

## NOTE CAUSES HS LOCKDOWN

### Threatening letter puts Columbus on alert

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The Columbus High School Campus was put on alert last week when a threatening letter was found in one of the campus high schools.

The letter was found by a janitor cleaning desks at around 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 9.

The Hallmark greeting card on a student's desk stated "ima shoot up the school," according to the NYPD.

The staff member who reported the letter was unable to identify which student, if any, wrote it.

The NYPD immediately responded and conducted a thorough search and cleared the building, according to a NYC Department of Education spokesperson.

The school, located on Astor Avenue, was put on lock-

down while police swept the building for threats.

However, a search of the building and lockers yielded nothing.

"Students and staff are safe, and an evacuation was not necessary," the spokesperson said.

The Columbus High School Campus consists of six separate schools: Astor Collegiate Academy, High School for Language and Innovation, Global Enterprise Academy, Collegiate Institute for Math and Science, Bronxdale High School and Pelham Parkway Academy.

Inquiries as to which of the schools the incident took place in were not returned by the DOE.

President of 49th Precinct Community Council Joe Thompson said he had

not been made aware of the incident, or any other recent public safety incidents at the school.

Since the early 2000s, the school has seen a large influx of Albanian students into the mostly black and Hispanic school, he said.

Racial tensions in the school have calmed down considerably over the past few years, Thompson said.

"It's actually been a lot better in recent years," he said.

Columbus High School itself closed in 2014 after 75 years due to academic troubles, including plummeting graduation rates.

That school has boasted several famous alumni, including actress Anne Bancroft, former Giants and Mets catcher Johnny Monell, state

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## Good News Bears

Bear Givers, Inc. donated 200 Teddy bears to patients of the NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx Pediatric Emergency Department on Tuesday, March 7. Anyla (l) and her new Teddy bear shared cuddles with Daran Kaufman, MD, NCB Pediatric ER director and Medical Staff president.

*Photo courtesy of NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx*

## Montefiore Medical eyes former Mande site

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One of the borough's major hospitals is about to expand its services in the east Bronx.

Montefiore Medical Center is currently in the process of inking a lease for 3860 E. Tremont Avenue, which is currently occupied by a Rainbow apparel retail store.

The property is located on the northwest corner of East Tremont Avenue at the Cross Bronx Expressway Service Road.

The triangular site contains limited on-site parking and 15,000 square feet of retail

space, plus a basement.

"In order to serve a growing population in a community that is currently underserved in terms of primary care providers, we (Montefiore) are planning to lease this (Throggs Neck) location," said a Montefiore Medical Center spokesperson.

Montefiore confirmed that they intend to use the property as a Montefiore Medical Group primary care practice facility.

Montefiore does not purchase its sites.

This particular Rainbow

store was occupying the location while the owner found a long-term tenant. Rainbow operated the store under the physical layout of the former tenant knowing its stay was only temporary.

Montefiore added that if lease plans are approved, the building would be renovated over the next six to eight months.

A closing date for Rainbow or an opening date for the primary care practice facility have not yet been announced.

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# Uber hub welcomes new, present drivers

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

As the ridesharing company Uber continues to introduce its service into the outer boroughs, the company is making it easier for new drivers to join their ranks.

On Wednesday March 8 at 11 a.m., Uber and the NYC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at the company's newest Greenlight Hub at the New Horizons Shopping Mall at 961 E. 174th Street.

The 3,000-square-foot office is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and is staffed by company employees trained to assist current and prospective drivers, said New York City area Greenlight Hub manager Jeanine Mendez.

Approximately 1,700 future and current drivers visit the center each week, according to the company.

"Our goal is to make sure that people who want to get on the road and want to be affiliated with Uber are able to come into one of our locations and get assistance navigating the TLC process,"



(l-r) Sulma Arzu-Brown, NYC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce director of operations; Jeanine Mendez, Green Light manager; Jose Tejada; Carla Rosado; driver Godofredo Rosado and NYC Taxi and Limousine commissioner Bill Aguado cut the ribbon for the new Uber Driver Center.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

Mendez said. "That process is expensive and it can take quite a few months to get through it, so we try to minimize the cost and make it as easy as possible."

Uber differs from traditional car-for-hire services in that drivers operate using a software application that can be downloaded on

smartphones and other electronic devices.

The app is used by customers to request a driver to pick them up at a given location and drive them to where they want to go.

Payment transactions are also done electronically.

Uber drivers also differ from traditional taxi driv-

ers in that they use their own vehicles and set their own work schedule.

In addition to competing with city car service companies, Uber also faces competition from Lyft, a similar platform that is also gaining customers in the New York City area.

Company representatives

at the hub provide assistance for new drivers looking to navigate the city's onerous Taxi & Limousine Commission (TLC) licensing process.

Prospective drivers can also sign up for free classes required by the TLC offered daily at the company's other Greenlight Hub in Long Island City, Queens.

The Bronx hub quietly opened its doors earlier this month, according to the company, and has been ramping up to serve the over 40,000 TLC-licensed drivers who complete a trip for Uber each week.

The new facility also aims at being a place for drivers to interact with Uber representatives to answer questions and learn more about the service.

In addition to the resources provided by Uber, the hub also includes space for vendors that sell car insurance.

Mendez said the Bronx was among the fastest growing New York City markets for Uber, and new drivers



## Bronx Worker-Cooperative Brings Environmental, Social and Economic Opportunities to the Local Community

Bronx, New York, March 17, 2017 - GreenFeen, a social enterprise and environmental consulting firm, uses Hip-Hop to promote sustainability as a lifestyle and is actively recruiting customers for services within their initiatives for collection, carting and use of organic waste. They are one of the small players in DeBlasio's 2030 zero-waste plan that is taking the future of their community into their own hands, sparking a domino effect and pressuring their representatives to consider sustainability within all of their decisions.

This previous month, in February of 2017, the Community Board 6 of the Bronx issued a formal letter of support. This letter recognizes that GreenFeen's efforts to impact and improve waste

diversion align with most of CB6's committee missions including, Sanitation, Economic Development, Health and Human Services, Youth and Education, and Parks and Recreation.

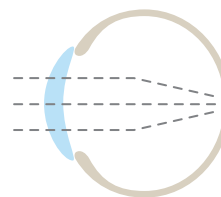
Having their M/WBE (Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise) certification from NYC, GreenFeen has become a leader in the community and is looking to inspire young activists. Founder, Dior St. Hillaire, reiterates that "Our understanding of how we can truly transform our trash into treasure, de basura a belleza; can propel us into the circular and green economy, which in turn distributes sustainability throughout the city."

While looking to collaborate with the city, businesses,

and the local community, the L.O.C. (Local Organic Collection) Pilot Program initiated by GreenFeen will engage the community with both residential, academic and commercial outreach. The worker-cooperative looks forward to starting their collection in June of 2017.

The GreenFeen team will be presenting at the Green Thumb Conference on March 25th at Hostos Community College. To learn more about both GreenFeen and NYC Parks, please join us at 33rd Annual GreenThumb Grow-Together Conference: Sustaining Garden Legacies. Visit us at [www.greenfeen.com](http://www.greenfeen.com).

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Hello readers and welcome to another edition of Around Town.



Johnny Zerafa



Johnny Zerafa's 2016-2017 Sportsmanship Award

### Way To Go!

Congratulations to our grandson, **Johnny Zerafa** and his **St. Theresa Tyros Maroon** teammates for winning the **CYO Division B. Basketball Championship** on Sunday, February 26.

Kudos to him for also taking home the **2016-2017 Sportsmanship Award!**

We are all so proud of you! Love, Grandma, Papa, Mom, Dad and Elizabeth.

Congratulations to our

granddaughter, **Stephanie Zerafa**, of New Jersey, on winning 1st and 3rd place with her dance team at the **National Dance Competition** on Sunday, March 5 in West Orange, NJ. Way to go Steph!

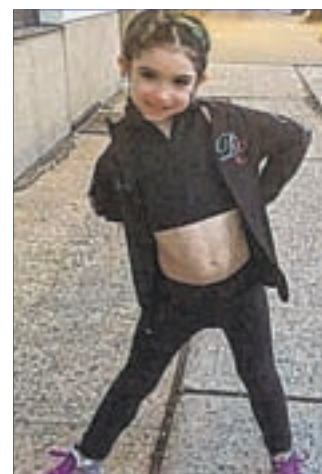
Love, Grandma, Papa, Mommy, Daddy, Gabriella and Vivienne.

### U.S. Marines Make Bronxite A Citizen

A recently enlisted Marine who hails from the borough and completed his recruit training at Parris Island, SC, Private **Adrian Webster**, also became a citizen at the completion of his training.

He was originally from Jamaica.

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Stephanie Zerafa

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# Citywide ferry model at Soundview Library

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Residents of the Bronx will soon have a chance to view the new Soundview Ferry up close and personal - sort of.

NYC Economic Development Corporation and Borough President Ruben Diaz announced on Monday, March 13 that a scale model of the new citywide ferry service vessels is now available for viewing at Soundview Library.

The model will stay at the the library through Wednesday, March 22 before moving to the Bronx Museum for the rest of the month.

The new vessel will be a part of the East River ferry's new Soundview route, set to launch in 2018, which will travel from Soundview to Wall Street/Pier 11.

Along the way it will make stops at East 90th Street and East 62nd Street.

NYCEDC president James Patchett said the model will "give Bronxites a firsthand look of the state-of-the-art vessels that will transform the way they commute across the city."

The price for using the

ferry service will drop from \$4 to \$2.75 - the same cost as taking the subway.

The Soundview route is a part of a larger \$55 million expansion of the East River ferry service.

Other ferries, according to the plan, will service the Rockaways, south Brooklyn, and Astoria - all of which are scheduled to launch later this year.

In addition there will be a lower east side route added in 2018.

The EDC is also touting the technological and environmental upgrades on the new vessels.

To accommodate the new routes, the city is adding 19 new vessels to the ferry service, each of which will be of aluminum construction, using the equivalent of 77 million 12-ounce beverage cans.

According to the corporation, aluminum is safer and a lighter weight, therefore increasing fuel efficiency.

Also, the ferries will use low-carbon emission engines.

As for the technology, each vessel will be equipped with wifi, charging stations, and



Model of new Citywide Ferry Service Vessel which is now available for viewing at the Soundview Library through March 22 before it moves to The Bronx Museum through March 31

Photo Courtesy of New York City Economic Development Corporation

heated decks.

The ferries will seat 150 passengers while also allowing space for bicycle racks, strollers and wheelchairs.

A \$1 fee is charged for bring a bike on board.

The city will kick in \$30 million in operating support per year over a period of six years.

According to the EDC - based on a projection of 4.6 million annual trips - the per-trip subsidy for the ferry ser-

vice will be \$6.80.

The East River Ferry Service began as a pilot program back in 2011, solely servicing Manhattan.

Since then the EDC began looking for ways to add additional routes to service.

In 2013, they proposed a citywide service which included the East 90th and East 62nd street stops.

EDC thought these spots valuable for the expanded service due to their population

density, limited transit options and travel habits.

During his State of the Borough address on March 5, Diaz pointed to the new Soundview route as one of the borough's success stories.

Diaz said bringing the ferry to the Bronx "has long been a priority of my administration" and having the model at the library will "provide Bronxites a closer look at the future of ferry service in Soundview."



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# Sewer upgrades readied in southwest Bronx

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Neighborhoods in the southwest portion of the Bronx are scheduled for sewer and water main upgrade as part of a \$46 million infrastructure project.

The NYC Department of Design and Construction, the NYC Department of Transportation and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection are partnering to install 39,300 linear feet of much needed upgrades.

According to Franco Mesiti, deputy director at the DDC, many of the cast iron pipes within the southwest Bronx's water system were installed in the 1900s and some even date back to the 1890s.

"Cast iron mains are very brittle," said Mesiti. "In time, they break."

He continued, "If you have ever experienced a water main break on a 36-inch or 48-inch size water main it is an enormous burden."

Construction workers will replace the iron with steel pipes.

The areas that are currently receiving the upgrades are:

- Southern Boulevard be-

tween Crotona Park East and Westchester Avenue

- Boston Road between East 179th Street and East Tremont Avenue

- East 179th Street from Boston Road to the dead end

- East Tremont Avenue between Boston Road and Bronx Street

- Bronx Street between East Tremont Avenue and East 179th Street.

In addition to water mains and sewers upgrades, the plan also calls for 29 new catch basins and 26 new sewer manholes.

Apart from sewer system fixes, the city will install new streetlamps and plant 160 new trees around the project sites.

In addition, there will be 1,500 square feet of new asphalt and concrete replacement at bus stops in the area and 50,000 square feet of new sidewalk and curb realignment.

Elected officials often complain about infrastructure issues within their district but have to wait for the city to address those issues.

When asked why it takes longer for these problems to

get attention, Mesiti pointed to financing.

"This is a \$45 million dollar project," said Mesiti. "Financing these projects can be lengthy."

Despite the costly nature of the project, Mesiti said waiting any longer to complete the project could also be extremely expensive.

According to Mesiti, if a water main were to burst it could take down the elevated train tracks that sit above streets like Southern Boulevard.

"Where there are elevated structures [damages are] probably in the millions," he said.

Mesiti also said all of the new water main pipes on Southern Boulevard will be moved closer to the curbs on either side of the street putting them further away from the train el.

While the construction workers are installing the sewer upgrades, it could have an effect on local businesses and residents.

Workers have already reduced the walking space on certain sidewalks along the construction site.

In addition, work on major



Construction workers installing sewer upgrades along Southern Boulevard. Photo Courtesy of the New York City Department of Design and Construction

streets such as Southern Boulevard will force adjustments to traffic flow.

Mesiti said DDC will maintain two-way traffic running on Southern Boulevard.

"We give 72-hour notices and 24-hour notices every time a construction activity starts that would affect the commu-

nity," he said.

Those with concerns can speak directly to community liaison Sonia Quinones, who can be reached at southernblvdcccl@gmail.com or (718) 822-0673.

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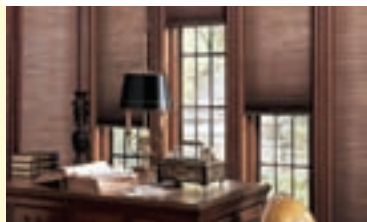
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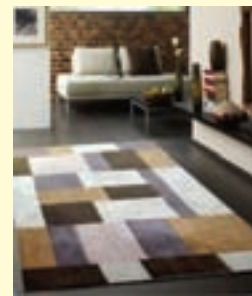
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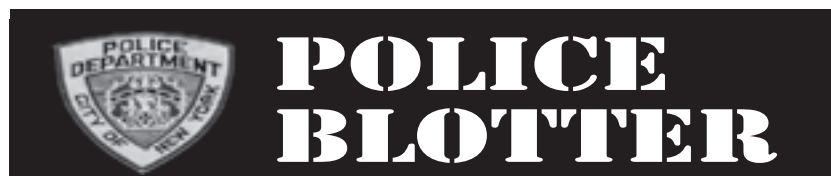
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## 40 Precinct

**Monday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m.** -- A robbery was recorded in the precinct when two black men approached a 21-year-old victim who was inside of St. Mary's Park. They took out a gun. Brandishing the weapon, the two individuals demanding the man's bicycle. They took the bike before fleeing in opposite directions.

**Sunday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m.** -- Three individuals entered a barbershop at 830 Westchester Avenue with guns and demanded that the people inside hand over their wallets. The three black men took a 48-year-old man's wallet. The victim was getting a haircut. The three men fled the scene in a Ford Fusion.

## 43 Precinct

**Tuesday, February 28 at 7:20 a.m.** -- Two men entered a gas station at 688 E. Gun Hill Road and approached the coffee counter. Once at the counter

they became loud and obnoxious. When an employee asked the pair to leave, he was punched in the face. The two male Hispanics, who are both about five feet, six inches tall, fled the scene. The victim refused medical attention. The individuals both have brown hair. One is 23-years-old and the other is 17-years-old.

## 49 Precinct

**Friday, February 24 at 7:43 a.m.** -- A black man who is almost six-feet tall snatched the cell phone of a 41-year-old woman who was traveling northbound on a subway train. The crime occurred as the train reached the White Plains Road and the Allerton Avenue subway station. The phone was taken right out of her hand. The man fled the train with the woman in pursuit. Inside the station, the victim pushed the man to the ground, but then he got up and pushed her to the ground before fleeing the train station. He was last seen wearing dark sunglasses, black pants, white sneakers and dark coat. He had a dark complexion.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Supports new COLA flavor

Dear editor,

California Congress member John Garamendi introduction of House Bill 1251 for CPI-E Act of 2017 makes sense. This bill would require the use of the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) instead of the current Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) when determining annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for Social Security, federal employees retirement annuities and veterans' benefits.

The current COLA calculation fails to measure seniors spending, especially in health care. In 2016, health care inflation was 4.1 percent, while the CPI-W indicated the average price of consumer goods increased only 0.3%. For those over the age of 62, 12% of their spending goes toward health care while the general younger population spends just 5%.

