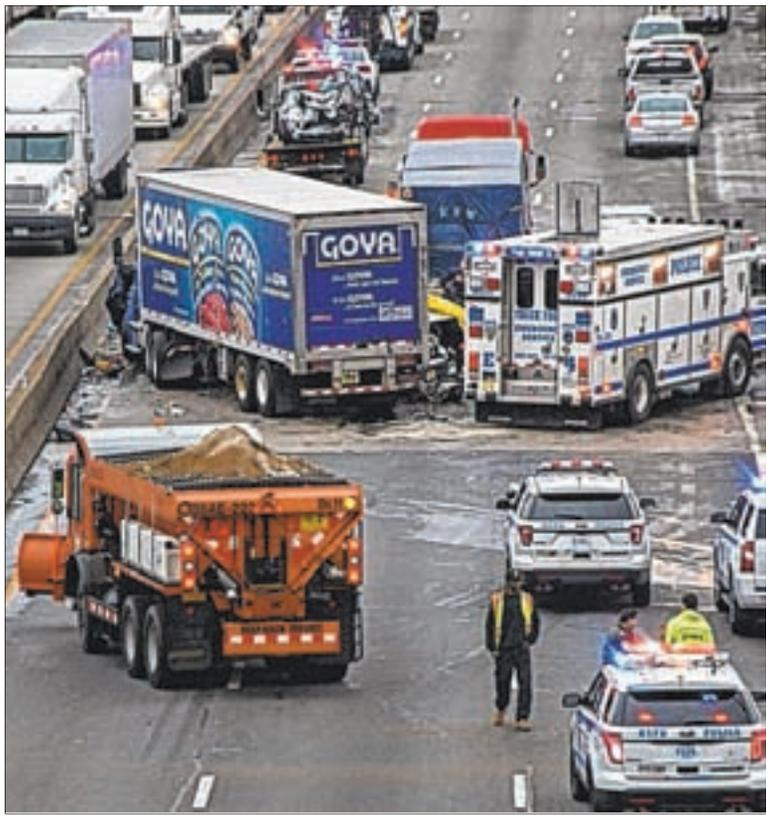
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Photo by Edwin Soto



POLICE BLOTTER

40 Precinct

Tuesday, December 20 at 9:50 a.m. -- Police received a report of a robbery near Elton Avenue and East 157th Street. It was reported that three unknown people entered a 87-year-old victim's home by forcing their way inside. Once in, the victim was threatened with a knife. His home attendant was tied up in a bathroom. The people took about \$10,000 in cash and fled the scene.

43 Precinct

Tuesday, December 20 at 2:48 p.m. -- A robbery of a Chinese restaurant was reported to police. At the stated time, a black man described as being close to six feet tall and 189 pounds walked into the Great Wall Restaurant at 1179 Pugsley Avenue. The firearm was pointed at a 49-year-old male employee working behind the counter. The man took an unknown amount of money from the cash register and fled the scene. No injuries were reported. The man described by police was last seen wearing blue coat, gray hoodie, dark pants and dark shoes.

42 Precinct

Tuesday, December 20 at 8:24 p.m. -- Cops responded to a 911 call of a man shot near Crotona Park North and East 175th Street. When police officers arrived on the scene, they found a 24-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the back.

EMS responded and transported the victim to St. Barnabas Hospital where he died. Police report that an investigation was ongoing immediately following the incident.

52 Precinct

Friday, December 23 at 9:40 p.m. -- Cops responding to a 911 call found a dead man inside of 2916 Grand Concourse. The 49-year-old man was found unresponsive with no apparent trauma. EMS responded and pronounced the man dead. The medical examiner will determine cause of death.



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Blocking Walmart

Dear editor,

Once again this holiday season, out of work, part time, single income, poor, seniors, working and middle class residents who were looking for reasonable priced holiday gifts had to pay more. This is thanks to elected officials who believe they know what is best for you. Polls of ordinary New Yorkers continue resulting year after year and now decade after decade to support the right of Walmart to open stores in the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island. Residents in the other 57 counties outside of NYC within New York State have had the option of shopping or not shopping at Walmart for decades. The same is true for virtually every other city and state. Only NYC is behind the times.

NYC residents continue to be denied the opportunity to shop at Walmart due to excuses made by politicians along with numerous fellow liberal Democratic Party elected officials and their union allies.

Construction of a new Walmart can provide work for construction contractors and their employees. Once opened, there are employment opportunities for many workers.

Walmart is the nation's largest private sector employer with over 1,200,000 employees and growing each year. Tens of millions of Americans including many fellow New Yorkers own stock in Walmart. The same is true for the various retirement and pension plans many people participate in. Starting pay averages several dollars above the minimum wage for new employees around the nation. Promotional opportunities including training for higher paying managerial positions are common. They also offer health care and other benefits. Walmart may actually pay higher salaries and offer more benefits than some of their competitors such as Target, K-Mart, Costco and BJs which are already here.

The free enterprise system made our nation great. Economic growth and the creation of wealth comes from businesses—small and large. Consumers shopping at Wal-

mart get a bigger bang for the buck by being able to compare prices, quality and service to other stores.

Consumers have voted, with their feet, all over America making Walmart the number one retail merchant success story it is today. It is time to allow Walmart the opportunity to compete in the NYC marketplace as well!

Larry Penner

Supporters defend Walton

Dear editor,

In the December 23-29, 2016 Bronx Times front page story about 49th Precinct C.O. Keith Walton, but there was zero coverage of the large outpouring of support that took place at his December 14 court hearing.

A group of 30-35 residents, community leaders, clergy and uniformed personnel from the 46th and 49th precinct showed up at 9 a.m. that Wednesday morning wearing shirts reading "I'm with Walton", holding up signs that said "NYPD 46th Precinct - Our Favorite Captain, Keith Walton for 2 years, 2013-2015" and rallied outside of the courthouse until 11:30 a.m. I was one of them.

The article said a lot about the indictment and allegations but nothing about this rally. Not one word.

Additionally, no one is shaming the complainant in this case or calling her a liar. We so-called 'conspiracy theorists' are simply fighting back against a rush to judgment being levied at a man who has done much for the 4-9.

In America, you're innocent until proven guilty. I await the verdict.

Raphael Schweizer

Fight hate with love

Dear editor,

The anger that teens, who were too young to vote, have towards Donald Trump stems from the fact that he is using his power as the president-elect of the United States to perpetuate hate, hate that doesn't stem from knowledge but hate that stems from ignorance.

We all know that the institutional racism within America is profound and Trump,

being the white, straight, cis-gendered man that he is, has a lot more opportunity than those he adamantly discriminates against.

The only thing that we can do is keep fighting hate with love.

Amber Miranda

Obama's legacy

Dear editor,

We have heard and read so much about the Obama Legacy and the goal of President Obama in his last year to protect his legacy.

What legacy?

It's not money, so it must be a gift President Obama is passing on to the American people that we will cherish for years to come?

Is it energy independence? No longer dependent upon oil imports would be a fantastic gift, no? Up in Alaska the Trans-Alaska Pipeline has run out of oil, running at about 30% capacity.

The people of Alaska have been waiting for Obama to rule on issuance of oil leases. They got his answer. Same as Keystone and Dakota pipeline,

the Obama Administration's moved to permanently ban offshore oil and gas drilling in the Arctic and the Atlantic coast.

The ban will be greeted with delight in Riyadh and Beijing, and most of all in Moscow; it was a gift for Vladimir Putin! Not a gift for the USA.

Maybe it is an education legacy? President Obama killed funding for the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program. He refused to sponsor a program to help low-income kids get a better education. As a two-term president cow towing to the teachers union, who for 8 years did absolutely nothing for children in our urban centers, held prisoner in failing schools. Neither school choice certainly or improved education is his legacy.

Is a strong military his legacy? President Obama's policies have demeaned and weakened what was the most powerful military in the world. Military spending has dropped over \$200 billion from his first budget to his most recent. No, a strong military is definitely not Obama's legacy.

So what is the Obama legacy? Can someone help me out here?

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Tenants rally against infamous landlord

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

A year after being named the worst landlord in New York City, Ved Parkash is still drawing the ire of his Bronx tenants over conditions in his buildings.

Members of the Parkash Tenant Coalition, a group of tenants from 11 of Parkash's properties organized to fight the conditions at his apartments, gathered Monday, December 12, in front of the Bronx Housing Court on Grand Concourse to demand better maintenance at his sites.

Parkash was ranked at the top of the list of the worst landlords in the city by the NYC Public Advocate's office in 2015.

The 2016 list, released in October, saw Parkash drop to number five, with 257 units in four buildings accumulating 992 NYC Housing and Preservation Development violations and 28 NYC Department of Building violations.

Altogether, his properties have accumulated over 2,300 violations in 11 of his 42 buildings in the Bronx, according to Hal Bergold of Community Action for Safe Apartments, a project of New Settlement Apartments.



Tenants of buildings owned by Bronx landlord Ved Parkash protest before a meeting with the landlord on July 12. They held a second rally December 12 in front of the Bronx Housing Court over living conditions in his properties. Silvio Pacifico

CASA helped organize the rally in coordination with Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition.

Among those tenants was Marta Melendez of 825 Gerard Avenue, who said that while repairs had recently been done at her place, the apartment of her elderly next door neighbor was in much worse condition.

"That apartment is disgusting – there is mold in the bath-

room shower tiles. I feel sorry for that lady."

Melendez also complained the hot water in the building was sporadic and that the intercom system is broken, making it impossible to let people into the building safely.

Other properties owned by Parkash that have drawn complaints from tenants include 2675 Creston Avenue, 2125 Cruger Avenue, 2487 Davidson Av-

enue, 180 E. 163rd Street, 58 E. 190th Street, 750 Grand Concourse, 2820 Sedgwick Avenue, 1530 Sheridan Avenue, 2454 Tiebout Avenue and 835 Walton Avenue.

Parkash met with residents of those buildings on July 12 and agreed to several accommodations, such as cleaning and properly maintaining elevators in the buildings and to not initiate holdover evictions without

first notifying tenants by certified mail.

He also agreed to waive late fees when the rent is paid anytime within the month it is due.

"Since that meeting, tenants have seen some cosmetic improvements, but many systemic issues, such as major water leaks and structural damage in ceilings remain," said Bergold.

The conduct of superintendents is still eliciting complaints from tenants, he added.

Superintendents curse at and harass tenants and threaten to call immigration services on them when they try to invoke their tenant rights, he said.

Parkash could not be reached for comment for this story.

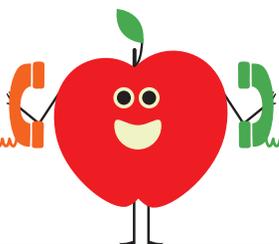
Ongoing complaints have not deterred Parkash from acquiring new properties.

He purchased two six-story, elevated buildings at 2899 and 2905-2907 Kingsbridge Terrace for \$2.5 million from Isidoros Sfikas according to Real Deal magazine.

The two apartment buildings are located near the Jerome Park Reservoir and house a total of 162 rent-stabilized apartments.

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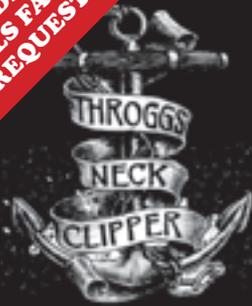
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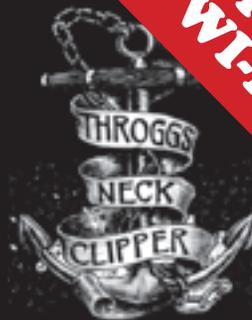
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Diaz, Jr. and Fat Joe gather with faculty and students after the announcement.

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

BP Diaz, Fat Joe donate computers to P.S. 146

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The borough president collaborated with a hometown rap star - not in a song, but to give back to a local elementary school during the holidays.

On Tuesday, December 20, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. teamed up with rapper Fat Joe to announce the donation of 20 new desktop computers to P.S. 146 Edward Collins, the rap artist's alma mater.

