

WALKOUTS TO PROTEST GUNS

Students mark Parkland, FL massacre victims

BY ALEX MITCHELL
AND PATRICK ROCCHIO

In showing of national unity, students from around the borough took part in the National School Walkout to protest gun violence in schools.

P.S. 71, the Academy of Mount St. Ursula and Fordham Preparatory School in Fordham, and others elsewhere in the borough participated in National School Walkout Day on Wednesday, March 14.

Over 3,000 schools across the United States took part in the protest scheduled exactly one month after the Parkland, FL school massacre at 10 a.m.

The walkouts lasted 17 minutes, one minute for each victim of the shooting.

Mayor de Blasio and the New York State Assembly en-

dorsed the walk out.

A statement from the NYS Assembly stated they stood in solidarity with the students as they solemnly remember and honor memories of the students and teachers killed in the Florida high school shooting, adding that silence holds power that words often fail to convey and that the students deserve change.

Contrary to de Blasio's endorsement, the NYC Department of Education had barred government officials, media, and parents from school property at P.S. 71 during the protest, and students were blocked from recording or photographing the action.

One student had a phone confiscated during the walkout.

Councilman Mark Gjonaj watched alongside parents, expressing support for the youngsters, from the street side of the schoolyard fence.

"We're all encouraged by the youth for standing up to fight an issue that has polarized the nation," said Gjonaj. "I had hoped to be part of the solidarity and had hoped for this movement to encourage community involvement."

Prior to the DOE's decision on Tuesday, March 13, Gjonaj and other elected officials were invited to attend and speak during the walkout.

Carla Carroll is the mother of seventh grade P.S. 71 student Scarlett Carroll. She believes that the protest also touches on an issue more close to home for

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Irish Eyes Are Smiling

The 20th annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade had Bronxites cheering 'Erin go braugh' on Sunday, March 11 as they watched this year's massive procession travel up East Tremont Avenue.

(Above, l-r) Brian, Matt, Rocco, Brianna, Savino and Fitzsi Murphy were dressed to the nines for this year's parade. See two-page spread on page 26.

Photo by Laura Stone

Jerome Ave. rezone plan reaches Council

BY ALEX MITCHELL

The proposed rezoning for Jerome Avenue has reached the New York City Council. This follows the NYC Department of City Planning's approval of the de Blasio administration's plan.

If approved it would influence 95-blocks of housing decisions along Jerome Avenue from McClellan Avenue to East 184th Street, including several intersecting east-west commercial corridors. The corridor of gritty auto repair shops and warehouses is expected to slowly vanish as new housing opportunities engulf

the area.

"This vote is a major victory after years of community planning, bringing together thousands of residents, business owners, community groups, community boards 4,5 and 7 and elected officials to develop a shared vision of the future of this neighborhood, in which all residents are served," said Councilman Fernando Cabreara.

The rezoning is expected to result in a net increase of 3,800 housing units, 160,000 square feet of community facility space and 58,000 square feet of commercial space.

According to the mayor's office, of the area's approximately 4,600 total housing units, about a quarter of them (1,150) would be permanently affordable through Mandatory Inclusionary Housing.

The mayor's office also anticipates 40 percent of the new housing development will be locked in as permanently affordable, when MIH and city financing programs are fully implemented.

Beyond housing subsidies, the city is committing \$189 million for parks and other

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Mott Haven angered by Mayor's jail plan, lack of support

BY ALEX MITCHELL

Raucous chants of “we will fight and we will win” opened a town hall meeting about Mayor de Blasio’s unsettling plan to build a jail at 320 Concord Avenue in Mott Haven.

The mayor released a plan to construct a jail on the vacant parcel that currently is used as a NYPD police pound and was the former site of Lincoln Hospital.

The meeting’s packed venue, P.S. 65, sits two blocks from where the jail would be built, one of the many issues that residents took exception to.

The noticeable absence of several local elected city officials, including Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Councilman Raphael Salamanca or anyone from the mayor’s office, contributed to the community feeling slighted in their struggle to have their voices heard.

