

BRONX MALLS DUKE IT OUT

It's Bay Plaza vs. Baychester Square

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The NYC Department of City Planning has certified a Uniform Land Use Review Procedure for a proposed retail mall and senior housing development.

The ULURP process will move forward on the application of Grid Properties, Gotham Properties and NYC Economic Development Corporation for a zoning variance for the proposed 400,000 square foot Baychester Square development on East Gun Hill Road near I-95.

Currently, the city owns the land, which is a Metropolitan Transportation Authority site.

An EDC spokeswoman, Stephanie Báez, said the city

plans to sell the land to the developers if Baychester Square is approved and give the proceeds to MTA.

DCP certified the application on Tuesday, January 17.

As part of the proposal senior housing is planned.

Bay Plaza and the Mall at Bay Plaza were constructed under the current allowable zoning density requirements while the Gun Hill Road project's ULURP requests almost a three fold increase in permissible density.

A public hearing is being planned on the matter at Community Board 12, likely for the second or third week in February, said George Torres, district manager.

Torres said he wants the

process to be as transparent as possible, and that the board has 60 days to make a recommendation.

"I want people from all over the borough to testify," he said of the hearing. "This is one of the last large parcels of land in the Bronx where we have some say over what will happen."

Meanwhile, Prestige Properties, developer the Mall at Bay Plaza and Bay Plaza Shopping Center, across from the project, continues to oppose the scope of the proposed development, stated spokesman Hank Sheinkopf.

He stated there's still 200,000 square feet of available retail space at Bay Plaza.

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Delayed ice rink project gets state \$\$

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The long-delayed plan to turn the Kingsbridge Armory into a nation's largest ice skating facility got a major infusion of funding from Governor Cuomo in his State of the State presentation in Albany on Monday, January 9.

Empire State Development, New York's economic development arm, will provide \$108 million to the project, to "bring new life to the century-old armory and transform it into a hub of economic activity and commercial potential," an ESD announcement explained soon afterwards.

The former Eighth Regiment Armory, as it was formally known, is located in Kingsbridge Heights at the corner of West Kingsbridge Road and Jerome Avenue, and was the largest military armory in the world until it closed 1996.

The almost 5-acre structure has loomed over the Kingsbridge neighborhood vacant and neglected for most of the years since.

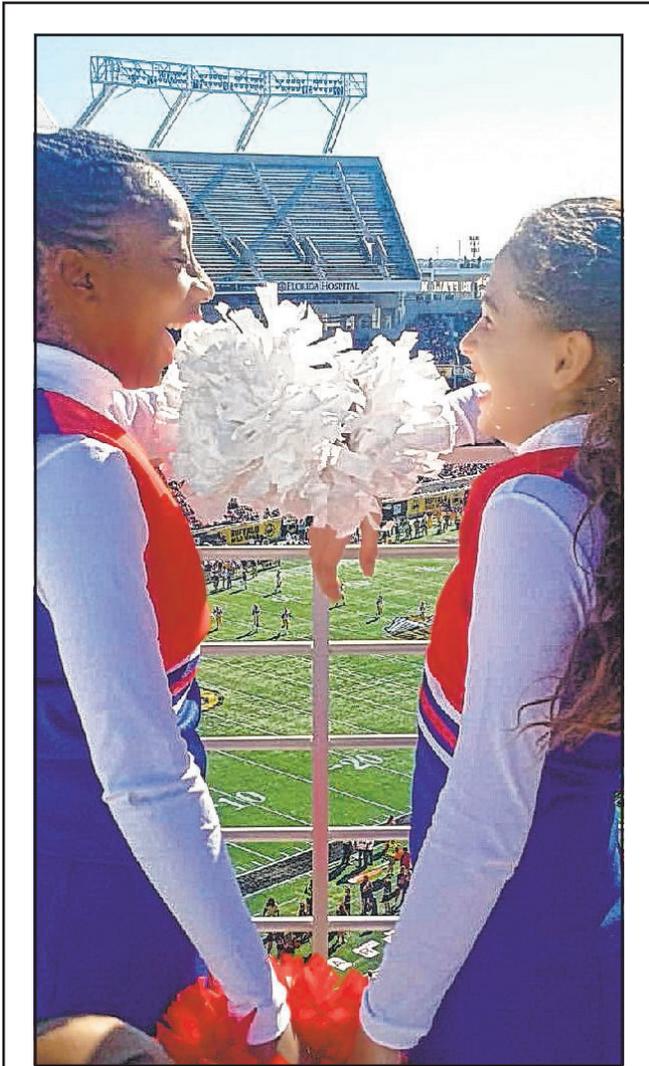
Longtime Cuomo ally and borough president, Ruben Diaz Jr., welcomed the proposed funding for the armory, as well as an additional \$10

million put aside to renovate the historic pavilion and build a performance space at Orchard Beach.

"I am thrilled that Governor Cuomo has offered his support to major Bronx proposals and institutions, specifically the reconstruction of Orchard Beach and the future of the Kingsbridge Armory," Diaz stated. "These projects are top priorities of my administration and have the overwhelming support of Bronx residents."

However, Diaz criticized

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M.S. 89 Cheerleaders At Citrus Bowl

The Bronx's very own M.S. 89 Panthers cheerleading squad performed for a sold out crowd of 70,000 people at the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl on Saturday, December 31 in Orlando, FL. The Panthers' many victories last season earned them the distinct honor of being one of the top eastern region cheerleading squads invited to perform in the Citrus Bowl. See more photos next week.

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Mott Haven, Hart Is. are 'Six to Celebrate'

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Two historical locations in the borough have been selected for a designation that spotlights the city's rich heritage.

The Historic Districts Council, as part of its Six To Celebrate 2017, has selected and highlighted the historical significance of Mott Haven and Hart Island

The Six to Celebrate is a designation that the advocacy organization uses to set preservation priorities and channel resources to historical communities in need of recognition across the city, according to HDC.

In Mott Haven, which has town houses dating to the 19th century, HDC is working with Samuel Brooks at the Mott Haven Historic Districts Association.

In the case of Hart Island, which has a Civil War history and has been the city's Potter's Field since 1869, HDC is working with the City Island Historical Society and Hart Island Project.

HDC will assist the groups with their goals: for Hart Island, helping to get it placement



A row of homes that are part of the Mott Haven East Historic District on East 140th Street between Willis and Brook avenues is indicative of the structures that can be found in the community's three historic districts.

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on the National Registry of Historic Places; for Mott Haven, gaining more recognition for the community's three historic districts, said Simeon Bankoff,

HDC executive director.

"The goal is to be where we can do the most good and be the most helpful," said Bankoff, explaining the Six to Celebrate se-

lection process. "We felt in both of these cases, the associations as groups had very clear goals in mind that we can help...bring them some attention."

Bankoff said that in Hart Island's case, people on City Island may be familiar with it, but most people in the city aren't.

"It has been in operation since the Civil War and is the largest municipal cemetery," said Bankoff of the island.

Barbara Dolensek, CIHS vice-president, said that the group is looking to get the Hart Island placed on the National Register of Historic Places before the NYC Department of Corrections, which has jurisdiction over the cemetery and island, dismantles historic buildings or artifacts dating back to the 19th century.

"It would bring positive attention to the island which it has not had," said Dolensek, adding that its history goes beyond being a burial ground for the indigent.

The island was used to train regiments during the Civil War, there were burials there during the war, and the island has been used for a variety of uses: from

helping women overcome hysteria to youth drug use rehabilitation.

Brooks said that as commercial and residential development continues to intensify in Mott Haven in recent years, it is even more important to focus on the area's history.

"Everyone is focused on new building, the towers and the waterfront; I am saying let's not forget how this whole thing started," said Brooks, adding that he plans to bring heritage tourism into the community as well as a 'Mott Haven Decorator Show House' to raise funds to showcase up and coming interior designers.

"When you get selected by the Six to Celebrate, with it comes a wealth of technical support," said Brooks, adding he is planning to create programming for adults, as well as for schoolchildren.

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Hello readers and welcome to another edition of Around Town.

Birth Announcements

White Plains Hospital announces the following births of new Bronxites:

•**Brayden Thomas Keane** was born on Wednesday, November 30 to parents Andrew and Christina Keane of Edgewater Park. He weighed 9 pounds and 15 ounces.

•**Amanda Taveras** was born on Saturday, December 10 to parents Edit Paulino Perez and Carlos Taveras of Norwood. She weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces.

•**Ryan Janes Ramirez** was born on Monday, December 19 to parents Donna and

Michael of Waterbury-La-Salle. He weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces.

Bronxite Serves In Japan

Culinary Specialist Seaman **Luis Castro** is serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard which is forward-deployed to Sasebo, Japan, according to the U.S. Navy.

Together As One Nyc

The N.Y.P.D. and the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit will present an interfaith service on Thursday, January 26 to bring police and various segments of the community together.

Police, clergy, community members, youth and business leaders will meet at the Latino Pastoral Center at 14 W. 170th Street from 6 to 8 p.m. for the service.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Expect reflections, light refreshments and fellowship.

RSVP by Friday, January 20 to Lorraine.Perez@nypd.org or Kimberly.Ford@nypd.org.



U.S. Navy Specialist 3rd Class Jeanette Mullinax separates ribs in the ship's kitchen. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Navy

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Bronx Commons to showcase a music venue

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Elected officials and community residents broke ground on Friday, January 13 for the new Bronx Commons.

The 426,000 square foot campus will sit on the last of the Melrose Commons parcels and include 305 units of mixed income housing.

However, this project - headed by both the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation and BFC Partners, will not just be about housing but also about Bronx culture. The project will include the Bronx Music Hall, an auditorium, that seats 300 people and also serves as an arts-centered community hub.

According to a press release it will be "focused on the deeply-rooted history of cutting edge Bronx music."

"The idea for this came from Bronx residents," said Nancy Biberman, president of WHEDco. "It's really important that everybody know that."

"We've all learned about the history of Bronx music

and the generations of different immigrant cultures that have come here and created this fabulous fusion of music," she continued. "The residents of the community have been involved in the design and the planning of the building over these many years."

Mark Naison, professor of African American studies at Fordham University, was an early contributor to the Bronx Music Hall project.

"Fourteen years ago I was tapped on the shoulder by a number of people in the Bronx saying we need to have a project to identify and celebrate Bronx African American history," said Naison at the groundbreaking. "So we began that at Fordham and we began interviewing people who grew up in this neighborhood."

"One of the things we discovered was that this community produced more varieties of popular music than any place in the world," he continued.

Naison said Biberman eventually brought him into



Borough President Diaz (c), local elected officials and Bronx Commons stakeholders broke ground for the new development.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

WHEDco to discuss the work he had been doing.

He said the group was able to turn "into brick and mortar" what had originally been an idea to celebrate Bronx music and culture.

The \$11.4 million, 14,000 square foot venue will be designed by interactive-media design firm Local Project.

As for the mixed income housing portion of the project, elected officials were pleased with the addition of new units in the south Bronx.

Councilmember Rafael Salamanca was adamant that the project include residents with varying incomes.

"We need to ensure that everyone in our community is served and has access to these units," said Salamanca.

The annual household income range for residents at the Bronx Commons is expected to be \$22,032 for a household of three to \$89,760 for a household of three.

"Affordable housing is about more than four walls

and a roof - and that is why the innovative, community-based plan for Bronx Commons will have such a powerfully positive impact on local families," said Don Capoccia, principal at BFC Partners.

In addition, some of the units will be available to people fighting homelessness and families in the shelter system.

Biberman said one of the issues in New York City is that many New Yorkers are getting pushed out of their homes which creates less diversity in neighborhoods.

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Parkchester South Condo settlement reached

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Following a lengthy legal battle, a settlement has been reached with Parkchester South Condominium management over its 'draconian' maintenance fee increase.

On Thursday, January 5, Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr. and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda announced a resolution to the months-long battle over a 15.19% maintenance fees increase at PSC to the delight of many condo owners during a town hall meeting at St. Paul's Church gymnasium on 1891 McGraw Avenue.

During an extensive question and answer period, condo owners learned that unit owners who meet documented financial hardship requirements of 30 to 40% income levels would pay the maintenance increase over four years.

Senator Diaz has introduced a Bill of Rights for Condominium Owners (Senate Bill 510) which is being carried in the Assembly by Sepulveda.

The proposed legislation will allow unit owners to review or copy the IRS Form



Senator Diaz (l) and Assemblyman Sepulveda discussed the latest developments in a months-long battle over the 15.19% increase in maintenance fees at Parkchester South Condominiums.

Photo by Bob Kappstatter

990; approved meeting minutes; bank and financial statements; health, building code and safety inspection reports; accountant and consultant reports; bid proposals and expenditure receipts of a condominium.

PSC's board would be required to suggest expense limits every five years and be

prohibited from entering into contracts for any 'extraordinary' non-emergency expenses without the unit owners' approval.

The attorney general would be authorized to enforce these provisions and may investigate allegations of any failure to comply.

Diaz appreciates all the le-

gal work which prevented the eviction of any of the 8,286 unit owners for failing to pay the increase.

"This will show Parkchester's Board that the people are paying attention, that transparency matters and that the board will be held accountable," expressed Diaz. "Assemblyman Sepulveda and I realize that condo owners who live in not-for-profit condos like the Parkchester South Condominiums need more protection."

"We have shown the Parkchester board of directors that we will not stand idly by without protecting the rights of minority owners," said Sepulveda. "This is only a first step in having our sway over our rights. We will be heard!"

As previously reported, PSC explained the 15.19% temporary maintenance fee hike was necessary to address wide-spread water infiltration and damage to the buildings' roof slabs which required immediate attention.

If not, this would lead to ceiling collapses resulting in potential injuries, owner dis-

placement and units in a state of disrepair rendering them unsellable.

Once work is completed by year's end, PSC's board intends to revert the maintenance fees back to 2015 levels of 2.5%.

PSC informed condo owners in a letter from Thursday, December 15 that there will be no common charge increase in 2017.

PSC has since completed 50% of inspections and hopes to complete all inspections by the end of the year.

The board is currently reviewing several projects, including modernizing 143 elevators, security emergency call stations around the property, upgrading intercoms and heating system efficiencies among others.

PSC has begun posting common charge updates on its website, www.parkchester.org, and will send email blasts relating to unit owners' building, section and property.

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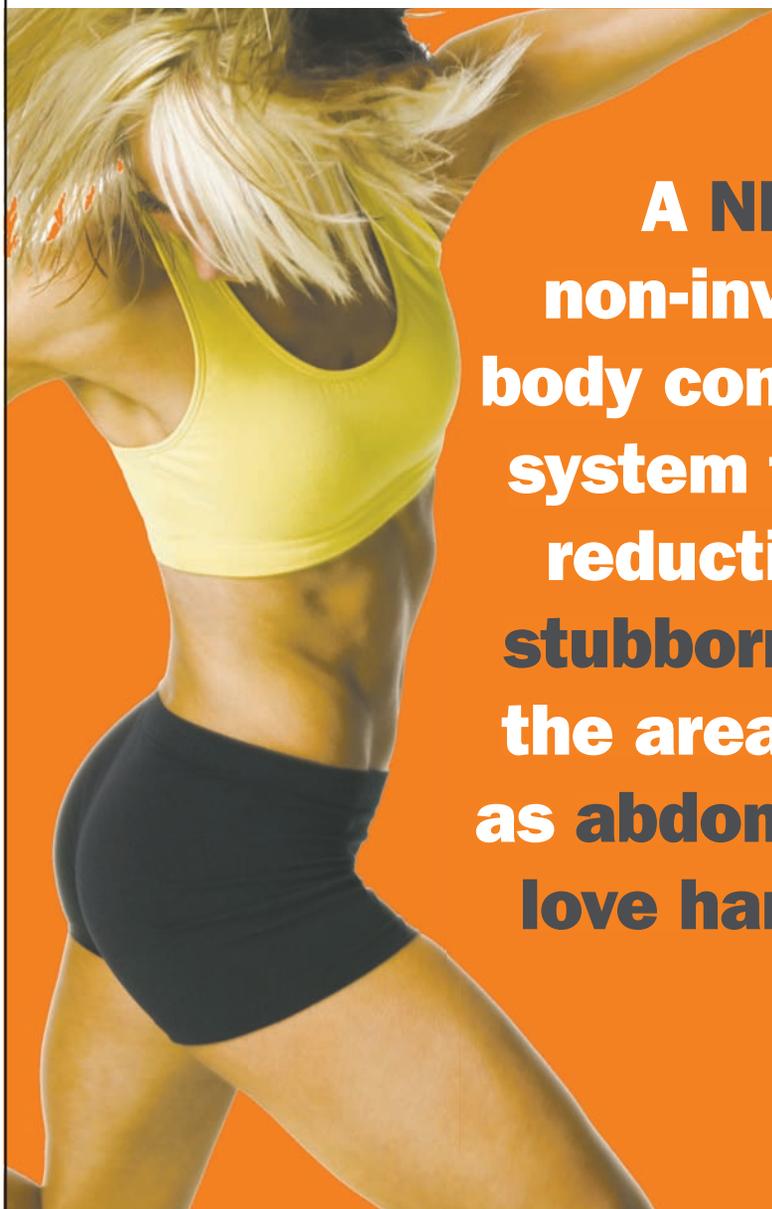
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DOGS ABANDONED IN CASTLE HILL

Police discovered two pitbulls tied to a tree in Castle Hill last week. According to police, a good Samaritan and a jogger discovered the dogs at Barrett and Torry avenues on Wednesday, January 11 and contacted law enforcement. The good Samaritan and jogger provided food and water for the pitbulls as they waited. As of press time, it is unclear when the dogs were abandoned, however a neighbor claimed to have seen two men walking the dogs earlier that same day. Police said there is no criminality involved in this incident. The Animal Care Centers of NYC stated the dogs have not yet had their medical or behavioral evaluation. They have named the dogs, Mars and Neptune and are currently at Animal Care Centers of NYC's Manhattan Care Center.