The announcement of the computer donation was made in the school auditorium, where P.S. 146 elementary students anxious awaited for the Bronx-born and Bronx-bred rapper to make his appearance.

Fat Joe joined the BP Diaz and P.S. 146 principal Ronald Laurent when he made the announcement to the students about the new computers.

"This holiday season, Fat Joe wanted to give back to the youth of this borough, and I am very proud that he chose his alma mater, P.S. 176, to receive these new computers," said Diaz, Jr. "We want to make sure that students are getting the resources they need to advance and grow their technical skills and prepare them the best we can while at school."

"The borough president (Diaz, Jr.) has been working very hard to up-

lift the school system, but many of the schools are a step behind when it comes to updated resources," said Joseph Cartagena (Fat Joe's real name), who graduated from the elementary school in the early 1980s.

"There is no better present than giving the youth the gift of learning - and that what we hoped to accomplish by providing these new computers to them," he added.

The donation of the 20 Microsoft desktop computers, which will arrive at the school in the new year, was made in memory of Fat Joe's younger sister, Lisa Cartagena.

Lisa, who was also a graduate of the elementary school, passed away as a result of an unsuccessful childbirth at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in the early 2000s.

Under the rap name 'Fat Joe', Cartagena, who began his rap career in the early 1990s, has released 10 studio albums and has reached the number one spot on the Billboard's Hot Rap Songs chart twice in his career as a solo artist. His 2004 song, 'Lean Back', with Remy Ma was ranked the number one song of the year on the Billboard's US Rap Songs chart.

Fat Joe also worked on many projects with late Bronx rapper Big Pun, who passed away in 2000.

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Police officer Kaminie Jeeuth (right) and Police officer Felicia Diaz (left) stand with Nishat Lina (center), the seventh grade contest winner.
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49th Pct. police officer hosts middle school essay contest

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Three students at J.H.S. 125 got early Christmas gifts thanks to a local police officer who returned to give back to her former middle school.

Police officer Kaminie Jeeuth, of the 46th Precinct, held an essay contest this fall for students at Henry Hudson Middle School.

Each student who participated had to write an essay on their goals for when they are older and how they planned to accomplish those goals.

Jeeuth would read each of the essays submitted and choose one winner from each grade.

The winners - Angelica Chandradat from the sixth grade, Nishat Lina from the seventh grade, and Fadoutmata Drammeh from the eighth grade - were each awarded a brand new Amazon Kindle Fire.

Jeeuth also provided other participants with various types of books as a prize for participating.

She said it was hard to pick just three winners from the many essays she received.

“Ideally it was set up: three winners, three tablets,” said Jeeuth. “However, as I kept reading through each one, I was like, ‘O my God, this is really good and this is really good.’”

Neelawattie Arjoon, assistant principal at J.H.S. 125, also read the essays and shared Jeeuth’s feelings.

“When you read these essays some of them brought tears to my eyes,” said Arjoon. “Which one, which one?” they all had something.”

Jeeuth, who attended the school

from 1997 to 2001, was also impressed by the way in which the students were able to express themselves.

“To think kids this age - a lot of how they write is related to their personal situations,” said Jeeuth.

“When I was growing up, it wasn’t as common for kids to voice their opinions, especially on paper,” she added.

Jeeuth grew up two blocks away from the school and attended P.S. 119 which is right across the street.

She later went on to attend Lehman High School.

When asked why she wants to help give back to the youth, Jeeuth said, “They are our future.”

The Bronx Times received copies of each of the essays written by the contest winners.

Drammeh, the eighth grade winner, said she hopes to be an international spokesperson or a social justice lawyer when she gets older.

“To become an international spokesperson you have to sign up for a lot of programs and have a lot of experience,” said Drammeh. “So hopefully with the tablet I can organize my ideas and look up places where I can go.”

Chandradat, the sixth grade winner, hopes to be a teacher when she grows up.

“I enjoy learning lots of new things to become smarter,” she wrote in her essay. “If I become a teacher, I would be able to teach knowledge to children that are just as passionate as me.”

Lina, the seventh-grade winner, has her sights on becoming an activist, a doctor, and/or the first female president.

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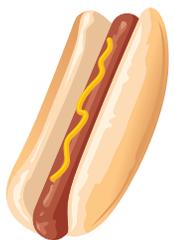
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2016 Chamber of Commerce highlights

BY NUNZIO DEL GRECO

Professional Achievement

Completing my first year as the new president and of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce has been exciting, challenging and rewarding. I enthusiastically lead this prominent organization to reach historic success for the direct benefit of the current and future membership. I developed and expanded membership to the chamber and enhanced strategic partnerships with other organizations and companies for our mutual benefit.

Planning, coordinating and implementing successful programs and events is one of my many strengths. The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has sponsored, hosted or co-sponsored over 65 workshops, seminars and networking events for members, non-members and businesses in the Bronx since January 2016.

Each event was well attended and feedback from attendees and participants was very positive. I promote and encourage networking and business card exchanges at every setting. I firmly believe: "You never know where your next big deal is going to come from".

The positive messages and promotion of the events resonated in the business community. Over 100 new companies joined the Bronx Chamber of Commerce in the past 12 months.

Project With The Most Impact

Based on my experience and understanding of how to manage and strategically grow an organization, I strongly believe it requires a current and up to date database and Membership Directory. While many organizations have replaced a printed or hard copy directory with an electronic or on-line version, I am an advocate of both the printed hard copy and the electronic version of the directory.

Without the luxury of time, I prefer to utilize the experience of other professionals in similar positions rather than attempting to "reinvent the wheel". I visited with neighboring presidents and CEOs of Chambers of Commerce to examine how they operate regarding programs, services and membership directory. I requested and received a number of proposals from publishers to produce the first annual membership directory for the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

My personal preference was to work with Rich Martinelli of Today Media. The board of directors of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce unanimously approved the Today Media proposal at their March 2016 meeting. I was delighted to announce and promote that we have entered into a partnership with Today Media (publishers of the Brooklyn, Yonkers Chamber of Commerce and Westchester Business Council Directory) to produce the 2017 Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide for the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

I clearly see an important need and service being fulfilled by producing the 2017 Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide. There is a lot of excitement and very positive comments from



current and new members that have recently joined. They see and understand the value and benefit of the printed directory. The 2017 Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide will list all members alphabetically and by category for referrals and new business contacts. The directory will also feature important resource information.

Supercharging Productivity 2017

Membership in 2017 will significantly increase with the printing of the 2017 Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide delivery date of the end of January 2017. The directory will be distributed to more than 2,000 member businesses, new businesses, and select governmental offices. It will also be distributed at Bronx Chamber of Commerce events throughout the year.

Companies and businesses that were not included will join the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and will make sure that they do not miss out on future editions. Advertising in the 2018 Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide will also significantly increase due to the exposure and benefit it brings to the Bronx businesses and institutions and the referral business for small and mid-sized companies. I can easily predict that company advertising will more than double for the 2018 edition.

Emerging Trends In 2017

My staff and I recently participated at the New York Business Expo (NYXPO) at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. Thousands of business owners, entrepreneurs, and professionals from throughout the greater New York metropolitan region attended the full day event of excellent seminars, workshops and trade show exhibitors. I love trade shows and networking. I spoke to hundreds of people. What I found most remarkable was that no one had anything negative to say about the Bronx! I only heard positive comments and questions about investment and development opportunities.

I am very excited to be a leader in the continuing renaissance in our great borough and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to your active membership and meeting you at some of our upcoming networking events. My vision is for our Bronx Chamber of Commerce to be one of the most influential and successful organizations in Bronx County.



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Dr. Sumir Sahgal, president and CEO of Essen Health Care (c), speaks to the international medical students who are seeking training at the Jacobi Medical Center symposium on Wednesday, December 14. Photo courtesy of Essen Health Care

Essen Medical network opens doors for IMGs

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A locally based private practice medical network is 'paying it forward' by helping internationally trained doctors gain residencies at American hospitals.

Grand Concourse-based Essen Medical Group, a network of 170 private practice physicians founded by Dr. Sumir Sahgal, an Indian immigrant who has practiced medicine in the borough for over 20 years, held their International Medical Graduate Symposium at NYC Health + Hospitals / Jacobi Medical Center on Wednesday, December 14.

IMGs played a key role in growing Essen from a single office in 1999 to a network of 170 doctors in private practice today, said Dr. Sahgal.

The third-annual IMG Symposium is an effort to 'pay it forward' by helping IMGs pursue their dreams in the midst of a critical doctor shortage in the United States, he said.

"As the number of IMGs have increased, the number of residency spots really has not increased as much as the need for doctors and primary care physicians," said Sahgal, adding that this affects both IMGs and American-trained physicians.

The high cost of training doctors in their residency years within hospitals, totaling close to \$500,000 per doctor and the quality of U.S. medical graduates can make competition fierce for IMGs seeking a hospital residency program, he said.

At the conference, Essen Health Care's Dr. Shervin Mortazavi presented information about a new effort that the company is undertaking that could benefit qualified IMGs by offering workforce experience: a clinical clerkship program.

"In a field that is becoming very competitive, having a hands-on U.S. clinical internship can be a game-

changer," said Mortazavi.

Much of the symposium focused on ways that the IMGs can build up their resumes, as well as interview preparation and learning medical lingo popular in the United States, said Sahgal.

With 15,000 foreign doctors not getting placement in American residency programs each year, a number that he expects to grow, there is a lot of medical talent that could be used in the borough, said Sahgal.

Frequently, IMGs, many with prestigious medical credentials from abroad, work at menial jobs because they cannot find the help they need to enter the medical field in the United States, he said.

They often train for other medical careers that do not require a lengthy residency, like nurse practitioners or doctor assistant, he added.

"We want to create a platform where the information can be disseminated to these international medical graduates," said Sahgal, adding "We feel that there is a huge need right now, so if organized medicine does not fill it, it would be people who make a business out of it."

Speakers at the symposium included Dr. Prang Mehta, senior vice president of the Department of Medicine at Methodist Hospital; Dr. Amit Saxena who directs Essen's Nursing Home division; Dr. David Jakubowicz, president of the Bronx County Medical Society.

In addition to the conference at Jacobi, Essen established a non-profit called NYREACH to engage partners and provide workforce training that could benefit IMGs, said Sahgal.

NYREACH has established a primary care training program with Lehman College that can help IMGs become nurse practitioners and stay in the medical field, he said.

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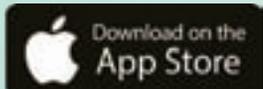
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For additional information contact Bronx Community Board 10, 3165 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465, (718) 892-1161, bx10@cb.nyc.gov or Bronx Community Board 9, 1967 Turnbull Avenue, #7, Bronx, NY 10473, (718) 823-3034, bx09@cb.nyc.gov.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Wow, I almost forgot Marge from St. Theresa, Sue from my job and Emma from American Turners for always reading and being good Americans. Thanks.

Remember, Support the Troops is not just for holiday goodies, the boxes contain items needed by field units so please remember to save those little soaps, shampoos, tissues etc. Items for females too. Can't wait to turn Aunt Cathy loose on the elected officials who were supposed to see about special reduced postal costs to ship these items. Reduced? Should be free. And thanks to the mystery man who drops items off at my job, bless you sir.

Our next 253 meeting will be the 3rd Sunday, at the Turner Club. Starts with coffee at 10:30 a.m. and remember, parking at their lot at the corner of Philip Avenue.

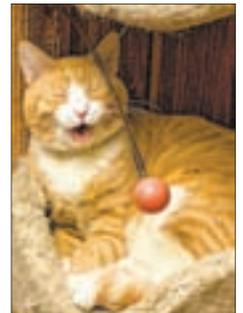
Sick Bay: Hey, Doc Paul from Post 620, we all hope you are feeling better. Prayers too for Jim H. from Post 19 who is still recovering.

Until next time: Merry Christmas. Thanks for a fantastic 2016, let's continue with bigger and better activities for an even greater service year in 2017. We have to, so many depend on us.

