

MTA AVERTS A BRIDGEAGEDDON

Benedetto, Gjonaj force corrective action

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The three-week traffic nightmare on the Throgs Neck and Whitestone bridges appears to have subsided just in time for Memorial Day weekend, according to local leaders.

Traffic on the two bridges seemed to be flowing at normal levels during the three-day holiday, just 24 hours after local leaders demanded action from the MTA.

Before the meeting, traffic snarls on the two Bronx

bridges to Queens left motorists stuck in hours-long traffic jams as the work to install cashless tolling proceeded.

Assemblymen Michael Benedetto and Mark Gjonaj joined community leaders on the Pennyfield Avenue overpass just above I-295 on Thursday, May 25 to demand that the MTA take immediate action to alleviate the massive bridge traffic backups.

The elected officials fired off a letter to the MTA calling on the state-run agency

that oversees bridges and tunnels to take immediate action to alleviate the problems that also impacted the Bruckner Expressway and I-295, as well as the Hutchinson River Parkway and roads in Queens leading to the bridges.

The letter was also signed by Senator Jeff Klein and Queens elected Assemblymen Edward Braunstein, Michael Simanowitz and Michael Den-Deckker and Senator Tony

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Marano ends Council quest; endorses Gjonaj

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association hosted a candidate's night at the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck for those seeking the 13th Councilmatic seat and were greeted by an unexpected bombshell announcement.

Six of eight candidates in the race to replace term-limited Councilman James Vacca

were present on Tuesday, May 30.

One of the candidates, John Marano, prior to the start of the forum, announced his decision to withdraw from the race, thanking supporters, while not ruling out a future run.

Marano said that he was concerned about the influx of inexperienced candidates into the race, and said that he

would support the candidate that he felt would be best for the district.

"I have what it takes to represent our district fairly, effectively and passionately," said Marano. "But at this juncture, I want to make sure the more qualified candidates do not cancel each out, which could bring a less experienced candidate into office."

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Remembering Our Heroes

The East Bronx History Forum and Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29 at the Van Nest War Memorial. Helena Raptis Smith received an award honoring her late cousin, Angelo C. Raptis, Jr. for his service.

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Mayoral town hall held at Stevenson HS

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO



Mayor de Blasio and Councilwoman Annabel Palma during the forum. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

“The town hall gave residents the opportunity to direct their questions to the commissioners of specific agencies or even Mayor de Blasio himself,” said the councilwoman.

She added: “Residents offered insightful outlooks and posed questions, which concerned not only themselves, but many of their neighbors.”

Many of his commissioners were present and also took public questions when asked by the mayor to elaborate on his response.

The crowd was concerned about housing, overdevelopment, Universal Pre-K and day care, after-school programs and school lunch, possible hospital cuts, hate crimes and speech, asthma, affordable housing for seniors and closing homeless cluster sites.

In some cases, the mayor referred the residents to commissioners or representatives from the appropriate city agencies after the meeting.

William Rivera, Community Board 9 district manager, said that the community members who stayed to ask questions as the meeting went past 10 p.m. impressed him, as did the officials who stayed to listen.

“I thought it was going to be cut shorter,” said Rivera, adding that he was pleasantly surprised and that in public forums, he believes that the best questions are usually the ones that are the most specific.

He noted that in some cases, people asking questions were asked to speak to the representatives of city agencies on the side, and that CB 9 had several questions that were still in process of being answered.

“Most important, which we won’t know (yet) is the follow up,” said Rivera.

One attendee who asked a question, CB 10 member Bob Bieder, said he was still waiting days after the event for



Mohammed Mujumder, Community Board 9 first vice-chairman, asks a question. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

a response from the mayor’s office on his query about the procedures for establishing ‘community schools.’

Community schools, which have their facilities open to the surrounding neighborhood when school is not in session, exist elsewhere in the borough but he would like to bring them to the east Bronx.

Bieder said he ultimately reached out to Palma’s office, and her staff is working on his request.



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Planned Co-op City park to utilize riverfront

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Co-op City will be getting a new park, courtesy of the city and Riverbay Corporation.

The waterfront park was announced at a Thursday, May 25 event at the Bartow Center attended by Assemblyman Michael Bendetto, Councilman Andy King, Congressman Eliot Engel and, capping off City Hall's week in the borough, Mayor de Blasio.

The 1.4-acre park site was donated by Riverbay Corporation and will be located on a parcel running along the Hutchinson River.

The land is just south of the Co-op City Little League field, and will offer great views of nearby Pelham Bay Park.

Longtime Co-op City resident Eva Lazaar opened the presentation by recalling her time raising her daughters in the development and regularly visiting nearby parks.

"The parks give us a place to breathe and children a place to thrive," Lazaar said. "Parks are the places that helped make Co-op City a neighborhood, a community - parks help civilize us."

The mayor used the event to discuss the importance of public parks in the city and the work to expedite parks projects over the past three years.

"Knowing that beautiful waterfront was there looking out over Pelham Bay Park, but wasn't accessible the way it should be, that's frustrating, right?" de Blasio said.

The mayor, who was joined by NYC Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mitchell Silver, said that the park idea was brought up at a recent meeting with Co-op City leaders.

He said the city was able to work with Riverbay to get the project up and running quickly.

The elected officials on hand said they appreciated that effort.

King, dressed in a bright green suit, said Co-op City was going green with a new park that will give residents access to the placid waterfront.

"We won't be doing any fishing over here, but we'll have an opportunity to let our thoughts drift off into the waters or take a stroll on a Sun-



Assemblyman Michael Bendetto and Councilman Andy King were among local leaders who joined Mayor de Blasio in announcing a new park for Co-op City on Thursday, May 25. Arthur Cusano

day afternoon," King said.

Benedetto recalled seeing a rendering of a waterfront park in Co-op City's management office much like the one being announced. That park rendering included a waterfront walkway.

He credited Riverbay and the mayor with taking the action to finally make the park a reality.

"You made a dream come true, so thank you," he said.

Benedetto said the NYC Parks Department would likely seek input from the community on what they want in the new park, a process he said would likely take several months at best.

Engel, who lived in Co-op City for 26 years, recalled his time as a resident and the im-

portant of the 45,000-resident private development in getting him elected.

He thanked the mayor for making the park a reality, as well as the Riverbay board members.

"They don't get paid, they're volunteers," Engel said. "They run (for the board) because they care about the community."



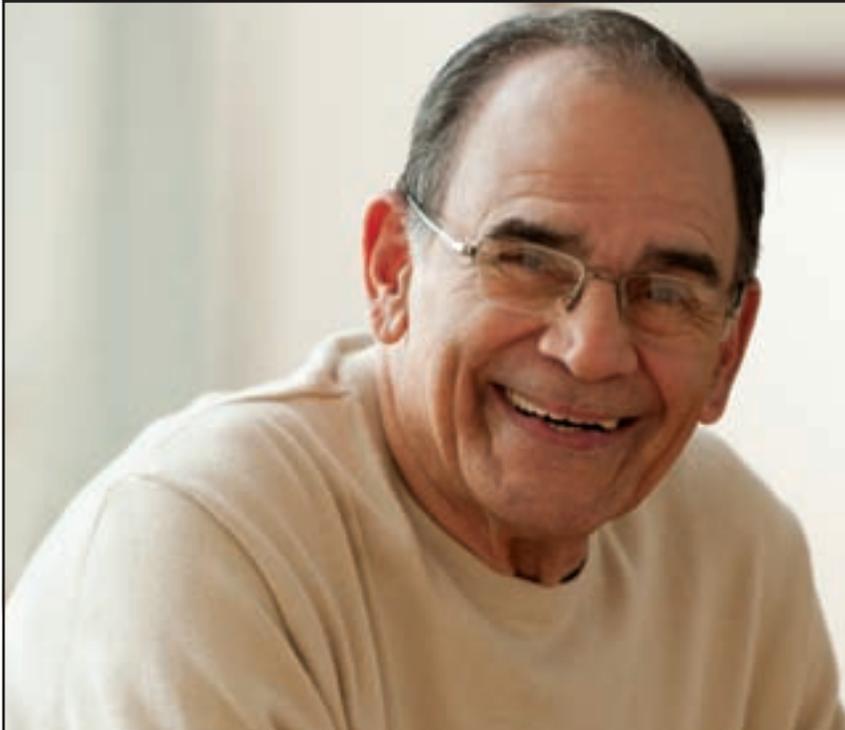
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around town

by Patrick Rocchio

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Hello readers and welcome to another edition of Around Town.

Academic Champs
Villa Maria Academy has a lot to celebrate in terms of its students and academic competition.

The school reports that its seventh grade girls partici-

pated in Preston High School STEM-fest, an annual one-day event celebrating science, technology, engineering and math, a new cross-curricular initiative that focuses on creative thinking and problem solving to prepare students for careers of the future.

The Villa Maria team included **Kayleigh Crowe, Lauren Colon, Brianna Hall, Jade Haney, Kalia Noble and Victoria Gebbia.**

Meanwhile, according to the school, several seventh grade boys took part in the Iona Prep Math Olympiad on

Saturday, May 6. They took home second place honors out of 15 participating schools.

The team members were **Alex Garcia, Joe Haugh, Matthew Febles, Darrin Ju-rado and Tim Malejko.**

In terms of individual achievement, Alex Garcia took home first place and Joe Haugh took second.

Notable Passing
St. Helena's oldest parishioner, **Juana Rodriguez**, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and in the middle of prayer on Monday, May 22. She was 102-years-old.

A funeral Mass was celebrated for her at the parish on Saturday, May 27.

She was born on July 9, 1914, in the Dominican Republic, where she labored on a farm and made her own bread.

She married at age 19 and had 11 children, 51 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 2 great, great grandchildren. She was widowed in 1975.

She had no formal education. She attended the noon Spanish Mass and never ceased to pray the rosary.

She came to the United States in 1971. She returned to the Dominican Republic, along with family members, to celebrate her 100th birthday.



Students from Villa Maria Academy hold their awards at a competition event.

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POLICE BLOTTER

42 Precinct

Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m. -- A robbery was reported to cops near East 165th Street and Boston Road. Two unidentified individuals forced their way into the apartment of a 29-year-old man, the victim of the robbery. They had a gun and demanded valuables from the victim. They took a laptop computer before fleeing the scene. No physical injuries were reported because of this incident.

43 Precinct

Sunday, May 28 at 2:29 a.m. - Cops responded to a 911 call concerning a pedestrian struck by a car on the Cross Bronx Expressway near Castle Hill Avenue. After some investigation, it was determined that an adult man was walking northbound on the Cross Bronx Expressway between the

Castle Hill Avenue and White Plains Road exits when he was struck by a number of vehicles, all of which did not remain on the scene as required by law. EMS pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

47 Precinct

Wednesday, May 17 at 12:50 p.m. -- A robbery was reported to cops at White Plains Road and East 212th Street. According to the report, a 65-year-old man who was the victim was approached by a black man who was had an ice pick and used the threat of force to get the victim to hand over \$1,000 in cash. The suspect then hurled the victim to the ground and stole his chain valued at about \$2,500, before fleeing the scene. The suspect has a slim build and dreadlocks.

Monday, May 22 at 10:58 a.m. -- Cops got a report this date and on Thursday, May 25 at 2:40 p.m. about an unknown person who approached two victims from behind



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SHOOTING AT ST. MARY'S HOUSES



Police responded to the shooting of two men at St. Mary's Houses last week. According to police, two men were injured in a shooting on Friday, May 26 at 4:40 p.m. at 671 Westchester Avenue. One man was shot in the arm while the other sustained a gun shot wound to his leg. A witness stated he saw a group of men walk up to the building where the two victims were standing and allegedly got into an argument before opening fire. Officials said the two men are in stable condition at Lincoln Hospital. The shootings remain under investigation.

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The Bottle Necked Bridge

Dear editor,
 The horrible delays created by the construction work on the Throgs Neck Bridge need to be revisited. One to two hour delays are unacceptable and are the result of incompetent planning. Maybe the name of the bridge should be changed to: The Bottle-Necked Bridge.

**Howard Tish
 Furman should be one way**

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Dear editor,
 It will take more money and a change in priorities for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to succeed on behalf of riders and taxpayers. Governor Cuomo should come up with the outstanding balance of \$5.8 billion that he still owes toward the \$8.3 billion shortfall to fully fund the \$29 billion 2015 - 2019 MTA Five Year Capital Plan.
 He promised this money two years ago. Cuomo should also restore the \$3 billion cut from the same original proposed \$32 billion plan in 2015 that he referred to as bloated and unnecessary. To this day, Cuomo never explained which specific projects and programs deserved to be cut.

Stop wasting millions of dollars on transportation feasibility studies for future system expansion projects costing billions that will never happen in our life time. Do not initiate any new system expansion projects until the MTA and each operating

agency, including NYC transit bus and subway, MTA bus, Long Island Rail Road and Metro North Rail Road have reached a state of good repair for existing fleet, stations, signals, track, power, yards and shops. Ensure that maintenance programs for all MTA operating agencies assets are fully funded and completed on time to ensure riders reliable service.

**Larry Penner
 Damage control**

Dear editor,
 How long will the Republican leaders continue to put partisanship above country? President Trump is a clear danger to our democracy and to our security. I will not list the seemingly endless series

of misdeeds and outright falsehoods promulgated by this administration; they are available to any literate, concerned citizen.
 Fortunately our system, though endangered by this clique of amoral schemers, will survive thanks to the safeguards wisely embedded by the Founding Fathers in our Constitution. However, the damage inflicted by this administration will take years to repair.

**Pasqual Pelosi
 Opening up young minds**

Dear editor,
 Some 80 plus years ago I had a public school teacher who brought to class her wind up portable phonograph and played Schubert's Eight Sym-

safe and affordable housing in the southwest Bronx for more than 11 years, we knew the risks of increased speculation and displacement pressures that would come from a rezoning.
 We saw that the plan failed to sufficiently protect tenants from displacement pressures, and did not create additional housing that would be genuinely affordable to residents of the southwest Bronx. We formed a coalition to respond to the proposed rezoning and create solutions for development without displacement.
 In our conversations with the city, we discovered that a main challenge of advancing our vision was a lack of consensus about the very nature of displacement. We were told that rezoning doesn't cause displacement or that tenants are leaving neighborhoods by choice. We and, most importantly, the more than 4,000 CASA members who organize daily, know that displacement is real and that a rezoning which creates additional incentives for landlords to push out low-income tenants could have devastating effects.
 Let's start by defining 'displacement.' It is forced movement, or movement minus power and choice. Low-in-

come tenants of color in the southwest Bronx face daily displacement pressures. Unscrupulous landlords employ a variety of tactics to push rent-controlled tenants out of their housing so that they can charge higher rents to higher-income tenants. They subject tenants, like Maria, to unlivable conditions: denying heat and hot water, forcing tenants to live with leaks, mold, exposure to lead, lack of gas, unrepaired broken windows and collapsed ceilings. They also exploit weak laws (and in some case, violate the law) to add to tenants' rent burdens through Major Capital Improvement (MCI) charges, retracting preferential rents and tacking on non-rent fees to rent bills. These tactics are often used in combination with each other to increase tenants' financial burdens and make their homes both unlivable and unaffordable. Landlords are strategically displacing tenants. It's not a few bad apples, it's not poor people's fault — it is displacement.

The Jerome Avenue rezoning would give landlords increased financial incentive to utilize the displacement tactics already at their disposal. It would change the use of

OPED: by Carmen Vega-Rivera and Erin Markman Rezoning displaces tenants

Maria has been trying to get her landlord to make urgently needed repairs to her apartment for seven years. After slipping on a floor wet from a leaking ceiling, she was out of work until she recovered. Maria has been to court and a judge ordered the landlord to make repairs, but still she waits. She and her daughter continue to live with the stress of an apartment in ill repair.
 Maria's story is all too common in the southwest Bronx, where landlords use predatory tactics to drive tenants from their rent-stabilized homes. For the owners, the buildings are an investment and the best way to cash in is to drive out long-time tenants to make way for higher rents. For New Yorkers like Maria, these apartments are their homes. And these tenants can scarcely afford their apartments now — impending rezoning threatens to drive these long-time residents out of their apartment and, perhaps, out of the city.
 In 2014, the de Blasio administration announced plans to rezone 73 blocks on and around Jerome Avenue. At Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA), we were immediately concerned. Having organized for

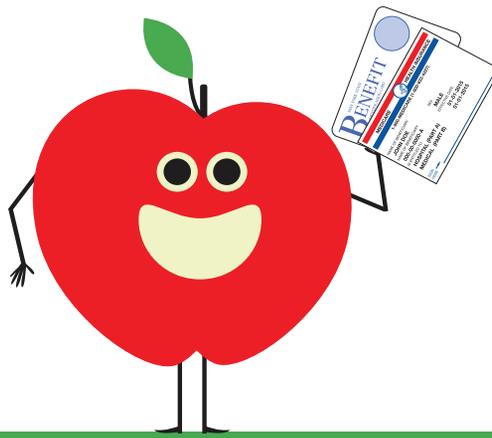
phony, the unfinished work.
 I don't remember her name and I doubt she is still alive, but I would like to thank any teacher like her for opening up a mind to a world of infinite pleasure.

**Dante Barozzi
 Remove rocks from Circle**

(The following request was sent to Senator Jeff Klein.)
Senator Klein,
 Can you please get someone to remove the large rocks on the City Island traffic circle. They may have been part of the reason for a crash that killed a police officer and maybe others.

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Robert T. Carmody

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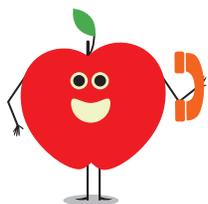
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The vacant lot at 1920 Amethyst Street is the planned location for the Bronx Muslim Center's new mosque. Community Board 11 approved the project at its May meeting.

Arthur Cusano

CB 11 OK's Amethyst Street Mosque plan

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The plan to build a new mosque on Amethyst Street to replace the existing Bronx Muslim Center on Rhinelander Avenue has been approved by Community Board 11.

Board members voted overwhelmingly to support the project at the Thursday, May 25 full board meeting.

CB 11 Land Use Committee chairperson Joe McManus recommended the full board approve the project at 1912-1920 Amethyst Street after the committee unanimously approved the project at its May 10 meeting.

The application will now be forwarded to the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals where zoning variances must be approved, said CB 11 district manager Jeremy Werneke.

The new facility is aimed at alleviating overcrowding at the popular mosque at 702 Rhinelander, said the attorney representing Bronx Muslim Center in the application, Michael Nacmias of Brooklyn.

The current mosque holds roughly 150 worshippers, but the congregation has approximately 800 members, more than the mosque can accommodate.

The applicant submitted final blueprints at the May 10 meeting confirming the bulk of the planned structure's footprint was within the zoning code, according to meeting minutes.

They also submitted a survey of their congregants that confirmed that most lived within walking distance of the planned mosque.

Concerns voiced by board members and local community organizations, such as the lack of parking and overcrowding at the current mosque, had been adequately evaluated, McManus said.

"Every BSA or ULERP we get has parking as an issue," McManus explained. "I don't remember one that

hasn't been."

Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance president Bernadette Ferrara told fellow board members her organization and the Morris Park Association held a town hall meeting with mosque leaders earlier in the year where concerns were discussed.

She said the mosque was a positive presence in the neighborhood and that several mosque members have become regular attendees of VNNA meetings, she said.

The alliance has written a recommendation in favor of the project, Ferrara said, but also listed the conditions that must be addressed, most notably the parking and crowding issues.

"On Fridays when they have their prayer, the parking is just awful," Ferrara said. "You have people double and triple parking, and you just can't do that regardless of what house of worship you are. These are things that, if you don't want animosity, you need to be a good neighbor."

CB 11 vice chair and Morris Park Association president Al D'Angelo said his association was okay with the project, and was also confident that the community's voiced concerns would be heeded.

"I think it's a good idea," D'Angelo said. "They needed more space. It was a problem where they were, and it will alleviate the parking problem on Rhinelander (Avenue)."

Nacmias said the application process was moving along in an efficient manner and did not anticipate any obstacles as the project proceeded.

He anticipated the project would likely get approved by the BSA in a few months.

He also said his clients were taking community and board concerns to heart.

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Kalief Browder honored with street co-naming

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Kalief Browder may be gone - but his legacy will live on forever.

On Thursday, May 25, Councilman Ritchie Torres, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and other elected officials, as well as the family and friends of Kalief Browder, gathered for the street co-naming ceremony of 'Kalief Browder Way' at East 181st Street and Prospect Avenue.

This street co-naming will not only honor Kalief - it will stand as a moral inspiration for the rest of us.

Ritchie Torres
Councilman

The street co-naming of Kalief Browder Way was held to honor the life of a young individual who took his own life following a wrongful accusal

and a several years in prison.

Browder, who grew up on Prospect Avenue and attended the now-defunct public school New Day Academy, was walking home from a party at night with a friend on 186th Street and Arthur Avenue in May 2010, when they were stopped by the police. The police had stopped them in response to a 911 call regarding an unrelated incident involving a stolen backpack.

Police then placed Kalief and his friend under arrest and took them to the 48th Precinct. They were then taken to Bronx County Criminal Court, where Browder was charged with robbery, grand larceny and assault. Kalief's friend was excused from the case by the presiding judge.

Kalief was later charged with second-degree robbery and his bail was set at \$3,000. When his family was unable to pay the set amount, he was sent to Rikers Island, where he spent three years, mostly in solitary confinement. At one point, he was in solitary confinement for nearly a year and half straight.

While he was in prison,



Councilman Ritchie Torres (l) and members of Kalief Browder's family held ceremonial street signs named in Browder's honor. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Browder tried to commit suicide multiple times - including attempting to hang himself using a noose he made out of his bedsheets and slit his wrists using a piece of a broken metal bucket he would use to wash his clothes. Additionally, he was beaten by correctional officers as well as inmates.

When Browder's case was reviewed in March 2013, the

judge offered him a plea agreement - which would have given Kalief the ability to go home by pleading guilty to two misdemeanors. He refused the plea bargain and maintained his innocence.

In May 2013, just after turning 20 years old, Kalief was released without being convicted of a crime.

Despite earning a GED

and enrolling in Bronx Community College following his release, the damage had been done and his mental health had deteriorated. Two years after he was released, Kalief committed suicide at age 22 - on June 6, 2015, by hanging himself from his bedsheets at his home.