The fact that we do not use the CPI-E already is disappointing. Instead, cost-of-living adjustments for seniors collecting Social Security and federal civilian or military retirement benefits are based on the costs experienced by urban wage earners and clerical workers. They are not based on the costs experienced by retired individuals. For many, the 2017 COLA of 0.3% amounted to only several dollars.

Ask your congressmember to join 25 others who have signed up as co-sponsor. Also ask senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand to introduce the same legislation in the Senate?

Larry Penner

## Neither con, nor fraud

Dear editor,

To the voicer who characterized our President as a con man and a fraud, I guess he wrote that letter before the jobs report came out.

The current report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics sites job creation well above expectations and for the first time in many years, the job participation rate - that all important number - has improved. Get ready for the economy to go gangbusters. If Trump is a con man, then he is doing a su-

premely good job at convincing corporate America to start hiring again. **Marion M. Cronin**

## Avoiding more tragedies

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter in regards to the tragic events that recently took place in Throggs Neck. As the executive director of the National Homeowner-Landlord Association (NHLA), I am familiar with both the details of this particular situation and many other similar situations.

I spend my days in the Bronx Housing Court and my experience day in and day out is one of terrible systemic unfairness directed at landlords.

What happened on Logan Avenue in Throggs Neck is a perfect example of this. From what I understand, the tenant was never authorized to live in that apartment and took possession of it simply through coercion and manipulation. Once he gained possession, the tenant did not pay rent and vandalized the property. Further, to add insult to injury, the tenant would call the city to have them write fines and violations in the name of the landlord.

The landlord had no choice but to spend thousands of dollars on an attorney and was forced to accept the fact that this case would take many, many months to resolve. In the meantime, the landlord's financial losses mounted into the tens of thousands - with no end in sight.

By no means, am I condon-

ing what he did - simply attempting to shed some light on this landlord's assumed state of mind and financial condition. Rhetorically, I ask - How much abuse can a person take? How can the owner of a 2-family home be expected to absorb that amount of lost income when the bills continue to arrive each month? If this scenario was an isolated incident maybe I wouldn't have felt the need to write but unfortunately this is the norm that we live with as landlords in NYC.

New York City property thankfully continues to gain in value so as a landlord there is the potential to do well, but today this comes with a steep price - to have your rights trampled and then be treated like you have less rights than the tenant who is not paying rent, vandalizing the apartment, etc. It is a common joke around Housing Court that criminals perpetrating violent crimes are treated with more kindness than landlords. I guess what I am saying is that an incident like this was bound to happen. The most vulnerable of homeowners - immigrants, first-time homebuyers and senior citizens are being subjected to a system that assumes that every landlord is well off and should have no problem absorbing the effects of lost rent and a dragged out 6- to 18-month legal process costing tens of thousands of dollars. In many cases these homeowners give up and sell their homes hastily - sadly abandoning the American Dream.

If you are a Bronx landlord and think you will find justice in our courts or with our police

or get a sympathetic ear from our elected officials, you are mistaken. As a result, NHLA feels it's time for something to be done to assist all Bronx homeowner-landlords.

Our requests are simple: 1) A help desk in Bronx Housing Court where small homeowners (3-family or less who live in the residence) can get help and advice from a real advocacy group who knows and understands the system; 2) Funding for attorneys and staff to try to counter the millions of dollars spent on legal aides on the tenant side; 3) An earmarked section in Housing Court specifically for small homeowners; and 4) A limit to the number of orders to show cause allowed in owner-occupied homes.

We have been asking for these things for over 18 months with no success. If these resources existed, maybe the tragedy in Throggs Neck could have been avoided.

**Phil Derasmo**  
executive director, NHLA

## Writing lessons

Dear editor,

In Raphael Schweizer's last letter to the editor he said "it is disturbing to see people writing letters to this newspaper in support of the President." What I think he meant to say was that it is disturbing to see the length of the letters in support of Trump.

As Mr. Schweizer is aware, I teach a writing workshop at the Morris Park Library on Saturdays. It would suit him well if he could attend one of my classes. **Jeremy Warneke**

## OPED: by David Gomez, Ed.D. Higher Education

As the president of Hostos Community College (CUNY), I am acutely aware of the financial challenges students face these days. I have seen dreams of a college education prohibited or stalled for lack of funding. Anything that can be done to ameliorate students' financial concerns deserves the most serious consideration.

Governor Andrew Cuomo's NYS Excelsior Scholarship proposal courageously addresses those concerns in a sweeping and beneficial fashion. If put into effect, the scholarship would provide free tuition for public college students whose families make less than \$125,000 annually. The opportunity to attend college should be assessable to all, and it is encouraging to know that this proposal may very well further that goal - particularly for students from low-income households.

A study by the Equality of Opportunity Project indicated that Hostos Community College boasts the highest "intergenerational social mobility rate" among two-year CUNY institutions. This report confirms what we have seen first-hand: affordable, high-quality education can transform lives.

Governor Cuomo's commitment to higher education and to the intellectual and economic future of public college students is to be applauded. We, at Hostos, witness daily the challenges confronting our students. With unwavering dedication these men and women balance coursework, jobs and, in many cases, the responsibilities of parenthood. They are working hard to invest in themselves, and the Excelsior Scholarship shows that New York state wants to invest in them, as well.

The governor's proposal has yet to be approved by the New York legislature. A great deal of time, energy and critical thought will be necessary before the plan is ready for presentation to the decision-makers in Albany. The effort is well worth it, as the Excelsior Scholarship has the potential to revolutionize education in New York state. It could well inspire and encourage future generations of students. It deserves our deepest thought and speaks to our highest aspirations.

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SA Bronx 1 Middle School players pose with coach Alejandro Montalvo after finishing in fourth place in the Middle School championship section - a division with 16 teams where only the top players compete.

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## Success Academy Bronx scholars dominate NY State Chess Championship

This weekend, 151 scholars representing 15 Success Academy schools traveled to Saratoga Springs, New York, to compete in the 50th Annual New York State Scholastic Chess Championships. Out of 1,200 students who competed from across the state of New York, Success scholars made up 13% of the entire two-day tournament and brought home big wins with four teams finishing in the top five of both the ES and MS Championship sections.

From Friday afternoon through Monday morning, scholars ate, slept, and breathed chess. They each played six rounds, three per day (each lasting up to two hours), in divisions determined by their United States Chess Federation ratings. Scholars spent much of their downtime playing fast-paced blitz chess games, studying chess tactics, and competing in after-dinner matches against their coaches.

In every division, Success scholars had a stellar performance. The highlights include:

SA Union Square and SA Bronx 1 dominated in the Middle School Reserve section, finishing in first and second place, respectively.

In the Elementary Reserve section, SA Union Square finished in second and SA Bronx 3 finished in third place. SA Bed Stuy ES and MS (combined team) finished in fifth place.

The SA High School of the Liberal Arts finished in second place in the High School Reserve section, which featured 17 teams. Leading the team's strong performance was tenth grader Reanna Phillips, who won five of six games.

In the Middle School Championship section — a division with 16 teams where only top players compete — SA Bronx 1 finished in fourth place and SA Harlem East finished fifth.

SA Midtown West and SA Cobble Hill tied for third place in the Elementary School Championship section (the most competitive elementary school division).

In the Elementary School Intermediate section, SA Union Square and SA Williamsburg finished fourth and sixth place, respectively, out of 26 teams.

Chess is an critical part of Success Academy's school design. All scholars from kindergarten through fourth grade take chess as part of the required curriculum. In middle school, chess is offered as an elective for scholars who are interested. Sean O'Hanlon, senior manager of SA's Chess Program, and his team of top chess coaches, have done incredible work to create a world-class chess program that develops players' skills and strategic thinking, while also teaching good sportsmanship and team spirit.



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# MPCA honors 2 at 43rd dinner dance

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local community organization will hold its annual fundraising dinner-dance in April, honoring two people who have been an important part of the community.

The Morris Park Community Association's 43rd Annual Dinner Dance will take place the evening of Saturday, April 8 at the Marina del Rey.

This year, the MPCA selected hon-

**T**he award recognizes the work Dr. Edward Casey did at Calvary Hospital in palliative care, where the goal was not to rehabilitate so much as to maintain the spirits of the families and patients.

orees that have had lengthy impact to the community, said the organization's president, Tony Signorile.

They are Benjamin Soccodato, a past principal of P.S. 83 for roughly

13 years and currently an educational consultant to several local community schools and Dr. Edward Casey, a longtime staff member at Calvary Hospital who is a general practitioner and palliative care physician

The MPCA visited Soccodato when he was first appointed acting principal of the community's largest school which had about 1700 students at the time, he said in an interview, offering their assistance through their community patrol and by supporting school events and activities.

"As a principal, they made my job easier," said Soccodato of the MPCA, adding "We worked together on many projects."

The former principal, who left his post in August 2011, said the association served as a bridge to local elected officials in terms of helping him promote the programming the school offered.

"I was very pleased and quite surprised when I got the initial phone call," said Soccodato.

Dr. Edward Casey has lived in the Morris Park community for 51 years, since his days at NYU Langone Rusk, working in rehabilitative care after being a general practitioner in Connecticut.

In a phone interview, he said that he worked at Calvary Hospital from



Benjamin Soccodato is being honored for his work in the field of education at the Morris Park Community Association's annual dinner dance on Saturday, April 8.

Photo courtesy of Benjamin Soccodato



Dr. Edward Casey, who has worked at Calvary Hospital from the 1970s through 2006, is being recognized for the work he did at Calvary Hospital in palliative care.

Photo courtesy of MPCA

the 1970s through 2006, starting on Featherbed Lane. The hospital later moved to Eastchester Road.

"I am excited to receive this award," said Casey, because it recognizes the work he did at Calvary Hospital in palliative care, where the goal was not to rehabilitate so much as to

maintain the spirits of the families and patients.

Tickets for the dinner dance are available and cost \$100 each. For more information, call the MPCA at (718) 823-0596.

## N.Y. Yankees announce return of Hope Week

The New York Yankees are proud to announce the return of HOPE Week (Helping Others Persevere & Excel) in 2017 for the ninth consecutive season. The initiative is a unique week-long community program that brings to light five remarkable stories intended to inspire individuals into action in their own communities. HOPE Week 2017 will take place in New York from Monday, May 22 through Friday, May 26.

Each day over the five-day stretch, the Yankees will reach out to an individual, family or organization worthy of recognition and support, surprising honorees with a day celebrating their accomplishments. Outreach will often take place away from Yankee Stadium, allowing the Yankees to personally connect with individuals in settings that highlight their greatest successes.

This year's event will mark the sixth year that all of the organization's U.S.-based minor league affiliates will hold their own HOPE Weeks, allowing the

initiative to reach five additional cities and touch more than two dozen additional individuals and groups.

HOPE Week is rooted in the fundamental belief that acts of goodwill provide hope and encouragement to more than just the recipient of the gesture. Fans can learn more about the initiative and nominate inspirational individuals for HOPE Week recognition by visiting the official website at [hopeweek.com](http://hopeweek.com).

At the conclusion of the last seven HOPE Weeks, the Yankees organization has been honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award, given "in recognition and appreciation of commitment to strengthening the nation and for making a difference through volunteer service." The awards were bestowed by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in conjunction with the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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- Cut back on expenses. Cutting back on unnecessary expenses is a great way to save more money for retirement. Figure

out where you can save some money you can then allocate to retirement savings. Maybe you can reduce insurance coverage on an older car or raise your deductible? Downsize cable packages or skip that costly cup of coffee on the way to work. Perhaps it's time to look for a smaller, less expensive home or a compact car instead of an SUV. Any money saved now will benefit you when the time comes time to bid farewell to the workforce.

- Delay your retirement. Many people

who retire find themselves bored and looking for ways to fill their time, and as a result more and more people are delaying their retirement, which also gives them more time to save for that day when they do call it quits. If you want to work less, discuss and negotiate a phased retirement with your bosses that allows you to stick with your employer but gradually work fewer hours until you retire completely. You may be able to work part-time for several years and retire when you're most comfortable.

- Consider more aggressive funds. Even if you are 50 you still have a few decades before retirement, which leaves lots of time to grow your retirement savings. But you may want to consider more aggressive funds that can help you catch up more quickly than less aggressive investments. Just know that aggressive funds may also leave you susceptible to substantial losses.

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# FDNY drone makes history in the Bronx

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The future of firefighting made its historic debut last week in our borough.

On Monday, March 6 at 6:20 p.m., FDNY's first ever tethered drone made its maiden flight in response to a four-alarm fire raging inside a six-story apartment building at 653-657 Crotona Park North.

One hundred and sixty-eight firefighters responded to the incident and gained control over the blaze by 8 p.m.

Two firefighters were taken to Jacobi Hospital after sustaining minor injuries.

The fire's cause remains under investigation.

The \$85,000 eight pound drone incorporates high-definition and infrared cameras allowing transmission of live images of a fire operation to the chief overseeing the incident.

Its cameras allow chiefs at the command post to view where firefighters are operating on a building's roof and to make decisions regarding fire suppression and ensuring members' safety.

"We were able to get a good



The drone's high-definition camera transmitted live images of the fire operation to the chiefs in charge.

Photo courtesy of FDNY

view of the roof which allowed the incident commander on the ground to view the firefighters as they were conducting roof operations, venting the roof and putting water on the fire," explained Timothy Herlocker, FDNY Operations Center director.

Incident commander FDNY deputy assistant chief Dan Donoghue noted crews knew to move when the drone's visual feed captured the building's roof starting to fail.

The aerial image is fed directly to the incident com-

mander and shared with senior decision makers through the FDNY Operations Center.

The quadcopter is connected by a small cable carrying electricity to the device granting it unlimited flight time.

All controls, data and power transmit back and forth via the tether, preventing interference with radio frequency signals.

The remote-controlled drone is piloted by the FDNY Command Tactical Unit's specially trained firefighters.

The department's fleet is comprised of three drones to deploy as needed.

The FDNY works closely with the Federal Aviation Administration to ensure the drone operates safely and adheres to all NYC air space rules and policies.

FDNY's Operation Center contacts the FAA before flying the drone for permission to deploy at night or into restricted Class B Air Space.

Approval takes ten minutes and occurs while the drone and its operators are responding to a fire.



The FDNY used this state-of-the-art tethered drone equipped with high definition and infrared cameras to determine the condition of Crotona Park North's roof as they contained the blaze.

Photo courtesy of FDNY

"This new technology is going to make a positive impact in our fire operations," expressed FDNY commissioner Daniel Nigro.

A NYC Department of Buildings spokesman said a full vacate order was issued for the building due to significant fire and water damage.

DOB confirmed no additional properties were affected by the blaze.

Michael de Vulpieres, American Red Cross New York Greater Region commu-

nications officer, said the Red Cross met with approximately 81 displaced people at the scene consisting of 61 adults and 20 children.

The Red Cross registered six families consisting of 25 adults and two children for emergency housing and emergency funds to help them get through the next few days.

To view footage of the FDNY drone responding to last Monday's fire, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXE365WENhQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXE365WENhQ).

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### For Working People, Progress and Resistance

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

**W**orkers at three Babeland stores in New York City – a mission-driven, queer-owned sex toy boutique – have made history by ratifying their first union contract after organizing with the RWDSU last year. Workers will receive general wage increases and adjustments, as well as signing bonuses and post-probationary wage increases. Most significantly, it's the first union contract that includes added safety and security trainings and protocols to protect Babeland's predominately LGBTQ and women workforce in this highly emotionally intimate industry.

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**In the era of Trump, it's significant that these workers proved the power we can all win when we stand together.**

facing uncertain times and an increasingly hostile environment, it's significant that these workers proved the power we can all win when we stand together. It's significant because we all deserve to be treated with dignity, justice and respect. Working men and women – regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status – refuse to recede back into the shadows, or succumb to the fear being stoked by our current presidential leadership.

We will fight any attempts to marginalize working people. We see it in victories like those at Babeland, and we see it in the emphatic rejection of Andrew Puzder, who would have been the most anti-worker Labor Secretary we have ever known. Even in difficult times, there is power in unity. Across America, people are fighting back, and we in the labor movement are proud to be an integral part of it.



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Dave Valentin (r) performing with timbales player Nick Marrero (back,l), (front, l-r) bongo player Jimmy Delgado, trombonist Steve Turre and trumpeter Peter Nater in 2010.

Photo by Allen Spatz Photography

## Acclaimed Latin flautist, Dave Valentin, passes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A Bronx musician who served as an ambassador for Latin jazz, the borough and his Puerto Rican heritage has died.

The music world and the borough mourned the loss of David Valentin, who passed away on Wednesday, March 8 after suffering two strokes, family and friends said. He was 64.

Valentin was Latin jazz's premiere flute player, and according to sources interviewed for this article, he was arguably the best overall U.S. flautist at the peak of his career, from the late-1960s through early 2000s.

