

# 45TH PCT. BRASS GONE

## DI Raia, Dent out; Capt. Ghonz in

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A change of leadership at the 45th Precinct came amid a timekeeping investigation of the precinct's top brass.

Captain Carlos Ghonz was transferred to command the 45th Precinct from the 46th Precinct on Monday, March 6.

Meanwhile, Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia, the previous commanding officer and Captain David Dent, the executive officer, were abruptly transferred.

Dent has been placed on modified duty, according to the NYPD Deputy Commissioner for Public Information's office.

According to published reports, the Internal Affairs Bu-

reau is looking into possible instances where the two high-ranking officers were signed in as working when they were not.

A police spokesperson could not discuss the IAB investigation.

Community leaders who knew Deputy Inspector Raia said that she will be missed and that she had a positive impact at the command since taking over in September 2015.

Bob Bieder, 45th Precinct Community Council president, said that Raia was accessible to him and other community leaders day or night via telephone if something major was happening.

He credited her with creat-

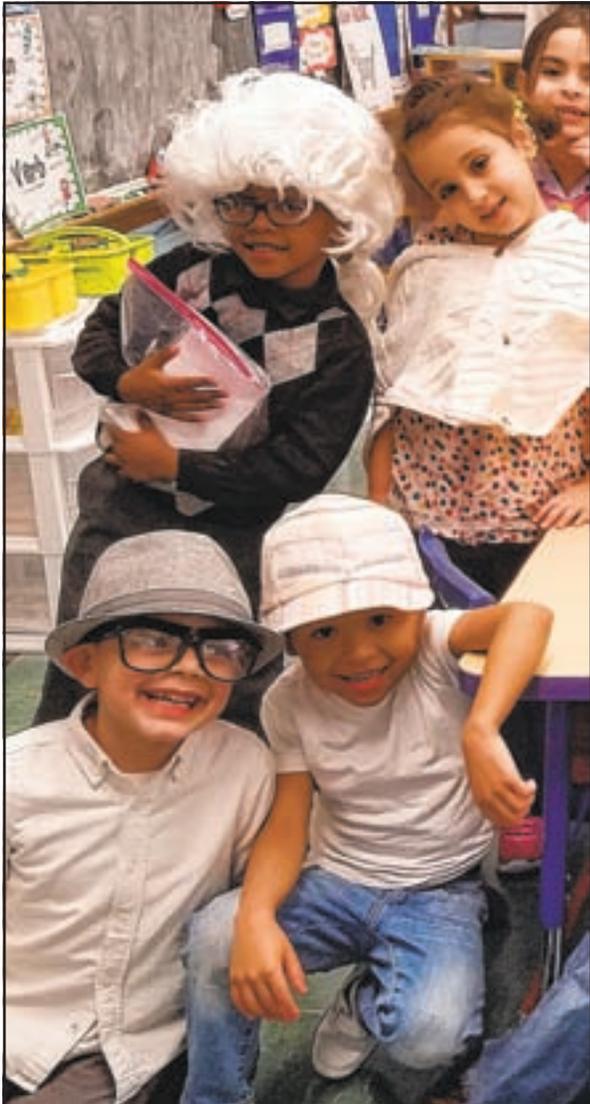
ing a two-officer team to address 311 complaints, which tend to be quality-of-life issues that are so important in this particular precinct.

"The circumstances were not ideal," said Bieder of Raia's transfer. "In my opinion she did a phenomenal job for the community; I hope they find it was a clerical error and nothing more."

Another council member, John Doyle, said Raia was proactive in mounting operations involving tow trucks operating illegally and in ticketing illegally parked commercial vehicles.

Sonia Feliciano, Riverbay Corp. board director and as

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## 100 And Counting

Our Lady of the Assumption School kindergartners and their teachers recently commemorated their 100 Days of School in style. OLA youngsters dressed up as centenarians in honor of the special occasion. See more photos on page 47.

Photo courtesy of OLA

## More homeless shelters for central Bronx

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

A homeless plan announced last week by Mayor de Blasio appears to heavily target the Bronx.

A lack of specifics over the exact locations of those shelters has left borough public officials concerned.

The plan, unveiled by the mayor Tuesday, February 28 in a speech at the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies office calls for the closure of 360 cluster sites, apartments rented by the city for the homeless, as well as an end to the controversial use of hotels to house the homeless.

"Our plan will continue to bring more people off the streets, reduce the number of shelter sites by almost half, while strengthening services and keeping homeless New Yorkers closer to the supports they need to help them get back on their feet," de Blasio said.

The mayor's plan calls for 90 new traditional homeless shelters across the city, in addition to the expansion of 30 existing shelters.

A key point of the proposal is a concerted effort to keep the shelters close to where the displaced populations call

home.

Under the plan, the city will open 20 new shelters per year over the next five years.

The city will provide 30 days notice to communities in advance of a shelter opening, and will also notify communities when it rents hotel rooms for homeless populations during the transition period.

While the plan is a citywide strategy, recent published reports found the Bronx and Brooklyn will be most impacted by the new plan.

In the Bronx, Councilman

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The late detective McDonald's message of courage, dedication and forgiveness will live on in Villa Maria Academy's annual 'Detective Steven McDonald Evening of Champions' celebration. Photo courtesy of Michael Bernard

# VMA's Evening of Champs honors Detective McDonald

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A NYPD detective's memory will live on in Villa Maria Academy's time honored tradition.

Villa Maria Academy will celebrate its 28th annual Physical Fitness Dinner Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 14 and its 28th annual Evening of Champions Dinner Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at its Visitation Center.

Michael Bernard, VMA Physical Education director, said the annual Evening of Champions will be renamed the 'Detective Steven McDonald Evening of Champions'.

Guest speakers include Victor Delgado and Joe Rivera, Jr. both of whom narrowly survived tragic accidents.

The Detective Steven McDonald Evening of Champions' purpose to recognize Villa's Fitness Champions from kindergarten through eighth grade emphasizing physical education's importance and to honor McDonald's memory.

Bernard confirmed NYPD commissioner James O'Neil and McDonald's family will attend this year's Evening of Champions.

A former U.S. Navy hospital corpsman and third generation police officer, McDonald, then 29-years-old, was shot three times in the line of duty on July

12, 1986 by 15-year-old Shavod Jones whom he was questioning about bicycle thefts in Central Park.

The brutal attack paralyzed McDonald from the neck down rendering him a quadriplegic who depended on a ventilator to breathe.

He was married less than a year, with his wife expecting their son, Conor, when he was injured.

Several months after his life changing ordeal, McDonald received a call from Jones apologizing for his actions.

McDonald forgave him and was planning to have Jones join him in spreading a message of hope and forgiveness, however fate had other plans.

After serving nine years, Jones was killed in a motorcycle accident on September 9, 1995, three days after his release from parole.

McDonald dedicated his life toward spreading a message of courage, dedication and forgiveness to everyone he met.

In December 2003, former NYPD commissioner Raymond Kelly presented McDonald a surprise double promotion to detective first grade.

On Tuesday, January 10, McDonald, 59, passed away after suffering a massive heart attack a few days prior.

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## - Seafood City brawl correction -

In a front page article last week, March 3, 2017 edition, *Seafood brawl leaves locals, leaders crabby*, City Council candidate Marjorie Velasquez' press release stated that the brawl started at Johnny's Reef. However, Johnny's Reef didn't re-

open for the season until six days after the incident.

The Bronx Times apologizes for printing her misinformation and her subsequent error calling for the community board to rescind the establishment's liquor license.

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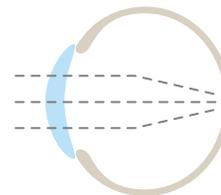
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Hello readers and welcome to another edition of Around Town.

### Basketball Award

Cardinal Spellman graduate and borough resident **John Liccese**, now a junior at SUNY Maritime, recently earned a spot on the weekly honor roll of the Skyline Conference, which includes college athletes from all over the New York metro area at several local colleges.

The honor was bestowed on Liccese on Monday, February 20 for play during the 2016-17 men's basketball season with SUNY Maritime.

In the preceding week, according to SUNY Maritime: *Liccese averaged 21.5 points*



John Liccese

*appearing in two games: 22 against Mount St. Vincent and 21 against Sage. Overall, he shot .447 from the field, including .571 percent behind the arc against Mount St. Vincent on Friday, February 17.*

### Serves In U.S. Navy

Borough native Seaman **Anesky Francis**, a South Bronx High School graduate, is serving with the Commander Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, reports the U.S. Navy.

Francis works as a yeoman and operates out of the Naval Air Station in Lemoore, California.

Francis is responsible for handing incoming correspondence for the squadron.

**101-years-old March 2nd Bessie Smith** celebrated her 101st birthday on Thursday, March 2 with a party at Morningside Nursing Home, where she resides.

Her granddaughter reports: *At the nursing home they call her the lady that wants to kiss and hug everyone. She is always telling everyone she loves them no matter what race (they are). My grandmother is not*



Anesky Francis

*famous but she is loved by so many people. She would always tell us that she would rather be loved than be rich (because you can run out of money but can never run out of love.*

## Mammography van visit

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto, in conjunction with Project Renewal, formerly operating as Women's Outreach Network, will be sponsoring a free Mobile Mammography Screening Van which will be parked in front of Benedetto's office located at 3602 E. Tremont Avenue, on Saturday, April 1, beginning at 9 a.m. until noon.

This program is for women 40 years of age and older who have not had a mammogram

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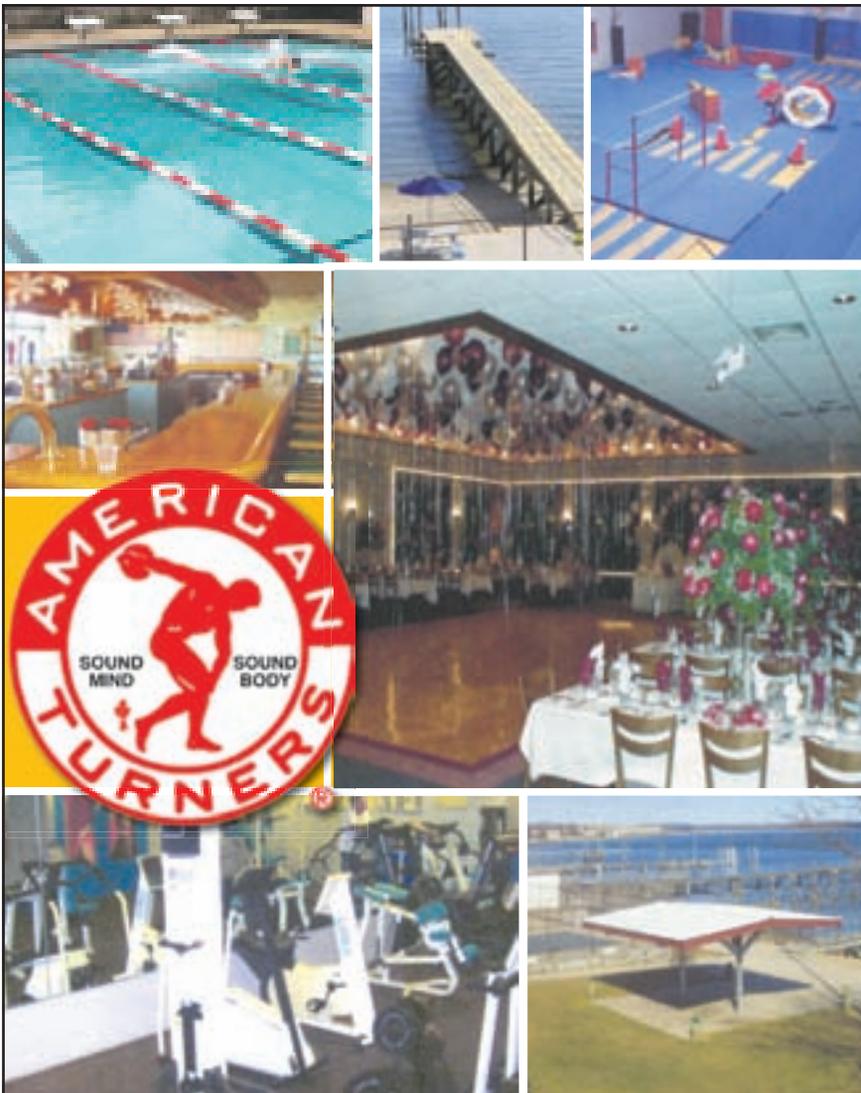
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# Gibson, Cabrera attend Jerome Ave. rezone meeting

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The Bronx Coalition for Community Vision - local organizations banding together to affect the Jerome Avenue Rezoning - held a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 2 to hear from council members Vanessa Gibson and Fernando Cabrera.

At the public meeting coalition members explained their position while challenging the elected officials on where they stood on the matter.

According to the city, the plan will affect approximately 73 blocks - predominantly along Jerome Avenue - from University Heights down to Highbridge.

The rezoning would change the neighborhoods from commercial to residential, creating fear of gentrification and loss of jobs.

During the meeting, Local 79 president Wayne Moten led the audience at the New Settlement Community Center in chanting the five items the Bronx Coalition wants in order to support the rezoning.

He yelled to the crowd, "We're saying no to rezoning unless there is what?!"

"Affordable housing! No displacement! Good jobs! Local hire! Real community participation!," they yelled back.

Local residents believe that once the rezoning occurs, developers will come in and build market rate housing which could push out the residents who can't meet the rising cost of living.

In addition, there are many auto repair shops along Jerome Avenue that the coalition believes developers will push out.

The coalition has created a term sheet - highlighted by the five phrases the crowd chanted - which they are demanding city officials agree to before the rezoning is approved.

"As you know we have met with city agencies many times over the last two years and so far they have failed to meet most of our core demands," Moten told Gibson and Cabrera.

"Will you push the city to delay the [Uniform Land Use Review Process] if our demands aren't met," he asked. "Will you stand with us and say 'no' to the city if they do not meet our demands?"



Activists expressed concerns about housing affordability, career track jobs, tenant and small business displacement in light of the planned rezoning. Photo courtesy of CASA

Gibson did not provide an absolute answer to Moten's question.

"What I do not like to do in most of my work is bet on a stack of cards when I don't know what that deck looks like," said Gibson. "We have received very little detail from the administration on how we're going to achieve 4,000 units of housing and identify the actual sites."

The city's plan currently projects 3,250 new housing units on 113 potential develop-

ment sites.

Gibson stressed to those in attendance that she has continued to express to city officials what the community wants to get them behind the rezoning.

"If it means that when we get to ULURP and we are not able to support this particular plan in its current form then absolutely I will support delaying ULURP," said Gibson. "I want to delay this project as much as I can because I want to get it right."

Cabrera stressed to those in attendance that many times elected officials have the most power at the 11th hour of negotiations.

"I can tell you through experience," said Cabrera, "the biggest leverage we could ever have happens at the end."

"There's something about the urgency," said Cabrera, "and there's something about creating a dynamic at the very end that (the city) will have to give in - they will have to give us what we're asking for."

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# Row house fire displaces 26 residents

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

A fast-moving fire ripped through a block of row houses in the south Bronx on Wednesday, March 1, forcing 26 people to seek temporary shelter.

The fire, which began in the top floor of a two-story frame home at 1342 College Avenue, was called in to 911 at around 1:29 p.m.

The fire quickly raced down the block via the common roofs of five adjacent homes: 1338, 1348, 1344, 1346 and 1340 College Avenue.

All but 1338 were ordered to be vacated by the NYC Department of Buildings as their investigation continues.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined, according to an FDNY spokesman.

The four-alarm fire drew approximately 160 firefighters to battle the blaze, five of whom were injured at the scene.

The fire was under control by 3:31 p.m.

One resident sustained minor injuries and was treated at Bronx Lebanon Hospital and



Nearly 160 firefighters responded to the four-alarm blaze at 1342 College Avenue which affected five adjacent homes. Photo by Edwin Soto



Residents watched as firefighters surveyed the damage caused by the multi-dwelling fire. Photo by Aracelis Batista

released.

The American Red Cross of Greater New York met with the ten displaced families at the scene, according to spokesman Michael de Vulpillieres.

“Last night two families took us up on our offer to provide emergency housing, but we are expecting that number to go up,” de Vulpillieres said.

“We were back at the scene today meeting with our partners at NYC Emergency Management and other residents who may not have contacted us.”

Since 2011, 1342 College Avenue had racked up 13 violations, according to the DOB.

Many of those violations were for work done without a

permit.

Another complaint from 2012 was from a tenant who said the landlord had turned off electricity, while a violation issued in 2013 was for the illegal subdivision of a two-bedroom apartment.

Ownership of the building has changed hands several times since 1999.

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The next general meeting of our association will be on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. There will be representatives present from our local elected officials offices, and we will have a full agenda to discuss with our membership.

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

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Therefore, with our several hundred members on file, we encourage all members, and not only the executive board, to come out and positively represent our community.

We thank The Throggs Neck Be-



# POLICE BLOTTER

## 43 Precinct

**Tuesday, February 7 at 4:35 p.m.** -- A man used an as-still-undetermined type of object to enter an apartment building near East Tremont Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue. Once inside, he took \$585 worth of property and fled the area. He has a light complexion, and is about five feet, eight inches tall and weights about 180 pounds. He is believed to be between 25-years-old and 30-years-old. He was last seen wearing a red and black leather coat, blue jeans, black hat and a black sweater.

successful. Both people that cops are looking for are around 18-years-old. When last seen he was wearing dark-colored clothing. The other was last seen wearing a black and red leather coat, blue jeans, black hat and a black sweater.

## 49 Precinct

**Wednesday, January 11 at 3:00 p.m.** -- A rape was recorded when a women met a man inside a motel at 2990 Boston Road. She was responding to an advertisement for models. The man cops are looking for threatened her with his fist, put his hand on her neck, and then forcibly raped her. He is described as a black and about five feet, ten inches tall.

## 45 Precinct

**Saturday, February 25 at 1:40 a.m.** -- A robbery was attempted in front of 1449 Overing Street when two black men, apparently working a team, tried to rip off a 23-year-old man. When the victim told the first suspect that he did not have any money, the would-be robber threw a paint bucket at him. The victim then yelled for help and three males came to his aid. The victim and the good Samaritans attempted to restrain the man who had approached the victim, and a second who was a lookout, but were un-

**Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.** -- Cops received a report of a stolen purse. An unknown woman entered 668 Allerton Avenue, a medical facility, and took a purse belonging to a 34-year-old woman. The purse held \$200, credit cards and an iPhone. On Tuesday, February 14, 2017 the victim was notified that her stolen credit card was used at a coffee shop at 1592 Westchester Avenue. The women cops are looking for is black, about 30-years-old and 130 pounds. She was last seen wearing a green jacket.

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## Are we the enabler?

Dear editor,

So, you think you smell a skunk. You could be wrong. The scent could be the marijuana that most kids are experimenting with these days. But my issue is not the smell as much as the community which is being an 'enabler' to the acquisition of said 'skunk weed'.

If the community and police are trying to crack down on its use, why in the hell are they allowing the sale of Bamboo rolling paper in almost every bodega in this neighborhood that I've been to? To roll cigarettes? I think not. Let's wake up.