Photo by Edwin Soto



POLICE BLOTTER

40 Precinct

Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m. -- A robbery occurred at an apartment on East 156th Street. A Hispanic man entered a 59-year-old woman's apartment when she was not home. Shortly after entering he was confronted by the woman in the hallway and simulated having a gun. He told her to open the door and once inside took two tablet computers, a Play Station, \$380 cash and three watches. He then fled. The person police are looking for is about five feet, eight inches tall and weighs about 190 pounds. He has a pony tail and medium tone blotchy skin.

42 Precinct

Thursday, January 5 at 9:50 a.m. -- A 16-year-old man was the victim of a robbery after exiting a bus near Webster Avenue and East 167th Street. He was walking on East 167th Street when someone approached him from behind and began talking to him. When they passed in front of 467 E. 167th Street, the person following the victim said he had a gun on him and demanded the 16-year-old's cellphone. The victim handed over his iPhone. The person who took the phone is described as a black male who is close to six-foot-tall and weighing about 160 pounds. He has a dark complexion and was last seen wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, a blue vest, blue sweatpants and brown boots.

44 Precinct

Thursday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. -- Cops received a report of petit larceny at dollar store located at 1362 Jerome Avenue. A Hispanic man with a light complexion took a cashier drawer containing \$462. The person taking the drawer is described as having a light complexion and being around five feet, ten inches tall. He was last seen wearing a black skull cap, black hooded sweatshirt, gray pants and black boots.

45 Precinct

Sunday, January 8 at 7:15 to 8:40 p.m. -- Police report that 28 criminal mischief complaints have been reported in precincts around the borough after beginning in the 45th Precinct. Unknown people used marbles as projectiles to break windows of various businesses and glass in other locations. They were seen in a car described as a white four-door sedan with tinted windows.

49 Precinct

Thursday, December 22 at 1:50 p.m. -- A man was entering his car parked in front of 736 Lydig Avenue when someone approached him with a knife and demanded property. The robber punched the victim in the face and cut his left hand. The person cops are looking for is an Hispanic man between 20 to 30-years-old. He had a medium complexion and facial hair.

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More express bus stops

Dear editor,
January 1, 2017 was a new year and another new beginning-the opening of the new 2nd Avenue Subway.

This new subway line, the rerouted Q line to and from Brooklyn's Coney Island, has stations on Second Avenue from East 96th Street to East 72nd Street before heading west to merge with other routes via Broadway to the same Brooklyn destination. The construction barricades are now removed, the stations in question are now open.

Now an express bus route with a drop off stop serviced by five express bus lines from the Bronx needs to be restored.

The bus lines in question, BxM6 thru BxM10 which serves the Parkchester, Cop City, Pelham Bay, Throgs Neck, and Morris Park sections of the Bronx, all share the same first drop off stop in Manhattan--Second Avenue and East 121st Street. Before the subway construction, the buses remained on Second Avenue, making another drop off stop at East 87th Street. They would then turn right onto East 86th Street, head to Fifth Avenue, easily turn left with no oncoming traffic (Central Park) and make its remaining drop off stops beginning at

East 84th Street. However when the subway construction began, the buses were rerouted. After the Second Avenue-East 121nd Street stop, the buses turn right onto East 116th Street, head across to Fifth Avenue, turn left, and proceed down Fifth Avenue to its next stop, East 84th Street, thereby discontinuing the Second Avenue-East 87th Street stop.

MTA's rerouting purpose was to lessen the bus traffic over the subway construction in progress, but more important: with the various construction barricades in place and subject to change at the time, it was virtually impossible to not only safely discharge passengers at 2nd Avenue and East 87th Street, but also for the buses to turn right onto East 86th Street without any problems or chaos.

But the reroute, which is still the current route, has its frustrations and downfalls. East 116th Street between Second Avenue and Fifth Avenue frequently has delays mainly due to double parked vehicles (especially delivery trucks) and other MTA crosstown local buses that already congest the cross street in question. Then there are continual delays turning left onto Fifth Avenue due to frequent, sometimes heavy oncoming traffic with no protective left turning green arrow to ease difficulty at this intersection.

Then there are further delays on Fifth Avenue to East 84th Street due to more double parked vehicles, making only one lane passible (this is frequent in the vicinity of Mt. Sinai Hospital)

Now that the construction zones are cleared away, it would be highly beneficial to return these express bus lines back to their initial route on Second Avenue to East 86th Street (which has more lanes than Fifth Avenue), restoring the Second Avenue-East 87th Street or East 86th Street drop off stop. With the newly built nearby 2nd -East 86th Street Q line subway station now open, this would be a huge convenience for departing passengers to transfer to.

The MTA must take this into consideration and act accordingly on behalf of the many affected passengers, given the continual criticism of "always raising the fare but decreasing the quality and quantity of service".

Michael S. Wilbekin Funding shortfall

Dear editor,
There is still more to Letter to the Editor, "Welcome to Bizarrowland" (Carl. J. Cannizzaro -- January 12), concerning the New Years Day opening for phase one of 2nd Avenue Subway.

Governor Cuomo lives in a fantasy world when boasting of opening 2nd Avenue Subway on time. In the 1950s, bond money intended for construction of the 2nd Avenue Subway was spent elsewhere. Work starting in the late 1960s was suspended in 1975 due to the municipal fiscal crises faced by the late NYC Mayor Abe Beame.

This resulted in a funding financial shortfall. A second ground breaking took place in April, 2007. The opening day service date of 2013 within a year was revised to 2014. It was announced at a later date due to cost overruns delayed until 2015. It ended up taking until January 1, 2017.

There is only \$1.035 billion within the \$27 Billion Five Year 2015 - 2019 Capital Program to support preliminary work for Phase 2 of the 2nd Avenue Subway which will proceed north to East 125th Street. There is still a short-

fall of \$4.965 billion needed for actual construction. These dollars will have to come from the next MTA Five Year 2020 - 2024 Capital Program.

The MTA is counting on the US Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration New Starts program to provide \$500 million to \$2 billion or more in additional funding. Add \$15 billion more down the road for phases three and four to complete the full length of 2nd Avenue Subway south to Hanover Square.

Will phase two incorporate the stretch of tunnel previously built in the 1970s between East 99th Street and 105th Street? Based upon the master grant agreement between the MTA and USDOT FTA, if these portions of work do not go into transit use, Uncle Sam has the legal right to ask for its money back.

NYCT since the 1970s has had to maintain and protect this unopened tunnel. The federal government has considered this work part of an active ongoing project. If the MTA does not incorporate utilization of this tunnel, Washington may ask for reimbursement. The MTA could owe millions based upon current fair market value.

The goal would be to obtain a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) between the USDOT FTA and MTA for fully funding the project. MTA is in competition between its own operating agencies and against other transit agencies around the nation. There are 98 other senators and 434 congressmembers supporting their own New Starts projects.

Regardless of the funding source, 2nd Avenue Subway Phase 2 will end up competing against many worthy projects in the next MTA Five Year 2020 - 2024 Capital Plan.

Going back decades, the city, state and MTA have consistently kicked the can down the road every five years. As a result, coming to a consensus on what to fund in the next Five Year Capital Program will become even more difficult. Second Avenue Subway Phase Two will be the largest single project proposed for funding in the next Five Year Capital Plan. It could potentially consume almost 20% of the total program.

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3 Bronx failing schools targeted to close

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Three New York City public schools in the Bronx will likely close at the end of the school year due to unmet academic benchmarks, the NYC Department of Education announced last week.

The three schools on the chopping block are Leadership Institute in Claremont Village, Junior High School 145 Arturo Toscanini in Belmont and Monroe Academy for Visual Arts and Design in Soundview.

The schools are part of the School Renewal Program put forth by the DOE in 2014 to help turn around struggling city schools.

Parents received letters from the education department Monday, January 9 announcing the their children's schools would close at the end of the current school year. The letters cited substandard math and English language arts test scores, and in some cases declining enrollment, for the planned closings.

Parent information settings were scheduled for the evening of Thursday, January 12, at the schools to allow concerned parents and students to raise con-

cerns and ask questions.

Students at Leadership Institute and their parents used the hearing as an opportunity to hold a rally outside the school calling on the DOE to keep their school open.

"I don't even consider them classmates anymore - this is family," said junior George Jiminez. "We have a family here and I really don't want to give that up. Attendance went up, graduation, regents scores went up - we've done everything we could."

Parent Natasha Vann, who spoke along with her junior class daughter Akira, said it simply wasn't fair that students could be shipped to other schools across the city, despite the fact that the school met five of the seven benchmarks the education department tasked them with and had created a welcoming learning community.

"It is not fair that they have to be shipped all the way to Brooklyn or all the way to Manhattan when this is the closest school to their home," Vann said. "There are a lot of shelters here, right up the block for example, and those kids can't afford to go any-



Parent Natasha Vann speaks out against the just-announced closing of her daughter's high school, Leadership Institute, one of three Bronx schools set to close at the end of the school year.

Arthur Cusano

where else."

Vann said the school had already boosted attendance from 60 percent to 80 percent, and simply needed more support than what it was getting from the DOE.

"They need more than what you are giving them," Vann said. "I know what you are giving them, and it's not enough to maintain a school."

Veteran English and technology teacher at J.H.S. 145 Arturo Tuscanini Craig Moss said teachers faced hurdles at his school that made meeting the

DOE benchmarks impossible.

"We have 298 students, and 140 of them arrived at the school directly from the Dominican Republic," Moss said. "Forty-nine additional students are from another 17 different countries. We have 52 students living in shelters. These are tough conditions, and we do what we can."

While many of those students speak English as their second language, the school is woefully short of English as second language, or ESL, teachers, Moss said.

"The renewal program was

supposed to provide additional resources, but we have operated with no bilingual science teacher, no bilingual math teacher or ELA teacher or social studies teacher, just one EFL teacher to service 140 kids when the mandated number is one per 40 kids."

The school had gone without an assistant principal this school year until just last week and only has one certified math teacher and one certified science teacher for the entire student body, and it hasn't had a math coach in six years, Moss added.

"We faced tough odds, and we're about to be punished for doing what we could with what we were given," Moss said.

Some who worked at the struggling Renewal Schools said the writing had been on the wall for several years.

Tom Porton retired last year after 47 years as an English and drama teacher at James Monroe High School and then the current Monroe Academy after clashing with administrators over his efforts to teach AIDS prevention.

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He said the renewal school program turnaround was set to fail from the start.

“Three years ago they announced the renewal schools and said the schools had three years to turn themselves around,” Porton said. “But they actually announced that almost a year into the three years, giving the schools only two years to turn themselves around. It was pretty clear the turnaround timetable was being manipulated towards closing the schools.”

The DOE’s philosophy that replacing large schools like the 70-year-old former James Monroe High School with several smaller schools in the same building to provide a better education for students was not working as well as planned.

“James Monroe was replaced by four schools, and every one of those schools has closed - this is the fourth,” he said. “And each school that replaced the old Monroe was replaced with another school. They closed the big school on the premise that the small schools were going to be so much better, and yet everything that replaced it has failed.”

The smaller schools also have less leadership and teacher competency, Porton said, since there are no academic departments led by department chairs but instead have one administrator overseeing all subjects.

“The level of incompetence at the

small schools is pretty scary,” he said.

In addition Porton said having schools closing down on a regular basis not only hurts the community identity, but creates a logistical nightmare for graduates in need of documentation such as transcripts.

He said he feared Monroe would be replaced with yet another small school, or perhaps a charter school.

Also facing changes is the Young Scholars Academy, a middle school in Williamsbridge, which will be merged with another small middle school at the same location.

When reached for comment on the closings, a Department of Education spokesman stated the department will work closely with families of students from the closing and contracting schools to find a higher-performing school that meets their needs.

“All students will receive individualized enrollment support from the superintendent’s staff and Family Welcome Center counselors,” the department representative stated. “Families and school staff are encouraged to attend an upcoming forum to stay informed during this transition. All students will have the opportunity to attend a higher performing school next year.”

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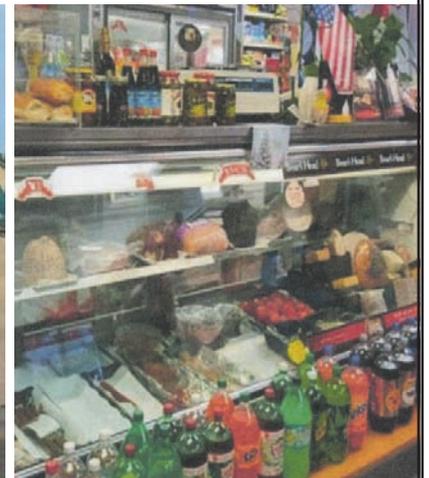
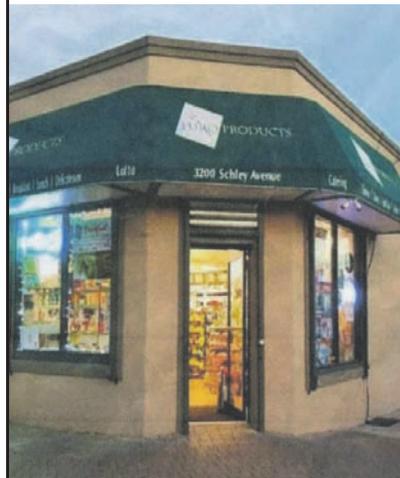
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'State of the Chains' shows 4.2 % growth

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

For the second year running, the Bronx has led all five NYC boroughs in chain store growth according to a recent survey.

The ninth annual State of the Chains report released by the Center for Urban Future pegged growth in Bronx chain stores at 4.2 percent for the period of August 2015 to August 2016.

This was the largest leap upwards of any of the boroughs.

National retailers that opened new locations in the borough include Dollar Tree with 16 new locations as well as Dunkin Donuts, Metro PCS and T-Mobile which added three stores each, according to the report.

The areas of the borough having the greatest number of chain stores according to the report are the 10475 zip code in Co-op City, where the Bay Plaza Mall and Mall at Bay Plaza is located, with 86 national retailers, up from 77 in 2015; the 10462 zip code in Parkchester which had 80 chain stores in 2016 and 81 the year before; and 10451 in Highbridge and Morrisania with 76 in 2016 and 69 in 2015.

The borough is seeing a mix of national retail and food sector growth, said Jonathan Bowles, CUF executive director.

Bowles indicated that given the population of the borough, and the saturation of national retailers in Manhattan, expansion in the borough is expected to continue.

"The Bronx was probably poised for this growth for years," said Bowles. "I think that for a number of years the Bronx was probably under-retailed given the amount of people there and the buying power."

The borough's residents should expect job opportunities and amenities of having shopping options nearby that can attract other employers.

"While these may not be six figure jobs for the most part, they have been a growing source of jobs in the borough," he said. "They are often an important entry point in the labor force for a lot of people and that cannot be diminished... for a lot of people a retail job can be that important first rung on the ladder."

Nunzio Del Greco, president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, said that national franchises are driven to locations where there's money and consumers.

"I think that it is a positive thing," he said, adding "They view the Bronx as an area where they can set up locations to generate income and revenue."

Del Greco believes that the national chains can complement existing 'mom and pop' stores and local retailers.

"There are always going to be people that are going to be upset about franchises because they feel that it is unfair competition to the small 'mom and pops,'" said Del Greco. "But I think in the Bronx especially, where you have a lot of very close knit communities and loyal customers, those establishments are not going away because they have loyal customers, provide great customer service and they have relationships in the community."

At the White Plains Road Business Improvement District, Joe Thompson, BID executive director, said that chain stores could draw in business and awareness to the BID that ultimately benefits other non-chain stores.