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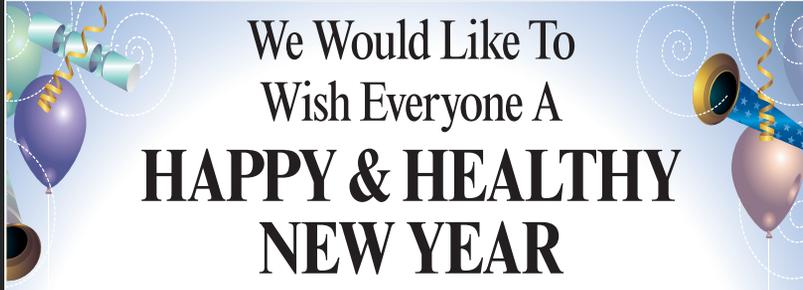
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Bronx beat

New Interactive Digital Center at Lehman College

Lehman College of the City University of New York and EON Reality Inc., the world leader in Virtual Reality based knowledge transfer for industry, education, and edutainment announced the establishment of an Interactive Digital Center (IDC) as part of the college's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. This IDC will support the training of new Virtual and Augmented Reality professionals as well support the development of VR and AR applications that will assist in teaching Lehman's students. The new program will be housed in the College's satellite campus, CUNY on the Concourse.

As established industries continue to be disrupted by technological advances, workers who have been displaced will need retraining to find a new trade. The Virtual and Augmented Reality industries are quickly growing and require an infusion of talent to meet the market's demands, which some project to be around \$150 billion by 2020. Additionally, EON Reality's seventeen years of experience in using Virtual Reality for training and education will empower Lehman to create VR learning modules to help train workers for other industries.

The first phase of the IDC is a Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality training facility and development lab, which will train future VR and AR professionals. Students will engage in a yearlong program that involves three months of classroom training followed by seven months of project-based learning that includes project work done for real customers. Additionally, the facility will include an Icube Mobile, a four-wall immersive Virtual Reality room, that will enable the students to experience and test their creations.

The IDC will open in the second

quarter of 2017 and is now accepting applications. For more information visit: www.eonreality.com.

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia announced that the New York City Department of Sanitation begins its annual Christmas tree curbside collection program on Tuesday, January 3. The program will run through Saturday, January 14, 2017, weather permitting.

City residents should remove all stands, tinsel, lights and ornaments before putting trees out for collection. Clean, non-bagged Christmas trees left on the curb between Tuesday, January 3 and Saturday, January 14, will be chipped, mixed with leaves, and recycled into rich compost for the city's parks, institutions, and community gardens.

The Department of Sanitation collected more than 214,000 Christmas trees for "tree-cycling" after Christmas 2015.

NYC Parks provides additional options for tree-cycling via their annual MulchFest event which will be held on Saturday, January 7 and Sunday, January 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at nearly 80 locations across the city. Participants may bring a bag to take home mulch for use in personal gardens. Those not able to attend MulchFest can use NYC Parks' drop-off sites, which are accepting trees Saturday, December 31 through Sunday, January 8. To find chipping sites or drop-off locations, visit nyc.gov/parks and search "MulchFest." Remove all lights, ornaments, decorations and netting from trees before attending the events.

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Children's Holiday Tree Decorating

The New York Botanical Garden's annual Children's Holiday Tree Garden events took place over three days on December 14, 16 and 20. Students from borough schools got to make their own ornament and place them on a holiday trees representing their schools. Elected officials joined the children in decorating the trees. The participating schools included Van Nest Academy, P.S. 54, P.S. 30, P.S. 66, P.S. 175, P.S. 47, P.S. 205, P.S. 279, P.S. 89, P.S. 21, and St. Raymonds. According to NYBG, elected officials who attended the the event were Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Gustavo Rivera, Councilman James Vacca, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Congressman Joseph Crowley, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, Councilman Ritchie Torres, Councilman Fernando Cabrera, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Senator Jeff Klein.



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, the teachers and children from P.S. 89 with the tree they decorated.



The children and teachers from P.S. 47 with the holiday tree they decorated.



The children and teachers from P.S. 205 with the tree they decorated.



Andre, from P.S. 279, decorates the tree with his ornament.



New York Botanical Garden staff, children and teachers from P.S. 279 with the holiday tree they decorated.



Ashley, from P.S. 279, decorates the tree with a hand-crafted ornament at the New York Botanical Garden.



Jayleen, from P.S. 205, decorates the holiday tree with her classmates.



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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The concept of 'fake news' should be obvious: reporting which is not based on facts. But in the absurd world of America's biased media, fake news has been the term applied to reporting which challenges the prevailing political beliefs held by the 'establishment' media.

Pamela Geller notes that "The left-wing elites...are in one of their fictional publicity campaigns that they masquerade as urgent news. Their latest terror is fake news sites."

The New York Times reported shortly after the election that Google and Facebook 'have faced mounting criticism over how fake news on their sites may have influenced the presidential election's outcome.' That was fake news in itself: fake news didn't influence the presidential election's outcome, all too real news about the wrong direction in which our nation was headed under Barack Obama did. Nevertheless, the Times said that 'those companies responded by making it clear that they would not tolerate such misinformation by taking pointed aim at fake news sites' revenue sources.'

If a blogger or news writer gets a story wrong, does that designate him or her, or his or her site, as fake news? If that's the case, they'll have to shut down the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Boston Globe, ABC News, NBC News, CBS News, CNN, etc. They get things wrong all the time. Every article written about my colleagues, my work, or myself is fake. Most of what they wrote and didn't write about the Orlando mass slaughter at the gay nightclub was disinformation and deception... is an end-run around the First Amendment, and it's disastrous.

It is indeed true that Facebook has too much power, but banning 'fake news' sites is hardly the solution. That's Zuckerberg's fix-it? It would be funny if it weren't so Hitlerian. Facebook has too much power. Its news curators, mini-Goebbelsians — are more frightening than Kafka's antagonists."

Adam H. Johnson, writing in The Nation reports that "... Over the past month, three separate lists of 'fake news' websites—boosted and shared by major media outlets, journalists, and pundits—have

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gone viral, despite the fact that all three lists included legitimate outlets well within the mainstream...[the] blacklist included "WikiLeaks and the Drudge Report, as well as Clinton-critical left-wing websites...[and] libertarian venues..." While many who legitimately think fake news is a problem... this story is a problem in search of evidence."

Clearly, there is an agenda being pursued by those who claim to be concerned about news sites they label as fake. Johnson notes: "Those wanting to proceed with plans to curate and monitor information online—a long held impulse of all governments—are using the specter of 'fake news' as a PR bludgeon to justify these broader efforts."

On November 29, The Washington Post's David Ignatius relayed that the US State Department was working on plans to protect 'the truth,' including floating the

idea of a 'global ombudsman for information.' The troubling effects of such efforts, as anyone who's operated outside the mainstream of acceptable political opinion will tell you, cannot be overstated. One reason so many blue-checkmark pundits reflexively share fake-news blacklists—despite them having numerous false positives—is because they, themselves, have never held an opinion that veers too far off the editorial page of The New York Times."

The overt, biased agenda of media actors propagating the fake news concept is crystal clear. As outlined by the Daily Caller: "A list of fake news sites compiled by a liberal college professor — a list that was uncritically accepted and distributed by some liberal journalists — included top right-of-center sites like Independent Journal Review (IJR) and The Blaze alongside objectively fake sites."

Left-leaning media organizations like the Los Angeles Times and New York magazine distributed the list to their readers. One website that the Washington Post labeled fake news — without providing a single piece of evidence — is

threatening to sue the Post for defamation, after being included on a similar list. In an article last summer, liberal New York Magazine writer Brian Feldman tried to argue that 'conservative news' and fake news are the same thing. That some liberal journalists are lumping in legitimate news organizations alongside objectively false sites while at the same time calling for censorship of fake news has led to concerns that the crackdown on fake news sites — the actual influence of which remains unknown — will be used by liberals to censor their conservative competitors."

The overwhelming impulse on the part of those in a position of authority—whether in government or those controlling major media sources—is to control what the public gets to know. Labeling those who publish information that is embarrassing to those in power as purveyors of fake news is merely the latest excuse to exercise censorship.

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BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

The Christmas holiday weekend is over, everyone has either gone home or gone to work and the house has a silence that I haven't heard in what seems like weeks. Without the occasional bark from one of my dogs as a leaf flies by the front door, I would have complete silence as my breakfast music.

This year I hosted our family for Christmas Eve dinner. While we are Italian, and expecting the traditional Feast of the Seven Fishes, some of our family members are not and also don't eat fish, which is why I have never been able

to host this meal for my family. I put my foot down this year and promised that when planning the menu, I would keep this in mind.

Without boring you with the details, the successes of the evening were the fact that my Swiss German sister-in-law ate duck prosciutto and two types of venison soppresata, hot and sweet. We told her the prosciutto was duck and that we had made it, but all I said about the dried sausage was, "this is hot and this is sweet". She really liked it and my brother decided that it would be best if we didn't tell her.

food for thought

I made fresh pasta a few days before and tried my hand at my mother in law's recipe for Red Crab Sauce. I had a batch of my Roasted Tomato Sauce in the freezer, so I served that as an alternate for 'those who don't eat fish'. That was the other success, topped off by my sister in law's nephew, who's lived in Europe most of his life, to remark

that the bowl of pasta with the roasted tomato sauce was the "best bowl of pasta I have ever had".

For the main course, I grilled up a bunch of eye round steaks and broiled a few nice filets of monkfish. The steaks were delicious after tenderizing in the fridge for a week, seasoned with salt and pepper and grilled for three minutes each side. I had never made monkfish and I usually don't experiment on important meals like this, but I had heard it was like "poor man's lobster" and was pretty easy to just season and broil.

I got the monkfish from the CSA and I have to say that they were beautifully cleaned and trimmed and all I had to do was toss with olive oil, season with salt and pepper and broil for a total of 15 minutes (these were nice sized pieces). There were a few smaller pieces that we cooked on Christmas day; those took only ten minutes on the grill pan on top of the stove. Either way, I would totally recommend this fish, especially if you have a shellfish allergy and love lobster.

I love this week between holidays, when lots of people are home from school or on vacation and things are so quiet. My husband always used to

take vacation during this week, but the shop he runs now doesn't close for the holiday, so off to work he's gone for the last three years. In his absence, I have used this time to get some end of year stuff done and that has always included a year end reflection in my column.

It's been a tumultuous year and, ever the recovering pessimist, I find myself looking forward to the changes that the year will bring. With the change in the President's office and an incoming administration, I have noticed that the more progressive advocates, non profits and non governmental organizations are gearing up for the impending changes or simply for a fight. This is normal, the same thing that the conservative groups did upon President Obama's election. The only difference is that we now live in a world so connected to social media and instant news that we have forgotten how to be intellectual and discerning in what we believe as the truth.

I hope that in the coming year, we remember decency and that we are all Americans, all unique individuals, all immigrants and all loved. Be the change you want to see in the world.

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WILCOX AVE. TREE BRIGHTENS THROGGS NECK

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Frank Carpenter (l) and Aggie Carpenter with their tree.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



OLA RAISED FUNDS FOR BREAST CANCER

Our Lady of the Assumption School in Pelham Bay held an all-day Zumbathon to raise funds and awareness for male breast cancer in October. The students raised \$583 for the Male Breast Cancer Coalition which they gave to the organization in a recent check presentation. The coalition seeks to educate, enlighten and engage ordinary people and the medical community in a nationwide initiative to draw awareness to male breast cancer.

(l-r, students) Anthony Malshyti, Salvador Duran, Nikolaj Koby, Angel Rodriguez III, Samantha Zadrima, Natalie Hernandez, Madison Robustello and Taylor Conlon (l-r, adults) Frankie Como, Michael Singer, John-Paul Barnaba and Patty Singer.

Photo courtesy of The Male Breast Cancer Coalition

RUN2LIVE DONATES TO CHILDREN AT ASTOR SERVICES AND FAMILIES' PROGRAM

Children at Astor Services and Families' program at P.S. 352 got gifts in time for the holiday season on Tuesday, December 20. The giveaway, now in its seventh year, came courtesy of Run2Live Foundation and Stephen Jackson and his family. About 40 children received gifts in an effort to show the children that the world cares about them and to spread holiday season joy.