I'm tired of finding the little 'nickle' and 'dime' plastic bags in the streets and on the sidewalks of my neighborhood.

Guido Susi

## Black & white, read all over

Deare editor,

Happy 37th anniversary to the Bronx Times and Bronx Times Reporter. Daily newspapers such as the Times, Post, and Daily News concentrate on international, Washington, Albany, City Hall, business and sports stories. They have few reporters assigned to cover local neighborhood news stories. These reporters have to compete against colleagues for limited available print space. As a result, daily newspapers miss significant news and political stories from Bronx communities.

Newspapers and magazines have to deal with increasing costs for newsprint, delivery and distribution along with reduced advertising revenues and declining readership due to competition from the Internet, cable news and other information source.

Challenges on maintaining the bottom line have also resulted in less resources being devoted to investigative reporting and a greater reliance on wire service stories. As a result, original newspaper content continues to shrink. This puts even more pressure on the remaining reporters assigned to various departments. There is intense competition between international, federal, state, city, business, sports, entertainment and other sections

of newspapers. It is becoming more difficult to provide real detailed coverage of local news.

Weekly newspapers based in the Bronx such as the Bronx Times and Bronx Times Reporter provide more in depth coverage of local news not found in major daily newspapers.

Larry Penner

## Hypocrisy in action

Dear editor,

President Trump spoke to a joint session of Congress last Tuesday night and did you notice 'ole Nancy P' and the progressive lady Democrats. They were all in white. How come? Pelosi led Democratic women in wearing white, recalling the suffragette movement. It was a gimmick, used by Democrats to suggest that Mr. Trump is a threat to our most basic freedoms.

Pelosi and her colleagues decided before the President Trump address, that they would provide the media with virginal looking shots of women expressing their disapproval of everything Trump. Mrs. P even took to twitter to rally the ladies with "Tonight, our Democratic #WomenWear-White in support of women's rights -- in spite of a @POTUS who doesn't!"

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Meanwhile in January over in Spain at an international chess tournament, an 18-year-old Iranian women was yanked from the competition because she refused to don a hijab, in defiance of her country's Islamic authorities. A Grand Master, she was also removed from Iran's national team. Did you hear the outcry from our progressive ladies of the left? The silence was deafening

Remember Ali Ayaan Hirsi, the Somali-born women who is outspoken in her opposition to female genital mutilation condoned by Sharia law and practiced throughout the Muslim world. She was also described by Brandeis University as a "compelling public figure and advocate for women's rights, and we respect and appreciate her work to protect and defend the rights of women and girls throughout the world" just before they cancelled her com-

mencement speech.

Unlike Nancy Pelosi, she thought the organizers of the Women's March on Washington were 'fake feminists'. But Ole Nancy had nothing but praise for the "courageous organizers of the Women's March who enabled women and their families to demonstrate our values, our unity, and our good spirit - in crowds that dwarfed the inaugural turnout.

Linda Sarsour, one of the top organizers of the march was also labeled a 'fake feminist' by Ali. "Sarsour is hostile to me - and not because she knows me - but because she is a fake feminist", she said.

Sarsour, the executive director of the Arab American Association of New York, and a proponent of Sharia tweeted in response to female critics of Sharia, "I wish I could take their vaginas away- they don't deserve to be women."

Sarsour, a Muslim activist, is an ally of Mayor de Blasio. A fawning profile was published by the New York Times titled "Linda Sarsour, a Brooklyn Homegirl in a Hijab." President Obama named Sarsour one of his 'Champions of Change'.

Hey 'black is white' and 'up is down' among the Democrats. Sharia law and women's rights—not an issue.

According to America's 'fake feminists' President Trump is the real problem.

That 18-year-old girl - forget about her - Pelosi and Sarsour are too busy planning a 'Day Without a Woman' to protest President Trump.

Carl J. Cannizzaro

## STAR video a great help

Dear editor,

As a homeowner and a lifetime Bronx resident, I was grateful for the video posted by John Cerini pertaining to the STAR exemption. John Cerini shared with not only me but also anyone on Facebook who owns a home, condo, or co-op in the City of New York the important information.

The video explained that I am indeed entitled to STAR, which is a real-estate tax reduction. I am appreciative of The Bronx Tax man's dedication to his clients and anyone in the community who needs guidance. The video on The Bronx Tax Man Corporation Facebook page was a great help

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Vincent Agovino

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Daniel E. Boyle

## Political axes to grind

Dear editor,

A Bronx Times' weekly columnist decried the influence of teacher's unions on U.S. educational policy and the Democratic party, using the debunked, politically motivated 'A Nation at Risk' study as the linchpin of his flawed argument.

The Scandia Report contradicted the findings of the first study. The right wing makes believe that educators and researchers, who have expertise in this field should have their voices ignored while officeholders with political axes to grind have the answers.

Pasqual Pelosi

## Sky is falling

Dear editor,

It is disturbing to see people writing letters to this newspaper in support of the President.

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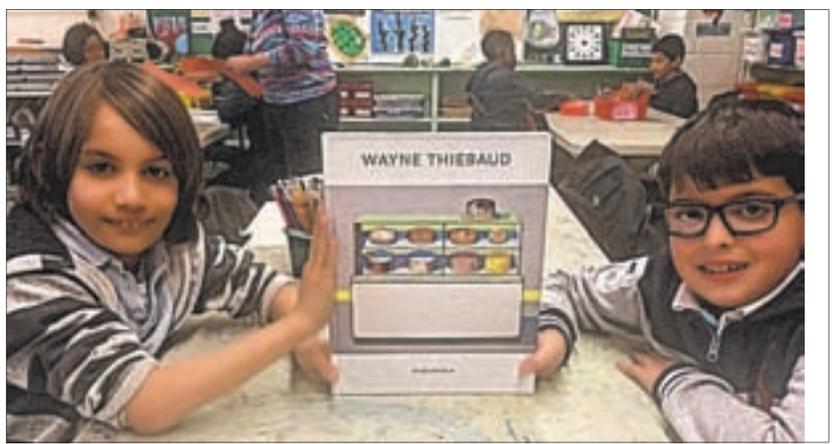


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Enrique Gans (l) and Kelvin Shehu pose with Thiebaud's book from the Acquavella Gallery.

## *P.S. 121 students' artwork influenced by artist Thiebaud*

**BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN**

Hard work pays off - and apparently, so does artwork!

For the past month, about 700 students at P.S. 121, The Throop School, participated in an art workshop that was highlighted on the school's general bulletin board.

It featured the students' creations based on the works of famous painter Wayne Thiebaud.

The workshop involved students from grades K-5 who were learning about Thiebaud and how he used everyday objects, such as cupcakes, hot dogs, gumball machines and lipstick, in his pop artwork.

After learning the nuances of Thiebaud's art style and techniques, students attempted to recreate his artwork through their own eyes.

Many of the artworks simulated Thiebaud's style.

About 50 drawings and other artwork were added to the bulletin board which was titled 'Learning Today For A Better Tomorrow' at the top.

After completing the bulletin display, the school reached out to Thiebaud, writing him a letter and sending him pictures of the final project.

Not only did Thiebaud respond - he sent them a personally handwritten letter, thanking them for acknowledging his art and encouraging them to keep creating, either by drawing or painting.

Thiebaud also sent the school a picture of him holding up the photo that was sent to him, which depicted the bulletin board and the school's two art teachers, Elaine Chiamulera and Giovanna Tsapatsaris.

"We study various artists at this school - but many of them, such as Picasso and Van Gogh, aren't alive to share their stories and experiences with art, so it was great to connect the students with an iconic art figure who they can learn a lot from," said Chiamulera. "The students were amazed when they found out that he wrote back - and we are all incredibly humbled that he acknowledged us."

"The fact that he (Thiebaud) wrote



Thiebaud holding a picture of the bulletin board and P.S. 121's two art teachers, Giovanna (l) and Tsapatsaris.

Photos courtesy of P.S. 121 The Throop School

a letter thanking us made it real for the students - and therefore, that much more thrilling for them," said Giovanna Tsapatsaris. "The biggest lesson that the students learned during this whole process was that art can be a part of everyday life, and can also lead to career paths. It also taught them to work together while solving problems at the same time."

"This activity was fun - and it was so worth it when we received the letter back from him," said third grader Kelvin Shehu. "It was very exciting - and the experience taught us that art can come in any form, as long as the person puts their heart into it."

"Art is my favorite class," said Enrique Gans, also in the third grade. "It's amazing that a famous artist wrote us back and noticed the work that we accomplished."

Thiebaud, who is now 96-years-old and lives in California, was a prominent figure in the pop art movement in the 1950s and '60s, along with Jasper Johns, Larry Rivers and Robert Rauschenberg and other artists.

He won the National Medal of Arts award, a prestigious honor which recognizes artists and patrons of the arts, in 1994.

The Thiebaud-influenced school bulletin board, located in the first floor lobby, will only be on display until the end of the school year, and the general public is greatly encouraged to visit the school and view the artwork created by the students before it is removed.

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# Greenfield named new Bronx River administrator

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Bronx River Alliance has a new leader that is a familiar face at the public-private partnership.

Maggie Scott Greenfield, an alliance employee since 2005 and its deputy director since 2010, is the new executive director of the organization dedicated to greenways, ecology and event programming along the Bronx River.

She will also concurrently be the NYC Parks Department's Bronx River administrator.

Greenfield filled the positions that were formerly held by Linda Cox, who retired on Thursday, March 2.

Cox was at the helm of the alliance for 15 years.

Greenfield's top short-term goal is to open the Bronx River Greenway River House, a community educational facility under construction at Starlight Park's riverfront, she said.

"With the opening of River House, we are looking to deepen and expand our educational programs," she said. "We will have this beautiful new facility that is going to be very innovative and green."

The new building will provide space for people to access the water,

and give school groups a chance to see river ecology and to test water quality, she said.

"It has the potential to be a tremendous environmental education center, a place for hands-on science learning for kids," said Greenfield.

Another short-term goal is to complete a part of the Bronx River Greenway between Concrete Plant Park and Starlight Park, she said, linking the two relatively new parks near the southern terminus of the 23-mile long river.

For that project, millions of dollars have already been raised, said Greenfield, adding that for the most part, the river north of East 180th Street to the Westchester County line is already greenway accessible.

Other projects BRA is spearheading are an effort to repopulate the river with alewife herring and an installation of 'river broom' along the county line to catch debris, including Styrofoam and plastic bottles, before it enters the borough.

Greenfield sees the alliance's strength in its knowledgeable board and dedicated employees, five of whom have been with the organization for a decade or more, she said.



MAGGIE SCOTT GREENFIELD  
PHOTO COURTESY OF MAGGIE GREENFIELD

The new executive director and administrator had words of praise for her predecessor, Linda Cox, calling it a "true honor to succeed" her.

She said that Cox was really someone who turned around what had been a negative view of the river 15 or 20 years ago. Today, said Greenfield, the river is viewed as an asset to the borough and the region.

"She really did so much to harness the vision of local leaders for the river and to harness community support to achieve that vision," said Greenfield of Cox.

In a statement, Mitchell Silver, NYC Parks commissioner, said that Greenfield has demonstrated devotion to the river. "Over the years, I have watched Maggie rally up neighborhood residents for a joint and committed effort in making the Bronx River one of NYC's most valued resources," said Silver.

# VMA's Evening of Champs

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He was waked a St. Agnes Parish Center on Wednesday, January 11 and a funeral Mass was held on Friday, January 13 at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Bernard and principal Sr. Teresa Barton attended the Mass in which over 4,000 police officers and civilians paid their respects.

"It was one of the most impressive funerals I've ever been to and it showed how much he inspired people," he noted.

McDonald became a regular guest speaker at the Evening of Champions after his friend NYPD assistant chief Edward Delatorre invited him.

Bernard and Sr. Barton were granted permission by McDonald's wife Patricia Ann McDonald and their son, sergeant Conor McDonald to rename the celebration.

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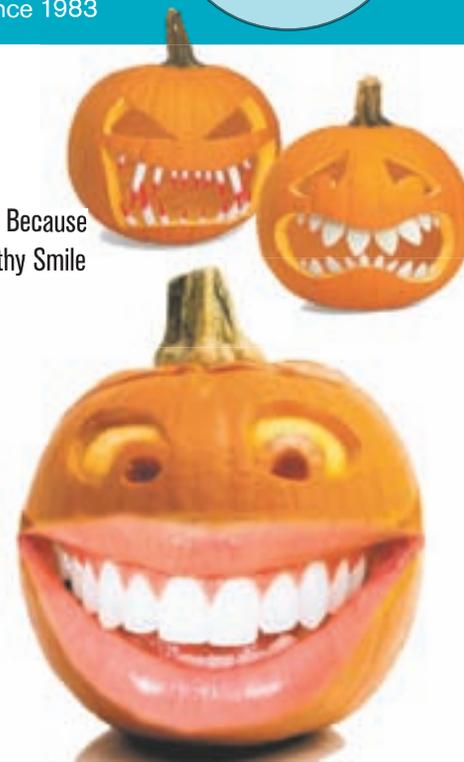
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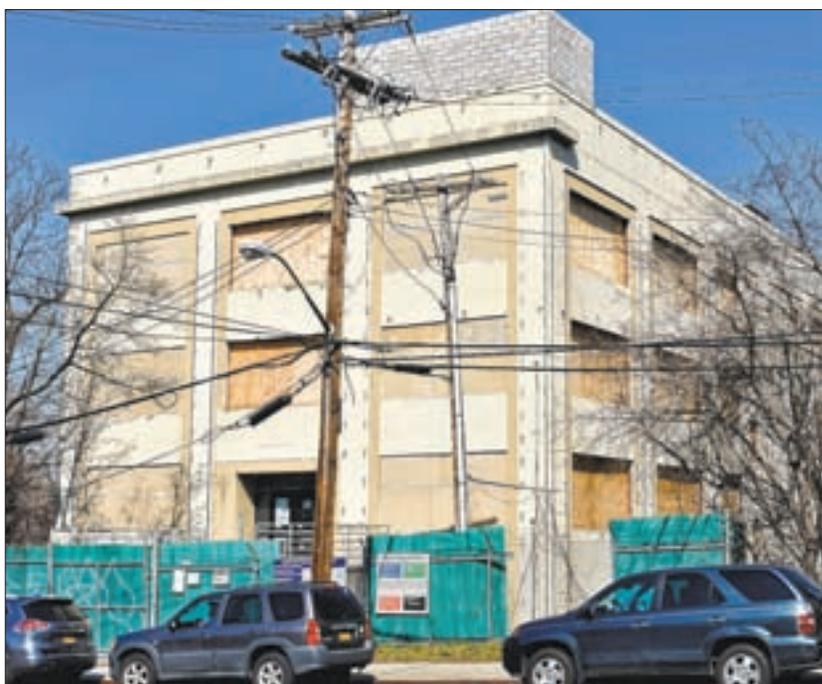
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The former Muller U.S. Army Reserve Center in Wakefield will become housing for veterans and seniors, the mayor recently announced. Arthur Cusano

## Former Army center slated for veteran, senior housing

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Plans to convert a former military facility in Wakefield into a homeless shelter have been nixed in favor of senior and veteran housing.

The former Sergeant Joseph Muller U.S. Army Reserve Center will not be a homeless center, but instead will be long-term affordable housing, Mayor de Blasio announced at a town hall meeting in Kingsbridge on Tuesday, February 21.

Councilman Andrew Cohen and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz told those on hand at the Community Board 12 monthly meeting on Thursday, February 23 the controversial proposal had been abandoned after years of protest.

"Ultimately, it will be 70 units of supportive housing for veterans and seniors, and I think that is a big improvement," Cohen said.

Dinowitz said the development was an example of the community and public officials working together to change city policy.

"When we work together we can fight city hall, in this case we weren't really fighting city hall because Mayor de Blasio was actually very helpful, as were our other public officials," he said.

The NYC Department of Health defines supportive housing on its website as a "combination of affordable housing and support services designed to help individuals and families use housing as a platform for health and recovery following a period of homelessness, hospitalization or incarceration or for youth aging out of foster care."

The 55,000-square-foot facility at 555 Nereid Avenue, which overlooks the Bronx River Parkway, was closed in 2011 after many years of use by the

U.S. Army Reserve.

The building remains fenced off and boarded up to prevent trespassing.

CB 12 district manager George Torres said residents were happy to hear the news after years of opposing another shelter being built in the area.

Just blocks away is Ana's House, formerly known as the Project Renewal homeless shelter, which houses roughly 100 single men.

The facility is named for Ana Charle, a facility director who was shot and killed by a former shelter resident in April 2015.

Another shelter planned for Bronx Boulevard was scrapped by the city last summer.

"We're really happy because I know a lot of folks were anxious about this," he said.

However Torres said he was still hoping to get clarification as to how the new plan differed from a homeless shelter.

There are several types of senior and veteran housing the new facility could become, he said.

"I've not seen the proposal, so I'm just taking the word of the mayor and the councilman, but I know the councilman has been arguing about this for many years under different administration and made it very clear he didn't want a homeless shelter there."

The mayor announced 500 more permanent affordable apartments for veterans as part of his proposed budget in a town hall event last month.

Representatives for Dinowitz and Cohen said they were also waiting for additional details on the project from the de Blasio administration, and hoped to get new information to be released in the coming weeks.

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The Bronx Muslim Center's current location is at 702 Rhinelander Avenue. The new location will be in an industrial area on 1912-1920 Amethyst Street. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

## VN Mosque commits to alleviating parking issues

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance held a town hall on Monday, March 6 at the Monsignor Fiorentino Apartments' community room to discuss the relocation of the Bronx Muslim Center.

BMC members Jamil Yussuf, technical advisor for the relocation, and Yahay Obeid, VNNA member and liaison to the BMC, spoke to residents on what the relocation will mean to the community.

Yussuf explained to those in attendance that a lack of space is the mosques' primary problem.

According to the technical advisor, when the mosque opened in 1998, the number of families living near the mosque was approximately 110.

“More Muslim people moved into the area, rented houses, bought houses and started businesses,” he continued.

“Now the number of families that live within three miles of the existing mosque exceeds 1,000,” said Yussuf.

He explained that the current mosque was built to hold about 175-200 people but their membership now far exceed that number.

Currently, the mosque holds two prayer services on Friday - the busiest day for the mosque - yet members still have to pray on the street.

Yussuf invited the community to come to the current mosque - located at 702 Rhinelander Avenue - to see how small it is.

The BMC is planning to move its membership to a new, three-story building at 1912-1920 Amethyst Street which will be able to accommodate 800 people if necessary.

Yussuf said once the mosque reaches its full capacity, any new people will have to find another place to worship.

Bernadette Ferrara, president of

the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance, asked Yussuf to address the parking issues.

The new location is on a one-way street which leaves little parking for BMC members.

On Friday evenings at the current location, local Muslim residents double and triple park on Rhinelander to say their prayers.

Yussuf said the members had come up with three strategies to mitigate the parking issue.

Firstly, he said some of the local homeowners have committed to allowing members to park in their driveway during Friday prayers.