“It’s insulting to us,” said Mott Haven lifetime resident Hector Cortez. “We voted for them, shouldn’t they be here to listen to our issues?” he exclaimed.

Residents fear that the construction of a jail would inadvertently erase decades of hard work and triumph for the Mott Haven community.

“We’ve done so much to build up this community. Years ago you couldn’t catch a cab around here,” said Sonia Taylor, who has lived a majority of her life in the Mott Haven area. “A jail would devastate all that we’ve done for women and the entire community,” she added.

Residents also expressed concern over the jail’s close proximity to the Diego Beekman houses.

The Mott Haven community had been eyeing the rubble-strewn square block for an affordable housing development, for over two years.

“I had been an active participant in the Diego Beekman plan. I told the mayor that the community had a very robust meeting on what the community wanted to see more of,” Councilwoman Diana Ayala told residents at the meeting.

Needless to say a jail was not on their list.

Ayala also mentioned the possibility of an alternate loca-

tion for a jail that the city needs to build because it plans to close the Rikers Island facilities.

Jassen Cintron has lived close to the Beekman housing his entire life. “As a community we want to focus on kids and their education,” he said. “Having a jail in the community is not what we want kids to see or grow up around,” he added.

When Cintron spoke at the town hall he encouraged residents to stick together and unite to defeat the issue at hand.

He also recounted that while growing up in the neighborhood there was an element of shame and embarrassment in telling people that you had grown up in the Bronx, but he and his family stayed.

“Now we’re proud of where we are from, we haven’t had a meeting like this in 20 years, things are changing, we watch out for each other, we break bread with each other,” Cintron said.

While residents are in agreement with the inmate reduction initiative and the permanent shutting of Rikers Island, they are demanding greater support from all their elected representatives as well.



Mott Haven resident Hector Cortez holds a sign criticizing Councilwoman Diana Ayala.
Community News Group/ Alex Mitchell

Alrine Parks, vice chair and CEO of Diego Beekman Mutual Housing concluded the town hall by exclaiming “What do we have to do to get NYC to stop dumping in Mott Haven?”

Community Board 1 voted down the proposed jail by an overwhelming majority.

The fate of the Mott Haven jail is still undecided as the community continues their organized opposition.

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around town

by Patrick Rocchio

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Get Well Joe

Joe 'The Scoop' Hair is a bit under the weather we're told.

We hope you are back on your feet real soon. We miss your news clippings service and Aldi cookies. When you get home we'll have a lot of catching up to do - your friends at the Bronx Times Reporter

War Writing Workshops

The spring session of The Craft of War Writing, a writing workshop at the Morris Park Library, began Saturday, March 10 and will continue on into the spring.

The group meets on many, but not all, Saturdays from

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The writing is geared toward veterans and war tales, said **Jeremy Warneke**, a workshop facilitator, but covers many different themes.

It is for both veterans and the general public. For more information, including specific meeting dates, call the Morris Park Library at (718) 931-0636.

You can also visit www.VoicesFromWar.org or email info@voicesfromwar.org for details and registration.

The Morris Park branch is located at 985 Morris Park Avenue.

Throggs Neck Restaurant Tours To Be Ongoing

Mamajuana's is in the process of organizing tours of restaurants in the Throggs Neck area starting with a trial run on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17.

It is for everyone to get to know the restaurants we have in the community and the different cuisine styles that we have in this part of the Bronx.

Event coordinators were working on finalizing a list of the restaurants planned for the first trial run as of press time, with a fuller roster expected when the tour is held again in May on Cinco de Mayo.

For more information, call Carlos at (718) 824-8400. Bracelets are \$10.

Monsignor Scanlan Easter Egg Hunt

Monsignor Scanlan High School will hold an Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at the school, located at 915 Hutchinson River Parkway, near Throggs Neck's Target.

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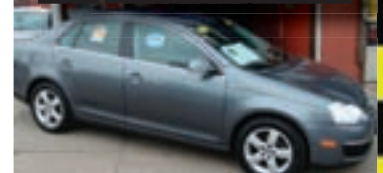
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Lou Curcio remembered for M.S. 101 renaming push

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

As the community came together at M.S. 101 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the sacrifice made by police officer Edward Byrne, a lot of the people who were instrumental in the school's renaming are sadly, no longer with us.