"This street co-naming will not only honor Kalief - it will stand as a moral inspiration for the rest of us," said Councilman Torres. "Those who knew Kalief are better people for having known him and those of us who knew of him and his scenario are better for having been awakened and inspired by his struggle for justice."

"Since Kalief's unfortunately and timely death, our family has dealt with a loss that not only affects us but also everyone who took heart to his story," said Akeem Browder, Kalief's brother. "Now, we can look up and see 'Kalief Browder Way' and think of the legacy he left for us to continue."

The date of the street co-naming would have marked Kalief's 24th birthday.



De Blasio Affordable Housing Myth #1

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'Unruly customers' force postal station closure

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One question lingers regarding a Bronx post office - how can customer service be improved?

On multiple occasions in the past month, the U.S. Post Office Esplanade Station, located at 2488 Williamsbridge Road, has provided poor customer service, sometimes no service at all, residents claim.

The poor service involves customers being forced to wait outside indefinitely during employee lunch breaks - and, most recently, the closure of the entire station for the latter part of the day.

An Allerton resident said she waited outside the locked station for nearly an hour as the lone postal employee took a lunch break, finally giving up because she had to return to work.

"Lunch breaks need to be properly designated at this location - and employees need to be up front with the time frame," the resident said. "Why can't they (the employees) just put up a sign that indicates what time they'll be back?"

On Friday, May 12, the office was again closed at lunchtime.

Upwards of ten customers were milling around outside the station waiting for the postal employee to return from lunch that particular day, the woman recalled.

After waiting patiently outside for

over an hour, the customers began to grow restless.

Getting fidgety, some customers began tapping on the post office front windows when they noticed an employee moving about inside.

The employee then changed the 'Out-To-Lunch' sign to a 'Closed-For-Safety-Reasons' sign.

According to the resident, the USPS employee later told her that the sign was put up in response to the "unruly crowd" of waiting customers that were "banging on the glass door".

"The customers weren't banging on the door - they were tapping on it because they knew that an employee was inside and they wanted to get the person's attention, even though the (Out-To-Lunch) sign was in the door window," the Allerton resident recalled.

"We couldn't get a response, a time frame - nothing. Collectively, we all felt that we were being treated with no respect."

According to the USPS, some finance stations, although not all, can be a one- or two-person operation, making it difficult for an employee to manage customer flow when the other employee takes a lunch break.

"We need to make sure we (USPS) stay on top of these scenarios to make sure this happens less frequently - especially at (finance) stations, where



U.S. Post Office Esplanade Station, closed early on Friday, May 12, as customers waited outside.
Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

(staffing is) limited," said Xavier Hernandez, NYC's corporate communications spokesperson for USPS.

According to the USPS, the finance station consists of one full-time person assigned to the office, along with a second employee who rotates among various stations.

The incident on May 12, according to the USPS, occurred when the regular office clerk was on leave and only one other employee was working at the location.

The USPS's collective bargaining agreement requires a one-hour lunch break for full-time employees.

According to the USPS, the pool clerk puts up signage to notify the public that a lunch break is being taken, and records that the lunch break occurred as scheduled.

The USPS was unable to confirm the 'unsafe conditions' on May 12, which apparently caused the employee to close the office for the balance of the day.

They also could not confirm that the office was closed longer than the scheduled lunch break.

Business hours for the Esplanade Station are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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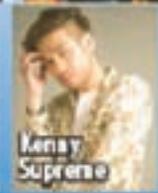
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TATS CRU, FX paint mural to fallen EMT

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

World-class aerosol artists painted a tribute to an FDNY Emergency Medical Technician who died performing her duties in Soundview.

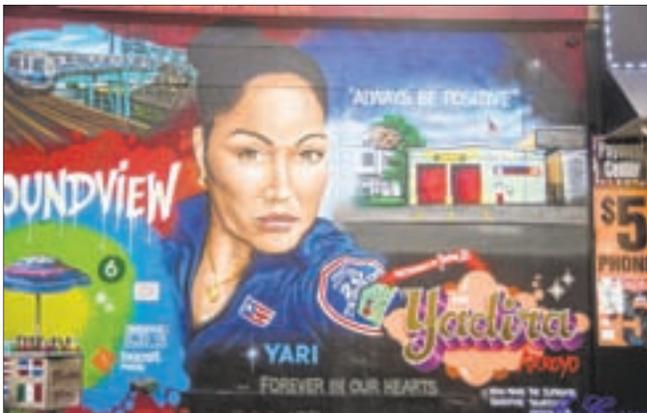
March 16 in Soundview after a career criminal stole her ambulance and dragged her behind the vehicle.

The mural dedicated to Arroyo includes a large image of her in her EMT uniform, a depiction of Station 26 in the Morrisania, known as the 'Tin House,' and includes inscriptions like "forever in our hearts."

The mural is part of a larger one dedicated to the community in 2015 at Morrison and Westchester avenues, and Arroyo is placed in that mural next to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

William Rivera, Community Board 9 district manager, said that the board donated paint for the mural, and that it was a fitting tribute to the EMT who gave her life in service to her community.

"The TATS CRU and FX Crew are artists from our district who are supportive of the great things happening in our district and tragedies through art," said Rivera. "They go all over the world representing the Bronx...and it is great that they sometimes come back to where



A view of the mural dedicated to EMT Yadira Arroyo.

Photo courtesy of Joe Conzo

The TATS CRU and FX Crew are artists from our district who are supportive of the great things happening in our district and tragedies through art.

William Rivera
Community Board 9

Borough-based TATS CRU and FX Crew, professional graffiti artists and mural makers, donated their time on Thursday, May 25 to paint a tribute mural remembering EMT Yadira Arroyo.

Arroyo passed away in the line of duty on Thursday,

they came from and do this community artwork for free."

Rivera said that he was in touch with Arroyo's cousin, who said the FDNY EMS members who knew her or worked with her were appreciative of the mural effort.

"They are looking forward to thanking the artists personally," he said.

Wilfredo "Bio" Feliciano, one of TATS CRU founding members who worked on the mural dedication, said that the artwork took five to six hours to paint, from roughly 11:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A colleague of Arroyo's from the FDNY's EMS unit provided the artists with a pencil sketch of Arroyo, and working off of that, as well as photos, it was created, he said.

Generally speaking, memorial walls are some of the more intimate work that TATS CRU does within the community, he said.

"You are dealing with actual people who lived and were loved in the community," said Feliciano, adding "It is differ-

ent from painting a regular mural for us."

Even though the artists may not have personally known Arroyo, seeing the pain and the aftermath of painting memorials to fallen community members is something that can be an emotional experience, he said.

Alfredo Oyague, FX Crew founder, said the group picked the larger mural that depicts community icons to paint this latest update because it was a section that had depicted Afrika Bambaataa.

Bambaataa, a rapper who helped found the Universal Zulu Nation, was originally painted on the wall in 2015, because of his roots in Soundview, according to a previous Bronx Times story.

But since then allegations against Bambaataa involving sexual abuse has emerged.

The location was experiencing vandalism, said both Oyague and Feliciano.

Oyague said that putting Arroyo in the larger mural was a fitting tribute to a woman who paid the ultimate price in an effort to save lives as an EMT.

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Fischer House brings vet housing to Kingsbridge VA

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

As many Americans prepared to celebrate Memorial Day, the faculty at James J. Peters VA Medical Center in Kingsbridge spent the morning of Thursday, May 25, paying tribute to America's military with the groundbreaking for a new veteran facility.

Being a native son of the Bronx, I'd be lying if I told you if I said this one didn't mean a little more to me and my family.

Kenneth Fischer

Two 16-unit residential buildings will be erected on hospital grounds courtesy of the Fischer House Foundation.

The foundation has made a name for itself creating transitional housing for veterans and their families at VA facilities across the country, but Fischer

House CEO Kenneth Fischer said this project - the first in the city - was special, since he grew up in nearby Riverdale.

"Being a native son of the Bronx, I'd be lying if I said this one didn't mean a little more to me and my family," Fischer told the patriotic crowd gathered under a large tent as rain fell hard across the borough.

The new facilities will open up the hospital's services to veterans outside the city, he explained.

"These two Fischer houses will now serve not just veterans from the metropolitan area, but veterans from as far away as New England, can get the care the Peters VA should be better known for," Fischer said. "The work that goes on here is so special."

The two buildings provide a free home away from home for families of veterans receiving treatment at the hospital.

The facilities are estimated to cost approximately \$14 million, and are slated to open in 2018.

The Fischer House program was started in 1990 by Fischer's father, Zachary Fischer, a



An artist's rendering of two buildings planned for the James J. Peters VA hospital in Kingsbridge. The two buildings will house 36 veteran families getting care at the facility at a time. Fischer House Foundation

New York developer.

The organization has provided around seven million days of free lodging to more than 300,000 military families, saving vets and their families more than \$360 million in travel expenses.

Delta Airlines, a long-time contributor to the program, donated \$1 million to the Bronx project.

The project will create a home-away-from-home for families receiving medical care, said James J. Peters hospital director Dr. Erik Langhoff.

"Thank you for your many

sacrifices that you and your families have made on behalf of this country," Langhoff said.

Holding the event on the eve of Memorial Day was especially fitting, he noted.

"The service and sacrifice of our fallen warriors and the care and support for those who return from war are forever linked through the American spirit," Langhoff said. "And through VAs everywhere, who care for those who have gone into battle."

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said veterans were a priority as the borough was

seeing a renaissance, and recalled a fateful veteran's breakfast in which keynote speaker Ken Fischer told him the Bronx would get its first Fischer Houses.

He thanked Fischer for doing what he called God's work, and asked those on hand to remember the real reason for the upcoming holiday.

"Don't just make this about barbecues and hamburgers and hot dogs or beer," Diaz said. "There's a reason we are able to celebrate this weekend, and every other weekend this summer season."



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Fair @ the Square set for Saturday, June 17th

BY ROBERT WIRSING

This year's Fair @ the Square is filled to the brim with excitement!

The ninth annual Fair @ the Square is set for Saturday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., rain or shine, along East Tremont and Lane avenues between Westchester Avenue and Silver Street.

The free event presented by the Westchester Square Business Improvement District and Image Marketing promotes Westchester Square's diverse and thriving community.

According to Lisa Sorin, WSBID executive director, over 5,000 people are expected to attend the celebration featuring live musical performances, family fun, vendors, food, jewelry crafting, beauty products, coupons and raffles, donated books from the Huntington Free Library and Metro Optics vision screenings.

Yasmin Cruz, Image Marketing event planner, said WSBID will debut its new mascot influenced by the Square's rich Revolutionary Era history.

Sorin noted WSBID is the first BID to have a mascot.

NYC Small Business Service, WSBID and Image Marketing are implementing 'Passport to the Past,' in which participants visit several stores in the neighborhood's historic business district.

This encourages everyone to learn about the Square's history while promoting local businesses.

Participating stores include 777 Gourmet Deli on 2708 E. Tremont Avenue, Tremont Lotto & Hookah on 2710 E. Tremont Avenue, Ljubo Pizza on 15 Westchester Square, Pawn Brokers on 2712 E. Tremont Avenue, Atax on 1442 Williamsbridge Road, 1-800 Fix on 21 Westchester Square, Alex Furniture on 76 Westchester Square, NY Bronx Brick Oven on 123 Westchester Avenue, National Diner on 135 Westchester Square, William's Deli on 122 Westchester Square, Pink Princess Nails on 1422 Williamsbridge Road and Metro Optics on 25 Westchester Square.

A mural created by artist Damien Mitchell will be unveiled at 2610 E. Tremont Avenue during the fair.

Mitchell's mural depicts black and

white Victorian homes juxtaposed with a vibrant 1930s street cart.

The multicultural festival features an all-day concert series co-hosted by Artie Rodriguez of the Diamante Show and Elvis impersonator Gene DiNapoli.

Additional activities include a FDNY Smoke House, an antique MTA bus, face painting, a trackless train going around Owen Dolen Park, a 38-foot-long obstacle course, inflatable attractions and arts and crafts.

The extravaganza features live performances by freestyle artists George Lamond and Cynthia, ReignJah Band, Just Nuts Party Band, G-String, Johnny Mambo and Friends featuring Pepito Gomez, Da Funk Factory, Kenny Supreme, Troubled Empire, guest deejays DJ Lexs and DJ Kool Bob Skl and the Elite Dance Stars.

"Fair @ the Square is a signature showcase event that has grown along with the BID and with this event, we want to show that Westchester Square has so much to offer everyone," said Sorin.

Sorin would like to thank the orga-



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nizations, elected officials, sponsors, performers and WSBID board of directors for their help in making 2017's Fair @ the Square possible.

The Westchester Square Merchants Association, in partnership with the Bronx Council on the Arts and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, invites everyone to attend this year's festival.

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Benefits of growing older

Many people are quick to think of growing older in a negative light. There certainly are some side effects of aging that one may wish to avoid, but people may find that the benefits of growing older outweigh the negatives.

Seniors are a rapidly growing segment of the population. In the United States, the Administration on Aging states that the older population — persons 65 years or older — numbered 46.2 million in 2014 (the latest year for which data is available).

With so many people living longer, it's time to celebrate the perks of getting older rather than the drawbacks. Here are some great benefits to growing old:

Higher self-esteem: The insecurities of youth give way as one ages, and older people have less negativity and higher self-esteem. A University of Basel study of people ranging in ages from 18 to 89 found that regardless of demographic and social status, the older one gets the higher self-esteem climbs. Qualities like self-control and altruism can contribute to happiness.

Financial perks: Seniors are entitled to discounts on meals, museum entry fees, movies, and other entertainment if they're willing to disclose their ages. Seniors also can enjoy travel perks, with slashed prices on

resorts, plane tickets, and more. The U.S. National Park Service offers citizens age 62 and older lifetime passes to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites for just \$10 in person (\$20 online or via mail).

Reasoning and problem-solving skills: Brain scans reveal that older adults are more likely to use both hemispheres of their brains simultaneously — something called bilateralization. This can sharpen reasoning skills. For example, in a University of Illinois study, older air traffic controllers excelled at their cognitively taxing jobs, despite some losses in short-term memory and visual spatial processing. Older controllers proved to be experts at navigating, juggling multiple aircrafts simultaneously, and avoiding collisions.

Less stress: As people grow older, they are able to differentiate their needs from wants and focus on more important goals. This can alleviate worry over things that are beyond one's control. Seniors may realize how little the opinions of others truly mean in the larger picture, thereby feeling less stress about what others think of them.

Growing older may involve gray hair or wrinkling skin, but there are many positive things associated with aging.

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Moving tips

Sending a parent to an out-of-state nursing home

BY JOANNA R. LEEFER

Monica's mother was living in Florida when she fell and broke her hip. She was treated at a local hospital, and then sent her to a rehab facility to recover. There is a good chance that she will not regain full mobility and might need to move into a nursing home. Monica, who lives in Queens, wants her mother closer to her and hopes to transfer her into a rehab/nursing facility in the New York City area.

Monica's situation is not unusual. Many adult children want their frail parents closer to them. However, the situation and procedures often overwhelm them.

What are the steps that need to be taken? Is there a residency requirement to move a parent between state nursing homes? Will a parent's medical insurance transfer?

The good news is an out-of-state transfer can be done, but there are certain guidelines that must be followed. Here are seven steps that need to be taken:

1. Select a desirable facility. Before making a move, you must identify a few facilities where you would like your parent to live. There are several tools for evaluating nursing homes. One government website, Medicare Compare, rates nursing homes on a series of factors such as size of staff, cleanliness, and safety. Other sites, including Yelp.com, offer individuals the opportunity to air their personal impressions about specific nursing homes.

2. Apply to the out-of-state facilities. Ask the admissions staff at the current facility to send a Patient Review Instrument to each of the selected nursing homes. This is the standard medical assessment tool that summarizes a patient's condition and needs. The desired facility will evaluate your parent's care, determine if it can fulfill them, and if it have a bed available. Once the parent is accepted in a facility you can move on to the next step.

3. Transfer the primary health insurance. Most people aged 65 and older are covered by two insurance policies — Medicare, which is the primary insurance, and a secondary insurance that covers supplemental costs and services not covered by Medicare. Medicare is the federal government's health insurance program for older adults. It covers doctor care, hospital care, and 80 percent of in-rehab care. Medicare is managed by the federal government and is viable in all states.

4. Transfer the secondary insurance. Some secondary insurances are nation-wide programs and can easily be transferred between states. Other

programs, including Medicaid, are not. Medicaid is a program that pays for healthcare for people with low income/assets. It is a federal program but is overseen by individual states. Each state decides on its own eligibility requirements determined in part by a state's cost of living. In some instances a person might be eligible for Medicaid in one state and not in another. For this reason Medicaid cannot automatically be transferred. A person must drop one plan when she leaves a state and reapply in the new one.

5. Apply for Medicaid in a new state. A person cannot be eligible for Medicaid in two states at the same time. A resident must first close out her Medicaid coverage in one state before applying in another. It is usually best to dis-enroll at the end of the month, because it takes until then to end Medicaid coverage.

6. Understand Medicaid residency requirements. As soon as a parent is in the new nursing facility, she can apply for that state's Medicaid program. Unlike residency restrictions for voting, federal law prohibits a residency requirement to apply for Medicaid. This means a person is eligible for Medicaid immediately upon moving to a new state. The new nursing home can help with the application process. Medicaid acceptance might take as long as 90 days, but this should not be a deterrent. Medicaid coverage is retroactive to the date of application. This means a nursing home cannot turn you down if your Medicaid registration is still pending.

7. Move to the out-of-state residence. The move between two facilities is the easiest part of the total process. This can be coordinated through the nursing homes. It can be done by employing an ambulance to transport the patient or by having the patient escorted to her new location by plane.

Moving a parent between state nursing homes can seem like a formidable task, and in some way it is. It takes careful planning and coordination. Fortunately, all the steps are possible and with help from the nursing homes and knowledgeable professionals, the job can be accomplished smoothly and effectively.

Joanna R. Leefer is a senior care advisor, advocate, and founder of ElderCareGiving, a service that helps families make difficult care decision for aging loved ones when family care is no longer enough. She works to determine their best care option, helps with the transition, and monitors care through regular visits. She teaches advocacy skills to caregivers and professionals. For more information, visit www.joanaleefer.com.



Since new and unfamiliar places can be confusing for the person with Alzheimer's disease, keep family travel plans as simple as possible and consider traveling to a familiar destination. iStock

Summer safety tips

For many people, the arrival of summer means a time to relax, travel, recharge, and enjoy the warm weather. However, for a caregiver of someone with Alzheimer's or any dementia, the summer brings an entirely new set of issues and challenges. Here are some suggestions for caregivers to preserve safety (and sanity) during the summer months:

Be well prepared for travel

Depending on the stage of the person with dementia, travel can be an appropriate activity if you are prepared. Vacationing away from home presents numerous challenges. Since new and unfamiliar places can be confusing for the person with Alzheimer's disease, keep family travel plans as simple as possible and consider traveling to a familiar destination. If possible, travel with another person who knows the person with Alzheimer's and is willing to help. Advise airlines, hotels, or tour operators that you're traveling with a person who has memory impairment.

When possible, book refundable travel, in case there are health issues leading up to the trip. Even when staying in new places, try to maintain daily routines. Serve familiar foods at familiar times, and give yourself, as well as the person with dementia, plenty of opportunities to rest. Make sure your relative is enrolled in the MedicAlert NYC Wanderer's Safety program.

Family gatherings

Even "staycations" are not without challenges. During family gatherings that include backyard barbecues and outdoor activities, keep a close eye on someone with Alzheimer's. Wandering can happen in the blink of an eye, and bodies of water, hot grills, and campfires are dangerous hazards.

Family reunions can be both joyful and overwhelming. Even for someone in the early stages of the disease, remembering names and faces can be



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Lou-Ellen Barkan

challenging and frustrating. With the potential for more visits from friends and family during the summer months, consider limiting the number of visitors and the length of visits, and prepare both family members and the person with Alzheimer's disease in advance for the visit.

Beware large crowds

Public venues can become overwhelming. Parades, loud noises, crowds, and fireworks can dramatically increase anxiety. Consider participating from a distance, or watch from home. If you do attend sporting events like tennis matches or baseball games, keep a close eye on the person with dementia for signs of discomfort.

Be mindful of the weather

People with dementia may not always be able to tell you when they are overheated or thirsty. Wherever you go, bring lots of liquids, but avoid alcohol and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration. Make sure the person with dementia wears appropriate summer clothing to stay cool and comfortable and always use plenty of sunscreen! Even better, stay in shaded areas or inside as much as possible during the hottest part of the day.

These tips can make summer a wonderful time for you and the person you are caring for to get out of the house, enjoy beautiful weather and spend time with family and friends in a safe and relaxing way.

For more on this and other caregiving topics, call CaringKind's 24-hour Helpline at (646) 744-2900 or visit www.caringkindnyc.org.