“That’s about 45 parking spots,” Obeid told the board.

Yussuf said local business owners have also committed to providing parking spots for members.

He added that the mosque’s members are also hoping to secure a discounted parking lot in the area.

Finally, said Yussuf, the building will have a parking agent who will be in charge of discouraging illegal parking.

Ferrara pushed Yussuf and Obeid for more measures to make parking go smoother on Amethyst.

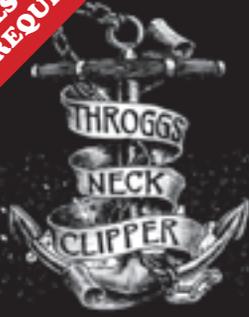
She asked if the mosque could appoint someone to go into the mosque and alert members when there is a traffic situation.

Obeid said the mosque currently employs this method but Ferrara contended that people still double park on Rhinelander and block the street.

In addition, Yussuf encouraged local NYPD officers to write tickets if the members are a hinderance to motorists.

The technical advisor also said they were considering tearing down the current mosque and using the property as a parking lot.

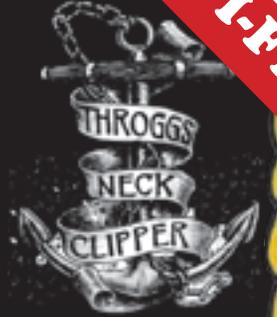
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The MTA has declined a request from Bronx elected officials for a special bus to ensure safe transportation for students of St. Catharine Academy. Photo Courtesy for Robert Christie

## MTA says 'No' on special SCA bus arrangement

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The Metropolitan Transit Authority has declined a request from Bronx elected officials for a dedicated bus run to ensure safe transportation of students of St. Catharine's Academy.

Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Assemblyman Mike Benedetto penned a letter to the MTA in December 2016 asking for the special bus so the all-girls school's students would not be harrassed by other riders.

The special bus would have made drop offs only, according to the elected threesome's request.

The request stemmed from a race-related attack by three African American girls on four, white teenage SCA girls as they were riding home on the Bx8 bus.

On Wednesday, March 8, MTA spokesperson Kevin Ortiz issued a statement to the Bronx Times on the MTA's decision to deny the request.

"Under Federal Transportation Administration regulations," the statement read, "transit agencies cannot alter bus routes to directly serve educational facilities unless it can be shown that ridership generated by the school significantly exceeds the capacity of the bus route."

The statement continued, "In such cases, supplemental service can be assigned to the route, but must be available and accessible to the public and make all stops along the route."

According to the statement, the MTA looked at how many St. Catharine's Academy students ride the bus and determined the amount "does not warrant additional service."

The girls who were victimized in the incident are currently taking legal action against the MTA.

The girls' attorney, Scott Seskin, officially filed a lawsuit against the agency on Monday, February 27.

According to Seskin, the MTA was officially served on Friday, March 3.

The lawsuit names five entities - the MTA, the MTA Bus Company, the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, the New York City Transit Authority and the bus driver Alisha Samuels.

Due to regulations from the New York Supreme Court, the lawsuit does not name the dollar amount the girls are seeking in damages.

However, in December, Seskin filed four notices of claim against the MTA requesting \$10 million for each girl and \$2 million for each parent.

"Under the system that we currently have," Seskin previously said. "The only method that we have to compensate anybody is monetarily."

The girls left the November 22 attack with bruises and cuts.

In addition, a knapsack containing a laptop was also taken.

Although the elected officials - along with some parents from St. Catharine's - had asked for the special bus route, Seskin said his clients were not a part of the request.

In fact, Seskin did not believe it to be helpful.

"Besides the fact [my clients] don't want it," Seskin told the Bronx Times in January, "It's not going to prevent anything that happened from occurring again."

Seskin is confident as his clients now await a response from the MTA.

"I'm expecting a successful outcome," he said. "The evidence shows that this particular bus operator's actions were both negligent and intentional."

He added that the negligence showed by Johnson caused his clients "severe personal injuries which will continue throughout their lives."

The MTA declined comment on the ongoing legal battle.



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# New director of HUB/Third Ave. BID

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A new executive director of the HUB / Third Avenue Business Improvement District was recently named.

Michael Brady recently took the helm of the business organization at a time of transition: an exciting period with several substantial new nearby residential and community developments in the works.

There's a confluence of development activities within the BID boundaries and just to the south that are spurring a lot of excitement, he said.

"It is just a really exciting time for the south Bronx and the level of development that is happening is unlike anything else in New York City," said Brady, adding projections show there will be an additional 8,000,000 square feet of new development added in a ten-block radius of the BID.

These new projects include residential, commercial and programmatic space, he said.

One of the largest new developments, which breaks ground shortly, is La Central.

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Michael Brady of the HUB/Third Avenue BID gestures towards Roberto Clemente Plaza as he describes a complete renovation now underway. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

units, ground-level retail and community facilities including a YMCA near Westchester and Bergen avenues.

It is just one of many new exciting projects.

This is particularly sensational time, said Brady, because Melrose, which includes the BID service area, saw up to 50 years of disinvestment in the past.

There was a time when the BID was without a single bank branch, said Brady. Today 200,000 people pass through in

a day.

With so much new development and business activity comes investment in public works, he said, explaining that the BID and surrounding community are seeing sewer upgrades and new wifi broadband.

Visibly on the street is Roberto Clemente Plaza that's currently under construction at Third and Willis avenues.

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include much more of the Melrose community.

He said the BID would present a plan to the NYC City Council as part of a two-year strategy to expand its boundaries: going south to East 146th Street and north to near the 42nd Precinct around East 158th Street, as well as to Lincoln Medical Center and Brook Avenue.

"As a result of the expansion we will be the largest BID in the Bronx," he said.

Brady, who started the job in December, most immediately succeeded Steven Fish as director, who in turn took the helm after the departure in 2015 of Vincent Valentino, the BID's executive director for two decades.

"BIDs have evolving needs, and Vinny being a former NYPD detective really helped the BID grapple with public safety issues," said Brady.

Mario De Giorgio of Youngland and past HUB / Third Avenue BID board of directors chairman, stated he was very pleased to have Brady "on board" when he was appointed.

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Charles Landsberg, President of the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway, calls for religious tolerance along with local politicians and Hamud Alsilwi, the Iman of the Bronx Muslim Center, in front of the Bronx Muslim Center on March 3.

Community News Group/Arthur Cusano

# Bronx Muslims, Jews unite in call for tolerance

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

On Friday, March 3, members of the Muslim and Jewish communities united at the Bronx Muslim Center on Rhinelander Avenue, along with local elected officials, to call for tolerance and unity in the face of increased bigotry.

Muslim Americans have faced a slew of attacks recently, while a wave of bomb threats against Jewish establishments and the desecration of Jewish cemeteries across the country, have left both groups on edge.

Hate crimes reported in New York City rose 55 percent from the same date in 2016, according to the NYPD.

Anti-Semitic hate crimes during that time jumped a staggering 94 percent.

"We are one family, coming from Adam and Eve, and we have to stand for justice, freedom and equality for all, regardless of belief, color or social status" said Hamud Alsilwi, Iman of the Bronx Muslim Center.

Alsilwi and his congregation were joined by members of the Bronx Jewish community, including Charles Landsberg, president of the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway.

Landsberg said that while the human race likes to think of itself as the supreme commanders of planet Earth, there was still much progress left to be made.

"We've swam like fish, we've flown like birds, but until we can walk together like brothers, we're not fit to

mix with the animals," Landsberg said.

The religious leaders were joined by Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Councilman Ritchie Torres.

"The last several months have been very difficult, for all the communities who care about decency here in the Bronx," Klein said. "This is something we have to send a very clear message about, we have to stand shoulder to shoulder. We have to stand united against hate."

Klein mentioned his grandfather, who fled the Holocaust in Europe, but was not originally allowed in the United States, and instead had to emigrate to Argentina first.

"There are those who say the immigrants of yesteryear came here to make America great," he said. "But you know what? Immigrants who come here today come to make America great as well."

Klein announced he was advocating for \$25 million to provide security for New York state religious institutions in next year's state budget.

He also proposed legislation to make racist graffiti a hate crime.

Gjonaj also praised immigrants as making America great, and urged Americans to reject hate.

"An attack on any religion is an attack on all religions," he said.

The politicians sponsored an informational forum on immigrant rights later that evening for the community at the Muslim center.



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# Touro pharmacists teach students about drug abuse

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Pharmacy students recently visited a Hunts Point school to conduct an anti-drug program.

On Thursday, March 2, 15 future pharmacists from Touro College of Pharmacy held the 'Say No To Drugs' program at the Hyde Leadership Charter School to educate more than 75 seventh graders and their teachers about drug and substance abuse.

During the program, the students learned about warning signs and symptoms of abuse for over the counter drugs, prescription drugs, tranquilizers, sedatives, stimulants, pain killers and opioids, as well as mixing drugs and alcohol and dangerous drug interactions.

During the workshop, the students watched videos and engaged in various activities pertaining to drug abuse, including filling out forms and Q&As with the pharmacy students about their knowledge of drugs as well as how to become a pharmacist.

More specifically, the students learned some statistics involving substance abuse, including how many Americans die from drug overdoses

annually, as well as how many Americans die from drug overdoses compared to those who died from a car accident each year.

"Kids need to know the signs and symptoms of abuse, and how to help themselves or their friends before they find themselves in a situation they can't control," said pharmacist Dipan Ray, director of practice experience at Touro, who also said that one in four teens nationwide believe that prescription drugs can be used as a study aid.

He also added that students in the United States who take prescription drugs are five times more likely to develop substance abuse problems than those who don't.

"It is important for the community to know that while these prescription drugs are legal, sharing them is not legal - as these medications are not suitable for all patients," Ray said.

Ray even encouraged all to participate in the Drug Take Back Program, an initiative that helps individuals properly dispose of medications they no longer need, without questions, instead of leaving outdated prescriptions in house cabinets. The program holds

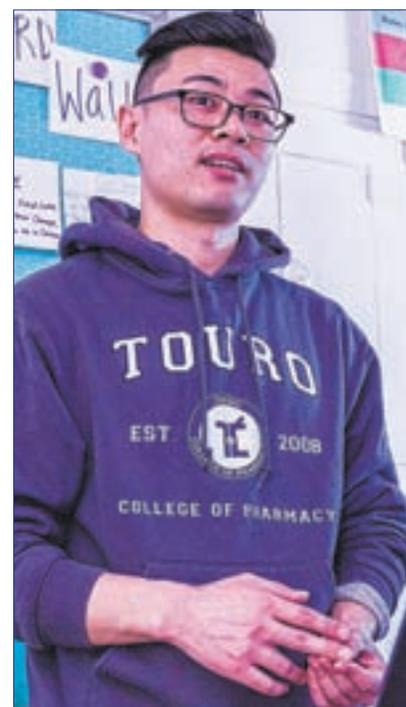
events bi-annually in each borough and every state.

The idea of Thursday's program originally stemmed from the workshops the school had held with Project SUCCESS, another effective, school-based program that prevents and reduces adolescent substance use and abuse.

"We wanted to help young students understand how important this topic is, as well as provide them with knowledge about how much of an impact prescription drugs can have on an individual's life," said pharmacy doctor Ronnie Moore, assistant dean for clinical affairs at Touro. "The main point we wanted to get across was that just because a doctor wrote a prescription for a patient, that patient should not pass those prescription drugs to a family member or a friend, just because it is legal for them to take it."

"This workshop definitely sparked the seventh graders' curiosity, and I felt that the energy that our Touro students had made the day a success," Moore added.

"This was certainly an informational eye-opening experience for the



Vincent Tran, a second year pharmacy student from Touro College, explained some of the dangers of opioids and other drugs.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

students, who were very engaged during the entire workshop," said Eva Rubinoff, counselor for Hyde Leadership Charter School's middle school. "In middle school, kids are prone to experiment and think about drugs, and we want them to be informed about drug safety as a preventative measure now and going into high school."

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# East Bronx History Forum highlights

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

President Jimmy Carter proclaimed National Women's History Week for March 8, 1980 and, President Trump has re-proclaimed March 2017 as Women's History Month. The East Bronx History Forum announces the forum's 6th Annual 'Women in Bronx History' presentation will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Women in Bronx History is a member or friend selection and presentation of the historic, popular or special women that has or are contributing to the Bronx community. Selections and presenters have included members of the Bronx Times Reporter '25 Influential Bronx Women'. Many will recall past selections such as, Bess Myerson, Lauren Bacall, Eydie Gorme and others not in the entertainment industry.

The picture above is of Anne Bancroft, as Anne Sullivan and Patty Duke as Helen Keller from 'The Miracle Worker'. Bancroft and Duke both won Academy Awards for best actress and supporting actress respectfully.

Anne Bancroft was born in the

Bronx, September 17, 1931 and many remember her as Anna Maria Louisa Italiano. She died in 2005 and was interred at Kensico Cemetery Valhalla NY. Sadly, Patty Duke recently died on March 29, 2016.

Maria Vasti will add to the story of Anne Bancroft with assistance from her dad, East Bronx History Forum vice president, Tom Vasti. As always, members and friends can share their neighborhood or school recollections of Anne Bancroft or others.

Members and guests are encouraged, but not required to bring a two to five minute description of their choice for inclusion in our member report during our 6th annual Bronx women program. The East Bronx History Forum expects that this year participation will exceed the large and varied contributions of our past Bronx Women in Bronx History reports. Members are free to reselect prior selections as long as new information is available. Women in Bronx History has included actresses, authors and artists; Botanists and business women; settlers, scientists and sculptors; environmen-



Anne Bancroft & Patty Duke, "The Miracle Worker" -1962.

talists and educators; and poets and politicians.

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

Westchester Square, next to the Apple Bank. Parking is free after 7 p.m.

View the East Bronx History Forum web page at BronxNYC.com for details, or follow us on Facebook.

## Free small business financial workshop

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Ridgewood Savings Bank invite you to attend a Free Small Business Financial Workshop on Wednesday, March 21, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson Metro Center, 1200 Waters Place.

Meet Ridgewood Savings Bank business relationship manager Vanessa Baijnauth, Chairperson of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Network, and learn the importance of successful business planning and network with others small business owners. A question and answer session with industry professionals will follow.

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

For further information or to RSVP (by Friday, March 17) call (718)

828-3900 or phil@bronxchamber.org.

Ridgewood Savings Bank, founded in 1921, is the largest mutual savings bank in New York State, with over \$5 billion dollars in assets. With brick and mortar locations throughout seven counties; Queens, Bronx, Kings, Manhattan, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester and a unique Mobile Branch that "Brings the Bank" to older adult and assisted living facilities, Ridgewood Savings Bank continues to serve its community as it did in 1921, with their continued focus always on their customers.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is one of the most influential, professional and successful organizations and voice for businesses in Bronx County. Professionals & companies are drawn to the successful companies and active members affiliated with the Chamber. Membership includes businesses ranging from large

corporations, Cultural Institutions, Universities and Colleges, Hospitals & Medical Centers, non-profits, and mid-sized to small companies.

Some reasons to attend business networking events

- Increase your visibility by making sure your face and your message get in front of the same people on an ongoing basis.

- Start relationships that will lead to new alliance and referrals and make sure to follow-up to deepen those relationships.

- Offer and receive referrals. The best way to fill a need is with someone who has already proven him/herself with someone you know. Networking events are great for this kind of referral exchange.

- Stay current on trends in your industry with new information you can gather at these events.

- Become and stay connected to

key influencers in your industry and within your target market.

- Find solutions to your problems. Odds are someone else has had and solved your current situation. You, in turn, can offer solutions to others.

- Learn and become motivated. Leave with new ideas, inspirations and a regenerated sense of motivation.

Visit [www.bronxchamber.org](http://www.bronxchamber.org) for information on our next networking events as well as other Bronx Chamber of Commerce events in your area. Additional information: 718-828-3900.

Additional funding for Bronx Chamber of Commerce programs and services, in conjunction with Senator Jeffrey Klein, Councilman Andy King, are made possible with support from NYC Small Business Services, Bronx H.I.R.E., and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

## St. Raymond Elementary celebrates St. Patrick and St. Joseph

St. Raymond Elementary School is hosting its annual Feasts of Saints Patrick and Joseph Celebration on Sunday, March 19.

The event begins with the noon Mass at St. Raymond Church and is followed by Irish and Italian entertainment and food at 1 p.m. in the school's auditorium, 2380 East Trem-

ont Avenue.

Patrick Connolly, St. Raymond's music director, will sing traditional Irish songs in Irish and in English. Dale Smith, the music director for St. Francis Xavier Parish, will sing Italian cantatas. Both the Irish and the Italian national anthems will be sung in their native tongues, Amhrán Na

Bhfiann (Irish) and Fratelli D'Italia (Italian).

Tickets are \$10 for adults and children 3 and over; children under 3 are free. Tickets will not be sold at the door. For tickets or for additional information, call (718) 597-3232.

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Church — the "Mother Church of the Bronx" — offers full-day academic programs for Pre-K3 through Grade 8, advanced level math and science, sports, a fitness center and a broad array of extracurricular activities.

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Serving the blind and visually impaired since 1926, the Visions Bronx Advisory Board celebrated its 24th annual dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, March 2 at Tosca Marquee. The prestigious awards gala honored community leaders and innovators for their various contributions to our borough. This year's exemplary honorees were Amir Asadi, Bronx Rotary Club president; Daniel Bernstein, Fordham Road Business Improvement District deputy director; Marilyn Masiero, Rotary District 7230 immediate past governor; Anderson Torres, PhD, LCSW-R, R.A.I.N. Total Care, Inc. president and Simone Development Companies.



(l-r) Honorees Amir Asadi, Marilyn Masiero, Anderson Torres and Daniel Bernstein; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Nancy Miller, Visions executive director, Joseph Kelleher accepting award for Simone Development Companies; Gary Axelbank, 'BronxTalk' host and Monroe College director of community relations and Neldy Martinez, Visions Bronx Advisory Board chairwoman. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Event emcee Gary Axelbank kept the evening exciting and engaging for everyone.



Neldy Martinez gave a glowing address recognizing the honorees' various accomplishments.



(l-r) John Bonizio, Westchester Square Business Improvement District chairman; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Laura Guerriero; Joseph Kelleher; Thomas Messina; Lenny Caro, Mercy College chief community relations officer; Joseph Gallitto, D&J Ambulance Service, Inc. president and Steven Squitieri, Sanitation Salvage president.



(l-r) John Collazzi, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's chief of staff; Laura Guerriero, Bronx Times Reporter publisher; Joe Kelleher, Simone Metro Properties president; Thomas Messina, representing Congressman Joseph Crowley and Joseph McManus, 80th Assembly District.



(l-r) Honoree Anderson Torres; Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo, R.A.I.N. founder and Torres' wife, Saby had a great time at the gala.



Tosca Marquee was packed with many community leaders and local celebrities last Thursday.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# Staying safe while outside in cold weather

How do I stay safe while being active outside in cold weather?