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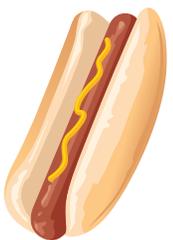
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Planned patrol in 45th Pct. ready to roll

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A community-based initiative to help police thwart crime is moving forward.

The effort to establish a community patrol in the northeast Bronx, Community on Patrol Corp., is in the process of being certified a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, said founder Niko Kritikos. The group hopes to start operation as soon as possible.

They are currently holding a fundraising raffle with a drawing set for Sunday, April 30, he said.

The patrol will focus on the 45th Precinct with the exception of Co-op City, said Kritikos.

"The fundraiser is basically so we can get insurance for the patrol," said Kritikos, adding several people are interested in volunteering and the group has a personal use vehicle that will be converted into a patrol car.

Raffle tickets are being sold for \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets, and can be purchased on the organization's website: www.communityonpatrol.org. Gift certificates will be



Niko Kritikos (l), president of Community on Patrol, and Annie Boller, who is assisting in the effort, recently got new uniforms to broadcast their presence. Photo courtesy of Community on Patrol

awarded as prizes, he said.

His motivation for starting the patrol, which initially was going to include training pro-

vided by the NYPD until brass placed a moratorium on a city-wide civilian patrol program, was his own observations in

his Country Club community and others nearby, he said.

"My own motivation was being involved in the community (and) being hit by a drunk driver in a hit and run," he said.

Even more importantly, according to Kritikos, are crimes occurring at night like theft of spare change from inside cars and of bicycles the he believes need attention.

"These (types of crimes) are very important to the community," he said, adding he also plans on two initiatives in addition to the patrol: an effort to help people who cannot walk in the snow get rides and a 'stranger danger' children's effort.

Patrol training is planned in-house using state civilian observation patrol guidelines, he said.

The patrol would function as the eyes and ears of the police, and would not tackle crimes in progress.

The patrol members would alert police and wait for responders.

He believes a patrol can act as a crime deterrent and en-

courage more accurate crime reporting that could lead to allocation of more resources to the 45th Precinct.

Local activist Annie Boller is assisting the effort by helping with office work and website creation.

Boller said that thefts of auto tires and rims are getting out of hand, and a greater community presence is needed.

A retired cop and an advocate of community efforts to support police and halt crime, John Marano, said the new patrol needs support of police and elected officials.

"I think his success will be based on his relationship with both," he said, adding communication must be kept open at all times.

Irrespective of any patrol, the community should get more involved and call 911 or 311 when they see something that doesn't look right, he said.

"If there were more people getting involved on their own, including business and property owners, it would help the community overall," he said.



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Kingsbridge school finally gets 4-way stop

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

For years, parents and school staff have raised concerns about the intersection at the rear entrance of P.S. 7 Milton Fein School in Kingsbridge.

"There have been numerous serious accidents," said principal Frank Patterson. "It's hard to see as you're coming through here, and cars would come through and would get T-boned."

Last week, there was finally good news to report, in the form of a four-way stop at the intersection of Corlear Avenue and W. 232nd Street.

Up until now, there were only stop signs on 232nd Street, making the crossing treacherous for students headed to and from the elementary school.

A collision occurred at the intersection just last month, said Councilman Andrew Cohen at a press conference at the intersection held Wednesday, January 11.

However, since recent NYC Department of Transportation data showed pedestrian counts had gone up and there have been slightly more crashes in



Councilman Andrew Cohen announced the installation of a four-way stop sign outside P.S. 7 in Kingsbridge last week alongside school and DOT representatives. Community News Group/Arthur Cusano

the area, Cohen said he was able to get the additional stop signs approved.

The new four-way stop was a common sense move to make the high traffic intersection safer, he said.

"This has honestly been a passion of mine for the three years I've been in office since the principal brought it to my attention," Cohen told those on hand for the morning event.

Patterson said the request went back 40 years and several principals, but did not become reality until Cohen took on the

problem.

"Our only wish is that it doesn't take as long to get a crossing guard for the intersection, because we want that, too," Patterson said.

Cohen said the city council had pledged to fund crossing guards when needed, but said the task of assigning such guards was that of the 50th Precinct.

Patterson said a request for a guard had already been submitted to the precinct.

DOT Bronx Acting Commissioner Navaro Lopez said safety

is a big priority for the DOT, especially under the mayor's Vision Zero program.

"We know this is a location with a lot of schools and a very robust elderly population, so we want to make sure this intersection and all intersections in the community are safe," Lopez said.

P.S. 7 Parent Teacher Association vice-president Richard

Espinal, who attended the event with his 9-year-old daughter, Viana, a student at the school, thanked Cohen and Patterson for making the intersection safer.

"Not to aggrandize the moment because we are talking about a stop sign, but this has been an important issue for the parents," Espinal said.

Tax preparer sentenced

Preet Bharara, the US Attorney for the Southern District of NY, and Kathy A. Enstrom, acting special agent in charge of the NY Field Office of the IRS, Criminal Investigations, announced that Flor Soto, an associate of K&S Tax Solution, Inc., was sentenced to 87 months in prison by the US District Judge Kimba M. Wood. Soto had previously pled guilty to theft of public funds in connection with her participation in a lucrative scheme

to file fraudulent and false tax returns, so as to receive tax refunds in the form of checks and wire transfers.

Together with others at K&S, Soto successfully stole over \$24 million in tax refunds by submitting false tax returns using stolen identities, most of which had been stolen from residents of Puerto Rico.

To date, 14 employees and associates of K&S, in addition to Soto, have been convicted in connection with this scheme.

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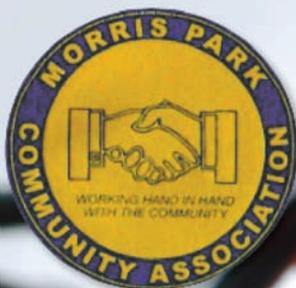
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Bronxites Create bronx-based online TV

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Bronx residents Marco Shalma and Gillian Todd are attempting to bring new media and some positivity to the south Bronx through an online TV channel called The Blox.

Shalma and Todd, creators of the production company Round Seven, want to showcase some of the culture the Bronx has to offer.

"Being members of the community, we see a lot of positive things about the Bronx and we wanted to highlight that," said Todd.

The new media content will be available at the theblox.tv and, according to Todd, much of the content is already in the production and post production stages.

Todd highlighted some of the new shows Bronxites can expect to see in the coming weeks.

One of the first shows on the channel will be Bloxpedia.

It will provide short videos highlighting certain Bronx attractions such as Mott Haven and the Bronx Zoo.

Todd said in the next couple weeks they will slowly roll out new Bloxpedia videos.

Then in late January or early February, the team will officially launch The Blox TV channel.

Todd, who has lived in the Bronx for four years, said she hopes The Blox shines a more positive light on the borough.

"When you google the Bronx the first two suggestions are usually crimes or fires," she said. "Not really positive stuff."

She added she hopes the content really highlights the diversity and culture of people in the Bronx.

"It's really important to us," she said.

Shalma, a nine year resident of the Bronx, shares his feelings.

"I'd like the Bronx, it's sense of community, it's talent and the wonderful people that live here to get proper representation for a change," he said.

Shalma is also hoping The Blox will encourage young Bronxites to stay and grow in the Bronx.

"I entered this project hoping to help young Bronxites understand that success doesn't mean they need to leave the borough physically or ideologi-



(l-r) TheBloX.TV's team is Stephen Serra, Freda Guo, Brian Edgar, Kahleem Poole, Gillian Todd and Marco Shalma.

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cally," he said.

Round Seven recently had a casting call on Saturday, January 14, for another new show called Up the Blox.

Up the Blox will serve as a news style show that will feature different hosts over the course of the program.

Todd was excited about the different people that showed up to the three-hour casting call.

"It was so great," she said. "We had really great people - really different people - which

is exactly what we're looking for. We really want to work with people to develop their voice."

Todd said the prospective hosts brought with them ideas including fashion, music and exploring the borough.

For those interested in becoming a host on Up The Blox, Todd said Round Seven will be hosting casting calls for the show once a month for the foreseeable future.

When the show airs later

this winter, it will air two to three times a week and then eventually become a daily show.

Todd encouraged those looking for more information on The Blox to check them out on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram at @thebloxtv.

In addition, viewers can visit their YouTube page which already has a few videos available.

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Bronx officials to meet over missing mailboxes

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The United States Postal Service is months into a major mailbox security undertaking in the Bronx, but the extended length of the project is a topic of growing concern by borough officials.

The USPS began removing the ubiquitous blue drop boxes from the entire borough this past fall to make them immune to fishing, a method of stealing mail from a mailbox by dropping an object covered in glue or another sticky substance into the mail slot and then pulling the mail out.

Fishing thefts continue to be a problem citywide.

More than \$11,000 in checks were stolen from an East Harlem mailbox by someone using the method in recent months, according to various published reports.

The stolen checks were placed in the box by Boriken Neighborhood Health Center, who eventually caught on when vendors reported not receiving payments.

While most residents wel-

come the safety improvements, many did not welcome the inconvenience of losing their neighborhood mailbox, particularly during this past holiday season.

Making matters worse, residents were not provided with advanced notice that the removals would occur.

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz for instance, who has been frustrated by the ordeal, claims the postal service has failed to answer his questions or provide a timeline for the mailboxes to be returned.

"This is a situation that could have been managed had my office and other elected officials been contacted and informed this would be happening," Dinowitz stated on Friday, January 6. "We could have worked together to make sure people could still post their mail while these mailboxes were being replaced.

"Sadly, the USPS decided it was not important to keep us in the loop, nor did they seem to think this is important enough issue to address in a timely fash-

ion."

Suggestions that the postal service set up temporary collection stations in areas with no mailboxes have been implemented by the service, Dinowitz added.

Representatives from the USPS met with Community Board 10 on Tuesday, January 17 during a committee meeting to discuss the situation in Co-op City, said Board 10 chairman Martin Prince.

He said the representatives, led by U.S. Postal Inspection Service spokeswoman Donna Harris and Bronx Postmaster Lillian Rodriguez, apologized for not being more proactive in their communication with Bronx officials and residents.

He said he was assured the situation was temporary.

"All the boxes will be returned," Prince said.

Prince reminded residents that USPS mail carriers will pick up outgoing mail from residents' homes until the mailboxes are replaced.



Mailboxes like the one pictured in front of an East Tremont post office are being replaced to make them more secure against fishing theft. However, many of the boxes removed last fall have yet to be returned.

Community News Group / Arthur Cusano

Harris confirmed that a borough meeting would be scheduled soon to discuss the topic and that the project was ongoing.

A representative from the office of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. also attended the January 17 meeting.

Diaz's spokesman, John Desio, said the staff member requested a meeting between postal service officials and the borough board in the near future to get an update on the process and have questions answered.

"Mailbox fishing has become

a serious problem across the Bronx, and my office looks forward to working with our community boards, elected officials and the United States Post Office to identify solutions that protect the integrity of our mail and postal system," stated Diaz Jr. on Wednesday, January 18.

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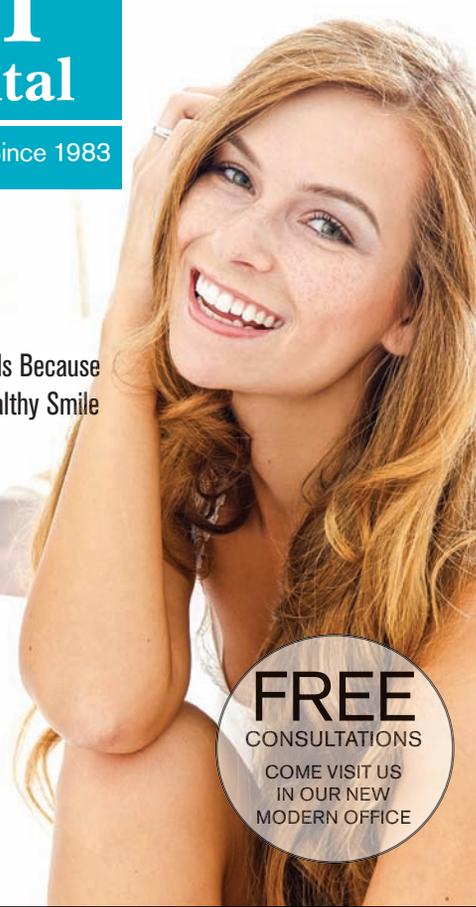
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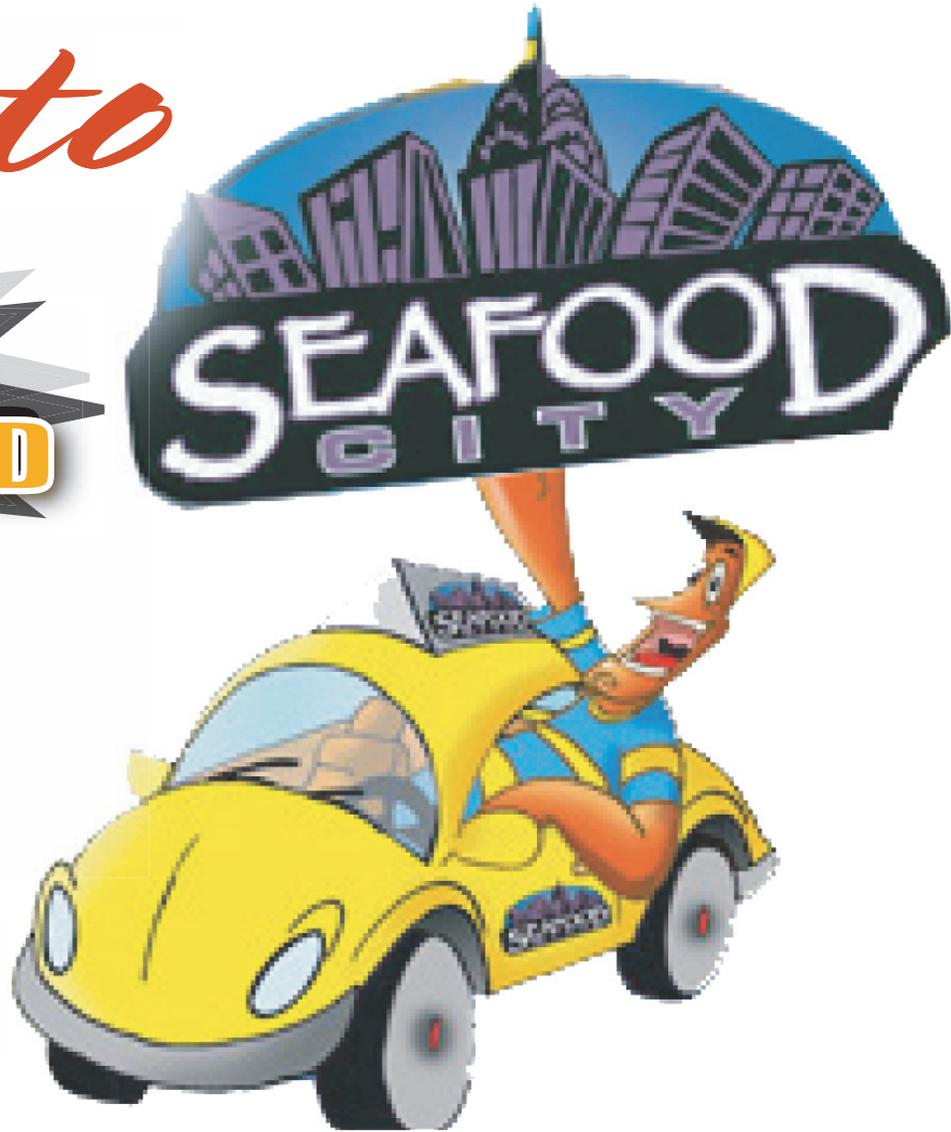
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JT executive board denies co-op shareholders a voice

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Residents at Jamie Towers, a 624-unit, 12-acre Mitchell-Lama cooperative, were blocked in their attempt to start an ad hoc shareholders' committee to address living conditions and recent increases in carrying charges and maintenance fees.

Linda Milner, a shareholder at the cooperative, approached the cooperative's executive board in November 2016 about creating the grievance committee.

According to a letter sent to Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, Milner gathered 200 signatures from Jamie Towers shareholders in support of the ad hoc committee.

However, a representative from the NYS Department of Housing and Community Renewal informed Milner that the cooperative's executive board had the option of shutting down the committee.

Sepulveda echoed the representative's sentiments.

"[The shareholders] are

well within their right," said the assemblyman. "However, we must remember there is a duly elected board."

In early January, after waiting two months for a response, the executive board rejected the shareholder's proposal for the ad hoc committee.

According to Milner's letter, shareholder's wanted the committee "for the purpose of providing advocacy and justice for safe, decent and affordable housing."

The committee would have had no power but would have created a place for the shareholders to let their concerns be heard.

Some shareholders have been battling with the executive board and management - First Service Residential - for months over higher fees and issues with their living conditions.