Members of Run2Live, Astor Services for Children & Families, and children in the Astor Services Program at P.S. 352 enjoyed the holiday party

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



MPCA HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Morris Park Community Association hosted a holiday party at its headquarters on Friday, December 16. Elected officials including Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and 80th Assembly Female District Leader Andrea Siegel attended the festive holiday event celebrating the community and the season.

Morris Park Community Association members join Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, along with representatives of the 49th Precinct and the Bronx Times at the festive holiday gathering.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

The 10 worst helicopter parenting moments of 2016

It was the year of Pokemon Panic — any toy that gets kids outside must be stopped! — and the year a Florida school cancelled its “Powder Puff” all-girl football game, suggesting the girls bob for apples instead. It was the year that we saw the first academic study of bouncy house temperaments — “something that no one had really examined in the published literature,” according to one of the researchers. Imagine that.

But in all, it was a particularly great year for busybodies.

A video of a man screaming at a woman who popped into the gas station while her kid waited in the car went viral — who could resist mom-shaming like that? — as did a video of parents getting their food at a buffet while their baby waited at the table. Why, that child could have vaporized while they got their spare ribs!

Cops asked one mom to leave a football game because onlookers thought her baby looked cold, while another mom’s kids were ordered to undergo a physical because she let them wait in the minivan while she got a Starbucks — an errand that took three whole

minutes.

And my friend Julie Gunlock, a writer in D.C., got chewed out by an FBI agent for running in to get a rotisserie chicken while her boys, 9, 7 and 5, waited in the car. She certainly is Public Enemy #1.

And then there were these stories:

1) The police chief of New Albany, Ohio, helpfully revealed the age that kids are old enough to start going outside on their own: 16. “I think that’s the threshold where you see children getting a little bit more freedom.”

2) Local television news in Fargo, North Dakota, reported that a mom “felt scared” at the grocery because she kept running into the same couple in several aisles, “And when I went to the checkout they were right there.” Yep.

3) Kids at the Learning Collaborative, a pre-school in a disadvantaged neighborhood of Charlotte, North Carolina, were not allowed to play on their new swings because the grass and dirt underneath are “too dangerous.” First the school must raise \$1,100 to replace the grass with six-inch-deep mulch.



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

4) The Beaverton, Oregon, library will not allow children under 10 on the premises unless “within sightlines of parents” at all times. If an “adult-responsible caregiver cannot be located within five minutes, library staff will call the Beaverton Police Department.”

5) A 14-year-old Iowa girl, “Nancy Doe,” took two racy pictures of herself — one in a sports bra and boy shorts, one braless, but with her hair covering her breasts — and texted them to a boy. A few weeks later,

she was accused of sexual exploitation of a minor: herself.

6) The Center for Disease Control and Prevention advised all women who are not on birth control not to drink any alcohol until they reach menopause. Explained Princeton sociologist Elizabeth Mitchell Armstrong, “The idea is that any woman of reproductive age should be treated as potentially pregnant at all times.”

7) Rhode Island legislators introduced a bill that would ban recess if temperatures drop below 32 degrees.

8) A dying, wheelchair-bound sex offender with Alzheimer’s must move out of the Boynton Beach, Florida, hospice he is in because it is too close to a pre-school.

9) Nine hundred middle school students in Grand Island, Nebraska, were evacuated when a staff member noticed an unfamiliar box in the band room. The state’s bomb squad was summoned to open it, and discovered it held what some would indeed consider a threat to the community’s wellbeing: An accordion.*

10) And just three weeks ago a Long Island mom and dad shopping for Christmas lights at a Valley Stream Home Depot let their 4-year-old nap in the car. When they came out about 20 minutes later, they found firemen had smashed open the back passenger window to extricate the (perfectly fine, if startled) boy after someone had called 911 to report an “unconscious child.” A waiting ambulance then sped the tot and his mom to Cohen’s Children’s Medical Center in Queens, while the dad was thrown in jail for five hours. That night when they all finally got home after 10, the doorbell rang at about midnight: Someone from child protective services was there to inspect their home. Now the dad is awaiting trial on charges of child endangerment. His court date is Valentine’s Day. Nice.

May your year be saner and sweeter!

*Okay, cheap joke. The accordion is actually my favorite instrument.

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THE CLINTONS VISIT THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW

(l-r) President Bill Clinton; Joanna Groarke, director of public engagement and library exhibitions curator; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Todd Forrest, Arthur Ross, NYGB vice-president for horticulture and living collections.

Photo courtesy of NYGB

New York City Department of Sanitation announces upcoming holiday schedule

The New York City Department of Sanitation announced that in observance of the New Year’s Day holiday, there would be no garbage, organics nor recycling collection, nor street cleaning, on Monday, January 2.

But, residents who normally receive Monday garbage and organics collection should place their materials at curbside after 4 p.m. on Monday, January 2 for pickup.

And, residents who normally receive Monday recycling collection should place their recycling materials out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Monday, January 2 for pickup.

The Department usually collects recyclables the week following the holiday, and this is a departure from our normal holiday service.

This special service was added as there are back-to-back Monday holi-

days this year.

Additionally, all Sanitation administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, in observance of the holiday.

The Department of Sanitation promotes a healthy environment through the efficient management of solid waste and the development of environmentally sound long-range planning for handling refuse, including recyclables.

The department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 689 salt/sand spreaders.

The department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from city streets.

DIAZ, ZOO GIVE TOYS TO MILITARY FAMILIES

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. distributed toys to military families at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo on Saturday, December 17. The partnership between the Bronx Zoo and the borough president is in its eighth year and supports military families who are in need during the holiday season. The Bronx Zoo serves as a collection point for the borough president's holiday toy drive. The borough president joined Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Schiff Family Great Hall at a party to give out the toys and spread holiday cheer.



Borough President Diaz (third from r.) and John Calvelli, Wildlife Conservation Society's executive vice president (r.), join borough military families and Santa and Mrs. Claus to spread holiday cheer. Photo courtesy of the WCS/Bronx Zoo



SCANLAN CAROLS AT MONROE SENIOR CENTER

Students from Monsignor Scanlan High School visited James Monroe Senior Center on Wednesday, December 21 to spread holiday cheer. The students sang Christmas carols to the senior citizens. A teacher from Scanlan, Ms. Ramos, arranges the concert every year.



The singing spread holiday warmth.

Photo courtesy of James Monroe

JAMES MONROE HOLIDAY PARTY

The James Monroe Senior Center celebrated the holidays with its 56th Annual Christmas Party for seniors. The event at the Soundview senior center featured a musical performance by Joselyn Pichardo, who also was the DJ for the day of festivities with her service donated by Healthfirst of New York.

George Ruiz of Castle Hill Senior Center celebrates with Glisete Rivera, James Monroe director. Photo courtesy of Franck Strongbow



BRONX REPUBLICANS WINTER WONDERLAND

The Bronx GOP held its annual Winter Wonderland holiday party for children on Sunday, December 18. Toys donated from the county Republican party members were distributed to youth this holiday season.

Mathew Wilson and Corey Cagle with some of the toys.

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Helping seniors avoid the chill of social isolation

BY ALICIA SCHWARTZ, MSN-ED, BSN, RN, PCC, CCM, VNSNY CHOICE HEALTH PLANS

It's not unusual to experience an increased desire to curl up on the sofa and "hibernate" when the weather turns cold, but for older folks with chronic illness like asthma, COPD, diabetes, dementia or heart disease, retreating to the indoors can lead to social isolation and sometimes trigger serious health problems.

It is especially important to keep in mind that at this time of year, when we tend to focus on festivities and gathering with friends and family, the pain of isolation can be particularly sharp for people who live alone or are uncomfortable talking about changes that they may be experiencing as they age.

A critical component of my work as a registered nurse with VNSNY CHOICE Health Plans involves helping frail and vulnerable seniors avoid isolation so they can stay engaged with their families and friends—or connect with resources in the community when there are no others to turn to. Here are a few important reminders to keep in mind to help those we love avoid the chill of social isolation and the downward health spiral that it can potentially cause.

Body Image and Social Comfort

As we age, incremental changes in vision, mobility, hearing, memory and a host of other sensory and bodily functions naturally occur. Even someone who was physically active all his/her life will almost certainly struggle with declining abilities in later years. In a "Review of Social Isolation" by Nicholas R. Nicholson, research shows that some older adults avoid social interaction because of bodily discomforts or reduced ability to function. This can include embarrassment about body image or an inability to control bodily functions. Even seniors with mild hearing or vision loss that have not been diagnosed or treated may avoid social gatherings when communicating becomes difficult and tiring as a result.

If this sounds like someone in your family, or one of your neighbors, it may be helpful to gently inquire if the person is struggling with one of these common issues and encourage them to seek medical help. You may want to offer to accompany them to an appointment or refer them to resources in the community that can support them and help them regain confidence and self-esteem.

Moving Out and Getting Around

Mobility is a real problem for many older folks. Even in a city like New York, where public transportation is a priority and many public places are reasonably accessible, lack of transportation can be a major cause of social isolation. One of the women I coordinate care for drew strength and joy from attending church services in her

neighborhood, but when her illness started slowing her down, she felt that she couldn't keep up with the ladies she'd attended services with for several years and eventually she stopped going altogether.

I spoke with her primary care physician and he agreed that a wheel chair might be a great help to her for navigating longer distances. Now, she joins her friends for services at least once a week, and sometimes even takes in a movie afterwards. She's gone from sitting alone and sad to feeling much more a part of life. When someone is at risk for social isolation, it can also be helpful to encourage them to take advantage of senior centers and other community organizations that may offer meals and a safe place to visit and socialize with others on a regular basis.

Weathering the Storm

Shorter days, cold weather, rain and ice—and the opposite, extreme heat—can be a deterrent for socializing too. Arthritis can cause aches and limited mobility and fear of falling is a serious concern for many older people who do not feel as sturdy on their feet as they once did. In the winter months, many people suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or Sundowning, a term used to describe the agitation, irritability, confusion, and disorientation that as many as 20 percent of all people with dementia experience in the late afternoon and evenings. Both of these conditions can trigger depression and social isolation.

Keeping active indoors may take a little extra creativity, but it can be done. When one of our VNSNY CHOICE care coordinators noticed that a member had a friendly neighbor who liked to stop by for frequent visits, she coordinated with a home health aide and the neighbor, teaching them how to safely exercise by taking walks indoors through the areas of the apartment complex. The activity is something they all look forward to now and they occasionally even inspire others to join them.

It is sometimes challenging to remember that "change is the only constant," as the philosophers say, and aging certainly involves a lot of change. What is important to remember is that when people stay engaged with the people and things that they love most in life, and when they feel a sense of purpose about what they do from day to day, they are usually more independent and able to take responsibility for their own wellbeing. In my work, helping older New Yorkers avoid the chill of social isolation is key to ensuring that they are living their best life possible.

For more information about VNSNY CHOICE Health Plans from the not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Service of New York, please call 1-888-867-6555 or visit www.VNSNYCHOICE.org.

TRIUMPH HOSTS HEAD START HOLIDAY PARTY

Triumph Construction Corporation, a utility contractor based in Hunts Point, threw a holiday party for 125 children ages three- to five-years-old at La Peninsula Head Start on Thursday, December 22. Students at the Hunts Point Head Start program received gifts courtesy of company and its president and founder Carlo Cuzzi. The annual party brings happiness to the faces of the children each holiday season.



Helping with this year's special delivery were Shirley Jacobs (left) and Krystina Cuzzi of Triumph Construction, who got to share time with some very happy students.

Photo courtesy of Triumph Construction



PUERTO RICAN FLAG ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Hostos Community College hosted a celebration of the 121st anniversary of the Puerto Rican flag on Thursday, December 17. The patriotic concert and celebration, dedicated to Oscar Lopez Rivera, featured Danny Rivera and Nelson Gonzalez and His All Star Band. Assemblyman Jose Rivera took part in the celebration.

Nelson Gonzalez and his Stars band perform.