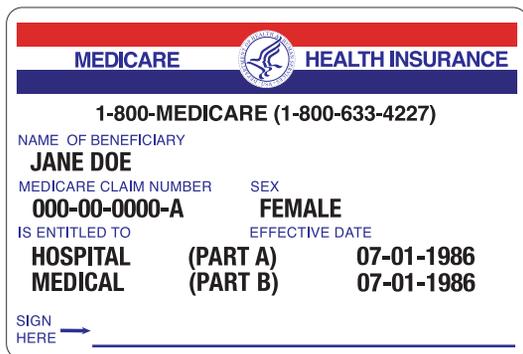
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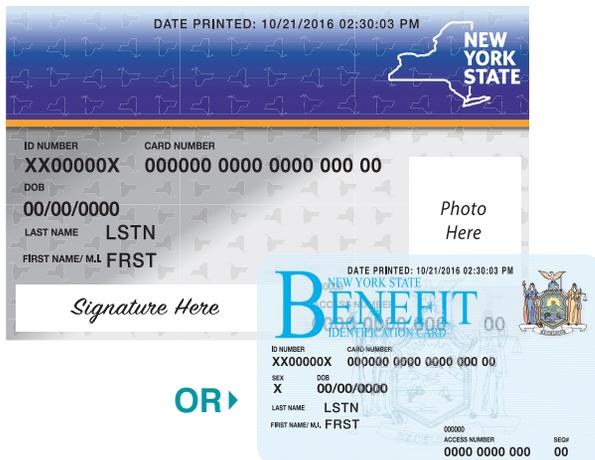
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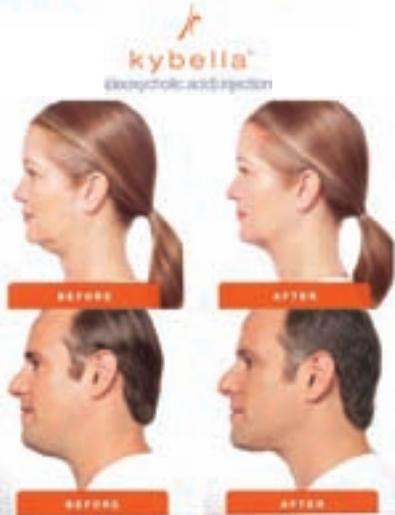


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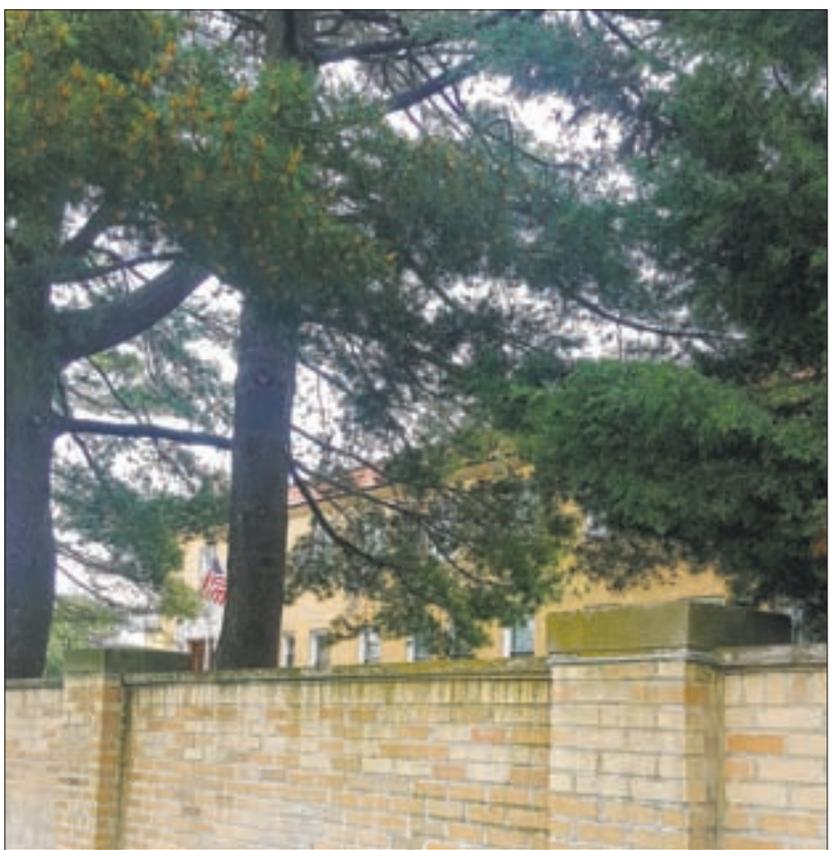


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Sisters, Servants of Mary already has eight trees and numerous large bushes and shrubs on its property, very close to its property line. Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

Sisters, Servants of Mary: "Please, no more trees!"

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A Bronx convent says, "please - no more trees!"

Religious organization Sisters, Servants of Mary, located at 3305 Country Club Road, is currently fighting the city's plan to plant five new trees in the sidewalk area directly in front of their property.

This may not seem like a big issue - but the Sisters, Servants of Mary parcel already has eight trees, along with other large bushes and shrubs, not far from the front property line.

Each tree plot would require the removal of two concrete slabs, measuring out to about eight feet by three feet.

Potential tree pits are already marked in white paint.

According to the convent, the tree plantings would crowd the area and require more maintenance by the Sisters, Servants of Mary to keep the sidewalks clean when the trees drop its leaves.

"Planting these trees would be a liability - especially for an organization that does not charge for their services or receive financial aid from the city, state or church," said Cathy Praino, president of the auxiliary for the Sisters, Servants of Mary, who received a call from Mother Superior last month regarding the plan, after Mother Superior had seen tree plot markings.

"These women do not have the money to pay a service to cleanup after the trees - and since they are all older women, they would be unable to take

care of it themselves."

Praino, who worked for the NYC Parks Department for nearly 30 years, said that since the beginning of May, she has reached out to her park contacts, including NYC Parks first deputy commissioner Liam Kavanaugh as well as Mayor de Blasio's office, yielding a minimal response and scant replies.

Sisters, Servants of Mary cared for Praino's mother at her home before she passed away in the early 1980s.

"It is not going to look good if five more trees are planted on the sidewalk. They should plant them somewhere else," said Sister Ema of Sisters, Servants of Mary. "We understand that the sidewalk is not our property, and we don't want to give off the impression that we don't think trees are a good addition to a neighborhood, but it is going to be way too crowded if those trees are planted."

According to the Parks Department, the agency reviewed the location and has already determined that the location is unsuitable for new trees due to the lush shrubbery and trees that already exist on the convent property.

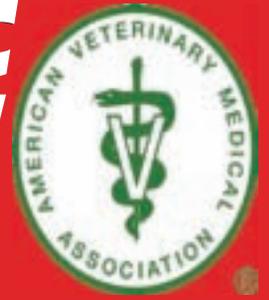
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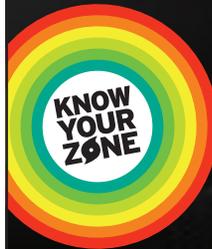
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Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. toasted several distinguished honorees at this year's Bronx Week grand finale breakfast gala on Sunday, May 21. The day featured a volunteer break and induction ceremony at the Bronx County Building to honor local volunteers as well as this year's Bronx Walk of Fame inductees Latin music superstar Prince Royce, hip-hop pioneer Funkmaster Flex, 'Orange is the New Black' star Selenis Leyva and medical inventor Dr. Manny Villafana.



Annie Simon (l), Beth Kublin (c) and Manuel Lara (2nd from r) of Good Sheperd Services received the Bronx's 2017 Volunteers of the Year from Borough President Diaz (2nd from l) and Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of NY executive director.

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Margarita Castro and Luis Angel Paztoriza (2nd from r) of Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry received the Bronx's 2017 Volunteers of the Year from Diaz (l) and Msgr. Sullivan.

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Norma Gonzalez (2nd from l) and Marta Rivera of Casita Maria received the Bronx's 2017 Volunteers of the Year from Diaz (l) and Msgr. Sullivan.

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Juana Ramirez (l) and Ana Tirado of Bronx Food Hub received the Bronx's 2017 Volunteers of the Year from Diaz (2nd from l) and Msgr. Sullivan.

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(l-r) The Bronx's 2017 Volunteers of the Year award recipients Elizabeth Lavin and Stephen Jackson of Astor Services, Borough President Diaz and Msgr. Sullivan.

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(l-r) The Bronx's 2017 Volunteers of the Year Villa Maria Academy Blue BV CYO's Vincent Buccieri (l) and Laura Bruno with (l-r) Mike Favetta of News 12 The Bronx and Louis Bruno.

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Bronx Walk of Fame Inductees Dr. Manny Villafana (back, l) and Prince Royce with The Kips Bay Boy & Girls Club Jr. K-Company Dancers.

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Bronx Walk of Fame inductee DJ Funkmaster Flex (l) received a Citation of Merit from Diaz.

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The developer of the property will give a 20-minute presentation, followed by questions from the public.

The meeting will be held at Einstein College of Medicine's Lubin Hall at 1200 Van Nest Avenue at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15.

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WOMAN SHOT IN PELHAM PARKWAY



A woman is recovering after being shot in Pelham Parkway North last week. According to police, a 58-year-old woman was shot in her right shoulder on Wednesday, May 24 at 5 p.m. between Bronxwood Avenue and Pelham Parkway North. The woman, whose name has not been released, is in serious, but stable condition at Jacobi Medical Center. She reported hearing gun shots before being struck and did not see the gunman. According to authorities, there were witnesses and NYCHA surveillance cameras at the location. Both sources are currently under investigation by the 49th Precinct. No motive has yet been determined for the shooting.

Benedetto sponsors MetroCard Mobile Van scheduled stop

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Meet the 43rd at St. Helena's

Officer Cooper and other members of the 43rd Precinct will be at **St. Helena Church**, 1315 Olmstead Avenue, on Tuesday, June 20 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and again from 7 to 8:30 p.m. to speak with parishioners, parents, citizens, and Parkchester neighbors about any issues of community concern that they may have, whether it be potholes in the street, dangerous intersections, neighborhood crime, or any other concerns.

The meet and greet will take place in the St. Helena gym. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call (718) 892-3232.

Bronx Council on the Arts invites Bronx-based artists, collectives and organizations to apply for funds to support grassroots and organizational, community-centered arts and culture initiatives and projects borough-wide. BCA will be hosting a series of How-to Apply and professional development sessions for arts funding in June and July, in various Bronx districts.

BCA seeks to foster the continu-

ing development of local cultural resources through its Artist for Community Grant, Arts Fund and Community Arts Grants, which are all responsive to community needs. Each grant program supports projects and activities occurring between January 1 and December 31. Prizes range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Applications will be made available through Bronx Council on the Arts' website beginning Saturday, July 1.

The six summer sessions will kick off with General Grant Tips on Saturday, June 10 (1 to 3 p.m.) at Bronx Documentary Center; Knowing Your Community at the Soundview New York Public Library on Tuesday, June 20 (5 to 6:30pm) and No Artist Is An Island: Equitable Strategies for Meaningful Engagement on Thursday, June 29 (5 to 6:30 p.m.) at NYCHA's Gun Hill Community Center.

For a full listing of all sessions (and to register for BCA's arts and culture newsletter) see the Grants page at www.bronxarts.org.



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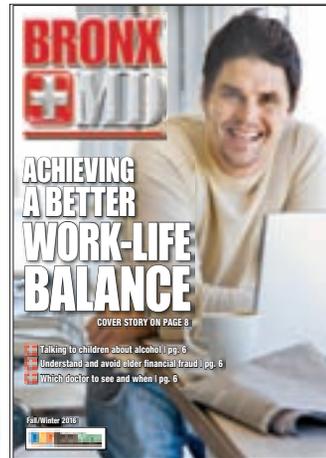
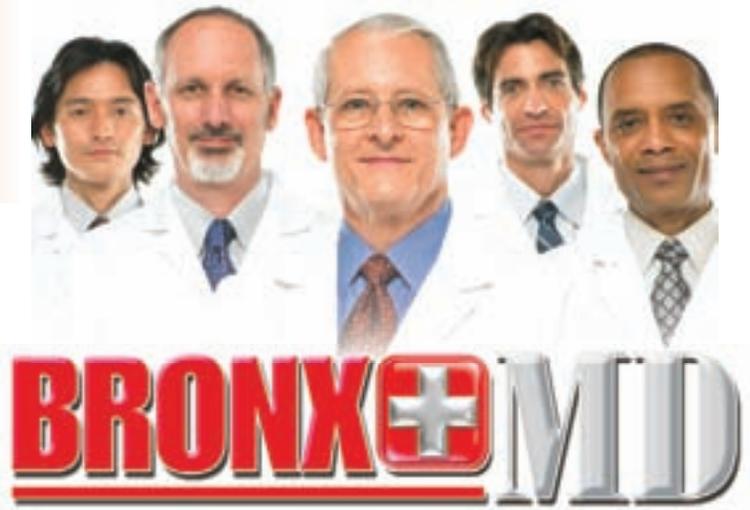
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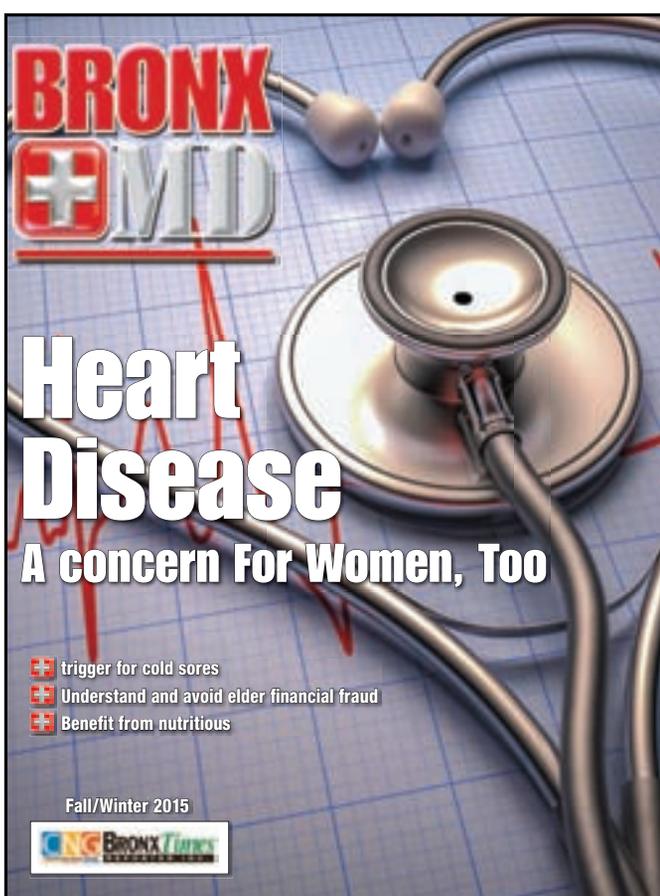
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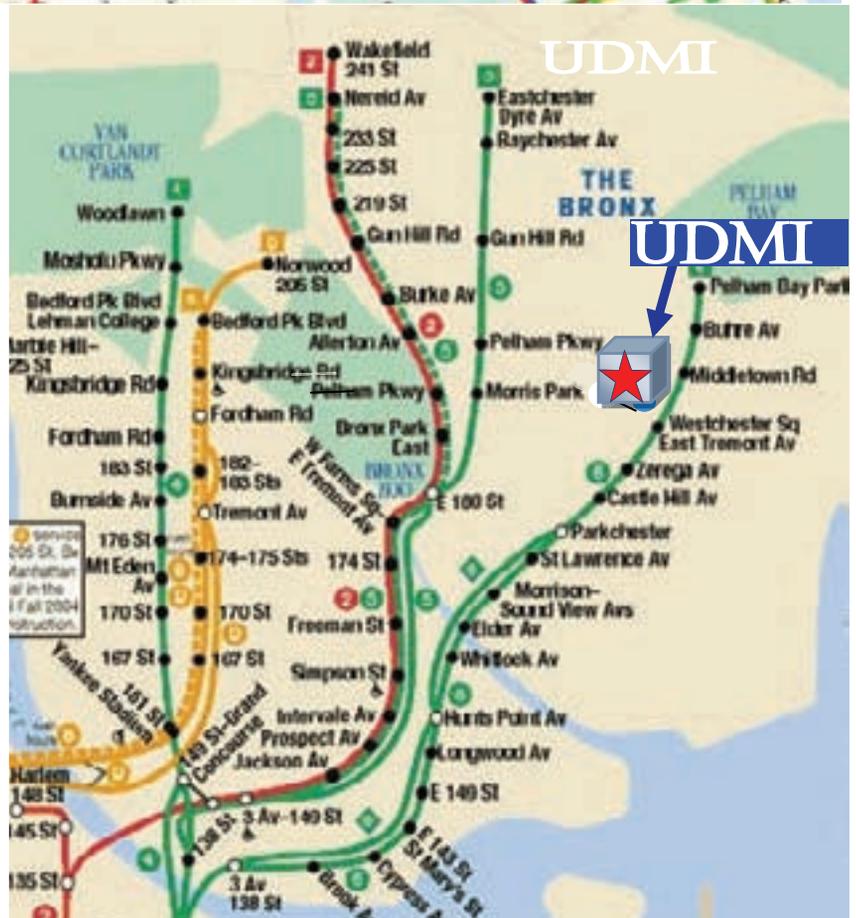
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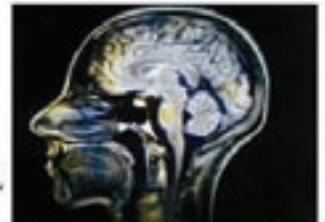
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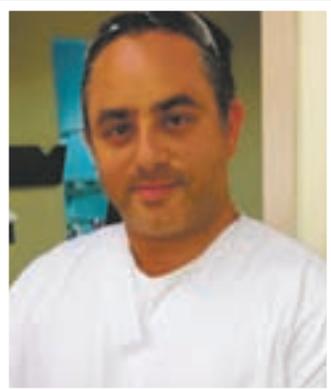
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in place.

The crown itself can be made from different materials, like stainless steel, gold or metallic alloy, porcelain, porcelain fused to metal, and resin. A dentist will determine which material will work best depending on the application and tooth location.

Understanding your appointment(s)

Crowns are typically installed in two appointments. The first appointment requires prep work so the tooth can hold the crown. This is typically a painless procedure, and one in which the dentist

will anesthetize the tooth and gum tissue and then file down the tooth along the chewing surface and sides to make room for the crown covering. If the tooth was decayed or insubstantial, the dentist may have to “build up” the tooth instead of filing it down. Again, these determinations are made by the dentist who has the expertise to gauge how much workable tooth is left.

Once the tooth has been prepared, an impression will be made of the bite area. That’s because the permanent crown will be fabricated in a laboratory and the fit/color will need to be exact for comfort — and also to ensure that bacteria and food debris do not get caught between the crown and tooth.

The final component is a temporary cap that will keep the prepared tooth clean. This is molded in the office and will be worn only until the custom-made crown is ready.

When the permanent crown is delivered, the patient will return to the office to have it checked for fit and then cemented into place.

Full and partial crowns

A partial crown may be used if only a portion of the tooth needs to be covered. Dentists will often rely on full crowns to get maximum coverage and strength.

Cost factor

Crowns can be expensive. According to the resource CostHelper, crowns can range from \$500 to \$3,000 depending on the material used and the patient’s insurance coverage. Dental insurance may cover a predetermined percentage of the cost when the crown is medically necessary, but insurance may not cover anything if the procedure is only cosmetic.

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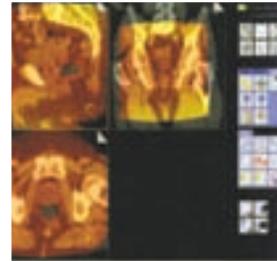


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Explaining atrial fibrillation

In late 2013, the World Health Organization released results from a data analysis that examined atrial fibrillation and its prevalence across the globe. The results were troubling, indicating that 33.5 million people worldwide have the condition.

If those figures don't raise an eyebrow, that's likely because few people are familiar with atrial fibrillation, in spite of its prevalence. A broader understanding of atrial fibrillation, often referred to as AF, may help people reduce their likelihood of developing the condition.

What is atrial fibrillation?

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute notes that atrial fibrillation is the most common type of arrhythmia, which is a problem with the rate or rhythm of the heartbeat. AF occurs when rapid, disorganized electrical signals cause the heart's two upper chambers, known as the atria, to contract very quickly and irregularly.

What happens when a person has atrial fibrillation?

The heart is not functioning properly when a person has atrial fibrillation. That's because blood pools in the atria when a person has AF, and because of

that pooling, the blood is not pumped completely into the heart's two lower chambers, which are known as the ventricles. As a result, the heart's upper and lower chambers do not work in conjunction as they do when the heart is fully healthy.

Are there symptoms of atrial fibrillation?

Some people with AF do not feel symptoms and only learn of their condition after physical examinations. That highlights the importance of scheduling annual physicals for all people, but especially for people with a personal or family history of heart trouble.

According to the American Heart Association, the most common symptom of AF is a quivering or fluttering heartbeat, which is caused by abnormal firing of electrical impulses. Anyone who feels such a symptom or suspects their heartbeat is abnormal should consult a physician immediately.

In addition to a quivering or fluttering heartbeat, the AHA notes that people with AF may experience one or more of the following symptoms:

- General fatigue
- Dizziness
- Shortness of breath and anxiety
- Weakness

- Faintness or confusion
- Fatigue when exercising
- Sweating
- Chest pain or pressure

The AHA warns that people experiencing chest pain or pressure are having a medical emergency that requires immediate medical attention. Whether or not symptoms of AF are detected, the condition can still increase a person's risk for serious medical problems, including stroke.

Who is at risk for atrial fibrillation?

No one is immune to atrial fibrillation, though risk of developing the condition rises as a person ages. Men are more likely than women to develop AF, which the NHLBI notes is more common among whites than African Americans or Hispanic Americans.

People suffering from hyperthyroidism, a condition characterized by excessive amounts of the thyroid hormone, are at greater risk for AF than those without the condition. In addition, people who are obese and those who have been diagnosed with diabetes or lung disease are at greater risk for AF than those without such conditions.

The NHLBI also notes that AF is more common in people who have:

- High blood pressure
- Coronary heart disease
- Heart failure
- Rheumatic heart disease
- Structural heart defects
- Pericarditis
- Congenital heart defects

Can atrial fibrillation be prevented?

There is no guaranteed way to prevent AF, though certain lifestyle choices can reduce a person's risk for the condition. A heart-healthy diet that's low in cholesterol, saturated fat and trans fat and also includes daily servings of various whole grains, fruits and vegetables can lower a person's risk for AF. Daily physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight and not smoking also can lower a person's risk.

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Diabetes is a very serious disease that can affect your vision. In fact, diabetes is a leading cause of severe vision loss in the United States. The good news is that by working with your primary care doctor on controlling your sugar and by making regular visits to your eye doctor, you can preserve your vision and protect your eyes. While preservation of vision is the most important first step, today we have innovative treatments that restore vision loss for diabetic patients.

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The Lens: The lens of the eye, like the lens of a camera, focuses the image on the eye's "film" (the retina). Clouding of the lens happens in diabetics as a result of elevated blood sugar; this clouding is called a cataract. While cataracts happen naturally to older people, they may present earlier in life and more frequently in diabetics with poor blood sugar control.

The Optic Nerve: The optic nerve transports to the brain the image from the retina. Elevated pressure in the eye causes damage of the optic nerve, which is called glaucoma. Diabetics are 1.5 times more likely to develop glaucoma.

How can I tell if diabetes is affecting my eyes?

There is almost never any pain associated with diabetic eye disease and vision may not change until the disease is in an advanced stage. The only way to find out if diabetes has affected your eyes is to have a full eye exam by an eye care specialist. It is recommended that people with diabetes get their eyes checked at least once a year.