Barbara Jones, a 21-year resident of Jamie Towers, previously told the Bronx Times heat in the building has been inconsistent.

Jones, who serves as chair for Jamie Towers' Gems and Gents Senior Group, said there is insufficient outdoor lighting which can create a scary environment for seniors.

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

Milner said many residents are wondering why their carrying charges and fees are rising when the conditions in the building have not improved.

In addition, she said many of the residents in the building have retired and, while the charges and fees are rising, their income is not.

In 2016, air conditioner fees rose from \$25 to \$35 and parking fees rose from \$50 to \$75.

According to Milner, when she first moved into Jamie Towers in 1994 her carrying charges and maintenance fees were approximately \$480 per month.

By the mid 2000s they had reached approximately \$600, she said, and by 2010 her car-



630 Pugsley Avenue, one of the buildings at Jamie Towers

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rying charges had climbed to \$800.

In addition, Milner said the hours that security personnel are on the grounds have been reduced and shareholders were not notified.

The Bronx Times asked multiple times to speak with Earl Washington, president of the executive board, but he declined a phone interview twice.

He did not respond to email questions at the time of this article.

The DHCR along with Senator Ruben Diaz and Sepulveda, met with shareholders and the executive board on November 4.

Mark Colon, president of the Office of Housing Preservation for HCR, told Diaz the carrying charges and fees increases allow the state to make repairs to the cooperative.

The Bronx Times attempted to contact First Service Residential but did not receive any response.



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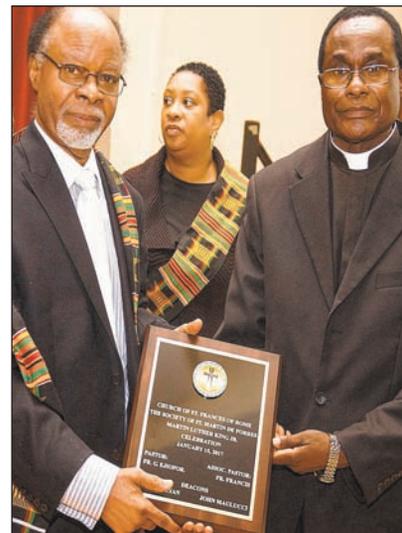
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(Above Far left) Sylvia Kennedy (r) of St. Martin de Porres Church presented the Correspondent Secretary Award to Sharon Brown (l).

(Above left) Debbie Marogh-Thompson (l) graciously accepted her Women's Club Award from Cynthia Rankie (r) of St. Martin de Porres Church.

(Above) Cosmas Balogen (l) of St. Martin de Porres Church presented an award to St. Frances of Rome Church which was accepted by Fr. Francis Orofa (r), associate pastor

(Above right) Deacon John Maulucci opened the program with a prayer.

(Above Insert) Our Lady of Grace dancers performed a praise dance at the ceremony

(Left) Our Lady of Grace second graders gave a stirring performance of 'Marching on to Freedom Land'. Photo by Laura Stone

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Journalism Professor Miguel Pérez, will be teaching this interdisciplinary analysis of the role of Latinos in American history. The course is based on Perez' HiddenHispanicHeritage.com, a decade-long research project (and book in progress) that has taken him all over the country in search of unheralded Hispanic people, places and events most history texts ignore.

"The students taking this course will know why so many American states, cities, rivers and other landmarks are named in Spanish," says Pérez. "They will know that Hispanic roots have been firmly planted here for 500 years. They will know that Hernando de Soto explored the North American wilderness long before Lewis and Clark and that St. Augustine, Fl. was founded 42 years before Jamestown, Va., although Jamestown calls itself 'America's Birthplace.'"

Pérez, is an award-winning journalist who covered the Hispanic community for various publications for more than three decades, developed a passion for more knowledge about Hispanic American history.

This course will require various disciplines, from library and internet research, to visiting and photographing historical sites, and blogging about them. LEH 354 will meet on Fridays from 2 to 4:40 p.m. The only prerequisite is a thirst for knowledge about Hispanic heritage.

Councilman Vacca Visits P.S. 14



Councilman James Vacca visited P.S. 14 on Friday, January 13 to view a lesson being taught as part of FAN4KIDS' fitness and nutrition curriculum. Vacca funds FAN4KIDS through the discretionary funding process in order to bring healthy living programs to his district.

(Above, back, l-r) Andrea Gager of FAN4KIDS and Councilman Vacca engaged students in a fun-filled fitness and nutrition lesson.
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Boro partners with Zipcar

The Bronx Tourism Council announced an initiative with Zipcar to help promote restaurants and other businesses in the borough. The emphasis is on giving Zipcar members added value while introducing them to eating establishments not easily accessible by subway. Restaurants, as well as some stores, will be offering 15% off food items and select products in areas such as Riverdale, Throggs Neck, City Island, and Arthur Avenue, recently named one of America's Greatest Streets by the American Planners Association. These neighborhoods are off the beaten path and suffer most once the holiday rush is over and winter sets in.

"That's no reason to stay home," says Olga Luz Tirado, executive director of The Bronx Tourism Council. She adds, "There are plenty of delicious reasons to bundle up and get out there."

"Our borough is home to some of the greatest restaurants and eateries the city has to offer, and this partnership between The Bronx Tourism Council and Zipcar will provide epicureans with an opportunity to explore the great tastes our borough has to offer. I congratulate Zipcar on this tremendous new partnership with The Bronx Tourism Council, and I look forward to working with them in the future," said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Restaurants participating in the promotion include:

Riverdale: Bacco, 3524 Johnson Avenue; Blackstone, 3713 Riverdale Avenue; and Moss Café, 3260 Johnson Avenue.

Throggs Neck: Escape Latino, 1841 Hobart Avenue; Ice House Café, 140 Reynolds Avenue; Lucca Restaurant, 3019 Westchester Avenue; and Outback Steakhouse, 270 Baychester Avenue;

Arthur Avenue: Catania's Pizzeria & Café, 2307 Arthur Avenue.

City Island: Bistro SK, 273 City Island Avenue.

Other Participants: Bronx Brewery, 856 East 136th Street; Gun Hill Brewing Company, 3227 Laconia Avenue; and Gun Hill Tavern, 780 East 133rd Street.

In addition to restaurants, the website will include boutique shops, museums and galleries to peruse, and specialty markets that offer a variety of products.

Kaleidoscope Gallery – 15% off select items, 280 City Island Avenue; Focal Point Gallery – 15-30% off select items, 321 City Island Avenue; and Cerini Coffee & Gifts – 15% off select items, 2334 Arthur Avenue.

Other participating institutions can be found in the Zipcar "Deals" page at Zipcar.com/bronxguide.

AUTO OVERTURNS ON CONCOURSE



One person is in recovery after a car overturned on the Grand Concourse last week. According to police, the black Toyota was speeding and struck a concrete pedestrian barrier in the center lane at Grand Concourse and East 149th Street on Tuesday, January 10 at 10:25 p.m. The Toyota's driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to Lincoln Hospital for treatment. The incident is still under investigation.

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St. Raymond student wins All-American Scholarship

Rony Gutierrez has been awarded an \$18,160 "All-American Scholarship" to attend Alfred State.

Gutierrez is slated to graduate in 2017 from Saint Raymond High School Boys and intends to enroll in the forensic science technology (BS) program.

The "All-American Scholarship" (free board {14-meal}) is awarded to students who possess an 89 or better cumulative high school average through their junior year and who have achieved

at least a 1220 combined reading/writing and math new SAT (1150 combined critical reading and math old SAT) or a composite ACT score of 24.

Recipients must maintain a required grade point average to continue to receive free board in subsequent semesters.

Fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Alfred State offers some 49 associate degree programs, 23 baccalaureate degree programs, and two certificate programs.

MMCC offers free tax preparation

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center is offering free tax preparation. This service will be offered in two locations: MMCC Main Building, 3450 Dekalb Avenue, Tuesday through Friday evenings and Saturday (call for exact times); and Fort Independence Community Center at 3350 Bailey Avenue, Tuesday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Bronx schools

SCA students participate in StArt 2017 Art Exhibition

Three St. Catharine Academy students were among the more than 80 high school students who had their work exhibited at the StArt 2017 Regional High School Art Exhibition at Concordia College in Bronxville, New York.

Twenty-nine private and public high schools from the Bronx, Westchester, Fairfield, Rockland, and Orange counties participated in the exhibition.

Goals of the exhibition are to give high school students an opportunity to showcase their work and to build their credentials and portfolios for college.

Students from St. Catharine Academy who participated are Josette Michele Cantatore, Luvianne Morales, and Savannah Banscak-Smith.

Josette Cantatore's painting was inspired by a friend. "My friend is very fond of nature. The idea came to me when I watched her pick flowers and put them in her hair. I thought it was visually beautiful and I decided to make it into a painting."

Savannah Banscak-Smith's painting was inspired by her sister. "I took a series of photos of my little sister while taking a walk. The portrait was inspired by one of the photos."

Luvianne Morales's painting was inspired by her desire to tell a story based on her own life experiences, now and into the future. "My painting shows how one can grow, overcome obstacles, and maintain an open mind in order to soar like a bird," said Luvianne.

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Luvianne Morales stands before the paintings of SCA artists.

program where students may take three years of art. The curriculum includes introduction to art, drawing and painting I and II, advertising design, fashion design, photoshop, and culminates with AP Studio Art. In recent years SCA graduates have pursued their studies at the School of Visual Arts, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, and Fashion Institute of Technology.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

Hi again, some dates to remember, better yet, put them on your calendar, even better, your fancy phone.

Sunday, February 5, 11 a.m. Mass will be dedicated to 4 Chaplains Sunday. Legion Family will form up at 10:30 a.m. at St. Benedict.

The 3rd Sunday is our post meeting at American Turners NY, starting 11 a.m. sharp.

Sunday, March 12 we have our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade down the avenue. Mass at St. Benedict is 9 a.m., then fall in as usual at E.Tremont and Lafayette avenues.

Thursday, April 7 is the National

Commander's Visit and Dinner at Antun's in Queens. Reservations required, they fill up fast for such a great evening.

Our Sunday, April 3 meeting falls on Easter

Sunday so we will move our post meeting to the fourth Sunday. Also in June, the third Sunday is always Father's Day so June's meeting will also be the fourth Sunday. Probably our end of session BBQ too. Advanced notice for you really organized people, reminders to follow.

Uttill next time: "Any club that would have me as a member, I wouldn't belong to"! - Marx (Grocho that is).

CALVARY HELPS EDUCATE COMMUNITY RABBIS

Calvary Hospital and the National Association of Chevra Kadisha educated more than 30 community rabbis, rabbinic students and chaplains from across the greater New York area on Thursday, January 12 at the hospital's Bronx campus. The event emphasized advanced directives in Halacha, pain management, delirium and palliative care, hydration and nutrition and the hospital chaplain as a liaison to the community rabbi.



(l-r) Rabbi Dr. Edward Reichman, Montefiore Hospital; Michael J. Brescia, MD, Calvary Hospital; Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Yeshiva University and Rabbi Hershel Welcher, Congregation Ahavas Yisroel were featured speakers at the educational event.

Photo courtesy of Calvary Hospital



BRONX CHAMBER HOSTS NETWORKING EVENT

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce hosted an exciting Evening Business Networking Event on Thursday, January 12 at the Residence Inn by Marriott in the Hutch Metro Center Atrium.

Bronx Chamber president Nunzio del Greco (c) celebrated with Apple Bank managers (l-r) Kim Lane, Nicole McNulty, Sharelle Gardner and Sharon Campbell.

Photo by Laura Stone

SENATOR DIAZ CELEBRATES THREE KINGS DAY AT P.S. 5

Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; Assembly members Marcos Crespo and Luis Sepulveda; Councilman Rafael Salamanca; New York Hispanic Clergy Organization; Radio Vision Cristiana International; Radio Cantico Nuevo and local organizations celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany with P.S. 5 students and their families on Saturday, January 7.



Assemblyman Crespo distributed toys to children at the celebration.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Assemblyman Crespo (l) and Senator Diaz (r) told the story of the Three Kings.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



KIPP CONNECTS WITH DREAM CAREERS

KIPP NYC hosted its annual job summit on Saturday, January 7 for more than 200 KIPP graduates to assess career opportunities, network among more than 30 NYC companies hiring for good-paying jobs and match their K-12 and higher-education experience to the ideal first step in their careers.

(l-r) KIPP Alumni Audrey Bonnet and Lisandro Florencio and others network with IBB Consulting's Greg Shaw and Vonne Williams from Active Increase. Photo courtesy of SKD Knick

Simone Development signs new leases

Simone Development Companies announces the signing of four new and expansion leases totaling nearly 20,000 square feet of office and medical space at the Metro Center Atrium at 1776 Eastchester Road and 1250 Waters Place at their flagship Hutchinson Metro Center in the Bronx.

GNC, one of the nation's leading nutritional supplement retailers, has signed a long-term lease for 1,100 square feet on the ground floor of the Atrium at 1776 Eastchester Road within the Hutch Metro Center. GNC joins other retail tenants such as LA Fitness, Applebee's, Dunkin Donuts and Tatiana Day Spa at the 360,000-square-foot mixed-use building featuring three floors of Class A office and medical space. The complex is also home to the borough's only nationally flagged hotel, the Marriott Residence Inn. Only one prime retail space of 850 square-feet remains at the nearly fully occupied property.

In another new lease, Gate-

way Counseling Center, Inc. (GCC), a 25-year old non-profit providing services to individuals, including those with mental illness and developmental disabilities, has signed a 4,600+ square-foot lease to move their executive offices to the Bronx in an expansion move.

"GCC is particularly excited about this move because it will provide growth and exposure to the agency," said Gateway CEO Fred Romero, MBA, LCSW. "With the clinical programs expanding and the innovative workforce coming up with new projects and ideas for programs for people with developmental disabilities or mental illness in our care GCC's Executive Team and Board of Directors felt it was necessary to move to allow for expansion."

The Law Offices of Joseph A. Romano P.C. has also signed a long-term lease expansion at the Metro Center, more than doubling its space to nearly 10,000 square feet.

At the nearby 1250 Wa-

ters Place on the Hutch Metro Campus, Affinity Health Plan has signed a new long-term lease for 2,000 square-foot long term lease for their new retail information center. For almost 30 years, Affinity Health Plan has been offering New York State-sponsored free or low-cost health coverage to New Yorkers who have Medicaid or no health insurance at all. They are a long-term tenant at the Hutch Metro Center, and one of the largest tenants in the portfolio.

Josh Gopan, director of Leasing for Hutch Metro Center, represented the owner, Simone Development, in all transactions

Simone Development's Hutchinson Metro Center is one of the most successful commercial projects in the history of the Bronx, totaling over 1.4 million square feet of office, medical and retail space that is nearly completely occupied by some of the leading medical, educational and government tenants in New York City, including Montefiore



Completed Metro Center Atrium.

Hospital, Affinity Health Systems, Mercy College, the NYC Housing Authority, the IRS and the NYC Administration of Children's Services among dozens of tenants employing over 6,000 individuals.

"The Metro Center Atrium, the latest addition to the growing Hutch Metro Campus, has been extremely attractive to retail, medical and office tenants since opening just two years

ago," said Gopan. "The property already offers convenient access to Manhattan, Queens, Long Island and Westchester, and with the planned addition of a MetroNorth station directly adjacent to the Metro Center Atrium, the Hutch Metro Center offers the convenience and opportunity for expansion of a suburban office park setting in the heart of New York City."

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

If a key industry dramatically increased its prices far higher and faster than the cost of inflation, while delivering a product that was manifestly declining in quality while company officials openly expressed contempt for those paying for its services, there is little doubt that politicians and pundits would rapidly and loudly call for investigations and the imposition of regulations.

That is precisely what is occurring in America's colleges, where tuition rates have been hiked by 74% since 1995.

However, they are escaping the scrutiny they truly deserve.

As the New York Analysis of Policy and Government has noted, "Stunning tuition cost hikes have outpaced price increases in just about every other area. U.S. News reported in 2013 that

"According to data from the Labor Department, the price index for college tuition grew by nearly 80 percent be-

tween August 2003 and August 2013. That is nearly twice as fast as growth in costs in medical care, another area widely recognized for fast-rising prices. It's also more than twice as fast as the overall consumer price index during that same period." During that time period, college tuition increased 79.5%, while the Consumer Price index increased only 26.7%, medical care, 43.1%, food and beverages, 31.2%, and housing 22.8%. The money hasn't gone into improving the educational experience of students, and it hasn't gone into the salaries of professors. A Washington Monthly review found that "as colleges and universities have had more money to spend, they have not chosen to spend it on expanding their instructional resources—that is, on paying faculty. They have chosen, instead, to enhance their administrative and staff resources. A comprehensive study published by the Delta Cost Project in 2010 reported that between 1998 and 2008,

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America's private colleges increased spending on instruction by 22 percent while increasing spending on administration and staff support by 36 percent. Parents who wonder why college tuition is so high and why it increases so much each year may be less than pleased to learn that their sons and daughters will have an opportunity to interact with more administrators and staffers... Over the past four decades...the number of full-time professors or 'full-time equivalents'—that is, slots filled by two or more part-time faculty members whose combined hours equal those of a full-timer—increased slightly more than 50 percent. That percentage is comparable to the growth in student enrollments during the same

time period. But the number of administrators and administrative staffers employed by those schools increased by an astonishing 85 percent and 240 percent, respectively."

