

UNIONPORT TO BE REPLACED

Bridge project goes to bid in June

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

As the start of construction nears for the new Unionport Drawbridge, residents have questions about how the work will affect them.

William Nyman, a senior project manager at Hardesty & Hanover - the development company overseeing the bridge's replacement, and some NYC Department of Transportation representatives addressed many of these issues during a Wednesday, January 11 presentation at Monsignor Scanlan High School.

Construction of the new bridge is scheduled to begin later this year and continue through 2021.

The current bridge, which runs across Westchester Creek at the Bruckner Interchange, will be replaced by two side-by-side one-leaf bridges, each having three lanes.

The westbound traffic will get a dedicated lane for vehicles existing onto Zerega Avenue and the east bound side will offer a lane turning onto Brush Avenue.

Nyman said the reason for implementing a one leaf

bridge - meaning the bridge will only open one way - is so that all the machinery to open the bridge is on one side and it will be easier to fix any issues with the bridge.

In addition, there will be a 12-foot wide bike path on the new northern bridge and a five-foot wide pedestrian sidewalk on the new southern bridge.

Construction workers will begin building the southernmost bridge while the old bridge stays operational.

Nyman said the new bridge
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Artistic Expression

Budding artists of all ages enjoyed expressing their creative side at Confetti Party Place on Sunday, January 8 at 3190 Westchester Avenue. Children had fun painting iconic Marvel Comics superheroes for their own take-home masterpiece. A young artist added some finishing touches to his incredible Iron Man portrait.

Photo courtesy of Confetti Party Place

Marble mayhem vandals on the lam

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The NYPD is looking for unknown individuals who lobbed marbles at more than two dozen Bronx businesses and a Bronx MTA bus in the evening hours of Sunday, January 8.

The seemingly random attacks caused chaos and no

shortage of costly damage to glass windows across the borough.

Altogether, there were 28 incidents in less than 90 minutes across ten of the 11 Bronx NYPD precincts, with just the northernmost 47th precinct spared damage.

The mischief took place be-

tween 7:15 a.m. and 8:40 p.m. Sunday night.

One of those establishments was the Tremont Diner, where one of its large front plate glass windows was cracked.

Manager of five years Charlie Katechis said his store was hit not long after 7:30 p.m.

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St. Benedict completes \$15k brick campaign

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

St. Benedict's School has employed a creative method to raise money for the technology it needs to meet today's challengers.

The elementary and junior high school raised \$15,000 and hopes to clear at least \$10,000 in a recently completed ceremonial brick campaign that will commemorate the donors inside the main entrance to the school building.

The funding, mostly from alumni but also from teachers, will be used to purchase more Chromebook laptop computers for instructional purposes, said Ray Vitiello, St. Benedict's School principal.

The thirty-five carts and devices will be provided to teachers on each floor of the school as a result of the brick campaign, said the principal.

Vitiello said that Benjamin Piacquadio, a social studies teacher who pitched him the idea along with all of the junior high teachers at St. Benedict's, spearheaded the effort.

"We are always looking for innovative ways to raise money for our school with the hopes of bringing better technology or more advanced technology into this school," said Vitiello.

The computers will provide students with additional capabilities to link to various websites related to the topics they are learning about while they remain in their own classrooms, said the principal.

One aspect in using computers in teaching is that they allow for the collection of data via learning platforms that can show teachers how individual students are performing in terms of meeting predetermined standards, said Piacquadio.

Individual teachers can monitor, for example, which students were performing well or not up to standards in multiple areas of Common Core Standards, and teach based on the what the data is showing.

Piacquadio said that this allows for 'differentiated instruction,' where teaching can be tailored to individual student needs by providing different avenues to learning.

"We got to keep up with the ever-changing world of technology," said the principal, explaining in previous



A celebration for alums that have made donations as part of the St. Benedict School Brick Campaign is being planned.

Photo courtesy of St. Benedict School

times the school had a computer lab, but that now, computers are in the classroom

Piacquadio wrote to alumni as part of the fundraiser, and worked creatively with Donna Miller, a graduate of the school who has helped create a database of alums with contact information.

"Ben contacted me and told me that he had organized this campaign," said Miller, adding "I emailed people and forwarded a letter from the principal about this campaign and added my own."

Miller said that in addition to emailing the St. Benedict graduates in her database, which includes some 1,200-school alums, she mailed written hard copy letters to about 100 selected alumni regarding the commemorative bricks.

"We are thankful for the generous support of the alumni," she said.

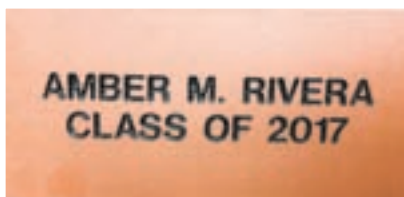
In addition to Miller's efforts, St. Benedict first grade teacher Jeanette Chin helped by calling alumni and answering their questions about the brick campaign, according to Piacquadio.

Two benches will also be installed below the wall near the bricks, said the principal.

One was donated by an alumni who now lives in Hawaii and another from St. Benedict faculty and staff members who provided \$2,000 in support, said Vitiello.

The principal is still looking for a craftsman to install the bricks, he said, which have names of students and their graduation dates, as well as other appropriate messages.

A dedication ceremony, featuring a reception for donors, may take place in late May, said the principal.



An example of the kind of ceremonial bricks that will be part of the display to be installed at the main entrance to St. Benedict's School.

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With the future of the current Armory proposal unclear, the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) remains committed to redeveloping the Kingsbridge Armory for the betterment of the Bronx and its residents.

After State Supreme Court Judge Franco threw out the Kingsbridge National Ice Center's lawsuit against the City of New York, the NWBCCC reaffirmed the importance of redeveloping the Kingsbridge Armory with real community benefits.

"Everyone in the community knows the Armory continuing to sit vacant does nothing for our people, for the borough or the city," said Alexis Francisco, a long time Bronx resident and NWBCCC leader. "After so many years of organizing local residents and working constructively with public and private stakeholders, we successfully secured one of the most progressive community benefits agreements in the country

that would have a transformative impact on the Bronx. With the future of the current Armory redevelopment plan now unclear, our leaders have expressed their intent to continue working in partnership with the de Blasio Administration and elected officials to ensure that this incredible asset becomes a model of equitable development in the city and throughout the country."

The NWBCCC began organizing community residents nearly two decades ago to address the redevelopment of this landmark building, creating the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance (KARA) made up of a diverse set of community stakeholders that ultimately negotiated and won a CBA with KNIC in 2013, bringing wall to wall living wages, local procurement and hiring requirements, 1% revenue sharing and a 52,000 square foot community space to the Kingsbridge community, among other benefits. Tens of thousands of Bronx

residents have been involved in the NWBCCC's efforts to redevelop the Kingsbridge Armory over the last 20 years, contributing to the strength of the project's CBA.

The Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition is a grassroots member-led organization currently representing over 5000 Bronx families organizing in the Northwest Bronx for over 42 years around safe, affordable

housing, energy democracy, health justice, immigration, equitable economic development and ending the school to prison pipeline. It has a strong track record, working with a variety of partners and community stakeholders, of creating alternative models that include deep community engagement and participation, and build collective decision-making led by those most impacted.

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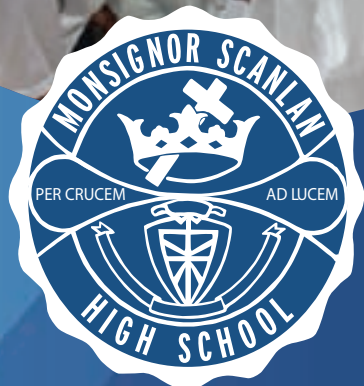


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DOT barriers bring Surf City to Co-op City

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Tiny surfers on a sea blue background are painted on Jersey barriers that line the center median of Bartow Avenue as it runs into Hutchinson Parkway East, that would look better fitted for the Rockaways.

However, those barriers are instead lining one of the main thoroughfares of Co-op City, in an area not known for its breaking waves.

To make matters worse, the long-awaited steel-reinforced replacement barriers appear to be as worn as the ones they replaced.

There is already evidence of chunks of crumbling concrete falling off the recently installed barriers.

The stretch of roadway, known as 'killer curve', due to its extreme serpentine bend, requires drivers to severely drop their speed or slam into the concrete dividers.

The deteriorating barriers have left Co-op City residents perplexed since the road was milled and repaved by NYC Department of Transportation late last year.

The Jersey barriers, also known as New Jersey walls, will be repainted in the coming months, according to the DOT, but area officials are demanding more.

Councilman Andy King, said the previous barriers were damaged to the point that he requested they be replaced. But King said the condition of the replacements is not much better.

"It looks like (DOT) took them from Coney Island," he said, making reference to the miss-matched beach-like motifs painted on the barriers.

King said he would be speaking with the DOT on Thursday, January 12 about the fate of the barriers.

Community Board 10 chairman Martin Prince said the barriers, which were salvaged from parts of Queens significantly impacted by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, were actually a slight improvement from the barriers that were there previously.

"The older barriers were crumbling even worse," Prince said.

Prince said he would dis-



The painted barriers on Bartow Avenue put up after the road was recently repaved may seem a bit out of place, but city officials said they will be replaced in the near future. Community News Group/Arthur Cusano

cuss the issue with the DOT at the board's District Service Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, January 17.

Prince said there were no

plans in the foreseeable future to upgrade the barriers.

But he said NYS Department of Transportation was adding a northbound Hutchinson River

Parkway exit in the vicinity of the curve over the next few years and he hoped a better traffic dividing wall would be installed at that time.

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Chase Bank robber spills on Instagram

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

While 2017 is less than a month old, a Florida man is making an early run at the title of dumbest criminal of the year.

Some people will share anything on social media...



A selfie photo taken by Paul Lubin showed cash from bank robberies police said he committed at Chase banks in Queens and the Bronx over the past three months. Photo courtesy of Instagram

their breakfast, their cat, their children.

But the spoils of a robbery spree?

That's what Paul Lubin, 31, of Florida, did before he robbed the Chase bank at 3528 E. Tremont Avenue on

Wednesday, January 4 at 1:24 p.m.

He made off with more than \$7,000 after slipping a note to a teller.

Lubin had already hit six other Chase banks in Queens over the past three months starting Friday, September 30, including branches in Kew Gardens, Jamaica and Bay-side and Glendale.

The brazen thief had absconded with almost \$25,000, according to police.

Lubin handed bank tellers at each bank he robbed a note that contained essentially the same message:

"DO NOT DO anything stupid. Put \$5,000 in an envelope. DO NOT PISS ME OFF! Everyone's safety depends all on you!"

Notes given to bank clerks on December 14 and 27 used similar wording. The underlining of certain words for emphasis further helped the FBI narrow down the cases to single suspect.

Lubin's fingerprints were lifted from the note written on a bank deposit slip, and were



A selfie photo taken by Paul Lubin shows him wearing the striped shirt the FBI said he also used to rob banks in the Bronx and Queens. Photo courtesy of Instagram

by the court to prevent Lubin from being able to check online if a warrant was issued, a practice the agent who authored the report said was increasingly common.

FBI agents were able to track Lubin down partly thanks to photos he shared to the social media photo sharing app Instagram.

A photo of Lubin wearing the same striped hooded sweatshirt seen in bank surveillance video footage was posted on the site last week under the name Paullubin11 on Tuesday, December 13, which also showed a large stack of cash.

Lubin then commented on the picture, "#Thuumbin-thru."

Lubin's Instagram account was apparently fairly popular - the photo of his ill-gotten cash received 28 likes from other users.

"You're such an idiot, hahaha," commented one Instagram user, operating under the username 'Vladiruss.'

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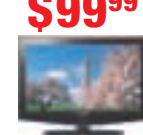
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Photo by Edwin Soto



POLICE BLOTTER

42 Precinct

Monday, January 2 at 5:02 a.m. -- Cops got a 911 call for help inside of an apartment building at 1291 Hoe Avenue. When police arrived, they walked into the scene of a homicide. Cops found a 42-year-old man with stab wounds to the chest and head. EMS also responded and took the man to St. Barnabas Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Monday, January 2 at 8:10 a.m. -- Police received a report of robbery near Boston Road and Union Avenue. A 50-year-old man was in the lobby of the building where he lived when someone approached him with a broomstick and began to beat him. The victim suffered a cut to his forehead as well as pain and bruising. The thief took the man's wallet, which was empty, and fled. The person police are looking for is described as an adult Hispanic man, about five feet, five inches tall and 140 pounds. He had a moustache and a shaved head. He was last seen wearing a yellow hooded sweatshirt with a print design on the front, blue jeans and black sneakers.

Street was reported to cops. A 24-year-old man who was the victim was approached by two people whom he had a dispute with earlier in the night. One of the people took out a gun and shot the victim in the right leg. The people police are looking for then fled the scene via East 174th Street and Eastburn Avenue. One of the people cops are looking for is a black man with a medium complexion who was last seen wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, gray jeans and white sneakers. This person had a gun. The second person was described as an Hispanic man with a light complexion who was last seen wearing a black jacket with the words 'Los Angeles' on the back, a blue hooded sweatshirt, black jeans and black sneakers.

45 Precinct

Tuesday, January 3 at 3:11 p.m. -- A man who was the victim of a kidnapping was found by police. He had been taken from a hair stylist at 2936 Wilkinson Avenue by a group of Hispanic men. One of the men was armed with a gun. The kidnapping victim was put inside a black minivan which sped off on nearby Westchester Avenue.