What can I do to protect my eyes?

Your risk of diabetic eye disease can be greatly reduced by tightly controlling your blood sugar and by treating your high blood pressure if you have it. You can control your blood sugar with a good diet as recommended by your doctor, regular exercise, and by taking your diabetic medicine. The closer your blood sugar is to normal levels, the

less likely you are to develop diabetic eye disease.

Can diabetic eye disease be treated once it develops?

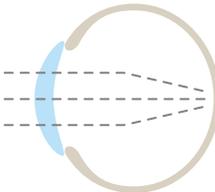
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ABOUT DR. SAM FARAH

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Dr. Farah spent the first 10 years of his practice in academic medicine at Columbia University and Montefiore Medical Center. Since opening his private practice in 2005, Dr. Farah has developed a loyal patient following and cultivated partnerships with esteemed medical colleagues. He maintains an academic position as an assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and has published numerous articles on retinal disease in major academic journals. He is a member of the Montefiore Health System. For more information, please contact Dr. Farah at 718-823-082



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How music may improve health

Plato said, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." Music often communicates messages that are not easily expressed, which is one reason why music is such an integral part of so many people's lives.

While many people love music for its entertainment value, there is growing evidence that music can be good for overall health as well. A study from researchers at the Cleveland Clinic focused on the use of music for brain surgery patients who must be awake during their procedures. Researchers

found that music enabled the patients to manage anxiety, reduce pain and relax more fully during their procedures.

In a study titled, "The effect of music intervention in stress response to cardiac surgery in a randomized clinical trial," a team of Swedish researchers measured serum cortisol, heart rate, respiratory rate, mean arterial pressure, arterial oxygen tension, arterial oxygen saturation, and subjective pain and anxiety levels for patients who had undergone cardiothoracic surgery. Those who were allowed to listen to music during recupera-

tion and bed rest had lower cortisol levels than those who rested without music.

Many doctors now play music while operating or enable patients to listen to music to calm their nerves during in-office procedures.

According to Caring Voice Coalition, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of patients with chronic illnesses, music has also been shown to enhance memory and stimulate both sides of the brain, which may help individuals recover from stroke or those suffering from cognitive impairments.

Music also can have a positive impact on mood. Neuroscientists have discovered that listening to music heightens positive emotions through the reward centers of the brain. Music stimulates the production of dopamine, creating positive feelings as a result.

Some researchers think that music may help improve immune response, promoting faster recovery from illness. Undergraduate students at Wilkes University measured the levels of IgA — an important antibody for the immune system's first line of defense against disease — from saliva. Levels were measured before and after 30 minutes of exposure to various sounds, including music. Soothing music produced significantly greater increases in IgA than any of the other conditions.

Another way music has been linked to improved health is its ability to make physical activity seem less mundane. Listening to songs can distract one from the task at hand, pushing focus onto the music rather than the hard work being done. When exercising, upbeat music can help a person go a little further as they work to achieve their fitness goals than working out without music.

The benefits of music extend beyond enjoying a favorite song, as music can do much to contribute to one's overall health.





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Don't let sunburn derail summer fun

Many people find it impossible to think about summer without conjuring visions of spending endless hours outdoors from morning until evening, whether beachside, on the open water or even floating in a backyard pool. Although a certain measure of sun exposure is required for some natural functions of the body, it's well documented that too much time in the sun can be hazardous to one's health. That's why summer frolickers need to exercise considerable caution each time they step outside.

Taking sunburn for granted can be a big mistake. Many people wouldn't risk burns from a hot stove or open fire, but they won't think twice about being unprotected under the very hot rays of the sun. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says more than one-third of adults and nearly 70 percent of children admit to suffering from sunburn within the past year. Depending on the intensity of the sun and the amount of time spent outside, sunburn can be a first- or second-degree burn. In first-degree burns, damage affects the topmost layer of skin. However, sunburn can even affect deeper layers and cause blistering in addition to redness and pain.

Sunburn also can cause some irreparable damage that goes unseen. According to WebMD, ultraviolet light from the sun can alter DNA, prematurely aging skin or even contributing to skin cancers. It can take years before symptoms become noticeable. Therefore, it is best for people of all ages to exercise caution when spending time in the sun.

Sunburn is one of the most easily prevented summertime ailments. It's also important to

note that sunburns are not just limited to the hot weather or when it is sunny outside. Ultra-violet damage can occur at any time of the year, and also from artificial UV sources, such as tanning beds. Preventing sunburn is simple.

- The Mayo Clinic says the sun's rays are the strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so schedule outdoor activities for other times of day. Otherwise, limit exposure to the sun and take frequent breaks in the shade.

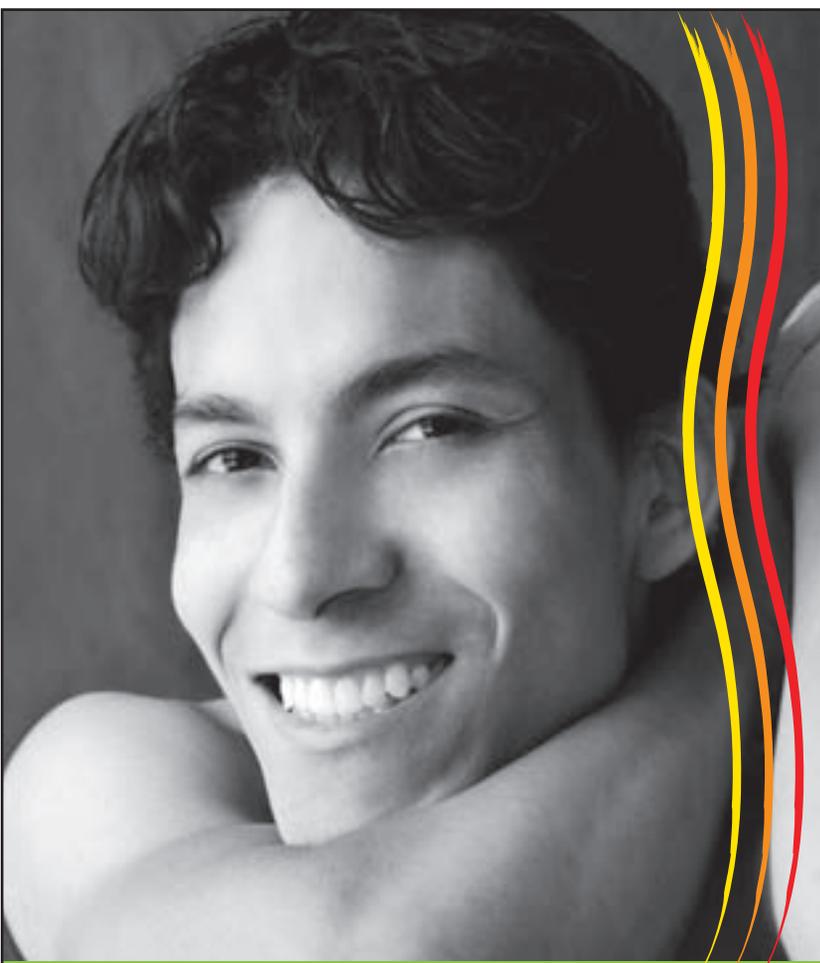
- Wear protective clothing that covers the arms and legs. Some outdoor gear is designed to offer sun protection. Tightly woven fabrics tend to help the most.

- Apply — and reapply — sunscreen. Look for products that offer an SPF of 15 or greater. The American Academy of Dermatology actually recommends an SPF of 30 or greater. Make sure the product is broad-spectrum, meaning it protects against UVA and UVB rays. Apply sunscreen thoroughly, paying attention to the tops of feet, hands and other places that tend to go untreated. Reapply every two hours or more frequently, if necessary.

- Base tans do not protect the skin. Research does not support the habit of getting a tan to prevent subsequent sunburn.

- Protect the face and eyes by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and highly rated UV protection sunglasses.

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How to make flossing easier for kids

It is well known that a combination of brushing, flossing and periodic dental checkups are essential to oral health. Some parents teach their children to brush thoroughly early on, even

taking them for dental visits at young ages so youngsters can become acclimated to the dentist's office. But flossing is one component of oral hygiene that may be overlooked because many kids simply don't enjoy it.

Flossing is one of those tasks that people understand they must do regularly, but many still do not. According to Humana Dental, flossing cleans bacteria and trapped food from between the teeth. Brushing only reaches the surface of the teeth, but floss is required to get into the small crevices to prevent bacteria from turning into plaque buildup. The American Dental Association recommends flossing at least once per day. It is far better to floss once a day and do a thorough job rather than several times a day and miss areas of the mouth by doing it quickly.

Children should be urged to floss regularly in addition to brushing. However, flossing can be cumbersome for youngsters who have yet to develop the dexterity needed to manipulate dental floss. There are many products available and techniques that can be used to assist children with cleaning between their teeth. The following are some flossing tips for kids.

- * Begin the introduction to floss early. The younger children are introduced to floss, the more likely they are to embrace flossing as part of their oral hygiene routine.

- * Show visual proof of the benefits of flossing. Oftentimes, children are more likely to respond to something they can see. Show pictures of dental decay and what occurs when proper oral hygiene is not followed. This may help make the concept of flossing more attractive.

Get the proper tools

Kids cannot floss unless they

have floss products on hand. There are various age-appropriate flossers and types of dental floss available. Children may not be able to use dental floss properly because of a lack of dexterity. However, floss picks are much easier to hold and work between the teeth, particularly for kids with small hands. Floss should always be on hand, whether at home or when you go on vacation.

Let kids choose

Take kids down the dental aisle at the store and let them pick and choose which products they want to use. They may be more excited to brush and floss if they're using something they picked out themselves.

Lead by example

Children will be more likely to floss if they see their parents flossing. That means adults should floss regularly and let their children watch and learn.

Benefits of flossing

Removing bacteria and trapped food from teeth has a number of benefits. Bacteria can cause bad breath, but flossing and brushing helps to keep breath smelling fresh.

Dirty teeth can lead to dental carries. Children may be more inclined to floss if they know they'll be preventing cavities and avoiding potentially painful trips to the dentist.

Plaque trapped between the teeth and along the gum line that leads to periodontal disease puts a person at a greater risk for heart disease. There are some studies that show bacteria from the mouth can end up in the bloodstream.

Flossing is a necessary component of good oral hygiene. Everyone should floss, no matter their age, and children should begin flossing as soon as their mouth starts to fill out with pearly whites.





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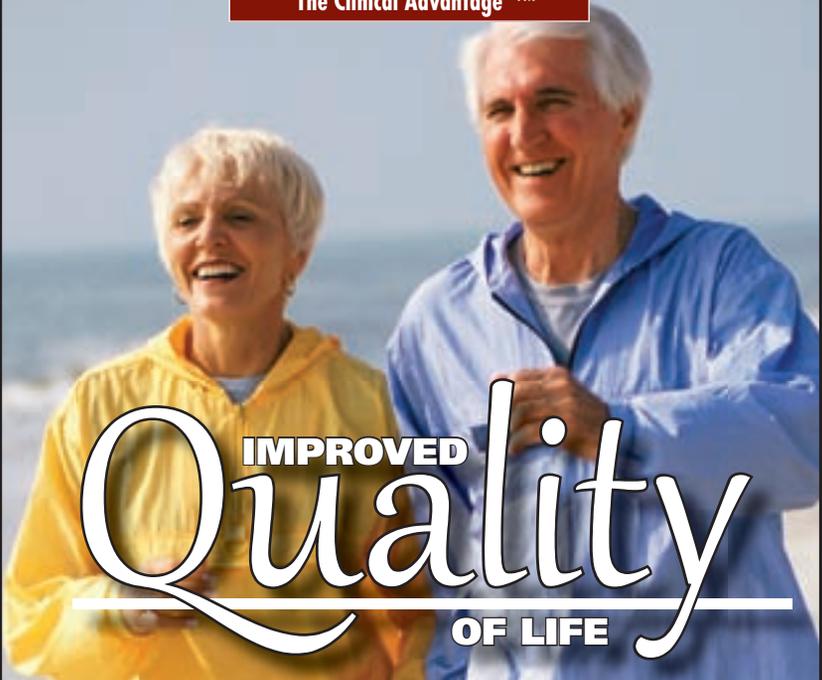
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The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism says that parents can have a major impact on their children's drinking habits by influencing children's values and decisions about drinking. Alcohol can affect both the body and the mind, and parents who want their kids to approach alcohol responsibly when they are of legal drinking age can teach their youngsters about the ways alcohol can influence their health.

The NIAA states that alcohol is used by more young people than tobacco or illicit drugs. A person who begins drinking as a young teen is four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than someone who waits until adulthood to try a drink.

Alcohol and its effects

Many kids and their parents are not overly concerned about alcohol, which does not carry the same stigma as illegal drugs. When consumed in small amounts, alcohol may not seem very dangerous, but even small quantities can affect the body.

Alcohol is a depressant, which slows down the body and makes a person feel relaxed. With more alcohol, movements become clumsy and uncoordinated. It also interferes with decision-

making abilities and could lead to risky behavior. As alcohol slows reaction time, driving under the influence can be deadly.

The liver is responsible for filtering alcohol out of the blood. With greater quantities of alcohol, it can take longer for the liver to do its job. Over time, alcohol consumption can damage the liver.

Get the facts

Some families have misinformed views about alcohol. Beer or wine may be considered "safer" than hard liquor, but each has the same effect on the body. It can take anywhere from two to three hours for a single drink to leave a person's system and the process cannot be sped up.

Young people have smaller bodies, and alcohol can affect them differently. It may only take a small amount of alcohol to cause considerable impairment. Plus, young bodies are still developing, and alcohol may have an effect on a maturing brain, leading to long-lasting intellectual effects.

People tend to not realize how much alcohol is affecting them. Overconsumption of alcohol can lead to risky and potentially dangerous behavior.

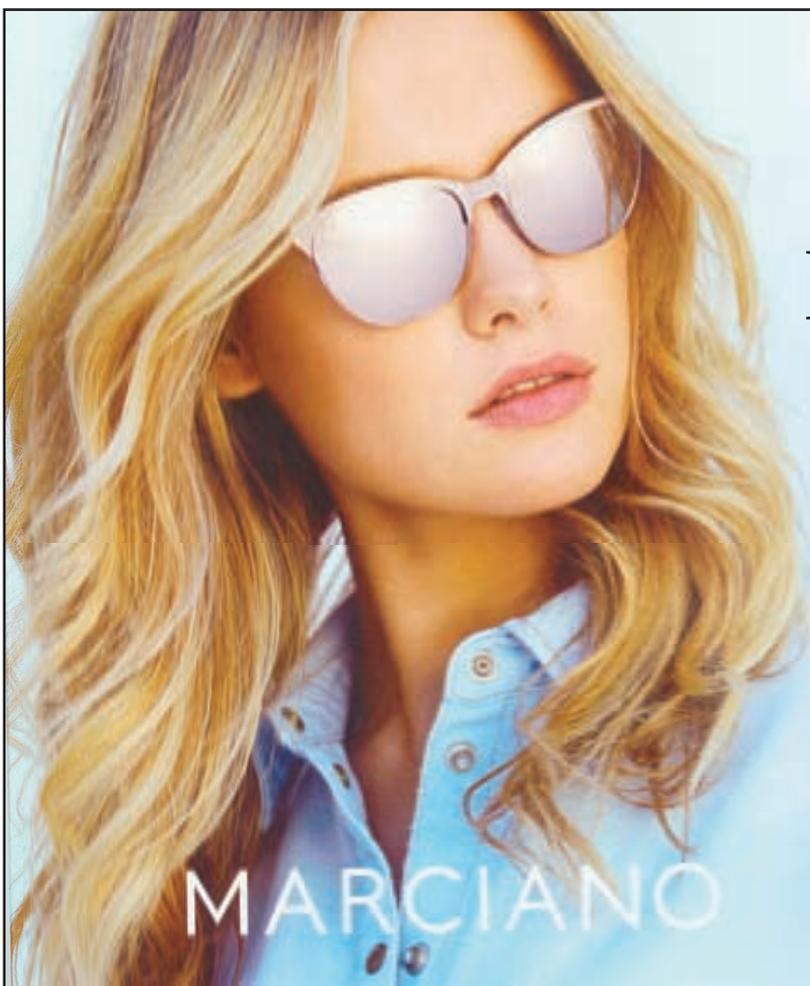
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- Over time, the very sensitive skin that surrounds your eyes will naturally get thinner, drier, and start to wrinkle. Ongoing exposure to the sun will accelerate this process, and can lead to skin cancer.

An annual eye exam will detect the above, and your optometrist can provide treatment options where available. To prevent sun damage, invest in a good pair of sunglasses (in your prescription if you need vision correction), with total UVA/UVB protection; polarized lenses are also a good choice to virtually eliminate glare. Quality sunwear will protect your eyes and should be worn all year round, even in overcast conditions and during months with fewer daylight hours. Ask your eye care professional about photochromic lenses (Transitions® are a popular brand) which are clear indoors and darken outside – like having two pairs of glasses in one!

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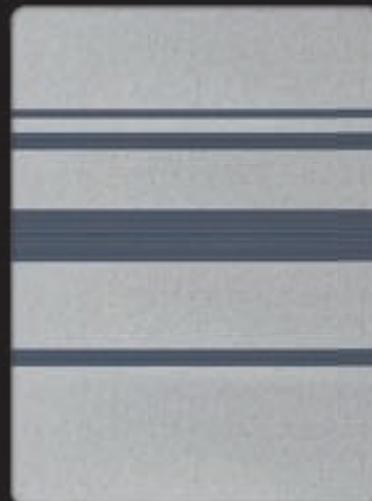
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ROTARY CLUB GIVES P.S. 175 BOOKS

The Bronx Rotary Club donated books to P.S. 175's library on Tuesday, May 16.



(back, l-r) Amir Asadi Bronx Rotary Club president; Sandy Woolstein; Salvatore Mastrocola; Miguel A. Santiago; Rich Sherman; Beatrice Castiglia Catullo (front, 4th from r), R.A.I.N founder and P.S. 175 principal Amy Lipson (front, 3rd from r). Photo by Aracelis Batista



SALT MATTERS FOR YOUR HEALTH

In honor of Health Day, Bronx Community Health Network's Community Health Promotion and Education Program discussed how the amount of salt in food can impact a person's overall health on Friday, May 19.

(Above Bronx Community Health Network's Community Health Promotion and Education Program gave important life and health lessons. Photo courtesy of Bronx Community Health Network

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society invited over a thousand Bronxites for its annual Relay for Life on Saturday, May 20 at Dewitt Clinton High School. During the event, ACS honored Dr. Michael Polcino, St. Barnabas Hospital's Division of Colorectal Surgery director, for being a strong advocate of cancer screenings and the importance early detection plays on successful treatment of colon and rectal cancer.



Friends and family of Shirley W. Vargas dedicated their participation to her memory.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r) Cancer survivor and nurse Mumeerah Green; Dr. Michael Polcino with his wife, Tracey and their daughter, Marguerite, had a great time at this year's Relay for Life.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



VNNA DINNER DANCE

The Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance toasted several exemplary community leaders at its time honored dinner dance on Friday, May 12 at 900 Park Restaurant. This year's outstanding honorees were Joseph Lucchese, Joseph A. Lucchese Funeral Home owner and funeral director; Jerry Weihe, Van Nest Little League president; Linda White, Community Board 11 member and lifelong Van Nest resident and 49th Precinct Community Affairs detective Jay Sturdivant, serving Van Nest for 17 years. Photo by Laura Stone

(Left, l-r) VNNA's Bernadette Ferrara, president; Bob Nolan, senior advisor; honorees Joseph Lucchese, Jerry Weihe, detective Sturdivant and Linda White; VNNA's Sharlene Jackson-Mendez, vice president; John Messenger, treasurer; Marion Manfredi, secretary and Marie Santillana, sergeant-at-arms.

TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

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

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

Daydreaming

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

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

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

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

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

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

Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

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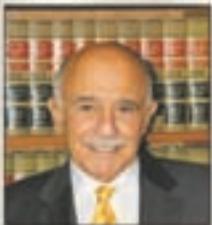
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Medication management in older adults *by Healthy Seniors CliCC*

Older adults often take many medications on a regular basis. Here are some statistics on older adult medication use:

1. 40% of individuals take five or more medications daily
2. 38% purchase medication from more than one pharmacy
3. 50% receive prescriptions from more than one provider
4. Older adults receive close to 40% of all prescriptions written in the United States

It is critical that older adults take a pro-active attitude on understanding their medications and get the support that they need to manage their medications appropriately.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Senior Health website has some great strategies for managing your medications (see: Senior health-Managing your Medications). Here is a summary of their suggestions:

1. Maintain a list of all of your medications. The list should include the following information:
 - a. Medication name
 - b. Reason that you are taking it
 - c. Provider's name who prescribed the medication
 - d. Route that you take it (by mouth (e.g., a pill or in a liquid oral formulation) or an eye drop/ointment prescription or something that you apply to your skin)
 - e. Time of day to take the medica-

tion
f. The number of times per day to take the medication

g. How much of the medication to take
h. Medication appearance, color, shape

i. Side effects and precautions
2. Take your list with you to every doctor's appointment; have the doctor or nurse practitioner review it with you.

3. Ask your pharmacist to put your medications in containers that offer ease of opening and that have large labels/large print for ease of reading.

4. Take all of your medications for as long as they are prescribed. If you have a question about this, discuss it with your medical provider.

5. Make sure that you always have enough of your medication on hand.

6. If you plan to travel, make sure that you speak with your medical provider and/or your pharmacist for any special preparations needed regarding your medications.

7. Use your phone or a timer to remind yourself to take your medications.

The AARP has personal medication records that you can use to keep track of the important components of managing your medications.

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

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Remember our June meeting, awards presentations and annual BBQ will be held on the 4th Sunday in June, the 25th, as the 3rd one is Father's Day. Have a great day dads.

Assemblyman Mark Gonaj lined the streets with flags and held a pizza party for the Star of the Sea - Sea Cadet marching band.

A great traditional day in spite of

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the weather.

Until next time: It's with great sadness I report our member and friend Brendan Devine has passed away. Having had a military career and VA Hospi-

tal career, it is quite the coincidence that our Supreme Commander above called for him to report on Memorial Day.

Rest in peace comrade. Hand salute.