The flautist would always talk to audiences about being from the south Bronx and his cultural heritage, friends said.

He would mentor youth in schools and community organizations, nourishing musicianship, they said.

Valentin won a Grammy award in 2003.

He was a Bronx Walk of Fame inductee in 2000.

His cousin Lourdes Torres said that Valentin grew up on Fox Street near Southern Boulevard and lived in Harding Park for many years.

He was a schoolteacher for a time and he loved to give back to the youth and community even after he became famous, she said.

"He did a lot of volunteer work with organizations," said Torres, adding "He would never say no to a teacher who asked him to visit their classroom."

He was an active volunteer at Castia Maria Center for Arts & Education, only asking for a Yoo-hoo chocolate drink as compensation for his work there, she said.

"I am going to remember most his love of his community and his wanting to share his music with the world," said Torres, who she received messages of condolences for Valentin from all over the globe.

His manager for roughly 14 years, Richie Bonilla of Throggs Neck, said that Valentin performed on six continents and that he would often open his shows with a shout-out to the borough and to his Puerto Rican heritage.

"He was very proud that he was from the Bronx," said Bonilla.

Valentin had a unique way of playing the flute, combining the melody with verbal percussion at the same time, said his manager, explaining he knew how to manipulate his mouth to create percussion sounds.

"He had a pure tone," he said of the flautist's music, which according to another friend and a musicologist, Felipe Luciano, was heavily imbued with Cuban Charanga (dance music) and Conjunto (trumpets and brass).

Valentin was an important part of the band Conjunto Libre that made "phenomenal" recordings in the 1970s when Valentin was a band member, according to Luciano.

Valentin began to emerge to a wider audience and became a leading performer in his own right in the 1980s, said the musicologist.

He formed his own ensemble of musicians to perform fusion and Latin jazz music, making albums under his own name with himself as the leader.

"He began to develop a fan following because of his way of handling the flute; his triple-tonguing, his dexterity, his ability to fly over the scales were legendary," said Luciano.

Later, Valentin was a contractor for Tito Puente and his Latin Jazz Ensemble, said Luciano.

A Valentin contemporary, Grammy-nominated Latin jazz drummer Bobby Sanabria, said that the loss is one not just for music fans but for the borough because Valentin was a Bronx ambassador through his musicianship.

Bonilla said that Valentin's brother George Valentin, his cousin and nieces survive him.



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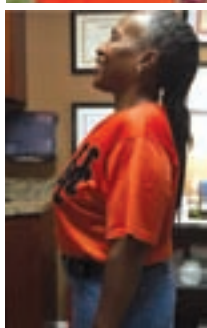
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# 45th Pct. Council honors six in May

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The 45th Precinct Community Council will honor six community leaders they consider exemplary at their upcoming community breakfast.

The celebration of police and community unity is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10 at Villa Barone Manor from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

Honors will go to Sal Grassia, Pat Devine, John Bonizio, Michelle Sajous, Karen Nani and posthumously to Joseph Oddo.

Reservations are currently being taken for seats at \$15 each, said Bob Bieder, council president.

The cost of admission is less than the actual cost of the breakfast, which is subsidized by generous sponsor support, he said.

The fifth annual event, which will also highlight standout police work, brings together diverse communities from Co-op City to Castle Hill, said Bieder.

"It is coming together and breaking bread together with people from all walks of life," said Bieder, adding the event is a tribute to the precinct's diverse population of people from every continent except Antarctica.

The council president said that in selecting the breakfast honorees the board looks for volunteers who make communities a better place to live.

Bieder said he nominated John Bonizio, Westchester Square Business Improvement District chairman, to receive an award in recognition of work that made the community safer and improved quality-of-life.

"I was raised to believe that you learn, you earn and you return," Bonizio said of his service.

Annie Boller and John Doyle, precinct council board members, said that they advocated honoring Joe Oddo, an activist who was president



John Bonizio

of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association president when he passed in 2015.

Oddo had a career in public service and politics, said Doyle.

"Joe Oddo left us very suddenly, and I think this is a very meaningful way to pay tribute to someone who has blessed us with his kindness," said Doyle, adding that Oddo was concerned about local traffic congestion in part because he had asthma and didn't want to see others suffer.

Nani, the editor of the non-profit Island Current newspaper since 1997, has worked with the police department as a community activist.

"I was very flattered when John Doyle contacted me," said Nani, who has extensive experience in working with the police department as a community member.

Shortly before Bill Bratton, former NYPD commissioner, left his position, Nani interviewed him on the future of the Rodman's Neck range, she said.

She worked with the NYPD Harbor Unit analyzing manpower for a summer as part of Mayor Lindsay's Urban Corps, an effort to draw college students to public service careers.

Later, on City Island, she worked with police to make sure vandalism did not occur during the construction of a playground outside of P.S. 175, and later worked with cops to start a basketball program for youth as a PTA member.

Honoree Pat Devine said the award was a "great honor" and he heaped praise on the council.

"The 45th Precinct Council is a sounding board and place the community can go to if they have a police issue," said Devine.

To make reservations, call Bieder at (718) 828-4400 or email Boller at boogiedownbxgirl@aol.com.

Tickets should be ready to distribute by early April, said Bieder.



Joe Oddo, former Pelham Bay Taxpayers president, will be posthumously honored at the 45th Precinct Community Council's annual breakfast in May.



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# Kingsbridge development adds traffic concerns

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

It's not hard to see why Kingsbridge was recently projected to be the hottest neighborhood in the city for 2017 by real estate company StreetEasy.

Various new retail and mixed-use development projects in various states of completion dot the landscape.

Add in easy access to Manhattan via the IRT 1 train and Van Cortlandt Park and it's no wonder people are flocking there.

But increased development and road congestion have left area leaders concerned about traffic safety, especially at one particular intersection.

Earlier this month, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz called on the NYC Department of Transportation to study a stretch of West 230th Street that runs from Broadway to Tibbett Avenue which he refers to as a "half mile of danger."

There have been 131 accidents involving more than 250 vehicles on that stretch of road alone, according to statistics obtained by the as-

semblyman's office from the NYPD Vehicle Collision data reports.

Nearly half of the accidents took place at the intimidating intersection of West 230th Street and Broadway, where a multi-level shopping center was recently constructed and where an access ramp to the Major Deegan Expressway is located nearby.

"Residents from all over the Bronx use West 230th Street to gain access to the Major Deegan, and many of them deal with this hazardous situation daily," Dinowitz stated. "With so many accidents happening along this corridor, the city needs to take steps to ensure the safety of drivers and pedestrians."

Dinowitz also recently called for the placement of a traffic signal at the intersection of West 230th Street and Tibbett Avenue to allow left hand turns onto Tibbett from westbound West 230th Street.

Tibbett gets heavy traffic on weekdays due to the nine schools that are located near it, as well as various businesses such as a large U-Haul rental



The intersection of West 230th Street and Broadway is a point of increased concern in Kingsbridge due to traffic from new development.

Arthur Cusano

center.

The DOT has two ongoing open left turn studies – one on Broadway and West 230th Street and another at West 230th Street and Tibbett Avenue - which it anticipates completing in the coming week, according to a DOT spokesperson.

Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation executive director Tracy Shelton said she supported ongoing traffic studies for the area, since there has been so much development in recent years.

She said the proposed traffic signal at Tibbett would be a

huge help.

"That entire corridor needs as much TLC as it can get in terms of traffic safety," Shelton said. "Because it's just so up and coming with development, and that adds trucks and everything else into the mix. It's just a perfect storm in terms of traffic issues."

Community Board 8 chairman Dan Padernacht said the intersection of Broadway and West 230th Street was by far the area's biggest traffic concern, and that the board would likely support additional traffic studies.

The DOT had already altered the intersection to prevent illegal left turns and made the crossing light times longer, he said, but the new shopping center had further exacerbated the problem.

Padernacht said another area of concern that may be revisited is West 238th Street at Broadway and Bailey Avenue, due to another new retail center on Broadway, that features several retailers including a BJ's, a Petco and a Buffalo Wild Wings eatery.



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# Discussion set for Colucci P'ground upgrades

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Colucci Playground in Pelham Bay, located just off of the Hutchinson River Parkway, is getting additional upgrades aimed at active adults.

A public discussion on a planned new adult fitness area is scheduled for Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m. in the community room of the Hutchinson Parkway Apartments, located at 1950 Hutchinson River Parkway east.



Councilman James Vacca and NYC Parks and Recreation Officials break ground on renovations at Colucci Park in 2016. The newest renovations planned include an adult fitness trail to be discussed at a meeting March 20.

Silvio Pacifico

It's going to be more than exercise equipment, they are also planning to modernize the play area, too.

**Martin Prince**

The scoping meeting will discuss that addition and other possible improvements, including adding protective flooring to the play area, said

Community Board 10 president Martin Prince.

"It's going to be more than exercise equipment, they are also planning to modernize the play area, too, he said.

The park also contains a baseball field and basketball, tennis, bocce and handball courts.

The Hutch Greenway, a popular paved bicycle path, is

located nearby.

The playground is currently undergoing a \$800,000 facelift that included a new spray shower for children, fences, benches, chess and game tables, bicycle racks and a new handicap-accessible drinking fountain.

That project is scheduled to be completed in August, according to the parks department.

ment.

Councilman James Vacca funded the project though his city-allocated budget.

"They have to be upgraded every few years because playground equipment becomes worn, and you want the most modern equipment," he said.

Vacca's office is funding the new fitness apparatus, the third of its type in his district.

trict.

"They are there to encourage people to work out and to move," Vacca said. "I think exercise is important today to people of any age and outdoor activity should be encouraged" It's a great addition because it's totally new."

The playground is named for Vacca's aunt, Florence Colucci, who was an active community member until her passing in 1982.

Colucci founded the Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association and ran a local newspaper, the News Sentinel in the '70s.

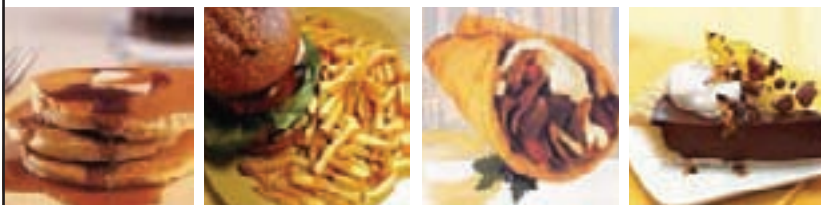
There has been some minor crime at the park in recent years, including a cellphone robbery in 2011 and a stabbing of a 21-year-old man in 2015, but Prince said there had been no recent incidents he could think of.

"The most the park has had is a homeless person camping out, but we've been pretty pro-active with the BronxWorks counselors to get them moved elsewhere, as we do with Pelham Bay Park," Prince said.

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# Bronx Chamber Hosts *Business Awards Gala*

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce celebrated its prestigious Bronx Business Awards Gala on Thursday, March 9 at Marina del Rey Caterers. This year, the Chamber honored local such local businesses as Developer of the Year recipient Red Apple Group, Inc.; Minority Woman and Small Business Enterprise Company of the Year honoree Ensign Engineering, P.C.; Non-Profit of the Year awardee Woodlawn Cemetery; Health Provider of the Year recipient Montefiore Medical Center's University Behavioral Associates Multi-Systemic Therapy Program; Institutional Member of the Year honoree Ridgewood Savings Bank and Made in the Bronx Award recipient Metro Optics Eyewear.



(l-r) Carl Cannizzaro; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Nunzio del Greco; Regina Marengo; Mitch Rose, Woodlawn Cemetery president; Joseph Kelleher; Bill Evans; Dr. Eva Yan, Metro Optics optometrist; Domenico Ciacchio, Ridgewood Savings Bank assistant vice president; Anita Jose; Scott Wetzler and John Bonizio, Metro Optics owner and general manager.

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This year's Chamber Board of Directors and Board of Directors Executive Committee are (back, l-r) Michael Max Knobbe, treasurer; Anthony Mormile, vice president and treasurer; Master of Ceremonies ABC meteorologist Bill Evans; Joseph Kelleher; Carl Cannizzaro, board member; John Collazzi, vice president; Anthony Ross, secretary; (front, l-r) Lisa Sorin, vice president; Geri Sciortino, vice president; Kathy Zamechansky, board member; Nunzio Del Greco; Sandra Erickson, vice president and Carolyn Murphy.

Photo by Laura Stone



John Catsimatidis (c), Red Apple, Inc. owner, received congratulations and well wishes from Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (l) and Nunzio del Greco for his business' success.

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Bronx Community College students Nicholas Asamah (l), Grace Agamah (2nd from l) and Dion Quamina (r), with (l-r) Dr. Thomas Isekenegbe, Bronx Community College president; former Borough president Fernando Ferrer and Aramina Vega-Ferrer, Woodlawn Cemetery Board member.

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Master of Ceremonies ABC meteorologist Bill Evans with (l-r) Rosemary De Luca, Wildlife Conservation Society director; Laura Guerriero, Bronx Times Reporter publisher; Geri Sciortino, Bronx Design Group owner and Lisa Sorin, Westchester Square Business Improvement District executive director.

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The Chamber presented Make-a-Wish Foundation a hefty ceremonial ceremony. Accepting the generous donation are Barbara Rodriguez and her daughter Mia, a participant in Make-a-Wish program.

Photo by Laura Stone



Wendy Garcia, Comptroller Stringer's chief diversity officer, presented a commendation to Nunzio del Greco (l), Bronx Chamber president and Joseph Kelleher, Bronx Chamber chairman.

Photo by Laura Stone



# Online media platform casts Bronx in new light

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

An online media platform is determined to give the borough a new voice.

Describing themselves as “a community of local media professionals amplifying Bronx-centric, entertaining content that celebrates culture and diversity”, theBLOX TV is a collaborative effort involving Bronxites who are all dedicated to delivering locally-produced, original content to their audience - the Bronx!

The project ‘theBLOX TV’ was originally started last fall by Marco Shalma and Gillian Todd after they both saw that the portrayal of the Bronx was very negative in the media.

As a result, they wanted to use their knowledge in contact and marketing to highlight the culture, diversity and everything positive that the borough has to offer.

The online media platform has produced over 100 videos in six weeks.

Video topics range from art, entrepreneurship, politics, education, lifestyle, sports and current events.

Also featured are theBLOX

TV’s own Bloxpedia series as well as their live shows, which are aired daily on weekdays.

Gary Axelbank of Bronx-Net as well as Rosa Garcia, owner of the Mott Haven Bar and Grill are just a few of the big names featured in the-BLOX TV’s latest live shows.

Marco and Gillian were also the co-founders of Round Seven, a local, independent film, TV and production company which launched last February.

“Our goal is to create a unique diverse voice for the people in the Bronx - while making a positive impact,” said Gillian, who is originally from Montana but has lived in the Bronx for the past five years.

“There is a particular vibe here (in the Bronx) that is unmatched anywhere else,” said Marco, who was originally born in South Africa and lived in Israel before moving to the United States, and eventually, the Bronx. He has been a resident for 10 years. “We want to represent the voice of the borough - and with this platform we will be able to do so while also reaching other Bronx-



Members of theBLOX TV team (l-r) Richard ‘HQ’ Washington, Gillian Todd, Marco Shalma, Christen Quinones, Brigid Owino, Isaac Rouse, Tyler ‘PSwitch’ Dow.

Photo courtesy of theBLOX TV

ites who will understand the stories told from a Bronx perspective.”

theBLOX TV recently launched a 30-day Kickstarter Campaign with the aim of raising \$20,000 in attempts to complete an aggressive marketing plan aimed at increased viewership, which will be essential if the platform hopes to continue.

So far, the platform has raised \$3,000 with only nine days to go.

theBLOX TV is currently

located in Mott Haven, right near the 3rd Avenue Bridge - a neighborhood that has become vibrant with arts and culture.

theBLOX TV has many Bronx connections. Christen Quinones, the platform’s 22-year old art director, attended High School of American Studies at Lehman College.

Other team members have attended St. Raymond Academy for Girls, Lehman College and Mercy College. theBLOX TV is also currently interning a student from New York Insti-

tute for the Blind.

All of the platform’s team members were either born and raised in, and/or currently live in the Bronx - ranging from Co-op City to High Bridge to Pelham Bay and West Farms.

For more information, follow theBLOX TV on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @thebloxtv.

To view their videos online, search: theBLOX TV on Youtube or visit [www.roundseven.com/thebloxtv](http://www.roundseven.com/thebloxtv).

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## HEALTH CENTER ADVOCACY DAY IN ALBANY

A Bronx Community Health Network team of board members, staff and patients traveled to Albany on Monday, March 6 for Community Health Center Grassroots Advocacy Day. BCHN and several NYS organizations met with elected representatives to express how much their communities depend on Federally Qualified Health Centers for high quality, affordable primary care services.