Follow these tips to stay safe while working out or being active outside in cold weather:

- Check the weather. Don't work out outside if the temperature is below 32°F. Try to work out in the morning or during the day when temperatures are the highest. Don't work out in very high winds, ice, snow, rain, and the dark •

- Dress in layers. Layers help your body warm up and cool down. Take off top layers as you begin to sweat. Put them back on as you cool down. Remember to wear a hat!

- Let your body get used to the cold weather. Warm your body up before starting your workout. Slow walk or do high-knee marches.

- Be safe. Work out in a place where the ground is clear and safe liked plowed streets and sidewalks. Watch out for black ice. Protect yourself from strong winds. Stay on paths and roads that have lights. Wear bright clothes or clothes that reflect so cars can see you.

- Drink water before, during, and after your workout. When it's cold outside, you may not notice how much water you lost from sweating.

- Cool down at the end of your workout. Slow down for the last 5 minutes of your workout. Stretch inside and take off layers as you warm up.

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The **Bronx Catholic Widow & Widowers** meet the 3rd Monday of the month, March 20, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall on Roberts Avenue (use driveway entrance). New members are welcome.

On the last Monday of the month, March 27, at 7 p.m., the organization will meet for a social fun evening at the OLA Church Hall. All are invited.

On the 1st Friday of the month, April 7, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a Mass for deceased spouses of the month followed by dinner at a restaurant, (OLA Chapel) driveway entrance.

On Saturday, April 29, the organization will host their Annual Dinner and Dance at Scavello's, City Island, with a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing for \$65 per person. All are invited.

For more information call president Connie Andersen at (718) 829-8142.

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The **Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for Heat & Frost Insulators, Local Union #12**, will conduct a recruitment from Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 14, for 32 insulation and asbestos worker apprentices, the New York State Department of Labor announced.

Please note that the 32 openings listed for apprentices represent the total number for two recruitment regions – the Long Island and New York City regions.

On Monday, April 3, 250 numbered wristbands will be distributed at the Local #12 Union Hall, 35-53 24th Street, Long Island City, New York, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. From Tuesday, April 4 through Friday, April 14, any remaining wristbands will be distributed at the Local #12 Union Hall, 35-53 24th Street, Long Island City, NY, on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Applications will be distributed between Tuesday, April 4 and Friday, April 14 to those who received a wristband.

This is a limited-application recruitment. Applications will be available for 10 business days or until 250 applications have been issued, whichever comes first. Signed, completed applications must be returned at a specific date and time based on the applicant's wristband number.

The committee requires that applicants:

Must be at least 18 years old. Must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma (such as TASC or GED). A copy of the high school diploma and transcripts, or an official copy of GED/TASC test results will be

required with the completed application. Must pass a physical exam, at the expense of the sponsor, after selection and prior to indenture. Must sign an affidavit attesting that they are physically able to perform the work of the trade. Must pass a certified drug test, at the expense of the sponsor. The drug test will be given to those under final consideration for each class. Once enrolled in the apprenticeship program, apprentices will be drug tested both yearly and randomly, at the expense of the sponsor. Must take an aptitude test administered by the NYS Department of Labor. Must have reliable transportation to and from various job sites and related instruction classes. Must provide their own tools and work clothes, at an approximate cost of \$506. Must provide military transfer card or discharge form DD-214, if applicable, after selection and prior to indenture.

For further information, applicants should contact their nearest New York State Department of Labor office or Local Union #12 at (718) 784-1899.

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The **New York Botanical Garden** will launch its new Urban Naturalist Certificate Program in spring 2017. This unique program will equip students with the formal skills they need to observe, interpret, and document the plant and wildlife that abound in our teeming metropolis. Led by former NYC Parks Chief Naturalist Mike Feller, NYBG's team of expert naturalists will use the Botanical Garden's grounds in the Bronx and select city parks as living labs to investigate the complex interrelationships among species, and to discover how the urban environment sustains our upland and coastal wetland ecosystems.

Beginning April 19 and meeting three times a week for five weeks, the Urban Naturalist Certificate Program combines classroom sessions, guest lectures, hands-on activities on the Garden grounds, and weekly field excursions. Specifically designed to train people to become citizen scientists committed to conservation and environmental stewardship, the Certificate is also valuable for those engaged or interested in starting interpretive, educational tours of urban wild areas or parks. Registration for the Program is open now, with special introductory rates for NYBG Members and Non-Members available before March 15, dependent upon space availability.

The program focuses on vascular (having tissues to transport nutrients, water, and minerals) and non-vascular plants, and invertebrates and ver-

tebrates of New York City's uplands and coastal wetland ecosystems, emphasizing the critical conservation issues facing each habitat. Program coordinator Mike Feller spent 31 years as chief naturalist for NYC Parks Natural Resources Group (NRG), where he supervised the design and execution of numerous ecological restorations. Feller also spearheaded the creation of the Forever Wild Program that established 51 nature preserves throughout New York City.

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.nybg.org/adulted/urban-naturalist.php>.

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**BronxWorks** was named an Official Charity Partner of the 2017 TCS New York City Marathon, it was announced today by Eileen Torres, BronxWorks Executive Director. The race will take place on Sunday, November 5.

More than 350 official charity partners will be part of the 2017 TCS New York City Marathon. In 2016, 9,000 charity runners raised \$36.1 million during the marathon on behalf of hundreds of not-for-profit organizations in New York City and across the nation. Since the inception of the official charity partner program in 2006, \$235 million has been raised.

The BronxWorks Team is actively recruiting runners who would like to join their efforts and participate with a Charity Partner and be a part of the TCS New York City Marathon. Over the past few years, the BronxWorks team has included community members, employees, family and friends of staff as well as many new to BronxWorks who are moved by the organization's efforts to feed, shelter, teach and support over 40,000 Bronx residents each year.

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The 2017 TCS New York City Marathon will be broadcast live locally on WABC-TV, Channel 7, and nationally on ESPN2.

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# CB 5's Carmen Cruz Celebrates Retirement

Community Board 5 hosted a retirement party on Friday, February 24 for its principal administrative assistant Carmen Cruz who served the board for 35 years. Cruz was honored in a ceremony by her CB 5 peers, 46th Precinct police officers, Councilman Ritchie Torres and Assemblyman Victor Pichardo at St. Simon Stock School's gymnasium.



Josephine Pabon (c) graciously accepted her award from Lois Belin (l) and Allie Burgess Graham.

All photos by Miriam Quin

(1) (back, l-r) The 46th Precinct's lieutenant Samuel Ravelo; police officer Anthony Fiol; police officer Yupa; police officer Vega; retired detective Warren Thompson; police officer Vassallo and inspector Philip Rivera, commanding officer, honored Cruz (front, c) for her community service.

(2) Salsa Catering's Daniel Garcia (4th from l) proudly accepted an award (l-r) from board members (l-r) Susan Watts, Ada Patterson, Lois Belin, Louella Hatch, Allie Graham and Cleo Boyd.

(3) Carmen Cruz (c) was presented a NYS Assembly Citation by Assemblyman Victor Pichardo and Louella Hatch.

(4) Josephine Pabon (c) graciously accepted her award from Lois Belin (l) and Allie Burgess Graham.

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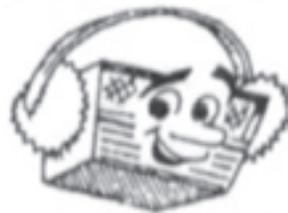
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to your lungs, your heart or your blood. Bacteria clinging to your teeth can cause gum disease and can lead to loose teeth; if left unattended, the teeth will eventually fall out. It is important to see a dentist or hygienist if your gums are swollen or bleeding.

Regular care and dental visits: Remember to brush and floss at least once per day, and see your dentist regu-

larly. Also, avoid hard candy and sugary drinks that can damage the protective surfaces of your teeth and promote decay.

Taking good care of your teeth can lead to better health, greater enjoyment of food, and enhancement of your social life.

For more information on oral health, call your local RAIN Center for a list of

classes.

Help us teach older adults in the Bronx about health and wellness in the community. Contact Mr. Jeff Lucas, Project Manager at R.A.I.N. @347-202-8805 for more information.

*Sponsored by: The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU and R.A.I.N.*

Next week: Fluid Fuels Function

## BY GENE DEFRANCIS

Spring is around the corner. And that means... spring cleaning.

Every time this year we take the time to remind our neighbors to do their part in keeping Allerton clean. Homeowners and business owners you are responsible for cleaning 18 inches out from the curb and the tree beds. If you are a corner property that includes around the corner.

If for any reason it is too difficult for you to manage let us know and we will see what we can do to help. Whether your having health issues or work long hours, communicate with us and we will look for the help you need.

As for the ongoing concern of dog waste, clean it up. If it is your dog it is your responsibility to pick up after them. If someone neglects their responsibility and leaves it in front of your property, clean it up immediately. If you leave it you will leave a magnet to attract more waste.

We can not leave any waste behind because the waste attract rats. And the rats and the waste have transmitted disease in the Bronx. We have to be vigilant.

Do not leave large amounts of food on the ground for birds. And when you do pick up dog waste put the dog bag to extra use and carefully pick up any other litter that will safely fit in the bag.

This week we had DSNY provide our neighbors with educational and important information at our meeting. We also met up with NYPD to remove some graffiti.

If you are able and available to volunteer let us know. We can always use an extra hand.

We are in March and still have not received a check to help pay for the holiday street lights from Centers Health/CenterLight/Beth Abraham. We don't like owing people money, but we do, which is why we are launching fund-raising events.

• St. Patricks Paint Party

## Allerton International Merchants Association

Tuesday, March 14

• WrestleMania Party Sunday, April 2

• And our annual Anniversary Tuesday, April 4

We truly hope management and the new owners keep their word as to being committed to the community. This has been a great tradition of CenterLight Healthcare sponsoring the holiday street lights. We hope that it is not a sign of things to come now that Beth Abraham is owned by Centers Health. Notice what is missing. Light.

We hope they don't ignore this responsibility and take the lights out of Allerton. We will do whatever we can to make sure we continue displaying the holiday street lights in 2017. With or without Beth Abraham. But we are

stronger together and hope that with new management does not change the relationship.

We love Beth Abraham, their commitment and service they provide our residents. We have had great meetings with management and hope this gets resolved soon.

As for quality-of-life concerns, we have continued conversations about new street lights in our area and had a recent issue with a leaking fire hydrant on Colden Avenue that has recently iced over during the cold spell we had making it hazardous for our residents to walk. We are on top of the situation. In a perfect world we would not have these issues. But we make the best of what life throws at us. In the meantime, be safe and vigilante.

Thank you to the NYPD for a job well done. The recent string of car breaks at our local Rite Aid parking lot has led to an arrest. According to reports the lookout

would stand outside holding the door for change then follow the shopper into the store and communicate with their partner who would be outside breaking into their car.

If you have been victim of this crime and not contacted by the police yet. Reach out to the precinct and the DAs office to make sure these criminals pay for their crime.

We have to look out for each other. This is a great community I am proud to live in. Everyone who violates our neighbors like this will be brought to justice. We all need to do our part to see this through.

Stop by our office at 930 Allerton Avenue. Have a cup of coffee share some stories with us. Sign up for our upcoming events. Be apart of this community and help make it a cleaner, safer, and diverse place to live. You should also join our Facebook page Allerton International Merchants Association.

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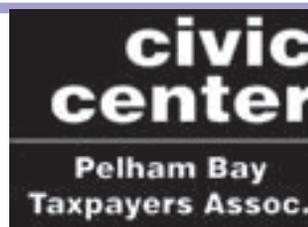
## BY MICHELE TORRIONI

Hello Everyone.

We are back in business. March brings our association meetings back to session. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Theresa cafeteria. Please join us to discuss any concerns or issues you may have that involve our community. If you have not paid your dues please do so. The mailing address for dues is 1720 Mayflower Avenue, Apt 9H, Bronx, NY 10461.

My thoughts for the day I'd

like to share. Things happen in our lives every day that we dismiss as luck or chance or simply take for granted. There are times when events throw us completely off balance or make us feel vulnerable or afraid. Most of the time we are so involved with our daily routines, whether it be work, errands, or chores that we forget to notice those things around us that make our days brighter. No matter what is going on in our lives there are no ordinary moments, no meaningless min-



utes or seconds. We will never get back those moments that pass without recognition.

That is why it makes sense to look for and acknowledge the daily gifts that come to us. Being grateful for the little things and moments life brings. Like the sound of a

cat's purring, a hot cup of tea or the birds singing outside our window. At first glance these things may seem unimportant but thinking about what life might be like without them, may make you appreciate them a little more and realize how special they are. If you think about it, you may agree that the little things in life really are important, even if they may not always seem to be. Little miracles that happen every day, flowers bloom, and babies are born, the sunshine

warms our skin and we get to be a living, breathing part of the living breathing universe. If you pay attention and open yourself up to these small moments you will notice them more and you may attract even more of them as a result creating a happier more content life, by considering each day different in its own way.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Please bring any news, concerns or events that you want to share.

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# ELECTED OFFICIALS CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN ABRAZO

In honor of Black History Month, Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.; assembly members Marcos Crespo, Luis Sepulveda, Michael Blake and Victor Pichardo and Councilman Rafael Salamanca celebrated the annual African American Abrazo on Friday, February 24 at Maestro's Caterers. This year's honorees included District Attorney Darcel Clark, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Concourse Village Board member Chantel Jackson, Union Grove Baptist Church pastor Rev. Frederick Crawford, community advocate Minister Kwame Thompson and 86th Assembly District State Committee Woman Bernice Williams.



District Attorney Clark (c) was honored by (l-r) assembly members Sepulveda and Pichardo, Senator Diaz, Assemblyman Crespo, Councilman Salamanca, Borough President Diaz and 83rd Assembly District leader Kevin Riley. Photo by Laura Stone



Concourse Village Board member Chantel Jackson graciously accepted her citation and proclamation from the elected officials. Photo by Laura Stone



Kevin Riley (2nd from l) accepted awards on behalf of honoree Assembly Speaker Heastie. Photo by Laura Stone

# ALLERTON AVENUE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE

The Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association celebrated its annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 4 at the Marina del Rey. This year's distinguished honorees were Dr. David Stevens, Stevens David J DDS owner; Ellen Barrett, M.S. 144 principal; and Russell Ryer, Bronx Green Middle School teacher and senior advisor.



Senator Jeff Klein (3rd from l) presented a hefty \$25,000 check to Frank Tirabasso (2nd from r), Allerton Avenue Homeowners director of senior program; (l-r) Joseph Menta, vice president; Frank DiPalo, advisory council member and Sal Castorina, president. Photo by Laura Stone



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (c) presented proclamations to honorees (l-r) Dr. David Stevens, Ellen Barrett and Rusell Ryer with Allerton members Frank DiPalo, Sal Castorina and Joseph Menta. Photo by Laura Stone

# CB 6 to observe anniversary of Happy Land fire

On Saturday, March 25, Bronx Community Board 6 and the relatives and friends of the victims of the 1990 Happy Land Social Club fire will commemorate the 27th anniversary of that tragic event, which took the lives of 87 people.

Still fresh in our minds, CB 6 will keep the memory alive by remembering those who died as well as the impact it

had on this community. There will be a procession from Saint Thomas Aquinas Church located at 1900 Crotona Parkway at 4 p.m. towards the monument at East Tremont Avenue, between Southern Boulevard and Crotona Parkway, for a rosary and candlelight vigil.

The Happy Land Social Club fire was the largest mass murder to occur in New York City, second only to the 9/11

terrorist attacks. Eighty-seven individuals lost their lives when Julio Gonzalez, who had been evicted from the club earlier after fighting with his girlfriend, poured and ignited gasoline at the entrance of the club. With the club's windows and other means of egress barricaded, and no sprinkler system available, the individuals inside had no hope for escape.

To its credit, the city shortly thereafter formed the Club Task Force (now known as the Multi-Agency Response to Community Hotspots, or MARCH Operation).

A monument was erected in 1995 directly across the street from the site of the fire, which bears the victims' names. There, family members and friends visit and place flowers on special occasions such as

birthdays, holidays and anniversaries. The street in front of the monument has been renamed Ochenta y Siete Boulevard.

Additional information about the Happy Land memorial may be obtained by contacting the community board's district office at (718) 579-6990 or by email at [bronxcb6@bronxcb6.org](mailto:bronxcb6@bronxcb6.org).

## BY FRAN ARICO AND BARBARA FLEMING

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3283 Ampere Avenue corner of Research Avenue. We will have representatives from Senator Jeff Klein's office who will be there to help our members with any issues facing our community.

We are working on a petition to have a 4-way Stop sign on the corner of Stadium Avenue and Spencer Drive, where

the Bx24 bus turns right onto Spencer Drive into Country Club and then turns right on Spencer Drive to Stadium Avenue going to Westchester Square.

Also the right lane on Country Club Road at Bruckner Boulevard, going west, that is dedicated to right turns only, causes a backup of traffic coming out of Country Club since traffic is so heavy heading towards Bruckner Boulevard and Jarvis Avenue. It keeps traffic heading east

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over the Jarvis Avenue overpass from making a left turn at Bruckner Boulevard and McDonough Place.

In the morning residents are heading out of Country Club to P.S. 71, P.S. 14, Lehman High School, Our Lady

of the Assumption church and school, St. Theresa's church and school, Zoodohos Peghe and the Greek American Institute school, IRT 6 trains and local stores.

The traffic backup in the morning, afternoon and evening high use times is a big problem and something must be done.

We will also have a representative from the Fire Department of New York to inform us of fire hazards and the need of having fire alarms in-

stalled in your home.

Come and join the Spencer Estate Civic Association and help us get results on issues. Remember, in unity there is strength.

Our annual dues are \$10 and this entitles you to postal delivery of the weekly Bronx Times Reporter. Hope to see you there and bring a friend or neighbor, come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with coffee, tea, Irish soda bread and delicious cakes baked by our own Barbara Fleming.

## BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

Somehow, it's March already. Not sure how that happened. I'm heading off to the Women's History Month Breakfast at the New York Botanical Garden this morning, a free event hosted by Congressman Joseph Crowley. After the event, we'll take a stroll through the Orchid Show and then back home to real life. I am hoping to spend some time this week focusing on CSA administration; checking in to the farm site to see who's signed up for the year so far, checking in with former members and matching up half share partners.

Matching up share partners is a very important part of being a CSA coordinator. If you're not willing to go that extra mile and be a matchmaker, your group will not grow as fast as you'd like. Quite often, I have found that new members struggle with the idea of enlisting a friend or relative

in something that they have not tried for themselves yet. By matching new members with an experienced member, I reduce my stress because the experienced member handles some of the natural learning curve. Usually, at the end of the first season, new members will now be able to enlist a friend or relative to split their share the following year.

It's amazing how organically this all works out. Even our attrition rate is matched by the number of new members every year and somehow we always end up with 34 to 36 full shares, which is pretty much the maximum number of faces and names that I can remember. We're still signing up for the 2017 season. If you need a full share, just go to [www.stoneledge.farm](http://www.stoneledge.farm), create an account and then place your order. If you need to be matched for a half share, email me at [cnapolitano491@gmail.com](mailto:cnapolitano491@gmail.com).