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Persons interested in receiving more information should contact The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10022 (Telephone 212-755-8615) or the Bronx Office (Telephone 718-892-3234).

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Sealed bids are requested by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) which will take place at the St. Vincent de Paul Summer Camp, CYO Valley Camp, Putnam Valley, NY from June 29 to July 28, 2017. Food service is to accommodate between 125 and 150 campers and staff, with breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and dinner, seven days a week.

Sealed bids will be received until May 22, 2017 at 8:00AM at the Bronx Camp Office, 2050 Benedict Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The bid specifications/ contract form may be obtained from the Bronx St. Vincent de Paul Office, 2050 Benedict Ave., Bronx, NY 10462 (Telephone 718-892-3234). Additional information is obtainable by writing the New York State Education Department, Child Nutrition Program Administration, Room 55/119, Albany, NY 12234-0055 or by calling (518) 432-5068.

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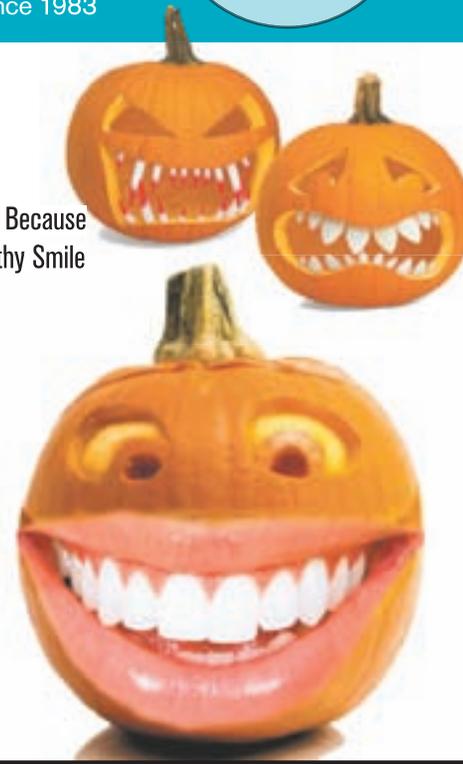
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Temple Hatikva Memorial Shabbat Service and Nearly Summer Social

In the spirit of Memorial Day, Temple Hatikva will honor those who have fought for and died defending our country and the freedoms we enjoy, on Friday, June 9, at Bronx House, located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Congregants and area residents are invited to join in a special short Memorial Service at the Jewish War Veterans of the USA monument outside of Bronx House. The service, which will begin at 7:15 p.m., will be led by Temple Hatikva board member Evan Frankl.

At 7:30 p.m., the assembled will move inside where Can-

tor Kyle Cherry will lead our traditional, yet modern Shabbat services, including Memorial prayers, offering a meaningful experience to all, even those with no synagogue background.

"The foundation is probably the most important part of any house," said Cantor Cherry. "If it is not laid down with strong materials in a secure fashion the house will not last. The same goes with any people, and that foundation is made up of the teachings and examples of those who came before us and is secured by our remembrance of them. We hold this Memorial Shabbat to

maintain that foundation, to keep it secure and strong that we and our descendants may continue to build upon it and thrive for many generations to come."

As always at Temple Hatikva, worship will be followed by a free Kiddush with coffee and cake.

In a lighter vein, Temple Hatikva is planning a 'Nearly Summer Social' at Bronx House on Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. All welcome to enjoy a friendly, relaxed afternoon of fun, fellowship and Yiddishkeit.

It will be a time for congregants to get to know each

other better and for others to come and learn about Temple Hatikva, its practices and its programs. There will be music, hors d'oeuvres, munchies, desserts, Jewish Trivia and prizes. Come alone or, even better, bring a friend. Donation is \$7, free for paid-up members.

Please RSVP by phone, by email, or through our website, so that sufficient refreshments are on hand.

Mail payments to Temple Hatikva, c/o Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway S., Bronx, NY 10461, or drop off payment (in an envelope addressed to Temple Hatikva) at the Bronx

House main office and ask that they place it in the Temple Hatikva mail box.

The next Shabbat services will be held on Friday, July 14, followed by our annual Make-Your-Own Sundae Social, and on Friday, August 25 celebrating the 7th birthday of Temple Hatikva.

Temple Hatikva, a Reform/Conservative synagogue serves the entire Jewish Community, is located at Bronx House.

The synagogue can be reached at (718) 892-5766, by email at TempleHatikva@aol.com, or on the web at www.TempleHatikva.com.

The Bungalow Connection

About 15 years ago, some friends whose kids went to the same Pre-k as ours invited us to visit the bungalow colony an hour upstate where they spend their summers.

"Great!" we said. "But ... what's a bungalow colony?"

As it turns out, it's a time portal that can transport you back to 1958. There you will find yourself in a world of impromptu coffee klatches, potluck suppers and, best of all, NO PLAYDATES. Kids just run around and make their own fun.

I know. Surreal.

In practical terms, we learned, a bungalow colony is actually a cluster of small, basic cabins — maybe 10, 20, up to about 100. Usually they're near a lake, and most of them are an hour or two outside the city. The one we'd been invited to, Rosmarins in Monroe, NY, opened in 1941. There used to be hundreds of these "colonies." And while different ethnic groups would settle their own enclaves, somehow Jews took to the phenomenon most enthusiastically.

In fact, the old nickname for the Catskills was "The Jewish Alps."

Bungalow colonies thrived from the 1920s till about the 1970s, when they started dying out thanks to "The Three A's" — Airplanes (once people could travel to more exotic locales, they did), Air-conditioning (no need for mountain air when you could crank up a cool breeze indoors), and Assimilation (once Jews and other minorities were allowed to join clubs and neighborhoods previously closed to them, they didn't have to hang out just in their own enclaves.)

But even as many colonies were closing up — or transitioning to an ultra-Orthodox clientele — Rosmarins not only continued to operate much as it had since it opened, it continued to exist in some kind of time bubble. Run by the same family for nearly 80 years, its cabins still boast Linoleum floors and Formica tables. But best of all, kids keep organizing their own games — cards, wall-ball, Manhunt (tag at night with flashlights!).

We visited our friends and felt nauseous with envy. Back in the city, we felt we had to watch our kids all the time. Here, our friends actually in-



RHYMES WITH CRAZY
Lenore Skenazy

structed us to simply let the kids go out and play. We did — and it was Heaven!

By the next summer, we had a bungalow of our own, and have been coming ever since. We still quote our younger son walking out the screen door that first summer, saying, "I'm going down to Johnny's bungalow." He was three. And off he went.

When that same boy turned nine and took the subway by himself, I founded Free-Range Kids, the book, blog and movement dedicated to the idea that our kids are smarter and safer than society gives them credit for. But I wonder if it wasn't possibly bungalow life that made me see, with my own eyes, the importance of unstructured, unsupervised

time in childhood.

Back in the city, we had the kids in science camp, soccer lessons, all sorts of enrichment. What I'd forgotten was how much more pleasant it is to have free time and figure out how to fill it.

Not that our kids became great novelists or baseball champs just by goofing around. But they did end up spending their summers plain old playing — an activity increasingly rare in this era of supervised, structured activities for kids.

Peter Gray, a Boston College psychology professor and author of the book "Free to Learn," says that one of the saddest things we've done to kids is deprive them of the chance to play together in mixed age groups. For instance, he says: A group of 7-year-olds might not be able to play a game of gin rummy. But if they're playing with a couple of 9-year-olds, they can. The older kids tell them, "Hold up your cards better! We can see them!" and, "Why did you throw that card out? You need it!" For their part, the 7-year-olds are so desperate to act like the "big" 9-year-olds, they hold it together when they lose, instead of crying like babies.

In this way, everyone gets socialized: The older kids learn patience and empathy. They grow more articulate as they explain the rules to the little kids. And the little kids grow more self-controlled as they strive to be as cool and mature as the 4th graders. They focus. They may even learn some math — without a teacher in sight.

All those lessons kick in when adults back off, which is what parents used to do come June, and what they still do at a bungalow.

Obviously, not everyone can rent a summer place. But everyone can reach back and remember their own summers, and the joy of hours stretching forth without anything to do but play.

As we try to give our kids every advantage, remember that the greatest gift just may be free time. Lots of it.

Have a great summer.

Lenore Skenazy is founder of Free-Range Kids, a contributor to Reason.com, and author of "Has the World Gone Skeazy?"

Bronx Week Parade Marches Into History

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. celebrated the grand finale of Bronx Week 2017 with the time honored Bronx Week Parade on Sunday, May 21. During the 46th annual parade, hundreds of students from Bronx schools and youth organizations marched down Mosholu Parkway with the four new members of the Bronx Walk of Fame-Latin music superstar Prince Royce, hip hop pioneer Funkmaster Flex, 'Orange is the New Black' star Selenis Leyva and medical inventor Dr. Manny Villafana following their induction ceremony.



P.S. 76's Bennington Band had the crowd moving to the beat.

Photo by Miriam Quin



Sefane Ashinyo (l) and Edinam Ashinyo sported awesome face paint designs.

Photo by Miriam Quin



Bronx Week 2017 honoree Prince Royce (c) met with 44th Precinct detectives Oviedo (l) and Tejada.

Photo by Miriam Quin



'Orange is the New Black' actress Selenis Leyva marched in the parade following her induction into this year's Bronx Walk of Fame.

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(l-r) Mr. Paul, Melissa Libran, Windows of Hip Hop CEO and daughter, Ylana Noryce had a great time watching the parade from the shade.

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The Angels gave a heavenly performance as they marched down Mosholu Parkway.

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(l-r) TKA's Abytko Cruz, Carlos Los and Kay Seven dressed to impress.

Photo by Miriam Quin

Kings Harbor's 3rd Annual E-Cycling Drive

Kings Harbor Multicare Center is sponsoring its 3rd Annual E-cycling Drive on Wednesday, June 21, open to the community between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Since new recycling rules now ban throwing electronics in the trash, they have paired

with a new company, NetTech Electronics Recycling, who will securely and responsibly dispose of the electronics.

They are accepting the following for recycling: computers, laptops, flat screen monitors, printers, tablets, routers, scanners, cameras,

cell phones, iPads, iPods, batteries, switches, game consoles, DVD/DVR players, fluorescent bulbs, chargers, circuit boards, etc.

Absolutely no big appliances, microwaves, air conditioners, refrigerators, or televisions.

"This is our third year organizing this drive and inviting the community to become involved. It is important to dispose of these electronics in a responsible, and most importantly, an environmentally-safe method," stated COO David Berkowitz, who initiated

the E-cycling drive in 2015.

The drive will be held at Kings Harbor Multicare Center, 2000 East Gun Hill Road.

Any questions about the E-cycling or questions about what items are being accepted, call Lisa at (718) 320-0400, extension 602.

BY JANIT BLISS

Did you know that there is help for those suffering from an opioid disorder? The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is promoting 'I Saved A Life' awareness campaign. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. According to the press release, in 2016, more than 1,300 New Yorkers died of a drug overdose, and about 80 percent of those deaths were due to

opioids, including prescription painkillers, heroin and fentanyl. More New Yorkers die from drug overdose than homicides and motor vehicle crashes combined.

Although opioid use disorder has serious consequences, many New Yorkers with this chronic health condition do not receive effective treatment.

Medication-assisted treatment (eg, buprenorphine and methadone) for

civic center Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership

opioid use disorder is a life-saving tool—with benefits to patients and the community. This medication is an office-based treatment that can be integrated into primary care along with management of

patients'

other health issues.

Governor Cuomo has signed legislation to combat the heroin and opioid crisis in New York state. The comprehensive package of bills was passed as part of the 2016 Legislative Session and marks a major step forward in the fight to increase access to treatment, expand community prevention strategies, and limit the over-prescription of opioids in New York.

Independent Democratic Conferencel leader Senator Jeff Klein said, "Heroin and opioid addictions ruin lives. As lawmakers, we came together to combat this scourge and get people in every corner of this state the help they need. I thank Governor Cuomo for his leadership and for signing this life-saving and life-changing package into law."

Help is right here in our backyard.

BY GENE DEFANCIS

Thanking a veteran is appreciated but showing up is better. Taking the time to honor those who made sacrifices for you, attending a Memorial Day Ceremony or Veterans Day Parade is the action you can take to show you appreciate their sacrifice. No matter the temperature and weather conditions.

Voting is how you thank a veteran. Attending community meetings is how you thank a veteran for defending your right to assemble. And unite ... even if the other person is 'bat poop crazy'. We are all created equal and the anger can be conquered with love.

As a veteran myself, it was heart warming to see so many of my neighbors come out in the rain to honor our heroes. I am also thankful for our Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj for flying the American flag throughout our neighborhood. The small inconvenience of rain was no match for our community's heart and gratefulness. I am proud to be from

and apart of this community.

WWII veterans were considered the greatest generation. Maybe it's because they didn't fight because they hated their enemy. They fought because they loved their country and they were willing to do anything for it. To defend freedom and democracy. We've been through a lot of ups and downs but this country has been through far worse than it is seeing today. We can and will overcome.

But we need patience. A good educator doesn't mock, shame, or bully a pupil who has the wrong answer. A good educator finds other ways to connect. Assuming whatever side you are on and you believe you are right ... find other ways to connect.

Unless that other side is exterminating human beings, then you stand up for what you believe in. If you fall and breathe your last breath, it was for what you loved and believed in.

But you don't have to reach the level of our great men and women who served this coun-

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try. You just have to give a little time. Help a neighbor. Attend one of our monthly meetings or community events. Connect with your community. Invest in your community. Take the time that those who sacrificed and gave all no longer have. Don't try to avoid or run away from your situation. Don't abandon the home you love.

This week I attended the GI Film Festival. I was surrounded by passionate artists, veterans, and patriots. It was a beautiful blend of unity and they all had different thoughts and opinions but they were one. They connected and they shared their stories. They laughed and they cried. I was honored to be a part of this. We truly live in an extraordinary time and it is great to be alive to experience it. To have

passionate people who believe they can make a difference in this world and they have made a difference.

Sharing these stories is how we honor our heroes because when you remember them, they are never gone.

International Food Festival is Saturday, June 24. If you have a talent to showcase, a restaurant or merchandise you want to promote at the festival, come by the office or contact us at AllertonMerchants@gmail.com

Domino Tournament at Gasolina. This exclusive event is only open to the first 60 who sign up. This three-man at a table elimination style tournament will include drink specials and some light snacks. Plus the winner will go on to win \$200. Visit our office to register. There will be no registration at the door and day of the event. Entry fee is \$20 and the event is Monday, June 12 from 6 to 9 p.m.

On a personal note, I expanded my world of social media. I didn't want to do it but

I have been overcome with peer pressure and I am now on Twitter...@realGDeFrancis. If it goes well and in demand we will add a Twitter account for the merchant association too.

For now, Join the Facebook page Allerton International Merchants Association and get involved in the conversation. Let us know what store or business you want to see on Allerton. Keep your eyes and ears open and share with if you see anything going on you don't like. Your community is your business.

In closing, are you throwing a party this summer? Simple communication goes a long way. Let your neighbors know. Better yet... invite them. If you're not comfortable inviting everyone within earshot of your speaker, then why should they be comfortable with you blasting your speaker. Space is precious in NYC so respect it and keep the neighborhood clean as well.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at The Sanz, 815 Allerton Avenue.



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'TALK TO THE DEAD' FILM SCREENING

A Night at the Movies-Fiona Studios and Amuck Duck Films co-sponsored a special Red Carpet and film screening of Jerry Landi's 'Hablar con los Muertos' (Talk to the Dead) on Saturday, May 20 at Villa Maria Academy's gymnasium. The adventure comedy follows a man and his family on a quest to solve a Bronx mystery which happened decades ago. Proceeds raised at the celebration went to the American Diabetes Association.

The cast and crew of 'Hablar con los Muertos' (Talk to the Dead) attended the film screening.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK

During its 2017 Symposium and annual meeting on Tuesday, May 23, Bronx Community Health Network presented a Distinguished Service Award to the family of longtime board of directors member Florence Criscuolo, who passed away at age 99 on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

The family of late, longtime board of directors member Florence Criscuolo proudly accepted an award recognizing Criscuolo's dedication and service.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Community Health Network



LEAD BY EXAMPLE'S ANTI-VIOLENCE CELEBRATION

Lead by Example and Reverse the Trend hosted its Anti-Violence Community Celebration and Basketball Tournament on Saturday, May 20 at 778 Forest Avenue.



Pastor Antonio Hendrickson (front, c), coaches and players enjoyed a fun-filled basketball tournament while spreading a positive message to the community.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

25 ²⁰¹⁷ Bronx Influential Women

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These special words are reserved for those individuals who have devoted their own life to improve the lives of others. This year the Bronx Times, through a series of in-depth profiles, salutes 25 Influential Bronx Women. Each woman's unique accomplishments will be highlighted in a keepsake publication on June 23, 2017.

Please join us in recognizing the 25 Bronx Influential Women of 2017!

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The question of political secession from the Union was fully settled shortly after Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox. However, a number of communities across the United States have engaged in a different form of rebellion: ignoring the basic Constitutional, cultural and philosophical tenets that are the essence of America.

To be clear, the federal system wisely provides for a substantial amount of local autonomy.

Indeed, far too often, Washington exceeds its appropriate authority in dealing with the states. However, the basics of American governance, including free speech, the central government's control of international borders, the concept of citizenship, fair elections, and the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, have come under attack in a number of jurisdictions.

New York City is a prime example. Moving to the Big Apple's five boroughs bears more resemblance to leaving the U.S. entirely than merely transferring from one American community to another.

Adding to the hard-left bent of the city's own politicians is the similar inclination of the state leadership. Taken together, the two governments have produced an environment that is barely recognizable as an American jurisdiction.

The New York state government has introduced a number of measures, some of which have been enacted and others which remain pending, that seek to discourage citizens from participating in the

electoral process.

Last year, The November Team, a public relations firm sounded an alarm concerning free speech rights in New York.

In his 2016 State of the State speech, NY Governor Cuomo, who became rather notorious for stopping the Moreland Commission which was designed to attack the Empire State's rampant corruption issues (both the former Democrat Assembly speaker, Sheldon Silver, and the former Republican Senate Majority leader, Dean Skelos, left office following corruption charges. Numerous other elected officials have also left office in disgrace) complained that "Political consultants who advise elected officials while also representing clients before government do not currently register as lobbyists..."

Why Cuomo believes those private conversations should be recorded by the government remains unclear. However, New York Democrats have a significant history of abusing the public's concern about ethical issues to shore up party bosses and attack free speech. The NYC Campaign Finance bureaucracy has been accused of attacking candidates not favored by Democrat party leaders. In 2014, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, currently the Senate's Minority Leader, introduced a measure in the U.S. Senate to limit the First Amendment in regards to paid political speech during campaigns.

Cuomo's plan would mean that phone calls between public relations offices and members of the press would have to be reported to a government agency, the state's Joint

Community Action civic Association

Commission on Public Ethics, which has expanded its Advisory Opinion to include public relations-type firms.

In another anti-free speech move, Assemblyman David Weprin, a Democrat who represents part of NYC in the state legislature, has introduced legislation that is such a broad attack against the First Amendment that it has attracted national attention, garnering substantial criticism. This is how the Washington Post's Eugene Volokh describes Weprin's measure: "...under this bill, newspapers, scholarly works, copies of books on Google Books and Amazon, online encyclopedias (Wikipedia and others) — all would have to be censored whenever a judge and jury found (or the author expected them to find) that the speech was "no longer material to current public debate or discourse"...And of course the bill contains no exception even for material of genuine historical interest; after all, such speech would have to be removed if it was "no longer material to current public debate." Nor is there an exception for autobiographic material, whether in a book, on a blog or anywhere else. Nor is there an exception for political figures, prominent business people and others. But the deeper problem with the bill is simply that it aims to censor what people say, under a broad, vague test based on

what the government thinks the public should or shouldn't be discussing. It is clearly unconstitutional under current First Amendment law."

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Not content to only violate the First Amendment, NYC has unilaterally repealed Second Amendment rights as well.

A New York group concerned about the Second Amendment recently noted: "After the cases of Heller and McDonald were decided in 2008 and 2010, respectively, it appeared that we now had a firm 'right to keep and bear arms' in our homes. Except if your 'home' happens to be located within the five boroughs of New York City: in that case, you are hampered by a police department and trial courts that hold themselves above the United States Supreme Court...the NYPD has virtually ignored the Heller case in every sense of the word... To make matters worse, the lower courts in NY is filled to the brim with anti-gun judges who act as though Heller does not even exist...the law in NYC vis-a-vis the Rules of the City of New York demonstrates that the right to keep and bear arms is not recognized as a right within the five boroughs."

The absurdities of life in NYC are not restricted to huge issues such as Constitutional Rights or fair elections. Intrusions into everyday life also are a factor. In 2012, NYC became the first city to impose

a ban on the sale of some sugary drinks. The move was overturned by the state Court of Appeals, but only on the grounds that the mayor lacked the authority to enact the ban on his own.

The city government is also attempting to go a step beyond in regulating garbage. In addition to a mandate increasingly common throughout the nation to separate paper and plastic from 'regular' garbage, NYC also demands residents return old electronic equipment such as TVs and monitors in a specialized manner. The garbage issue is now taking a seriously weird turn, as a plan to mandate that food scraps also be separated from other garbage is being test-run. When residents objected to the requirement to store these insect and rodent-attracting items until specialized collection days, they were advised to put the scraps in their freezer!

There are some rights that NYC seems to care about—but only if you are an alien or an illegal immigrant. City politicians, reports the NY Observer, "are urging Mayor Bill de Blasio to allocate upwards of \$23 million from his city budget to help immigrants in danger of arrest and expulsion under President Donald Trump—including \$12 million to ensure those battling deportation receive legal counsel. The needs and fears of New York city's half-million undocumented immigrants were a constant theme of the budget response Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Queens Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, chair of the influential Committee on Finance..."

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Many Thanks to Commander Owen Mangan, Bill Franklin, John Twoomey and Pat Mahan for removing and replacing the flags of our departed members at St. Raymond's Cemetery.

Thanks to George Brins for the same reason at St. Peters Churchyard in the Square.

Thanks to the manager and assistant manager of Food Town Supermarket on Bruckner Boulevard and Crosby Av-

enue for allowing George Amato, Bill Franklin and myself to sell poppies at their store. The shoppers there were amazing and super generous. Thanks to them as well.