Individuals are free to decide whether it is appropriate to overpay for declining quality, but taxpayers are not. State colleges are clearly supported by taxpayer funds, but so are for-profit universities.

Open Secrets notes: "For-profit institutions derive much of their funding from the federal government, in the form of financial aid grants and subsidized student loans."

The Fiscal Times found that "Between 2000 and 2010... The portion [of students] receiving federal aid skyrocketed from 31.6 percent to 47.8 percent, and the average award nearly doubled. In addition, the percentage taking out student loans climbed from 40.1 percent to 50.1 percent, and the average borrowing rose 76 percent. The ramp-up in loans to students has not only driven up costs but has

undermined the value of a college degree. Some 30 percent of people ages 25 to 29 are college graduates today, up from 12 percent in the 1970s...Richard Vedder, economics professor at Ohio University, has written that we have one million retail sales clerks and 115,000 janitors with college diplomas. At the same time, one fifth of the country's managers say they can't find skilled workers to fill job openings."

The Rand Corporation questions the effect of tuition subsidies. "...almost 30 years ago, then-Secretary of Education William Bennett warned that tuition subsidies may also encourage institutions to raise tuition, since the government would foot the bill. Research on what came to be known as the 'Bennett Hypothesis' increasingly suggests the secretary was correct."

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FIAME SERVES 3 KINGS DAY LUNCHEON

The Forum for Italian American Educators celebrated its Feast of the Three Kings Luncheon on Sunday, January 8 at Fratelli's Restaurant.



FIAME board members and 2017 honorees celebrated the Feast of the Three Kings.

Photo courtesy of FIAME



KLEIN, SEPULVEDA HOST 3 KINGS CELEBRATION

Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda commemorated the Feast of the Epiphany with their fourth annual Three Kings Day celebration with Female District Leader Julia Rodriguez on Saturday, January 7 at Holy Family Church.

Senator Klein (back, 2nd from r), Assemblyman Sepulveda (front, 2nd from l) and Female District Leader Julia Rodriguez (front, r) with the Holy Family Choir and Nativity performers.

Photo courtesy Senator Jeff Klein's Office

COUNCILMAN ANDY KING HONORS MLK AT OPEN HOUSE

Councilman Andy King hosted an open house at his 940 E. Gun Hill road district office on Sunday, January 15 to celebrate the birthday and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Faith Christian Academy students graced the audience with songs and a performance of speeches by Dr. King. Movies honoring the late civil rights leader Dr. King and President Barack Obama were shown at the fun-filled event.

Rabbi Keith Elijah Thompson opened the event with prayer and the blowing of the Shofar.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Councilman King (back, c) with the members of The Faith Christian Academy.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

3 KINGS CELEBRATION AT SACK WERN HOUSES

Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo and Councilwoman Annabel Palma celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany at their second annual Three Kings Celebration at Sack Wern Houses on Saturday, January 7. Local children received art sets, doctor kits and other fun toys at the event held in partnership with Sack Wern Houses Residents Association and Clason Point Gardens Tenant Association.

Senator Klein (back, 4th from r) and Assemblyman Crespo (2nd row, 2nd from r) gave presents to local children in celebration of Three Kings Day.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Caring For Elderly Loved Ones will be topic of upcoming 'Dinner With A Doctor'

The challenge faced by family caregivers, particularly those who care for parents and other elderly loved ones, can be extremely stressful.

To help community residents better cope with this role, SBH Health System and R.A.I.N., will present on the topic "Helping Family Caregivers Care for their Elderly Loved Ones" as part of the hospital's popular Dinner with a Doctor series. The events will be held Tuesday, January 24 (in English) and on Thursday, January 26 (in Spanish), with both sessions to begin at 6 p.m. The event, which is free to the public, will be held in the Braker Building boardroom on the St. Barnabas Hospital campus (Third Avenue and 183rd Street).

"Many baby boomers to-

day find themselves juggling their own families and career responsibilities with the need to care for aging parents and other elderly relatives," said Dr. Joel Sender, a geriatrician and division Director of Geriatrics at SBH Health System. "This is being more and more common with people living longer today and preferring to live at home as long as possible. While there may not be any solutions, there are steps that can be taken to reduce the increasing likelihood of caregiver burnout."

SBH Health System will be teaming up with R.A.I.N., a multi-social service agency with 10 Bronx-based neighborhood senior centers, which provides such services as home-delivered meals, trans-

portation services, assistance with benefits and entitlements, case management and elder abuse services, and a community-based mobile meals program. The English presentation will be given by Dr. Sender and the Spanish by Dr. Anderson Torres, president of R.A.I.N.

The Geriatrics Center, which is part of the Center for Comprehensive Care at SBH, addresses the special health care needs of older adults. The team, consisting of a board certified geriatrician, a nurse practitioner, registered nurse, and a medical assistant, performs physical, ambulation, memory, nutritional, audio and visual screenings. It treats those medical conditions that are common to seniors: high

blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart conditions, arthritis, emphysema and diabetes. Specialists examine changes in patients' function that can impact their well-being and independence, including falls and balance issues, osteoporosis, urinary incontinence, memory loss, dementia and depression.

Dinner with a Doctor is held at St. Barnabas Hospital on a regular basis, with members of the medical staff available to discuss various health issues while attendees enjoy a light meal.

"We encourage members of the communities we serve to take advantage of our Dinner with a Doctor series," said Len Walsh, executive vice president and chief operating officer at St. Barnabas Hospital.

"It gives them a chance to meet some of the area's best doctors and get answers to questions they may have on various health and medical topics. We view the upcoming presentation, led by Dr. Sender and the people at R.A.I.N., as an excellent opportunity for family caregivers to learn how to better cope with the stresses that can come with caring for elderly loved ones."

Dinner with a Doctor is free and limited to 60 people. You must be 16 years of age or older to attend and reservations are required to assure that space will be available.

To RSVP contact Diana Loubriel at (718) 960-9295. Parking is available by entering the hospital campus at Third Avenue and 183rd Street.

BY STEVEN GLOSSER
AND ANDREA SIEGEL

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year.

The PPNA held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at Bronx House. We had two guest speakers from One Police Plaza. NYPD Detective Anthony Elio and SDS Lambros Gavalas of the Financial Assistance Support Team.

These two detectives gave the attendees an informative slide presentation and handouts on the many types of fraud and identify theft.

Did you know that identify theft can make it hard for you to get credit, a job, a place to live or utilities? You can reduce your risk of being hurt by identify theft. At home you should keep your financial records and Social Security cards in a safe place, shred papers that have your personal or medical information on them, and take mail out of your mailbox as soon as you can.

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Place a fraud alert on your



credit reports. A fraud alert is free. It will make it harder for someone to open new accounts in your name. To place a fraud alert contact one of the three credit bureaus. That company must tell the other two. The three credit bureaus are Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax. Review your credit reports, Make note of any account or transaction you don't recognize. This will help you report the theft to the police. Your next step might be closing accounts opened in your name or reporting fraudulent charges to your credit card company.

There are three types of fraud alerts: Initial fraud alert which is if your concerned about identity theft but haven't yet become a victim, this fraud protects your credit from unverified access for at least 90 days. You may want to place a fraud alert on your file if your wallet, Social Security card or other personal, financial or account information are ever lost or stolen. Extended fraud alert is for victims of identity theft, an extended fraud alert protects your credit for seven years. Active Duty Military Alert are for those in the mili-

tary who want to protect their credit while deployed, this type of fraud alert lasts for one year.

Detective Elio and Gavalas also instructed us to try to review our credit reports several times a year, to make sure the information is accurate, complete and up to date before you apply for a loan for a major purchase like a house or car, buy insurance or apply for a job. To help repair possible identity theft, identity thieves may use your information to open new credit accounts in your name. Then when you don't pay the bills the delinquent account is reported on your credit report. Inaccurate information like that could affect your ability to get credit, insurance or even a job.

These detectives also discussed mail phishing and how to combat it. Never put your mail in a box that has a sticky substance on it or has a string hanging out from it. They recommend bringing your mail directly to the post office and use the box inside the station. Also when writing out checks use a Gel Pen as this makes it quite difficult for the check to be 'washed'. When using the ATM machine always be aware of who is around you. Don't use ATM machines that are on the street on in bodega's. Only use the ones in banks if possible.

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association thanks detectives Elio and

Gavalas with providing those who attended the meeting with such invaluable information.

On December 20 the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association along with the Pelham Parkway Vision Center of Lydig Avenue held its annual toy giveaway. Thanks to the generous donations from Democratic State Committeeman Joe McManus and Apple Bank manager Shirelle Gardner and the Pelham Parkway Vision Center we had an extremely successful event. Joe also graciously agreed to play Santa to the delight of all the children. Because of their generosity we were able to provide wonderful gifts to our neighborhood kids. They are all extremely community minded and always put their neighborhood first.

A quick correction from last months meeting. One of our wonderful guest speakers Kenneth Gelnick is formerly from the Parking Violations Bureau and is now in private practice.

The next meeting of the PPNA is Tuesday, February 14. Our special guest speaker will be the new Captain of the 49 Precinct, Captain Thomas Alps. The PPNA works year round and around the clock to improve the quality of life in Pelham Parkway. Follow us on Facebook. We can always be reached by email at PelhamParkwayNA@gmail.com.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 11 HOSTS 'MATH ROCKS' EVENT

Over 900 girls from 40 Bronx schools in School District 11 were treated to a special viewing of the film, 'Hidden Figures' on Thursday, January 12 in celebration of a 'Math Rocks' event. Joining the girls at the Bay Plaza Movie Theater were Councilman Andy King; NYC Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina; District 11 superintendent Meisha-Ross Porter and Dr. Jeremy Kabinoff, Ed.D, principal leadership facilitator and District 11 deputy superintendent. Prior to the film, Councilman King presented Ross-Porter with the inaugural People Pay Attention to People Who Participate School Superintendent Award.



More than 900 girls from 40 Bronx schools in School District 11 joined Councilman King (back, l), NYC Schools Chancellor Farina (2nd row, c) and their teachers for a special viewing of 'Hidden Figures'.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Andy King's Office



PARRANDA HISTORY WORKSHOP, SINGING PRACTICE

The Kingsbridge Octavitas Parranda History Workshop and Singing Practice was held on Friday, January 13 at St. James Recreation Center. The event was held the day before the inaugural Kingsbridge Octavitas Parranda on Saturday, January 14. Octavitas is one of the final celebrations during the Puerto Rican holiday season involving 'parrandas' in which neighbors go door to door in the middle of the night to sing Christmas carols.

'Dr. Drum' Jose Ortiz (back, c) led residents in a parranda.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

P.S. 71 HONORED AS 'SHOWCASE SCHOOL'

P.S. 71 was honored as a 'Showcase School' on Friday, January 13 for its collection of resources establishing strategies, tools and resources to promote student engagement.



Margaret Mirando, principal (front, 3rd from l); Alia Sabbs from Showcase School (front, r) and Raquel Quezada, assistant principal (front, 2nd from r) with faculty.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Mr. Baez gave an informative presentation to his seventh grade class.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

Bronx Chamber of Commerce highlights

BY NUNZIO DEL GRECO

This is an historic event. I am very proud to announce that the first annual Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce has been published. The borough of the Bronx has never had such a comprehensive publication printed. The Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce includes: Company advertisements, Listing of all elected officials representing The Bronx, map of the Bronx, photos of the officers, board of director members, chamber staff, corporate sponsor logos, chairman and President Circle logos, Chamber Year in Photos, Bronx Highlights in Housing, Arts and Culture, Tourism, Recreation, Higher Education, Timeline of the Bronx through the Centuries, New York City Resources and contact information, alphabetical listings of members of the members of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and listings by categories.

Publishing in 2017 I believe, fulfills an important need and service for the membership and the Bronx business community. There is a lot of excitement and enthusiasm from current and new members re-

garding the business directory. Over 120 new companies have joined the Bronx Chamber in the past 12 months. They see and understand the value and importance of the printed directory in addition to the many benefits of membership. As a courtesy to new companies that join during 2017, the Bronx Business Directory & Resource Guide, an addendum will be updated each month and included with the directory as they are distributed.

Major businesses and institutions in the Bronx also believed in the value of the Bronx Business Directory and have committed significantly with their advertising dollars. Some of the confirmed 2017 advertisers include: Active Staffing Services; American Maintenance; Apple Bank; Berkeley College; Bronx Lebanon Hospital; Castle Hill Recycling; Certified Alarm Tech Systems Inc.; Children's Corner Learning Center; Cottam Heating & Air Conditioning; Country Bank; Halstead Property; F & F Insurance Services; Flushing Bank; Fordham University; Hutchinson Metro Center; ISE Office Plus; Law Offices of Joseph A. Romano PC; Manhattan College; Manhattan Parking; Marriott Residence



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The directory will be distributed to more than 2,000 member businesses, new busi-

nesses, and select governmental offices. It will also be distributed at Bronx Chamber of Commerce events throughout the year. Membership in 2017 will significantly increase as more and more businesses see and understand the value of membership in the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. Since January 2016, over 65 workshops, seminars, job and interview fairs and networking events for members, non-members and businesses. The 2017 calendar of events will offer even more opportunities to network.

Greater participation from the membership will also emerge from the expanded list of committees of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. Serving on committees is an excellent way to network and meet potential new customers; contribute directly to the work of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce; interact with fellow members to share ideas and common interests; further the Chamber's objectives for Bronx businesses and the borough through its promotion, support and advocacy initiatives.

Members have the opportunity to volunteer and serve on any one of 9 committees of their choice such as: Business

Development; Bylaws; Events; Finance; Legislative; Membership; MWBE; Technology & Social Media; and Young Professionals Network.

I am very excited to be a leader in the continuing renaissance in our great borough and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to your active membership and meeting you at some of our upcoming networking events.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is one of the most influential, professional and successful organizations and voice for businesses in Bronx County. Professionals and companies are drawn to the successful companies and active members affiliated with the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. Membership includes businesses ranging from large corporations, cultural institutions, universities and colleges, hospitals and medical centers, non-profits, and mid-sized to small companies. Helping you grow your Bronx business is our goal.

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For more information on membership call (718) 828-3900; email: Nunzio@BronxChamber.org or visit: www.BronxChamber.org.

BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

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.

Membership renewals for

the year 2017 are due back to the association by Wednesday, February 8.

They can be paid in person at this month's meeting, or you can return the renewal notice you have received in the mail.

If you have not received it, that means we do not have



you on our membership roster. You must therefore im-

mediately contact us at the number below, or else you will be removed from the Bronx Times Reporter mailing distribution list.

Like most any organization, membership is the lifeblood of our association, and we look forward to your continued participation and sup-

port.

The association can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 211, Bronx, N.Y. 10465, and via telephone at (718) 823-1814.

Please remember, "Take pride in your community; your home extends beyond your property line!"

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all.

We here at 620 offer our sympathies and condolences to Ed Shipp on the loss of his wife Lisa. Ed is a member of the Hawkins Post and past commander of the Bronx County American Legion and I was his aide.

By the time you read this, the meeting room of the post will have been painted by members of this post as well as members of the Marine Corps

League.

Short column this week and there may be no column next week as I am going into Einstein Hospital for yet another procedure. They should have installed a zipper instead of closing me up with staples. Hopefully this ends my surgical soap opera.

More info: Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11, the Department Oratorical Contest will be held at Sand Creek Middle School, Albany, NY.



Thursday, March 15, the Hawkins Post on City Island will host the County Executive meeting at 7:30 p.m..

The County Meeting will be held at the Sam Young Post on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30

p.m.

The National Commander's Dinner will be held at Antun's on Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m. More to follow.

Trivia Time

Henry Ford gives a \$5 a day minimum wage on January 5, 1914.

The Battle of New Orleans began on January 8, 1815. Do you remember the war?

Caesar crossed the Rubicon on January 10, 49 BC. C'mon, to get to the other side.

On the same date in 1863, the first subway opened in London.

Another opening. On January 11, 1961, the Throgs Neck Bridge opened.

The first gold was brought to Ft. Knox on January 13, 1937.

Take a moment to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his day.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a Vet to lunch and God Bless.

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PPNA HOSTS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NIGHT

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association hosted special guests NYPD detective Anthony Elio and Supervisor Detective Squad sergeant Lambros Gavalas of the Financial Assistance Support Team of One Police Plaza at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10 at Bronx House.