## food for thought

If you want to access a program similar to the CSA, check out the Fresh Food Box program with GrowNYC. One of the limits of the typical CSA program is that it only runs for 24 weeks, from June until November, meaning that for the other 28 weeks of the year, you are on your own. Our CSA program also requires that you commit to pick up your share every week for 24 weeks, which for some families doesn't work.

Did you know that right here in the Bronx there are two locations for a year round CSA program? GrowNYC runs the Fresh Food Box program ([www.grownyc.org/foodbox](http://www.grownyc.org/foodbox)) which helps New Yorkers ac-

cess \$25 worth of fresh local produce (six to nine different items each week, including greens and fruit) for only \$12 a week. You can sign up for a period of time and pay in advance or you can sign up only on the weeks when you want to pick up (you place your order a week in advance).

There are a number of sites in Manhattan which may work for some of you if it's close to your office. There is a site in Hunts Point and another at Bronxworks, 1130 Grand Concourse. A friend of mine tried it out last week. She picked up from the Hunts Point site and reported that she was happy with the selection, the quality of the produce and the great deal for just \$12. I'm hoping that by November 2017 we can get a location here in the East Bronx. Actually, I'm more than hoping - I met with someone this week and their organization is reaching out to GrowNYC

to see if we can bring a site right here to Throggs Neck. In the meantime, give this program a try.

Next Sunday, March 12, we'll be attending the Just Food Conference in NYC. Looking forward to that event, I've missed that last two years but attended the conference in 2012 through 2014. It's a great place to learn everything about the local food movement, food insecurity, small business start up, networking, food education and so many other social justice issues. What's even better is that this year I have my two of my fellow CSA coordinators attending with me. One is an educator and the other is a holistic practitioner, which means that will attend different workshops than I would and we will have lots of information to share.

More on that next time. In the meantime, be the change you want to see in the world.



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## BMNAR SPONSOR LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Bronx Manhattan North Association of Realtors hosted its third annual Legislative Breakfast with members of the City Council on Friday, February 24 at the Pelham Diner. 'BronxTalk' host Gary Axelbank served as the event's moderator keeping the panel discussion engaging. Council members Ritchie Torres, Andrew Cohen, Annabel Palma and Rafael Salamanca made up the panel answering questions on affordable housing, commercial strips, the New York First Home Bill, Transparency and Disclosure in the Cooperative Housing and the expiration of the tax abatement program 421a.



Local elected officials and BMNAR members celebrated their annual Legislative Breakfast at the Pelham Diner.

Photo courtesy of BMNAR

## BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ APPEARS ON 'BRONXTALK'

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. appeared on an episode of 'BronxTalk' on Monday, February 27. Diaz discussed his recent State of the Borough address and other Bronx and NYC topics of concern with host Gary Axelbank. The full episode can be viewed at [www.bronxnet.org/tv/bronxtalk/8915-bronxtalk-02-27-17](http://www.bronxnet.org/tv/bronxtalk/8915-bronxtalk-02-27-17).



Gary Axelbank (l) interviewed Borough President Diaz for an exciting edition of 'BronxTalk'.

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

## ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH HOSTS ITALIAN CARNEVALE

The Italian Carnevale was in town on Saturday, February 25 when St. Benedict's Parish hosted the annual celebration at Guiding Star Knights of Columbus' International Caterers. Senator Jeff Klein joined residents at the fun-filled celebration featuring entertainment and Italian gifts from St. Benedict's Parish.

Senator Klein (l) and Loretta Zaino had a great time at the parish's Italian Carnevale.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office



## URBAN SCHOLARS SCHOOL BOOK TRUST EVENT

NYC Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina visited Urban Scholars Community School on Wednesday, March 1 to announce a NYC Department of Education partnership with the Book Trust program, a national literacy program that will serve 4,700 elementary school students at 12 renewal schools across the city.

Urban Scholars Community School students were encouraged to read and build libraries at home.

Photo courtesy of NYC DOE

## STUDENTS CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

On a day that would have marked Theodore 'Dr. Seuss' Geisel's 113th birthday, St. Helena School students honored the famous children's author on Thursday, March 2 with a variety of Dr. Seuss inspired activities. Students and their teachers celebrated Geisel's literary legacy and even dined on some famous green eggs and ham for the special occasion.



St. Helena School students spent the afternoon honoring the world's most influential children's author.

Photo courtesy of St. Helena School

# Releasing violent offenders

By Lenore Skenazy

It's no secret that America loves to send people to prison. We have five percent of the world's population and 25 percent of its prisoners — which is odd for a "Land of Liberty."

Lately it has become common to attribute our mass incarceration to the war on drugs. The conversation goes like this: "Why don't we just release the non-violent drug offenders? That makes so much sense!"

And it does. But it will not make that big a dent in the number of people sitting in cells, says John Pfaff, a professor of law at Fordham University and author of the new book, "Locked In: the True Causes of Mass Incarceration — and How to Achieve Real Reform." (Book titles keep getting longer, don't they?) Surprisingly, people arrested for drug crimes constitute only about 16% of the people in prison. Most of the rest are there for violent crimes. So for Pfaff the question is:

Should we start releasing the violent criminals, too?

At first blush, this sounds crazy. We need to keep violent offenders off the street! But one point that Pfaff makes is that "violent offender" is a misleading term. It makes it sound as if there is a class of people who are wired wrong and incorrigible. This is wrong on two counts. First of all, some crimes are labeled "violent" that aren't — like breaking into a house.

But beyond that, some people are labeled "violent" who committed their crime only in the context of one particular situation.

"You're in a bad mood, you have a beer, you get in a fight with your friend at the bar and break his jaw," says Pfaff. "If we're trying to minimize future harm, some sort of anger management class might be more effective than prison."

But prison has become our knee-jerk response to all violence, even though often this isn't addressing the real problem.

Which is? Well, says Pfaff, "Whenever you have young men who are denied upward social mobility and the state doesn't do a good job of preventing violent crime, these young men will engage in violence against each other. It's



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Lenore Skenazy

as true in 19th century Czarist Russia as it is in 20th century Los Angeles. What is necessary is a change of circumstance."

That might sound like a verse from the West Side Story song — "Officer Krupke, you're really a slob, this boy don't need a doctor, just a good honest job" — but Pfaff cites a current theory that looks at violence as an epidemic: A shoots B, B's friends shoot C, C's brother shoots D, and so forth. "One study tied 400 shootings back to one initial shooting," says Pfaff.

If we could just stop that chain at the start, so many

lives would be saved — and so many fewer people would wind up in a cage. One method shown to work is a program in Boston called Project Ceasefire. It works like this:

The cops determine which gangs are responsible for the majority of the gun violence.

"Then they sit down and meet with those people and kind of give them two choices: 'If you persist in this violence, we will crack down on you as a group, aggressively,'" says Pfaff. But the cops also bring in an array of social workers to help with housing, food, employment, health care. "And they say, 'If you're willing to put this violence behind you, we will help you build a more stable life.' It's called 'focused deterrence.' It's carrot and stick."

A program like this called Cure Violence was introduced in Chicago.

"And when the state cut the funding a couple of years ago, that's exactly when the violence in Chicago began its sharp increase," Pfaff says.

Somehow, one solitary neighborhood managed to keep its funding. And there, says Pfaff, the crime rate continue going down. This doesn't definitively prove the program

works. "But it's worth a lot more study."

It certainly is. And so is a look at the prison guard unions. While many people are concerned about the advent of private prisons — after all, these make money on "heads in beds," so they support more incarceration — the role of the public prison guard unions should not be ignored.

Here in New York State, says Pfaff, our prison population is down 25 percent, and yet our correctional budget keeps going up. The more guards that are on the payroll, the more potential votes for laws that are tough — perhaps excessively — on crime. After all, jobs depend on it.

But lives depend on something else: Preventing violence, not just punishing it. Putting people behind bars ignores the cost to their families, and to taxpayers. If we want to make our cities safer, locking up violent offenders may not be the key.

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

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

The post extends its sympathies and condolences to the family of Russell Feeley who passed away last week. Russ was a Booster here as well as his wife Liz. Liz asks for donations to the Preston Center of Compassion.

On a lighter note, Bingo is back here at 620. The Korony Post is hosting a Bingo Night here with all proceeds going to the 'Chris Engeldrum Support the Troops Drive.' Doors open a 6 p.m. with the games beginning at 7 p.m., until 9:30. This all happens on Friday, March 31 and \$10 gets you in with one Bingo card. There will be 150 tickets sold,

none at the door. there will be snacks, raffles, 50/50 and the big games. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Korony Post.

The VA Accountability First Act of 2017, introduced by committee chairman Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) seeks to change the scandals plaguing the VA for years and no one being held accountable. Under the current system, employees have stolen and sold meds, meant for vets, manipulated wait times, and left vets to die-and it's nearly impossible for them to be fired. Worse, whistleblowers who speak up against this are punished. This new act will make it easier for

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Samuel Young  
Legion Post 620

the bad eggs to be fired and give the whistleblowers the protection they deserve. It would also allow the VA to reduce the pensions of employees convicted of felonies and recoup bonuses awarded in error. All of the above from CVA Concerned Veterans for America. 1310 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22201. They have a website.

Many thanks to the Marine Corps League that

meets here on the 2nd Friday of every month. These guys painted our meeting room, installed new vertical blinds and got rid of tons of debris. The room looks great. We should let them loose on the rest of the building.

Dues are still due. We are up to a membership of 65. The county membership mavens say we have a goal of 71. We're catching up.

Anyone out in Bronx Times Reporter Land needing to rent a room for a party, call the post (718) 822-8873 and ask for Shiela. She handles the rentals. Bear in mind, we don't rent to Sweet Sixteen Parties as we can't control the crashers and

drinking. We also refuse to rent to Stag Parties because when men see naked women their IQ's drop to the level of their shoe size and they become incredibly stupid. Any thing else is OK.

### Trivia Time

The Alamo fell on March 6, at 6:30 a.m. 1836. On the same date in 1857, the Dred Scott Decision was reached.

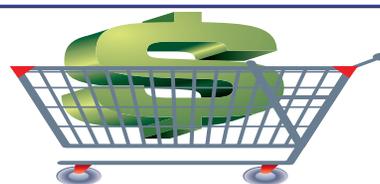
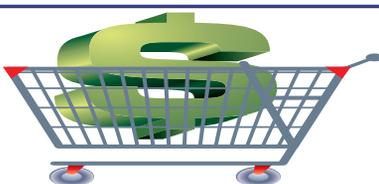
Oreo Cookies debuts on March 6, 1912. Got Milk?

March 8, 1917, saw the beginning of the Russian Revolution.

On the same date in 1999, Joe DiMaggio died.

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

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# BRONX MUSIC HERITAGE CENTER REMEMBERS ELOMBE BRATH

To commemorate Black History Month, the Bronx Music Heritage Center hosted an opening reception for its newest exhibit, 'Black is Beautiful: A Tribute to Elombe Brath' on Saturday, February 25. The multimedia exhibit honors Elombe Brath, an activist and artist who grew up in Hunts Point and from an early age was involved in the local jazz scene promoting shows for up-and-coming artists like Jimmy Owens. The exhibit will be displayed until Sunday, April 30 and can be viewed every Friday and Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at 1303 Louis Niné Boulevard.



(l-r) Pianist Valerie Capers, guitarist John Henry Robinson, trumpeter Jimmy Owens, saxophonist George Braith and drummer Bobby Sanabria gave a remarkable live performance.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Cinque Braithwaite presented a vibrant display honoring his father, Elombe Brath.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# LEHMAN COLLEGE PRESENTS BRONX PARKS SPEAK UP

The 23rd annual 'Bronx Parks Speak Up! The Future of Bronx Parks and Open Spaces' was held on Saturday, February 25 at Lehman College. Made possible by Con Edison, Lehman College, Partnerships for Parks and the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, the always informative event featured presentations by Riverkeeper, S.W.I.M., The Point and Friends of Van Cortlandt Park among many other local organizations.



Friends of the Williambridge Oval Park members Dogma Arce (l) and Doug Condit gave an informative presentation on Kossuth Playground.  
Photo by Miriam Quin



Bronx Children Museum's James Montalvo (l) presented examples of local wildlife to (l-r) Daphani, Dillan and Donovan Jones.  
Photo by Miriam Quin

# LITTLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES DR. SEUSS' B'DAY

Bronx Little School celebrated Dr. Seuss' 113th birthday on Thursday, March 2 by having students share their favorite Dr. Seuss work.



Students wore their own 'Cat in the Hat' inspired head gear and received different Dr. Seuss books for the special event.  
Photo courtesy of Bronx Little School

# FORDHAM BID ORGANIZES FREE TOTE BAGS

The Fordham Road Business Improvement District, New York Public Library and GrowNYC hosted an exciting Tote Bag Giveaway on Wednesday, March 1 at Bryan Park.



Annmarie Beckford (l) and Nancy Brown (2nd from l) picked up their tote bags from (l-r) Jacob Vargas, a NYPD cadet aiding the NYC Public Library; Fordham University graduate Candice Ian, representing FRBID; Daniel Bernstein, FRBID deputy director and Fordham University graduate Michael Johnson, representing FRBID.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# Cash prizes for high school students

Cash prizes are available for high school juniors and seniors in the upcoming Bronx Pro-Life Oratory Contest, according to an announcement by the Bronx Right-to-Life Committee.

Prize amounts are \$300 for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 goes to the third place finisher.

In addition to the Bronx Speech Contest, the first prize

winner will be eligible to participate in the New York State Oratory Contest in Albany on Saturday, May 13.

The Bronx participants will face off at St. Margaret of Cortona Church Rectory Meeting Room on Saturday, April 8, at 10 a.m., stated Barbara Meara, contest coordinator for the Bronx Right-to-Life Committee.

The church rectory is lo-

cated at 6000 Riverdale Avenue at the corner of W. 260th Street.

Student participants must research, and then write and deliver a five to seven minute speech, from a pro-life perspective, on one of the following topics: abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research.

The deadline for entries is Saturday, April 1, one week

before the actual contest. Meara pointed out that student entrants must submit a copy of their speech along with a contest application to: Bronx Right-to-Life Committee, P.O.Box 95, Bronx, NY, 10471.

Students may avail themselves of a great deal of pro-life information to be found on the internet, such as NRLC.org., Afterabortion.org., Blackgeno-

cide.org, and AlmostAborted.org, among many others.

Further information, and application forms, may be obtained by contacting Meara at (718) 543-5091, by e-mail at barbara.meara@aol.com, or regular mail at P.O. Box 95, Bronx, NY, 10471.

She stated that this year's Right to Life contest slogan is "Use Your Voice to Wake Up a Sleeping World for Life."

## Lehman nets \$1.8M grant for English Language Ed

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$1.8 million, five-year grant to the Bronx Institute at Lehman College. The funds will support Project ALPHA (Academic Language Produces Higher Achievement), a new program that provides professional development to teachers in the field of English language instruction.

According to the New York City Department of Education, more than 26 percent of all Bronx K-12 students, approximately 40,000 students are English Language Learners (ELLs)—children who are not proficient in English and speak another language at home. In New York City, 62 percent of all ELL students speak Spanish, but in the Bronx that number

increases to 85 percent.

"In order to provide students with greater access to educational opportunities, it is crucial that teaching professionals implement a full range of up-to-date pedagogical strategies and tools to achieve results in strengthening English language abilities for learners too often left behind," said Dr. José Luis Cruz, president of Lehman College. "This new funding for Project ALPHA at the Bronx Institute focuses on advancing classroom methodologies to accelerate language acquisition and smoothe transitions to higher education levels." Using a cohort-based model, Project ALPHA recruits dozens of certified teachers in Bronx public schools, devel-

oping a network of support. This month, the program admitted its first cohort, 30 new public school teachers as non-degree students. Each teacher is able to earn credits toward either a Masters of Science in Education (MSEd); an advanced certificate for Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL); or advanced certificate for bilingual extension.

Project ALPHA develops effective instructional strategies in order to help English learners stay in school, gain academic content and literacy skills, and graduate from high school and enter college; some of those instructional strategies include: teaching academic vocabulary intensively using a variety of in-

structional activities as an alternative to rote learning; providing small group instructional intervention to students struggling in areas of literacy; and English language development.

"Project ALPHA addresses a critical need in New York City," said Herminio Martínez, executive director of the Bronx Institute and a professor in the Middle and High School Education department. "The fact is that students who speak English as a second language need additional networks of support in our city's schools. Project ALPHA will address the needs of these students, providing hardworking teachers a viable path to develop and improve their skills as Eng-

lish language instructors."

The \$1.8 million grant will provide for the education of 150 students during the next five years, or about 30 students per year. The second cohort of 30 students will begin the program in September 2017. Currently, all the students are public school teachers, but parochial school teachers can also be accepted.

"By the end of the five-year grant cycle, Project ALPHA will serve at least 150 teachers," said Bruce Irushalmi, deputy director of the Bronx Institute. "The end goal is to create lasting professional learning communities, supporting collaboration between New York City teachers across a range of different experience levels."

## Jacobi produces identification for hundreds of Bronxites

NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi's acting chief executive officer Christopher Mastromano, announced that as the result of NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi's three-week on-site collaboration with IDNYC, 630 Bronx residents now possess that agency's new municipal ID cards.

The IDNYC card is an ac-

cessible and secure document that enables residents to access city services and grant admission to city buildings, such as schools. In addition, the card can be presented as proof of identification for interacting with the police and is an accepted form of identification for opening a banking account at select financial in-

stitutions. New York City residents are now able to sign up for IDNYC – a government-issued identification card that is available to all city residents age 14 and older. Immigration status does not matter. Mayor Bill de Blasio announced this initiative in his State of the City address in January 2014 and less than one year later

proudly launched the largest municipal identification card program in the nation.

"The NYC Health + Hospitals system provides care for people who often face barriers to their care and wellness," said Mastromano. "Through this successful collaboration with IDNYC, we can remove

some of those barriers."

Those interested in booking an appointment in the Bronx can visit an IDNYC office located at NYC Health + Hospitals/Lincoln, by calling 311 or visit <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/idnyc/card/locations.page>, for a full list of locations in the Bronx.

BY LYNN GERBINO

Well, we are happy to say that the alternate side parking regulations that are slated for the streets around the golf course, have been voted down by the Municipal Services Committee of Community Board 10 and now the whole board will vote on this issue at its next meeting.

There was a great turnout and all came to speak for

their rights as taxpayers and citizens of Throggs Neck. I could not understand why these homeowners should be penalized with alternate side parking just because they live along the border of the golf course. I hope this matter is dead, but one never knows.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone



Manor. Our guest speaker will be Richard Bassik from the Westchester Square BID who will talk about what is coming to the Throggs Neck

area along East Tremont Avenue. Come and join us.

I just received a notice that two of our banners on Tremont have been torn by the high winds we have been having over the last few weeks.

So now we have to pay \$195 an hour to have them removed.

Lucky us...no wait a minute...lucky city. Poor us.

If you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so. You can mail a \$15 check to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, NY 10465.

You can look us up on Facebook for up to date community info...Throggs Neck Homeowners Association or call us at (718) 823-0327.