They include a man all credit with suggesting the idea to name the Throggs Neck school after the young hero cop slain in 1988: Louis Curcio.

Curcio was an elected member of the NYC Board of Education's School Board 8 and its president at the time. The BOE used to run the city's school system prior to the implementation of mayoral control and the establishment of the Department of Education.

Curcio did much of the legwork in getting approval from the school board and the district superintendent, Max Messer, to name what was then J.H.S. 101 after Byrne, said his friends and family. Byrne was killed while on duty in Jamaica, Queens.

"I remember my brother spending countless hours working on this," said John Curcio, Louis' brother, adding that he was only briefly mentioned at the ceremony at M.S. 101 on Tuesday, February 27 commemorating the 30-year anniversary of Byrne's heroic death.

John shared a mountain of corre-

spondence and documents with the Bronx Times that chronicled Louis' assiduous work on the project, serving as a chairman of the Dedication Committee that helped rename the school.

One of a handful of surviving members of the dedication committee, James Vacca, confirmed that Curcio, who passed away in 2012 and was a teacher at Lehman High School, played a key role in the effort.

"Louis felt the (renaming) would send a message to future generations. He was a teacher and he came from that background," said Vacca. "He was an educator who saw the value of imparting to kids a respect for law enforcement."

Vacca said that Curcio felt that a curriculum could be developed to make the school's namesake serve a didactic purpose, and said he believes the former school board president was correct in this assertion.

Curcio also felt that it was a way to memorialize Byrne in perpetuity, said Vacca.

John Curcio said that many of his brother's friends were detectives and police officers.

"He was born and bred in Pelham Bay and 101 was a neighborhood school," said his sister-in-law and Dedication Committee member Margaret Curcio, adding that he also served as a board member and president of the



Louis Curcio (far l) with a Edward Byrne's parents at a dedication ceremony at then J.H.S. 101 in 1989.

Photo courtesy of the Curcio family

Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association.

Members of the Dedication Committee saw their worked rewarded when the school was renamed on April 27, 1989.

Committee members included its executive assistant Maureen Sheridan, as well as Linda Burke, Joseph Calandrucchio, John Collazzi, Curcio, Edward Delatorre, Jean DePesa, An-

thony Ferranti, Joseph Henderson, Josephine Hession, Robert Iovino, Michael Kadish, Carl Larsen, Mary Maringione, Joseph McNulty, Messer, Patrick Norberto, Debra Pagnozzi, Joseph Powell, Julia Rodriguez, Anne Schuster, Myron Steinfast, Vincent Tolentino, Kenneth Wilkoff and Vacca.

Byrne's parents were ceremonial members of the committee.



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Traffic signal installed at Bronx Park East & Waring

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A long-awaited traffic signal has been installed in one borough community.

Advocacy has been underway for a traffic signal at Waring Avenue and Bronx Park East since at least 2012 and in late February the light finally became operational.

Installing a traffic signal at the crossing was something that the Bronx Park East Community Association has been advocating for since its inception six years ago, said the organization's co-leader Rafael Schweizer.

The intersection has seen a number of close calls with both children in strollers and elders in wheelchairs, said Schweizer, noting that it is a block away from P.S. 96 and adjacent to Waring Playground in Bronx Park. It has also been the scene of numerous car collisions, he said.

The two-way, four-lane roadway is close to a New York Botanical Garden entrance gate located near the intersection. The entrance was recently renovated and reopened last March, said Schweizer.

"Up until recently, this roadway has had zero traffic calming



Workers installed new street lights at intersection of Bronx Park East and Waring Avenue on Wednesday, February 21.
Photo by Edwin Soto

devices: no crosswalk, no stop signs and no traffic light," said Schweizer, adding he believes the intersection has been an issue for at least 10 to 15 years or possibly longer.

Efforts to get a traffic light approved stalled, when NYC Department of Transportation studies in both 2012 and 2014 indicated that there wasn't a need

for a traffic control device at the location, said Schweizer.