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New Year's transit wishes

Dear editor,
Transit riders and taxpayers have two New Years wishes for 2017: Governor Cuomo will deliver \$7.3 billion of the remaining \$8.3 billion he still owes to fully fund New York State's share of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority \$27 billion 2015 - 2019 Five Year Capital Plan and Mayor de Blasio will deliver the \$2.5 billion balance he still owes to fully fund NYC's share of the same MTA Five Year Capital Plan.

Let's hope both Cuomo and de Blasio don't leave us with coal instead of hard cash in our Christmas transit stockings next year!

Larry Penner

Welcome to Bizarroland

Dear editor,
Speaking about the long awaited opening of the three-stop Second Avenue Subway, Governor Cuomo said "With this achievement, we have recaptured the bold ambition that made the Empire State so great, proving that government can still accomplish big things for the people it serves".

I'd say the opening of the Second Avenue subway, much like Obama's Affordable Care Act proves just the opposite; i.e. government cannot accomplish big things (or even small things) for the people it serves. But then the Democrats live in the Bizarro universe, where we must believe the exact opposite of reality, up is down; down is up.

Construction of the three-stop subway line began in 1929, stopped due to the city's unsustainable rapid transit debt, started up again in 1974 and was halted again when Democratic Mayor Abe Beame informed us New Yorkers that New York teetered on the brink of bankruptcy. Government planning at its best.

Fast forward to April 12, 2007. Now we have the MTA initiating a new ground breaking. That day MTA chairman Peter Kalikow said "With funding in place and the political will to build, New York is finally going to have the East

Side service this world city deserves." All the usual suspects came out that day ten years ago.

Dan Doctorof said it really is a "great day" because as goes the Second Avenue Subway, so goes New York (God help us). My friend, Scott Stringer chimed in that the people in Manhattan recognize that this is a valuable economic engine. He gave a 'shout out' to Carolyn Maloney for all her work to get this project going. Christine Quinn echoed Stringer's shout out to Maloney, and says that she made the campaign promise to get the subway done, even though she had no real sense that she would be able to follow through on her promise.

Even former Governor Spitzer (Client No 9) was credited for getting the state to cough up \$1.9 billion of our tax money for the project. Ten years later on January 1, 2017, the 1.6 mile, three-station line is completed at a cost of \$ 4.5 billion proving what Gov. Cuomo said - Not!

The NYC subway system originally built (not by government) by the Rapid Transit Construction Company breaking ground at City Hall on March 24, 1900. Operation of the subway began on October 27, 1904, traveling 9.1 miles through 28 stations. Four years to construct 9.1 miles and 28 stations vs. the MTA's ten year 1.6 mile, three station accomplishment.

Proof that government can accomplish big things—but only in Bizarro World!

Carl J. Cannizzaro

We finally have hope

Dear editor,
In answer to letter writer Carl J. Cannizzaro's inquiry about the Obama legacy, it is very clear the legacy he's left.

What first comes to mind is his lavish trips that we paid for. His deliberate goal to ruin our country and turn people against each other. It amazes me that he left our men to die in Banghazi, and took no responsibility for that act. Our citizens have been beheaded, and he reluctantly took time off from his golfing trip to say a few word.

Our service men, who we thank with all our hearts, returned maimed, disfigured

and emotionally impaired and Obama provided the least amount of care for them.

His legacy is very long, much more than this, but nothing to be proud of. May our president-elect find the wisdom and courage to change what Obama has done and make us all feel safe and whole again.

Michelle Obama says we have now lost hope. I disagree - for the first time in eight years, we finally have hope.

Linda Ranallo

Abuse of the process

Dear editor,
Beth Finkel's letter in support of the Right to Counsel bill is on target. As the head of a tenants association, I am painfully aware of the legal maneuvering used by unscrupulous and callous landlords to victimize innocent tenants and enrich their own bank accounts.

Legal aid is no help in these circumstances. They are overwhelmed by a caseload that has increased in recent years due to the enactment of legislation known as the 'One Shot Deal.'

Intended to assist in cases where tenants have fallen behind in rent payments due to loss of employment or extended illness, this safety net has been used and abused by landlords who know that legal aid will suggest agreeing to the deal in order to reduce their caseload and avoid an interminable legal process.

The landlords who routinely take tenants to court on baseless charges, known in legal circles as "abuse of process," are laughing all the way to the bank.

It is time that the taxpayers of this city demand that our judiciary and our elected officials identify and penal-

ize these repeat offenders for the greed and disrespect for the law that they and their attorneys exhibit every day in housing court.

Their heartless evictions, aimed at vacancy rent increases, are the primary reason for the tragedy of homelessness that they promote, so far, with impunity. Their innocent victims deserve the right to counsel, regardless of their ability to pay.

Justice cannot always remind blind.

Paulette Sorg
Williamsbridge Tenants Association

Be careful taking buses

Dear editor,
I am responding to your front page article dated January 6-12 about the high school girls suing the MTA for 40 million dollars. My goodness, I think they are barking up the wrong tree when you are suing the MTA for this purpose.

If it happened to me, I would look into suing the Department of Education too. I wish that you would sue the MTA for its intentions to raise the subway and bus fare, for example when the MTA in my view really does not have to.

I hate to sound cold but, the fact that these young women got roughed up on the Bx 8 bus is not unusual and happens in very similar ways in every bus and subway route in this city that serves any type of school.

Let's face it, Westchester Square has become a mecca of students doing violent acts to each other after getting out of school or, even to older people that may have nothing to do with the schools. Older people or people with disabilities should not travel aboard buses or trains when school lets out.

Joseph Wall

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

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In Memory of Gerry Fitzgerald



January 14, 1952 - November 18, 2016

Gerry lived his entire life in the Bronx, growing up in Throggs Neck and settling in Riverdale with his wife of 36 years, Linda Pizzolo Fitzgerald. They have two daughters, Lisa O'Connor of Midland Park, N.J., and Juliet Fitzgerald of Mount Laurel, N.J.

Gerry is also survived by son-in-law Eric O'Connor and two grandchildren, 2-year-old Griffin Patrick O'Connor and 4-month-old Olivia Lea O'Connor.

There are many who grieve for this man. These are wise words to remember...

Tears have a wisdom all their own.

They come when a person has relaxed enough to let go and to work through his (her) sorrow. They are the natural bleeding of an emotional wound, carrying the poison out of the system.

Here lies the road to recovery.

~ F. Alexander Magoun

Cheerleaders raise \$\$ to attend Nationals

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

After months of wondering whether they were going to Disney World, the James Monroe Eagles cheerleading team got the funding to realize its goal.

On Friday, January 6, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, councilmembers Andy King and Annabel Palma presented the cheerleading team a combined \$6,000 to send them to the Universal Cheerleaders Association Nationals Competition at the Orlando, FL theme park this February.

The team is made up of students who attend the Metropolitan Soundview High School which is located on the James Monroe Educational Campus.

In September, the group found out they were invited to compete in the national round of the tournament, but then realized they would need a \$30,000 sponsorship to attend the event.

"We had a few bake sales, did a cake/cookies/pies fundraiser, and ultimately decided to start our GoFundMe campaign," said Sonja Williams, one of the team's coaches.

However, after the team officially received their bid to the

Nationals on December 10, the were still very short of their fundraising goal.

"I'm not going to lie," said Malay'Ja Heard, the senior team captain, "I lost a little bit of hope when I saw we were not receiving enough money to go. It brought tears to my eyes because I know this means a lot to myself and my teammates."

During the first week of January, the team was featured on TV station PIX 11, after which thousands of dollars began to roll into the team's GoFundMe account.

"My team - these are like my best friends and my family - they mean everything to me," Heard said. "And us going to Nationals and being able to get funded to go - and having [everyone] support us - means everything."

The donations from the elected officials on January 6 put them over their goal.

Assemblyman Crespo said he was proud to have such good representation of the Bronx.

"This is just a joyful day because in the Bronx for far too long we highlight the bad and the negative when our youth are in trouble or they are trou-



The James Monroe Eagles Cheerleaders; pictured with Metropolitan Soundview High School principal Emarilix Lopez (center), Councilmember Annabel Palma (kneeling left) and Councilmember Andy King (kneeling right) - King, Palma and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo (not pictured) donated a combined \$6,000 to help send the team to the UCA Nationals Competition. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

bled by things that are happening in our community," said Crespo.

"We need to celebrate more of these moments," he continued. "When our young people demonstrate the skills that they have, the commitment that they have, the teamwork for success, the fact that they will be representing not just the Bronx but the entire state of New York down in Florida - and representing New Yorkers and representing who we are and what we're about - we are proud of this team and we are

proud of the coaches and we are proud of [Metropolitan Soundview High School] principal [Emarilix] Lopez."

King was also excited to be helping out a team from the Bronx.

"I'm delighted and I'm grateful to stand here today to be offering my contribution to make sure that these young people get a chance to go to Florida," said King.

For Palma, helping the students on the James Monroe Campus holds a personal touch.

"This cause was extremely important to me because I was a student at James Monroe way back when," said Palma.

"In this case the Eagles make us really proud," she also said, "to not only represent our district but also represent New York."

The national-level of the competition, which includes about 20 teams from across the country, begins at Disney World on Saturday, February 11 and runs through Sunday, February 12. View the competition on ESPN and ESPN2.

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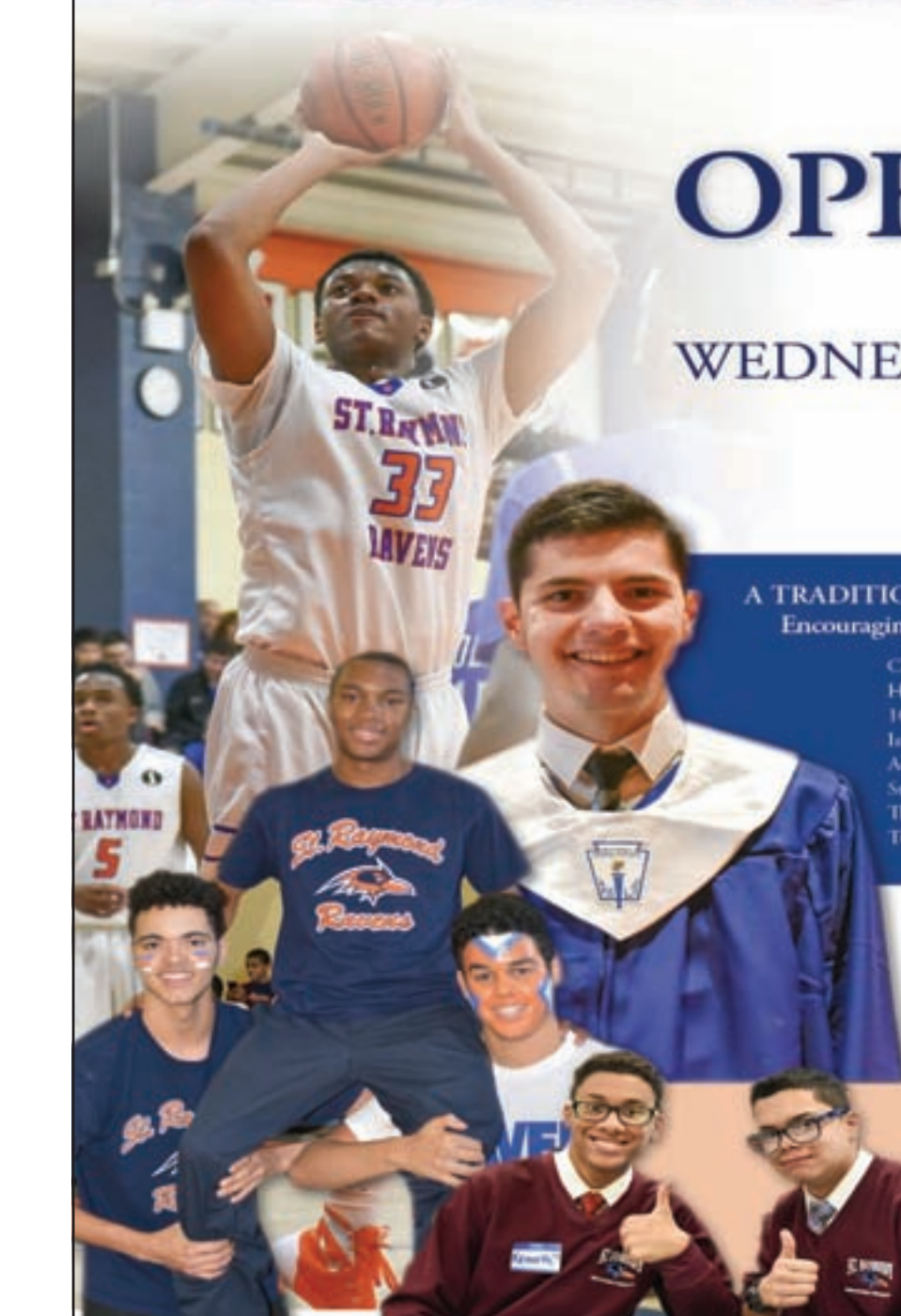
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The Lotus Flame restaurant in Morris Park is closed indefinitely due to a fire that occurred last week. A family living in an apartment above was also displaced. Arthur Cusano

Blaze shutter's Lotus Flame restaurant

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The embers have gone cold at Lotus Flame in Morris Park for the foreseeable future after an early morning fire caused major damage to the eatery.

On Friday, January 6, the fire severely damaged the apartments above the popular Indian restaurant at 866 Morris Park Avenue and left the fate of the restaurant in limbo as the FDNY investigation into the blaze continued.

The first FDNY unit arrived at the fire four minutes after it was called into 911 just after 2 a.m.

It started in the basement, according to the FDNY, and then spread to the second and third floors, as well as the roof.