BCHN board members, staff and patients enjoyed this year's visit to Albany.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Community Health Network, Inc.

## ELECTEDS AWARD CB 7 FOR VETS BREAKFAST

Community Board 7 was formally recognized for establishing the inaugural CB 7 Veterans and Seniors Honorary Breakfast by assembly members Victor Pichardo and Jose Rivera; Senator Gustavo Rivera; council members Ritchie Torres, Fernando Cabrera and Andrew Cohen during CB 7's general board meeting on Tuesday, February 28 at Kittay House.



(l-r) CB 7's Nora Feury, Seniors Committee chairwoman; Adaline Walker Santiago, chairwoman; Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed, Web, Acknowledgement and Media Committee chairwoman; Robyn Saunders, Veterans Committee chairwoman; Allyson Oliveras, Councilman Cohen's community liaison and Councilman Cabrera.

Photo courtesy of CB 7



## BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S FLEA MARKET

There was a great deal of fun and savings to be had at Bedford Mosholu Community Association's annual flea market on Saturday, March 4 at St. Mary Orthodox Church. Customers browsed the market's wide selection of new and used items including gifts, china, glassware, lamps, bric-a-brac, jewelry, books, toys, games, linens, housewares, electronics and pictures.

(l-r) NYPD Community Affairs officer Yvette Palermo-Ortega; Kira Ortega; Mornelis Rodriguez and Barbara Stroncer, BMCA president, helped customers find the perfect gifts for loved ones.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## MOTHERS FLOW AWARD HONORS MOMPREENEURS

The inaugural 'NYC Mothers Flo Award honoring Mompreneurs - Women in Film and Media Edition' was hosted by Rhina Valentin on Wednesday, March 1 at the Bronx Museum of the Arts. Presented by La Reina del Barrio, the event honored Evette Rios, Lifetime TV's 'The Way Home' host; April Hernandez-Castillo, 'Your Voice, Your Choice' author; Shirley Rodriguez, Create the Remarkable partner and creative director and Veronica Caicedo, Caicedo Productions, International Puerto Rican Heritage Film Festival and the One Festival founder.

(l-r) Veronica Caicedo; Evette Rios; Rhina Valentin, La Reina del Barrio founder; April Hernandez-Castillo and Shirley Rodriguez were awarded certificates of appreciation from Senator Gustavo Rivera.

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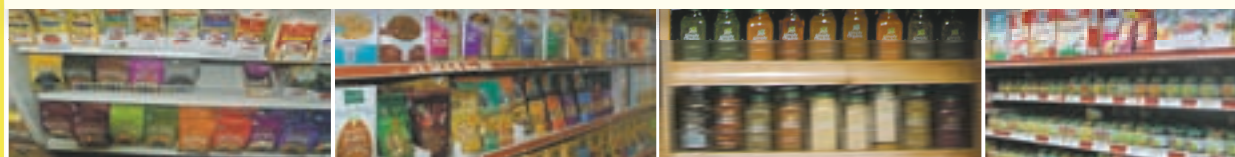
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# Primavera Italian Language Graduation



Congratulations are in order for this year's Primavera Italian Language Program graduates! Senator Jeff Klein celebrated the Class of 2017 students' success by conferring them with certificates of achievement on Saturday, March 11 at St. Benedict's School. Assemblyman Michael Benedetto presented a check to Loretta Zaino, Primavera Italian Language director, to defer the graduation expenses. Returning the favor, Zaino presented certificates to Senator Klein, Assemblyman Benedetto and Councilman James Vacca and a plaque to Congressman Joseph Crowley for their continued support of the educational program. The graduates proudly displayed their certificates alongside Primavera members and sponsors.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Zaino (l) honored Senator Klein with a certificate recognizing his many years of sponsorship.

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Joel Gradanski (r) gave Zaino roses in recognition of all her work for the Primavera Program throughout the years and to honor Women's History Month.

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Vincent Buccieri, Today Realty broker and former Sons of Italy, Uguaglianza Lodge #83 vice president, honored Loretta Zaino with a \$250 check.

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Thomas Messina accepted an award for Congressman Crowley from Angelina Zervos (l) and Loretta Zaino.

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Patrick Caruso presented Community Board 10 awards to Tiffany MacKnight (l) and her mother, Loretta Zaino, Primavera Italian Language director.

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Budding artist Suzanna Malsbyti displayed her painting of a typical Italian scene.

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# Bronx beat

## BP Diaz names March 20th Fresh Air Fund Day

In recognition of The Fresh Air Fund's 141st summer of serving New York City children with free summer experiences and academic programs, Bronx Borough President Diaz has proclaimed Tuesday, March 20 "Fresh Air Fund Day" throughout the borough. Every summer, thousands of children from New York City's low-income communities participate in our Friendly Towns Program and Summer Camping Program.

"Participants are given the opportunity to explore new environments, meet people from different cultures, and have enriching experiences," said Fatima Shama, executive director of The Fresh Air Fund. "On Fresh Air visits, children may visit a farm, milk a cow, engage in the arts, go swimming, learn about the wonders of the night-time sky, and pick vegetables from a garden. Our participants discover and learn in the outdoors, building skills that can be utilized year-round, and unlock their limitless potential."

This year, we are looking for more families in the Bronx to sign their children up for one of The Fresh Air Fund's safe, free and fun programs.

The Fresh Air Fund will be holding free registration events for families on Wednesday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at BronxWorks, Betances Community Center, at 547 East 146th Street, and from 1 to 5 p.m. at Morris Heights Health Center, 57 West Burnside Avenue.

For more information, call 800-367-0003 or visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

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Join NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi, Community Board 10 and The Riverbay Corporation in the "Stop The Bleed" Educational Event on Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m., at the Bartow Center, 2049 Bartow Avenue, Room 31.

While 2016 marked the fewest shooting incidents in the Bronx in 23 years, there were still 286 victims. In these or other situations of emergency blood loss, seconds count, and immediate intervention to staunch blood loss can be the difference between life and death.

Join in as medical staff from NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi present on how to "Stop the Bleed" in emergency situations.

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Montefiore Health System and CityMD announce a new partnership that will improve access to primary, specialty and urgent care services for patients of both CityMD and Montefiore. Under our agreement, Montefiore will become CityMD's exclusive preferred provider partner in the Bronx and Westchester. Individuals who visit CityMD's urgent care centers in these communities will now have the opportunity to be seamlessly connected to necessary follow-up care with Montefiore's world class community of primary and specialty care providers.

This partnership ensures appropriate follow up care as needed, without disruptions. Sixty percent of CityMD urgent care patients do not have primary care physicians and many suffer from chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease. CityMD and Montefiore will offer

patients a pathway to a positive experience, timely care and ultimately, optimized health and well-being. Working together, the two organizations' transformative healthcare practices will achieve these joint goals.

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Livingston Press announces the upcoming release of **The Bronx Kill**, a novel by Bronx native Philip Cioffari. The Bronx Kill will be published in trade paper, hardcover and eBook editions and will be available wherever fine books are sold on Thursday, March 30.

Award-winning novelist Philip Cioffari delivers a taut, tense, atmospheric tale in his latest novel, **The Bronx Kill**, an outstanding tale that fuses elements of mystery and literary fiction. A smart, suspenseful story about friendship, secrets and loyalty, **The Bronx Kill** probes the ties that bind us together—and the things that can tear us apart.

**The Bronx Kill** is a thoughtful, thought-provoking, exquisitely crafted tale. Gritty, dark, and ominous, it is an intense character-driven thriller that plunges readers into the streets of the Bronx. With characters that come alive within the novel's pages, a plot that draws readers in from page one, and its exploration of such universal themes of friendship, loyalty, loss, and redemption, **The Bronx Kill** is destined to stay with readers long after the final page is turned.

Philip Cioffari is the author of the novels: **Dark Road**, **Dead End**; **Jesusville**; **Catholic Boys**; and the short story collection, **A History of Things Lost or Broken**, which won both the Tartt Fiction Prize, and the D. H. Lawrence award for fiction. Cioffari has also been awarded the Sons of Italy award for literary excellence; the Writers' Voice NY award for fiction; the Italian Americana award for fiction. His short stories have been published widely in commercial and literary magazines and anthologies, including **North American Review**, **Playboy**, **Michigan Quarterly Review**, **Northwest Review**, **Florida Fiction**, and **Southern Humanities Review**. He has written and directed for **Off and Off-Off Broadway**. His indie feature film, which he wrote and directed, **Love in the Age of Dion**, has won numerous awards, including **Best Feature Film** at the Long Island International Film Expo, and **Best Director** at the NY Independent Film & Video Festival. Philip Cioffari is a Professor of English, and director of the Performing and Literary Arts Honors Program, at William Paterson University. [www.philipcioffari.com](http://www.philipcioffari.com)

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Allstate exclusive agency owner Tony Wright was one of the top Allstate agencies in the state in selling Specialty Product Lines. "It's a tremendous honor to earn this prestigious award from Allstate," said Don Rubbo, New York regional sales leader. "Tony is fully committed to helping Allstate's customers better understand the risks they may face in their household and provide solutions that help meet those needs. We are extremely proud of Tony and the fact that so many customers trust his agency to help them with their insurance needs."

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## CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL GRAND OPENING

Chipotle Mexican Grill served up smiles at the grand opening of its brand new restaurant at 260 E. 161st Street on Monday, March 6. The restaurant known for serving food made with fresh, high quality ingredients is open everyday from 10:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Lauren Mancuso (c), Chipotle marketing strategist, met with new customers Javier Polanco (l) and Christian Escalante on opening day.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## COHEN READS TO NCBH PATIENTS

Councilman Andrew Cohen and North Central Bronx Hospital patients enjoyed the 'Reach Out and Read' program on Thursday, March 2.

(l-r) North Central Bronx's Dr. Balvinder Sareen, chief medical officer; Rathna Fatato, nurse practitioner and Cristina Contreras, chief operating officer; Councilman Cohen; Reach Out and Read NYC's Laurie Williams, executive director and Luba Margai, regional program coordinator.

Photo courtesy of NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx

## CROWLEY HONORS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Congressman Joseph Crowley, Democratic Caucus chairman and Congresswoman Grace Meng honored a few exemplary women at the 14th annual Women's History Month Celebration on Monday, March 6 at the New York Botanical Garden's Garden Terrace Room. This year's distinguished honorees included Teresita Rodriguez, Apicha Community Health Center CEO; Gertrudes Pajaron, Apicha Community Health Center chief development officer and Camille Mackler, Esq., New York Immigration Coalition director of legal initiatives.



(l-r) Honorees Camille Mackler, Esq. and Teresita Rodriguez; Congressman Crowley; Congresswoman Meng and honoree Gertrudes Pajaron celebrated Women's History Month.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## ST. HELENA SCHOOL HOSTS SCIENCE FAIR

St. Helena School announced the first place winners for its time honored science fair on Friday, March 3. This year's victors include first grader Ja'Nyah Clarke-Malcolm for 'Sugar Water Density', second grader Odilet Encarnacion for 'Fizz Inflator', third grader Angelina Infante for 'Water Siphon', fourth grader Isabella Muniz for 'How Flowers Drink Water', fifth graders Andrea Belotto and Angel Smith for 'Cleaning Slime', sixth graders Joseph Rosario and Nicholas Singh for 'Hydroelectric Generator' and seventh graders Nathalia Diaz and Jenesia Getfield for 'Static Electricity'. The winners will advance to the borough-wide Bronx Catholic School Science Fair on Thursday, March 23 at Mount St. Michael Academy.



St. Helena School's many budding young scientists showcased their impressive experiments.

Photo courtesy of St. Helena's School

## BESSIE SMITH CELEBRATES 101ST BIRTHDAY

Bessie Smith celebrated her milestone 101st birthday with her friends and family on Saturday, March 4 at Morningside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born on March 2, 1916, Smith is known by staff as 'the lady who wants to kiss and hug everyone' and has said she would rather be loved than be rich because you can run out of money, but never run out of love.

Bessie Smith (l) and her granddaughter, Sharleen, had a great time celebrating her birthday.

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# Elected officials restore zoned students seats at P.S. 24

On Wednesday, March 15, local elected officials including Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Councilman Andrew Cohen and Senator Jeff Klein were alerted by many parents in the community that their children had been wait-listed for the September 2017 P.S. 24 Kindergarten class. By Friday, over 20 families had called the elected official's respective offices citing concerns over similar letters that they had received stating that their children, who lived within the P.S. 24 school zone, would not be offered a seat at the school.

P.S. 24 is one of the best elementary schools in the Bronx and a compelling rea-

son for young families to buy homes and move into the community. In many ways, the school's accomplishments reflect the success of the community and its continued wellbeing is in the interest of everyone, whether they have children who attend the school or not. Unfortunately, in recent years, the school has experienced severe overcrowding, exacerbated by the Department of Education's bungling of the Whitehall Annex lease as well as by the administration's acceptance of high numbers of out-of-zone students.

Due to this overcrowding problem, 58 children residing in the P.S. 24 zone, includ-

ing some who live across the street or around the corner, were put on a waiting list. This was unacceptable to all of the parents and the elected officials. After many meetings and conversations with district superintendent, Mariabel Hulla, principal Steven Schwartz, and other DOE officials, the decision was made to reverse this ill-conceived plan and to offer seats at P.S. 24 to all 58 children.

"I am so pleased we were able to convince Dept. of Education officials to change their minds and to agree to accept the 58 zoned children of P.S. 24 that had been put on a waitlist. Every child in the school's zone, without excep-

tion, has a right to attend their zoned school. I can only imagine what the parents went through these past few days. I applaud District 10 superintendent Hulla and principal Schwartz for doing the right thing for our community and for the families of these soon-to-be P.S. 24 students," said Assemblyman Dinowitz.

"The Department of Education made the right decision to enroll all 58 zoned students in P.S. 24. All families within the zone should have the expectation that their children will be able to attend their local school," said Councilman Andrew Cohen. "I'm thankful that superintendent Hulla and principal Schwartz

listened to the concerns of the affected families and the local elected officials and we were able to quickly resolve this matter."

"I'm thrilled that the Department of Education did the right thing by allowing 58 in-zone students enrollment at P.S. 24. When the children were inexplicably denied entry into this exceptional public school, myself, Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilman Cohen and the families of the wait-listed students immediately demanded an explanation. Thankfully the issue was quickly resolved when several vacant classrooms were made available to the students," said Senator Jeff Klein.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

A more definite picture of NASA's future direction is emerging.

Advocates of space exploration were gratified to note the inclusion of space research in the President's inaugural address ("We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space.") In a reversal of the role Obama mandated the space agency to play, the new Administration is emphasizing manned space flight and the pursuit of major goals for human exploration beyond low earth orbit, in the near term, using American spacecraft.

The Morning Ticker recently noted that "The incredible upset win of Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton could have huge ramifications for NASA. Donald Trump may send America back to the moon. That's what some people are saying now that he and the Republican Party has swept into power, including Newt Gingrich, who himself loves the idea of a colony on the moon. The transition from an Obama presidency

to a Trump administration is certain to be a jarring one for NASA. The agency can expect a significant revamp in its mission, focusing much less on climate change and more on space missions, including possibly our first trip to the moon in decades. Analysts suggest that the administration may push for a lunar landing as a stepping stone on the way to Mars. It would also be a very public way to reassert the U.S.'s mastery of the space domain and our closest neighbor."

According to the Daily Caller, SpaceX's founder Elon Musk "made two trips to Trump Tower during the transition period and discussed how NASA could be primed to send astronauts to Mars using public-private partnerships, according to The Washington Post. Trump also met... with space program historian Douglas Brinkley about the Apollo program, which took NASA to the moon during the 1960s... Another billionaire space entrepreneur, Robert Bigelow, thinks that Trump could potentially double NASA's budget.

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There is some similarity in that both Trump and his predecessor favor an expanded role for private sector technology.

A 2015 study by the National Defense University notes that "U.S. government policies over the past decade have focused on shifting space activities from the public sector to the more efficient private sector... Government policies have encouraged and supported the rise of new entrants and entrepreneurs into the space launch and broader space transportation market... overcoming the hurdles of high upfront capital investment costs. These new entrants are implementing process and pursuing product innovation in the rocket and on-rocket, orbital and sub-orbital launch markets..."

However, the practical application of Obama's use of the private sector was more

in the nature of a replacement for NASA-developed space technology, at least in the immediate future., and particularly in the realm of manned space flight. Trump's outlook is concentrated on having the private sector complement an ambitious and timely human space program.

The prior president mandated NASA's attention be directed to efforts intended to assist a climate change agenda. The new administration appears prepared to return the space agency to its original function. The time table for significant manned space accomplishments appears set to move faster under the Trump Administration.