(l-r) Detective Elio; Edith Blitzer, PPNA founder; Andrea Siegel, PPNA president and sergeant Gavalas discussed possible defenses to combat mail and computer fraud.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



PRESTON WELCOMES BACK YOUNG ALUMNAE

Preston High School welcomed back its most recent graduating class at the Young Alum Brunch on Thursday, January 5 for an afternoon of food and friends. Alumnae mingled with former classmates, teachers and current seniors while enjoying a light brunch. Seniors were able to ask the recent graduates questions regarding the college application process, transition from high school to college and how they felt Preston prepared them for life after graduation.

Students listened attentively to recent graduates who shared their experiences and answered questions.

Photo courtesy of Preston High School

SOUNDVIEW COMMUNITY DRUG COALITION MEETS

The Soundview Community Drug Free Coalition held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 10 at Odyssey House to discuss the coalition's 2017 DFC Application process.



Members of the Soundview Community Drug Free Coalition and NYPD hosted a productive meeting outlining the new year's goals and agenda.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



ST. RAYMOND HS HOLDS STEM DAY

A team of engineering students from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute spent a day with St. Raymond High School for Boys students on Thursday, January 12 immersed in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

(l-r) St. Raymond H. S. students Deuardo Garcia, Rony Gutierrez, Justin Matos, Andreas and Nicolas Rivera; RPI engineering major Tyler Brown and Elizabeth Herkenham, director of K-13 Education Outreach & the Student Service Hub tested the student's design and construction of a model wind generating turbine.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



VACCA VISITS P.S. 175 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Councilman James Vacca paid a surprise visit to the P.S. 175 Sports and Arts in School Foundation's afterschool program on Friday, January 6. Vacca and the NYC Council fund the SASF to provide afterschool programs throughout the city.

Principal Amy Lipson (back, 5th from l) and Councilman Vacca (back, 3rd from r) with students and SASF staff members.

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Chihuly at NYBG



Macchia Forest, Dale Chihuly, the New York Botanical Garden, 2006.

Chihuly, a major new exhibition at The New York Botanical Garden in spring 2017, presented by Bank of America, will spotlight world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly's bold innovation and experimentation in a variety of media throughout his celebrated career. At a Press Preview Luncheon at Grand Hyatt New York on January 12, Chihuly greeted guests via video from his Studio in Seattle, where he is working with his team in preparation for his first major garden exhibition in more than ten years in New York. Chihuly will showcase approximately 20 monumental new installations as well as drawings and early works revealing the evolution and development of Chihuly's artistic process. NYBG will debut new installations that draw inspiration from Chihuly's storied 1975 Artpark installation.

Set within NYBG's landmark landscape and buildings, this groundbreaking exhibition will run from April 22

through October 29.

"The New York Botanical Garden is the perfect setting for Dale Chihuly's art," said Gregory Long, chief executive officer and The William C. Steere senior president of NYBG. "Our historic landscape is an open-air museum, providing a thrilling opportunity for our visitors to see the spectacular glass sculptures, especially when they will be lit at night.

The exhibition will be a more holistic look at the legacy of Chihuly the artist. We are extremely grateful to our sponsors and everyone whose support is making it possible for us to bring this experience to our existing and new audiences."

New hand-blown glass sculptures, created specifically for NYBG, will complement the garden's landscape and architecture. The water features of the Native Plant Garden and the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory Courtyard's Tropical Pool will be the setting

for dramatic installations inspired by Chihuly's early exploration of the contrast between glass and environment, resulting in a physical expression of light. Chihuly will be re-imagining his Artpark installation that he first created in the summer of 1975 when he was among nearly 40 artists invited to create temporary outdoor works in Lewiston, New York, near Niagara Falls. Using hand-blown sheets of stained glass, the installations were designed to provide contrast between the glass and the surrounding envi-

ronment, resulting in a physical expression of light.

The exhibition will feature several dramatic neon sculptures.

Chihuly further explored his work in neon with the development of the first Neon Tower. Chihuly will revisit these concepts with a new multicolor neon sculpture in the Conservatory Courtyard to take advantage of the location's reflective qualities.

Visit the Garden's Web site, nybg.org, for more information and to purchase tickets.



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Construction of the Grand Concourse started in 1902

The Grand Concourse was designed by Louis Aloys Risse who studied drawing and art in Paris as a teenager. It should come as no surprise, therefore, that when designing the Grand Concourse, he chose to pattern it after the Champs Elyses in Paris. He was the chief engineer for the 23rd and 24th wards when he conceived the idea for the Grand Boulevard and Concourse circa 1890 but it would be another five years before the needed properties could be acquired. Construction began in 1902 and it was its huge width of 182 feet that made it a grand route for parades and an attractive option for architects.

Real development, however, would have to wait for the arrival of rapid transit. The nearby Jerome Avenue overhead IRT line was introduced in 1917 opening up that section of our borough to development. The opening of Yankee Stadium and the Concourse Plaza Hotel in 1923 drew the attention of some families who looked at the area and saw an alternative to the congestion of Man-

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

hattan. The real boon to the Concourse, however, would have to await the arrival of the IND line in 1933.

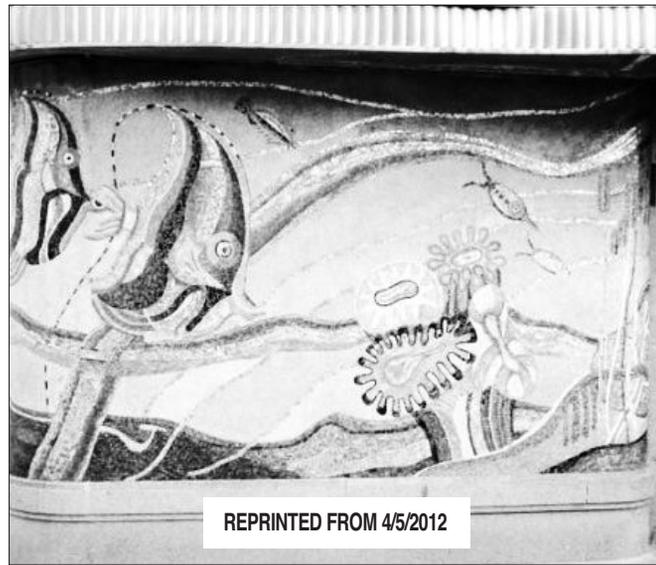
The Grand Concourse was ideally suited to development since no demolition was required. Builders could save money when working with vacant land and no time was lost when it came to developing the Grand Concourse. Architects and builders soon began filling the vacant land with five and six story apartment houses, many in the Art Deco style.

They built about three hundred by the mid-1930's and they were rented almost as fast as they were constructed. The masses from Manhattan saw an opportunity to move into a bright airy apartment with elevators and doormen on the spacious boulevard close to public transportation and parks. It was like a dream come true for many.

Today the Art Deco designs attract quite a bit of attention and some buildings are identified by their design. The six-story Fish Building at 1150 Grand Concourse off McClellan Street, designed by Jacob Felson, is so called from the fancy mosaics of fish and marine life adorning its facade.

The lobby contains murals of dreamy sea maidens, frogs and swans and the floor is ornamented terrazzo. It's the wrap-around windows and tawny brickwork with brown banding, however, that really define the building as Art Deco. It has 117 apartments and can be found on the east side of the concourse

Another noted Art Deco building by Felson is nearby at 1188 Grand Concourse. This six-story buff brick building has 101 apartments and was built between 1936 and 1938. The dark orange brick ornamentation and



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This photo of the Fish Building on the Grand Concourse from Forgotten New York shows the detailed mosaic that draws in tourists and Art Deco lovers from around the world. It is located at 1150 Grand Concourse at McClellan Street.

saw tooth pattern arrest your attention. The entrance has pink marble framework and the lobby features four nature scene murals and a terrazzo floor of varied colored concentric circles. It's well worth a visit when checking out the Art Deco glories of the Grand Concourse.

The National Register of Historic Places created the Grand Concourse Historic District in 1987. It stretches from 153rd Street to 167th Street and includes 78 buildings most of which are on the famed boulevard. Should you visit this historic site, bring along a camera.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Platinum Property Investors LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/2016. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: 4730 S. Fort Apache Rd., Ste. 300, Las Vegas, NV 89147. Principal business add.: 100 Casals Pl., #26F Bronx NY 10475. Purpose: any lawful act. 0000186021.

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Notice of Formation of RES-NY ONE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/11/17. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 790 NW 107th Ave., Ste. 400, Miami, FL 33172. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Second Farms Apartments LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/5/17. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Comerford & Dougherty, LLP, 1122 Franklin Ave., Suite 406, Garden City, NY 11530, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of UE Bruckner Shops LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/22/16. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 210 Route 4 East, Paramus, NJ 07652. LLC formed in DE on 10/5/16. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY
Deborah M. Wilhelmus
Law Office of Deborah M. Wilhelmus
1000 Court Street
Martinez, CA 94553
TELEPHONE NO.: (925) 228-1800
FAX NO.: (925) 228-1808
ATTORNEY FOR: Raymond Makori
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533
PETITIONER: Raymond Makori
RESPONDENT: Estella Wachira
PETITION FOR Dissolution (Divorce) of Marriage
CASE NUMBER: FFL141883
SUMMONS (Family Law)
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name):
Estella Wachira
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.
Petitioner's name is:
Raymond Makori
CASE NUMBER: FFL141883

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the

California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a of them.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

- The name and address of the court are
Superior Court
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533
- 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

Luzy Inc. DBA XPRESS has applied to the NYS Liquor Authority for a beer & wine license. Serial #1299433. Address 1863 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that a restaurant/catering hall full liquor License Serial #1282711 has been applied for renewal by Scavello's on the Island to sell beer, liquor and wine at retail in a restaurant/catering hall. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 101 City Island Ave Bronx, NY 10464.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 11-22-16, bearing Index Number NC-000481-16/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) Cesar (Last) Vazquez. My present name is (First) Cesar (Last) Vasquez. My present address is 1058 Southern Blvd., Apt 306, Bronx, NY 10459. My place of birth is Queens, NY. My date of birth is October 08, 1996.

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. Schubin, of the firm of Schubin & 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, I NC, 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. 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 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

Celebration of Our Lady of Altagracia

Celebration of **Our Lady of Altagracia**: St. Helena Parish, 1315 Olmstead Avenue, will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia on Sunday, January 22. Mass will begin at noon, which will be followed by a cultural reception in the gymnasium. The Virgin Mary is considered by many Catholics to be the patron saint of the Dominican Republic.

A cloth painting of Mary that is 13 inches (33 cm) wide by 18 inches (45 cm) high is the focus of a yearly celebration in the island nation. Many religious legends have sprung up over the centuries about the portrait. It was painted by a Spanish artist and brought to the Dominican Republic by two Spanish brothers in the early 1500s.

The portrait, which was crowned by a gold and silver tiara by Pope John Paul II in 1978, is located in a basilica in the city of Higüey, in the province of Altagracia.

Every year on January 21, thousands of pilgrims visit the Higüey cathedral to worship. The feast day is a national holiday in the Dominican Republic. It is marked by all-night church services, singing, dancing, and festivals in many Dominican towns.

Tickets go on sale Thursday, January 19, for the **Bronx House** production of Seussical Jr. presented in collaboration with the acclaimed Riverdale Children's Theatre. The characters of Dr. Seuss come to life in Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens' imaginative musical that centers on Horton the Elephant who must guard an egg abandoned by Mayzie La Bird while trying to protect his friend JoJo, a Who from Whoville. Seussical's heartwarming message about family, friendship and loyalty will have children and parents alike remembering that "a person's a person no matter how small." The production is recommended for families and children ages 3 and up.

Seussical Jr. is directed by Becky Lillie Woods with assistant direction and choreography by Jazmine Dinkins and music direction by Linda LoPresti. It includes a cast of over 30 children and is the sixth collaboration with Riverdale Children's Theatre.

The eight performances are scheduled for Fridays, February 24 and March 3 at 7 p.m.; Saturdays, February 25 and March 4 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sundays, February 26 and March 5 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 with group discounts available. Per-

formances are in the Bronx House Auditorium, located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Tickets can be purchased beginning January 19 online at www.bronxhouse.org or at the Bronx House box office up until the day of the performance. For more information contact Deborah Nitzberg at (718) 792-1800 extension 236.

Upcoming **Wave Hill** events:

Saturday, January 28; Sunday, January 29: Family Art Project: Re-Framing Winter: Bring your favorite winter or nature image, or make a small painting of the nature you love at Wave Hill.

Then, using a variety of wooden and cardboard frames, embed and decorate these images with palettes of warm and cool colors and an abundance of nature beads, wooden shapes and your own collection of natural materials.

Saturday, January 28: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Sunday, January 29: Pre-Concert Tea: Enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Mark Twain Room prior to concert in Armor Hall. The Café at Wave Hill pairs a classic menu with an as-

sortment of green, black and herbal teas. The menu, presented by Great Performances, includes an array of tea sandwiches, scones and bite-sized desserts. Afternoon Tea also includes strawberries and a glass of sparkling wine.

Sunday, January 29: Winter Workspace Drop-In Sunday: Artists in the Winter Workspace program share their studio practice with visitors on this Drop-in Sunday. In the Winter Workspace are Rosemarie Fiore, Summer McCorkle and Yeon Jin Kim.

Sunday, January 29: Concert: Ann Schein: Schein's amazing career has earned her high praise in major American and European cities and in more than 50 countries around the world. Since her debut in Mexico City in 1957, when she performed both the Rachmaninoff 3rd Concerto and the Tchaikovsky B-flat Concerto, she has performed thousands of concerts on every continent.

Sunday, January 29: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center, is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For further information call (718) 549-3200 ext. 232.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

I hope everyone is enjoying the first days of the new year. Although we don't meet in January and February, you can keep up with what is new by reading our column. You can also reach us by sending an e-mail to waterburylasalle@yahoo.com. We always look forward to hearing from you. Send us your ideas and suggestions of how you think we can make our community the best it can be. We also want to know who you would like as guest speakers for the upcoming meetings.

We'd like to remind you that your dues for 2017 should arrive by Tuesday, January 31. You should send your check for \$10 to 1145 Hobart Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Many civic associations have raised their dues to \$15 and \$20 but we have tried to keep ours at \$10. We are counting on you to send in your dues now because the only way we can keep our dues so low is by count-

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ing on every member to keep up their membership. Last year many of you sent in extra dues. This was very much appreciated, first because it is truly needed and also

because it shows us that you are happy with what we do to keep our neighborhood thriving.

We want to remind you that the way to make our community a wonderful place to live is by being involved. That means joining your local civic association, attending the precinct council meetings at the 45th Precinct, attending Community Board 10 meetings and speaking out when you see something that needs changing.

There is strength in numbers which is why it is important to partner with other community members to get things done. Know that you have the power to affect change. Remember - you can be the change you wish to see in the world and in our community.



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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 SLC

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, PNMAC 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, 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, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

715 E 224th Street Bronx, NY 10466 SBL No.: 4838-39

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 35475/2014E, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

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

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

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 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 November 1, 2016, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 6, 2017 at the Bronx County Courthouse - Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

749E 224th St Bronx, NY 10466 SBL No.: 4838-25

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of the Bronx, County of the Bronx, City and State of New York

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 382095/2010, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning

regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

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

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff against JOSE A. RODRIGUEZ, JR., et al Defendant(s).

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

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

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

Tax account number: SBL#: 3520-6. Approximate amount of lien \$ 477,675.81 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380530-11. Gerald Goldsmith, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

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 - INNOCENTIA AKU 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

Notice of Public Sale On Monday February 6th 2017 at 10 am or thereafter. Secure Self Storage located at 4268 Third Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457, will hold a lien sale online with www.storage-treasures.com Register and bid for free. The contents of the storage units are listed below will be sold to the highest bidder. Contents are household goods, furniture, etc... for more information please call 718-294-1111.