A shout-out to Jim Hexner from his Post 19 for a quick recovery. Jim is in the Carter Rehab Center on 122nd Street and Park Avenue. keep him in your prayers.

The VA BBQ is on for Sunday, June 25 at noon. Volunteers stand by.

Our next post meeting is

civic center Samuel Young Legion Post 620

on Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m. A post-members only BBQ will follow immediately. The cost to members is nothing. There will be a \$5 50/50 to offset expenses. The cost should bring out many members.

Our Flag Retirement Cer-

emony will take place on Friday, June 16 at 7 p.m. This is when worn, tattered and soiled flags are collected from the neighborhood and respectfully retired. If anyone in Bronx Times Reporter Land has any flags fitting this description, please drop them off at the Ericson Place entrance. If no one answers, leave them on the table inside the gate.

Trivia Time

The first Union Casualty was T. B. Brown who fell on May 22, 1861.

Bonnie and Clyde were killed in Louisiana on May 23, 1934.

On May 24, 1935, the first Major League night game was played. The Reds beat the Phillies 2-1.

The HMS Hood was sunk by the Bismarck on may 24, 1941. The Bismarck was sunk on the 27th.

Adolph Eichmann was hanged on May 31, 1962.

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

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COM'TY HEALTH NETWORK HONORS BEIL, LEONE

Bronx Community Health Network presented Leadership Awards to Montefiore Medical Group's Dr. Robert S. Beil and Jennifer Leone at its 2017 Symposium and annual meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at Montefiore Moses Campus' Grand Hall.

Drs. Beil (l) and Leone proudly accepted their awards from Bronx Community Health Network. Photo courtesy of Bronx Community Health Network

U.S. ARMY SALUTES POST 253

The Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from command sergeant Maurice Jackson and major general John C. Thomson, II from the U.S. Army in Afghanistan. The award recognizes the post's continued support of our nation's service members through its Chris Engeldrum Support the Troops effort.

American Legion Post 253's Judy Lanci proudly displayed the award certificate from the U.S. Army. Photo courtesy of Judy Lanci



COM'TY HEALTH NETWORK STRESS EDUCATION

During Health Day on Friday, May 19, Bronx Community Health Network's Community Health Promotion and Education Program offered education on the impact stress can have on a person's health.



Bronx Community Health Network discussed the effects stress can pose to a person's health.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Community Health Network

PARKCHESTER CHORUS' 'AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL'

Bronxites enjoyed many patriotic tunes performed at Parkchester Chorus' 'America the Beautiful' on Sunday, May 21 at First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck. The event was a celebration of our nation's rich musical tapestry.



The Parkchester Chorus gave an outstanding musical performance from the altar of First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck. Photo by Edwin Soto



(l-r) Taiwanese cellist Yu Yu Liu; violinists Katherine Kyu Hyeon Lim, Isabel Ong and Robert Donowick serenaded the crowd. Photo by Edwin Soto

Upcoming Wave Hill program and highlights

Saturday, June 10; Sunday, June 11: Family Art Project: Lotus Paper Lanterns: Visit the Aquatic Garden to sketch and observe for inspiration. Using bright tissue paper, cut nature shapes inspired by the floating flowers and inhabitants of that watery garden. Then use a simple papier-mâché method to transform their shapes into globe-like lanterns.

Saturday, June 10: Garden Workshop: Artful Airplants: Wave Hill Gardener Jennifer Cimino has a special fondness for airplants (Tillandsias) and displays them in whimsical ways. She has hung them up as decorative curtains, using lengths of fishing line, and suspended others in garlands of “bells”—tiny inverted flower-

pots. With Cimino guiding you, mount a selection of these easy-to-care-for plants to enliven your home or garden.

Saturday, June 10; Sunday, June 11: Garden Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Saturday, June 10: Gallery Tour: Wave Hill's Curatorial Fellow leads a tour of current exhibitions in Glyndor Gallery. The group show, Outcasts: Women in the Wilderness, explores how women have been treated and portrayed as outcasts in history, myth and biblical legend. In the Sunroom Project Space, Sonya Blesofsky's sculptural installation is inspired by the history of Glyndor House, while Cindy Butz's

includes enlarged photographs and videos of her performing with Wave Hill fireplaces.

Sunday, June 11: Summer Birding: Naturalist Gabriel Willow contributes his extensive knowledge of diverse bird species and their behavior on these captivating walks through the gardens and woodlands.

Sunday, June 11: Yoga in the Garden: Enjoy a morning yoga class on the lawn. Participants should bring a mat, dress appropriately and expect to be outside, unless precipitation or excessive humidity occurs. Classes are offered in partnership with Yoga Haven. All levels welcome.

Sunday, June 11L Family Nature Walk: Join naturalist



Wave-Hill Family Art Project Lotus-Paper Lanterns participant.

Photo courtesy of Joshua Bright

and educator Gabriel Willow on a family-friendly walk through the gardens or woodlands.

Sunday, June 11: Wellness Workshop: Nature's Medicine Cabinet Summer Healing: Working with herbalist Tina

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rezoning displaces tenants

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land, adding more land for private residential development and making it significantly more profitable. Without robust anti-displacement measures, tenants would be at great risk. Right now, there is no subsidy model to create the kind of affordable housing that meets the needs of current residents.

But this path is not inevitable. Our recent white paper details the ways displacement happens in the Southwest Bronx, and our coalition platform outlines concrete policy solutions to rezone in a way we've never done before. Solutions to fight displacement include a genuinely affordable subsidy program, coupled with strong tenant displacement protections like a Certificate of No Harassment law that would prevent landlords with a history of harassment from obtaining NYC Department of Buildings permits; an Anti-Displacement Task Force in

which NYC Housing, Preservation and Development and local community groups would strategize around using all available tools to promote preservation and fight harassment; protections against non-rent fees; and the passage, implementation and monitoring of Intro 214-A, the Right to Counsel, and worker safety and local hire provisions.

Tenants fight daily, spending hours at meetings, organizing, speaking in public, demanding justice from elected officials, so that they can realize the basic right to safe, affordable, stable housing.

The city should follow their lead and implement a rezoning plan that protects long-time residents and builds a better future for all New Yorkers.

(Carmen Vega-Rivera is a CASA leader and Bronx resident. Erin Markman is the research and policy coordinator of the Community Development Project at the Urban Justice Center.)

Early dirigible was constructed in Morris Park

I was looking through Nick DiBri-
no's book "The History of the Morris
Park Racecourse and the Morris Fam-
ily" when I came across this photo-
graph of the Rice-Riggs Airship, "The
American Eagle." Joel Rice had been
working with airships for years and
by 1901 already had two patents in his
name.

Joel Troutt Rice and John A. Riggs
formed the Hot Springs Airship Com-
pany in Arkansas on February 24, 1908.
Rice's first dirigible was dubbed "The
Arkansas Traveler" and had a single
engine and steel frame to support its
frame which was in excess of 50 feet in
length. Steering was achieved via three
swiveling propellers.

It was not very successful, rising
only about ten feet or so when Riggs sug-
gested that they move to Morris Park
which was already well-known for their
work with experimental aircraft.

They came to New York and took
part in the Hudson-Fulton Celebration
which occurred between September
25th and October 9, 1909.

The celebration marked the 350th
anniversary of Henry Hudson's discov-
ery of the Hudson River and the cent-
enary of Robert Fulton's first successful
steam paddle wheeler.

The exhibition was titled "Flying
Machines in the Big Garden" and fea-
tured about 50 exhibits of flying ma-
chines of every description, some tested

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

and some untested.

"The American Eagle" from Riggs
and Rice was billed as "Seeing New
York from Above." When it ascended
from Madison Square Garden, it car-
ried fourteen passengers affording
them a marvelous view of New York
City before a propeller snagged a rope
and it was forced to descend.

Riggs and Rice developed quite a

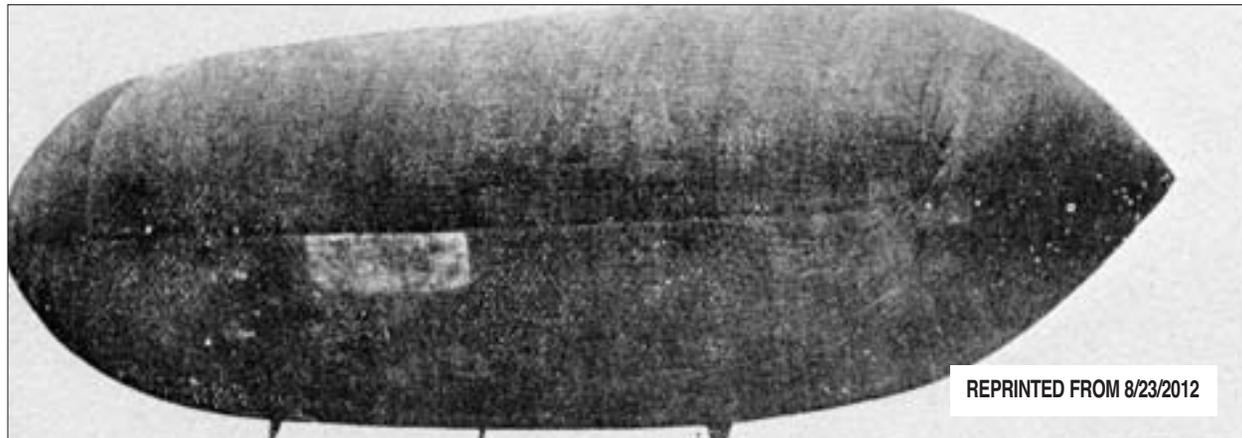
reputation and built the largest steel-
framed dirigible in the world here in the
Bronx at Morris Park. It cost them over
\$5,000 but, unfortunately was destroyed
in a gale. Joel Rice was the mechani-
cal genius that developed the dirigible
while John Riggs was the capitalist who
kept the funding coming in.

When Riggs asked for a greater con-
trolling interest, Rice balked and a law

suit evolved effectively breaking up the
partnership. Riggs would later estab-
lish a newspaper which also proved suc-
cessful.

Mentioning John A. Riggs (1867-
1936) by the way, reminds me that he
was a pioneer in woman's suffrage.

He was, in fact, called the father of
women's suffrage in Arkansas. He was
successful in almost every undertak-
ing from ranching to patent medicine
and politics. He served in the Arkansas
House of Representatives and in 1917 in-
troduced the bill granting women the
right to vote which in turn led to that
state's ratification of the Nineteenth
Amendment to the Constitution.



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The Rice Riggs Airship, the American Eagle, built at Morris Park in the old sheds. This was the biggest airship at the time to be built in America. John A. Riggs and Joel T. Rice, both from Hot Springs, Arkansas, came to Morris Park because o

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Volunteers from Local Initiatives Support Corporation and Deutsche Bank joined Rebuilding Together NYC on Wednesday, May 24 to revitalize WHEDco's Urban Horizons Student Garden. The group installed a foundation for the garden's greenhouse, landscaped the area with native plants, installed raised beds for students to grow vegetables and herbs and gave the WHEDco Teen Center's computer lab a fresh coat of paint.



(l-r) Sam Marks, LISCA.NYC executive director; Nicole Jennings After School program director; Terrance Scot, Construction adviser and contractor; Tessa Rosenberry, WHEDco teacher and volunteer Grace Chung helped restore the garden's natural splendor. Photo by Ray Maldonado



Nancy Biberman, WHEDco president and founder, and Davon Russell, WHEDco executive vice president, dug in to the community garden rehabilitation. Photo by Ray Maldonado



KLEIN'S RIVERDALE JEWISH HERITAGE CELEBRATION

Senator Jeff Klein hosted his third annual Riverdale Jewish American Heritage Month Celebration on Sunday, May 21 at the Riverdale YM-YWHA. This year's exemplary honorees were community activist Judith Sonnett; World War II veteran Hector Goldman; Michael Heller, Community Coard 8 district manager and Ken and Co-chava Dubin, The Corner Cafe owners.

(l-r) Councilman Andrew Cohen, Senator Klein, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and Congressman Eliot Engel (c) congratulated this year's honorees. Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office

BRONX Y'S MENTORSHIP KICK OFF

The Bronx YMCA celebrated its Mentorship Kick-Off on Tuesday, May 23.



The Bronx YMCA's board members enjoyed a very successful mentorship event. Photo courtesy of Bronx YMCA

KORONY POST SALUTES TN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253 presented the Throggs Neck Softball League a \$500 check on Sunday, May 21. The post has continuously supported the girls softball league helping it secure and enhance the league's field since its inception.

Korony Post judge advocate Patrick Devine (r) honored Priscilla and John Del Toro at the meeting.

Photo courtesy of Judy Lanci



WSBID, DOT'S MOTHER'S DAY MOVIE NIGHT

The Westchester Square Business Improvement District and NYC Department of Transportation hosted a Mother's Day Movie Night on Friday, May 12 with a special screening of the hit movie 'Mamma Mia!' starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan at Lane Avenue.



Mothers and daughters enjoyed getting manicures before the film screening.

Photo by Miriam Quin



MONTE'S HALF CENTURY OF PRIMARY CARE

Montefiore associates, community partners and elected officials celebrated on Friday, May 19 the 50th anniversary of the Comprehensive Health Care Center and Comprehensive Family Care Center, two of Montefiore Medical Group's premiere primary care sites. The celebration highlighted MMG's evolution and enduring role in the community, serving large populations with complex clinical and psychosocial needs.

Montefiore associates, community partners and elected officials today celebrated the 50th anniversary of two primary care sites.

Photo courtesy of Montefiore Health System

M.S. 101 STUDENTS PERFORM ANNIE

M.S. 101 students gave a crowd pleasing performance of 'Annie' on Thursday, May 25 inside the school's auditorium.



The student cast performed the Broadway classic 'Annie' at M.S. 101.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

MUTZ'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT GRAND OPENING

Mutz's Italian Restaurant celebrated its grand opening on Friday, May 19 at the Throggs Neck Shopping Center.



Mutz's co-owners Jessica (front, 2nd from l) and Joe Sansotta (front, 2nd from r) were joined by (l-r) Giuseppe Sansotta, Bailey Provetto, Tony Lo Conte, Muhammad Abuhaikal and Maria Sansotta in celebrating the business' grand opening at the Throggs Neck Shopping Center.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Bailey Provetto (l) of Tasty Ladies NY received a menu from Mutz's Jessica and Joe Sansotta.

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Notice of Formation of THA Warehouse LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on November 30, 2016. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 175 Walnut Avenue, Suite 302A, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Yankee Point LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/14/2017. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 945 Sherman Ave., 3rd Fl, Bronx, NY 10456. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

PITO'S COQUITO, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/08/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1050 Kelly Street, #Ph, Bronx, NY 10459. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 4-18-2017, bearing Index Number NC-000136-17/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Veronica (Last) Palma Perez. My present name is (First) Veronica (Middle) Palma (Last) Perez (infant). My present address is 2639 Jerome Ave., Apt. 9, Bronx, NY 10468. My place of birth is New York, New York. My date of birth is September 19, 2013.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted and entered in an action entitled NYCTL 1998-2 Trust and The Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust v. 17M Corporation, et al., bearing Index No. 305256-14, before IAS Part 21 (Barbato, J.) on or about March 21, 2017, I, the Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder on June 12, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., in Courtroom 600 of the Bronx County Supreme Court located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the lien premises designated as Block 2888, Lot 38, in the City of New York, County and Borough of Bronx, State of New York and known as 374 East 173 rd Street, Bronx, New York 10457, directed in and by said judgment to be sold.

The approximate amount of the judgment is \$11,390.84 plus interest and other charges, and the property is being sold subject to the terms and conditions stated in the judgment, any prior encumbrances and the terms of sale which shall be available at the time of sale.

Dated: May 8, 2017
New York, New York
DANIEL CASSIDY, ESQ.
Referee
670 Post Road
Suite 321
Scarsdale, New York 10583
(914) 722-2110
DAVID P. STICH, ESQ.
Attorney for Plaintiff
521 Fifth Avenue, 17th Floor
New York, New York 10175
(646) 554-4421

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff(s) vs. Ruth Agustin, Martin Agustin, et al, Defendant(s). Index No. 381527/09. In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$582,883.76 plus interest and costs duly granted by this Court and entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on the 1st day of February, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on the 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2017 at 2:00 P.M., the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment 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, known and designated as part of Lot Number Eleven (11) in Block 5435 as shown on map of property belonging to the Estates Development Co., and the Bruce Brown Land Co., in the Borough of the Bronx, made by John W. Osberg, C.E. and C.S., July 25th, 1917 and filed in the Office of the Register of Bronx County August 4th, 1917 as Map No. 265, known and designated as Block 5435 Lot 53. Said premises known as 625 Edison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Premises sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and

terms of sale.
SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement, if any, contained in Deed recorded August 12, 2005 in CRFN 2005000453386.

EDMOND PRYOR, ESQ., Referee
Helfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN CONDOMINIUM IV, Pltf. vs. KORALYS MONTILLA, et al, Defts. Index #23616/2015E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 8, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 213 Surf Drive, Home No. 131, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3432, Lot 1673. Said property designated as Home No. 131 together with a 0.92593% undivided interest in the common elements of the condominium hereinafter described as the same is defined in the Declaration of Condominium hereinafter referred to. The real property above described is a Home shown on the plan of a Condominium prepared and certified by Fakler, Eliason and Porcelli and filed in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 10th day of October, 2008, as Map No. 103 defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled Harbour Pointe at Shorehaven Condominium IV made by Beechwood RB Shorehaven LLC, under Article 9-B of the New York Real Property Law dated October 8, 2008 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 10th day of October, 2008, in Liber of Conveyances at CRFN #2008000401759 covering the premises therein described as same may be modified or amended. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$4,458.70 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LAWRENCE J. SHEEHAN, Referee. JAY L YACKOW, Atty. For Pltf., 355 Post Avenue, Ste. 201, Westbury, NY. #91905

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Pltf. vs. GHEORGHE JECAN, IF THE AFORESAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS ARE LIVING, AND IF ANY OR ALL OF SAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS BE DEAD, THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATOR, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND THE ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THEM, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST THE SAID DEFENDANTS NAMED AS A CLASS, OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE VERIFIED COMPLAINT HEREIN, et al,

Defts. Index #260339/14. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered March 31, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2074 Tilotson Avenue, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 05232, Lot 0001. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$38,933.35 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. EDMOND J. PRYOR, Referee. THE DELLO-IACONO LAW GROUP, P.C. F/K/A THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN D. DELLO-IACONO, Attys. For Pltf., 105 Maxess Rd., Ste. 205, Melville, NY. File No. 14-033139 - #91550

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Pltf., vs. LORENZO E. MARTINEZ, et al, Defts. Index #35726/2015E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated March 29, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 49 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3432, Lot 26. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$519,702.30 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. JEFFREY MILLER, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. For Pltf., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 53522 - #91498

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2005-AC6, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AC6, Pltf. vs. AIDEE PEREZ, et al, Defts. Ind. #380208/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Mar. 29, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 1 Perot Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463 a/k/a Block 3254, Lot 77. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$640,251.85 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. SANFORD B. GLATZER, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 80437. #91552

CB 6, VOLUNTEERS CLEAN TREMONT PARK

Community Board 6's Parks and Recreation Committee hosted It's My Park Day at Tremont Park on Saturday, May 20.



CB 6's Maria Garcia, Transportation Committee chairwoman; John Sanchez (back, 6th from l), district manager and Margie Espinosa (front, 4th from r), Parks & Recreation Committee chairwoman joined the community in revitalizing Tremont Park. Photo by Edwin Soto

OLA SHOWCASES ITS SCIENCE MUSEUM

Our Lady of the Assumption School hosted its Science Museum event on Wednesday, May 10. The educational event was organized by sixth, seventh and eighth graders and was showcased for students UPK through fifth grade.



Students traversed the Hall of Marine Life complete with jellyfish, coral, fish and clams. Photo courtesy of OLA

NYC ORGANICS EXPANDS SERVICES

NYC Department of Sanitation announced the upcoming expansion of NYC Organics in the Bronx including the expansion of curbside service and drop-off sites and open enrollment for all high-rise buildings and institutions on Wednesday, May 24 at BronxWorks Fresh Food Box at 1130 Grand Concourse.

Bronxites disposed of organic waste at BronxWorks Fresh Food Box. Photo by Jodie Colón, NYC Compost Project Manager/The New York Botanical Garden



OLA PERFORMS 'GREASE, JR.'

Our Lady of the Assumption School's Drama Club gave a crowd pleasing two-day performance of 'Grease, Jr.' on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20.

OLA Drama Club members sang their hearts out for their school's production of 'Grease, Jr.' Photo by Silvio Pacifico



OLA HOLDS FAMILY SOFTBALL FUNDRAISER

Our Lady of the Assumption School hosted its Family Softball Fundraiser on Sunday, May 21 at Colucci Field. The event raised money for the OLA Gym Restoration Project. Over 40 people came out for an exciting afternoon and helped raised over \$600. The Blue Team won with a final score of 10 to 7.

The Blue and White teams were ready to play ball at Colucci Field.

Photo by Fernando Justiniano



(l-r) OLA principal John-Paul Barnaba, Elisa Petro, Josephine Vieni and Catherine Mancusi pitched in for the school's softball fundraiser. Photo by Fernando Justiniano

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. PEDRO AGRINSONI; YOLLIE A. AGRINSONI; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 26 Harvester Avenue, Batavia, New York, 14020, 585.815.0288

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about April 11, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse in Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.

On June 12, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 236 BETTS AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10473 Block: 3461 Lot: 23

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Lot Number 84 on a map entitled, "Map of 98 lots belonging to the estate of F.A. Hammer, situated at Clason Point" made by E.H. Holden C.S. dated 5/15/96 and filed in the Office of the Register of Bronx County on 11/30/1920 as Map Number 438.

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 \$405,326.38 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 32175/2015E Victor E.Negron, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. SEEMA MAHARAJ; 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 April 28, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.

On June 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 114 WEST 190TH ST., BRONX, NY 10468 Block: 3219 Lot: 190

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, known and designated as part of lot 38 on a map entitled, "Map of 112 lots belonging to Estate of Moses Devoe, deceased at Fordham Heights, Borough of Bronx, dated April 4, 1903 made by Fred W. Rubien, CE and filed 12/4/03 as Map 3 1060, Office of the Register of New York City.