The fire quickly escalated to a third alarm, bringing 33 units and 140 firefighters to the scene.

Firefighters brought the blaze under control at 4:18 a.m.

Two residents and four firefighters suffered minor injuries, according to the FDNY Office of Public Informa-

tion.

A family living on one of the upper levels was displaced by the fire, but family members did not require aid with relocation to another temporary residence, according to Red Cross of Greater New York spokesman Michael de Vulpillieres.

Lotus Flame co-owner Savitri McCrea said on Monday that the restaurant was closed indefinitely.

She said she did not know the cause of the blaze, but said FDNY officials were investigating a possible electrical cause.

The restaurant had been open for two years and two months, and had earned raves from customers and the press for its Indo-Caribbean and Chinese offerings.

McCrea said she did not know when or if the eatery would reopen, and whether it would reopen at the same location.

"I cannot say at this point," she said.



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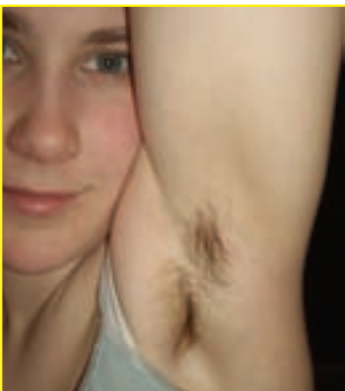


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(l-r) Justin Gonzalez, Joshua Diaz, Milagros Orizal, her mother Gladis Medina, Eddie Puncar, Pete Gonzalez and Tyree Jordan stood near the newly installed boiler.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Soundview resident guaranteed a warm winter

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

During the winter months we are thankful for a warm place to come home to.

Soundview resident Milagros Orizal was \$9,000 away from having that luxury until she was selected for some huge generosity.

Thanks to a charitable act from the National Association of Oil & Energy Service Professionals, Orizal received a free boiler and a few young apprentices got a valuable learning experience as well.

In December, Orizal discovered her boiler was leaking and learned she needed to purchase a replacement.

"With what money?," she asked.

Pete Gonzalez, a member of the New York City chapter of OESP, had worked on Orizal's boiler in the past.

Orizal reached out to Gonzalez.

According to Gonzalez, he thought the homeowner would be an ideal candidate for a grant from the Oil Heat Cares Foundation - the charity arm of OESP - and encouraged her to apply.

"As soon as I read the Orizal family's grant application, I knew it was another perfect opportunity for Oil Heat Cares to step in," said Gonzalez, a vocational instructor at Bronx Design and Construction Academy High School. "This is an opportunity to literally give a family their home back at the beginning of winter."

Orizal said she had been living in the house for 37 years and had always had the same boiler.

"I feel like I won the Lottery," Orizal said of learning her application had been selected.

She also said she was fearful of having no heat in the house and having the water pipes freeze over.

"I'm so happy," she added. "I never thought things like this happen to peo-

ple like me."

Gonzalez, who also runs his own heating company, arrived at Orizal's home with three students from the high school.

The high school seniors - Tyrese Jordan, Joshua Diaz and Justin Gonzalez - installed Orizal's boiler and were graded on the work once it was finished.

"It feels good because you're able to help someone that needs heat," said Diaz.

Jordan appreciated the chance to see the progress of the boiler as he and his classmates worked on its installation.

"When we came here and started it was just a boiler," he said. "And now when you look at it and see all the piping and everything I said, 'Wow, we did that.'"

Angel Gonzalez, the vice president of the New York City chapter of OESP, called the installation a "great experience."

"We have a couple of different things going on here," Angel said. "We're giving back to the students - they're gaining education here and they're gaining field experience."

"And at the same time we've given to a needy family," he continued. "So we've got two different things going on here which is a really great experience."

The students began the job on Wednesday, January 4 and finished the work on Friday, January 6.

In addition, to the boiler, the group also installed a brand new water heater next to the boiler.

"I want to say thank you so much for what Angel and Pete Gonzalez have done for my family," said Orizal. "Without them I didn't know what I was going to do."



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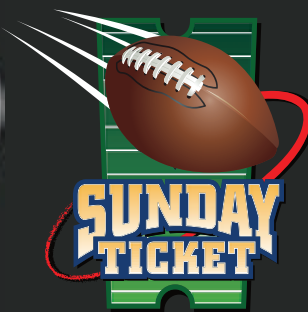
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(Above left) Local students enjoyed celebrating Three Kings Day with (back, l-r) Fr. Lopez, Councilwoman Palma and Senator Klein. Photo by Laura Stone

(Above) Councilwoman Palma (back, l) and Senator Klein with (front, l-r) Sophie Aldas, Delilah Bonilla and Stella Aldas. Photo by Laura Stone

(Center left) Fr. Ramon Lopez (r), Holy Cross Church pastor, shared some thanks with Councilwoman Palma and Senator Klein. Photo by Laura Stone

(Center right) Silly Cindy (r) created some awesome floral face paint designs for Stella Aldas. Photo by Laura Stone



(Bottom left) Budding artists Ksenia O'Neal (l) and Lianna Rosario received some creative gifts. Photo by Laura Stone

(Bottom right) Nicole Reyes (l) and Angie Pere proudly displayed their incredible face paint designs. Photo by Laura Stone



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47TH PRECINCT SERVES SENIOR LUNCHEON

The 47th Precinct spread holiday cheer to the elderly at its annual senior luncheon on Friday, December 30 at Bronx Bethany Church of the Nazarene.



Officers from the 47th Precinct and seniors enjoyed celebrating the holiday season together. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ, AT&T & CHESS IN SCHOOLS HOST CHESS CHALLENGE

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; AT&T and Chess in Schools co-hosted a youth chess tournament for Bronx students on Wednesday, December 21 at the Andrew Freedman Home. (Above) Diaz played a thrilling game of chess with one of the over 200 Bronx students who participated in the third annual Chess Challenge.

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

AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Aquinas High School students presented a festive performance for their school's annual Christmas Concert Comfort and Joy on Friday, December 16. The choir joined by the string orchestra and dancers lifted the spirits of all celebrating the Yuletide season.



Aquinas High School's choir sang the praises of the holiday season.

Photo courtesy of Aquinas High School



BAY EDEN SENIORS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Bronx Community Health Network and staff members from the offices of Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Councilman Andy King and Senator-elect Jamaal Bailey celebrated the holidays at the annual Bay Eden Senior Center holiday luncheon on Tuesday, December 20.

Bay Eden Senior Center residents and local elected officials' staff members had a merry time celebrating the Yuletide season.

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Mott Haven Decorator Show House launched

BY ROBERT WIRSING

This summer, a landmark Mott Haven townhouse will become an elegant exhibition preserving the neighborhood's history.



Samuel Brooks, MHHDA president, plans to convert his 127-year-old neo-Grec townhouse into a 'decorator's show house' for residents and tourists to experience Mott Haven's rich history.

Photo courtesy of Samuel Brooks

The Mott Haven Historic Districts Association will launch its inaugural 'Mott Haven Decorator Show House' to raise funds supporting projects within the area's historic districts.

Interior designers will collaborate with local young up-and-coming designers to transform a landmark townhouse into an elegant exhibition of fine furnishings, art and technology.

Working with fiscal sponsor South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, Samuel Brooks, MHHDA president, plans to convert his three-story 442 E. 140th Street home in the Mott Haven East Historic District into a show house.

Brooks will open his home to the public for a \$20 admission with a 25% discount for 10454 residents.

All proceeds raised will improve the three historic districts' streetscapes, historical lampposts, tree guards and historical signage.

These historic districts include the Mott Haven Historic District at East 138th and 141st streets on Alexander Avenue, the Mott Haven East Historic District spanning Brook and Willis avenues on East 139th and 140th streets and the Bertine Block Historic District between Brown Place and Willis Avenue on East 136th Street.

The Mott Haven Historic District was landmarked in 1969 while the



Samuel Brooks' 442 E. 140th Street historic townhouse will be transformed into the first-ever 'Mott Haven Decorator Show House'. Photo courtesy of Samuel Brooks



A sneak peek inside the Mott Haven Decorator Show House in all of its neo-Grec glory.

Photo courtesy of Samuel Brooks

Mott Haven East Historic District and the Bertine Block Historic District were landmarked in 1994.

The Mott Haven Historic District was the first historic district to be designated in the Bronx.

The borough is home to 12 historic districts, eight interior landmarks and 93 individual landmarks.

Brooks' home was constructed in 1889 by local developers William O'Gorman and Hermann Stursberg.

O'Gorman served as architect designing the south side townhouses in a neo-Grec style characterized by uniform Philadelphia brick façades adorned with incised geometric stone ornaments and topped by bracketed metal cornices.

Brooks, a 43-year resident, was inspired by the Kips Bay Decorator Show House and Pasadena Showcase House of Design to create MHDSH.

"There are no specific guidelines, we want the designers to come in here with an open mind," he explained.

Participating designers include Jason Tackmann, Sobro Studios Surface president; Pedro Castillo, PC Interior Renovation president and Stacey Dipersia, a TriBeCa-based interior de-

signer.

Once completed, seven New York School of Interior Design graduate students will create an Airbnb hospitality suite for tourists in the townhouse's lower level.

Brooks said MHHDA has contacted the school and is awaiting its response.

The house will attract tourists to the historic districts while educating them on the districts' architectural and historical contributions to the borough.

In addition, MHHDA and Bronx Museum of the Arts will have 50 artists visit Mott Haven to paint whatever the neighborhood inspires them to create on a 12-foot by 12-foot canvases.

The artwork will be displayed inside the show house where visitors can bid on their favorite pieces.

All proceeds raised will go to the artists.

Show house volunteers must submit their applications no later than April.

If interested, visit the 'Contact Us' section at www.mhhda.org to send an email with the subject heading 'Show House Committee 2017'.

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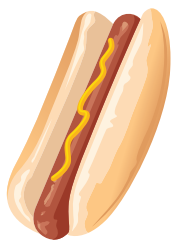
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First Bronx M&T Bank branch slated to open

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

M&T Bank has clearly saved the best borough for last, as it has announced its first Bronx branch will open later this year.

The 1,500-square-foot branch at 2460 Grand Concourse is slated to open this spring.

Work has already started at the location, which is adjacent to an entrance to the MTA subway line.

Once completed, the Buffalo, NY-based bank will have branch coverage in all five boroughs.

"We're thrilled to add a new development to the ongoing Bronx renaissance," said New York City Community Reinvestment Administrative vice president Steven Flax.

Flax said conversations with borough residents led to bank officials to determine Grand Concourse was great place for its first borough branch.

"We look forward to the opportunity to serve even more Bronx residents and small businesses," he added.



A vacant storefront at 188th Street and Grand Concourse will soon be the location of the first M&T Bank branch in the Bronx. Community NewsGroup/Arthur Cusano

Construction work has already begun to convert a long-vacant storefront at this Grand Concourse location, between East 188th Street and East Fordham Road.

The bank will also be lo-

cated just several blocks west of Fordham University's main campus.

M&T Bank currently operates 17 branches in New York City's boroughs, and ranks as the third-largest U.S. Small

Business Administration lender out of the SBA's New York City District, based on total number of SBA loans made last year.

Administrative vice president for Retail Banking in New York City and Long Island Rick Reustle said M&T was a community-focused bank that prided itself on building a relationship with customers and helping small businesses.

"As far as small business outreach, we're one of the best banks you can deal with. Our branch managers are fully-equipped for business development and business networking outreach, so we have a lot of commercial business opportunities that we are really excited about," Reustle said.

Catering to small businesses and helping them grow also helps the bank grow once those businesses prosper and expand, he explained.

"It seems like many of the biggest banks are not very small business-focused, and we think it is competitive edge and advantage for us," he said.

The bank also offers competitive home equity and mortgage loan lending opportunities.

"We're one of the last banks to offer home equity loans at no closing cost, which is excellent, because a lot of banks have now started to charge closing costs," he said.

The bank is also one of the few to offer unsecured personal loans for up to 60 months for those who don't own a home, and just launched an identity theft protection program for its customers.

While based upstate, M&T Bank is no stranger to the city: it has operated branches in parts of NYC for the past 25 years, originally through the acquisition of other banks chains.

There are six branches in Manhattan and five in Brooklyn and Queens and another in Staten Island.

The bank also operates in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Benedetto sponsors AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with

AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Tuesday, January 17, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be taken prior to that

time.

To reserve a seat, call Assemblyman Benedetto's office at (718) 892-2235.

This 6-hour course will refresh your driving knowledge

with a review of time-tested safe driving tips. Those who complete the course will receive a reduction of approximately 10 percent from the base rate of automobile and

motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

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

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

One of the reasons that I love writing about food is that it is one of the rare things in life that can be shared with friends and family across political spectrums. While culture and religion most certainly affect what is on the plate and is difficult to ignore, politics is very easy to leave off the plate.

That's not to say that food isn't affected by politics. For example, right now our president elect and his transition team are working on selecting cabinet position nominees. At the time of this writing, the Secretary of Agriculture is a position that has yet to be filled. Farmers and ranchers in rural America are not the only ones with a lot riding on this decision, and their support of Trump during his campaign makes them especially concerned about this choice.

Farm income has been going down, despite a recent boom due to the promotion of ethanol. Costs for seeds and fertilizer continue to rise as prices are stagnating. Small farmers are trying to compete with agribusiness empires like Cargill and ADM and are finding that the costs of maintaining farmland and equipment to keep up with government regulations is breaking them. They are hoping that the new administration will select someone that is 'one of them'.