Photo by Miriam Quin

ASSEMBLYMAN GJONAJ SPREADS CHEER AT NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj joined Santa Claus and a few elf helpers to spread holiday cheer at New York Institute for Special Education on Monday, December 19. Gifts were given at the event to preschoolers with special needs and developmental disabilities. The Rotary Club of the Bronx, Sons of Italy Uguaglianza Northeast Bronx Lodge #83, and Anthony's Flower Farm donated gifts along with Gjonaj to make the holiday season brighter for the children.



(l-r) Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Bernadette Kappen, New York Institute for Special Education executive director and Ralph Scottino, past president of the Rotary Club of the Bronx.

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Santa gives a gift to one of the students at the New York Institute for Special Education during Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's annual holiday party.

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BY GENE DEFRANCIS

We had a wonderful time sharing the spirit of Christmas with our neighbors on Allerton. Once the rain stopped at approximately noon Santa came out and greeted all of the boys and girls that passed by with homemade chocolate chip cookies and toys. More importantly they were able to take a free photo with Santa and reminded him what they wanted for Christmas.

We truly do have a wonderful community. Our children are so adorable and precious. And it is such a worthwhile and heartwarming event each year. Truly one of my favorite annual events we hold because we get to have a personal one on one interaction with our people and get to share a human moment together of peace and joy.

Thank you to Richie and Pamela of Margies Bridal and the Sanz Banquet Hall on 815 Allerton for their help, love and support. Thank you to Veronica Castro for staying up to the wee hours of the night to bake over 300 cookies and pack them so they stay fresh and delicious. Santa snuck a few tastes and said they were amazing.

Thank you Larry, Bonnie, and Chris for lending a helping hand as well. The Santa at The Sanz is simple but sweet and we look forward to doing it all again next year. The Saturday before Christmas so mark your calendar now.

Lucky Santa are in four of our favorite stores on Allerton.

You can get yours at Mamma Rosa's, Roma Pizza, Bella Vista Optics, and A+ Computer (the addresses are 1007... 735... 736... 705 Allerton)

Each Santa ornament is \$20 and on the bottom of each of them is a number 1-110. On New Years Eve we will have a drawing that we will post on our Facebook page (Allerton International Merchants) and if the number we draw matches the number on the

bottom of your Santa you win \$250 in cash and \$250 to spend on Allerton at any business that has contributed to the holiday lights.

Those businesses are: the The Sanz/Margies Bridal, Exit Power Realty, Farenga Brothers Funeral Home, Della Mura & Ciacci Law, Benjamin Pharmacy, Foodtown, Allerton Fish Market, Alba Realty, Isis Restaurant and Grocery, Garfinkel DDS, Ridgewood Savings Bank, Bronx Martial Arts Academy, IHop, Sal and Dom Bakery, Allerton Hardware, Yin Hua Discount, Yh Games, Sky Beauty, Boost Mobile, Bella Vista Optics, Pride Cleaners, Roma Pizza, A+Computer, Allerton Diner, Mamma Rosa, Dominick's Pizza, Envisage, Priscia Nails, Liquor Barn, Bella Napoli Pizza, 693 Allerton Liquor, Wink Check Cashing, Bedford Auto School, Angie's Salon, Family Pride Butcher, Kazdan Chiropractor, Arnone Allstate, Instyle Salon, Allerton Mini Market, Gjuraj Realty, Italia '90, Jackson Hewitt, Destem Wine, Dr. Levy Podiatrist, Future Home, Goodwill Realty, Florshheim, BP Gas Station, Tax Time, Lorillard Exterminator, Luigi Of Italy Salon and Napoleon Salon.

Sadly we have not received a check from Beth Abraham this year so our volunteers are working extra hard to make up the difference. Many stores have helped by giving a little more this year and a few new stores have donated this year.

We were very hopeful that with the combination of new stores getting involved and the help of Beth Abraham we would have more light strands and a 'Welcome to Allerton' strand across Bronx Park East. We were also hoping to have more lights on our beautiful tree on Bronxwood with a star on top. These will have to be goals for 2017 as we move on and collect early without relying on Beth Abrahams contribution.

Allerton International Merchants Association

But have no fear we are very confident that with some extra footwork we will still reach our goal and pay our bill. But it does put stress on those who go out to the shops in the cold weather. We truly need every merchant to have their checks ready by November 1 and either mail them to PO Box 98, Bronx, NY 10465, hand delivered to The Sanz at 815 Allerton, or ready and in your establishment for pick up.

I can not emphasize enough, our organization is composed of volunteers. The money collected for the lights goes to the lights and the tree lighting ceremony.

And please do not harass our volunteers when they come into your store. I know you have many people come into your store asking you for money or to buy something but this is your community. This is our fourth year collecting for the lights and our work on the avenue is well documented.

And our tolerance is very high when store owners say they can not afford \$100 for the lights. Oddly enough it is many of the store owners struggling the most that are the most charitable and care about this community. Please we implore you to shop at these stores.

Why shop at a store that has no interest in your quality of life? The holiday lights are a tremendous boost to community morale. And we are grateful to every single merchant that have participated and to all of our volunteers who have braved the weather and knocked on doors to collect.

Some of our volunteers have been met with disdain and disrespect. I personally

was asked by the manager of Mavis if I was "in the mafia" and this was a shake down. Believe me if that were the case we would not be asking for \$100 a year. It was offensive and uncalled for and I have not sent a volunteer there since. But generally the communications are ignored.

We have 180 businesses in Allerton. We have 50 stalwart shops that are the backbone of this community. Imagine if each store thought you were worth \$9 a month what we can do for this community. Not just for the lights but for other events and clean ups on the avenue.

Why shop at other delis when Mamma Rosa is the only one who cares to chip in and uplift the community?

Why go to other nail salons when Prisca Nails are the only ones who think enough of their community to be a part of it and to also do little things like decorate their tree bed in front of their store?

Why go to other tax offices when only Tax Time and Jackson Hewitt care?

Why get pizza anywhere else on Allerton when Roma, Bella Napoli and Domenick's contribute to the community?

Why get your computer fixed anywhere else when A+ Computer is here and offers so much more including a talented artist that showcases and sells his work?

Ridgewood Bank not only is there for the holiday lights but throughout the entire year participating in events to uplift Allerton. Why not bank there?

Not only shop at these stores. But get to know the people who operate these businesses. They are amazing human beings when you get to know them. And we are grateful and proud to have them. Those who have the community spirit need to have the community recognize and appreciate them.

I want to close with one fi-

nal thought because it is extremely important and noteworthy.

This holiday season do not accept being a victim.

Report all criminal activity.

We understand the time consuming process of waiting for the police to respond and taking off from work to go to the precinct and court and filling out paperwork. It is a hassle. But if you do not report the crime we do not receive the resources to combat crime. And we lose resources to other precincts.

Candidly I hear our neighbors who were victims of petty larceny say ... "What are the police going to do?" Maybe they won't be able to catch the individual. But what it does at minimum is it lets the city know the incident occurred. They can detect if there is a pattern. Likely the criminal will attempt to rob again.

It doesn't matter if it is a lawn ornament that cost \$30 or if your store is robbed at gun point. Report it.

You will be doing your neighbors a favor and prevent someone from going through the same pain and headache. And get the few people that try to terrorize the neighborhood off the street. No one has a right to make you a victim. It does not matter how bad the individual is suffering. There are many people and organizations here to help individuals in need. Stealing and threatening other people is never acceptable.

With that said, Allerton and the 49th Precinct is one of the safest precincts in the city. That's doesn't mean we don't have crime. It is up to the community to deter crime and the merchants association is here to help.

We are proud to hear more and more people are stepping up and taking control, reporting and going through the process of prosecuting and we thank you.

Because your community is your business.

PLAZA REHAB NURSING HOLIDAY SHOW

The Plaza Rehab and Nursing Center in Kingsbridge Heights held a holiday show on Tuesday, December 20. The event for the residents featured the 15 piece orchestra The Bethune Big Band.



Josette Varela (fifth from r), CTRS, director, Therapeutic Recreation & Volunteer Services, center staff members, and residents
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



RED HATS ROSES HOLD TOY DRIVE

The Bronx Red Hat Roses donated toys towards an FDNY effort to provide needy children with holiday cheer. The Red Hat chapter hosted a holiday party at The Wicked Wolf in Throggs Neck on Wednesday, December 20 to celebrate the collection of toys for the drive. Firefighters from Engine 89 and Ladder 50 collected the toys.

The Bronx Red Hat Roses celebrate their annual toy drive at the Wicked Wolf Restaurant.

Photo courtesy of Silvio Pacifico

ROTARY CLUB OF THE BRONX DONATES GIFTS TO ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Rotary Club of the Bronx teamed up with St. Joseph School for the Deaf to brighten the holidays of the children in the school. The toy giveaway and party on Thursday, December 22 included a holiday show with performances from the children and a visit by Santa Claus.



Children and staff of St. Joseph School for the Deaf and members of the Rotary Club of the Bronx celebrated the holiday.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



CARDINAL SPELLMAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Cardinal Spellman High School showcased their Christmas spirit this holiday season on Thursday, December 15 with their annual Christmas Concert. The audience was entertained by the Spellman concert band, jazz band, dance club, gospel choir, step team, twirlers, fine arts dance class and flag corps. The event was coordinated by teachers John Johnson and Mila Bello.

Spellman Flag Corps on stage at the Christmas Concert.
Photo courtesy of Cardinal Spellman High School

Bronx scene

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Upcoming Wave Hill events and highlights

Upcoming Wave Hill events include:

Saturday, January 7; Sunday, January 8: Family Art Project: Create Your Year—Hello, 2017!: Take home your very own hanging calendar.

Saturday, January 7: Wellness Workshop: Sugar Scrubs And Bath Salts: Make a New Year's resolution to pamper your skin! Use healing salts, sugars and essential oils to craft all-natural skin-care products in this workshop with aromatherapist Melissa Rivera of Essence and Aroma.

Saturday, January 7: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Saturday, January 7: Wellness Workshop: Yoga On The Mat And Off: Join Sara Hart from iHart Lens for an intro-

duction to the "Eight Limbs of Yoga."

Sunday, January 8: Winter Birding: Explore Wave Hill's tranquil gardens and woodlands with naturalist Gabriel Willow to observe birds in their winter habitats. Birders of all levels welcome.

Sunday, January 8: Family Nature Walk: Join naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow on a family-friendly walk through the gardens or woodlands.

Sunday, January 8: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Sunday, January 8: Meet The Artists: Wennie Huang And Ed Go: Join us at this artist talk in the Tea Room at Wave Hill House. Wennie Huang and Ed Go discuss their eight-year collabora-

tive exchange of image and poetic word. Composed on paper using ink and colored pencil, these works reflect dynamic shifts in various cultural contexts, including food recipes, deconstructed plant and animal taxonomies, politicized gender interactions and other discourses.

Thursday, January 12: Art Workshop Series Begins: Detail And Abstraction In Nature Photography: Wave Hill's serene winter landscape and colorful Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory offer endless possibilities for photographers.

This three-session workshop continues January 19 and 26.

Wave Hill is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For further informaton call (718) 549-3200, extension 232.



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'Red' Allen led the house band at Metropole Cafe

When I was a young man I had a friend who worked as a deck hand on a tugboat which I believe was called the "Metropolitan III." He worked about two or three weeks straight and then had a week off.

This was in 1965 and he was paid very well due to the long hours.

He would occasionally splurge and invite a couple of friends out for a night on the town and money was no object.

One time after a sumptuous dinner at the Dixie Hotel he took us to hear Gene Krupa, then considered one of the greatest jazz drummers alive, at the Metropole Cafe at Seventh Avenue and 48th Street.

Seats were secured for us right up close to the band that performed right on the bar; it was an interesting set-up with a bandstand attached to the inside of the bar as well as an oval extension so you could practically sit at the feet of performers.

Unfortunately, Krupa was a no-show and Maxie Kaminsky, also a great drummer, was filling in for him. It

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

was still a great night but I missed the chance to speak with Krupa. Kaminsky, by the way, played with Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw and all the other leading bands of the era.