Trump has long believed that NASA's emphasis on climate change during the Obama Administration was a misuse of the agency's budget. He also doubts the veracity of some of the data produced by various sources used to justify funding within the space agency for that purpose. In a criticism of NASA data, a Real Science review noted that in 1989: "...scientists from the United States Commerce De-

partment's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that a study of temperature readings for the contiguous 48 states over the last century showed there had been no significant change in average temperature over that period... But in the year 2000, NASA and NOAA altered the historical US temperature record, which now shows that there was about one degree centigrade US warming during the century before 1989... The altering of Icelandic data by NASA was particularly troubling, because the cooling from 1940 to 1980 was a well known and difficult historical period in Iceland. NASA erased Iceland's history, without even the courtesy to contact Iceland's experts... Additionally, we know that there was tremendous warming in the Arctic prior to the 1940s, which Hansen has erased from the historical record in Iceland, Greenland and elsewhere."

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## Jazz Night at the Huntington

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square, will host a party celebrating 1920s and 1930s jazz music called Jazz Night on Saturday, March 25, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Original record players from the era will be on display. The costume party is sponsored by the Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization, Huntington Free Library, and the Westchester Square Business Improvement District.

Tickets costs \$20 per person and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-night-at-the-huntington-tickets-31637575841?ref=esfb](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-night-at-the-huntington-tickets-31637575841?ref=esfb). Proceeds will benefit the Huntington Free Library. The Huntington can be reached at (718) 829-7770,

BY TONY SALIMBENE

The next post meeting is the 3rd Sunday at American Turners NY, the Turner Club; coffee and buns at 10:30 a.m., meeting 11 a.m. sharp and refreshments, noon, at the Turner's club room. Parking at the corner lot at Philip Avenue.

A personal thanks to all who braved the cold for our annual commitment to support our neighborhood St. Patrick's Day Parade. Neighbors actually

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cheered veterans marching by and the Color Guard from 253 was as sharp as ever.

Report on Support the Troops Bingo Fundraiser next time. I'm sure it was a big success as usual. Thanks hard

working volunteers and Sam Young Post 620 for the assist.

Sick call: let's just say a quick prayer for those in advancing years not doing well. Brendan is doing better and it was great he could get out to cheer us from along the parade route.

Until next time: Stay safe in the upcoming last winter blast and try to make the third Sunday meeting with a new veteran, lady or son.



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# Cardinal Spellman announces 2017 John F. Ward Scholarship winners

Cardinal Spellman High School announced the recipients of the John F. Ward '66 Vietnam Veteran Patriot Award for 2017.

The \$5,000 annual scholarship, based on an essay competition, DUTY: God, Honor and Country, has been awarded to seniors Krystal Cerisier and Aaron Greene.

The scholarship has been made possible from a generous donor in memory of his friend, P.F.C. John F. Ward.

After graduating from Cardinal Spellman in 1966, John Francis Ward attended basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and was designated '11 Bravo 40' light weapons infantry.

He then completed Advanced Individual Training in infantry tactics and advanced weaponry, and arrived in Vietnam in early July 1969. P.F.C.

Ward was killed during nighttime combat operations in Vietnam on October 6th of that same year, twenty-five days before his twenty-first birthday.

Krystal Cerisier graduated from Immaculate Conception Elementary School on 150th Street in the Bronx. She is an honors student, captain of the Lacrosse Team, and a member of the Track and Cross Country Teams. Next year, Krystal is planning to major in Global

Studies and International Relations at either George Washington University or LIU Global.

Aaron Greene graduated from Holy Rosary Elementary School, and is a member of the Varsity Basketball team. After graduation, Aaron hopes to major in business at one of the State University schools.

(Right, l-r) Aaron Greene and Krystal Cerisier, this year's Cardinal Spellman High School recipients of the John F. Ward '66 Vietnam Veteran Patriot Award for 2017.



## Fluid fuels function by Healthy Seniors CliCC

Dehydration is dangerous for everyone, including older adults. If left untreated, dehydration can result in death. We can lose water from our bodies simply by breathing, sweating, urinating and crying. Sodium is also lost with fluids; we need sodium (salt) for the normal functioning of our muscles and nervous system. If you are exercising or walking on a warm day, you are losing more water than usual and need to drink even more fluid.

Some health conditions put

older people at greater risk of dehydration. These include swallowing disorders from a stroke or Parkinson's disease, mobility issues that can make it difficult for someone to obtain fluids; diarrhea, vomiting or excessive sweating, as well as certain medications can increase the risk.

Individuals with diabetes are at particular risk. Dehydration can cause diabetic ketoacidosis, a condition that causes acids to build up in the body and can lead to coma and death. Dehydration can also

cause blood sugar levels to rise faster than normal, which can require additional medication and treatment.

Symptoms of dehydration in older adults can be vague. Older people often do not feel thirsty or have a dry mouth; they may be confused, have a headache, feel lightheaded, have low blood pressure or even feel heart palpitations. Their urine may be darker than normal, and if you gently grab the skin on the back of their hand, the skin will not spring back into place.

To prevent dehydration, most individuals should drink ~8 cups of water a day (if they are not on fluid-restriction). Keep a glass of water next to you and take small sips throughout the day. Drink water, milk or juice with meals, but keep it to approximately ½ cup while eating, as fluids may dilute the digestive juices in your stomach and slow digestion. Limit your drinking in the evening to avoid the need to go to the bathroom during the night. Limit your intake of coffee, alcohol and

high protein drinks as these may cause you to go to the bathroom more often and lose more fluids. Foods high in water, such as fresh fruits and vegetables can help with your hydration.

If you have any questions about these recommendations, please contact your health care provider for more information.

Next week: What to ask your doctor

*Co-Sponsored by the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at NYU and R.A.I.N.*

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all.

The L.A. Riders are holding their Annual Bike Blessing on Saturday, May 6. They meet at the McDonald's parking lot, 1652 Bruckner Boulevard. Cost is \$15 per bike and \$5 for the passenger. The blessing will be held at Holy Cross Church, 600 Soundview Avenue and an After Party will be held at the Sam Young Post immediately following.

Speaking of bikes, The Legion Riders is looking for new members. Call Joe Mondello at (646) 533-7025 for further info.

Still speaking of bikes, The

Legion Riders were asked to remove the patches from their jackets and vests at a Dave and Busters by the manager. The manager said the patches were gang-related and refused them entry.

A boycott ground swell has begun against D&B's. Before this goes any further, I would like to add my two pennies.

The gang-related refusal comes from the corporate level. The manager showed absolutely no discretion in his decisions. It was explained to him that the patches, a U.S. flag, POW/MIA, and Legion logo, were not gang stuff. No dice.

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**Samuel Young  
Legion Post 620**

This was not the manager's fault as he is ignorant of the Legion and it's work. I call upon American Legion National to increase information to the non-Legion public so that this does not happen again. The Legion is preparing for it's 100th anniversary on 2017, with parades, fairs, etc. This is not enough. The Legion should be in schools across the country

informing kids and teachers why we are in existence. I, personally, along with Joe Mondello and others have been in schools doing just this. This should be an on-going item. So, National, get on the stick.

The next post meeting is on Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. Show up and make your thoughts known. Also, volunteer for something. Dues are still due.

If any post in the Bronx Times Reporter area has an up-coming function, give me a three-week lead time and I'll include your info in this column.

**Trivia Time**

The first Ford Mustang rolled off the line on March 9, 1964.

The telephone was invented on March 10, 1876. Do you remember the inventor?

On March 11, 1938, a son was born to Eddie and Nettie Golluscio and his name is Paul and he became a Legionnaire in 1989 and later on a Pulitzer Prize worthy columnist.

General Mac Arthur said "I Shall Return" on March 11, 1942. And he did.

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



## 42ND CO AT FRESH AIR FUND CONFERENCE

Fresh Air Fund alum deputy inspector Ernest Morales, 42nd Precinct commanding officer, was the keynote speaker at the Fresh Air Fund Friendly Towns Conference on Sunday, February 5 at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. Morales, who spent eight years participating in the Fresh Air Fund Friendly Towns Programs as a child, reflected on his experiences and the impact his volunteer host family made on his life before approximately 300 volunteers in attendance.



Former Fresh Air child deputy inspector Morales gave a stirring keynote address at this year's Fresh Air Fund conference.

Photo by Jerry Speier

## HONORING AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS

Councilman Rafael Salamanca joined Congressman Jose Serrano, Senator Jose Serrano, district attorney Darcel Clark and others at the Serranos' annual Black History Month celebration on Monday, February 27 at Hostos Community College. During the event, Salamanca presented Community Board 2's African American leaders with proclamations recognizing their contributions to the community.



(l-r) CB 2 members Dondi McKellar, Paula Fields and Jesse Harris proudly display their awards.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office



## FEVER RECORDS FREE-STYLE CONCERT

Bronxites danced the night away at Fever Records and Sal Abbatiello's 'Forever Freestyle 11' on Saturday, March 4 at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts. The star studded musical extravaganza featured music from DJ Lucho, DJ first class Whiteboy, DJ KYS, TKA/K7, Judy Torres, Cynthia, George Lamond, Noel, Coro, Rob Base, Sa-Fire, Corina, Lydia Lee Love, Soave and Sammy Zone.

Famous freestyle and Salsa singer George Lamond entertained concert goers by performing some of his greatest hits.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## COUNCILMEN TOUR HEALTHCARE NETWORK

Council members Rafael Salamanca and Ritchie Torres recently toured some of the Community Healthcare Network facilities and discussed methods to provide additional affordable healthcare to south Bronxites. As a former healthcare administrator, Salamanca is passionate about creating new opportunities which will lead to a healthier Bronx.



Council members Salamanca (2nd from l) and Torres (3rd from r) met with healthcare officials during the tour.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office



## SALAMANCA COMBATS S. BRONX'S HUNGER

Councilman Rafael Salamanca recently invited New York Common Pantry leaders to discuss methods to combat hunger in the south Bronx. With the district facing one of the largest meal gaps in the city, Salamanca is committed to allocating additional funding for food pantry services.

Councilman Salamanca (back, c) and New York Common Pantry leaders outlined ways to resolve the south Bronx's hunger issues.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office



# Paper Enterprises launches new warehouse showroom

Since 1961 Paper Enterprises in Port Morris has been one of the leading janitorial and food service suppliers in the northeast. Paper Enterprises, and its redistribution and retail division, Consolidated Paper Co, announced the launch of its latest innovation, a warehouse showroom at 770 E. 132nd Street.

The world of the on-the-road sales rep has changed. It is increasingly difficult for reps

to make in-person calls in the NY Metro area. Traffic, parking and the vast number of product solutions that exist has limited customer contact with the actual products. The warehouse showroom will highlight 5,000 different products from over 50 manufacturers, so customers can see, touch and really understand the breadth of the products, and opportunity available to them.

Paper Enterprises

continues to be progressive in adapting to the changing buying habits of its customer base which is increasingly turning to online and Internet-based solutions.

"As the marketplace changes, people are always looking for the next way to buy", said Jordan Sedler, president of Paper Enterprises. "We had to look for new ways to show our products to our customers and offer them the opportunity to see them as

well as ask questions of our sales team and manufacturers directly."

"It's bringing together the customer and the manufacturer in a way that we haven't seen before", he continued, adding, "it's seeing, it's learning, it's a great way to help our customers sell new products. Our highly informative and easy to use website is a great way to be introduced to our capabilities, but there is no substitute for seeing and handling

the real products."

More than 60 companies have visited during the development process and all were impressed with the large number and variety of products as well as the merchandising and marketing ideas at their disposal. Some of those, from as far away as Massachusetts and Maryland now make a visit to the Paper Enterprises showroom a part of their regular quarterly planning to keep adding to

their product mix and to learn about new items with each visit.

All the products in the showroom can be ordered on site. The Paper Enterprises showroom is available by appointment only and is not open to the general public.

Customers can also visit PECO online at [www.paperenterprise-susa.com](http://www.paperenterprise-susa.com) to view the products.

For information call Jordan Sedler at (718) 402-1200.

BY FRAN ARICO AND BARBARA FLEMING

Please note: due to the snowstorm we rescheduled our meeting for Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall 3283 Ampere Avenue, corner of Research Avenue. Looking forward to seeing our members and friends.

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## NEW BEGINNING ANIMAL RESCUE PETS



(Left) Noel is an 8-10 year old dog. He's unaltered and blind, but a total sweetheart who is good with dogs and cats. He likes to rest and enjoys belly rubs. This sweet pup was found on Christmas Eve, tied by his hind legs. He also suffered from head trauma. Noel hasn't had the best life but he is learning that not all people are bad. He was severely matted and his nails were overgrown into his pads. He is now groomed and handsome and would love nothing more than an awesome family who will love him always.

(Right) Mimi is a very sweet and affectionate cat and loves people and attention. Would make a great pet as well as a great first time pet for a new owner.

To adopt any of these pets, email [newbeginninganimalrescue@gmail.com](mailto:newbeginninganimalrescue@gmail.com) or call 347-691-3282.

## Overnight bus trip to Resorts Casino

An overnight bus trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City, NJ, will be held on Sunday, April 2, and returning Monday, April 3.

If you get a comp room call and get your confirmation number to give us when making your reservation, you will just pay for 2-day

bus ride, room taxes and driver's tip and receive a \$20 dinner coupon (approximately \$60 per person depending on how many guests). Double occupancy is \$145, with a return of \$15 slot play and \$30 food coupon. Triple occupancy will be \$125 with \$15 slot play and \$30 food coupon. Tri-

ple occupancy is available. Call for details.

All comp room guests must handle their own luggage. Weather permitting, the trolley is available on the boardwalk for \$5 for all-day use to the other casinos or to the Tanger outlets, with over 90 stores and restaurants.

Bus departs approximately 9 a.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 3283 Ampere Avenue (corner of Research Avenue) and at 9:15 a.m. at the Morris Park Library, 985 Morris Park Avenue.

For reservations call Fran Arico at (718) 828-5073.

All are invited.

## Benedetto sponsors AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited.

Registration for this class begins on Tuesday, March 20, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be taken prior to that time!

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

2235.

This 6-hour course will refresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips. Those who complete the course will receive a reduction of approximately 10 per-

cent from the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

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

BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

The next general meeting of our association will be on Wednesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. We are inviting representatives from the NYC Department of Buildings, and from FDNY, to further discuss the ever growing issue of illegally rented apartments. Our members have expressed interest and concern re-

garding how to properly file complaints in regard, and how to ensure that these complaints are thoroughly investigated by the proper city agencies. It is imperative that enforcement of these violations are brought to fruition, in order to prevent a gross over saturation of our

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primarily singlefamily home zoned community, and potential deterioration of the standard of living and quality of life we deserve. There will also 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.

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

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



# COUNCIL MEMBERS MARCH FOR IMMIGRANTS

Councilman Rafael Salamanca joined Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Councilwoman Annabel Palma in a march from Mott Haven to East Harlem on Saturday, March 4 in a display of solidarity for immigrant families. Salamanca's office is available to assist in any immigration issue you or your family may have. For more information, contact his office at (718) 402-6130.



Councilwoman Palma (3rd from l), Council Speaker Mark-Viverito (c), Councilman Salamanca (2nd from r) and residents protested President Trump's illegal immigrant policy.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office

# SALAMANCA, STRINGER MEET WITH LEADERS

Councilman Rafael Salamanca recently joined Comptroller Scott Stringer and community leaders to discuss work being done by the comptroller's office to ensure a fiscally stable NYC.



Comptroller Stringer (back, l) and Councilman Salamanca (back, r) discussed work and politics.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office

# SEPULVEDA HOSTS IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP

In light of President Trump's new executive order to temporarily ban immigrants from six predominantly Muslim countries, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda hosted an immigration workshop on Sunday, March 5 at St. Helena's Catholic Church. The event featured panelists Miriam Bell-Blair, District Attorney Darcel Clark's Immigrant Affairs Unit director; the Bangladesh-American Community Council; Surey Miranda-Alarcon, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs east and south Bronx neighborhood organizer; Oscar Asencio, NYC Commission on Human Rights director; Jackson Chin, Latino Justice PRLDEF senior counsel; David Mullins, New York Legal Assistance Group supervising paralegal and BIA-accredited representative and Anthony Alba, Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights attorney.



Assemblyman Sepulveda (front, c) with the evening's panelists.

Photo by Bob Kapstatter



(l-r) John Troubh, Sabina Saragoussi, Bronx Parks commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Isaias Vega, NYC Parks commissioner Mitchell Silver, Nilka Martell, Heather Lubov, AJ Roman and Leenda Bonilla.

Photo by Daniel Avila/NYC Parks

# PARK VOLUNTEERS AT IT'S MY PARK AWARDS

Partnership for Parks celebrated its fourth annual 'It's My Park' Awards Reception on Wednesday, March 8 inside the Prince George Ballroom in Manhattan to recognize NYC park volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to their local parks through service, advocacy and collaboration. This year's Golden Trowel Award for the Bronx was presented to BronxWorks and Healthy and Liveable Mott Haven Partnership with leadership by BronxWorks' Kimberly Wong. Mullaly Bikepark, led by Brendan Vail, were the proud recipients of the Bronx's Community Parks Initiative Award. Loving the Bronx, led by Nilka Martell, received the Tim Tompkins Leadership Award for serving as an inspirational role model for NYC park volunteers and demonstrating the leadership and vision of Partnerships for Parks' founder, Tom Tompkins.