Those of us in urban America have a lot riding on this selection too. The USDA, which is under the purview of this cabinet member, oversees school lunches, food inspection and SNAP benefits. According to the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute, in New York City alone, 1.7 million people receive SNAP, 1.1 million chil-



dren consume 650,000 federally subsidized school lunches and 200,000 breakfasts DAILY.

Whomever heads this department must also have a keen understanding of how allocating more funding to school lunch programs, free meals at senior centers and allowing more and more farmers markets to accept SNAP benefits can allow more money to be spent on local produce, creating more income for farmers. Funding for these programs are lifelines for many Americans, both urban and rural.

When it comes to food in-

spection, agribusiness and their use of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations are the biggest offenders to our food safety. A cabinet member that is not in the pocket of these large producers, such as Smithfield and Tyson, would probably be desirable.

Farmers need to be able to hire workers for good wages that work in safe environments producing food that is nutritious and delicious. Farm workers are typically immigrant labor and we need to develop policies that allow for these migrant workers to safely work in the US, pay taxes and return home.

We need to make sure that everyone in America can eat a diet filled with nutritious and delicious food that is produced locally without chemicals.

We need to create markets for our farmers and ranchers

so that the good, healthy food that they raise with environmentally sustainable practices can be sold at a good profit.

The potential for agricultural exports is one that a Secretary of Agriculture can use as a way to buoy the rural economy. Hopefully, a renegotiation of trade deals such as NAFTA will result in American farmers receiving better prices for their crops.

We can make a difference in the life of the American farmer by simply working on changing our purchasing habits when it comes to food by avoiding highly processed foods and making every attempt to purchase whole foods that are domestically produced. I always say that the power of the purse will prevail.

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In the Everett Children's Adventure Garden: Evergreen Express: Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.: Children step into Discovery Center Depot to explore plant parts from assorted evergreens, make herbarium pressings of a conifer specimen, and craft a miniature scented sachet to take home. On weekend, children create a train puppet inspired by master puppeteer Ralph Lee and join a musical marching parade. All can enjoy the wonders of winter while exploring the trails of the Adventure Garden on a hike in search of beautiful evergreen trees and shrubs, while younger visitors can play on our kid-sized train engine and put on a puppet show in the Woodland Theater.

At the Luesther T. Mertz Library Gallery: Redouté to Warhol: Bunny Mellon's Botanical Art: through February 12: This exhibition—presented in partnership with the Oak Spring Garden Foundation— features masterworks from the Oak Spring Garden Library collection belonging to the late Rachel Lambert "Bunny" Mellon. Among the nearly 80 featured works—many never before exhibited publicly—will be rare masterpieces by renowned botanical artists such as Jacques Le Moyne de Morgues and Pierre-Joseph Redouté, as well as 20th-century paintings by Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol.

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In the Bronx at Claremont Healthy Village Initiative, William Hodson Community Center, 1320 Webster Avenue. Workshops are Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m., January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14 (no class), 21, 28. May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2.

Culmination Presentation is on Friday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at William Hodson Community Center. ***

Two Lehman professors, Deirdre O'Boy of the English department and biochemist Ed Kennelly, have been included on the 2016 Irish Education 100. The annual list features leading figures in education across the United States. The Lehman honorees received awards on December 7 at the Consulate General of Ireland.

Kennelly, whose research looks at the impact of edible and medicinal plants on human health, grew up in the United States, yet he credits Ireland for the direction of his academic career.

O'Boy, executive director of the CUNY Institute for Irish American Studies, also has a deep connection between her work and Ireland. Her current scholarship research examines the themes of migration and space in Contemporary Irish Writing.

Past Lehman professors and administrators who have been honored include Deirdre Pettipiece, the dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and Professor Janet Munch, a member of the Leonard Lief Library faculty.

The list, which appeared in a special print addition of the Irish Voice Newspaper on December 7, is available digitally at education100.com.



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Opium addiction needs urgent action

Findings from a new survey by Indivior were announced today and showed that nearly three in five (59%) of adults surveyed in Bronx believe that addiction to opioids is one of today's highest social priorities, requiring urgent attention. When asked to rank opioid addiction against other pressing social priorities, Bronx residents surveyed found it to be a bigger issue than climate change and immigration.

Despite nearly universal support (90%) from survey participants to find an urgent solution to tackle the problem of addiction to opioids, the survey flagged a number of important barriers to treatment. They include a lack of awareness of local treatment options, stigma and too few local physicians who are qualified to provide treatment from their office. The majority of those surveyed (68%) feel that there are currently not enough opioid addiction resources available in their community.

Opioid addiction, whether to prescription pain relievers or illegal drugs such as heroin, is a serious, life-threatening medical condition, that produces changes in brain chemistry and function. It can affect anyone, irrespective of age, gender, race and socioeconomic status and impacts many in the Bronx community at a personal level. Approximately one third of those surveyed (30%) say they or someone close to them have misused, abused or been addicted to prescription opioids. On a national level, more than 2.4m Americans were found to suffer from substance use disorders which included abuse or addiction to prescription opioids (1.9M) and heroin (586,000) in 2014. Tragically, overdoses involving opioids killed more than 28,000 Americans in the same year. The Bronx survey showed that out of those who took part, 17% residents have had personal experience of opioid overdose (themselves or someone close to them) and 12% knew someone close to them who died because of prescription or illegal opiate abuse.

Local problem, local treatment

Nationally, only 3% of eligible physicians are currently qualified to treat opioid addiction in an office based setting with certain medications. Buprenorphine Medication Assisted Treatment (BMAT) is a treatment aimed at reducing opioid use and the risk of overdose and involves the use of the medication buprenorphine in combination with counselling and behavioural therapies. A majority of those surveyed in Bronx feel that having more local certified physicians who are qualified to treat opioid addiction within their office would reduce the number of opiate overdoses in the community and make their communities safer.

They also show a higher level of trust in local doctors for information on opioid addiction when compared to other local, state or national resources.

Under the provisions of the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000), physicians who have completed appropriate training or meet other qualifications are able to obtain a federal waiver to provide Medication Assisted Treatment in an office-based setting. However, in the Bronx survey, over half (53%) of local residents were aware that opioid addiction can be treated in a local physician's office. Not surprisingly, despite 97% of Bronx residents saying they would be likely to suggest that someone they know suffering from opioid addiction seeks treatment, only one-third say they are very confident that they know where to send someone for treatment.

For more information, please visit <http://turnto-help.com/starting-treatment/>.



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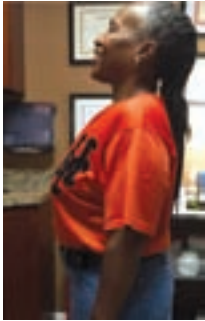
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Bronx Residents participating in a community walkathon on Pelham Parkway organized by Doctors for a Healthier Bronx.

Doctors for a Healthier Bronx recommendations

BY SUNIL S. JHANGIANI, MD
DIRECTOR,

DOCTORS FOR A HEALTHIER BRONX

Your health matters...

Regular exercise is a critical part of staying healthy. People who are moderately active live longer and feel better. Exercise can help you maintain a healthy weight, delay or prevent diabetes, heart problems and certain types of cancer.

Most adults need at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity at least five days per week. Examples include walking briskly, mowing the lawn, dancing, swimming for recreation or bicycling. Stretching and weight training can strengthen your body and improve your fitness level.

The key is to find the right exercise for you. If you enjoy it you are more likely to stay motivated. But start slowly and always get permission from your doctor if you have an underlying disorder or are recovering from surgery.

There are 1440 minutes in an entire day...just carve out 30 mins of it for physical activity and you will see a world of difference in your health! Try it today and make 2017 your special year!!

Our Recommendations:

- Start your day with these three healthy words; “A Good Breakfast”. Breakfast fills your “empty tank” to get you going after a long night without food. And it can help you do better in school. Whether it’s cold cereal with fruit and low-fat milk, or whole-wheat toast with fruit jelly, yogurt with fruit, or a whole wheat toast with an egg-white.

- Snacks are a great way to refuel. Choose snacks from different food groups - a glass of low-fat milk and a few graham crackers, an apple or low-fat yogurt and raisins, or some dry cereal.

- Balance your food choices. You

don’t have to give up favorite foods like pizzas, French Fries and ice cream to eat healthy. You just have to be smart about how often and how much of them you eat. A homemade pizza with fresh tomatoes and vegetables and low fat cheese is great, baked fries, or ice cream in moderation can also be a reasonable option. Your body needs nutrients like protein, carbohydrates, fat and many different vitamins and minerals such as vitamins C and A, iron and calcium from a variety of foods. Balancing food choices so you get the right proportions as indicated in MyPlate.com Food Guide and checking out the Nutrition Labels on food items you buy will help you get all the nutrition your body needs.

* Eat more whole grains, fruits and vegetables. These foods give you carbohydrates for energy, plus vitamins, minerals and fiber for a well-functioning body. Try breads such as whole-wheat, and fruits such as apple with the skin, strawberries, blueberries and melons. When enjoying vegetables go for freshly washed salads or add on a sandwich.

- Move it! It’s easy to plan physical activities into your daily routine, at work and at home – just keep active. Walk, bike or jog to meet friends. Take a 10 minute activity break every hour while you read in the evenings, or do homework. Avoid watching TV or playing video games for extended periods. Climb stairs at work instead of taking an elevator. All you need are 30 minutes every day, perhaps even broken up into three 10-minute sessions.

These good health tips are simple not just in language but simple to follow. Work them into your daily schedule and reap the benefits of maintaining a healthy weight, having more energy and a healthier body in 2017 and beyond.

BLINK FITNESS GRAND OPENING HELD ON WHITE PLAINS ROAD

Blink Fitness, a premium-quality, value-based fitness club, celebrated the grand opening of its 51st club at 3580 White Plains Road on Wednesday, January 4. Attendees had the opportunity to receive Blink Fitness branded gear while one lucky winner received a one-year membership to the new Gun Hill gym.



(l-r) Jacqueline Estrada, Blink Fitness area manager; Eclia Acosta, Blink manager; Angela Collard, Part of the Solution development associate and Councilman Andy King displayed the 50 one-year memberships donated by POTS.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Councilman King (front, c), Blink executives and staff, Blink members and community leaders prepared to cut the ribbon.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ASSEMBLYMAN JEFFREY DINOWITZ THANKS COMMUNITY FOR DONATIONS

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz's annual holiday food drive was a tremendous success this year thanks in part to local schools, community groups and businesses that contributed hundreds of pounds of food to families in need. Collaborating with the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and St. Frances of Rome Church in Wakefield, Dinowitz's office was able to distribute food to families throughout the Bronx for Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Christmas. Local schools including P.S. 7, P.S. 81, P.S. 24 and Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, collected cans, boxes and jars of food from their student body. Residents of 25 and 55 Knolls Crescent, Le Chic Hair Salon, Goodman Management, Kelly's Bar and Restaurant and Ben's Market donated food and turkeys. BJ's Whole Sale Club donated 62 cases of green beans and corn totaling over 750 cans of food.



Assemblyman Dinowitz (back, c), P.S. 7 principal Frank Patterson (back, r) and students with the food they donated for the holiday food drive.

Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office



Councilman Andrew Cohen (back, c), Dinowitz (back, 2nd from r) and P.S. 24 faculty and students helped spread holiday cheer to those in need.

Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office



THE MAYAS OF MESOAMERICA

The Mayas are a group of indigenous peoples that inhabit southern Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, and Honduras. They include the peoples of the region that share some degree of cultural and linguistic heritage, however, there are many distinct groups that each have their own cultures and historical identity.

Art by **TYRONE BROWN**, Age 10
PAL AT PS 47

BRONX ART FEATURED IN PAL CALENDAR

Artwork by Bronx children Timisha Laurent and Tyrone Brown were featured in the Police Athletic League's 2017 calendar which showcases work created by children from PAL centers across the five boroughs. The two young artists participated in PAL's P.S. 47 Center at 1794 E. 172nd Street where they learned about indigenous people of the world's history and cultures. Laurent's Inuit illustration is featured for the month of January while Brown's Mayan artwork appears for the month of June.

Tyrone Brown's illustration of the Mayan civilization is proudly displayed inside PAL's 2017 calendar.

Photo courtesy of Andrea and Associates

Benedetto begins drive to bring back Barnes & Noble

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, as he promised two months ago, is launching an effort to ensure that Barnes & Noble returns to the Bronx and, in particular, to Bay Plaza Mall.

"When Barnes & Noble made its decision to leave the Bronx, I vowed that we would hold them to their commitment to return within 24 to 36 months," stated Assemblyman Benedetto. "We are go-

ing to pursue a coordinated, borough-wide letter writing campaign to remind Barnes & Noble about its promise to return to the Bronx."

The campaign, which will be organized by Assemblyman Benedetto's Co-op City office by his legislative aide Leon Tulton, will elicit the support of all his Assembly colleagues to send Barnes & Noble the message.

The campaign will enlist

community organizations, schools, tenant associations and any other interested parties from around the Bronx to send letters to the bookseller's main office. The letters will detail the importance that Barnes & Noble means to the Bronx and its residents and reinforce the company's promise to return.

Under Benedetto's plan, each month a different sec-

tion of the Bronx, by Assembly district, will be designated to submit letters beginning in February with the assemblyman's own district (Co-op City, Throggs Neck, Pelham Bay, City Island). The next month will be Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's district (Morris Park, Pelham Parkway and Norwood) and each month thereafter another district will pick up the mantle and do its part.

"This way, the entire Bronx will present a united effort," he concluded, adding, "Every month letters will be finding their way to Barnes & Noble's main office and, hopefully, this collaboration will result in a new Barnes & Noble for the Bronx."