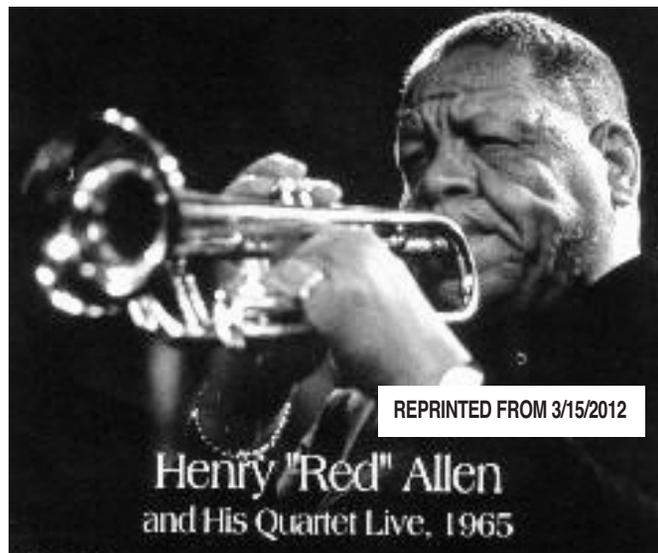
Oddly, that would be the final year for the fabled jazz venue that featured such notables as Billie Holliday, Cozy Cole, Roy Eldridge, "Red" Allen and too many others to mention here.

Henry "Red" Allen (1908-1967) was very well known for his recordings and extensive work with Louis Armstrong. He also recorded with Billie Holliday and, oddly, both are interred not far from each other in St. Raymond Cemetery here in the Bronx. "Red" Allen led the house band at the Metropole Cafe from 1954 to 1965 and is among the most noted trumpeters and band leaders of the jazz era.

Art Kane of Esquire Magazine heard of a gathering of all-time jazz and blues greats in East Harlem in 1958 and showed up with camera in hand. He took one of the most historic photographs of jazz artists ever assembled. He snapped his picture at about 10 a.m. on August 12 of that year on East 126th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues and "A Great Day in Harlem" has ever since been celebrated.

It is considered the most important photograph of the swing era ever taken and a documentary film was later made of the event.

Among the 57 noted jazz entertainers, both black and white, who posed for the photograph were "Red" Allen, "Count" Basie, Gene Krupa, Max Kaminsky, innovative trumpeter Roy Eldridge, Dizzy Gillespie, pianist and composer Theolonious Monk, mu-



Henry "Red" Allen and his band played at the Metropole Cafe for many years with all the great jazz musicians of the era.

sician and composer Benny Golson who, in addition to his jazz work, also composed music for such popular TV staples as MASH, Ironsides, and Mission Impossible.

The photo also included Maxime Sullivan. Maxime, known for her stage and screen rolls as well as her recordings, bought a home on Ritter Place in the Bronx in

1945 and raised her daughter there.

She also opened an outlet for jazz musicians nearby in the community that later became known as "The House That Jazz Built."

There was not one unknown in the photograph and each person pictured would merit a story of their own.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: Amour Luxe Hair, LLC a domestic limited liability company LLC. Articles of 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 13th 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 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

Notice is hereby given a license, number (PENDING) for on-premises Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3604C East Tremont Ave, Bronx, NY 10465 for on premises consumption. Norberto Enterprises LLC d/b/a Ohana Restaurant - Tremont

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, #1297465 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, liquor and wine at retail in a Tavern under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3304 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10467, for on-premises consumption. SANGSVILLE TAVERN CORP. DBA IGUANA BAR & LOUNGE

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, Ptf. 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 Ptf., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 34243 - #89840

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 12-27-16, bearing Index Number NC-000559-16/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Jillian (Middle) Ama Mawena (Last) Raphael. My present name is (First) Jillian (Middle) Ama Mawena Whyte (Last) Tetteh AKA Jillian Ama Mawema Whyte Tetteh (infant). My present address is 491 East 162nd Street, Apt. 5J, Bronx, NY 10451. My place of birth is New Rochelle, NY. My date of birth is May 21, 2016.

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Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 12-19-16, bearing Index Number NC-000510-16/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Ayan (Last) Alam. My present name is (Last) Ayan (infant). My present address is 1510 Unionport Road, Apt. #1D, Bronx, NY 10462. My place of birth is Dhaka, Bangladesh. My date of birth is April 11, 2013.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 11-22-16, bearing Index Number NC-000479-16/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Arisleydi (Last) Garcia. My present name is (First) Arisleydi (Last) Garcia. My present address is 1505 Macombs Road, Apt. 4B, Bronx, NY 10452. My place of birth is Santiago, Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic. My date of birth is July 10, 1990.

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

At an IAS Part 9 the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in for the County of Bronx, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N.Y. on the 21st day of December 2016. PRESENT: Honorable DONNA M. MILLS, Justice. ORDER - Index No. 260637/2016. In the Matter of the Application of Holy Cross Baptist Church a/k/a Holy Cross Baptist Church, Inc. For Approval of Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Plan Assets pursuant to Section 18 of Religious Corporation Law.

Upon reading and filing the Petition of HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. verified the 3rd day of November, 2016 for an Order approving of the Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets, and the Court being satisfied thereby that the petition is true and that there is no reasonable objection to approval of said Plan, and upon order of the court dated November 21, 2016. Now on motion of the HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. by Carl E. Holley, Sr., it is ORDERED that all material statements and allegations in said petition and exhibits attached thereto are true and that said religious society of HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. which was duly incorporated by law have ceased to act in its corporate capacity and maintain and keep up religious services and the court deems it proper to Order and Decree a dissolution of said religious society, and it is further ORDERED that said society, HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., pay the cost and expenses of said proceedings, and take receipts therefore, to wit: To the Law Offices of Joseph A. Schublin, of the firm of Schublin & Isaacs, and it is further ORDERED that any member of the board of trustees of the HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. be and thereby is authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge, and deliver to 423 East 136 LLC, a deed conveying the real estate and premises belonging to the HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC, as being the premises and property known as 423 East 136th Street, Bronx, New York designated on the tax map of Bronx County as Block 2281 Lot 67, and it is further ORDERED that this order shall be entered and the papers upon which it was granted shall be filed, prior to the publication hereinafter directed, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, wherein petitioner resides, and it is further ORDERED that at least once a week for four (4) weeks after making this order, a notice, prescribed by Section 18 of the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York shall be published in the New York Law Journal and Bronx Times Reporter newspapers published in the said County of Bronx. ORDERED that proof of publication as heretofore directed shall be filed in the Office of the Bronx County Clerk within ninety (90) days after the signing of this Order, and it is further ORDERED that upon full compliance with the provision of this Order, petitioner, HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH a/k/a HOLY CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. shall be and hereby dissolved. ENTERED: Hon. Donna M. Mills, J.S.C.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF COOP APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF A DEFAULT

In a Loan Security Agreement dated March 19, 2007 executed by Rose Ann Milo, Rose Ann Milo debtor, to Bank of America, N.A, secured party, via assignment into Green Tree Servicing, LLC a/k/a Ditech Financial LLC, secured party, in accordance with its rights as holder of the Security, Kim Carrino, Auctioneer-1004275 will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 324 shares of stock of Skyview Owners Corporation, all right, title and interest in and to a Proprietary Lease between said Corporation and debtor for unit 9A in the building known as 5700 Arlington Ave, Bronx, New York, 10471 together with all fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said apartment on January 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. on the front steps facing the Grand Concourse of the Bronx County Courthouse, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the unpaid principal amount of \$161,515.42 plus interest, late fees, attorney fees, maintenance in arrears and all other advanced charges. Apartment is sold "AS IS" AND POSSESSION TO BE OBTAINED BY THE PURCHASER. Said sale is subject to: payment of all sums due, if any, to Skyview Owners Corporation, and the consent if necessary, of said corporation; any existing tenancy; payment of all expenses and fees of the secured party with respect thereto; terms of sale and auctioneer's fees; flip-tax; State, City and County transfer tax. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Terms: an official bank or certified check made payable to Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C. for ten (10%) percent of price bid. No cash accepted.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE ONE WILLIAM STREET REMIC TRUST 2012-1, Ptf. vs. OWEN SUTHERLAND, et al, Defts. Index #380549/2012. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Aug. 4, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Jan. 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 850 East 214th Street, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4672, Lot 65. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$780,474.11 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CARL LUCAS, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Ptf., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 53845 - #90298

SANTA CLAUS VISITS HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN

Santa Claus gave young people at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore quite a performance on Monday, December 12. The hospitalized children were treated to a musical performance that featured Santa Claus, who put on a festive storytelling and singing program.



Santa Claus meets with a child at the medical center.

Photo courtesy of Montefiore



GB PROJECT HOLDS TOY GIVEAWAY

The GB Project held its first Party with Santa and Toy Giveaway at Sidestreet Lounge and Catering Hall on Saturday, December 17. The event featured 350 toys as well as performances by a clown and magician, according to an event coordinator.

Gisselle Brea (c) joins Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause and children at the event, which spread holiday cheer.

Photo courtesy of GB Project

VAN CORTLANDT JEWISH CENTER SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH PARTY

The Van Cortlandt Jewish Center Sisterhood held a Chanukah Party at the center on Sunday, December 18. There was a concert 'Oy Chanukah, Oy Chanukah'; a celebration featuring Cantor Susanne Katchko's vocals, and singing of Yiddish, Hebrew, Broadway and Cantorial songs.



Members of the Sisterhood, including Siel Hartstein, president (third from l.).

Photo by Laura Stone



Performer Cantor Susanne Katchko sang various Chanukah songs including 'I Have a Little Dreydl' and 'Oh Chanukah.'

Photo by Laura Stone

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF A COOPERATIVE APARTMENT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: by Virtue of default under Loan Security Agreements, and other Security Documents, by Bank of America, N.A. as Secured Creditor, which is now held by Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC, George Nelson, DCA #1300011, will sell at public auction, with reserve on the steps of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY at 10:00 AM on January 23rd, 2017, 928 shares of the capital stock of Wallace-Holland Owners Corp., issued in the name of Candice L. Betancourt and Devin Betancourt and all right, title and interest in a Proprietary Lease to 2105 Wallace Ave, 5B, Bronx, NY 10462.

Sale held to enforce rights of Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC successor in interest to Bank of America, N.A. as Secured Creditor, who reserves the right to bid. Ten percent (10%) Bank/Certified check payable to Sheldon May & Associates as attorneys for Ditech Financial LLC fka Green Tree Servicing LLC. Balance due at closing within thirty (30) days. The auctioneer's fees are required at sale.

The Cooperative Apartment will be sold "AS IS," and possession is to be obtained by the purchaser(s) and subject to Co Op Approval.

Dated: 12/05/2016
Sheldon May & Associates (Escrowee)

Attorneys for Plaintiff
255 Merrick Road
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Telephone: (516) 763-3200

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. 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 LEONESCU, 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: 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 BRONX COUNTY
GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff against
ROMELL GILLESPIY ,et al Defendants**

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane LLP, 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered OCTOBER 13, 2016

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, AT 2 P.M. AT 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK ON ANY MONDAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS on JANUARY 23, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 1722 Purdy Street 2G, Bronx, NY 10462. Block 3962 Lot 1047. The Unit known as Apartment No. 2-G (hereinafter called the "Unit") in the building known as No. N-11 and by the street number 1722 Purdy Street in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$99,810.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 35380/2014E.

DEVYN HUMPHREY, ESQ., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**
MTGLQ INVESTORS, LP,
Plaintiff,

A g a i n s t
Index No.: 382707/2009
AINSLEY LOVERIDGE, AUDREY LOVERIDGE, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 10/25/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/23/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 2115 Garrett Place, 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 Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4945 and Lot 97.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$582,871.98 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 382707/2009.

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.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST SAIL 2005-6,
Plaintiff,
Against

Index No.: 14547/2007
SIDNEY AYALA, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 7/26/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 1/23/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1217 Gilbert Place, Bronx, NY 10474, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 2762 and Lot 62.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$294,540.28 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 14547/2007.