(l-r) Sabina Saragoussi, Bronx Parks commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa, NYC Parks commissioner Silver, Kimberly Wong, Carolina Espinosa, Ashley Miranda, Leenda Bonilla, Heather Lubov and Claire Pellegrini Cloud.

Photo by Daniel Avila/NYC Parks



(l-r) Sabina Saragoussi, Bronx Parks commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa, NYC Parks commissioner Silver, Brendan Vail of Mullaly Bikepark, Heather Lubov, Leenda Bonilla and Jennifer Gardner.

Photo by Daniel Avila/NYC Parks



# How to make 'Playboy' great again

Playboy magazine used to be the illicit thrill that men of all ages hid in their sock drawers.

Now it is more like the socks. Even though the magazine recently decided to add naked ladies back into the mix (no nudes, it seems, was bad nudes), it is still hard to get excited by Playboy anymore. But to give props where props are due: It is also hard to imagine we would ever be as blasé as we are today about sex, and even women's lib, if it weren't for Hugh Hefner and his crazy 1953 creation.

Hef was a frustrated cartoonist at the time, working in the Esquire subscription department. When his request for a \$5 a week raise got turned down, he decided to strike out on his own. Somehow he pulled together \$10,000 and prepared to launch a racy new magazine: Stag.

Fortunately for him, the name "Stag" was already taken. So instead he called it "Playboy." The first edition featured a centerfold (a word we wouldn't even have without Hef!) dubbed, "Sweetheart of the Month." By the very next issue, the centerfold was rechristened

"Playmate." And as author Julie Keller has mused, "There is a vast ideological gap between the words."

There sure is. "Sweetheart" harkened back to courtship. But a playmate is someone you play with. It is fun, but it isn't forever.

Thus began the smashing of taboos.

The genius of Playboy was not that it published naked young flesh. You could buy dirty pictures even then. As Time Magazine noted in a cover story on Hefner at the height of his career — 1972, when Playboy was selling 7 million copies a month — "He took the old-fashioned, shame-thumbed girlie magazine, stripped off the plain wrapper, added gloss, class, and culture."

And how! As its subscriber base grew, so did Playboy's reputation as a purveyor of taste, showcasing some of the best writers around. So, yes, obligatory joke here: You really could read Playboy just for the articles.

Then again, you could read The New York Review of Books for the same thing. Did you?

Enough said.

The lofty writing not only provided gentlemen with an excuse for their subscriptions, it helped change the entire



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Lenore Skenazy

perception of non-marital sex, from dark, dirty doings with prostitutes to a sophisticated pastime men pursued with willing women of their own class. This, of course, required a revolution.

Hefner himself has said he was a feminist before it was cool. Exactly how feminist remains one for the gender studies classes. Sure he "objectified" women's bodies. But he also supported birth control (he had to), pre-marital sex (ditto), and sexual pleasure for both partners (why not?).

Ironically, one thing he did not seem to believe in was actual, earthy sexiness. Peter Bloch, a former editor at Penthouse, recalls being disappointed by his Playboy subscription every month.

"The girls were very cute, but they were photo-shopped and in weird poses," he lamented. "Any woman I saw walking down the street seemed more sexy."

It's possible that's because Hefner wasn't really selling sex. He was selling lifestyle. The women were simply part of a modern man's lair, along with a wet bar and hi-fi. That's why Hef made sure all the advertising was aspirational. Howard Lederer, the magazine's ad director, told Time in 1972: "We don't want a reader to suddenly come on an ad that says he has bad breath."

Martin Pazzani was brand manager at Smirnoff Vodka back in Playboy's heyday.

"We spent tens of millions" on Playboy ads, he recalls. Today he the head of a premium Tequila, Tears of Llorona, and he not advertise in Playboy — or any magazine.

That's part one of the one-two punch that knocked the wind out of Playboy.

"The internet was a problem for just about every existing media enterprise," says Nat Ives, executive director of Advertising Age.

Of course, the Internet provided more than just a new ad medium. It provided more porn than all the Playmates of all

time.

"Playboy changed the landscape, and then vice versa," pop culture historian Robert Thompson sums it up.

Today the bunny logo, once so titillating, looks like something from a '70s time capsule. But because it is still one of the most recognizable brands one earth, publicist Richard Laermer came up with a great idea for it:

Open a Playboy Museum.

Do it in Vegas. Showcase the man, the mansion, the magazine. Trace their trajectory across the times they changed. Fill the gift shop with Playboy overstock — mugs, sunglasses, key chains. And in the cafe, serving Heffacino?

Bunnies! Male, female, and gender fluid, wiggling their tails. Just like that, Playboy goes from creek to cheeky again, and is celebrated for its amazing place in American history.

Not just its place in the sock drawer.

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

## An Israeli field of dreams at the World Baseball Classic

He built it. And they came.

I'm speaking of my Israeli cousin, Peter Kurz, a transplanted Manhattanite who has been managing baseball in the Holy Land for more than a decade now.

Peter has been running the Israel Association of Baseball, which now has more than 1,000 players rounding the bases in a land more comfortable with guns and bayonets than bats and balls.

The past two weeks — 50 years after the Six Day War — we have witnessed a minor miracle take place in the Far East at the World Baseball Championships in Korea and Japan. Once again, tiny Israel has defeated four big countries in less than a week. Should we now call it the Six Day Sweep?

Like David in the biblical David vs. Goliath battle, the 41st ranked Israeli baseball team has beaten up on the big boys: third-ranked South Korea, fourth-ranked Taiwan,

fifth-ranked Cuba, and ninth-ranked the Netherlands have all been felled by the mighty slingshots from the Israeli side.

When I visited cousin Peter in Israel five years ago we were traveling to Jerusalem in his car to see the holiest of the holies when his cellphone rang and on the other end was his Israeli co-commissioner Haim. They were in search of American Major League Baseball players who have some Jewish roots to add to the Israeli national team.

"What about Ian Goldstein (not the real name)?" asked Shlomo.

"No, no, no," Peter replied. "I think his dad was a Jew for Jesus, so he cannot get citizenship."

And so they played the fun game of "Who's a Jew?" the next few years until they put together a team of minor leaguers, former major leaguers (like former Met Ike Davis) and

other members of the tribe who were willing to put their talents on the diamond to work for the Motherland.

Last September, in the qualifying round for the world championships in Coney Island's MCU Park, Israel upset the team from Great Britain on its way to the round of 16 in South Korea. I went to the stadium with some childhood friends to cheer on Peter and his ragtag bunch of Goldstein's and Shapiro's. It was fun to watch my exuberant cousin revel in the fruits of his seemingly futile labor — he had taken a sport to a country that is at best indifferent to America's favorite pastime and made it compete with the same ferocity and fervor that has turned a tiny desert country into a world military superpower.

Peter's mother and my mother, Hungarian sisters who survived the Holocaust and the slaughter of many from their family, came to America in the

1950s to seek a safe harbor and a place to raise children without fear of persecution and discrimination.

Instead of their unimaginable teenage worries about world war and the rise of the Nazis, Peter and I spent our teens in New York cheering on the New York Mets. Our biggest worry seemed to be whether our team could break out of the shadow of the hated Bombers from the Bronx.

What a difference a generation makes. And now, with a new generation of Jews cheering on the Israeli baseball team in its not-so quixotic quest for world domination, I realize that the world really is flat.

Wouldn't it be great if there could be a baseball league of teams in the Middle East and instead of war and stockpiling weapons, they duked it out on the ballfield? Where teams from Saudi Arabia and Iran and Yemen and Syria and Israel could compete for wins and



TOM ALLON

losses and the Semitic Baseball Championship?

If America could heal from the Civil War in the 1860s and less than a century later have southern teams compete against northern teams in the major leagues, then maybe there is hope for the healing power of baseball.

Go team Israel! Go Peter!

Allon, president of City & State NY, was a mayoral candidate in 2013 before he return to the private sector. Reach him at [tallon@cityandstateny.com](mailto:tallon@cityandstateny.com).



## GOP'S REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN'S DINNER

The Bronx GOP toasted a few exemplary local leaders at its annual Bronx Republican Party Chairman's Dinner on Wednesday, March 8 at Villa Barone Manor. This year's gala featured keynote speaker Assemblyman Ron Castorina and distinguished honorees included officer Frederick Winter, Patrolmen's Benevolent Association financial secretary; Wayne Gurman, Republican Humanitarian Award recipient; Frank Spotorno, business and community leader and Darnell Sutton, Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.



Bronx GOP chairman Michael Rendino (l) presented Darnell Sutton his prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Frank Sportono (r) proudly accepted his award from Rendino.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Rendino (r) congratulated honoree police officer Winter on his many achievements.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Wayne Gurman (l) was honored to receive his award from Rendino.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. celebrated Black History Month during his annual African American Heritage celebration on Friday, March 10 at Thessalonias Baptist Church. This year's celebration honored Elizabeth Gill, 47th Precinct Community Council president; Anthony Wells, SSEU Local 371 president; Assemblywoman Pamela Harris and Jonathan Hicks Award recipient Derrick Lewis, Ernst and Young senior manager.



(l-r) Rev. Gilder Anderson, honoree Elizabeth Gill, Borough President Diaz and honorees Pamela Harris and Anthony Wells.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



## DIAZ TEACHES FAMILY LIFE CHARTER STUDENTS

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. visited Family Life Academy Charter School third graders on Wednesday, March 8 to teach a civics class, discuss the political process and how they can become more engaged in their community. The event also included a mock Congressional hearing to give students an understanding of how a bill is passed.

Borough President Diaz (c) gave students a compelling lesson on politics and community engagement.

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



Diaz (back, c) and St. Peter the Apostle Orthodox Church members with this year's honorees (front, l-r) captain Stilianesis, Eleftheria Ardizzzone, Marika Artoglou and Nick Tsakonas.

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## BOROUGH PRESIDENT HONORS GREEK AMERICAN LEADERS

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Senator Michael Gianaris; Assemblywoman Aravella Simotas; Councilman Costa Constantinides and the Hellenic Orthodox Community of the Bronx honored a few exemplary Greek American community leaders at this year's Greek Heritage Celebration on Thursday, March 9 at St. Peter the Apostle Greek Orthodox Church. This year's proud honorees were Eleftheria 'Effie' Ardizzzone, NYC Department of Environmental Protection deputy director and Bronx Borough coordinator for the Bureau of Public Affairs; Marika Artoglou, St. Peter The Apostle Greek Orthodox Church's former parish council president; captain Christopher Stilianesis, NYPD Central Robbery Division of the Bronx executive officer and Nick Tsakonas Royal Coach Diner owner and restaurateur.



## FATHERHOOD COALITION'S MEET & GREET

The Bronx Fatherhood Coalition, a leading chapter in the citywide Responsible Fatherhood initiative, hosted its inaugural meet and greet on Wednesday, March 8 at Applebee's on Fordham Road discussing its borough strategy. With valued partners from a wide array of agencies, non-profits and supportive services programs specifically working with fathers, the Bronx Fatherhood Coalition will continue to act as a conduit for resources, events and training while promoting its message, 'fatherhood is deeds, not words' throughout the Bronx.



(l-r) Princeton Mashack; Jeff Branch; coach Steven Lynn; Ronald Hartridge; captain Michael Mashack, scuba diver trainer and Andre Peterson.  
Photo by Miriam Quin

## ST. BENEDICT'S HOSTS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

St. Benedict's Church hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday, March 4 to celebrate the holiday and few local leaders' contributions.



Honoree Patrick Lyons (c) proudly accepted his awards from (l-r) Joe Kearns, Ezekiel Rodriguez, Lyon's wife AnneMarie and Jack McArdle.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Award recipient Fr. Stephen Norton (front, 4th from l), St. Benedict's Church pastor, received congratulations from Knights of Columbus members, parishioners and local seminarians.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## OLA'S 'SPARKLE, SHINE SILVER JUBILEE' CARD PARTY

Over 340 people attended Our Lady of the Assumption School's 25th annual 'Sparkle and Shine Silver Jubilee' Card Party on Thursday, March 9 at Villa Barone Manor. The fun-filled night of glittery prizes included panini grills, silver jewelry, various gift certificates and a grand prize of a membership to VIP Beach and Tennis Club for a family of four. Eighth graders were present to help deliver prizes to the winners as their names were announced.

OLA's eighth graders enjoyed an evening with friends and educators.

Photo by Fernando Justiniano



(l-r) Parent Build Board's Jackie Tulipano, Josephine Vieni, Stefanie Cozzi and Edina Dodaro and John Paul Barnaba, OLA principal, had a great time at this year's celebration.  
Photo by Fernando Justiniano



(l-r) OLA Parent Build Board's Josephine Vieni, president; Stefanie Cozzi, vice president and members at large Jackie Tulipano and Edina Dodaro helped make the card party possible.  
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# BRONX Y CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

It was poetry in motion when the Bronx YMCA celebrated Women's History Month with an 'Empowering Lecture/Dance with Celeste' on Saturday, March 11. A professional belly dancer of 25 years, Celeste DeCamps teaches women the positive power of achieved by tapping into their internal strength.



Professional belly dancer Celeste DeCamps (6th from l) with her class at the Bronx Y.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## SALESE, EC SALSERO FILM MUSIC VIDEO

Italian American hip hop artist Rob 'Salese' joined singer-songwriter EC Salsero in producing a music video shoot for their new hit single, 'Together' on Sunday, March 5 at Miami Sports Lounge and Tapas Bar on 26 Bruckner Boulevard. In their revolutionary recording, Salese and EC Salsero exhibit their musical and vocal talents by bringing forth awareness on real life issues and the battle for equality and unity for all in the human race. Their song 'Together' is available at [www.youtube.com/saleseNYC](http://www.youtube.com/saleseNYC).

Musicians EC Salsero (2nd from l) and Rob 'Salese' (2nd from r) with cameramen Adam Gonzalez (l) and Ed Szamborski.

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The crew displayed visually stunning posters to appear in the 'Together' music video.

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## SPELLMAN STUDENTS QUOTE SHAKESPEARE

Nearly 30 students participated in Cardinal Spellman High School's Shakespeare Monologue Contest on Friday, March 10. A 'jolly ole' time was had' by all at the event organized by English professor John Smith. This year's winners were first place champion Jacinta Addo-Cadu, second place victor Isaac Yearwood, third place honoree Serena Singh and runners-up Lakshmanath Sawak, Bethany Fernandez and Karlene Rivera.



The Bard of Avon himself would be proud of this year's Shakespeare Monologue contestants.

Photo by Fernando Justiniano

## Morris Park Library's Craft of War Writing Workshop

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Craft of War Writing writers Workshop is back for its third season at the Morris Park Library beginning on Saturday, March 18.

Registration is now open for this ten-session free writing workshop for the general public.

The workshop focuses on war stories from around the world while considering how participants can write their own pieces.

There will be a number of guest authors attending the sessions.

The instructor is Jeremy Warneke, a U.S. Army veteran who served in Iraq and a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College.

The 2 p.m. workshops run through Saturday, June 10.

For more information, details and to register visit [voicesfromwar.org](http://voicesfromwar.org).

You may also email questions to [info@voicesfromwar.org](mailto:info@voicesfromwar.org).

The event is hosted with support from the Bronx Council on the Arts.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING STOPS WITH US

The Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette and Leadership Academy hosted a 'Human Trafficking Stops With Us' workshop on Thursday, March 9 at the Sanz Banquet Hall. The event featured guest speaker Rev. Que English, Not On My Watch chairwoman; arts and crafts and an in-depth presentation on how to prevent human trafficking.