109.....Carla Gay 109.....Ms. Carla Gay 144.....Miguelina Almonte 153.....Jose Rivera 208.....Angel Maldonado 208Angel Martinez Maldonado 249.....Anna Blocker 249.....Bernadette Blocker 344.....Shirley Burks 404V.....Waldy Feliz 404V.....Julio Feliz 513V.....Chris Manus 523V ..Michael Seabrook 613.....Jinet Persaud 641.....Edwin Cancel 647.....Elimarie Guerrero 703.....Kathryn Rivera 722.....Norma Rosa 739.....Tiquanna Ramirez

754.....Felix Vigo 758 Magdalena Camacho 763.....Maritza Quinones B017 ...Wilberto J Roman B017 Wilberto Roman

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1037 Zerega Avenue, Bronx NY 10462. The sale will be held on Monday February 6th 2017 at 2:00PM. The Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-904-7867

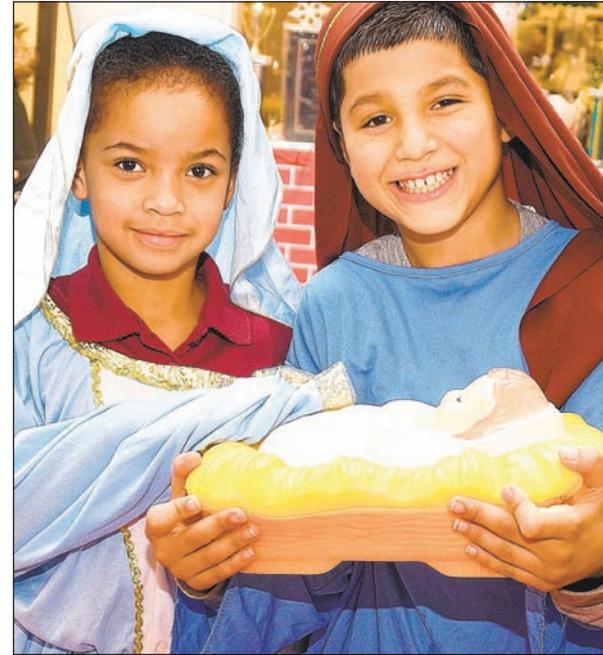
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OWEN DOLEN RECREATION CENTER CELEBRATES THREE KINGS DAY

The Owen Dolen Recreation Center Afterschool Program hosted its annual Three Kings Day celebration on Friday, January 13 at 2551 Westchester Square. The event featured costumed afterschool students performing the story of the Nativity to the delight of residents.



(front, l-r) Performers Mya Wesley, Chris Cruz, Jack Vann, Joseph Amin, Samara Patillo, (back, l-r) afterschool co-ordinator Brigette Lozada, Skylinn Matos, Angel Cruz and Sasha Edwards- Patillo from NYC Department of Parks & Recreation. Photo by Laura Stone



Skylinn Matos portraying Mary and Angel Cruz as Joseph with baby Jesus. Photo by Laura Stone

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF NEW YORK MATCH UP

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York formally recognized the Bronx Matches of the Year on Tuesday, January 10 at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. This year's ceremony honored Big Brother Clifford Davis and Little Brother Justin and Big Sister Cristy Gonzalez and Little Sister Jillian for the profound impact they have had on one another. For BBBS of NYC, this year's National Mentoring Month marks the launch of its 2017 citywide campaign to recruit more volunteer mentors, like Davis and Gonzalez, in all five boroughs.



Hector Batista (c) presented awards to Little Sister Jillian (l) and Big Sister Cristy Gonzalez.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene (l) presented (l-r) Big Brother Clifford Davis; Little Brother Justin; Little Sister Jillian; Big Sister Christy Gonzalez and Hector Batista, BBBS of NYC CEO, a proclamation for their service.

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BENEDETTO HOSTS AARP DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto sponsored a highly informative AARP Driver Safety Course on Saturday, January 14 at Ft. Schuyler House.

Assemblyman Benedetto (front, c) with the AARP Driving Course participants at Fort Schuyler House. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale

Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1725 West Farms Road, Bronx NY 10460. The sale will be held on Monday February 6th, 2017 at 11:00 AM the Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-910-9010.

Unit Number Name Items

1009 Fernandez, Hermist; 1019 Padilla, Jorge; 1026 Tavares, Emilio; 1036 TEJADA, DOMINGA;

1037 Echavarría, Nelson; 1058 Perez, Adrian; 1085 Perez, Rosa; 1129 Nater, Luis; 1130 Belle, Jeanette

1131 Mcintosh, Erick; 1164 Alexis Gallardo / Cynthia Zamora; 1192 Isaac, Samantha;

1203 Marquez, Victor; 1204 Rodriguez, Lorraine; 1213 Plowden, Norman; 1226 Quero, Mayra

1234 Raysor, Stephanie; 1253 Vicks, Shavon; 1259 Gallant, Rhonda; 1273 Mendez, Cesar

1324 Bello, Luis Jose; 1326 Zayas-, Aida; 1338 Alonzo, Tanya; 1343 Vera, Mayra; 1344 West, Michelle

1350 Garcia, Iraida; 1368 Bowens, Theresa; 1393 Jones, Calvin; 1503 Parker, Tony

1515 Jackson-, Clarissa A.; 1573 Domenech , Gregory P Jr.; 1575 Rice, James

1586 Hernandez, Virginia; 1592 Cherry, Tyrondne; 1600 Hamilton , Alfonso; 1607 Danelle Gager

1667 Hernandez, Tameka; 1720 Delgado, Javier; 1723 Duprey, Yesenia; 1748 Hines, Thomas

1833 Gallant, Rhonda; 1864 Roland-, Charles F; 1925 Negron, Glorimar; 1933 Boone, Ulysses

1938 Diaz, Kim; 1943 Lacey, Dianna; 1954 Torres, Alexander; 2020 Moore, Tonekqua

2112 Jones, Charles; 2137 Vazquez, Samuel; 2147 Hilliard, Joy T.; 2180 Rosario, Xavier

2182 Navarra, Carmine; 2203 Franceschi, Margaret; 2239 McPartland, Lawrence; 2247 Perez, Colbert

2263 Jeffries, Yusef; 2286 Brown, Corina; 2295 Diaz, Juan Demerrio; 2329 Smith, Monifa;

2336 Johnson, Michael; 2353 Flores, Anita; 2354 Gonzalez, Zoraida; 2362 Mabry, Shaneeka

2375 Angeles, Ricardo; 2386 Mcneil, Tedra G; 2387 Shirley, Michael; 2390 Falu, Debra

2510 Powerhouse Repairs & Maintenance; 2518 Cardona, Kesheena; 2521 Andino, Jason

2542 Singleton, Eric; 2562 Tobar, Angel; 2566 Dewindt, Chevonne; 2581 Duran, Lennys

2587 Vargas, Sulay

LEGAL NOTICE

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 YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. 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 GENWORTH FINANCIAL HOME EQUITY ACCESS, INC. recorded on August 13, 2010 in CRFN: 2010000274616, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX. GENWORTH 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 New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying

to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov> FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving the copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Kozeny, McCubbin & Katz, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200 Melville, NY 11747 Our File 26417

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 260353-14 Borough: Bronx

Block: 4704 Lot: 46 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, v. 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 MARION MILLS A/K/A MARION CYPRESS, 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; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE

DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; RICHARD MILLS 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 second amended 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 supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal 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 second amended complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: November 21, 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 Clerks Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 1046 East 222nd Street, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 4704, Lot 46 (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 \$14,653.23, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP Anthony J. Iacchetta

Attorneys for Plaintiffs NYCTL 1998-2 Trust and the Bank of New York Mellon, as Collateral Agent and Custodian 28 East Main Street Suite 1400 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 238-2000 aiacchetta@phillipslytle.com

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In the blame game, it's always mom's fault

Remember the bad old days when a rape victim would show up in court and the defense attorney would say, "Why was her skirt so short?" As if the woman caused her own rape.

Only gradually did it dawn on us what was really going on: We were "blaming the victim." Basically, we're all so afraid that something awful like this could happen to us or a loved one that we automatically come up with a way to reassure ourselves it never will. We tell ourselves, "We're totally different, so we'll be safe."

Once we recognized how cruel and clueless it to believe that only bad people get hurt, we became a more empathetic society.

Except when it comes to moms.

"Blaming Mothers: American Law and the Risks to Children's Health" (NYU Press), is a new book by Pace University Law Professor Linda C. Fentiman that looks at the way we have kept moms in the crosshairs of our condemnation. From pre-birth through adolescence, when something goes wrong with kids, often it is considered morally — and even legally — mama's fault.

For instance, when a woman in Utah elected not to have a Caesarian and one of her twins was born stillborn, she was charged with murder. The fact that stillbirths are fairly common didn't matter. Nor did the fact that she had no intention of killing her child. All that mattered was the fact that, conveniently, there was someone to blame.

A South Carolina mom, Regina McKnight, was also convicted of homicide in the stillbirth of her baby because she admitted to using cocaine when pregnant. I think we all agree it is tragic that people get addicted to drugs. But the idea that cocaine causes stillbirth is not medically supported. Moreover, as a friend of the court briefing noted, "nicotine use, poor nutrition, lack of prenatal care, or other conditions commonly associated with the urban poor" are all sub-optimal. Does that mean we should prosecute any pregnant woman who's not upper-middle-class "perfect"?

McKnight's 20-year sentence was reversed seven years later by the state's Supreme Court.

Fentiman also looks at the issue of child abuse. Often



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when a child is hurt or killed by a dad or the mother's boyfriend, it is the mom who is prosecuted, for not stopping it. The completely unrealistic idea is that the moment a mother realizes her child is being abused, she must move out of the house and report the abuser to the police. Otherwise, she can be considered guilty for failing to act.

"The legal system is not taking into account all the structural barriers that impede women from leaving their husbands," Fentiman said in a phone interview. For instance,

sometimes the woman has no money to leave, or no place to go. Sometimes she is afraid that if she calls the cops, the abuser will become even more violent. But the law seems to believe a good mom should be a perfect mom, no matter what the obstacles.

How did we get so harsh? Fentiman lists several unconscious biases at work:

Hindsight Bias: Once a tragedy has occurred, it is impossible to look back and truly see things the way we saw them before the bad event. Now that we know the sad truth, it feels like it must have been obvious. Why didn't the mom predict and prevent it?

The Fundamental Attribution Error: This is the unconscious belief about karma — that bad things only happen to bad people. Naturally, if something bad happens to us, we understand all the variables that led to it — all the things beyond our control. But when something bad happens to someone else, we think they could have stopped it but didn't. Shame (and blame) on them.

The Reasonable Man Theory: In the olden days, negligence was determined by

whether someone did what "the reasonable man" would have done in the situation, like not leaving a 4-year-old home alone for a weekend. But now that we think about the "reasonable woman," the bar is higher. "A reasonable mother is supposed to be super-human and always do anything to minimize the risk to her children and to selflessly never do anything for herself," says Fentiman. So if something bad happens to a child while the mom was, say, napping, she can be blamed for daring to shut her eyes.

Causation: The American legal system holds the primitive notion that there's only one cause of any problem. So the child who is beaten to death is not a victim of some toxic combination of poverty, an abusive dad, and a broken system. The tragedy is simply the fault of a mom who didn't save the child.

It is easy and satisfying to blame the mom. Someday we'll also realize that it is wrong.

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

It's time to end our War on Politics

American politics has always been a contact sport. But it has crossed a line in recent years. It is now less like sport and more like war.

I know, of course, that even in the late 18th century there were high-pitched political battles. In fact, the most dramatic of these resulted in the death of Alexander Hamilton in a gun duel with his political enemy, Aaron Burr, right across the Hudson in Weehawken.

Despite our lax gun-control laws, we no longer have gun duels to settle political battles. Instead, we have weaponized law enforcement and unleashed ambitious investigators and prosecutors to take down our elected leaders.

This has been evident both in our recent presidential election as well as in New York's city and state government. Think about it: wasn't FBI director James Comey a key factor in the demise of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign? Didn't Trump and his hyped-up rally audiences con-

stantly chant: "Lock her up!"?

We usually only read about non-democratic and authoritarian governments that lock up political opponents, not live in one. So I ask, how did we sink so low?

Even in New York, a relatively progressive state, we are witnessing potential prosecutorial overreach. For the past few months, everyone on the inside of New York City politics has been buzzing about the potential indictment of Mayor DeBlasio, possibly along with a number of his key aides. Many people in recent days have told me that the results of two grand juries that were empaneled for investigations of the administration's political activities is imminent.

Although I am skeptical that any of this will be fatal to the mayor's reelection chances, there is still a dark cloud hanging over him and a few potential competitors are anxiously awaiting the U.S. and District Attorney's decision.

In scandal-scarred Albany, we have recently witnessed the

indictments and convictions of two of the three most powerful elected leaders in the state — Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Majority Leader Dean Skelos. This came after a dozen convictions of legislators in the past decade in addition to the recent indictment of a close aide to the governor.

Does power corrupt, as the old saying goes, or have we criminalized politics to the point where every elected leader should both wear a wire and be considered a prime suspect for some malfeasance?

There's no easy way to answer this. Yes, absolute power corrupts absolutely (as we saw in the case of the 20-year reign of Sheldon Silver). Yes, large campaign donations to elected leaders can lead to favoritism and quid pro quos that certainly cross a line too frequently.

But... Houston, we have a big problem when Hillary Clinton's ill-advised use of a private server for privacy reasons results in



TOM ALLON

calls for prosecution and jail time. And when the mayor of New York City can't engage in partisan politics to aide Democratic candidates for the state Senate without being accused of campaign finance fraud.

Don't get me wrong — we need vigilance to keep politicians straight and bold prosecutors to pursue justice when they're not.

But we have reached a tipping point when seemingly every political action results in an investigation. When prosecutors leak to the press the empanelling of grand juries to investigate malfeasance. When overzealous political fathers' attempts to help their troubled children results in jail time.

We are living in strange and

dangerous times politically.

It is high time we call off the political wars and weaponized investigations and let government focus on improving society and building for the future.

With our education system, our roads, bridges and subways all deteriorating, there is a lot of work to do in a bipartisan way to make our society even greater.

Let's call a political ceasefire.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

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 liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened 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 LYTLE LLP Anthony J. Iacchetta Attorneys for Plaintiffs NYCTL 2015-A Trust and the Bank of New York Mellon, as Collateral Agent and Custodian 28 East Main Street Suite 1400 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 238-2000 aiacchetta@phillipslytle.com

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 JUDGEMENT TO QUIET TITLE - ART.15

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

taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: Poughkeepsie, New York September 29, 2015 Mark H. Serino, Esq. Serino, MacKay & Berube, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 12 Walker Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 845-462-0001 NOTICE: The nature of this action is -Article 15 THE RELIEF SOUGHT IS: Quiet Title to Real Property

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

SDF63 CAP NY 2 LLC, Plaintiff - against- TINY FIESTA REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated November 18, 2016 and entered on November 23, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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

PARCEL II: situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a

point on the westerly side of Sheridan Avenue, n/k/a Concourse Village West, distant 103.44 feet northerly of East 159th Street; being a plot 83.69 feet by 40.71 feet by 88.67 feet by 41.75 feet. Block: 2459 Lot: 34. Said premises known as 888 GRAND CONCOURSE a/k/a 170/180 EAST 161ST STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$11,490,821.17 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 35480/2013E. JOSEPH THEODORE JEDNAK, ESQ., Referee KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

The above sale, originally scheduled for January 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. has been postponed.

The new sale date has been scheduled for February 6, 2017 at the same time and place.

JOSEPH THEODORE JEDNAK, ESQ., Referee.

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.

Anyone with an ownership interest in these lots should immediately contact the main office of The Woodlawn Cemetery located at Webster Avenue & East 233rd St., Bronx, NY 10470 or call 718-920-0500 or email admin@thewoodlawncemetery.org.

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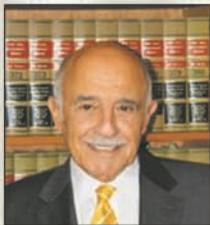


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Bronx malls duke it out; it's Bay Plaza vs. Baychester Square

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"We believe the proposed retail/outlet center will cause a loss of tenants and risk the 5,000 jobs that Bay Plaza created," stated Sheinkopf.

He added the project would jam access roads to Co-op City, an assertion that Drew Greenwald of Grid disputes.

Greenwald stated that a Baychester Square traffic engineering report that's part of a mandated Environmental Impact Statement "does not show significant differences between the build and no-build options from a traffic perspective."

"What this means is that shoppers primary means of getting to Baychester Square, other than those who live in Co-op City, will not require passing through the existing traffic morass at Co-op City," stated Greenwald.

Speak Up for a Better Bronx, a coalition of business and community activists, sent to elected and local officials copies of 64,000 signatures its canvassers collected from individuals who do not want additional traffic in and near Co-op City, according to the organization.

Copies of the petitions were sent to Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.;

Assemblymen Marcos Crespo and Michael Benedetto; Councilmen Andy King and James Vacca; Linda Berk, Riverbay Corporation president; community boards 10, 11 and 12, as well as City Planning.

"The 64,000 individuals who have signed the petitions are seeking more affordable housing, community facilities, a new park or a senior facility," stated a Speak Up for a Better Bronx representative in an email. "Local residents do not want additional traffic in the area, which will only negatively impact air quality, safety and quality of life."

The representative stated that SUFB is planning on hosting a rally and community meetings.

An earlier Bronx Times report stated that Bay Plaza's operators and tenants are providing some support to SUFB.

Greenwald said that Prestige has not presented any data to substantiate their traffic concerns.