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 \$840,916.39 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381702/08 Hyong Son Hong, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against JESSICA T. SHANNON ,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 30, 2017

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 JUNE 12, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 3044 3RD AVENUE, UNIT 5B, BRONX, NY 10451. Block 2364 Lot 1032. THE Unit known as Unit 5B (herein called the "Unit") in the Building known as and by Street Number 3044 Third Avenue in the County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$183,353.38 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 35372/2014E

LEONA BEANE, ESQ. , Referee File# MTN062

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2006-FM3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM3, Plaintiff,

A g a i n s t Index No.: 381043/2008

SHARON SMITH, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 7/19/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 6/12/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1839 Andrews Ave, Bronx, NY 10453, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 2879 and Lot 303.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$625,236.89 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 381043/2008.

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against TERESITA CONTRERAS ,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 APRIL 18, 2017

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 JUNE 26, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 1460 PARKCHESTER ROAD, UNIT TG, BRONX, NY 10462. Block 3938 Lot 2447. ALL that certain Lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$178,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380048/2010.

REGINALD DANQUAH ASIEDU, ESQ. , Referee File# YSETN671

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

A g a i n s t Index No.: 380321/2014

IVAN BORRERO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 3/16/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 6/26/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1909 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3527 and Lot 5.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$422,402.94 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380321/2014.

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

James U. Notice, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against JERRY LASSI ,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 MAY 1, 2017

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 JUNE 26, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 1551 UNIONPORT ROAD, APT/JUNIT 8D, BRONX, NY 10462. Block 3938 Lot 2771. ALL that certain Lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$121,153.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 35462/2013E .

CHRISTOPHER E. CHANG, ESQ. , Referee File# AYSN121

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2006-AC3, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AC3, Plaintiff,

A g a i n s t Index No.: 382786/2009

ANTHONY DAWSON, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 3/25/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 6/19/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 840 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 2675 and Lot 49.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$549,769.46 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 382786/2009.

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

Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST SILVIA DONKOR and KWAKU BOFFOUR, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 29, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), Bronx, on June 26, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1026 EAST 218TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10469. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4700, LOT 46. Approximate amount of judgment \$510,478.72 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 380707/10.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v. MIGUEL BOITEL, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Bronx County on March 23, 2017, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on June 26, 2017 at the Bronx County Courthouse - Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

25-82 Poplar Street a/k/a 2582 Poplar Street

Bronx, NY 10461 SBL No.: 4079-27

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

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 35894/2014E, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

Leonard C. Aloj, Esq., Referee Judgment Amount: \$278,367.99 Michael Jablonski, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel: 585.987.2800

FIRST LADY VISITS BOSTON SECOR ELDER

NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray paid a visit to Boston Secor Senior Center staff and residents on Wednesday, May 24.



(l-r) Iris Bonhomme, R.A.I.N. Boston Secor Senior Center program director; Jane Arce Bello, R.A.I.N., Inc. executive director; NYC First Lady McCray; Dr. Anderson Torres, R.A.I.N. Total Care CEO and Department for the Aging Deputy Commissioner Donna Corrado.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



RANAQUA PARK GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

A ground breaking ceremony was held at Ranaqua Park on Tuesday, May 23 to mark the start of \$3.5 million renovations as part of the Community Parks Initiative. The project will reconstruct the playground and synthetic field and install new play equipment for children ages two to 12, a seating plaza, new lighting, swings, game tables, drinking foundations and a bike rack.

Community Education Council 7 president Hakiem A. Yahmadi (2nd from l), Community Board 1 district manager Cedric Loftin (3rd from l), Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa (c), NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver (3rd from r), City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito (2nd from r) and children from Mott Haven Academy broke ground in Ranaqua Park.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL WINS SIM WARS

St. Barnabas Hospital took home the gold on Wednesday, May 24 at the inaugural Bronx SIM WARS, a competition between emergency medicine residents from St. Barnabas, Jacobi/Montefiore and Lincoln hospitals. Held inside St. Barnabas' auditorium, each five-member team received 20 minutes to work on a patient in distress, who transformed from an actor to a state-of-the-art mannequin. A panel of judges scored the three teams on their clinical actions, teamwork and communications.



St. Barnabas Hospital's team, comprised of doctors Natalie Hubbard, Christina Hajicharalambous, Jimmy Truong, Maisah Shaikh and Yash Chavda, emerged victorious.

Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas Hospital



DIGAETANO HONORED AT SLOAN AWARDS

The Sloan Awards were celebrated on Thursday, May 25 at the Adlai E. Stevenson Educational Campus. Sloan Public Service Award winner Vincent DiGaetano, NYC Department of Education Bronx borough safety director and Bronx Alternate Learning Center principal, was presented a \$10,000 check.

(l-r) Anthony Stiffler, Diane Costagliola, Gerome Quinn, Vincent DiGaetano with ceremonial check, Mark Rampersant, Mary McCormick, David Liu and J Findling.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER
PARTICIPATION TRUST,

Plaintiff,
Against
Index No.: 381162/12

ANDREA RENDON, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in
the Bronx County Clerk's Office on
04/05/2017, I, the undersigned Referee,
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on
6/12/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known
as 1928 Prospect Avenue, Bronx, NY
10457 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
and County of Bronx, City and State of
New York and designated on the tax
maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as
Block 2955 and Lot 7.

The approximate amount of the
current Judgment lien is \$491,365.34
plus interest and costs. The premises
will be sold subject to provisions of the
aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale; Index # 381162/12.

Michael Aspinall, Esq., Referee.

STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
(Attorneys for Plaintiff), 167 Main Street,
Northport, NY 11768

Dated: 4/11/2017 File Number:
201101045 SLC

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, CENTRAL MORTGAGE
COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. MARIA
ROSADO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April
07, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June
12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known
as 1910 Lacombe Avenue, Bronx, NY.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, Block 3500 and Lot 145 formerly
known as part of Lot 45. Premises will
be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index # 380280/12.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee

Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy
& Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza,
Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff
AGAINST
Tai Thomas; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 5,
2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Room 600, Bronx, New York on June

26, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as
917 Summit Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452.
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 2523 Lot 51. Approximate
amount of judgment \$445,059.69 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be
sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index# 35381/2014E.

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

Jody Paula Vorchheimer, Esq.,
Referee

Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: April 25, 2017- #91604

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

LPP MORTGAGE LTD., Plaintiff
AGAINST
DONNA LEE PETERKIN and
FITZROY BROWN, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April
05, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor),
Bronx, on June 26, 2017 at 2:00PM,
premises known as 4437 FURMAN
AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466. All that
certain plot piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements
erected, situate, lying and being in the
Borough of Bronx, City and State of
New York, BLOCK 5070, LOT 38.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$520,148.40 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment for Index#
35179/2013E.

Ibrahim Bassam Shatarra, 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, EMIGRANT MORTGAGE
COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff, vs. KAREN
Y. NEVILLE, VIOLET HAIRSTON, ET
AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on
March 04, 2010 and the Order
Appointing Successor Referee duly filed
on March 16, 2014, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on
June 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 1035 Faile Street, Bronx, NY.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, Block 2749 and Lot 44.
Approximate amount of judgment is
\$251,474.39 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index #
381040/07.

Susan K. Starr, 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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR
GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15,
Plaintiff

AGAINST
RITA D. MARKS, et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March
27, 2012 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, on June 12,
2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as
4155 WILDER AVENUE, BRONX, NY
10466. All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying and
being in the Borough and County of
Bronx, City and State of New York,
BLOCK 5021, LOT 67. Approximate
amount of judgment \$478,443.80 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed Judgment
for Index# 382903/09.

Heddyeh P. Broumand Esq.,
Referee

Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville, NY 14221

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff, vs. TERESA A. GETHERS, 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
June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 3815 Harper 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 4945 and Lot 105.
Approximate amount of judgment is
\$244,033.41 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index #
380123/13.

Daniel Padernacht, 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
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff
AGAINST Donald Frances aka Donald
Francis, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to
a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
duly dated 11-22-2016 I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, New York on
6-19-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known
as 2221 Boller Avenue, Bronx, NY

10475. All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying and
being in the Borough and County of the
Bronx, City and State of New York,
BLOCK: 5134, LOT: 123. Approximate
amount of judgment \$589,207.94 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed Judgment
Index#: 35410/2013E. Only cash or
certified funds payable to the Referee
will be accepted as deposit. Manuel
Sanchez Jr., Esq., Referee Frenkel
Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon,
LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY
11706 01-055421-F00 45625

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR
HOLDERS OF IMPAC SECURED
ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES
2004-3, Plaintiff

AGAINST
TAPAN SEN, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
November 01, 2016 I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor),
Bronx, on June 19, 2017 at 2:00PM,
premises known as 1728 FILLMORE
STREET, BRONX, NY 10460. 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 4030, LOT
47. Approximate amount of judgment
\$326,394.94 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment for Index#
380023/10.

Marjorie Lesch, 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 1998-2 TRUST AND
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON
AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND
CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff, vs.
MANOOCHEER NAJAFI D.D.S., P.C., ET
AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale dated April 18,
2017 and entered on April 24, 2017, I,
the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the Bronx County
Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June
19, 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 2940 and
Lot 51.

Said premises may also be known
as 1749 Boston Road, Bronx, NY.

Approximate amount of judgment is
\$808,977.05 plus interest and costs.

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

Index # 260306/14.

Joyce D. Randazzo, 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, EVERBANK, Plaintiff, vs.
DEMETRIA PALAFOX, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on
March 25, 2016 and Order Appointing
Substitute Referee to Sell duly filed on
August 02, 2016, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on
June 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 2067 Chatterton 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 3798 and Lot 53. Premises
will be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index # 381149/10.

Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy
& Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza,
Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY
OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
v.
DENISE QUATTLEBAUM, et al.
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
IN FORECLOSURE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
office of the County Clerk of Bronx
County on September 13, 2010, I, the
Referee named in said Judgment, will
sell in one parcel at public auction on
June 26, 2017 at the Bronx Co.
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, County of Bronx, State of
New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises
described as follows:

3231 Colden Ave
Bronx, NY 10469
SBL No.: 4609-46

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

The premises are sold subject to the
provisions of the filed judgment, Index
No. 381232/2008, any state of facts an
accurate survey and inspection of the
premises may disclose, to covenants,
restrictions and easements, if any, to
assessments or water charges not a lien
upon the property, to violations, zoning
regulations, prior liens of record, if any,
and ordinances of the city, town or
village in which said premises lie, to
leases, tenancies and occupancies, and
to other charges and liens with priority
over plaintiff's mortgage.

Joseph Voza, Esq., Referee
Judgment Amount: \$403,177.96
Richard S. Mullen, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel: 585.987.2800

SOCCER'S CANA VISITS JACOBI PATIENT

Albanian National Soccer Team player Lorik Cana met with adolescent admirers on Friday, May 26 in Jacobi Medical Center's Illria Clinic. Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Jacobi CEO Chris Mastromano were in attendance to welcome the soccer phenom.



Albanian soccer sensation Lorik Cana (r) presented Assemblyman Gjonaj with a soccer ball.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



SPELLMAN, XAVIER LACROSSE TEAMS COMPETE

Cardinal Spellman High School's Varsity Lacrosse Team competed against St. Francis Xavier's team for the Semi-finals Championship on Friday, May 19. Cardinal Spellman played strong for the first half leading 5 to 4, but Xavier came back in the second half to take the game with a score of 10 to 6. Cardinal Spellman's Jared Williams #13 was the top scorer for the team throughout the season.
Photo by Fernando Justiniano

ST. HELENA SCHOOL'S RED NOSE DAY

St. Helena School's pre-k, kindergarten, first and second grade students participated in Red Nose Day on Thursday, May 25. Red Nose Day is led by the non-profit Comic Relief Inc. which aims to end child poverty through raising awareness and money.



Lorik Cana (back, c) met with some of his younger fans at Jacobi Medical Center.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



St. Helena School students celebrated Red Nose Day in style!

Photo courtesy of St. Helena School

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY
OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
v.
RICARDO JAVIER, et al.,
Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE
IN FORECLOSURE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Bronx County on March 13, 2017, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on June 19, 2017 at the Bronx County Courthouse - Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

774 Van Nest Avenue
Bronx, NY 10462
SBL No.: 4040-1
ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 381159 - 2013, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

Albert Cornachio, Esq., Referee
Judgment Amount: \$633,941.16
Michael Jablonski, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel: 585.987.2800

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC,
Plaintiff against
FERHANA AHMED, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 10, 2011.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 26th day of June, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises described as follows: 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 1093 Longwood Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10474.
(Block: 2731, Lot: 4).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 586,744.06 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381238-08. Edmond Pryor, Esq., Referee.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff
against
PRISCILLA A. BRITO A/K/A
PRISCILLA BRITO, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 9, 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 26th day of June, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises 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.

Said premises known as 2784 Pond Place, Bronx, N.Y. 10458.
(Block: 3289, Lot: 11).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 554,088.05 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380097/14. Joseph Jednak, Esq., Referee.

Buckley Madole, P.C.
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
420 Lexington Avenue - Suite 840
New York, N.Y. 10170
(347) 286-7409

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION, 150 Alleghany Center Mall, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, Plaintiff
against
JOSLET FOSTER, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 2, 2010.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 3rd day of July, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 833 East 224th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.
Block: 4849 Lot:22

Approximate amount of lien \$ 411,060.62 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380558/09. Robert I. Gardner, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1800
Rochester, New York 14614
(585) 232-7400

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- STEFANIE SANDERMAN FIELD A/K/A STEFANIE FIELD, AS CO-ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD SANDERMAN A/K/A RICHARD LEONARD SANDERMAN,

DECEASED; SHERRY ELLENZWEIG, AS CO-ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD SANDERMAN A/K/A RICHARD LEONARD SANDERMAN, DECEASED, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on April 13, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 26, 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 4844 and Lot 126 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 725A EAST 230TH STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$77,363.01 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 307668/2012.
HAROLD BEELER, 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 2015-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- ALEKSANDER LAKAJ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on April 13, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5641 Lot 1014 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 170 SCHOFIELD STREET, UNIT SLP 14, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$2,929.77 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22551/2016E.
DANIEL CASSIDY, 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- DOMENICO S. SALMIERI, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on April 13, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5384 Lot 38 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 1535 MAYFLOWER AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$20,109.25 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22911/2016.
EDMOND J. PRYOR, 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 2015-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- RIVERDALE ESTATES, LTD., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on April 24, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5942 and Lot 255 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 639 WEST

252ND STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$79,917.86 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22522/2016E.
LISA BETH D'ALESSIO, ESQ., Referee
Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs
28 East Main Street, Suite 1400,
Rochester, NY 14614

252ND STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$79,917.86 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22522/2016E.
LISA BETH D'ALESSIO, 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 2015-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- SCHOFIELD MARINA LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on April 13, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5641 Lot 1014 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 170 SCHOFIELD STREET, UNIT SLP 14, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$2,929.77 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22551/2016E.
DANIEL CASSIDY, 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- DOMENICO S. SALMIERI, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on April 13, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5384 Lot 38 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 1535 MAYFLOWER AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$20,109.25 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22072/2015E.
DAVID LESCH, 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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION 2006-6 TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff against

CHARLES NORRIS; DEBRA NORRIS, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 2, 2017.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 26th day of June, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Bronx and State of New York.

In the condominium known as "THE BOATYARD CONDOMINIUM."

Together with an undivided .42857% interest in the Common Elements.

Said premises known as 22 Deepwater Way #22, Bronx, N.Y. 10464.
(Block: 5642, Lot: 1040).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 582,609.21 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380478-13. Manuel A. Sanchez, Esq., Referee.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK, N.A. AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2012 SC2 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff -against- SOO YOUNG KIM, DONNA LEE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated April 3, 2017 and entered on April 6, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Wilson Avenue, distant 147.58 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Wilson Avenue with the northerly side of Waring Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 27.5 feet by 100 feet by 27.5 feet.

Block: 4465 Lot: 148.

Said premises known as 2413 WILSON AVENUE, BRONX, NY, for information only

Approximate amount of lien \$660,991.07 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 380042/2015.
HEDDYEH P. BROUMAND, ESQ., Referee

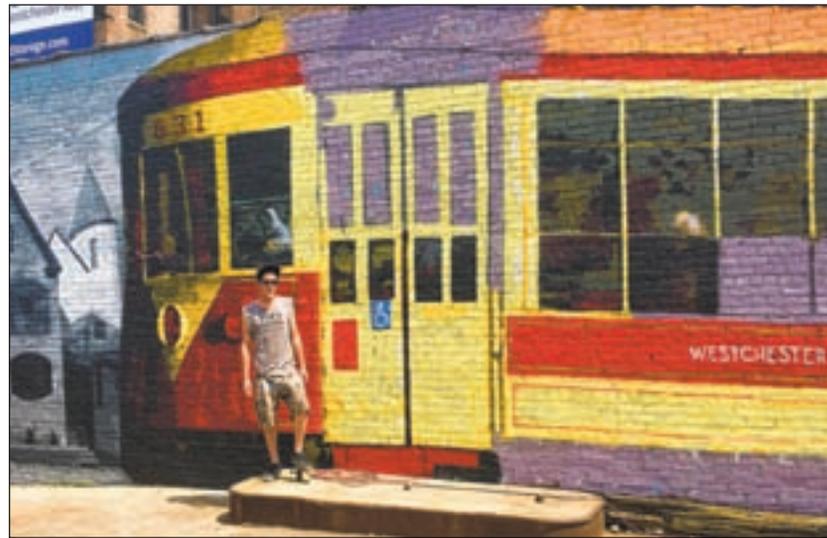
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733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017

WESTCHESTER SQUARE MURAL, GRAFFITI CLEANUP

Police officers from the 45th Precinct joined community activist John Marano and John Provetto of Graffiti Free 45th Precinct to rid unsightly wall scrawls and tags on Tuesday, May 16. On Thursday, May 18, they were joined by a Metro Optics employee who helped clean and prepare a wall in Westchester Square for artist Damien Mitchell to create a huge street car mural.



(l-r) Police officers Malafronte, Venditto and Giraud joined community activists John Marano and John Provetto in beautifying Westchester Square. Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto



Local artist Damien Mitchell displayed his larger-than-life street car mural.

Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto

TEA TIME WITH ASSEMBLYMAN GJONAJ

Several local seniors had the 'tea time' of their lives at Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's English-style Senior Tea Party on Friday, May 26 at F & J Pine Restaurant. Luciel Boles Wilson won the party's Best Hat Contest while Audrey Mack was declared the Best Dressed Contest winner.



Assemblyman Gjonaj (c) congratulated Best Hat winner Luciel Boles Wilson (r) during the party. Photo by Aracelis Batista



(front, l-r) Josephine Gambardella, Joan Mamara and Virginia Mikaelian spent some quality time with the assemblyman. Photo by Aracelis Batista

KORONY POST REIMBURSES ST. RAYMOND'S

Theodore Korony American Legion Post 253's Cathy Praino and Judy Lanci presented a check to St. Raymond Elementary School nurse Tara DiDomenico on Tuesday, May 23 to reimburse the school for the postage from last year's Support Our Troops Memorial Day Fundraiser.



Cathy Praino (l) and Judy Lanci (r) presented a check to school nurse Tara DiDomenico. Photo by Aracelis Batista

MONTEFIORE HOSTS TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL

Montefiore's Wakefield Campus welcomed over 200 local children who brought their teddy bears and other stuffed animals to its Teddy Bear Hospital on Saturday, May 20 to undergo mock triage, medical exams and x-rays by doctors, nurses and other clinical staff.



Local children brought their stuffed animal companions to Montefiore's Teddy Bear Hospital. Photo courtesy of Montefiore Health System

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NYC Mini Storage Inc. will sell at online public auction at Selfstorageauction.com on June 14, 2017 at 11:00 am, for due and unpaid charges by virtue of a lien in accordance with the provisions of the NYS law and with due notice given all parties claiming an interest therein and the time specified in each notice for payment of said charges having expired all household goods and the contents thereof, stored under the following names:

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LEGAL NOTICE

File # 2013-2275
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT,
TO: Attorney General of the State of New York and
ANGEL VALDEZ-GUATEMALA
whose whereabouts are unknown if living or if dead, to their respective heirs,

legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence

being persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees or otherwise of the estate of JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ, deceased, who at the time of death resided at 471 Wales Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455.

A petition having been duly filed by BARTOLA DELFINA MARTINEZ, who is domiciled at 471 Wales Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, NY, on June 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

WHY the account of the proceedings of BARTOLA DELFINA MARTINEZ, as Administrator of the estate of JORGE ANTONIO MARTINEZ, deceased, should not be judicially settled, and

WHY the administrator should be empowered to compromise and settle a certain claim for pain and suffering against the defendant United Cerebral Palsy of NY, Inc. ("UCP"), for the sum of \$100,000.00; and

WHY the provisions in the limited Letters of Administration issued to the petitioner on December 20, 2013, restraining the compromise or collecting upon the aforesaid claim and cause of action, should not be modified to permit said compromise, and

WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and

WHY the defendants UCP or their insurer, should not pay the sum of \$36,843.41 to the order of Schwartz Goldstone & Campisi, LLP, as and for payment of attorney's fee, inclusive of all disbursements and expenditures made on plaintiff's behalf, out of the proceeds of the settlement, and

WHY the defendants UCP or their insurer, should not pay the sum of \$7,877.31 to the order of NYC Dept of Social Services, HRA, in satisfaction of its Medicaid lien for medical treatment rendered to decedent; and

WHY the entire recovery of \$100,000.00 should not be allocated to the cause of action for decedent's conscious pain and suffering, and

WHY Angel Valdez, father of decedent, should not be disqualified as a distributee for abandonment, pursuant to EPTL 4-1.4, and

WHY the balance of the settlement to wit the sum of \$55,279.28, should not be distributed to those distributees having sustained a pecuniary loss as follows:

100% of the balance to BBARTOLA DELFINA MARTINEZ, mother of decedent; 0% of the balance to Angel Valdez, father of decedent, pursuant to EPTL 4-1.4, for abandonment; and

WHY upon payments as hereinbefore mentioned the said administrator should not be permitted to execute and deliver general releases and all other necessary papers to the defendants UCP or their insurance company, releasing them from all claims against them arising out of the aforesaid action for pain and suffering, together with any other papers necessary to effectuate the said compromise.

DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED
May 18, 2017
HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez (L.S.)
Bronx County Surrogate
Michael P. Hauser
Chief Clerk
Attorney
Name of Attorney: David A. Kates, Esq., Schwartz Goldstone & Campisi,

LLP

Address of Attorney: 90 Broad Street, Suite 403, New York, NY 10004
Telephone Number of Attorney: 212-962-2800

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

LEGAL NOTICE

File No.: 2017-236
PROBATE CITATION
SURROGATE'S COURT-BRONX COUNTY

CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

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TO:

Joyce Matthews, Mary Lee Williams, Dick Gaylord, Gladys Little, Milton Gaylord, Penelope Norman, Margorie Hudson, Eunice Gray Belcher, Purnell Belcher, Elaine Wilson, Helen Owens, Brenda McNair, Delores Johnson, Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx county and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Thomas Smithwick, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrator, Creditors and lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by JEAN CECILE DEVEAUX, who is domiciled at 312 Surrey Drive, New Rochelle, New York 10801.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, Room 406, on June 20, 2017, at 9:30 am o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Thomas Smithwick lately domiciled at 1247 Croes Avenue, 1st Floor, Bronx, New York 10472 admitting to probate a copy of the Will dated December 9, 2015, (a Codicil dated N/A) (a Codicil dated N/A) as the Will of Thomas Smithwick, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Jean Cecile DeVeaux.

Dated, Attested and Sealed
May 4, 2017
Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate
Michael P. Hauser
Chief Clerk
Leticia Arzu, Esq. The Bozeman Law Firm, PLLC
(Attorney for Petitioner)
914-668-4600
(Telephone)
6 Gramatan Avenue, 5th Fl., Mount Vernon, NY 10550
(Address of Attorney)

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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF BRONX
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No. 32579/2016E

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

v

ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE TIDEMON DOUGLAS A/K/A TIDEMAN DOUGLAS, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, EVELYN PLATA-DOUGLAS, MADGE DOUGLAS, TIDEMON DOUGLAS, JR., T.D., BELIEVED TO BE A MINOR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, and JOHN DOE,
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default

judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Mitchell J. Danziger, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 2nd day of May, 2017, at Bronx, New York.

BLOCK 4576 LOT 33
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, known as Lot No. 1400 on map entitled, "Section 1 and 2 Map of 1445 Lots comprising land known as the Williamsbridge Farm", surveyed by Earl B. Lovell, C.E. and C.S. dated April 27, 1917, filed in the Registrar's Office, Bronx County, as Nos. 245 and 246, respectively, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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THENCE Southerly and parallel with the westerly side of Paulding Avenue, 25 feet;

THENCE Easterly and parallel with the southerly side of Burke Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of Paulding Avenue; and

THENCE Northerly along the westerly side of Paulding Avenue, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

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Triboro Center residents and staff celebrated a summer kick-off BBQ on Friday, May 26 at 1160 Teller Avenue.



Josie Rodriguez enjoyed the barbecue as she passed out hamburgers to the Triboro Center residents and patients. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



VILLA MARIA ACADEMY'S GOLF CLASSIC

The fourth annual Villa Maria Golf Classic was an ace in the hole on Monday, May 15 at Rye Golf Club. Thanks to the leadership of past trustee and parent, Dan Huxley, this year's golf outing raised \$15,000. Many golfers and sponsors donated to the event with all proceeds going toward supporting a new school initiative, the Outdoor Classroom, that includes a teaching garden, weather station and oyster restoration project on the school's shoreline.

Villa parent and NYPD chief Ed Delatorre (2nd from l) with Tony Bonano (2nd from r) and Sr. Teresa Barton. Photo courtesy of Villa Maria Academy

VACCA VISITS CUNY PREP HIGH SCHOOL

Councilman James Vacca visited CUNY Prep High School on Thursday, May 25 to speak with students about community engagement and their future college plans. The councilman also cut the ribbon for the students' two new technology labs and allocated \$35,000 to furnish the labs with new computers.



Councilman Vacca (back, 3rd from l) and principal Jenny Ristenbatt (front, c) with students. Photo courtesy of Councilman James Vacca's Office

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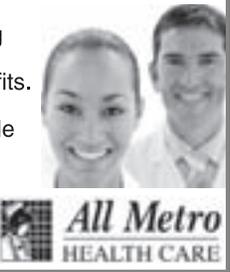
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AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴
Studio	\$368	1	→ 1 person	\$14,503 - \$ 20,040	\$519	1	→ 1 person	\$ 19,680 - \$ 26,720
1 bedroom	\$396	2	→ 1 person	\$ 15,532 - \$ 20,040	\$558	4	→ 1 person	\$ 21,086 - \$ 26,720
			→ 2 people	\$ 15,532 - \$ 22,920			→ 2 people	\$ 21,086 - \$ 30,560
2 bedroom	\$482	6	→ 2 people	\$ 18,515 - \$ 22,920	\$676	8	→ 2 people	\$ 25,166 - \$ 30,560
			→ 3 people	\$ 18,515 - \$ 25,770			→ 3 people	\$ 25,166 - \$ 34,360
			→ 4 people	\$ 18,515 - \$ 28,620			→ 4 people	\$ 25,166 - \$ 38,160
3 bedroom	\$551	2	→ 3 people	\$ 21,463 - \$ 25,770	\$775	3	→ 3 people	\$29,143 - \$ 34,360
			→ 4 people	\$ 21,463 - \$ 28,620			→ 4 people	\$ 29,143 - \$ 38,160
			→ 5 people	\$ 21,463 - \$ 30,930			→ 5 people	\$ 29,143 - \$ 41,240
			→ 6 people	\$ 21,463 - \$ 33,210			→ 6 people	\$ 29,143 - \$ 44,280

Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ Minimum – Maximum ⁴
Studio	\$670	1	→ 1 person	\$ 24,858 - \$ 33,400	\$822	1	→ 1 person	\$ 30,069 - \$ 40,080
1 bedroom	\$720	4	→ 1 person	\$ 26,640 - \$ 33,400	\$882	12	→ 1 person	\$ 32,195 - \$ 40,080
			→ 2 people	\$ 26,640 - \$ 38,200			→ 2 people	\$ 32,195 - \$ 45,840
2 bedroom	\$870	8	→ 2 people	\$ 31,818 - \$ 38,200	\$1,065	35	→ 2 people	\$ 38,503 - \$ 45,840
			→ 3 people	\$ 31,818 - \$ 42,950			→ 3 people	\$ 38,503 - \$ 51,540
			→ 4 people	\$ 31,818 - \$ 47,700			→ 4 people	\$ 38,503 - \$ 57,240
3 bedroom	\$1,000	3	→ 3 people	\$ 36,858 - \$ 42,950	\$1,224	10	→ 3 people	\$ 44,538 - \$ 51,540
			→ 4 people	\$ 36,858 - \$ 47,700			→ 4 people	\$ 44,538 - \$ 57,240
			→ 5 people	\$ 36,858 - \$ 51,550			→ 5 people	\$ 44,538 - \$ 61,860
			→ 6 people	\$ 36,858 - \$ 55,350			→ 6 people	\$ 44,538 - \$ 66,420

¹ Rent includes gas for cooking.

² Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

³ Household earnings includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

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Apply online or through mail. To apply online, please go to nyc.gov/housingconnect. To request an application **by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to:** LA CASA DEL MUNDO C/O CMP CONSULTANTS, PO BOX 127, VALLEY STREAM, NY 11582. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

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What Happens After You Submit an Application?

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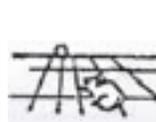
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NICOLE WILSON, IN HER CAPACITY AS PURPORTED ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF ELENA BENNETT A/K/A ELENA BENNETTE AND INDIVIDUALLY AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE; WINSTON WILLIAMS, if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-at-law, next of kin,

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CAMPBELL, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs;

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TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.

Dated: May 4, 2017

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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To a Tea: Bronx native hits his hoops stride in England

BY LAURA AMATO

The rain took some getting used to, but the rest of it was relatively easy.

St. Francis College grad and Hunt's Point native Chris Hooper took the international game by storm last season, competing for the Reading Rockets of the English Basketball League. He was several thousand miles away from home, but the former Terriers standout hardly missed a step. After all, it was still basketball and he's always been pretty good at that.

"I was prepared for it and I had the whole offseason after I finished at St. Francis last year," Hooper said. "Then I had three months before I even went out to England, so I was pretty much ready when I got there. I wasn't really surprised by anything."

Hooper hit his stride from the very first game – notching a team-best 22 points in the season opener – but he didn't find his true on-court rhythm until just before Christmas. The squad was riding a six-game win streak and Hooper, suddenly, exploded on the offensive side of the ball.

He racked up 33 points just before the holiday break and Hooper knew his role on the team had changed.

"My coach had a talk with me before I left and he told me the guy that was playing behind me had been let go," he said. "So I went from 25, 30 minutes to 40 minutes real quick. So before I left, he just told me that there was going to be a lot of weight on my shoulders and they wanted me to pick it up even more."

Hooper didn't change much of his game before turning pro – at 6-foot-6, 240-pounds, there's not much to change – but he did alter his mindset a bit, particularly when he started picking up more minutes.

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JUST BREATHE: FIELDSTON COMES UP CLUTCH, WINS STATE SOFTBALL TITLE



The Eagles soared back to the top of the state softball world on May 24, clinching the NYSAIS championship with a 6-3 victory over Poly Prep.

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Jane Leff took a step out of the batters box, closed her eyes and tried to remember how to breathe.

That, however, was easier said than done.

The Fieldston junior catcher knew what she had to do, knew what she needed to do – it was simply a matter of putting bat on ball. And breathing. She had to remember to breathe.

Leff, finally, took that deep breathe, nodded once and stepped back to the plate. Her bat hit the ball on the very first swing, driving in two runs and lifting the Eagles to a 6-3 victory over the Poly Prep in the NYSAIS championship on May 24.

"You get so into it, so I need that moment to just calm down," said Leff, who finished with four RBI on the day. "I take a couple deep breaths and then as hard as I can swing. I forget that all the things that

worry me and just go for it. I found the right pitch."

It's the Eagles fourth title in the last five seasons, but coming off a disappointing finish last year, Fieldston was more determined than ever to get back to the top. This team had its sights set on a championship from the get-go.

"This means the world to us," Fieldston coach Stefanie Gozdziwski said. "We talked about it and we came back and wanted that title back in the nest."

Of course, it wasn't an easy climb back to the top of the softball mountain.

Poly jumped out to a quick one-run lead in the first inning and Fieldston struggled to put the ball in play against Blue Devils pitcher Ava O'Mara. The Eagles, finally, hit their stride in the fourth inning, as Leff and Jesse Leener both notched RBI hits, giving Fieldston a 3-1 lead.

"I think the name of the

game was just to be aggressive," said junior shortstop Phoebe May. "She's the type of pitcher where, if you get in a hole, she can start to throw some changeups, balls in the dirt that you're swinging at because you're tense. So we had to jump on that first good pitch we'd see and trust ourselves."

The Blue Devils didn't stay down for long – tying the game in the top of the sixth inning.

Fieldston never lost its focus, however, sparked by the determination of pitcher Willa Ferrer. The sophomore tossed a complete game, striking out five, and never let the moment get too big.

"It was just like coming back and focusing on every single pitch, thinking about my spots, what's working for them," Ferrer said. "I know the batters relatively well, so we'd been doing a lot of thinking about that."

Ferrer, however, did get

a bit of help. Fieldston took back the lead in the bottom of the sixth – on Leff's double and Hannah Waldman's RBI single. She also breathed a bit easier after Leff's at bat.

"I was ecstatic," Ferrer said. "We really came through today with the bats and that was a huge hit. I was nervous, I have to admit, when they tied the game, but we came back and we played hard."

It wasn't an easy game, but the Eagles couldn't stop smiling after that final out was recorded, a picture-perfect finish to a season that was all about redemption.

Now, it's all about savoring the moment and, most importantly, remembering to breathe.

"We, as a team, came out here today as a group of girls who truly love each other," May said. "That comes through on the field because the only thing that matters to us is each other."

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This was bigger than high-school ball or even his two seasons at St. Francis. The game was, of course, still fun, but there was another angle to it – a business mindset that Hooper knew he needed if he wanted to stay on the roster.

“I had my coaches prepare me for that and that’s when it became even more of a dedication thing,” he said. “You’ve always got to go hard because otherwise you’re going to get cut or waived from a team.”

Hooper’s brand-new mindset served him well down the stretch with Reading as the team continued to put him front and center on both sides of the ball. He spent his Christmas break working on conditioning, determined to be prepared for 40 minutes on the court, and Hooper met every challenge his coaches set for him.

“I know I can get 15 and 10, but can

I get 20 and 15,” Hooper said. “Things like that. Before every game they’d tell me that they’d choose me over any of the other bigs in the league any day, now prove me right. So once he says that, I’m just ready to do that.”

Hooper is the first to point that he wasn’t totally pleased with how the season ended – coming up short in the playoffs – but he’s also happy with his performance, capped off with the Eurobasket.com All-British NBL Division One League Player of the Year honor.

Now, Hooper is just looking to get better. This sport is a business now and he’s ready to make sure he brings his game to the court every time he suits up.

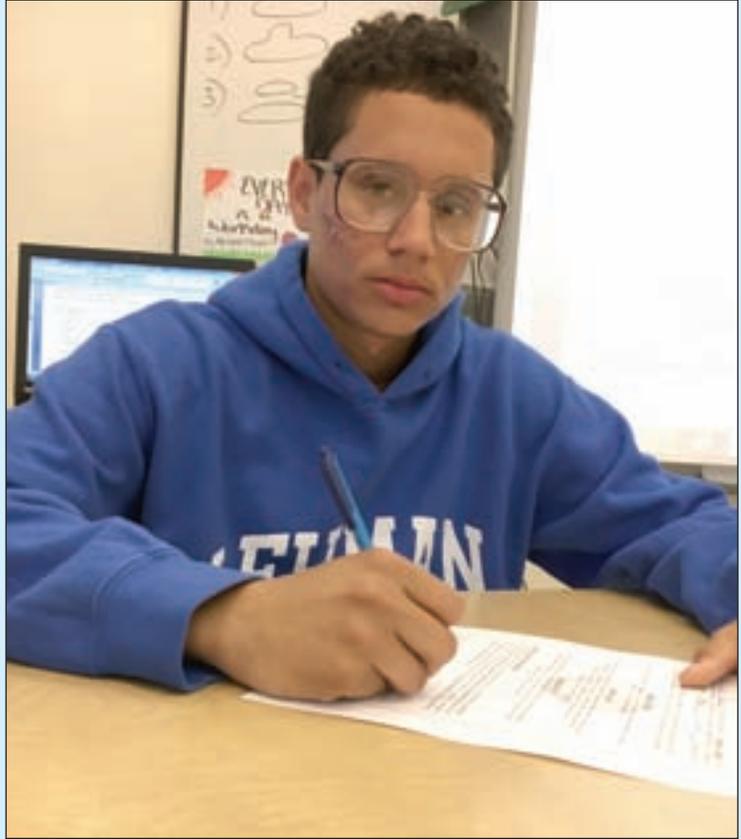
“I’m just looking to work out and progress my jump shot,” Hooper said. “I want to extend out my game some more and get better at that. I’m just trying to expand my skills.”



Confident on the court: St. Francis grad Chris Hooper credited his experience with the Terriers for preparing him before he began his pro career in England this year.

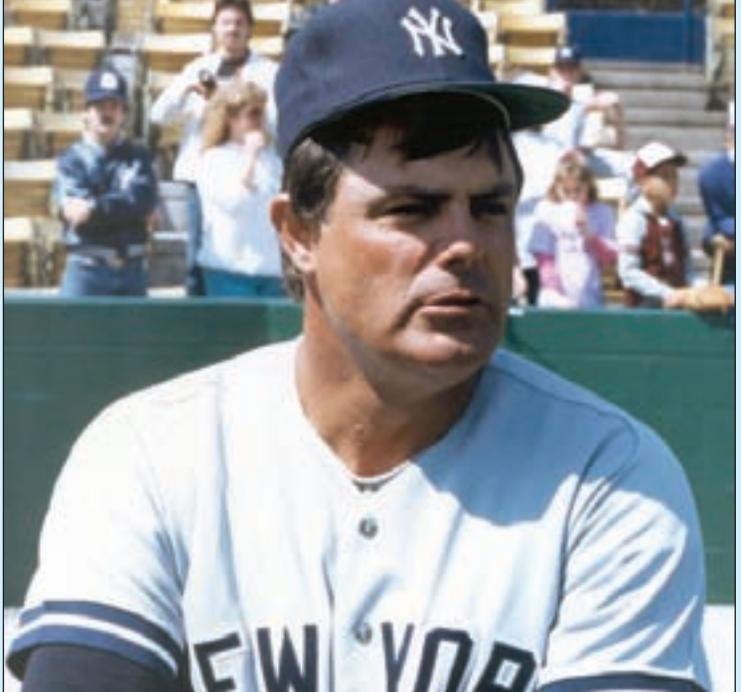
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Lehman Signing Letter



Christopher Delgado from Truman HS in the Bronx signs his commitment letter to play baseball for Lehman College. Christopher said he is excited to continue his studies and baseball career at Lehman College.

Spellman Golf Outing to be Held



Cardinal Spellman High School will hold its annual Golf Outing for alumni and friends of Spellman on Wednesday, June 28 at Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester, NY. The day’s festivities include 18 holes of golf, a putting contest, a buffet brunch with a BBQ lunch and refreshments on the course throughout the day, a cocktail hour with a silent auction, and dinner, with complimentary gifts and prizes for all. This year, special Golf and Dinner guest will be Lou Piniella, who played sixteen seasons in the majors, including two World Series championships with the Yankees (1977, 1978.) Following his playing days, Piniella managed for nearly 25 years, and was named Manager of the Year three times

MTA averts Bridgegeddon; Benedetto, Gjonaj force corrective action

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Avella.

On Wednesday, May 31 Benedetto said the MTA had implemented several changes at the toll plazas that appeared to be working.

The MTA reopened toll lanes, and eliminated the hard left turn just after the tollbooths that was causing congestion on the Throgs Neck Bridge.

The MTA also spaced out the lane changes wider to further eliminate bottlenecks, he said.

"Those changes were all that was needed," he said.

Benedetto said that while he was happy the complaints were resolved,

he was frustrated that the MTA waited weeks to correct the situation.

Benedetto also said that he and the other electeds warned that if traffic congestion surges again, the MTA would have to stagger the work on the bridges instead of doing them all at once.

The MTA could also halt toll collection altogether on the bridge, he said, but that was unlikely due to the revenue loss, they said.

Gjonaj said during the Thursday event that even though his district does not include the bridges, his district had been being impacted by the MTA project.



Assemblyman Michael Benedetto calls the MTA to task Thursday afternoon above the I-295 entrance to the Throgs Neck bridge. Benedetto and fellow state assemblyman Mark Gjonaj (center) were joined by other local leaders in calling for a quick resolution to traffic problems on the bridge. Arthur Cusano



(l-r) Al Carena, Spencer Estate Civic Association president; Richard Rosario, Throgs Neck Merchants Association vice president; Thomas Messina representing Congressman Joseph Crowley with assembly members Michael Benedetto and Mark Gjonaj at a rally at the Lawton Avenue overpass last Thursday. Photo by Aracelis Batista

Pelham Parkway and the Hutchinson River Parkway were being affected by the bridge backups, he said.

Gjonaj also complained that excessive ticketing by dozens of state troopers has exacerbated the problem.

"Instead of being out there helping to move the traffic, they are contributing to the traffic and creating this hostile travelling environment," the assemblyman said.

The MTA insists the work, when done, will move traffic over the bridges much quicker.

The Throgs Neck and Whitestone bridges, as well as the RFK Bridge are

all being prepared for cashless tolling, which allows vehicles without an EZ Pass to cross the bridge without stopping to pay a toll.

Drivers without the EZ Pass receive a bill in the mail at a later date from the MTA using information provided by the car's license plate.

Throgs Neck Homeowner's Association President Lynn Gerbino said that recent problems with bridge traffic clogging local streets has abated, but said the community would be keeping an eye on the MTA until the project is completed.

Marano ends year-long City Council quest; endorses Mark Gjonaj

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He did not say who he would endorse at the time, but later shared with the Bronx Times that he was supporting Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj.

"I am going to endorse Mark Gjonaj. I think he has a good relationship with the elected officials and he is already involved in the process. He brings a lot to the table, including the knowledge of how to work with the other elected officials. I feel that he has a good reputation in the Assembly. I feel that he can get more results for our community," Marano said.

At the forum, candidates took questions, including those submitted from the WLCA and two from the audience.

Taking part were Republican candidate John Cerini and Democratic candidates Gjonaj, John Doyle, Alex Gomez and Victor Ortiz.

One candidate, Mohammad Abuhaikal, could not participate because he was celebrating Ramadan, but another, Marjorie Velasquez-Lynch, who had committed to the forum, was an unexpected no-show.

Mary Jane Musano, WLCA co-president, said that the forum was a chance to hear from candidates in a way she hoped was more about issues and less about politics.

"I think this is a time for our resi-



13th Council District candidates answered questions from the public. (l-r) John Cerini, John Doyle, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Alex Gomez and Victor Ortiz. Walter Pofeldt

dents to be educated," said Musano. "I want them to have the chance to meet the candidates in person."

The most pressing community issues are overdevelopment and the expansion of P.S. 14 that most of the community thought was excessive, said Scott Barnard, WLCA board member.

"I hope that the people (at the forum) are able to decide on a viable candidate," he said.

Andrew Chircio, WLCA co-president, urged potential voters to choose the person they feel would best repre-

sent their interests regardless of party affiliation.

The WLCA board submitted their members' questions concerning zoning abuses that they believe leads to overdevelopment; methods to obtain more police officers for the 45th Precinct; and the construction of a new Pelham Bay school.

There were additional questions about the Small Business Survival Act, proposed legislation that would curb abuses on small business leases, and about creating a borough animal shelter.

Cerini expressed his disappointment in Marano's departure from the race.

"There was a time when I thought it was going to be (John Marano) against me in the general election...and it would come down to a good community-minded person winning the election," said Cerini.

The candidates gave Marano a standing ovation before he departed.

A spokesman for Velasquez-Lynch said the candidate shrugged off the forum to attend another meeting.



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