Volunteers who wish to join this effort should call Leon Tulton at (718) 320-2220.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

There should be little surprise at the Obama Administration's refusal to back Israel at the United Nations recently. Indeed, it is indisputable that the Obama White House has been remarkably consistent in its foreign policy. From his initial days in office, the President has made it clear to U.S. allies that they could not count on him to honor existing relationships. The list is extensive:

As WIKILEAKS reported, the Obama Administrations agreed to surrender British nuclear secrets (without London's permission) to Moscow as part of the New START treaty. Indeed, many in the U.S. saw that treaty as a betrayal of the new President's own country. Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton

wrote: "The centerpiece of 'New Start,' the arms-control treaty that President Barack Obama signed with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev...will require the United States, but not Russia, to dismantle existing delivery systems. This could cripple America's long-range conventional warhead delivery capabilities, while also severely constraining our nuclear flexibility. We will pay for this mistake in future conflicts entirely unrelated to Russia."

Obama backed away from agreements with Poland to base defensive missiles within its borders. James Joyner, writing for the Atlantic Council, noted that the action was "seen as a poke in the

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eye to our Eastern European allies, who were informed of this decision only hours before the public announcement. Many politicians in the missile shield's putative host countries

- Poland and the Czech Republic - will undoubtedly feel jilted and let down by Washington. Former Soviet bloc countries had already begun to voice concerns that Washington's vaunted reset of relations with Moscow would come at their expense. For many, this move [was] seen as a disappointing confirmation of that."

The President prematurely withdrew American forces from Iraq, which created the vacuum that gave rise to ISIS. Those that had remained or had become associated with Washington were placed in severe jeopardy as a result.

Obama failed to lodge even a diplomatic protest when China stole offshore territory from the Philippines. The after-effects are still being felt, as relations between Washington and Manila continue to be strained, and China believes that it can continue its aggression.

The President utterly abandoned pro-western regimes in the Islamic world. Indeed, Obama even assisted in the elimination of the pro-western government of Egypt's Hosni Mubarak and the anti-al-Qaeda regime of Libya's Muammar Gaddafi. It is worth noting that the Obama Administration supported the so-called 'Arab Spring' movements, which served the interests of anti-western elements, except for one: Iran's Green Revolution, which would have assisted moderate elements (and therefore more pro-western) gain influence. Eli Lake, writing for Bloomberg News, describes the matter: "In his new book, 'The Iran Wars,' Wall Street Journal reporter Jay Solomon uncovers new details on how far Obama went to avoid helping Iran's green movement.

Behind the scenes, Obama overruled advisers who wanted to do what America had done at similar transitions from dictatorship to democracy, and signal America's support. Solomon reports that Obama ordered the CIA to sever contacts it had with the green movement's supporters. "The Agency

has contingency plans for supporting democratic uprisings anywhere in the world. This includes providing dissidents with communications, money, and in extreme cases even arms,' Solomon writes. 'But in this case the White House ordered it to stand down.'"

Obama engaged in a unilateral withdrawal of American tanks and anti-tank aircraft from Europe in early 2014, a clear and open slap at America's NATO allies. There is a fascinating sidebar to this item. When candidate Donald Trump suggested that NATO members be pressured into paying their fair percentage of defense spending, the U.S. media accused him of potentially abandoning Europe. When President Obama withdrew the backbone of U.S. forces, those same media sources were utterly silent. Indeed, except for the military newspaper Stars and Stripes, the New York Analysis of Policy and Government, and a few specialty publications, the move was barely reported at all.

In complete violation of U.S. treaty obligations to the Ukraine, the White House failed to take any serious steps, other than minor sanctions, against the Kremlin in response to its Ukrainian invasion. The President could have easily imposed a massive cost on Russia by opening up U.S. federal lands to energy exploitation, which would have hit both the Russian influence on Europe and its ability to fund its misadventures.

It wasn't just nation-states that were abandoned. He failed to take into consideration the plight of Cuban dissidents when he opened relations with Cuba (a month after Havana agreed to let the Russian navy back in!)

He failed to dwell on the oppression of dissidents in Iran and China in his discussions with the governments of those nations.

Despite the continuous and blatant violations of trust and treaties with American allies, the Obama Administration never paid a domestic political price for its betrayals thanks to a fawning media that did its best to ignore the perfidious actions. What is even more worrisome is the manner in which Mr. Obama unilaterally turned U.S. foreign policy upside down without the consent of Congress.

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ALBANIAN AMERICAN OPEN HAND ASSOCIATION HOSTS WINTER COAT DRIVE



During this Season of Giving, the Albanian American Open Hand Association, Miriam Quin Photography and Nicodemus Social Club Filippo hosted a coat drive on Sunday, January 8 at 708 Lydig Avenue.

(front kneeling, l-r) Wilson Perez; Alan Perez; (back, l-r) Engjell Gjura; Aleksander Nilaj, Albanian American Open Hand Association president; Daniel Nilaj; Lourdes Torres; Annabella Nilaj; Paulin Prelidakaj; Mike Nilaj and Miriam Quinones, event organizer. Photo by Edwin Soto



SWINTON AVENUE WINTER WONDERLAND

Embodying the holiday spirit, Throggs Neck residents Millie and Albert Stone decorated their 462 Swinton Avenue home with a festive outdoor display of Christmas lights. According to Albert, the extensive decorating process began at the end of October.

(l-r) Cameron Williams, Millie and Albert Stone kept with tradition by transforming their home into a whimsical winter wonderland. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



NYC PARKS HOSTS ANNUAL MULCHFEST

NYC Parks, Department of Sanitation and GreeNYC hosted the 21st annual MulchFest on Saturday, January 7 for thousands of New Yorkers to recycle their Christmas trees across the five boroughs. Bronxites dropped off their trees at Metropolitan Oval to be recycled into woodchips which will nourish tree beds and gardens throughout the city.

NYC Parks Forestry Unit Arthur Hinds (l) Walter Okrutniak and Arthur Hinds helped Bronxites recycle their Christmas trees for a worthy cause. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

PAL HOSTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

The Police Athletic League hosted hundreds of boys and girls from all five boroughs at a festive holiday party at the PAL Harlem Center on Saturday, December 10. PAL children took to the stage to share holiday cheer and enjoyed special performances by Rosie's Theater Kids. Special guests included North Pole natives Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, Congressman Charles Rangel, former mayor David Dinkins, Clifford the Dog, PAL chairman Robert Morgenthau, PAL vice chairman John Osborn, PAL executive director Frederick Watts, Rosei's Theater Kids artistic and executive director Lori Klinger and holiday party co-chairs John and Margo Catsimatidis.

Hundreds of boys and girls from the five boroughs celebrated the holiday season in festive style at the PAL Harlem Center.

Photo courtesy of Andrea and Associates



East Bronx History Forum events and highlights

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room announces the East Bronx History Forum will hold its first meeting of 2017 on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. The East Bronx History Forum meets to discuss Bronx history and held its first meeting June 2005.

It is very interesting how one event many years ago has impacted and affected directly another community on the other side of the Bronx River. This is the case with the Morris Park community. The great fire in New York City of 1835, led to construction in 1837 of the Croton Aqueduct system and its expansion resulted in the closing of the Jerome Park Racetrack.

The great race started in 1867, known as the Belmont Stakes would continue at the newly built Morris Park Racetrack in 1890, until residential expansion caused the final move to Long Island, NY.

The history of the Morris Park community gets its name and start from the racetrack founded by John A. Morris, but the story continues, long after the last horse race in 1904. The East Bronx History Forum will present two of our own, president Richard Vitacco and vice president Tom Vasti with a "Tour of Morris Park".

Vitacco and Vasti have not only researched the history of the Morris Park Racetrack, but have lived on the site all their lives. Not to be forgot-

ten, founding East Bronx History Forum member Nicholas Di Brino wrote the book, 'The History of the Morris Park Racecourse and the Morris Family' and is at the ready to clear up any mysteries.

Part of the presentation tour leads right into the elaborate and expensive rooms of the racetrack club house and into the former Morris Park station and waiting room. The highly styled rail station by renowned architect Cass Gilbert, famous for the landmarked Woolworth building has been repurposed with a long term lease from the NY, NH & Hartford Railroad and Tom Vasti has the key. Many of the images in the presentation, will be viewed by the public for the first time, so get



Postcard, 1907 Morris Park Race Track Club House.

to the Huntington early.

All meetings are free and open to the public at The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, located next to Apple Bank at 9 Westchester

Square. Street parking is free after 7 p.m.

Please view the East Bronx History Forum web page at BronxNYC.com for details and follow us on Facebook.

Chamber presents free business workshop

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Kredit Concepts invite you to attend "Why Excellent Credit is Important to a Business Owner," a free business workshop on Tuesday, January 17, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Hutch Metro Conference Center, 1200 Waters Place.

Meet Kredit Konzept's president Quincy Luzunaris and vice president Jeff Broome who will share some techniques and strategies to help you build excellent credit in 2017. Then stick around for after-the-workshop networking.

Bring business cards. Shake hands. Share ideas. Meet your business peers. Walk away with potential new business and new business associates.

Kredit Concepts has provided credit profile enhancement services for the last nine years. Leveraging the power of the internet, they have launched an exciting new model that allows clients to utilize their proprietary software and technology to improve and repair credit on their own. Since their inception in 2009, they have achieved and

maintained an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau and have established a track record of unique services with great customer satisfaction.

They offer great service at an affordable price, quality service, a six-month financial literacy curriculum, and they have a unique relationship with Equifax and technology integration that allows them to provide a market advantage and a huge value to their customers. They have secured alliances with car dealerships, real estate firms, tax agencies,

churches, and institutions of higher learning all for the purpose of increasing the financial health and borrowing capacity of their clients.

Having great credit is more than just a score or a number, it's what that score can provide that's important to Kredit Concepts. They feel that the best part of their business is the thousands of lives they have been able to change and the millions more they will impact.

Luzunaris has pioneered the first credit consultation in the northeast. He has served

on many panels and hosted numerous seminars on the importance of credit and its impact on today's society.

Broome spearheads a new division of the company that provides credit enhancement services to returning citizens, veterans and disabled individuals. Jeff also heads the company's Business-to-Business Division that interfaces with car dealerships, tax professionals and real estate.

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

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

I want to take a moment to wish my great grandson, Isaiah, a happy 10th birthday. He turned 120 months this past Monday. While I'm here, I wish his mom, Loren, my pal, a very happy birthday. She turned 386 months on Tuesday, the 10th.

Post 620 welcomes a new member. Joseph, J. Ferrante, an Army vet who served in Viet Nam. Welcome Joe.

We have raffles here at the post from the Co-op City Post. They are funding a Memorial Day Parade at Co-op City. Drawing will be on May 28. All prizes are cash prizes.

Charles E. Schmidt, the legion national commander will be visiting us in April from April 5 to 7. A testimonial dinner will be held in his honor on Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Cocktails from 7 to 8 p.m. Dinner and dancing, 8 to midnight. Tickets are \$65 per person.

Happenings: County Executive Meeting at the Hawkins Post on

Wednesday, January 18, at 7:30 p.m. January 20 to 22 is the Mid Winter Conference being held at the Desmond Hotel in Albany. County meeting at the Sam Young Post on February 1, at 7:30 p.m.

From February 26 to March 1 is the National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. More in subsequent columns, I don't want to overload your brains.

Lot of repairs going on at the post. Painting, roofing and general de-cluttering etc.

John, Mary Dennehey's main squeeze, will be handling the bar on Friday evenings. I'm back behind the stick on Friday's from noon to 6 p.m. John's on next. Come on in and see us both.

Trivia Time

Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892 and yes, I do know who the first person through was. She was Annie Moore from Ireland.

On the same date in 1934, La Guar-

civic center

Samuel Young Legion Post 620

dia became Mayor of NYC.

And Fidel Castro came to power on the same date in 1959.

Russia surrendered to Japan on January 2, 1905.

The Yanks bought the Babe on January 3, 1920.

Alaska became the 49th state on January 3, 1959. Utah became the 45th on January 4, 1896.

The Battle of New Orleans took place on January 8, 1815.

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



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ELOISA RIVERA CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Bronx Center resident Eloisa Rivera celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, December 24 at 1010 Underhill Avenue. Born in Puerto Rico, Rivera settled on the west side of the island in a town called Mayaguez West where she married and raised three children, two daughters and a son. The family emigrated to New York in the 1970s when her daughter was four-years-old. Although divorced, Rivera loves to dance and enjoys being with her family. She also has twelve grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.



Eloisa Rivera (front, c) celebrated her remarkable milestone with her family.

Photo courtesy of Centers Health Care



WINTERFEST VARIETY SHOW

St. Barnabas High School and Mount St. Michael Academy students practiced for the upcoming eighth annual Winterfest Variety Show set for Friday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. The event which showcases dance, drama, film, music and song will be held inside St. Barnabas High School's auditorium on McLean Avenue near 425 E. 240th Street. Admission is \$9 and tickets are only available at the door. For more information, contact St. Barnabas High School at (718) 325-8800.

St. Barnabas High School and Mount St. Michael Academy students locked arms as they practiced their Winterfest Variety Show routines over Christmas break.

Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas High School

FIRST SNOW STORM OF NEW YEAR CREATES WINTER WONDERLAND

Bronx children and their families enjoyed some wintertime fun following the first snow storm of the new year on Saturday, January 7. Once the snow settled, youngsters enjoyed snowboarding and sledding at Bronx Park East on Sunday, January 8.



Twins Angelena and Leonardo Olivera had a blast snow boarding in Bronx Park.