Enjoy.

# ST. RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S CHARACTER DAY

St. Raymond Elementary students in grades three through five dressed up as their favorite fictional and non-fictional characters for the second annual 'Character Day' on Monday, February 27. From the 'Harry Potter' series and fantasy novels to individuals from the 'I Survived' series and professional athletes, students attended all their classes in full costume. Designed to tie into the English Language Arts curriculum, students gave presentations as their character as part of their ELA grade.



Ms. Lim (front, c) and her fourth grade students really got into character for the day.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



## K-MART HOSTS FREE POP-UP ART EVENT

The Bronx K-Mart made shopping fun by hosting an awesome in-store graffiti art customization event on Saturday, March 4 at 1998 Bruckner Boulevard. The free event included an air brush customization station featuring Joe Boxer clothing and Risewear shoes where shoppers could have their items personalized on-site.

Artists Tiffany Chung (l) and Garland Wright (2nd from r); John Toledo, K-Mart assistant store manager and employees Christina Valesquez and Crystal Davila (r) displayed their custom shirts.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## MILES COFFEE BAR'S GRAND OPENING

Local elected officials and the Throggs Neck Merchants Association welcomed the Miles Coffee Bar to the neighborhood on Saturday, March 4 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4039 E. Tremont Avenue. The Miles Coffee Bar is a fresh, modern coffee shop where alluring aesthetics meet fine quality coffee and pastries prepared in-house daily



(front, l-r) TNMA's Ed Angelino, new member coordinator; John Marano, resident advisor; Bobby Jaen, president; Assemblyman Michael Benedetto; Mario Dagostino, co-owner; Councilman James Vacca, Chris Samrino, co-owner and Stephen Kaufman, legal counsel.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## MARY MAGISTRO'S 100TH YEAR

Fort Schuyler House resident Mary 'Mimi' Magistro celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family on Thursday, March 2. Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Councilman James Vacca presented the birthday girl proclamations in honor of her incredible milestone.



Michelle Benedetto (l) and her daughter, Victoria Lauler (c), celebrated Mary 'Mimi' Magistro's special day. Photo by Aracelis Batista



Assembly members Benedetto (l) and Mark Gjonaj wished Magistro well on her centennial. Photo by Aracelis Batista

# 7th Annual Abrazo Garifuna banquet

Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz, in conjunction with assemblymen Marcos Crespo, Luis Sepúlveda, Michael Blake, Victor Pichardo and Councilman Ra-

fael Salamanca, will celebrate the 7th Abrazo Garifuna Banquet in New York in recognition of the Garifuna's Heritage Month.

The Abrazo Garifuna Banquet, will take place at Maestro's Caterers, located at 1703 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, on Friday, March 17 from 7 p.m.

to midnight, and is completely free for all the attendees.

The elected officials, together with Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., will be pre-

senting proclamations to six distinguished members of the Garifuna community.

For information, contact Leila Martinez at (718) 991-3161.

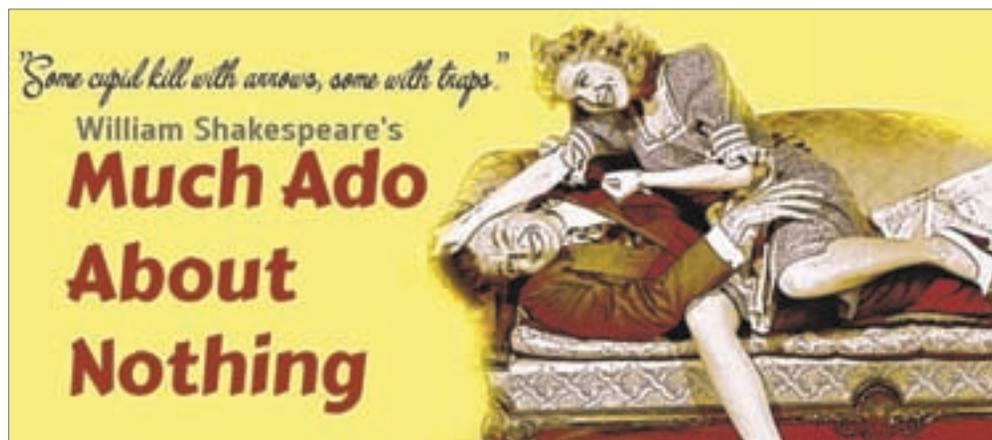
## Much Ado About Nothing at Huntington Free Library

On Sunday March 12 at 2 p.m., the Huntington Free Library and Reading Room will stage a performance of William Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing', for the benefit of the Bill Twomey Scholastic Award. The award is presented to a Bronx high school senior that demonstrates the same literary excellence and dedication to Bronx history that Bill Twomey graced his many Bronx Times Reporter readers.

The Huntington will host the Red Monkey Theater Group's production of Much Ado About Nothing, written circa 1598. The play will be set in 1940s Italy, at the close of World War II. This was at a time when people are allowing themselves to believe they have a future. Soldiers

are struggling to re-enter the civilian world; survivors are struggling to reform the bonds of family and friendship.

Much Ado is chiefly remembered by audiences for the wit of Beatrice and Benedick, the bickering couple whose brilliance of language rivals the giants of Shakespeare's canon. But above all, this play is a struggle of love, trust, and forgiveness against pride, fear, and envy. In this struggle, wit is sometimes a delicious poison - a tool by means of which we may speak to each other without listening. And the moments when characters in this play truly listen to each other, time and time again, are the moments when hearts - and lives - can be won or lost" - Tal Aviezer, director Red Monkey Theatre Group.



William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." -

The Red Monkey Theater Group is based at the College of Mt. St. Vincent. Tickets are available on line at RedMonkeyTheater.org or by link from BronxNYC.com. Students and

seniors pay \$5 and adults \$10. There is a limit of 60 seats, and tickets may not be available at the door.

The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, is an

all-volunteer not for profit institution, located next to Apple Bank at 9 Westchester Square. Visit HuntingtonFreeLibrary.org to apply for the Bill Twomey Scholastic Award.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

This season's crop of awards shows produced the usual political soliloquies from the Hollywood crowd.

Since the period, well over a half century ago, when Senator Joe McCarthy harshly probed the influence of Communism in the United States, it has become almost taboo to question the loyalty or motivations of those in the entertainment community who take left-wing positions. Therefore, even when sporadic acts that raised serious legal questions were committed in the subsequent decades, there was little backlash or repercussions.

One of the more salient examples was the deeply disturbing antics committed by Jane Fonda during her trip to North Vietnam, providing moral support for the very forces that were currently killing American troops on the battlefield. The question wasn't about support or opposition for that war; it was the provision of comfort to those that were fighting the U.S.

There have been incidents

both eyebrow-raising and ridiculous. Dennis Rodman's trip to North Korea and his cavorting with one of the worst dictators in existence, Sean Penn's friendly meetings with a member of a brutal Mideast regime, and the praise provided by Michael Moore and Oliver Stone after their visits with Fidel Castro, one of the world's leading sponsors of terror and practitioners of repression within his own nation, are just a sampling.

Lately, something even more insidious has occurred. Even though China has backed off on plans for some major purchases of Hollywood assets, the influence of the Beijing regime continues to grow, and it is neither paranoid nor inappropriate to examine what this means for the independence of America's signature art form, and whether this is leading to a pandering by movie personnel, both in the boardrooms and in front of the cameras, to foreign interests.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that Chinese companies engaged in \$4.5 billion in purchases of

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Hollywood assets. "The new dynamic highlights Hollywood's dependence on China, where the slightest change in state policy has ripple effects across the entertainment industry. China's deep pockets have become a frequent topic of speculation and intrigue among entertainment executives, some of whom see the country as full of prospective buyers willing to pay high premiums for flashy Hollywood holdings."

Some of China's influence has been very overt. Several years ago, a remake of the cult classic "Red Dawn" was originally scripted to portray China as the villain. Beijing cracked its financial whip, and another nation was substituted.

An NBC Today review notes that "If you got to a movie theater right now, there's a pretty good chance

that the film you see will have been partially financed in China." Correspondent Ronan Farrow outlined how that influences the scripts of the movies Americans watch.

To understand how China's investment provides influence for the Beijing government, it must be understood that Chinese companies are subservient to and work diligently for China's foreign policy. That, however, is only part of the story. The appetite for films in China's largest-in-the-world population is vast, and even those Hollywood studios not financially dependent on China have a significant financial interest in producing movies that appeal to their worldview, even if that is detrimental to American interests.

Politico provides another example of the interrelationship between Chinese companies buying major stakes in Hollywood and Beijing's political goals. Dalian Wanda is a Chinese firm that has intimate ties to the Chinese Communist Party, and it is intent on making major pur-

chases of Hollywood assets.

Politico asks "For American moviegoers, the peril lies in the unseen. Would a war movie called South China Sea ever play in one of Wanda's theaters? What about an action flick with a Chinese villain?...When you control the movie experience, you can subtly influence public opinion. And the Chinese government — Wanda's staunch supporter — has been transparent about that goal. The Communist Party has banned or currently bans thousands of books deemed controversial. It heavily censors the Internet, while Facebook and Twitter remain prohibited in China — one of the reasons Freedom House ranked it a more restrictive society than Iran and Saudi Arabia."

With all that money and influence in the minds of Hollywood's moguls, don't expect to hear many patriotic statements on those award shows anytime soon.

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## NFL LINEBACKER GETS FIT WITH MOTT HAVEN KIDS

The Bubble Foundation and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Victor Ochi celebrated family health and wellness at the New York Foundling's Mott Haven Academy Charter School on Wednesday, March 1. The commemorative event, in the schools where the Bubble Foundation piloted its Family Meal program, celebrated the importance of eating together as a family as students and their families enjoyed a healthy family-style meal. Ochi visited his home community to speak with students about how nutrition and wellness contributed to his success and led everyone in a family-friendly stretch.



New York Foundling's Mott Haven Academy fourth graders practiced knife skills with the Bubble Foundation.

Photo by Courtney Nucito, Bubble Foundation



A New York Foundling's Mott Haven Academy fourth grader wore a chef's hat while enjoying a Bubble Foundation Family Meal.

Photo by Courtney Nucito, Bubble Foundation



## NYC SPARX HOSTS TECH, ENGINEERING WORKSHOPS

Bronx girls explored their scientific side at the NYC SPARX STEM Workshops on Friday, February 24 at St. James Recreation Center. The day featured two hands-on workshops dedicated to technology and engineering.

Budding engineer Cindy Martinez tried her hand at completing the Straw Tower Challenge.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## OLA CELEBRATES 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

In honor of their 100th Day of School, Our Lady of the Assumption School's kindergartners dressed up as centenarians on Monday, February 13.



OLA's kindergartners celebrated their 100th Day of School in style.

Photo courtesy of OLA

## MONTE ROLLS OUT THE ROLLIN' COLON

Montefiore Medical Center's Moses Campus rolled out the Rollin Colon, a 20-foot-long pink inflatable colon, on Thursday, March 2 in honor of Colon Cancer Awareness Month. The interactive learning experience featured activities aimed at raising awareness of the third most diagnosed cancer and second leading cause of cancer in the nation.



Dr. Joann Kwah (l) MD, attending gastroenterologist, Chinyere Mba-Jonas (2nd from l), GL/Liver Disease administrator and the patient Navigator program team in front of the Rollin' Colon.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



## HYDE STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT DRUG ABUSE

Seventy-five Hyde Leadership Charter School seventh graders and their teachers learned about drug abuse and pharmacy careers from 15 Touro College of Pharmacy students on Thursday, March 2.

(back, l-r) Dr. Ryan Moore, Touro College of Pharmacy assistant dean of clinical affairs; Touro College pharmacy students Monique Scott and Lee Fairy Ban-David and Hyde students Brianna Torres, Michelle Amon, (front, l-r) Ryan Rodriguez, William B. and Nicholas Marshall.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## PROGRESSIVES, LIBERALS ON THE MOVE

Nine members of the Progressive and Liberals on the Move held an organizing and planning session at the Huntington Free Library on Friday, February 24. The group will host its next meeting at the library on Friday, March 31.



Sandi Lusk (3rd from l) and her fellow Progressives and Liberals on the Move members will meet again at the Huntington Free Library later this month.

Photo by Thomas X. Casey

## IC DISCUSSES RIKERS ISLAND, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Independent Commission on NYC Criminal Justice System and Incarceration Reform held a roundtable discussion on Wednesday, March 1 at the Andrew Freedman Home. The commission is studying Rikers Island and the overall criminal justice system in NYC to establish a new blueprint for an improved system.



Event moderator Stanley Richards (back, c) answered the public's questions and concerns regarding Rikers Island.

Photo courtesy of Global Strategy Group



## SANDY HOOK DOCTOR DISCUSSES 'STOP THE BLEED'

Dr. Lenworth Jacobs, Hartford Hospital director of trauma, addressed medical professionals at Jacobi Hospital on Tuesday, February 28 to discuss 'Stop the Bleed', an education and training program established to teach non-clinician community members life saving skills to reduce emergency blood loss following a shooting injury. The program was led by Dr. Jacobs who cared for victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

Dr. Lenworth Jacobs gave a life saving lecture at Jacobi Medical Center.

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# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOSTS 'BOYS NIGHT'

St. Francis Xavier School boys and their fathers celebrated the school's annual Boys Night on Friday, March 3 with many sports-based activities such as soccer and relay racing.



St. Francis Xavier School students and their fathers had a great time last Friday night.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## SERRANOS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Congressman Jose Serrano and Senator Jose Serrano hosted a Black History Month celebration honoring the presidency and legacy of former president Barack Obama on Monday, February 27 at Hostos Community College. This year's honorees were NYC Public Advocate Letitia James, district attorney Darcel Clark, Renaissance Youth Center CEO Bervin Harris and local activist Naimah Bilal.



Naimah Bilal (2nd from r) graciously accepted her awards from (l-r) Cynthia Cox, Congressman Serrano and Senator Serrano.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

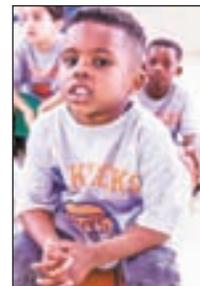


## CBALL, NY KNICKS HOLDS YOUTH CLINIC

Community Board Athletic Leadership League hosted a youth basketball clinic on Saturday, March 4 featuring former NY Knicks player Larry Johnson at the Throggs Neck Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club. The event featured also featured a live DJ, giveaways and a Bronx DA versus community celebrities basketball game.

(back, l-r) Police officer Bierd, Sinclair Hollingsworth and police officer Paulino with Throggs Neck Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club children.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Prince Ehikhanenor was ready for his first basketball clinic.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE DINNER

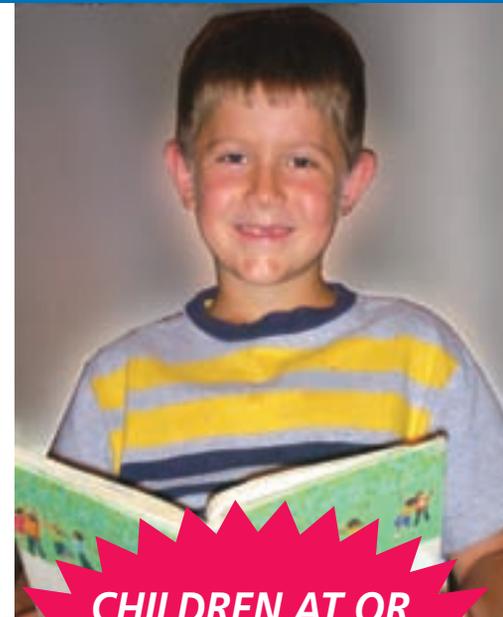
The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee sponsored its annual dinner on Sunday, February 26 at Antun's Restaurant in Queens. Grand marshal Michael Dowling, Northwell Health CEO and Dan Donovan, Ancient Order of Hibernians Bronx County aide, were honored before a crowd of over 300 celebrants.

(l-r) Bob Nolan, AOH Bronx County president; Thomas Gleason; Danielle and Dan Donovan; Michael Dowling; Donovan's daughter Laurie and her husband Anthony Giacobbe.

Photo by Nuala Purcell

# SOLVE YOUR CHILD'S READING PROBLEM

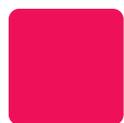
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# WARRIORS HOLD 65TH ANNUAL AWARDS GALA

The Warriors Football Club celebrated its 65th annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 23 at Scavello's on the Island. To commemorate the occasion, the club presented awards to its original sponsors McNulty Funeral Home, Giordano Funeral Home, O'Connor Carpets and Schuyler Hill Funeral Home.



(l-r) Honorees Brandi and Dan O'Connor from O'Connor Carpets, Pat and Mary Jane McNulty from McNulty Funeral Home; Jay Demers, Warriors Football Club founder; honoree James McQuade from Schuyler Hill Funeral Home and his wife Kathleen with Joe DeSimone, Warriors Football League president.

Photo by Laura Stone



Division champion Giants with (back, l-r) head coach Ralph Saldiveri, coaches John Lucas and George Lorino.

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Jay Demers (l) presented an award to special mention honorees Eliezer Rodriguez, Esq. and his wife, Fiordaliza.

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GreenFeen, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/13/14. Office location: BRONX County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC: PO Box 480 Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: "A green business promoting sustainability edu through Hip-Hop."