(l-r) Paola Hernandez, Shanyia Coleman and Sharaya Wright created an informative 'Not On My Watch' poster at the workshop.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

5 Star Moving, LLC Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY on 8/4/16 Off. in Bronx Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Company, 80 State St, Albany, NY 12207. The reg. agt. is Corporation Service Company at same address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

## 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 who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/P 3639 Bruckner Blvd. Store 4, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## 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 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 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 KJ. INVESTORS EMPIRE LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (12/02/2016). NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon to C/O (KJ. INVESTORS EMPIRE LLC , 150 W 225TH STREET APT 24G BRONX, NY 10463). Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## 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. 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 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 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 is hereby given that an order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County, on the 21 day of December 2016, bearing Index No. 260261/2016 a copy which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse #111, Bronx, NY 10451 grants me the right, to assume the name Elaine Lia Howard Sabino. My present address is 568 Minnieford Avenue, Bronx, NY 10464; The date of my birth is May 22, 1950; My present name is Edith Elaine Sabino.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 2-21-2017, bearing Index Number NC-000047-17/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located t 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Leslie (Last) Galindo-Campos. My present name is (First) Leslie (Middle) Galindo (Last) Campos (infant). My present address is 2435 Creston Ave, Apt. C6, Bronx, NY 10468. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is February 21, 2012.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - BRONX COUNTY -

Central Funding Company and Rudolf Kats d/b/a Columbia Capital Co., Plaintiffs vs. Janet Bhooosingh, et al. Defendants. Attorney for plaintiff: Christopher J. Panny, Esq., 26 Court Street, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Tel: 718-852-6600. Pursuant to Judgment of foreclosure and sale dated November 5, 2014, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on April 17, 2017 at 2:00PM premises beginning at a point on the easterly side of White Plains Road, distant 98.27 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of White Plains Road and

the northerly side of East 243 rd Street and being an irregular parcel of land with measurements of 48.10 feet by 65.21 feet by 35.98 feet by 75.64 feet and more particularly described in Schedule A of the filed judgment and known as 4856-4862 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY. Premises are sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said Judgment and Terms of Sale. Approximate amount of judgment: \$1,274,403.30 plus interest and costs. Index No. 35116-2013E, Deidra R. Moore, Esq., Referee.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Pltf. vs. JOSE DIAZ, et al, Defts. Index #35331/2013E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 22, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2358 Lyon Avenue, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3970, Lot 25. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$655,798.73 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. IMAN AKBAR, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. For Pltf., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 58328 - #91064

## 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 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

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,  
A g a i n s t  
Index No.: 16375/07  
ALFONSO DIAZ, ET AL.,  
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

Dated: 1/27/2017  
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## Using mobile phones

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

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

## Daydreaming

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

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

## Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
PENNYMAC CORP.; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. ELANA LOVE MORIN F/K/A ELANA WALKER; OLIVER WITT; 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 6, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.  
On April 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 1714 MATTHEWS AVE, BRONX, NY 10462  
Block: 4045 Lot: 59  
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 of New York, County of Bronx, 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 \$666,447.30 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 380006/10  
Joseph Strasburg, Esq., Referee

## 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

## LEGAL NOTICE

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: 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.  
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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  
HOUSEHOLD FINANCE REALTY CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, Plaintiff against  
PAUL CONRAD A/K/A PAUL W. CONRAD; MARIA CONRAD ,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 MARCH 4, 2013  
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 17, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 1948 CRUGER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10462. Block 4258 Lot 4. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$387,768.12 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 381228-08.  
LEE HUTTNER, ESQ. , Referee

## 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  
SLC

## 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, Sentueal 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 - COUNTY OF BRONX  
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,  
A g a i n s t  
Index No.: 380973/2013  
MARY CAMPBELL, VINTON CAMPBELL, ET AL., Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 4/7/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/17/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 714 East 217th Street, Bronx, NY 10467, and described as follows:  
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4664 and Lot 61.  
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$404,443.59 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380973/2013.  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
Bernard M. Alter, Esq., Referee.  
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504  
Dated: 1 / 2 4 / 2 0 1 7  
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## 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



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## Upcoming Wave Hill events

Wave Hill, 675 West 252nd Street, highlights include:

**Saturday, March 25: Woodworking: Potting Bench Workshop—Day 1:** Construct your very own potting bench with master carpenter and director of Facilities Frank Perrone. This unique bench is designed with folding components for easy transport.

**Saturday, March 25; Sunday, March 26: Family Art Project: Big Bud Monoprints:** Observe the unusual shapes of tree and flower beginnings. Then, working with large pieces of construction paper, simple templates and contrasting backgrounds, make simple, bold and brushy large-scaled monoprints.

**Saturday, March 25: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk:** Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

**Saturday, March 25: Winter Workspace Session 2 Open House:** Individual artists share their studio practice with

the public on this open studio day. This year's Session 2 artists are Leenda Bonilla, Cecile Chong, Elisabeth Condon, Tommy Nguyen, Alison Owen and Michael Kelly Williams.

**Saturday, March 25: Nature Talk: Wildlife History Of New York:** Over a century of human settlement and development have brought many changes to the Hudson Valley, as well as to the wildlife in the region. Environmental Educator Megan Hoffman from the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum highlights five native animals whose natural histories have been significantly impacted by human activity. A closer look at the sturgeon, beaver, box turtle, coyote and bald eagle illustrates how pollutants, habitat loss and preservation, over-hunting and other human interventions have affected their populations over time.

**Sunday, March 26: Wellness Workshop: Nature's Medicine Cabinet:** Work-



Wave Hill Family Art Project, Big Bud Monoprints, participants.

Photo courtesy of Wave Hill

ing with herbalist Tina Triburgo, formulate all-natural remedies to soothe general pains, sleeplessness, allergies and other spring maladies. Go home with custom-made salves, tinctures, medicinal oils and teas, and recipes and resources for creating them on your

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**Sunday, March 26: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk:** Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds.

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**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

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX**

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOANS, INC., HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE1,

V.

HAZEL ELLIS A/K/A HAZEL B. ELLIS, et al.

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 23, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOANS, INC., HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE1 is the Plaintiff and HAZEL ELLIS A/K/A HAZEL B. ELLIS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on April 17, 2017 at 2:00pm, premises known as 810 E 168TH ST, BRONX, NY 10459: Block 2681 Lot 17

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380209/2011. Irving Rosen, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff  
AGAINST

Safraz Jamaludin and Shameeza Jamaludin, et al., Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 18, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), Bronx, on April 17, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2383 BATHGATE AVENUE, 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 New York, BLOCK 3055, LOT 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$378,474.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 35178/2014E.

Christopher J. Marengo 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, SELENE FINANCE LP,  
Plaintiff, vs. TERESA PEDRETTI-  
RAMOS A/K/A TERESA PEDRETTI  
RAMOS, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 07, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1925 Radcliff 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 4266 and Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment is \$411,733.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35566/2015E.

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, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.

Michael Harold Maizes, Esq., Referee

Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-WFHE2, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WFHE2, Plaintiff  
AGAINST

DEBORAH BERNARD, CAROLYN WATSON, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 12, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, on April 17, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3315 BARKER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10467. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4622, LOT 53. Approximate amount of judgment \$668,002.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 18923/07.

Joseph Strasburg 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, NYCTL BROWNFIELD LLC  
AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK  
MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT  
AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff, vs. MEGA  
ENTERPRISES INC., ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 30, 2017 and entered on February 2, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., 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 4075 and Lot 19.

Said premises may also be known as 1437 Blondell Avenue, Bronx, NY.

Approximate amount of judgment is \$162,663.87 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index # 260072/15.

Daniel D. Cassidy, Esq., Referee  
The Law Office of Thomas P. Malone, PLLC, 60 East 42nd Street, Suite 927, New York, New York 10165, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

**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

**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, LYZETTE 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  
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## 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  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: February 8, 2017  
#90864

## 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

**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



# La Lupe, Queen of Latin Soul, lived on E. 140th St.

There's a stretch of East 140th Street between St. Ann's Avenue and Cypress Avenue that carries an official street sign bearing the name "La Lupe Way." Someone recently asked me about it and I recalled it very well as there had been some controversy surrounding the bill when it was first introduced by Fernando Ferrer. It was later re-introduced by Borough President Adolfo Carrion to a more receptive City Council who approved it in December of 2001.

Guadalupe Victoria Yoli Raymond, commonly known as La Lupe, was unquestionably the most important Latin female singer to come out of Cuba after the revolution. She was born on December 23, 1936 in San Pedrito, a barrio of Santiago, and was studying to become a teacher until becoming star-struck after winning a singing contest on the radio in 1954. The following year her family moved to Havana and soon she was making a name for herself at the local clubs. Her performance at Club La Red in 1958 really showcased her talent as she kept telling the pianist Homero Balboa to play

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

faster and faster. She was more than just another singer, she was a performer.

She recorded her first album, "Con el diablo en el cuerpo" (With the devil in my body), for RCA Victor in 1960 and two years later was exiled to the United States. She became an immediate sensation for her extreme antics, such as banging her high heels on the piano, throwing herself on the floor, tossing clothes and anything else available at the audience. The crowds went wild urging her on and she responded with unbounded energy.

She was manic and almost impossible to control. She was fighting a losing battle with herself and it would certainly help bring about her early demise. Stardom only added to her erratic behavior especially after Pedro Almodovar included her song "Puro Teatro" in his film "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown." Her stage

shows are unforgettable which is why she managed to sell out her performance at Madison Square Garden, the first Latin singer to do so.

La Lupe, also known as La Yiyiyi by some of her fans, moved to East 140th Street here in the Bronx in 1986 and remained here until her untimely death on February 29, 1992. It was during these years that she settled down somewhat, turning to religion and switching to gospel music. The "Queen of Latin Soul" was reigning as a more becalmed soul but the damage was already done and death finally knocked on her door at age 52. She's now at peace in St. Raymond's Cemetery.

The official street sign bearing her name was unveiled at a gala ceremony on June 12, 2002 and both former Borough President Fernando Ferrer and the then current Borough President Adolfo Carrion were there to help cel-



REPRINTED FROM 5/24/2012

I took this photograph of La Lupe's grave site on Wednesday, May 16. While visiting St. Raymond's Cemetery, my wife and I decided to pay our respects to "The Queen of Soul." Although she passed away in 1992, the grave was carefully tended and fresh flowers were placed there.

brate. La India sang one of La Lupe's biggest hits, "Que Te Pedi" (What did I ask of you?) and La Lupe's son, Rene Camano, and daughter, Rainbow Garcia, joined in the singing. Joe Cuba also performed and many tributes to her work with Mongo Santamaria and Tito Puente could be heard. There will never be another La Lupe but her antics have been captured on film and can be viewed on the internet.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Probate Citation  
File No. 2016-2379  
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CITATION

TTHE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
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TO: LOUIS VASSALLO, MICHAEL  
VASSALLO, AND JOHN VASSALLO  
whose whereabouts are unknown and  
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ascertained, if they be living and if they  
be dead, to their heirs at law,  
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creditors, lienors, their husbands or  
wives or successors in interest and to  
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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

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Chief Clerk

Frank N. Peloso, Esq., Address of  
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the relief requested. You have a right to  
have an attorney appear for you.)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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  
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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
POSTPONEMENT OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX  
COUNTY

Deutsche Bank National Trust  
Company, as Trustee for Morgan  
Stanley Home Equity Loan Trust  
2006-3, Mortgage Pass-Through  
Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff(s)

vs. EDWARD L STEWART;  
PAULINE B STEWART; 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  
November 24, 2015, 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 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 1224 UNION  
AVE, BRONX, NY 10459

Block: 2682 Lot: 8

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.

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  
\$632,530.81 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 382180/09

Edward Simon Zizmor, Esq.,  
Referee

\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A  
LEGAL POSTPONEMENT FOR THE  
SALE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017\*\*

## 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 2014-A TRUST AND THE  
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS  
COLLATERAL AGENT AND  
CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against-

RODOLFO CAMILO A/K/A RODLFO  
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 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

NOTICE OF LEGAL  
POSTPONEMENT OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, EXTRACO BANKS, N.A.,  
Plaintiff, vs. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, 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 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises  
known as 179 Mosholu Parkway A/K/A

179 E Mosholu Parkway N, 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 3335 and Lot 139.

Approximate amount of judgment is  
\$791,300.24 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index #

35079/2013E.

THE ORIGINAL SALE WAS  
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 27,

2017 AT THE SAME TIME AND  
LOCATION.

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, the Mortgagee's

attorney, or the Referee.

Philip Wayne Coleman, Esq.,  
Referee

Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C.,  
6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240,

Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for  
Plaintiff

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# Vintage Artists Gallery of Riverdale; NYBG Orchid Show

**The Vintage Artists Gallery of Riverdale, NY** presents, "Just For The Record," a spectacular exhibit of record album covers, all designed in the 1960s, '70s and '80s by longtime Bronx resident, Michael Mendel.

For over 35 years, the now 83 year-old Mendel concentrated exclusively on designing album packages for the music industry. His clients were the "giants" as well as the smaller, yet ever successful "independent" record labels of that time.

He designed album covers for the likes of chart-busters such as Gladys Knight and the Pips (Midnight Train to Georgia for Buddah Records); Tammy Wynette (D-I-V-O-R-C-E for Columbia); Lulu (To Sir With Love for Epic); Van McCoy (The Hustle for H&L); Original Broadway Cast albums (Seesaw for Buddah); and soundtrack Lps, "Godfather"; "Serpico" and "The Great Gatsby," plus hundreds more. In addition, his roster of performers also included Bobby Vinton, The Dave Clark 5, The Hollies, Cleveland and Philadelphia Orchestras, Buddy Rich, the list goes on and on.

This stunning visit down memory lane will surely bring back happy memories to those who listened to the music of that time and Mendel's brilliant career was one that was devoted strictly to designing, "Just For The Record!"

The gallery is located at 2600 Netherland Avenue, and is open Monday thru Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For further information call Maritza

Silva (curator) at (718) 884-5900 ext14

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**The New York Botanical Garden**, Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) at Fordham Road, will offer the following:

**The Orchid Show: Thailand**, through Sunday, April 9: The New York Botanical Garden celebrates its 15th year of spectacular orchid exhibitions with The Orchid Show: Thailand. The exhibition is an homage to the wealth of orchids, acclaimed tropical gardens, renowned orchid breeding, and rich cultural history of this Southeast Asian nation (home to more than 1,200 native orchid species). This year's Orchid Show will feature thousands of orchids in a classic Thai garden setting. The grand centerpiece of the design will be the façade of a sala, a traditional pavilion used for shade and relaxation, with a signature sweeping gabled roofline festooned with exquisite orchids.

The show's design recalls the ancient Thai garden tradition of mai dat, in which trees and shrubs are pruned and trained over time to form fanciful shapes. Throughout the exhibition, small ponds and pools create a tranquil atmosphere. Colorful flowers will float in large glazed water jars, providing a moment of beauty and reflection.

**Orchid Evenings: Saturday, March 25; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.:** Stroll through The Orchid Show: Thailand in the lush conservatory, while music, dance, and unmatched beauty create one of New York City's most unique and spectacular evening outings.

Throughout the night, enjoy the sights and sounds of live DJs from a variety of musical backgrounds, and the renowned traditional dance routines of the Somapa Thai Dance Company. Round out your experience with refreshments for sale headlined by a specialty cocktail—the Dancing Lady—created for Orchid Evenings by Edible Bronx's head mixologist.

**Orchid Care Demonstrations: Trouble-shooting with Orchids: Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26; 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.:** Join NYBG experts as they discuss the best orchids to grow at home for both color and fragrance. Learn basic orchid care and experience the fragrance of many orchid varieties.

**Magical Thailand—A Journey with the Somapa Thai Dance Company: Saturday, March 25 & Sunday, March 26; 1 and 3 p.m.:** The Washington, D.C.-based Somapa Thai Dance Company introduces visitors to Thai performing arts and culture by performing graceful classical and folk dances from various parts of Thailand.

**What in the World is a Herbarium?, through Sunday, October 29:** With more than 7.8 million preserved specimens, the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium is the largest herbarium in the Western Hemisphere. This exhibition celebrates the Steere Herbarium as the centerpiece of the Garden's botanical research program, and a priceless resource for scholars from around the world. Through this exhibition, learn some of the many ways that Garden scientists are working to study and save the plants of the world.

**Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.:** Watch

the Garden's plants and animals wake up from winter with buds bursting, birds nesting, and seeds sprouting. Investigate the ways that nature signals spring and help our feathered friends build their nests with special nesting bags to take back to your neighborhood.

**Bird Walk: Saturday, March 25; 11 a.m.:** Collect data on resident bird populations and migratory species that help to assess the health of bird populations and to guide conservation action.

**Landmarks of NYBG Tour: Saturday, March 25; 12:30 p.m.:** A National Historic Landmark, the New York Botanical Garden maintains one of the world's greatest collections of flora. Its 250 acres include some of the most beautiful natural terrain of any botanical garden in the world. Embark on this walking tour of historically significant sites within the Garden's 250 acres.

**Native Plant Garden Tour: Saturday, March 25; 2:30 p.m.:** The Native Plant Garden houses a diverse collection of ferns, perennials, shrubs, and trees native to the northeastern United States. Take a guided tour through these re-created habitats.

**Conservatory Tour: Sunday, March 26; 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.:** Explore the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, an acre of plants under glass, with one of the Garden's tour guides. Take an ecotour around the world through 11 distinct habitats, including two types of rain forest, deserts of the Americas and of Africa, and aquatic and carnivorous plant displays.

For more information, call (718) 817-8700 or visit nybg.org.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Spring is just days away and that is the time we do our annual membership drive. We want everyone to know that we are here to help and we need your help to do that. Please tell your neighbors about us and invite them to attend our meeting on Tuesday, March 28. If you can distribute membership flyers on your block that would be a big help. Maybe you know a store owner that would let us put a flyer on his counter or door. Anything you can do to promote our association would be appreciated. Please call me at (718) 792-6385 if you would like to help.