Photo by Edwin Soto



ALLERTON AVE. HOMEOWNERS HOST SANTA

The Allerton Avenue Homeowners Association celebrated the season of giving with its annual Santa Toy Giveaway on Saturday, December 17. Jolly old St. Nick paid a surprise visit to Allerton and distributed gifts to all of the community's good boys and girls.

Frank DiPalo dressed as Santa Claus to help spread holiday cheer to local children and their families.

Photo courtesy of Allerton Avenue Homeowners Association

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Finally! A dictionary of Subway vernacular

To celebrate the opening of the Second Avenue Subway, we have commissioned the first New York Guide to Subway Jargon. Here it is — after 98 years in the making!

Sick passenger (noun): Patently lame excuse for lateness. “I meant to call you on your birthday, but there was a sick passenger on the train ahead of us.”

Zizmor (noun): A blemish or disfigurement that causes the stomach to lurch. “When I finally pulled the leech off my nose it left an oozing Zizmor.”

Hand shame (verb): To accidentally grab the pole where someone else is already grabbing it.

Kinky pinky (verb): To deliberately grab the pole where someone else is already grabbing it.

Hangry birds (noun, plural): Hunger pangs activated by the smell of someone else’s fried chicken. See also: “Colonel Knowledge” (knowing that someone on the train is carrying KFC, but not being visually able to locate the source).

G r a m p i f i c a t i o n

(noun): The shock one feels upon being offered a seat by someone you thought was your age. (Fem: Grammafication)

Doork (noun): Dork who blocks the door without realizing it.

Joorck (noun): Jerk who knows he’s blocking the door but keeps standing there, watching people maneuver around him.

Bunwich (noun): The very tight space between two other commuters.

Snudge (noun): A real nudge pretending to be inadvertent.

Train traffic ahead (noun): Colloquial for, “Brace yourself for bad news.” E.g., “The boss called a special meeting for 3 o’clock today. Could be train traffic ahead.”

Nod squad (noun, plural): Two or more passengers napping on the same bench.

Warmshoulder (noun): The shoulder a stranger has fallen asleep on.

Sniff & run (noun): An extremely under-populated car surrounded by extremely overcrowded cars.



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Lenore Skenazy

Grudge budge (noun): The grimace made by a person who must move over an inch to make room for you.

Grudge buddies (noun, plural): The bonding emotion felt by former grudge budger and grudgee when they must make room for someone else.

BBB (adj.): Short for “Baby Bump Blindness.” To not notice an 8-months pregnant woman holding onto the strap in front of you

while you sit playing Candy Crush.

Blobstacle (noun): Escalator rider who stands on the left side, not moving.

ROTFL (noun): Anything “Rolling on the Floor Loudly,” e.g., an empty Snapple bottle.

Point and shoo (verb): To indicate a wet or sticky spot on the seat before someone sits down.

New natives (noun, plural): People who got on just one stop before you, but act as if they own the seat.

L-and-back (noun): A hipster. Literally, someone who takes the L back and forth to their coding job.

Tooth squad (noun, plural): Individuals dedicated to blacking out the teeth of smiling news teams on subway ads.

Bubbleheads (noun, plural): Individuals who add word and thought bubbles to posters, usually referencing the president, police, or private parts.

NJ devils (noun, plural): Young people from New Jersey who drink in Greenwich Village then add devil

horns to PATH train posters before vomiting and heading home.

Box shock (adj.): To be suddenly awakened by a boom box and someone’s sneakers near your nose.

Family dollar (verb): To give a single dollar to a subway performer or performers on behalf of all the members of your family.

Post-a-boo (verb): To sneak a peek at your neighbor’s Post.

Peek-a-News (verb): To sneak a peek at your neighbor’s Daily News.

A.M. mayhem (noun): Being offered an A.M. New York by three or more people on your way into the train.

Suspicious package (noun): Male standing too close.

Second Ave (verb): To take longer than anyone thought possible. “I ordered my burger at 4 and they Second Avenued it at 11!”

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

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Hi again and Happy New Year!

Remember our post 3rd Sunday meeting will be on January 15, 10:30 a.m. for coffee, meeting at 11 a.m. sharp and noon in the Club Room of American Turners NY for refreshments. Parking at Philip and Clarence avenues in their parking lot.

This just in: The Oratorical Contest sponsored by Post 19 will be held on Mon-

day, January 16 at 5 p.m. at the Morris Park Civic Association. Which one of our young people will advance to the next round?

The weekend of Friday, January 20 to Monday, January 23 is the Department of NY American Legion Mid-Winter Conference. Your room reservation should be in by now but their still may be time to finalize arrangements at our meeting.

Sunday, February 5 at 11

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a.m. we will celebrate Mass and 4 Chaplains Sunday at St. Benedict Church. Legion Family members should arrive at 10:30 a.m. so we can form up and present a professional entrance. An inter-

esting, tragic and uplifting true story of heroism from the treacherous naval convoy duty of WW2. All are invited.

If I forgot, another thanks for the Joe Mazzariello Christmas Toy Drive, the turkeys for vets families and the Annual VA Hospital Holiday Party. They all continue to be very successful. We can do nothing less for those who served our country.

More to come, an update on the donated ‘golf carts’

(transportation from the VA parking lot to the hospital entrance). Two carts were donated by Trump Golf Links. We’ll keep an eye on their use or lack thereof. Thanks to 2ndVC Gene DeFrancis and John Marano from Community Board 10 for the acquisition.

Sick call: Jim H. from Post 19 and our Al ‘Taps’. Prayers and best wishes.

Until next time: A new year, a new start.

BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

Happy New Year to all of our readers.

If you missed our December 21 meeting, then you missed a very good time. We had an extremely brief agenda, which consisted mostly of the presentation of donations and awards. The vast majority of the evening was spent in a festive holiday environment, filled with neighbors sharing good

food, beverage, cheer, and lively conversation.

We were visited Senator Jeff Klein, and even a couple of political candidates for the upcoming City Council seat. The familial atmosphere was enjoyed by our senior members, as well as the children who also partook. We once again thank all of those who were in attendance.

By this point you should

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have received your 2017 membership renewal notice. If you have not, that means we do not have you on our membership roster. You must therefore immedi-

ately contact us at the number below, or else you will be removed from The Bronx Times Reporter mailing distribution list. Renewals are due by Wednesday, February 8. Like most any organization, membership is the lifeblood of our association, and we look forward to your continued participation and support.

The next general meeting of our association will be on

Wednesday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m..

The meeting will be held at the Villa Maria Academy Cafeteria, which is located at 3335 Country Club Road.

The association can be reached via mail at PO Box 211, Bronx, NY 10465, and via telephone at (718) 823-1814.

Please remember, “Take pride in your community; Your home extends beyond your property line!”

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BY GENE DEFRANCIS

We have been extremely effective over the years. And this year has started very poorly. Several robberies and two fatal accidents on Boston Road are ready.

Last year we asked for funding to supply our store fronts with cameras and a solution to relieve the chaotic congestion at the Boston Road/ Allerton intersection. For some reason those requests have been ignored.

Promises were also made to us in 2016 to repave Allerton alleyways, more trees, and some street furniture (bike racks so our trees are not used for security and seating so our seniors can rest periodically as they travel up and down Allerton).

I have the highest confidence in our police department that arrests will be made. Several arrests have already been made. No crime will go unpunished in Allerton.

As residents we must enforce right and wrong in our youth. Drinking and driving is never OK. It is just not worth the risk. And this week was the perfect example. Several families had their lives turned upside down because

of one bad mistake.

The young men involved in the accident on Boston Road came from good families. They were good kids. They went out for drinks and then irresponsibly made the worse decisions of their lives. Everyone in that Toyota was responsible. If your friend is drinking don't let them drive. If they insist on driving do not get in the car. And they may hate you for it, but report them.

No one should put you in this kind of position. Take a cab. Walk. Don't drink and drive! It only takes one moment to take away everything that matters. Go out have fun but please be responsible.

Our hearts go out to all the families involved. We all have to do our part to prevent this from ever happening again.

Your community is your business.

Reach out to us if there is an issue or concern. Join our Facebook page Allerton International Merchants Association.

Permits are confirmed for the next International Food Festival in June and we are gearing up for our fourth anniversary.

Our next meeting will be

Allerton International Merchants Association

held Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. And since Valentines is the following Tuesday... bring a date.

If you are a business looking to relocate or expand you

are welcome to reach out to us and see if Allerton can be a new home for you. We are especially looking for shops that offer children's clothing, a fitness gym, and different eateries.

On a final note a community is only as strong as its neighbors. Kingsbridge is a hop, skip, and jump away from Allerton. After reading the updated report regarding KNIC we urge all parties

to come together and get this project completed as soon as possible. Our community needs positive outlets for our people to visit. It's good for physical health and it is good for mental health. Plus it will also stimulate the local economy and create jobs. We need this to work.

Until next week look out for each other and share with us some Allerton stories on our Facebook page.



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Hibernators Weekend

Hibernators Weekend is one of the high points of the winter season at Wave Hill. W

Saturday, January 21; Sunday, January 22: Family Art Project: Sweet Dreams, Hibernators: Get to know your local hibernators through sleepy tales of the season. Then make your own furry bear, bat, toad or hedgehog mask, or fashion a dreamy, woody home. PJ's welcome!

Saturday, January 21: Winter Workspace Art Workshop: Casting Textiles: Work with Winter Workspace artist Crystal Gregory to design and create decorative planter containers made from weavings and concrete.

Saturday, January 21; Sunday, January 22: Book Sale In The Shop At Wave Hill: Cuddle up with a good book this winter - buy one book in The Shop, and get a second for 50% off.

Saturday, January 21; Sunday, January 22: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Sat,Urday January 21: Hibernators

Talk And Walk: Join naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow to discover survival techniques used by Wave Hill's plants and animals during the chilly winter months. Find out who's active and who's dormant and make some discoveries of your own as you embark on a woodlands trail adventure.

Sunday, January 22 Winter Workspace Drop-In Sunday: Artists in the Winter Workspace program share their studio practice with visitors on this Drop-in Sunday.

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Wave Hill Hibernators Walk and Talk participant.

Photo courtesy of Joshua Bright

and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6-18. Free Saturday and Tuesday mornings until noon. Free to Wave Hill Members and children under 6.

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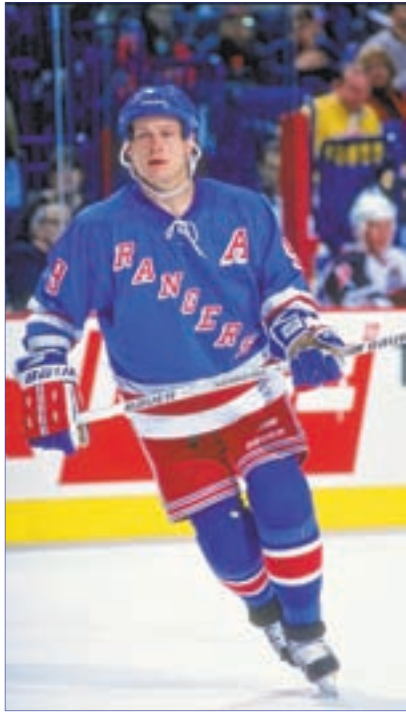
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NY Rangers Viewing Parties at Empire City Casino

Empire City Casino, in partnership with the New York Rangers, announced that New York Rangers legend Adam Graves will make his first visit to Empire City Casino to host the next Rangers Viewing Party this Saturday night, January 14, where fans



New York Rangers legend Adam Graves.

can join Adam to cheer the Rangers on as they hit the road to take on the Montreal Canadiens.

Graves, whose No. 9 Jersey was retired a few years ago, played a pivotal role in bringing home the Rangers' first Stanley Cup in over 54 years in 1994. Rangers legend Stéphane Matteau hosted the first viewing party back on Saturday, December 17.

Fans from all over the tri-state area are encouraged to hop on the Rangers Bandwagon, which includes a special Rangers bus departing from Madison Square Garden (outside Café 31, 220 W. 31st St. between Seventh and Eighth avenues) at 5:45 p.m. Saturday and arriving just in time to spend some quality hockey time with Graves. During the short bus ride, fans can win autographed Rangers gear, hockey equipment and more. Email EmpireCity-CasinoViewingParty@msg.com to reserve a spot on the bus.

The viewing parties inside Dan Rooney's Sports Pub are free for all to attend and begin one hour before the puck drops. Joining Rangers fans for the festivities, including the bus ride from the Garden, will be the Rangers Blue Crew who will put fans to the test with Rangers trivia and offer an array of Rangers swag as giveaways during each intermission. Fans can also enjoy a variety of food and beverage specials,



Participants at first NY Ranger Viewing Party.

including \$1 wings, \$2.50 bud lights and more.

"Hockey fans will find no shortage of fun at one of the premier entertainment destinations in the northeast," said Taryn Duffy, director of public affairs at Empire City Casino. "Join us on the Rangers bus or at the casino to meet Graves, make some new friends along the way, and wish the Rangers luck, and who knows... maybe that luck will stick with you on the casino floor."

The January 14th event is the second of five viewing parties planned during the NHL season, all of which will be hosted by former New York

Rangers greats during Rangers away games. Stay tuned to www.empirecitycasino.com/rangers for announcements of Rangers Hosts for upcoming dates.

The schedule for Rangers viewing parties at Dan Rooney's Sports Pub is as follows: Thursday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m., Rangers at Buffalo Sabres; Saturday, February 25, at 5 p.m., Rangers at New Jersey Devils; and Sunday, March 12 at 12:30 p.m., Rangers at Detroit Red Wings.