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.

Ricardo Oquendo, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504
Dated: 10/20/2016
PB

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX**

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

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 17, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City Of Bronx, on January 23, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1326 LELAND AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3880 Lot 122, (FKA P/O LOT 25). Approximate amount of judgment \$707,107.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 382677/09.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC REMIC TRUST, SERIES 2009-3, Plaintiff, vs. JEAN E. BENNETT A/K/A JEAN BENNETT, ET AL., Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 02, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 663 East 243rd Street, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5110 and Lot 0021. Approximate amount of judgment is \$342,756.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35285/14E.

Irving Rosen, Esq., Referee
Knuckles, Kosmosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
Plaintiff

-against-
SAUL SALAZAR A/K/A SAUL E. SALAZAR, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, ROBERT SOSA, SOPHIA SANTIAGO
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated NOVEMBER 4, 2016

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK on January 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 4418 PARK AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10457.

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.

Block: 3037 Lot: 37
Approximate amount of lien \$480,050.58 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 35444/2014E

JAMES U. NOTICE, ESQ., REFEREE
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF

ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514
DATED: December 23, 2016 FILE #: CENLAR 65806

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS DISCUSSES FUTURE

NYC Health + Hospitals held a public meeting called 'The Future of Healthcare in NYC' on Wednesday, December 14. The event at Hostos Community College was designed to engage people in conversation about the future of healthcare in the city and to help healthcare consumers learn more about NYC Health + Hospitals and their services.



Bridgette Ingraham-Roberts at the meeting.

Photo courtesy of NYC Health+Hospitals



UFT CUTS RIBBON ON TEACHER CENTER

The United Federation of Teachers held a ribbon cutting at its UFT Teachers Center in Leaders of Tomorrow School on Monday, December 19. The center at the Richard Green Middle School Campus is designed to support teachers with a comprehensive professional development program that promotes teacher excellence and academic achievement for all students.

Councilman Andy King and union officials cut the ribbon on the center.

Photo courtesy of UFT

BRONX YMCA HOSTS ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



The Bronx Y.M.C.A. held its annual 'Breakfast with Santa' event on Saturday, December 17. The party was filled with lots of laughter, smiles and holiday cheer. Both children and adults were welcomed as they entered the facility to find it decorated as a gingerbread house. The children made Christmas ornaments and gingerbread houses. They also enjoyed a delicious meal and took family pictures with Santa.

Everyone enjoyed themselves at the party.

Photo courtesy of YMCA

(below) Santa Claus and his helpers enjoy the party.

Photo courtesy of YMCA



LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, 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

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 Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 10, 2016 #90012

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

HSBC BANK USA, NA, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP2, Plaintiff

AGAINST AHAMEDUL KABIR, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 11, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), Bronx, on January 23, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 106 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3443, LOT 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,978.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 381191/08.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX 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

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, Henoach, 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

Aurora Loan Services, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Rochelle Davy; David Hunter; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 24, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse Bronx NY on January 23, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 685 East 219th Street, Bronx, NY 10467. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4654 Lot 159. Approximate amount of judgment \$774,492.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380653/2009.

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.

Robert C. Bickford, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 7, 2016- #89952

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 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:

3307 Gunther Avenue Bronx, NY 10469 SBL No.: Block 4750 Lot 34 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York.

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

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff against ELIZABETH RESTO, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 30, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 23rd day of January, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 444 Timpson Place, Bronx, N.Y. 10455.

Tax account number: SBL#: 2600-78.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 326,494.71 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380232/2011. Leonard Alo, Esq., Referee Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400

ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLDS SWEATER CONTEST

St. Raymond Elementary School hosted its Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest on Thursday, December 22. The contest was a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital and participation was voluntary. Students each contributed \$2 per person and class winners were chosen. The grade level winners each received a Dunkin Donuts gift card.



Teachers Christie Lampedusa (l) and Michele Napoli (r) with students in their ugly sweaters.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

SPELLMAN GIVE-A-GIFT PROGRAM

A Christmas tradition at Cardinal Spellman High School, its Give-A-Gift program, was once again a success this year. Over 250 presents of clothing and toys were donated by students, faculty, and staff. Each was individually wrapped and delivered to the borough's children.



(l-r) students Rubi Landestoy, Stacey Appiah, Loribel Peguero, Emma Meaney, Damian Henry, Kristina Bell and Maryanne White, along with Cristina Rosado, moderator of Student Government, organizing the Give a Gift program.

Photo courtesy of Cardinal Spellman

WSZIO DECORATES LIBRARY WINDOW

The Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization decorated a picture window at the Westchester Square Library recently. The window was decorated with a winter theme. Characters from the Peanuts comic strip and other winter delights can currently be seen on the exterior windows.



The window decorated by the team from WSZIO.

Photo courtesy of WSZIO



ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL DISNEY PRINCESS VISIT

Princesses from Disney's Frozen brightened the holiday season of children at St. Barnabas Hospital on Friday, December 16. Children who were both inpatient and being treated in the clinic enjoyed a visit from the princess (in costume). The visit was made possible by A Moment of Magic Foundation, an organization that dresses college students as popular characters from animated films to cheer children who could use uplifting. Staff at SBH Health System with Disney princesses Belle, Arielle and Rapunzel.

Photo courtesy of SBH Health System

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff against JOSE A. RODRIGUEZ, JR., et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 2, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 30th day of January, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 1763 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10473.

Tax account number: SBL#: 3520-6.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 477,675.81 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380530-11. Gerald Goldsmith, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

File # 2593/2016 PROBATE CITATION - SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: Public Administrator of Bronx County. The heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Morris Biderman, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence.

Attorney General of the State of New York - A petition having been duly filed by JACK MILLER, who is domiciled at 23-26 Dorchester Road, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, on January 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. o' clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MORRIS BIDERMAN lately domiciled at 2191 Bolton Street, Bronx, New York admitting to probate a Will dated June 2, 2014, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Morris Biderman, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directed that Letters Testamentary issue to: JACK MILLER

Dated, Attested and Sealed: December 13, 2016 Hon. Nelida Malave - Gonzalez, Surrogate. Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Wimpfeimer & Wimpfeimer, Esqs.

Address of Attorney: 330 West 58th Street, Suite 308, New York, NY 10019 Telephone Number: 212-247-8448

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 PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S COUNSEL SHALL CAUSE NOTICE (PURSUANT TO SSCP SECTION 62-1-401) TO BE GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS OR THEIR ATTORNEYS. AS THE PETITIONER YOU ARE HEREBY RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING A COURT REPORTER FOR THE HEARING THAT YOU HAVE REQUESTED. IF YOU NEED MORE THAN ONE HOUR ON YOUR CASE - YOU MUST NOTIFY THE CLERK OF PROBATE COURT IMMEDIATELY

DATES OF HEARING: FEBRUARY, 13, 2007

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Charleston County Probate Court Historic Courthouse 84 Broad Street, Second Floor Charleston, SC 29401

DESCRIPTION/SUBJECT MATTER: ON PETITIONER'S PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

This 29th day of November 2016

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Charleston County, South Carolina

IN THE PROBATE COURT SUMMONS

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

DIANE DOCTOR, Petitioner,

vs.

PHILIP LEARY, GEORGE DOCTOR,

ANASTASIA DOCTOR and JACOB DOCTOR,

Respondent(s).

TO THE RESPONDENT(S) ABOVE-NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Petition herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to this Petition upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, Within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Charleston, South Carolina

Edward M. Brown

Petitioner/Attorney for Petitioner

Dated: June 30, 2016

Address: P.O. Box 20261 Charleston, SC 29413

LEGAL NOTICE

New York City Department of Transportation Notice of Public Hearing

The New York City Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 2:00 P.M., at 55 Water St., 9th FL., Room 945 on the following petition for revocable consent in the Borough of the Bronx.

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Interested parties can obtain a copy of the proposed agreement or request a sign-language interpreter (with at least seven days prior notice) at 55 Water St., 9 FL., New York, NY 10041, or by calling (212) 839-6550.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 21067/2016E Borough: Bronx Block: 4841

Lot: 36 NYCTL 2015-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, v. RUSSELL L. JAMES, SR., AS TRUSTEE OF THE MILTON A. LAVEIST FAMILY TRUST; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through JOHN LAVEIST, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; WILHELMINA LAVEIST, if living, or if she be dead, her husband, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said WILHELMINA LAVEIST, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs and "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 99 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and

generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein,

Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiffs attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this 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 service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: November 28, 2016 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Ben R. Barbato, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated December 19, 2016, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 719 East 227 Street, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 4841, Lot 36 (the "Tax Parcel"). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$23,119.30, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. PHILLIPS LYTTLE LLP Anthony J. Iacchetta Attorneys for Plaintiffs NYCTL 2015-A Trust and the Bank of New York Mellon, as Collateral Agent and Custodian 28 East Main Street Suite 1400 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 238-2000 aiacchetta@phillipslyttle.com

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF DUTCHESS SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Index No.: 2015/3794

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JIMMY E. GOULAS

Plaintiff,

-against-

RACHEL D. JAMES, CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, AAMES FUNDING CORPORATION DBA AAMES HOME LOAN, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE Defendants.

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ACTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT TO QUIET TITLE - ART.15

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to

appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York September 29, 2015 Mark H. Serino, Esq. Serino, MacKay & Berube, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 12 Walker Road Poughkeepsie,, NY 12603 845-462-0001

NOTICE: The nature of this action is - Article 15

THE RELIEF SOUGHT IS: Quiet Title to Real Property

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 State of New York upon a Respondent who is not a resident or domiciliary of the State of New York. If no other grounds for obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Respondent exist 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 protection. Where the Respondent has been served with this summons and petition does not appear, the Family Court may proceed to a hearing with respect to issuance or enforcement of the order of protection.

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

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.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

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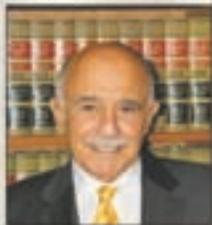


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Shopping mall ULURP likely; Baychester Square traffic concerns

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a lot of revenue to the MTA, not withstanding all of the revenue which would come to the city through sales taxes," said Greenwald.

The new development would complement Bay Plaza because Baychester Square is not targeting the same tenants and would offer a different kind of shopping experience, he added.

He believes that sales will go up in the entire area around Baychester Square with the creation of the new retail destination which includes almost two acres of outdoor space and two levels of stores, he said.

All indications are that CB 12 could support the project, based on statements from its district manager George Torres and Karl Stricker, Land Use Committee chairman.

Torres said the board is waiting to see the full scope of what is proposed and its effects on traffic, and that it

plans to listen to concerns of neighboring community boards 10 and 11, both of which border the site.

But he added that based on his experiences, retail options in the borough need to be expanded.

"We want to see stores in there that are not anyplace else...in the area," said Stricker, adding more shopping options are needed and that "the Bronx is the most under-stored borough."

Both Joe McManus, Land Use Committee chairman of CB 11 and Martin Prince, chairman of CB 10, expressed concerns about the traffic.

"The ULURP should be out in January," said Prince, adding that CB 10 has written to NYC Department of City Planning asking that the neighboring boards have input in the ULURP process.

"The Bay Plaza Mall has brought in a significant amount of traffic and putting a new mall across the highway would increase it exponentially," he said.



A site plan for the new Baychester Square along East Gun Hill Road next to an MTA bus depot. Photo courtesy of Urban Strategic Partners

Norovirus illness still a problem at P.S. 83 Annex despite cleanings

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of Education spokesman Toya Holness.

"The building is being continuously cleaned and will be thoroughly disinfected again over the winter break," Holness said Friday.

The DOE is working in close partnership with the DHMH to monitor the situation and are providing the school with ongoing support, she added.

The DHMH provided guidance for hand hygiene and disinfection of the school, and is monitoring daily illness and absence reports through daily communication with school staff, according to Stephanie Buhle, the department's assistant press secretary.

"As is normally the case this time of year, we are seeing an increase in gastrointestinal illness reports in communities across the city," Buhle said. "P.S.