**LEGAL NOTICE**

J&J GRACE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 2/6/2017. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 4350 Furman Avenue, Ste. 4H, Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

New Beginning Entertainment Art. of org. files with NYSS on 1/18/17. Office located in Bronx Co. 2400 Hunter Ave Apt 2F, Bronx NY 10475. Purpose: LLC may engage in any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of A.S. Barber Shop LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on October 18, 2016. Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/P 3639 Bruckner Blvd. Store 4, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Bronx Barx LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/2016. Office location: BRONX County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 841 Manida Street, Bronx, NY 10474

The principal business address of the LLC is: 841 Manida Street, Bronx, NY 10474 Purpose: any lawful act or activity

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a license number, pending for beer liquor and wine has been applied for by the undersigned\* to sell beer liquor wine at a retail location in a café bar under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 2008 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx New York for on premises consumption.  
\*Nesti Ndoka, Portofino Cafe Corp.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of BRONXLOFT REAL ESTATE SERVICES LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/2016. Office location: BX County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: Zachary Gelber Law PLLC, 347 W 36th St., Ste. 805, NY, NY 10018. Principal business address: 1 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: any lawful act. 0000164793

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BXTERMINATOR LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/2016. Office location: BRONX County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is:

652 Southern Blvd Ste #1A Bronx, NY 10455

The principal business address of the LLC is: 652 Southern Blvd Ste #1A Bronx, NY 10455 Purpose: any lawful act or activity

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Convexity Solutions LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/2017. Office location BX County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 3640 Johnson Ave. Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: any lawful act.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of St. Vincent de Paul Apartments LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 2/10/17. 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. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT RELATING TO IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-5, Pltf. vs. EVELYN OKEKE, et al, Defts. Index #381472/2008. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated July 19, 2016, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 in the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Apr. 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 3801 Paulding Ave., Bronx, NY 10469 a/k/a Block 4690, Lot 1. Approx. amt. judgment is \$463,118.70 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HOWARD M. ADELSBERG, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 29051. #90858

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of Thrive CITS, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/24/17. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 836 North St., Bldg. 300, Ste. 3201, Tewksbury, MA 01876. LLC formed in DE on 11/21/16. 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: 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**

Notice is hereby given that a license, number pending for beer, liquor, wine and cider has been applied for by SPO Restaurant, LLC to sell beer, liquor, wine and cider at retail in a restaurant and lounge under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 558 Grand Concourse Bronx New York 10451 for on premises consumption at SPO Restaurant LLC dba Casa de Cuba

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. MIDFIRST BANK, Pltf. vs. ALLISON BRISTOL, et al, Defts. Index #380813/2011. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated April 12, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 916 East 224th Street, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4859, Lot 56. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$611,686.23 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. JEFFREY E. DINOWITZ, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. For Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 42246 - #90589

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Cecily Palmer a/k/a Cecily O. Palmer, Sentuel M. Jones, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11-10-2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 4-3-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 445 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3499, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$547,196.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35322/2013E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Larry A. Arias, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-049505-F02

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s)

vs. LUIS D MONEGRO; OLGA L. SANTANA; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 13, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On March 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 142 MERMAID LANE, BRONX, NY 10473

Block: 3432 Lot: 1552

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of real property, situate and being a part of a condominium in the Borough and County of Bronx, State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 284, together with an undivided 1.0870% interest in the common elements defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled "Harbour Pointe at Shorehaven Condominium II", establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the land and buildings thereon erected, made by Grantor pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York, dated 5/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 31st day of July, 2007 in CFRN # 2007000392546. Said Declaration being further amended by Correction Declaration dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 1st day of August in CFRN # 2007000396163. The Unit is also described and designated in Block 3432 Lot 1552 in the Tax Assessor's Office in the County of Bronx.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$371,112.60 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 35912/2015E

Mark F. Bernstein, Esq., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Pltf. vs. NATHANIEL FROST, et al, Defts. Index #35307/2013E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Mar. 9, 2016, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Mar. 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2062 Valentine Ave., Bronx, NY 10457 a/k/a Block 3142, Lot 25. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$253,086.31 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

SABRINA MORRISSEY, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 63508. #90954

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors, Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, MANA Series 2007-AF1; Plaintiff(s)

vs. THERESA A. CLARNER; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about June 1, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On March 20, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Premises known as 198 LONGSTREET AVENUE A/K/A 842 SHORE DRIVE, BRONX, NY 10465-4047

Block: 5519 Lot: 151

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.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$604,259.58 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 35290/2014E

Lawrence T. Schiro, Esq., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-BC3, Plaintiff

AGAINST

Udodi Duru; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY on April 3, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1863 Andrews Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, Borough & County of Bronx and State of NY, Block 2879 Lot 217. Approximate amount of judgment \$560,009.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380202/12.

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

Tara R. Goffney, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

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The Preview Party presents enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to examine the plants, to peruse thousands of garden antiques from leading exhibitors from across the United States offering their finest pieces for sale, and to make early purchases, while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, in advance of the fair's opening to the general public. For Preview Party tickets and information, please call (718) 817-8773 or e-mail [cbalkonis@nybg.org](mailto:cbalkonis@nybg.org).

The Antique Garden Furniture Fair continues at NYBG from Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Included are outdoor sculpture, fountains, sundials, bird baths, gates, garden benches, antique wicker, urns and planters, botanical prints, and architectural ornament, displaying centuries of classic design inspira-

tion gathered from America, Europe, and Asia.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY PMT NPL FINANCING 2014-1; Plaintiff(s) vs. RUBAPNEZ PENA; MILADYS PENA; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 12, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse.

On April 10, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1893 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 Block: 03526 Lot: 0002

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.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$458,227.79 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 17680/07 Jeanette Westphal, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, A g a i n s t

Index No.: 16375/07 ALFONSO DIAZ, ETAL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order Consolidating Actions, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 3/12/2013, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 3/27/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 905 East 214th Street, Bronx, NY 10469, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4685 and Lot 31 f/k/a PO 30.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$481,794.63 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 16375/07.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

GERALD STUART LEONESCU, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. WINSTON ISAAC; et al; Defendant(s)

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

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 25, 2010, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On April 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1519 Commonwealth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460

Block: 3917 Lot: 42

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected situated, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as part of Lot No. 110 in Block "C" on a certain map entitled, "Map of Property belonging to Hudson P. Rose, known as the Mages Estate, West Farms, New York City" filed in the Register's Office of the City and County of New York on February 16, 1896 under Map No. 430.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$227,151.41 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381130/08 Francis J. Apicella, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST

Chaim Stauber a/k/a Chaim J. Stauber; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 21, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room B-129, (Ground Floor), Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on April 3, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1519 Metropolitan Avenue Apt 1d, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block: 3944 Lot: 4390. Approximate amount of judgment \$67,189.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380146/13.

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

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 30, 2017- #90720

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ZELENNY JAVIER ,et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane LLP, 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered NOVEMBER 28, 2016

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, AT 2 P.M. AT 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK ON ANY MONDAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS on APRIL 10, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 1132 WHEELER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472. Block 3739 Lot 18. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$511,167.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 381074/13.

JEFFREY DINOWITZ, ESQ. , Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W1, Plaintiff, Against ..Index No.: 2008-381062

OFORI ADU; ESTHER ADU, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 01/05/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/3/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 3755 Willett Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4650 and Lot 57.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$728,785.52 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 2008-381062.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 2/21/2017 SLG

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 in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 1/22/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 03/20/2017 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 their 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: 01/20/2017 File Number: 20580 SLG

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-H1, Plaintiff AGAINST

Daisy Lawrence; Lionel Lawrence; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY on March 20, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3219 Seymour Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4740 Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$676,591.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35837/2014E.

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

Sanford B. Glatzer, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 3, 2017- #90761

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST

Wenzie Beckford; Joan Beckford a/k/a Joan Moses a/k/a Joan Beckford-Moses; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 17, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 at 2:00 pm On any Monday, Bronx, New York on March 27, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1346 Metcalf Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 3870 Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment \$216,396.11 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 32275/2016E.

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

Hyong Hong, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 27, 2017 #90708

LEGAL NOTICE

REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff - against - IKPONMWOSA IROWA, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 10, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York on the 3rd Day of April, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Premises known as 2478 Elm Place, Bronx, (City of New York) New York 10458.

(Block: 3023, Lot: 70) Approximate amount of lien \$659,065.66 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381344/09. Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: February 1, 2017

# Keck War Mem'l on E. 138th

Last week I wrote about the war memorial, sculpted by the Menconi brothers, at 139th Street and Third Avenue. Lest some readers get confused, I should remind you that it has nothing to do with a similar monument just south of it at 137th Street and Third Avenue. That memorial, designed by architect Albert E. Davis, was created from Deer Isle granite by sculptor Charles Keck (1875-1951) and features a globe atop a polished granite column that rises from a rectangular base. It was installed in 1919, and the overall height is 31'. Davis, by the way, was vice president of the North Side Board of Trade and passed away in 1929 from a stroke.

The monument long held an important piece of Americana. The battleship USS Maine was sunk in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898 and Spain was blamed for the sinking although it was never proven. Charles Keck salvaged the bronze from The Maine and used it to create a thousand plaques which were sold throughout the country. One was attached to the base of 137th Street memorial where it

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

remained for many years.

The plaque features Columbia carrying a shield bearing the word "Patriotism" at the top and "Devotion" on the bottom. It has the words "This tablet is cast from metal recovered from the U.S.S. Maine."

I mentioned that one thousand plaques were created and this one has #613 stamped on the edge. It measured 13" by 17 1/2". A smaller bronze plaque mounted on a wooden backing was attached to the rear of the memorial indicating the sculptor's name and 1913, the year it was cast, along with the foundry's name, John Williams Inc., NY.

The foundry was located on West 26th Street in New York City and was in business from 1875 to 1956 and John Williams learned the trade from his former employer, Tiffany and Company. Williams' Foundry was used by all the leading sculptors of the day including Anna Hyatt Huntington,

Karl Bitter, and Daniel Chester French. The plaques, by the way, can still be found on the secondary market for about a thousand dollars.

Among his other well-known works is his bronze statue of Father Francis Patrick Duffy (1871-1932) standing in front of a 17' green granite cross at Times Square. The Canadian-born priest who is best known as the chaplain of "The Fighting Sixty Ninth" in World War One, founded Our Saviour Parish here in the Bronx in 1913, and later served at Holy Cross Church near Times Square. When Father Duffy passed away, he was interred at St. Raymond Cemetery near the Whittemore Avenue entrance and his grave site is marked by a large granite cross. Such was his popularity that there were reported to be 5000 at his burial. The Keck monument of Duffy at Times Square was dedicated on May 2, 1937.



The 1919 Spanish-American War Memorial still graces the intersection of 137th Street and Third Avenue but the bronze plaque has been removed.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, HOME BANK, Plaintiff, vs. ALEXANDRA CONTRERA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 07, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2263 Creston Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3171 and Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment is \$601,091.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35171/13.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against- PAUL MALDONADO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 4, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Patterson Avenue, distant 75 feet Easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Patterson Avenue with the Easterly side of Beech Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet.

Said premises known as 1806 PATTERSON AVENUE, BRONX, NY  
Approximate amount of lien \$360,744.06 plus interest & costs.

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

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 380659/2012.  
HEDDYEH P. BROUMAND, ESQ., Referee

David A. Gallo & Associates LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor, Rego Park, NY 11374  
File# 4722.1844

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

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
Edmund Stewart; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 12, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on April 3, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 4414 Bruner Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 5091 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$455,998.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380093/10. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.

Steven J. Baker, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: February 7, 2017  
#90826

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR U.S. RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITY FUND TRUST 2014-1, Plaintiff

AGAINST  
ANTHONY BRYAN, LYZZETTE MULLINGS-MCFARLANE, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 22, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, on April 03, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 857 EAST 242ND STREET, BRONX, NY 10470. 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 5119, LOT 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$551,464.10 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 380105-14.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX**  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff  
AGAINST Miguelina C. Vasquez a/k/a Miguelina Vasquez, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12-29-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 3-20-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1690 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit MA, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3943, LOT: 4310. Approximate amount of judgment

\$125,427.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35068/2013E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Manuel A. Sanchez, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-056767-F00

**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 3-20-2017 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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff

AGAINST  
Antonio Hernandez a/k/a Anothony A. Hernandez; Sonia Hernandez; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Bronx NY on March 20, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 644 East 183rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 3086 Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$393,544.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35035/2015E.

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

Brian Nelson, Esq, Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: January 25, 2017- #90674

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. KERVIN ANSELM, GLENDA ANSELM, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 256 Robinson Avenue, 1st Floor, 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 5599 and Lot 26. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380514/08.

Ezra B. Glaser, Esq., Referee  
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
FRANCESKA FRIAS SANCHEZ, JOSE A. SANCHEZ, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 03, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, on March 27, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 437 154TH STREET EAST, BRONX, NY 10455. 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 2376, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$790,446.73 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 380110/10.

Youngik Yoon, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

LNV CORPORATION, Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
SOOKLAL R. JADOO and RALPH RAMJATTAN, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 31, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), Bronx, on March 27, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1185 EAST 223RD STREET, BRONX, NY 10466. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City and State of New York, County of Bronx, BLOCK 4902, LOT 3. Approximate amount of judgment

\$810,633.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 381017/2011.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

EMC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
ARMINDO ROSARIO, JUDITH ROSARIO, MIGUEL ROSARIO, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 23, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY, on March 27, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1004 Huntington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. 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, Section 18, Block 5536, Lot 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$317,928.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #13980/07.

Pierre M. Janvier, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff against

IMRAN MOHAMMED A/K/A IMRAM MOHAMMED; SHARON MOHAMMED; RAY MOHAMMED, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 7, 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 27th day of March, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Said premises known as 2580 Flint Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10475.

Tax account number: BL #: 5653 - 100.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 555,121.83 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No.: 381231-2012. Lorna McGregor, Esq., Referee.

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

# St. Helena's Parish flea market; Wave Hill highlights; Bronx Arts Ensemble concert; Performance at Hostos

The next **St. Helena's Parish** flea market will take place on Sunday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym at St. Helena's, 1315 Olmstead Avenue. All items are \$3 or less. For more information call (718) 892-3232.

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**Lehman Center for the Performing Arts** will present for the first time together in New York City, two living Salsa legends, the multifaceted vocalists Andy Montañez and Charlie Aponte who are recognized worldwide as two of the best and most influential singers in the history of Salsa on Saturday, March 25, at 8 p.m. Produced by Lehman Center and Leo Tizol.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets are \$100\*VIP, \$65, \$55, and \$50 and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at (718) 960-8833 or through online access at [www.LehmanCenter.org](http://www.LehmanCenter.org).

\*New This Season: Havana Café and Lehman Center special VIP pre-concert wine & hors d'oeuvres reception starting at 6:30 p.m. VIP tickets include the reception and the best seats in the house. At the reception meet other patrons and the staff of Lehman Center. Sponsored by Havana Café Restaurant and Havana Club Puerto Rican Rum.

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Upcoming **Wave Hill** highlights include:

Thursday, March 16: Winter Workshop: Idioms On Rice Paper: Work with Winter Workspace artist Elisabeth Condon to immerse yourself in the art of brushwork and experience the magic of practicing idioms in ink on rice paper.

Saturday, March 18: Birding Bootcamp: Can you tell a catbird from a cowbird? New and experienced birders are invited to join expert birder, naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow to discover the many groups of birds that call NYC their home. Through images and a short lecture, Gabriel shares proven techniques to simplify bird identification using visual and auditory clues.

Saturday, March 18; Sunday, March 19: Family Art Project: Give A Winter Bird A Home Or A Feeder: Returning migrators and winter birds could use a little help with nests and food right now. Use the boxy shape of an ordinary milk carton to your advantage, camouflaging it with natural materials like pine boughs and leaves, and add an inviting stick perch. Add seeds and welcome home our feathery friends.

Saturday, March 18: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: An hour-long tour of garden highlights.

Saturday, March 18: Behind-The-Scenes Greenhouse Tour: Venture through closed doors for a behind-the-

scenes garden tour of Wave Hill. Peek inside the Potting Shed, preview the South African bulbs getting ready for their dazzling Palm House debut and be among the first visitors to view the newly-renovated Alpine House, with Wave Hill Gardener Susannah Strazera.

Sunday, March 19: Pre-Concert Tea: Enjoy Afternoon Tea in the Mark Twain Room prior to today's concert in Armor Hall. The Café at Wave Hill pairs a classic menu with an assortment of green, black and herbal teas. This traditional tea service includes the four classic elements of savory, scones, sweets and tea. The menu, presented by Great Performances, includes an array of tea sandwiches, scones and bite-sized desserts. Afternoon Tea also includes a glass of sparkling wine. Afternoon Tea Service is \$36. Wave Hill Members receive a 10% discount. Advanced registration is required, online at [wavehill.org](http://wavehill.org).

Sunday, March 19: 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 today are Michael Kelly Williams, Leenda Bonilla and Alison Owen. Stop by Glyndor Gallery to speak to the artists and get a closer look at the creative process.

Sunday, March 19: Concert: Sirius Quartet: Acclaimed for "savoring the life of each richly inflected note" (Los Angeles Times), Sirius Quartet combines exhilarating repertoire with unequalled improvisational fire. These conservatory-trained performer-composers shine with precision, soul and a raw energy that audiences adore. The ensemble champions a forward-thinking, genre-defying approach and has appeared at venues that include Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, the Stuttgart Jazz Fest and the Beijing Music Festival. Its members are: Fung Chern Hwei and Gregor Huebner, violins; Ron Lawrence, viola; and Jeremy Harman, cello. At Wave Hill, the ensemble offers works inspired by Argentinian tango, Afro-Cuban rhythms and a one-of-a-kind take on the Beatles' "Eleanor Rigby." Performances begin at 2PM and last approximately one hour with no intermission. Ticket prices: Adults \$28/\$22 Wave Hill Member, Children (ages 8-18) \$15/\$12. Order tickets online or onsite at the Perkins Visitors Center.

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Internationally acclaimed conductor, pianist and specialist in Spanish and Latin American music, Pablo Zinger will lead musicians of the **Bronx Arts Ensemble** of his original arrangements of tango – old and new, on Saturday, March 25 at 8 p.m. at Pregones Theater, 571-575 Walton Avenue. The program will focus on instrumental

music, featuring BAE flutist Theresa Norris, violinist Jorge Ávila and cellist Eliana Mendoza, plus songs performed by vocalists Leonardo Granados, Diana López and 2016 Winner of BAE's Young Bronx Artist Contest Linda Collazo with ensemble accompaniment.

On the concert will be tangos popular in the 1920s and 30s: La cumparsita, Taquito militar, A media luz and Por una cabeza; tangos by Piazzolla which combine jazz, classical, Klezmer and other styles: Las cuatro estaciones, Milonga del ángel, Libertango and his song Balada para un loco. Listeners can hear Pablo Zinger's novel approach to the Habanera from Bizet's Carmen incorporating tango and joropo styles. The concert will also feature a suite from Piazzolla's Tango Apasionado, the 1987 show which Zinger recorded with the composer in New York. The program marks the return to the BAE of Zinger, who was active as pianist, conductor and arranger with the Ensemble beginning in 1989.

Tickets are \$15-30 and \$50 at the door. Advance tickets may be ordered at [bronxartsensemble.org/tickets](http://bronxartsensemble.org/tickets).

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Immediately following the February celebrations of the Dominican Republic's strides for freedom and liberty,

**Repertorio Español** introduces its new production *En el Nombre de Salomé* (In the name of Salomé) to the Bronx, after a successful debut in Manhattan. Based on a novel by Julia Alvarez, written by Marco Antonio Rodríguez and directed by José Zayas this new play tells the story of Dominican poet and political advocate Salomé Ureña. The performance will be on Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the Repertory Theater of Hostos Community College, located at 450 Grand Concourse. Reserved seating is \$15 and \$5 for students and ages 18 and under. Tickets can be purchased at (718) 518-4455 or [www.hostoscenter.org](http://www.hostoscenter.org).

Through the use of Salomé's poetry, the audience will not only experience that patriotic national figure she has been established as but also the woman and mother she was and is also apparent through her poetry. The story of Salome Ureña is also the story of her daughter, Camila, who under her mother's iconic shadow must find her own voice and forge her own path.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2014-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- RODOLFO CAMILO A/K/A RÖDLFO CAMILO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on February 3, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises

situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2864 and Lot 69 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 1333 INWOOD AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$7,376.43 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 260170/2015. JEFFREY E. DINOWITZ, ESQ., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- 1930 ADEE AVENUE CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on December 16, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4797 and Lot 69 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 1930 ADEE AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 289,500.78 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 260418/2014. REGINA DARBY, ESQ., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL BROWNFIELD LLC AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- LB NORTH EAST DEVELOPERS LTD., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on January 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand

Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 3513 and Lot 1 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

\*All deposits should be in the form of certified funds only. No cash will be accepted\*.