"They are simply running a very aggressive in your face campaign to maintain the monopoly they have enjoyed for several decades," stated Greenwald, "EDC numbers show that there is \$1.7 billion of retail leakage in this primary trade area (within three miles) as Bronx residents are forced



CENTRAL PEDESTRIAN SQUARE LOOKING NORTH

Urban Strategic Partners
Grid Properties Inc. GOTHAM

According to mall developers Baychester Square would be a retail destination.

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into lower Westchester to broaden their retail choices."

Greenwald stated that, as part of the project, 178-units of senior housing will be constructed on the western edge of the mall site.

"NYCEDC is excited to be part of a project that will pioneer modern senior living in the Bronx," said Báez,

adding "Moreover, this project stands to be a major job generator that will deliver quality on-site shopping and help meet the north Bronx's strong retail demand,"

Baychester Square would feature affordable housing, several acres of open space and community amenities, she said.

Delayed ice rink project receives state money

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what he saw as a lack of partnership and enthusiasm for the projects from City Hall, and urged more cooperation from Mayor de Blasio's administration.

"We can only hope now that the administration will see the wisdom in bringing these projects to fruition," he stated.

The project, approved while Michael Bloomberg was still mayor, has been stalled in litigation between the

development company, Kingsbridge National Ice Center, and the NYC Economic Development Corporation since June of last year.

KNIC, led by former New York Ranger star Mark Messier, filed a lawsuit alleging breach of contract against the EDC for failing to turn over the lease to the property to the developers so they could acquire financing.

However the EDC had argued the developer needed to acquire adequate funding before the lease was granted.



The vacant Kingsbridge Armory towers over the surrounding Kingsbridge Heights neighborhood. Plans to convert the building into a massive indoor skating facility just got \$108 million in proposed state funding.

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A New York Supreme Court judge sided with the city last month, but an appeal by the developer was expected.

However, Cuomo's funding would likely be enough to convince the EDC to turn over the lease to the developer.

"This announcement affirms the state's commitment to revitalize the long-vacant Kingsbridge Armory, which will bring hundreds of needed jobs to the Bronx," said ESD spokeswoman Amy Varghese.

The state funding would go towards Phase 1 of the project construction, Varghese said.

Anthony Hogrebe, spokesman for the EDC, said the department appreciated the state's proposed funding and looked forward to receiving additional details.

Another longtime project proponent, Senator Gustavo Rivera, called the project an economic engine for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz has been pushing for the project to get up and running for years.

A spokesman said he was still reviewing the governor's plan and could not yet comment on the proposal.

"Once we got settled, I knew we were in for a good game. For us, what really helped us get this win is that we remained poised. We were never rattled.."

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Hostos freshman breaks NJCAA record

Hostos Community College (CUNY) men's basketball player Jonathan Loria set a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) record with 16 three-pointers in the Caimans' 125-84 victory over Dutchess Community College on Thursday, January 12.

The 16 three-pointers are the most by any men's player in a single game in NJCAA Division I, II and III history. The closest mark of 13 was set by Chris Weakley of Southern Union State Community College in a national tournament game in 1998.

Loria, a freshman Liberal Arts student, finished the game with 53 points, 8 assists, 6 steals and 5 rebounds in the 41-point rout. The Hostos men's basketball team improved to 8-7 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

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FORDHAM WOMEN'S HOOPS BACK WITH 5TH STRAIGHT WIN



Fordham's G'mrice Davis has been a key part of the Rams turnaround this season, jumpstarting the offense with her physical play in the lane.

Photo by Robert Cole

BY JON PEREZ

G'mrice Davis drove the lane and sank a layup and was met, almost immediately, with the overwhelming sound of cheers.

The Fordham women's basketball team hosted Field Trip Day on Jan. 11 – welcoming a capacity crowd of middle-schoolers who cheered for every basket and point as if it were a national championship game.

It wasn't, but it was just as historic.

The Rams cruised to a 67-41 victory over Richmond in one of the squad's most convincing victories. It was also the team's fifth straight win of the year – a string of success the program has been waiting for.

"That hasn't happened yet this season, but it was nice," said Hanna Missry, who finished with a game-high 19 points. "We moved the ball really well today and Richmond didn't know how to defend us. We had so many weapons on the court."

Davis also finished with

her 11th double-double of the season, but Fordham coach Stephanie Gaitley admitted that the team's early-week practice was 'the worst practice of the year' and she challenged her team to take the next step.

"I was really disappointed," Gaitley said. "I said, 'To me, you're a team that steps on the court and just wants to be good, you're okay. Good teams show up when they want to, great teams, even great players like Michael Jordan, they show up every day. They bring it every single day. So if we want to be a great team, we can't have days off.'"

Fordham answered its coach's challenge.

The five consecutive conference victories is best start for the Rams (14-5, 5-0) in two seasons. Fordham won its first six Atlantic 10 games during the 2014-15 season. In that campaign, the Rams finished 21-12 and lost to St. John's in the WNIT.

Last season, times weren't so free flowing and loose in

the Bronx. The Rams finished 14-17 and lost to Duquesne in the A-10 tournament.

The Rams have managed to turn things around this year and a big part of that has been Davis' progression. Gaitley says that the biggest improvement for her forward has been off the court rather than on the hardwood.

"Her teammates believe in her," Gaitley said. "They trust her, it was a complete turnaround for [G'mrice]. Her mom, Lisa, always trusted that I had her best interest at heart. I said to [G'mrice] 'You could transfer somewhere else and be a walking double-double and when you graduate, they won't care about you.'"

Davis bought in and it has shown statistically. She averages a double-double (14.1 points and 12.4 rebounds per game). However, it's the character of the team that drives Davis.

"Last year we had a lot of ups and downs and a lot of individuals on that team," Davis said. "I think the difference

this year is that no one cares who gets the credit. Everyone is just there for each other and we built on that and that's why we're having so much success this year."

Missry, a senior, has also seen her fair share of success on the court. In her time in maroon and gray, Missry has been to the postseason twice. The Rams lost a heartbreaker to Cal in the first round of the NCAA tournament her freshman year and fell to St. John's in her sophomore year. Individually, on January 4, she recorded her 1000th point against Rhode Island, but she admits that this year is different from years prior.

It's the kind of difference the Rams hope will lead to a bit of postseason glory.

"Looking back of all the years and success that we had," Missry said. "We had [2015-16] which you can't erase it, but you have to learn from it. This team is so much fun, we get along really well on the court and off the court so that's definitely a big plus."

Ravens rise to the occasion, grab comeback win over Loughlin

BY FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ

It was one of the most anticipated games of the year, played in front of a jam-packed crowd of celebrities and athletes – and it lived up to the hype.

St. Raymond's defended its home court, staging a second-half comeback to take down Bishop Loughlin 85-84 on Jan. 13, in one of the most dramatic and emotional victories of the high school hoops season.

Omar Silverio led the charge for the Ravens, picking the perfect game to get out of a mid-season scoring slump, connecting on a handful of big-time shots to keep his squad in the game.

"He wasn't forcing anything," said St. Ray's coach Jorge Lopez. "Omar has a green light with us. What I question sometimes is his shot selection. As a player, I tell him you have to know when to take some of those shots. Everything he did today was within the flow of the game."

Bishop Loughlin jumped out to an early lead, but the game changed completely with 4:22 remaining in the second quarter. St. Raymond's team captain Dallas Watson, went up for a layup and drew a hard foul, but fell painfully on his left arm. The game was halted as Watson left the gym in an ambulance, fracturing his left arm on the play.

It was enough to take some of the energy out of the room as St. Ray's struggled to find an answer for Watson's sudden absence.



St. Ray's Isaiah Washington jumpstarted the Ravens rally on Jan. 13, leading his squad to a come-from-behind victory over Bishop Loughlin.

Photo by Robert Cole

Lions' guard Markquis Nowell seized the momentum in the waning minutes of the half, scoring 11 quick points, including three consecutive threes over the stretch of 90 seconds. Loughlin jumped out to a 45-37 lead at the break and left the Ravens searching for answers.

"We figured we'd play an extended zone and try to slow the ball down," Lopez said. "Once he got rid of the ball, we said, 'Keep the ball out of his hands.' But he's so quick; he made some spectacular plays."

Nowell stole the spotlight in the

second quarter, but the third was all about Isaiah Washington.

The Minnesota-bound star scored 21 of his 29 points in the second half, finding a rhythm with Silverio that set the Lions back on their collective heels. St. Ray's took its first lead since the early-minutes of the game late in the third quarter and never looked back.

"We just wanted to get them back from last year," Washington said. "It was a tough game all game and we were devastated. We had to get it back for Dallas after that injury. It was

tragic; I was scared. But I did what Dallas always wanted me to do. We always talk about that game, so we had to go out and win it for them."

Loughlin refused to go down without a fight – tying the game several times. Silverio thought he had wrapped up the win with 34 seconds left, draining a three-pointer, but Nowell answered back moments later.

"We're up six, I'm thinking the game is over," Lopez said. "But that's Markquis Nowell. He's that good of a player and that's why there were so many people here."

The Ravens were whistled for a travel on the next possession and Nowell, once again, took advantage, attacking the rim to make it an 83-82 game with 25.5 seconds left. Nowell and Washington exchanged free throws, but the Ravens nearly threw the game away, turning the ball over on an inbound with seven seconds on the clock.

Loughlin, however, couldn't work its way out of St. Ray's defense on the next play and the Ravens were able to hold on for the win.

"Down the stretch, I said we just have to make sure [Nowell] doesn't have an opportunity to get off a shot," said Lopez. "Once we got settled, I knew we were in for a good game. For us, what really helped us get this win is that we remained poised. We were never rattled."

Velocity Track Club New York highlights

Velocity Track Club was Blessed with an awesome week! On Wednesday, January 11th, we had 10 student athletes compete in the Millrose Games Trails at the Armory in New York. The Millrose Games is the World's longest running and most prestigious indoor track and field competition. Olympic gold medalist and former Benjamin Cardozo High School standout Dalilah Muhammad is looking forward to returning at The Armory where she remembers running as a seven-year-old. She remembers her first race at The Armory was the 1500 meters.

There were several races for the youth, 55 meters for 8 years old & younger, 4 x 200 meter relay and 400 meters race for 12 years old & younger. VTC had two girls in the 55 meters race and 1 girl & 1 boy team competing in the relays. Brianna Burrell and Shyenne Blake quali-



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fied in the 55 meters race with a 1st & 3rd place finish. Our Boy's team, of Julian Caldwell, Dontae Lindo, Ethan Mohan and Kabir Gaydarik took 3rd place to qualify. Good Luck on February 11th. Tickets are available at: <https://tickets.nyrrmillrosegames.org/tickets>

On Sunday, January 15th, we competed in the Colgate Women's Games week #4. Our young ladies continue to rack up points and qualified for the semi

finals which will be held on Saturday, January 28th, 2017 at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. The following student athletes qualified for the semi finals are: Brianna Burrell, Shyenne Blake, Dakota Hickman, Olyvia Burrell, Jada Clarke, Tiarra Jackson and Adonijah Washington. Good luck ladies at the semi finals!

As the Elementary "A & B" division girls were at the Colgate Women's Games, others were at

the YMCA Youth Series #1 at the Park Slope Armory YMCA Brooklyn Armory. Medals were

awarded to the top 5 individuals and top 3 relays teams. We were blessed with 18 medals.

The following athletes earned medals: In the boy's 8 & under division, Justice Willington took 2nd in the 800 meters and 4th place in the long jump & 200 meters. In the Boy's 9 & 10 division, Pierce Parker took 2nd in the 800 & 1500 meter race. In the 11 & 12 division, Dontae Lindo took 1st place in the 800 meters and 2nd in the 3000 meter race. Jordon Ingram took 2nd place in the high jump and 5th place in the 3000 meters. Dontae, Jordon, Julian Caldwell and

Jalen Martin-Percell took 2nd place in the 4 x 400 meter relay. In the 13 & 14 division, Kabir Gaydarik took 2nd and Ethan Mohan took 3rd in the high jump. In the boy's 15 – 18 division, Raseam Phillip took 4th in the 200 meter race. Darius Gordon was Mr. Gold, he won gold medals in the long jump, 200 meters and 800 meters. Great Job VTC!

Our next meet will be on Sunday, January 22nd the Connecticut Hawks Youth Developmental Meet in Conn and the Ocean Breeze Invitation is Staten Island. Come out to see your future Olympians.

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Hayes holds on for wild win over Mount

BY LAURA AMATO

Joe Touissant couldn't have drawn it up any better if he tried.

The Cardinal Hayes point guard found the ball in his hands and had just one thought – get it in the basket. He did just that and, for good measure, drew the foul as well.

Touissant connected on the three-point play with just seconds on the clock, making up for his turnover moments before, and lifting Hayes to a 66-64 victory over Mount St. Michael Academy on Jan. 17.

"It wasn't the best play, but I just had to go with it," said Touissant, who finished with 12 points and four assists. "I just wanted to get my team under control and make sure that everyone is aware of where they're at. Then I just got to get a basket for my team."

Touissant's game-winning basket came just after he lost control of the ball driving the lane, setting up a Mike Krause transition three-pointer that put Mount up 64-63 with 30 seconds left on the clock.

It was the high-point of a late-game Mount (11-5, 5-4) rally as the squad clawed back from ten-point deficit in the third quarter.

The Cardinals (13-4, 9-3), however, never lost focus. They were just as confident down one as they had been all afternoon. After all, this wasn't the team's first close game.

"It's hard to rattle them," said Hayes coach Joe Lods. "They're getting a lot of experience and they're tough kids, but they're under control.



Tyrese Williams was a three-point shooting machine on Jan. 17, helping Cardinal Hayes take down Mount St. Michael 66-64. Photo by Robert Cole

However we can get it, we can take a win."

Hayes gave up its lead late, but the Cardinals offense was consistent throughout much of the game, set-

ting into a rhythm behind the arc that has quickly become the squad's calling card this season.

The Cardinals shot 33 percent from distance, led by junior Tyrese

Williams, who notched 15 of his game-high 28 points from three-point range.

"We're going to live and die by the three. That's just who we are," he said. "Going through the season we've been running things faster. It messes teams up and we can get wide-open shots."

Hayes strong backcourt did its best to set the tone of the game, but Mount refused to go down without a fight. Elijah Buchanan jumpstarted the squad, racking up shots from just about every spot on the court and finishing with a team-high 25 points and 11 rebounds.

"He's an excellent kid and he's a college player and he's not going to pay for college," Lods said. "You see him on video and you forget how big he is, he's long and wiry and he's aggressive. Hopefully next time when we play them, he doesn't play as well as he did tonight."

It's a second straight victory for the Cardinals – who defeated Iona Prep on Jan. 16 – and the team's fifth win this season by single digits. The game wasn't always pretty, but the Cardinals grabbed a bit of much-needed confidence with the performance, refusing to back down even after late miscues and turnovers – they simply took another shot.

"We just trust each other," Touissant said. "We all trust each other with the ball, we play defense well and while tonight wasn't really our best defensive night, we were able to pull it off."

Manhattan drops last game of homestand, can't contain Iona late

BY LAURA AMATO

Steve Masiello's 100th win will have to wait another game.

The Manhattan men's basketball team struggled down the stretch, falling 82-67 to Iona on Jan. 16. The Jaspers have now lost five of their last six matchups against their league rival and, this time, the loss was particularly painful – a defensive breakdown coupled with high-running emotions.

"I thought the last eight minutes was the difference," Masiello said. "They pulled away, made some tough shots. We had some breakdowns and turnovers. We gave up 13 offensive rebounds, and when you're basically playing against four guards all night, you can't do that."

Gaels redshirt sophomore Schadrac Casmir lit up the scoreboard, going 7-of-9 from the floor, including three from behind the arc, sparking an Iona rally that left the Jaspers searching for answers.

Manhattan had been an offensive roll throughout much of the first half,

shooting a blistering 5.7 percent from floor in the opening 20 minutes of play. The Jaspers couldn't maintain the rhythm though, giving up a 25-8 Iona run in the final 11:41 of regulation.

The Jaspers couldn't do much of anything in the second half, struggling to even put the ball in the basket. The squad shot just 33.3 percent in the final 20 minutes, while Iona connected on half of its attempts, and by the final whistle Manhattan turned the ball over 18 times, getting just 17 points from its bench.

Zavier Turner led Manhattan with a team-high 20 points, going 8-of-15 from the floor, while Zane Watterman chipped in 15 points.

The loss snaps a productive home stand for the Jaspers, who grabbed their first MAAC wins of the season with solid showings again Niagara and Rider at Draddy Gymnasium.

Manhattan returns to the court on Jan. 20 at Monmouth, looking to help lift Masiello to the century mark.



Manhattan coach Steve Masiello came up short of picking up his 100th career win on Jan. 17 as the Jaspers fell to Iona College at Draddy Gymnasium.

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