83 in the Bronx continues to do ongoing disinfection, and it is planning to do additional disinfection over the break."

Principal Brandon Muccino confirmed the outbreak in a letter to parents on the Monday, December 12, and said the outbreak was the first of its kind at the school in his time there as principal.

Muccino did not immediately respond to a call for comment made to the school Friday, December 24.

However a front office employee at the school, Liz Mazzella, confirmed the virus was still an ongoing issue.

"It's not just students getting sick - it's the staff too," she said.

The parent of a student at the school told the Bronx Times the issue may have been exacerbated when the district held a holiday breakfast party at the nearby middle school, causing the virus to



Stomach flu continues to sicken students and staff at P.S. 83 Annex on Bogart Avenue, even through education department officials insist it was thoroughly cleaned. Arthur Cusano

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spread to the older students and their families.

Students who recover from the illness end up getting sick again once they return to school, said the parent, who asked not to be named.

"We don't believe the school was cleaned properly," the parent said.

The parent also voiced concern that soap had not regularly been provided in the school bathrooms until the outbreak occurred, and that students were responsible for bringing their own with them to

school.

Holness insisted that the claim was not true, and that soap and paper towels were, in fact, being provided.

To help prevent the spread of the norovirus, 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 are more effective than alcohol-based hand sanitizer lotions, according to the organization.

BEST IN THE BRONX

ANDERSON TOPS BRONX GRIDIRON TALENT THIS FALL

BY LAURA AMATO

Christian Anderson didn't just want to live up to expectations this season – he wanted to exceed them.

The Cardinal Hayes senior quarterback did just that and even more this fall, leading his squad to the program's first-ever CHSFL 'AAA' city championship on the power of his arm and the quickness of his feet. Anderson was the unquestioned leader of the Cardinals and his performance on the field has earned him Bronx Times Player of the Year honors.

"I had to lead the team and I took that role up," Anderson said. "I tried to lead as best as I could and show them how to win. The coaches really helped me out, showed me how to do it and told me what I needed to do in order for the team to win."

Anderson got a bit of experience under his belt during his junior season and that taste of leadership sparked something in the quarterback. He wanted to win more games. He wanted to notch more first downs, complete more passes, throw more touchdowns and he knew the only way to accomplish any of that was with practice.

So, Anderson set up his own offseason training regiment and never wavered from the schedule, determined to get better before the season even began.

"I lifted a lot, every day after track practice, I got faster," Anderson said. "And that made me be able to throw it further, my passes had some more velocity. I was just working with some of the receivers and on our chemistry."

Anderson's numbers were proof positive that his hard work paid off. He completed over 58 percent of his passes for 3,653 yards – second all-time in New York State for a single season – and 37 touchdowns. He threw just seven interceptions.

"After my junior year I was really able to read defenses a lot bet-

ter and make decisions a lot better and faster," Anderson said. "It was all hard work and lifting and experience, it added up to that."

It wasn't always picture-perfect.

Hayes struggled at the beginning of the season, literally, hurt by a handful of injuries to key offensive weapons. Anderson, however, never wavered. He simply dug a bit deeper and decided, after losing the first three games of the year, he was going to turn this team around.

"The coaches really helped me out, showed me how to do it and told me what I needed to do in order for the team to win," Anderson said. "Being able to see the progression of some of the players was really great."

Anderson's success this season rested, almost entirely, in his sense of determination. He wanted to win and he wasn't going to let anything get in his way – least of all an opposing defense. The senior was all but impossible to bring down once he started moving and his quick defensive reads made Hayes one of the most potent offenses in the city.

"When we were forced to score a lot of points, it was on me," Anderson said. "I can make plays outside the pocket and get out and run." Anderson hadn't received much college interest ahead of the season, but his success on the gridiron this fall made him a big-time target in the last few weeks. He's spoken with the University at Albany, visited Army and plans to visit a few more schools before making his final decision. And, after living up to expectations this fall, Anderson is anxious for a whole new set at the next level, determined, once again, to prove himself.

"I'm really excited because I know it's going to be my make or break time," he said. "I'm trying to elevate my game to try and play at that level and be recognized and even possibly play at the NFL."



Cardinal Hayes quarterback Christian Anderson was nothing short of dominant this season, finishing second all-time on the NYS single-season passing record. Photo by Robert Cole

2016 ALL-BRONX FOOTBALL HONORS

BY LAURA AMATO

It was an incredible year on the gridiron for Bronx football teams.

Cardinal Hayes made school history, clinching its first-ever CHSFL 'AAA' championship with a dramatic 41-39 victory over Stepinac. The Cardinals also became the first program in the city to win a city championship at the A, AA, and AAA level.

Cardinal Spellman also impressed in the Catholic league, making a return trip to the 'A' final before coming up short against Moore Catholic.

Lehman also brought home a Public School Athletic League championship back to the Bronx, defeating borough rival Truman in lopsided fashion in the bowl division title game. John F. Kennedy impressed in the PSAL as well, notching the team's first postseason berth in years.

Of course, none of this success would have been possible without the players who suited up every weekend. Here they are, the best of the best in the Bronx:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, CARDINAL HAYES

COACH OF THE YEAR CJ O'NEIL, CARDINAL HAYES

The long-time Cardinals' coach brought his team from the bottom to the top this season. Hayes lost its first three games of the year, hurt by injuries and a lack of an actual home field, but managed to bounce back down the stretch, hitting its offensive stride and becoming one of the most potent scoring units in the entire state. The squad's dramatic comeback in the 'AAA' was nothing short of incredible and while the Cardinals came up short in the state title game, O'Neil and his team had nothing to be disappointed about.

FIRST-TEAM ALL-AREA MATT VALECCE, FORDHAM PREP

The junior was the unquestioned leader of the Rams offense this season and he answered the call every time he stepped under center. Valecce racked up 2,628 yards, completing over 60 percent of his pass attempts this season. He threw 27 touchdown passes and was picked off just seven times.

LUCAS NUNEZ, CARDINAL HAYES

The junior wide receiver could do just about anything with the ball in his hands, an explosive player who used his speed to leave opposing defenders in his metaphorical dust. Nunez hauled in a team-high 58 catches for a whopping 1,585 yards and 22 touchdowns. He averaged just over 27 yards every time he touched the ball.

TERRICK MONCREIF, CARDINAL HAYES

The senior lineman was the unsung hero of the Cardinals dominant offense. One of the top blockers in the city he regularly faced off against opposing defenses' biggest and strongest players and, more often than not, stopped them in their tracks.

CHIZURUM UMANAKWE, JOHN F. KENNEDY

The senior did a bit of everything for the Knights, but he was at his best on defense, a leader at the linebacker position all season. He racked up 11 sacks, 42 tackles on the season to go along with 908 rushing yards eight touchdowns as JFK notched its first playoff berth in three years.

WILL LOFFREDO, FORDHAM PREP

The Rams top receiver this season, the junior hauled in a team-best 73 catches for 1,239 yards and 13 touchdowns. He and Vallecce boasted one of the best on-field relationships in the city and the pair teamed up in dramatic fashion on Thanksgiving when Loffredo caught 10 catches for 158 yards and two touchdowns in a 21-18 Turkey Bowl victory over Xavier.

TYREEK NOBLE, JOHN F. KENNEDY

The Knights defensive lineman didn't let inexperience bother him this season. The first-year varsity player had a big-time impact on his squad's defensive success, notching 15 sacks and 47 tackles in nine games this season.

RAMON JEFFERSON, TRUMAN

The senior was the spark that made the Mustangs offense go this season as the squad made its way back to the city final. In eight regular-season games, Jefferson racked up 1,216 yards and 23 touchdowns on the ground. He averaged over 16 yards per carry and also chipped in a receiving touchdown and kick return touchdown.

RICHARD MARTINEZ, LEHMAN

The senior played both side for the Lions, but his strength was on his feet with the ball in his hands. He finished the year with 977 rushing yards and seven touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, he recovered two fumbles, racked up 27 tackles and one interception - late in the Bowl final to cement the team's win.

RODNEY N'GUESSAN, CARDINAL SPELLMAN

The senior was a workhorse out of the backfield this fall, carrying the ball 104 times for 672 total yards and eight touchdowns. He rarely came off the field for the Pilots, also notching

32 tackles as well as eight two-point conversions.

WILLIAM RIVERA, DEWITT CLINTON

It wasn't an easy season for Clinton this year, but the senior did his best to keep things consistent, stepping up wherever his squad needed him. He saw time under center as well as in the backfield and even racked up seven sacks and 31 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

CARLOS SOTO, LEHMAN

The senior found the end zone nine times during the regular season, but he was even more impressive during the Lions' championship victory. Soto racked up four touchdowns in the title game as Lehman cruised to a 30-0 victory over Truman. He wrapped up his final year on

the gridiron with 286 rushing yards, 63 tackles, four sacks and three fumble recoveries.

HONORABLE MENTION

DB: Sofian Massoud, Cardinal Hayes
DB: Mario De La Cruz, Lehman
LB: Tahsawn Brinson, Cardinal Hayes
DL/OL: Matt Conlon, Fordham Prep
DL/OL: Michael Booth, Cardinal Spellman
OL: Joseph Petti, Fordham Prep
QB/RB: PJ Franklyn, John F. Kennedy
QB: Jordi Mota, Cardinal Spellman
RB: Carlos Fernandez, Cardinal Hayes
RB: Bryce Welch, Mount St. Michael
RB: Mario Agyn, John F. Kennedy
WR: Emmanuel Oliver, Cardinal Hayes
WR: Elijah Jones, Cardinal Hayes
K: Pat Wolff, Fordham Prep



Cardinal Hayes junior wide receiver Lucas Nunez used his explosive speed to help lead his squad to its first-ever CHSFL 'AAA' championship this year and earn a spot on the Bronx All-Area team.
Photo by Robert Cole

Hayes stays perfect with complete-team win

BY KYLE GORMAN

It was as if Christmas came two days early.

The Cardinal Hayes boys basketball team didn't have a very long wish list this holiday season. In fact, there was only one thing the team wanted – to stay perfect. That's exactly what the Cardinals got.

Hayes cruised to a 73-60 victory over Monsignor Scanlan on Dec. 23, improving to 8-0 on the season in front of a jam-packed crowd on their home court. It was the perfect gift.

"It's nice to go into Christmas without any losses," said Cardinal Hayes coach Joseph Lods.

The win was exactly what Cardinal Hayes wanted, but the squad certainly had to work for its gift. The Cardinals struggled early on against Scanlan's height advantage and, just two minutes into the second half, Hayes' leading scorer,

Tyrese Williams, fouled out of the game.

Williams finished with 13 points in the CHSAA matchup, which included three banked shots from downtown.

"We gambled and left our leading scorer in with foul trouble early in the third quarter. That kind of backfired on me when he fouled out with six minutes to go," Lods said.

Monsignor Scanlan did its best to take advantage of the missing Williams in the early minutes of the third quarter. The Crusaders got their first lead of the second half with just over two minutes remaining in the third, going up 45-43.

Unfortunately for Scanlan, that lead lasted just twenty seconds, as the Cardinals settled back into the game plan with Williams on the bench.

The Cardinals snatched back that lead with an

11-point run, including three shots from behind the arc – a pair from Jontai Williams and one from Joe Toussaint.

Hayes continued to hit its offensive stride down the stretch and the squad went into the fourth quarter with a comfortable 54-48 lead.

The Crusaders kept it close in the fourth, aided by Gabe Bryan's 18-points, but never were able to regain

the lead. Scanlan clawed back to make it a four-point game, but Hayes' bounced back with ease as Terrence Reaves drained a pair of layups to pad the cushion.

Toussaint was also a big part of the late-game push, racking up a game-high 27 points. He drained three treys as well and over 70 percent from the line.

Jalen Nesmith also chipped in 12 points and

Jontai Williams added 11 points of his own as well.

The Cardinals didn't have to fight quite as hard for the rest of their presents this holiday, but this victory – and the undefeated record – was well worth it, showcasing just how deep this Hayes squad is.

"I give credit to the rest of my team," Lods said. "They stepped up and the made some plays."



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