For more information about Empire City Casino, visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

Dion calls into WVOX1460 AM radio

BY DENNIS DION NARDONE

Dion DiMucci, the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer from Belmont, the "Little Italy of the Bronx," better known as Dion & the Belmonts, was a call-in guest on January 1, New Year's Day, to the Dennis Dion Nardone Rock & Roll/Doo-Wop Radio Show.

The show is heard every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on WVOX1460AM on the radio dial and wvox.com via the Internet.

Dion gave a big shout-out to all his friends and fans of the Bronx with a sincere "Happy New Year" cheer to them and a "Thank you" for the many years of love and support.

I told Dion, "The King of New York Streets" (as I call him) that the fans would love to see a large Dion street concert. Just close down the street and have a Dion concert! If Jennifer Lopez can go back to the Bronx and put on a coming-home concert, why not Dion?

Dion replied that it would be a great idea, and seemed receptive to going back to 187th Street, or somewhere in the area, and having a big block party in the street

We then spoke of his career and all the great hits he had. We also talked about the fact that the fans still flock to his sold-out concerts and how they still love hearing all those great songs like "Teenager In Love," "Wanderer," and "Run Around Sue."

I complimented him on his talent playing the guitar and the Blues.

Dion informed the audience about his new song, "New York Is My Home," which can be seen on YouTube with another New Yorker (from Queens) Paul Simon.

The entire interview can be seen on my Facebook page "Dennis Dion Nardone" or call me at (914) 374-9888, and I will send you a CD of the interview.

Urban Assembly Charter Board of Trustees meetings

The Urban Assembly Charter School for Computer Science, a high school opening in September 2018 in CSD 7 in the south Bronx, will hold meetings of its Board of Trustees on the fourth Thursday morning of each month, January 26, February

23, March 23, April 27, May 25, and June 22). Until a location for the school is confirmed, meetings will take place at the offices of The Urban Assembly from 9 to 10:30 a.m., 90 Broad Street, Suite 2101, New York, NY 10004.



DiNapoli To Perform At BB KINGS

Gene DiNapoli will be performing at B B Kings on Saturday, January 14, celebrating Elvis birthday. B B Kings is located located at 237 West 42nd Street. To purchase tickets or further information call (212) 997-4144.

Chamber music meets jazz

Ted Rosenthal, one of the leading jazz pianists of his generation, and the Bronx Arts Ensemble, the premier professional music organization in the Bronx, join forces to create a unique musical experience featuring world class musicians, jazz, and classical selections on Saturday, January 21 at 8 p.m. at the Riverdale Y; 5625 Arlington Avenue.

Ticket prices are: adults \$30, seniors \$25, and students \$15.

Tickets can be purchased at brownpapertickets.com.

The evening features jazz interpretations of Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Mussorgsky as well as original works by Rosenthal

Ted Rosenthal Trio: Ted Rosenthal, piano; Thomas Kneeland, bass; and Mark Ferber, drums. Bronx Arts Ensemble members: Theresa Norris, flute; Nuno Antunes, clarinet, Francisca Mendoza, violin; and Eliana Mendoza, Cello..

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NOTICE RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:

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1. The name and address of the court are

Superior Court
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Fairfield, CA 94533

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are:

Deborah M. Wilhelmus
1000 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553
TELEPHONE NO.: (925) 228-1800
Date: Dec 25 2015
Clerk, by K. DAVIS, Deputy

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 12-6-16, bearing Index Number NC-000523-16/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) George (Middle) Kwabena Baah (Last) Benson. My present name is (First) Jonathan (Middle) Kwabena Baah (Last) Benson AKA Jonathan Benson (infant). My present address is 3905 Carpenter Ave., Apt. 6G, Bronx, NY 10466. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is May 20, 2014.

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 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 Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff AGAINST Griselda Joselin Alvarez, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4-25-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 2-6-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2590 Heath Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3237, LOT: 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$622,464.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35127/2014E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Damien Bosco, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-046118-F01

Art Deco in the Bronx

Spotting Art Deco buildings is not very difficult. Think of the Chrysler Building for design and ornamentation. Look for varied colors in the brickwork and geometric patterns jutting out from the building surface. Gargoyles, statuettes, rounded corners, ornamental terra cotta or tile molding and tall windows that emphasize height in the design are generally prominently featured. The term Art Deco is simply an adaptation of "Exposition Internationale des Art Deco-ratifs" which was held in 1925 in Paris.

The Grand Concourse, of course, has the prime examples of Art Deco buildings in the borough but there are a couple of others which shouldn't be overlooked. One is Noonan Plaza on West 168th Street between Ogden and Nelson Avenues. The other is Park Plaza at 1005 Jerome Avenue across the street from John Mullaly Park from which it gets its name. It occupies block 2504, lot 126 extending back to Anderson Avenue and was built between 1929 and 1931. Both buildings have landmark status.

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Noonan Plaza was designed by architects Horace Ginsbern and Marvin Fine for Bernard J. Noonan who emigrated from County Longford, Ireland in 1886. It was built in 1931 and is composed of eight interconnected buildings which house 283 families. Art Deco enthusiasts, however, are more impressed with the tan iron spot brickwork and the 15,000 foot decorative courtyard off the southeast corner of Nelson Avenue and West 168th Street accessed by an angled portico and gate house. The use of the term "garden apartments" was especially inviting for those escaping the congestion of Manhattan with its teeming masses. The word garden played like magic in their imaginations and was a definite drawing card for many.

Jerome Avenue was laid out in 1874 and paved in 1888 but it was not until the elevated mass transit line was opened in 1917

that the avenue really began to develop. Architect Horace Ginsbern began construction on Park Plaza in 1929. It had 350' of frontage on Jerome Avenue and reached back to Anderson Avenue where it ran for another 50'. Unfortunately, a fire of suspicious origin on June 25th of that year dashed their plans and the building was not completed until 1931. Marvin Fine, who had worked with Cass Gilbert for eighteen months was responsible for the exterior. He was very careful to note the changes in appearance due to shadows and light. This would be especially helpful in selecting the right combination of shades in the brickwork.

Park Plaza was originally designed as a 10-story building but because of the fire, the builders were forced to lower it to eight floors. It is composed of five sections each being separated by a courtyard but con-



Park Plaza is located at 1005 Jerome Avenue off W. 165th Street across the street from Mullaly Park from whence the name was chosen. Notice the ornamentation, especially around the building entrance to the left of the garbage bags. It's the ultimate expression of Art Deco.

nected at the rear. There are 800 rooms divided into suites suitable to house 250 families.

The window bays are arranged in vertical shafts to give the further appearance of height. Patterned spandrels and the artistic use of terracotta help to define the overall Art Deco design. This general theme is driven home by the effective use of varied colored brick along with their unique geometric designs.

The lobby entrance is in the center block and is high-

lighted by its marble walls of varied colors. Terrazzo floors and the effective use of murals help complete the scene. The entrance doors are outlined in black marble while glass blocks compliment the appearance of the foyer.

The overall look of the lobby leaves no doubt about why it is often cited as the standard when judging Art Deco buildings. Park Plaza is considered by many as the finest example Art Deco construction in the country.

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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; title-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, Henschel, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C. for ten (10%) percent of price bid. No cash accepted.

Berkman, Henschel, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C. Kim Carrino, Auctioneer-1004275 (917)-751-3817. Berkman, Henschel, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C. Attorneys for Green Tree Servicing, LLC a/k/a Ditech Financial LLC 100 Garden City Plaza Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 222-6200, Ext. #229

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, Pltf. 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 Pltf., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 53845 - #90298

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 Mortgagee, 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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3 HOME EQUITY PASS- THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3 Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 380677/10 CARLOS DE LA CONCHA; et al, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 1/22/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room, 600, Bronx, NY on 2/6/2017 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 216 Betts Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473, 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, State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3461 and Lot 13.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$482,903.00 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and

Sale; Index # 380677/10. Eleanor P. Vale, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 11/28/2016 File Number: 20580 SLG

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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Stevon Forrester, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 11/15/2016 GNS

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 2:00 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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, PNMCA MORTGAGE OPPORTUNITY FUND INVESTORS LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MARTHA MEJIA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 27, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 06, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1541 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 7C, 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 3944 and Lot 4603 together with an undivided 0.0225 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$124,412.54 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35266/13E.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

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

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the

Parkchester South Condominium, INDEX No. 260835/14 NOTICE OF SALE Plaintiff, - against - INNOCENTIAAKU GIDI, et. al., Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 4, 2016, I will sell at public auction on February 6, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 1D, in the building known as E-7 A/K/A 67, and by street address 1595 Odell Street, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4120 in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided 0.0093 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$9,564.22, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$93,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 260835/14. VERONICA GUERRERO, ESQ., Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff 505 White Plains Road, Suite 113 Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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LEGAL NOTICE

Under Sec. 8104(d) The annual Return of the Joseph A. D'Aiello Jr. Memorial Fund, a private foundation, will be available for inspection by contacting the below mentioned person during business hours by citizens who request inspection within 180 days after the date of this notice. 106 Lakewood Drive Milford, PA 18337 Contact: Joseph A. D'Aiello Tel. #(570) 686-1550.



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STATE OF NEW YORK
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DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR
FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST
2006-3,

Plaintiff,
v.
ROSEMARIE THOMPSON-FORDE
A/K/A ROSEMARIE THOMPSON A/K/A
ROSEMARIE FORDE, SAMUEL
FORDE, et al.,
Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
office of the County Clerk of Bronx
County on November 1, 2016, I, the
Referee named in said Judgment, will
sell in one parcel at public auction on
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Courthouse - Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, County of Bronx, State of
New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises
described as follows:

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premises may disclose, to covenants,
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over plaintiff's mortgage.

Steven I. Lubowitz, Esq., Referee
Judgment Amount: \$405,747.50
Stephen J. Lapp, Esq.,
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel: 585.987.2800

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
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of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4654
Lot 159. Approximate amount of
judgment \$774,492.81 plus interest and
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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
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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

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, Komosinski & Manfro,
LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590,
Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY
OF BRONX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR
NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC.,
ASSETBACKED CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2007-1,
Plaintiff,

v.
EUNICE CLARKE, ELAINE M.
CLARKE, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
IN FORECLOSURE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
office of the County Clerk of Bronx
County on June 9, 2016, I, the Referee
named in said Judgment, will sell in one
parcel at public auction on February 6,
2017 at Room 600- 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY, front vestibule,
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2:00 P.M., the premises described as
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SBL No.: 4838-39

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No. 35475/2014E, any state of facts an
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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.

Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee
Judgment Amount: \$379,168.79
Stephen J. Lapp, Esq.,
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel: 585.987.2800

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,
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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
Aloi, Esq., Referee

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

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.

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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
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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.

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provisions of filed judgment and terms of
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Index No. 380530-11. Gerald
Goldsmith, Esq., Referee.

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

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
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Jersey 07410.

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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: Wimpheimer
& Wimpheimer, Esqs.

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

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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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	Studio	\$368	3		→	1 person
1 bedroom	\$395	4	→	1 person	\$15,498 – \$19,050	
				2 people	\$15,498 – \$21,750	
2 bedroom	\$482	3	→	2 people	\$18,515 – \$21,750	
				3 people	\$18,515 – \$24,480	
				4 people	\$18,515 – \$27,180	
				5 people	\$21,463 – \$24,480	
3 bedroom	\$551	1	→	3 people	\$21,463 – \$27,180	
				4 people	\$21,463 – \$29,370	
				6 people	\$21,463 – \$31,530	
40% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	→	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ (Minimum – Maximum) ⁴
	Studio	\$519	3		→	1 person
1 bedroom	\$558	5	→	1 person	\$21,086 – \$25,400	
				2 people	\$21,086 – \$29,000	
2 bedroom	\$676	6	→	2 people	\$25,166 – \$29,000	
				3 people	\$25,166 – \$32,640	
				4 people	\$25,166 – \$36,240	
				5 people	\$29,143 – \$32,640	
3 bedroom	\$775	2	→	3 people	\$29,143 – \$36,240	
				4 people	\$29,143 – \$39,160	
				6 people	\$29,143 – \$42,040	
50% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	→	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ (Minimum – Maximum) ⁴
	Studio	\$670	3		→	1 person
1 bedroom	\$720	6	→	1 person	\$26,640 – \$31,750	
				2 people	\$26,640 – \$36,250	
2 bedroom	\$870	5	→	2 people	\$31,818 – \$36,250	
				3 people	\$31,818 – \$40,800	
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3 bedroom	\$1000	2	→	3 people	\$36,858 – \$45,300	
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	Studio	\$822	1		→	1 person
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				4 people	\$44,538 – \$58,740	
				6 people	\$44,538 – \$63,060	
100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	→	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ (Minimum – Maximum) ⁴
	1 bedroom	\$1,254	2		→	1 person
2 bedroom	\$1,511	4	→	2 people	\$44,949 – \$72,500	
				3 people	\$53,795 – \$72,500	
3 bedroom	\$1,740	2	→	3 people	\$53,795 – \$81,600	
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					5 people	\$62,229 – \$97,900
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
INDEX # 32251/2016E FILED: 09/13/2016
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, against UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LELIA M. TRENT AKA LELIA TRENT, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said Defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, NYC PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOU CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage with the maximum principal amount of \$727,500.00 dated July 28, 2010,

executed by Defendant(s) LELIA M. TRENT AKA LELIA TRENT to GENTWORTH FINANCIAL HOME EQUITY ACCESS, INC. recorded on August 13, 2010 in CRFN: 2010000274616, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX. GENTWORTH FINANCIAL HOME EQUITY ACCESS, INC. assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Reverse Mortgage by way of a corrective assignment executed October 12, 2015 to REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX on December 9, 2015, in CRFN: 2015000435939. This corrects the assignment executed May 16, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX on June 2, 2011, in CRFN 2011000195211, covering premises known as 1040 E 228th Street, Bronx, NY 10466, (Block 4874 and Lot 59). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Ben R. Barbato, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx on 08/12/2016. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. 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 4874 and Lot 59), said premises known as 1040 E 228th Street, Bronx, NY 10466. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. There is now due and owing, the principal sum of \$413,191.46 together with all sums that may be due for interest, taxes, insurance, loan advances, and/or fees for inspections, property preservations or other expenses incurred to protect the property, and expenses and costs of suit as may be allowed by the loan documents and/or approved by the court. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

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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
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LEGAL NOTICE

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

JIMMY E. GOULAS
Plaintiff,
-against-
RACHEL D. JAMES, CITY OF
POUGHKEEPSIE, AAMES FUNDING CORPORATION DBA AAMES HOME LOAN, JOHN DOE and JANE DOE
Defendants.

ACTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT 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

The Woodlawn Cemetery is posting this notice in accordance with Section 1513a of the New York State Not-for-Profit Law. It is our intention to declare the following lots abandoned and apply to the NYS Cemetery Board to reclaim these lots for resale: Summit Plot, Range 7, Grave 69; Wild Rose Plot, NE Part 153; Heliotrope Plot, Range 11, Grave 45.

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"Winning is always a good thing obviously, but the way that they're doing it is team-oriented, which is impressive. The sky's the limit for this team. I hope to be playing into March."

BRIAN DOWNEY 58

Thurman Munson Awards Dinner to be held at the Grand Hyatt

The 37th Annual Thurman Munson Awards Dinner, which remembers the late, great Yankees captain and catcher, will be presented at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City on Tuesday night, February 7, and the honorees are: New York Yankees sensational rookie catcher Gary Sanchez, popular New York Mets infielder Wilmer Flores, and New York Football Giants Super Bowl champion wide receiver Victor Cruz. The AHRC New York City Foundation, which assists children and adults with disabilities, benefits from the gala.

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HAWKS HAND FORDHAM THIRD STRAIGHT A-10 LOSS



Fordham's Javontae Hawkins struggles to get to the basket as the Rams dropped their third straight conference game, falling to St. Joseph's on Jan. 7. Photo by Robert Cole

BY JON PEREZ

Fordham just couldn't hit its shooting stride.

Saint Joseph's knocked down shots early and led wire-to-wire, taking down the Rams 70-55 in an Atlantic 10 matchup on Jan. 7 at Rose Hill Gymnasium.

The Hawks took control of the game midway through the opening half and never looked back.

Fordham guard Will Tavares drained a three-pointer and the Rams forced a turnover to cut Saint Joseph's lead to 20-16 with 10:04 left in the first half, but Saint Joseph's responded with a 12-2 run. Brendan Casper led the charge, scoring six of his ten points in the spurt.

"They made a couple of shots early that gave them the lead and gave them a chance to play with a lead early," Fordham coach Jeff Neubauer said. "I think both

teams right now have dealt with injuries and have had some things that have slowed them down and Saint Joe's did a really good job of just getting out early."

Fordham trailed by as many as 17 in the first half. In the second half, Fordham shot better, but Saint Joseph's had an answer for every buck.

Antwoine Anderson hit a three to put the Rams within five points with 13:15 to play, but Chris Clover's two-handed jam gave the Hawks a 54-47 cushion. Lamarr Kimble knocked down a floater in the paint four minutes later to balloon Saint Joseph's lead to 66-47, jumpstarting a 16-2 run that all but wrapped up the victory.

Fordham got off to a slow start and had trouble matching Saint Joseph's hot shooting throughout the league tilt. The Rams missed 12 of their first 16 shots, while the Hawks

connected on 7-of-13 from the floor. The Hawks knocked down 17 of their 28 field goals attempts in the first half and shot 52.8% for the game.

"They hit some tough shots off the dribble," Neubauer said. "Some of the 15 footers that they made, some of them we weren't close enough, some of them we didn't guard them well enough and they just rose up and shot it, but some of them were of pretty healthy contest."

With 10.3 seconds remaining in the first half, Fordham guard Joseph Chartouny caught an inbounds pass, slipped driving to the basket and lost the ball out-of-bounds. That was the way the first half went for Fordham as the Rams shot 30.6% from the floor and missed 14-of-18 shots from beyond the arc.

James Demery, who missed ten games with a stress fracture in his left

foot, had a coming-out party against the Rams. The junior forward racked 25 points and 6 rebounds.

Fordham (6-10, 0-3 Atlantic 10) has dropped its first three conference games and A-10 foes have shot 48.5 percent from the floor in that stretch. Four Rams finished in double-figures, led by Anderson and Tavares who each had a team-high 12 points. Chartouny and Javontae Hawkins both finished with 11 points. Still, it wasn't quite enough for the Rams as the team, once again, struggled to find answers after the final buzzer.

"There's so much mental stress as far as coming from behind, especially when our team has been struggling," Neubauer said. "We've had a tough couple of months here and so all of a sudden when you're down by six or down by eight early, it just weighs on you."

Perez can't lift Wings as squad stumbles late

BY LAURA AMATO

It's not a one-man game.

Jose Perez was an offensive force to be reckoned with on Jan. 8, sinking shots from everywhere on the court and showcasing a confidence that has made him one of the best players in the city this season.

He just didn't get much help from his teammates.

Wings Academy fell 61-53 to Christ the King in the 3rd Annual Apparel Classic and while Perez was nothing short of dominant, the squad couldn't wrap up the victory down the stretch.

"You can't win a ball game with Jose getting almost all of 27 in the half, against a team like this," Wings coach Billy Turnage said. "You've got to have more guys step up and produce."

Perez scored eight of Wings' ten first-quarter points and racked up 18 at halftime, but the squad still found itself down 28-27. Only four other players scored in the first 16 minutes and Wings struggled to pad its early-game cushion, turning the ball over on too-quick plays and failing to connect on short shots just in front of the hoop.

"From the beginning I always said, all year, long it has nothing to do with physical play," Turnage said. "It's all mental. And we didn't execute the way we were supposed to on either end of the ball."

Wings' inability to finish around the hoop – or slow down Christ the King as the Royals settled into their offensive game plan – took its toll in the second half. The Royals came out firing on all cylinders in the third quarter, opening up the half on a 9-4 run and jumping out to a 37-31 lead with 3:19 left.

"I tried to tell my team to keep on and keep playing," said Perez, who was forced to the bench late in the third after picking up his third foul. "They came out and were able to make a run."

Wings was able to make a run midway through the fourth – once Perez got back in the game. The senior knocked down three straight shots from behind the arc to make it 47-46 with 4:36 left to play and Boubacar Kamissoko followed with a jumper two minutes later to knot the game at 50-all.

That's when Jose Alvarado went to work and Wings

couldn't find an answer.

The Christ the King senior guard started dishing out assists and racking up his own baskets as time continued to tick down, taking advantage of Wings miscues to push the game out of reach.

"We came back and we had a possession where we got four or five offensive rebound and we missed every layup," Turnage said. "Then next time down, they inbounded the ball, rotated to Alvarado and he hits a three. It's a five-point game, ball game."

Wings wasn't as disappointed with the loss as it was with the execution, struggling to make plays the team has hit all season and while Perez's performance was impressive, it wasn't enough. The squad returns to league play this week looking to get back on track and, hopefully, get Perez a bit of help.

"I thought [Christ the King] played and the executed down the stretch and we didn't," Turnage said. "That's the difference in the ball game. Talent-wise we're fine, but we're not going to beat anybody with poor execution."



Wings Academy senior Jose Perez was lights out on Jan. 8, but it wasn't quite enough as the squad fell to Christ the King in the 3rd Annual Apparel Classic. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Rams rally against Spellman to keep win streak alive

BY KYLE GORMAN

It was all slipping away.

Fordham Prep's eleven-game win streak was going to end after a disastrous first half as Cardinal Spellman drained shot after shot, finding a rhythm behind the arc that the Rams couldn't counter.

The streak was going to end not with a bang, but with a whimper, a Friday night blowout in front of home fans.

The deflated energy was palpable in the Bronx gym, witnessing potential failure for the first time in over a month. And, then, Fordham Prep woke up. The rams turned things around in the second half, keeping the streak alive with a dramatic 59-49 comeback.

"They never wanted to give up," said Fordham Prep coach Brian Downey, "Just resilience."

Fordham Prep (12-1) ended the first half with a five point run, cutting the deficit to eight heading into the break. The Rams came out with their hair on fire for the third, putting up 22 points, and holding Spellman to just seven.

"We were a little bit more aggressive," said Downey on the team's explosive third quarter, "We started to press a little bit more and they just



Jordan Gaily (32) pulls down the rebound as Fordham Prep kept its win-streak alive on Jan. 6, taking down Cardinal Spellman in a CHSAA matchup. Photo by Robert Cole

stayed hungry. I told them we're right there. We're fine. We stayed with the press a little bit, and I think that picked us up physically, and emotionally. It got us some steals, and we were able to convert on the other end."

Fordham's Jordan Gaitley and Ryan Flynn were crucial to the comeback in the third, combining for 12 of the third quarter's 22 points from the

Rams, each putting up six a piece.

"Coach just told us that we needed to get the ball inside a little bit more," said Gaitley, Fordham Prep's second-leading scorer this season. "They were doubling me and Pat [Mahoney] in the paint, so Ryan Flynn really stepped up."

Gaitley and Flynn weren't alone in their contributions to the win.

Fordham Prep's scoring leader Patrick Mahoney lived up to his title Friday night, putting up a team-high 18 points. Mahoney kept the team afloat early in the game, putting up nine of Fordham's 19 first-half points.

Even with momentum on Fordham Prep's side, the Pilots kept the game close late into the fourth. Spellman's William Santiago put up 23 points, leading both teams in scoring. Those 23 points included five of Spellman's six made shots from downtown, and his early-game performance was instrumental in building the squad's first-half lead. Santiago struggled to keep up the consistency down the stretch, however, putting up just five points in the second half.

Spellman cut the lead to six with just over a minute left in the game, but a technical foul called on Pilots coach Fred Opper gifted Fordham two free throws. The Rams sank both, putting the game out of reach with an eight-point lead and kept the streak alive.

"It's a great team. It's a great gelling team right now," said Downey "Winning is always a good thing obviously, but the way that they're doing it is team-oriented, which is impressive. The sky's the limit for this team. I hope to be playing into March."

Unionport to be replaced; bridge project goes to bid in June

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will be built in the open position as not to create problems for any vessels carrying oil on Westchester Creek to Schildwacher Fuel.

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CB 9 district manager William Rivera asked Nyman when he and the DOT anticipate the most traffic during the four-year period.

Rivera said he was worried about



An artist rendering of the replacement Unionport Bridge that features three lanes in each direction and dedicated bicycle/pedestrian passages. Photo courtesy of DOT

possible lane closures in instances when the contractor brings in extra equipment.

Nyman said workers are under DOT's Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination regulations, so they are only allowed to bring equipment in at certain times overnight.

Pete Sullivan, chair of CB 10's Land Use Committee, asked why the 12-foot bike path couldn't be reduced to around nine feet to add a three-foot pedestrian walkway on that side also.

This would allow them to walk on either bridge.

Nyman said the path could be seen

as a shared-use path meaning both cyclists and pedestrians can use it.

Nyman said there will be penalties if the contractor does not finish the bridge work on time.

According to the DOT the construction for the Unionport Bridge is expected to go out to bid by June.

Marble mayhem vandals still on the lam

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He said he was still waiting to see how much it would cost for the glass to be replaced.

"They came in and said they would get back to us," he said. "What are you gonna do?"

Another marble shattered a window at the Applebee's restaurant in the Throggs Nest Shopping Center that overlooks the Hutchinson River Parkway.

Local resident Sandi Lusk was in the restaurant celebrating her husband's birthday when the incident occurred.

"All of a sudden, people were screaming and everyone ran to one side of the restaurant. They thought maybe it was gunshots. It was scary," she recalled.

Lusk said the manager immediately asked patrons to leave the store out of caution.

"They didn't know what was going on," she said.

The restaurant manager declined to comment, directing inquires instead to the corporate headquarters.

The Target department store in the same mall was also hit.

Other northern Bronx establish-

ments vandalized included a Dunkin Donuts, Autozone and a VIM sneaker store, all along East Tremont.

A large number of the attacks also took place on East Fordham Road, including White Castle and Burger King restaurants and a Chase Bank.

The suspects also targeted a Bx 42 bus at the intersection of East Tremont and Dudley avenues at around 8:30 p.m., according to MTA spokeswoman Marissa Baldeo.

The window was cracked, but the driver and passengers on board at the time were not injured, she added.

"The bus was removed from service and taken to the depot for inspection," she said.

The police said the suspects operated from a white four-door sedan with dark tinted windows, as well as a dark-colored SUV seen in surveillance

video outside the Target store.

It is not known whether the marbles were thrown or if they were launched using some kind of gun or slingshot.

Bronx Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Nunzio Del Greco said the incidents were an unfortunate bump in the road for many small businesses.

"It's tough enough doing business in New York City, we don't need additional problems to deal with," he said.

Del Greco said that while such acts temporarily hurt the quality of life for residents, they would not derail the ongoing economic rebirth of the Bronx.

Del Greco said security cameras were the best deterrence to such crimes, and said he was contemplating the chamber hold a workshop on small business security, as well as cyber security, during the new year.



A front window at the Tremont Diner remained cracked Tuesday after an unknown group of individuals launched marbles at the windows of almost 30 different establishments and an MTA bus Sunday night. Community News Group/Arthur Cusano

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