Said premises known as 410 ZEREGA AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$4,825,700.22 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 300863/2014. CIRINO M. BRUNO, ESQ., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

Probate Citation File No. 2016-2379

Surrogate's Court - Bronx County CITATION

TTHE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: LOUIS VASSALLO, MICHAEL VASSALLO, AND JOHN VASSALLO whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if they be dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of LOUIS A. VASSALLO, deceased if they be living and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Frank N. Peluso, who is domiciled at 34 Hill Road, Greenwich Connecticut 06830.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County at 851 Grand Concourse Room 406, Bronx, New York on April 11, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of LOUIS A. VASSALLO lately domiciled at 1072 Grand Concourse, Bronx NY admitting to probate a Will dated November 5, 2014, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Louis A. Vassallo deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Frank N. Peluso.

Dated, Attested and Sealed March 3, 2017

HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez Surrogate

Michael P. Hausler Chief Clerk

Frank N. Peloso, Esq., Address of Attorney; 915 Wynnewood Road, Apt. 3, Pelham, NY 10803. Tel. No.: 203-348-2000.

(NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.)

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action

Supreme Court Of The State Of New York

County Of Bronx

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Wells Fargo Bank, NAA ction to Foreclose a Mortgage Plaintiff

vs Candy V. Medina, People Of The State Of New York, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS,

John Doe (being fictitious, the names unknown to Plaintiff intended to be tenants, occupants, persons or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors.)

Defendant(s)Index #: 32681/2016E Mortgaged Premises:

2956 Gunther Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469

BL #: 4789 - 53

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To the Above named Defendant:

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

Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie.

Trial to be held in the County of Bronx.

The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises.

TO Candy V. Medina Defendant In this Action.

The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Lucindo Suarez of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Thirtieth day of January, 2017 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, in the City of Bronx.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Candy V. Medina dated the November 28, 2012, to secure the sum of \$431,048.00 and recorded at Instrument No. CRFN 2012000475113 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Bronx County on the December 4, 2012; The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 4, 2016 and recorded on May 9, 2016, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Bronx County at CRFN 2016000159162

Said mortgage is to be assigned by an Assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Bronx County Clerk.

The property in question is described as follows:

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DATED: February 3, 2017 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

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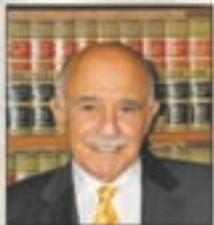
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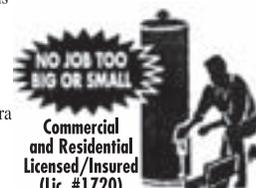
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	Studio	\$734	1	→	1 person	\$26,503 - \$31,750
1 bedroom	\$786	2	→	1 person	\$28,320 - \$31,750	
				2 people	\$28,320 - \$36,250	
2 bedroom	\$943	4	→	2 people	\$33,737 - \$36,250	
				3 people	\$33,737 - \$40,800	
				4 people	\$33,737 - \$45,300	
3 bedroom	\$1,090	2	→	3 people	\$39,223 - \$40,800	
				4 people	\$39,223 - \$45,300	
				5 people	\$39,223 - \$48,950	
				6 people	\$39,223 - \$52,550	
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1 bedroom	\$943	10	→	1 person	\$33,703 - \$38,100	
				2 people	\$33,703 - \$43,500	
2 bedroom	\$1,132	12	→	2 people	\$40,217 - \$43,500	
				3 people	\$40,217 - \$48,960	
				4 people	\$40,217 - \$54,360	
3 bedroom	\$1,308	2	→	3 people	\$46,697 - \$48,960	
				4 people	\$46,697 - \$54,360	
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	Studio	\$1,174	2	→	1 person	\$41,589 - \$50,800
1 bedroom	\$1,258	4	→	1 person	\$44,503 - \$50,800	
				2 people	\$44,503 - \$58,000	
2 bedroom	\$1,510	4	→	2 people	\$53,177 - \$58,000	
				3 people	\$53,177 - \$65,280	
				4 people	\$53,177 - \$72,480	
3 bedroom	\$1,745	2	→	3 people	\$61,680 - \$65,280	
				4 people	\$61,680 - \$72,480	
				5 people	\$61,680 - \$78,320	
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## TWICE AS NICE: SCANLAN REPEATS AS ARCHDIOCESAN CHAMPS



The Scanlan girls basketball team celebrates its second-straight Archdiocesan 'AA' championship, defeating St. Joseph by the Sea on March 4.

Photo by Hans Themistode

### BY HANS THEMISTODE

The Scanlan girls basketball team rolled to another title on March 4, cruising to a 66-31 victory over St. Joseph by the Sea in the Archdiocesan championship game.

It was the second-straight title for the squad who have battled injuries all season to find their playoff footing and the Crusaders couldn't quite wipe the smiles off their collective face as they hoisted that championship trophy once again.

"This win is extremely satisfying because I was

hired five years ago not only as coach but as Athletic Director to get the sports program at Scanlan back to elite status," said coach Tom Catalanotto. "I'm just a small part of it."

Scanlan took control from the opening tip, jumping out to a 12-point lead just minutes into the game and forcing an early St. Joseph timeout.

The Crusaders never missed a beat, however, seizing an 18-9 lead at the end of the first quarter and padding that cushion throughout the second. Scanlan racked up 22

points in the period and held St. Joseph to just ten over the eight-minute stretch, seizing a 21-point lead heading into halftime.

St. Joseph did its best to limit Scanlan out of the break and the Crusaders struggled a bit in transition, unable to get second-chances off the glass. Despite the defensive improvement, St. Joseph's shots simply refused to fall and the squad wasn't able to chip away at Scanlan's lead.

Scanlan pushed the lead to 25 points heading into the fourth quarter and refused

to take its foot off the break down the stretch. The Crusaders settled into a shut-down defense in the final eight minutes of play, giving up just four points in the fourth quarter.

The squad, as it has all season, got contributions from the entire roster, with each player stepping up to the metaphorical plate whenever necessary. Chanell Williams led the charge, despite some early-game foul trouble, racking up 15 points, five rebounds, five assists and five steals. Kateri Poole wasn't far

behind, chipping in 14 points of her own and hauling in eight rebounds as well.

It's another dominant showing for Scanlan, but the Crusaders aren't quite done yet. The squad came up short of its state title aspirations last season and this year's squad has its sights set on a run at the Federation Tournament later this month. That journey gets underway on Friday night as Scanlan returns to the court on March 10 in the NYS semifinals. Tipoff for the game is slated 7 p.m. at St. John's Prep in Queens.

# Going the distance: Hot-shooting Hayes takes down Mount in CHSAA quarters

BY LAURA AMATO

There would be no second-half slump this time.

The Cardinal Hayes boys basketball team got out to an early lead and rode a wave of hot-shooting from distance en route to a 66-54 victory over borough rival Mount St. Michael in the CHSAA 'AA' quarterfinals on March 4. The Cardinals connected on a whopping eight three-pointers in the post-season tilt and after back-to-back late-game letdowns in their last two games, the squad relished the opportunity to breathe just a bit easier on the court.

"I just saw shots falling and when shots are falling, everyone thinks you're a good coach," said Cardinals coach Joe Lods. "When we're shooting the ball well, we start playing with a lot of confidence. We start believing and we grab the lead."

The Cardinals came out firing on all cylinders from the opening tip, jumping out to a 25-12 lead as the Hayes backcourt settled into a rhythm from behind the arc. The squad shot a blistering 66.7 percent in the opening eight minutes of play and drained five of its seven three-point attempts.

It was more than enough to set an early-game tone and, most importantly, keep the Mountaineers from getting into their own offensive game plan.

"I told our guys that we needed to keep them off the glass, because they rebound the ball," Lods said. "They rebound the ball well, so I told our guys if we limit that, we're in business. They only had four offensive rebounds all night."

The key for the Cardinals was ball movement. Hayes whipped the ball through the Mountaineers' zone defense, finding the open spots on the floor and connecting on jumper after

jumper. Hayes racked up 22 points in the paint by the final whistle and most of those shots came from Mounts' defensive breakdowns.

"Watching their film, knowing what they're going to drop into when we get rolling," said junior guard Tyrese Williams, who finished with 12 points. "And in practice we've gone over that stuff, we know what to do at the right time and the right place."

It wasn't always perfect – Hayes struggled with foul trouble throughout the game and the Cardinals weren't quite as dominant on offense in the third quarter. Mount St. Michael made it an eight-point game just a few seconds into the fourth as senior standout Elijah Buchanan drained a jumper in the lane.

The Mountaineers weren't able to build on that, however, when Buchanan picked up his fifth foul just over seven minutes to play. It was enough to set Mount St. Michael back on its toes and the Cardinals responded, wrapping up the game with confidence.

"I'm at the point where I tell the guys, just play," Lods said. "If it's our night, it's our night. Shoot it with confidence."

Sophomore point guard Joe Touissant fouled out of the game with 4:09 left, but the Cardinals hardly missed a beat down the stretch and, by the final whistle, Hayes put six players in the box score.

It was a well-rounded victory for the Cardinals, who never felt particularly threatened, determined to get a win over their arch rival, particularly in the postseason.

"As a whole, our school, we just hate the Mount and we want to beat them," said Williams. "So we just come more fired up and more intense just to beat them."



St. Raymond's guard Isaiah Washington hit the 1,000-point scoring mark before wrapping up his high school career on March 1 as the Ravens fell to Christ the King in the CHSAA tournament.

Photo by Robert Cole

## Washington can't will Ravens as St. Ray's comes up short

BY LAURA AMATO

Isaiah Washington's storied career at St. Raymond's came to an earlier-than-expected end on March 1 as the Ravens fell 73-63 to Christ the King in the second round of the CHSAA inter-sectional tournament.

It was a disappointing end for the Minnesota-bound standout, but despite coming up short of a championship, Washington still managed to pick up one final record along the way. The senior star became the Ravens' all-time leading scorer in the matchup, wrapping up his career with 1,410 points.

"I had a pretty good year at St. Ray's," said Washington, who racked up 24 points in the postseason tilt. "To be the top scorer in St. Ray's history is a good accomplishment, but I really wanted to get us to a championship."

Both teams struggled from the get-go – combining for just 16 points in the first quarter – but Washington did his best to keep St. Ray's in the game. He gave the Ravens a one-point lead with 2:56 left in the second, draining a step-back three that had the crowd on its feet.

St. Raymond's went into the break down four, but the squad felt confident heading into halftime, certain an offensive spark was just around the corner.

That, however, changed in the opening minutes of the third.

Christ the King opened the half on a 12-2 run, jumping out to a 41-27 lead with just over five minutes left in the period. It was more than enough to set the Ravens back on their collective toes.

"I think that's what pretty much did us in," said St. Ray's coach Jorge Lopez. "From there we struggled to get back in and we were just disappointed that we didn't finish out the game as strong as we would have liked."

Washington did his best to will his team to a victory in the fourth quarter – scoring 15 points in the final eight minutes of play – but it wasn't quite enough and the Ravens could never quite get over that late-game hump.

The squad especially struggled in the lane, unable to find an answer for Christ the King sophomore Kofi Cockburn. The Royals' big man did a bit of everything on both sides of the ball and his physical presence in the post was simply too much for the Ravens.

"We got outrebounded today and we really didn't have an answer for Kofi," Washington said. "He played a really good game and he had a double-double today. If we had kept them off the boards, I think we could have won that game."

It's a difficult end to an otherwise dominant career for Washington and a frustrating season for a Ravens team that struggled with injuries and inconsistency throughout the year. Still, as far as Washington is concerned he wouldn't change his time at St. Ray's for anything.

His three years with the team defined him as a player and, with his sights set on Minnesota, the guard is more than ready for whatever's next.

"It's a blessing," Washington said. "The coaching staff they did a real good job with me on and off the court. The work ethic I got and them pushing me, we were just great together."



Tyrese Williams goes up for a layup as Cardinal Hayes rolled to a 66-54 victory over Mount St. Michael in the CHSAA 'AA' quarterfinals at Fordham on March 5.

Photo by Robert Cole

# Fordham Prep falters in city final

BY LAURA AMATO

It started out well. It just didn't that way.

The Fordham Prep basketball team couldn't hold onto an early-game lead on March 3, falling 60-46 to Monsignor Farrell in the CHSAA 'A' city final.

The Rams watched a double-digit lead slowly diminish throughout the matchup, struggling to find an answer to Farrell's tough 2-3 zone as the shots simply refused to fall down the stretch.

"We got out to a quick start and that was when we got up and down," said Fordham Prep coach Brian Downey. "Going to a zone was smart because we're bigger than them and getting the ball inside was one of our plans of attack.

It slowed us down, we couldn't get up and down, and then when our threes weren't going, now you just start forcing things," he added. "We were chasing."

Fordham Prep jumped out to a 14-3 lead with 41.2 seconds left in the first quarter, but the Lions switched up their defense to start the second, falling into that game-changing zone. The Rams weren't able to get the ball into the post, opting instead to swing the ball around the arc and settle for less-than-certain shots from distance.

The squad held a two-point cushion heading into the break, but Fordham connected on just two jumpshots in the second quarter.

"They made it tough, they sagged off, kind of daring us to shoot the three," said senior Jordan Gaitley, who finished with a team-high 21 points. "And the people we don't want shooting the three ended up doing it. That was a good game plan by them."

The Rams did their best to make adjustments at half-

time, but it was difficult for Fordham Prep to find a rhythm. Farrell opened up the third on 9-2 run and Rams senior Patrick Mahoney was whistled for his fourth foul with just over five minutes left in the quarter.

Mahoney's absence on the court left the Rams without size in the post and made it even harder for Fordham Prep to try and penetrate Farrell's zone.

"With Pat picking up his third and his fourth, it was just really hard. I was subbing offense and defense," Downey said. "I did see the air coming out of the sails a little bit. It's just hard. You play in these games and you forget that they're 17 and 18 years old. You try to keep them together and keep them focused."

Farrell took a six-point lead into the fourth quarter and the Rams were never quite able to get back, hampered by foul trouble and struggles on both sides of the ball. Gaitley and Mahoney did their best to will the Rams back into the game – combining to score 15 of the team's 16 fourth-quarter points – but it wasn't quite enough.

Fordham Prep couldn't get over that final hump and the Lions held a double-digit lead throughout the final minutes of play.

It's a disappointing loss for Fordham Prep and a senior class that had its sights set solely on a championship this season. This wasn't the ending the team had planned and, walking off the court, it was difficult to believe it really was over.

"We didn't really think this was going to happen," Gaitley said. "We had in our mind that we were going to be the city champs and were just confident. They were the deserving team though."



Fordham Prep's Patrick Mahoney (41) did his best to jumpstart the team down the stretch, but battled foul trouble all night as the Rams fell to Monsignor Farrell in the CHSAA 'A' title game. Photo by Robert Cole



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# 45th Precinct brass gone; DI Raia, Dent out; Capt. Ghonz in

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sistant treasurer, as well as precinct council secretary, said Raia was the only 45th Precinct commanding officer who successfully addressed parking placard misuse on Co-op City's streets.

"She got that under control and was doing spot checks," said Feliciano of the placard issue, "When we asked her to come to community events, she was there." Raia was truly "a commander for the people," she said.

A 45th Precinct 'community partner,' John Marano, said that Raia was very attentive to community concerns, and was involved in a graffiti cleanup program that he and others founded.

Annie Boller, another council member, said that whenever she presented an issue to the inspector she

was "right on it," and that issues she relayed to Raia from community members were also addressed.

"I thought it was totally up 'to par,'" said Boller of Raia's work.

According to a police spokesperson, prior to his most recent assignment, Ghonz was a police officer in the 23rd and 30th precincts, a sergeant in the 46th Precinct and a lieutenant in the 52nd Precinct.

He was appointed to the NYPD in January 2005.

(Right) The 46th Pct. released photos of a party they threw for Captain Carlos Ghonz after he was notified he would be taking command of the 45th Precinct. Ghonz joined the force in 2005.

Photo courtesy of the 46th Precinct / NYPD



Deputy Inspector Danielle Raia is the outgoing commanding officer of the 45th Precinct. She left the command on Friday, March 3.

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## More homeless shelters planned for central Bronx

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Ritchie Torres district, which includes Belmont, Tremont and West Farms, and has the highest number of cluster sites in the Bronx.

The councilman said in a release he understands the legitimate need for more shelters, but was concerned that the Bronx might continue to be tar-

geted for additional facilities.

"My concern is that the boroughs that shoulder the greatest burden will continue to do so," Torres stated. "While shelters are likely preferable to cluster sites, the only real solution is permanent affordable housing."

Community Board 6 district manager Michael Sanchez said while a

new LGBT shelter championed by Torres had been welcomed, plans to build more shelters in the area would likely meet resistance from residents and community leaders.

"Some communities are going to be fiercely opposed to it and be successful, and others won't be as powerful politically and may get the shelters in their area despite what people want," Sanchez said.

CB 6 already has 17 shelters, the second most of any community in the entire city, according to Sanchez.

CB 6 has 34 cluster sites - 55 percent of the citywide total.

That number includes the new LGBT shelter, which moved into an existing drug rehab center that had been run by Phoenix House.

That shelter also provides employment training, Sanchez said.

"We supported that one because it was an existing shelter site, it just changed its population," he said.

Sanchez was notified Tuesday, March 8, that an 18th shelter was headed to the board area.

The new site at 2351 Prospect Avenue will have 33 units for shelter clients and eight units of affordable housing.

"The overall sentiment is that you want there to be a fair process in which if there are going to be more shelters, every community board should have shelters, not just concentrate them in two or three community boards in the Bronx"

While the city provides notice before opening a shelter, emergency shelters of safe haven sites can be opened with little or no warning under an emergency



The central Bronx already houses a large number of homeless shelters and will likely get more under the mayor's new plan, according to Community Board 6 district manager Michael Sanchez.

Arthur Cusano

order.

While 30 days isn't a lot of time, Sanchez said residents in Masbeth, Queens, were able to get plans for a shelter thrown out by actively protesting the proposal.

"They scared off the private developer to the point that he didn't want to build the shelter anymore," Sanchez said. "They were picketing outside his house. It was pretty extreme."

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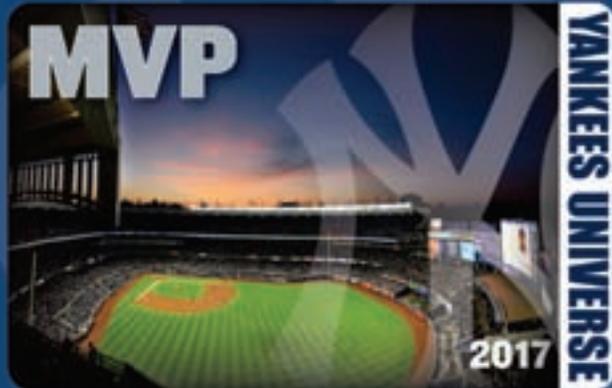


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