## Next Meeting

Our meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck located on Hollywood and Baisley avenues. It will be our first meeting since the winter break so we hope you will make every effort to attend and bring a neighbor with you.

Our guest speaker will be John Cerini, also known as "The Bronx Tax Man". This will be a meeting that will be chock full of information so you may want to bring a notebook with you. John will be sharing information about taxes, insurance and how you may be able to save money on both.

We asked John to attend our meeting after receiving our property value assessments. You may have noticed that your assessment increased greatly. Some residents think that is a good thing but if your assessment goes up,

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your property taxes usually go up. And that is not good. Also, the property assessment given to you by the city really does not have much to do with the selling price of your house. That is

calculated by getting three comparable selling prices of houses similar to yours. So, if your assessment went up and you feel that it is not warranted, you can lodge a complaint to have it reduced. At our meeting, John will tell you exactly how you can do that.

By now, most of you have heard that we have a new commanding officer at the 45th Precinct. When we have a new captain, it is very important that the residents of our community get a chance to meet him. We need to hear his plan for our community and let him know what we expect from our precinct. So, we have asked that Captain Carlos Ghonz attend our March 28 meeting.

## City Council Forum

We are planning a very important forum for our Tuesday, May 30 meeting. All seven candidates for City Council will be invited to our meeting to address our members and discuss their platform. The person we choose to be our representative for the City Council is crucial to keeping up the high quality of life we expect and deserve. You must be informed on every issue facing us and we feel that the best way to do this is by hearing directly from each candidate. Please mark this date on your calendar so that you will not miss this important event.



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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html>

or send comments to  
Michael MacCabe, NYSDEC,  
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7016;  
[michael.maccabe@dec.ny.gov](mailto:michael.maccabe@dec.ny.gov);  
or call 518-402-9687.

To have information such as this notice sent right to your email, sign up with county email listservs available at

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The Youth Basketball Program for children in the 1st-6th grade. The soccer program begins Saturday, April 1, at noon for 10 consecutive Saturdays. Children in grades 1-6 will learn and enhance their soccer skills, while having fun through drills and team play. The program cost \$157 for Bronx House members and \$217 for the community plus a \$25 registration fee.

The Youth Sports Fencing Program for children 1st-6th grade. The fencing program begins Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for 10 Saturdays. Children in grades 1-6 will learn the craft of fencing, while having fun through drills from our trained professionals. The program cost \$157 for Bronx House members and \$217 for the community plus a \$25 registration fee.

Annual Pre-K Soccer program for children ages 3-5 years old. The program begins Saturday, April 1, for 10 consecutive Saturdays. *Continued on Page 65*

## IN THE CARDS: HAYES CLINCHES CHSAA TITLE



Cardinal Hayes clinched its first CHSAA "AA" basketball title since 1990 on March 12, holding on to defeat Archbishop Molloy at Fordham University.

Photo by Robert Cole

**BY LAURA AMATO**

Mark Jackson heard the final buzzer go off and, immediately, felt his knees give out.

The senior forward fell to the ground at Fordham University, tears stinging his eyes and chest heaving just a bit as soon as he realized – he, and his team, were champions.

The Cardinal Hayes basketball team defeated Archbishop Molloy 64-62 on March 12, clinching the program's first CHSAA "AA" championship since 2000 and wrapping up a season that was close to bursting with dramatic moments.

"It just hit me. We've been here for a long time, we've been working really hard – about 200 practices," said Jackson, whose three-point play with just over a minute left gave Hayes a lead it would never surrender. "It's just a lot of hard work and when it kind of hit me, emotions took over. I don't cry much, but today was special."

The Cardinals came into the matchup with an extra skip in their collective step, determined to get out to a quick



Cardinal Hayes senior Mark Jackson was overcome with emotion after the Cardinals held on to take down Archbishop Molloy 64-62 in the CHSAA "AA" championship on March 12.

Photo by Robert Cole

start against a Molloy squad that boasted a deep backcourt and a seven-foot standout in the post. Hayes took advantage of some early calls, keeping Stanners star Moses Brown, all seven feet of him, out of the game after he was whistled for

his second foul with just over a minute in the first quarter.

"It's easy for a bunch of kids my height 6-2, 6-3 to get scared against a guy who has a foot on them," said Jackson. "But I feel like as long as you think you're seven feet tall,

you can play like you're seven feet tall."

Hayes went into the break with a six-point cushion and a boost of confidence after holding the Stanners to just three field goals in the first eight minutes. *Continued on Page 64*



# In the Cards: Hayes clinches CHSAA title

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minutes of play.

Cardinals coach Joe Lodds did his best to keep his team in check at halftime, certain, as soon as Brown was back on the court, the Stanners would make a run.

“We came in excited as if we’d already won the city,” Lodds said. “I said, guys, there’s 16 minutes left and we’ve had about five minutes of Moses up to this point. They’re going to come out with a vengeance.”

Hayes hit the first two baskets of the third quarter – pushing the lead to 12 just over a minute in – but Molloy rallied late, sparked by sophomore guard Cole Anthony who made it a 49-46 game with a buzzer-beating three-point play.

Anthony gave the Stanners a two-point lead with 3:09 left to play, but Hayes refused to back down. After all, up and down games have been the Cardinals’ speciality this season.

“One thing we never do is quit, we’re a bunch of tough guys,” said Jackson, who finished with 10 points. “Lodds looked at us and said, ‘The game’s not over, there’s still time to play.’ So that was basically our mindset and we fought back, rallied back.”

Jackson led the charge down the stretch, scoring the next two field goals and giving Hayes a 61-58 lead with 1:01 on the clock. Molloy had two chances at the game-tying play, but Hayes’ defense held strong down the stretch.

By the final whistle, five different Cardinals notched double-digit performances and Hayes racked up 16 assists on 24 made field goals.

The victory wasn’t just historic for the Cardinals basketball team – it also marked the first time a CHSAA school has clinched the basketball and football title in the same school year since St. Francis Prep did it in 1957.

Now, the Cardinals turn their attention to the NYS Federation tournament later this month, certain, after the year they’ve had they can do just about anything.

“It was just our year, just meant to be. A lot of things fell our way over the course of the playoffs,” Lodds said. “We fell to All Hallows in the Archdiocesan and people said, ‘Good season Hayes’ like we were done. My guys wouldn’t have any of that.”



Tyrese Williams (4) makes a move against Molloy’s Khalid Moore as Cardinal Hayes defeated the Stanners 64-62 in the CHSAA “AA” championship at Fordham University on March 12.

Photo by Robert Cole



# Lightning strikes: Semi-pro team making a difference in the Bronx

BY HANS THEMISTODE

The NY Lightning – a semi professional basketball team located in the Bronx – continued their winning ways on March 9 with a 81-78 win over The Bronx Holy Storm. The team's success, however, has stretched far beyond just the basketball court. With the help of coach Willie Negron and commissioner Malcolm Bailey the team's ultimate goal is to help each of its players fulfill their potential, working to help their on-court dreams while still giving back to the community.

"This league gives me a great opportunity to show everyone from around the world what I'm truly capable of," said Jerode Lide. "I love playing here because it gives me a chance to possibly one day play overseas, but it also gives me a chance to help out my high school kids that I coach."

The Lightning are in their second year of existence and the program's growth has skyrocketed over the last few months. The goal is to find common ground between basketball and community and each of the players are thrilled with the opportunities in front of them.

"This league definitely helps me stay in shape and keeps my game on point because the players here are really good so you have to bring your A game," said Tyrone Mitchell.

Mitchell – who plays point guard for the Lightning – has racked up a handful of overseas offers, but has turned them down in the hopes of landing an even better opportunity and he's determined to fine-tune his game even more with the Lightning.

"I've had a few workouts in Mexico and Italy and I've also had a few offers, but at the moment I would like to see if any other offers surface before I make a decision," Mitchell said. "My goal is to make it overseas as a professional basketball player and I also want that to springboard me into other things such as coaching. The game reps and tape from this league helps a lot and I'm thankful for it."

The Lightning aren't just playing for themselves or even for each other – they're also playing for their Negron.

"Obviously this league gives everyone here great opportunities to get better and play against great competition. We all grind so hard because we love this game and we really want to represent Coach Willie the right way," said Anthony Baker. "He works

so hard for us to give us these opportunities. He's placing us all in positions to show our skill level. When you have a coach that works that hard for you it's only right that we work just as hard as Willie does."

For Negron, getting exposure for his players is just as important as picking up victories. This team was founded to honor Negron's late brother and every opportunity for one of his players is a chance to honor that memory.

"This team was put together for my brother Rob Negron who passed away 6 years ago. This team also plays for Paul Flowers who wore number 12," Negron said. "He unfortunately passed away in a boating accident last year. So these young men are playing in the memory of both my brother and Paul Flowers."

The Lightning want to win basketball games. They are, after all, a basketball team and these players are used to success. But the squad is also determined to give back to those around them, determined to use this platform as a way to better the community.

And, in the end, that's as important as any stat line.

"It's much more than just exposure for our players we do a ton of things for our community as well," Bailey said. "We provide jobs working for the team. So it's about giving major exposure to our players but also giving back to the community as well."



New York Lightning head coach Willie Negron is working to help his players jumpstart their careers while still giving back to the community across the Bronx.

Photo by Hans Themistode



The Aquinas girls basketball team clinched a state championship on March 11, defeating St. Joseph at Fordham University. CNG/Laura Amato

## Lady Bears roar with state title victory

BY LAURA AMATO

Kira Villegas just wanted to calm her team down.

She figured the best way to do that was to put the ball in the basket. So she did.

The Aquinas sophomore shooting guard drained the first FEW buckets of the fourth quarter on March 11, padding the Lady Bears' lead and wrapping up a 49-40 victory over St. Joseph in the CHSAA "B" state championship at Fordham University.

"It was very intense and we had to keep pushing ourselves," said Villegas, who finished a team-high 16 points. "We wanted to pass the ball through the plays and just make sure [St. Joseph] didn't steal the ball."

Villegas drained a pair of three-point shots – and two more points from the line – to notch the first eight points of the fourth as the Lady Cougars dominated the tempo of the second half.

Aquinas held a seven-point lead at halftime, but St. Joseph came out of the break firing on all cylinders, making it a 27-24 matchup with just over five minutes left in the third.

The Lady Bears did their best to refocus their defensive effort – helped by timeouts and a serious size advantage on the block – and Aquinas gave up just four more points in the period.

"Once we got the lead, we knew, they couldn't come back," said Aquinas coach Roger Red Collier. "The girls just had to listen to the instructions that I was giving them. Sometimes they got lackadaisical and they wanted to do their own thing. But by listening to me, it worked out well."

Aquinas controlled the game on the defensive side of the ball and, more importantly, limited the Lady Cougars to

one-and-done possessions when they were able to get a shot off.

The Lady Bears out-rebounded St. Joseph 44-38, hauling in 28 rebounds on the defensive glass alone.

"They're obviously a good team, but I felt that we held it down," said junior center Ronella Kennedy, who racked up 13 points and 16 rebounds. "I just felt that we came here and we knew we worked so hard to get here. So I just wanted to put up as many stats as I could for my team."

Aquinas opened the fourth on a 12-2 run, making it an 18-point game with 2:41 and, effectively, setting the Lady Cougars back on their collective toes. It was a big-time showing for the Lady Bears who fell to St. Joseph in the city final earlier this month.

Of course, Aquinas simply used that recent loss as motivation down the stretch.

"We played them before in the city final and we knew that we would see them again," said Kennedy. "So I think that drove us and we said, we just want this more. We made it here and we're not going home without this championship."

It's a huge moment for the program and a bit of bragging rights for an Aquinas team that four seniors on its roster. The team advances to the NYS Federation Tournament in Glens Falls later this month and while the Lady Bears may be young, they're not lacking in confidence.

"The team believed in each other," Collier said. "That's something that you can't take away from them, for them to believe in each other. Any downfall they had, they believed in each other and we made things happen."

## Bronx House offers youth programs

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secutive Saturdays. Children ages 3-4 will be grouped together on Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. and children 5 years old will have their program from 11 a.m. to noon. Children will learn the basics of soccer, while having fun in a safe, nurturing and enjoyable environment. The program cost \$132 for Bronx House members and \$177 for the community plus a \$25 registration fee.

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For more information contact Fred Lopez at (718) 792-1800 ext. 229 or at Fred@BronxHouse.org.



# Scanlan skids in OT, falls in CHSAA state final

BY LAURA AMATO

The comeback almost played out the way Monsignor Scanlan wanted it to.

The Crusaders' girls basketball team forced overtime in the final seconds of regulation, but couldn't grab any extra momentum, falling 66-55 to The Mary Louis Academy in the CHSAA state championship game at Fordham University on March 11.

"We forced the overtime, just couldn't hold on," said Scanlan coach Tom Catalanotto. "We were short-handed most of the season, lot of injuries and today we were, for the most part, healthy. We just couldn't do it."

The two teams – who were playing for the third time in the last three weeks, including the second time this month – battled back and forth for much of regulation, exchanging baskets and struggling to grab any sort of consistent momentum.

Mary Louis jumped out to a four-point lead with 1:49 left on the clock, but the Crusaders answered every bucket with one of their own. Sophomore forward Kaylen Banwareesingh led the charge down the stretch, scoring the final two Scanlan baskets of regulation – including a bank shot with 8.1 seconds left on the clock to force OT, draining the bucket following a backdoor assist from freshman Kateri Poole.

Scanlan did its best to keep up the defensive intensity during overtime – playing a tough 2-3 zone from the opening tip to the final whistle – but that proved more difficult than usual when the Hilltoppers started hitting their shots and driving into the open lanes.

Mary Louis guard Jordan Nixon was a force to be reckoned with in overtime, weaving her way through the Scanlan defense and drawing fouls in the waning minutes.

"We knew that [we wanted to play zone] because the last time we played them, we played man," Catalanotto said. "We left the lane wide open for Jordan and she took advantage of it. This time we tried to control her a little bit, but she's a great player."

Scanlan tied up the game at 55-all – on a Banwareesingh shot – with 2:47 left in overtime, but the Crusaders struggled to slow down Mary Louis' offense as the minutes continued to tick down and the Hilltoppers wrapped up the victory at the free throw line.

Mary Louis went 11-for-12 from the charity stripe in the final 2:23 of overtime and kept Scanlan off the board completely in that same stretch, forcing the Crusaders into a handful of turnovers and miscues.

"Beating a team three times is



Scanlan sophomore guard Daja Wentz did her best to jumpstart the Crusaders' offense down the stretch as the squad forced overtime in the CHSAA "AA" championship at Fordham on March 11.

CNG/Laura Amato

really hard, so we just wanted to make sure we came out and played them honest," said Mary Louis senior Danielle Patterson, who gave the Hilltoppers the lead with 2:23 in OT. "We didn't want to back up because we just thought we could beat them."

It's a disappointing loss for the Crusaders – who fell in the state tournament last season as well – but Catalanotto couldn't bring himself to be anything but proud of himself when his team walked off the court.

"They came a long way, we were just a B team five years ago and they've battled. We've gotten better players in and last year we made a statement, made it to the AA finals. And now making it back again this year."

Catalanotto is also certain the future is bright for the Crusaders, set to return all but three players from this year's roster. And after a difficult end to an challenging season, Scanlan is, already, gunning for another run at a state title.

"We've got a lot of babies on this team, a lot of young kids," Catalanotto said. "We're going to be around for a long tie."

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# Note causes HS lockdown; threatening letter puts Columbus on alert

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senators Guy Valella and his successor, Jeff Klein.

David Berkowitz also attended the school before his 1977 killing spree as the Son of Sam killer.

Councilman James Vacca said he had nothing but fond memories of the school, which had over 4,000 students until the late '90s when it was downsized.

"We had 4,700 students - it was an overcrowded school on double sessions," Vacca said. At that point Columbus was a destination point. If you didn't make Bronx High School of Science, Columbus was second best in the borough."

Vacca said the schools on the Columbus campus had gotten several upgrades during recent years through his office, including a new cafeteria and library tech center.

The smaller schools are aimed at providing students more individual attention, he said.

But on the other hand he confirmed the campus has had metal detectors for many years.

"Each school has challenges, and I think they are trying to address them, but I think work still has to be done," Vacca said.



The Columbus High School Campus was put on lockdown last week after a threatening letter was found on a desk by a janitor.

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## Montefiore Medical Center eyes former Mande site

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Prior to Rainbow, the location was occupied by a Mande clothing store for nearly 30 years before shutting down in February 2015. Rainbow moved into the store in November 2015. The property was originally a Finast Supermarket.

After the closing of Mande, Community Board 10 wrote a letter to Mayor De Blasio suggesting that the property serve as a new location of the 45th Precinct and Police Service Area #8, but those plans never came to fruition.

Because the deal has not been finalized, AAC Realty, the property's owner, declined to comment for the



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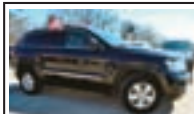
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