Nevertheless both Constance Moran, former Bronx DOT commissioner and Nivardo Lopez, the current Bronx DOT commissioner visited the site personally and met with the community, he said.

After Councilman Ritchie Torres intervened, a third study

request was initiated. Residents were delighted to learn that the signal was approved in September 2017 and the installation work began in January, he said.

Torres organized a rally and held at press conference at the formerly troubled intersection in November 2016.

"Thanks to the relentless activism from the BPECA and

local residents, in partnership with my office, the intersection of Bronx Park East and Waring Avenue finally received a new stoplight that will make the intersection safer," said Torres. "The intersection was of concern for many years, and now residents will be able to walk safely at that location."

"The third traffic study at the Waring Avenue/Bronx Park East, which is near a school, showed higher vehicle volumes and less time for people to cross than previous studies – deeming the location feasible," stated the DOT spokeswoman.

The final part of the project, marked crosswalks at the intersection, are awaiting warmer weather.

The community activist thanked Luisa Benedetto, former chief of staff for Councilman Torres, and Romina Enea, Torres's special assistant, for their work on the project.

Additionally, BPECA is looking to tackle the troubled intersection of Thwaites Place and Barker Avenue, where a terrible car crash occurred on Friday, March 9, he said. The association is requesting a four-way stop.

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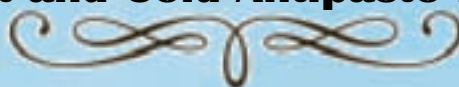
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Two people were killed in an early morning fire in Belmont. According to the FDNY, the fire started inside a first floor apartment at 2381 Hoffman Street on Monday, March 5 at around 1:30 a.m. Approximately nine people including three firefighters were injured and underwent hospitalization. Fire marshals have not yet determined a cause, but they believe an open apartment door allowed the blaze to spread quickly. Two men, whose identities have not been revealed, died after being trapped by the flames. Red Cross teams were on the scene to provide temporary housing, emergency funds, blankets and other assistance to eight displaced households consisting of 12 adults and 3 children.

Photo by Edwin Soto

CAR PLOWS INTO MORRIS AVENUE STORE



Terrified pedestrians and business workers narrowly avoided harm when a speeding car plowed into a local department store. According to police, a black Toyota Highlander traveling southbound on Morris Avenue on Monday, March 5 around 11:50 a.m. when it struck a minivan. The speeding vehicle then jumped the curb and slammed into the front windows of Bee and Bee Department Store at 1000 Morris Avenue. No injuries were reported following the incident. No arrests or summonses were issued.

(Above) Scattered produce, folding shopping carts, flowers, glass and car parts littered the sidewalk outside Bee & Bee Department Store following the high speed crash.

(Below) Police examined the Toyota Highlander which came to a stop nearly 20 feet into the store.

Photos by Edwin Soto



POLICE BLOTTER

40 Precinct

Sunday, February 25 at 4:31 p.m. -- Police got a report of a robbery that took place inside a bodega located at 344 E.148th Street. Two unidentified perpetrators entered the location with guns and told the store clerk to open the cash register. The individuals took \$500 in cash before fleeing the scene in an unknown direction. No injuries were reported. One of the individuals involved in the robbery is described as a black man who was last seen wearing a hooded black jacket. The second was a Hispanic man who was last seen in a dark colored jacket, knit cap, black face mask and black boots.

46 Precinct

Saturday, March 10 at 6:28 a.m. -- Cops responded to a 911 call concerning an assault taking place inside of 100 W. 174th Street's apartment #2D. Once reaching the scene, officers found a 31-year-old man, unconscious and unresponsive, who had been stabbed in his chest. Responding EMS crew members at the scene and pronounced the victim dead. According to police, the investigation is ongoing.

49 Precinct

Saturday, March 10 at 4:00 a.m. -- A burglary occurred near the corner of Lurting Avenue and Morris Park Avenue. A 22-year-old man woke up hearing sounds of someone breaking into his home. Subsequent investigation determined that an unidentified person entered the residence and stole some personal property with a value of about \$4,000.

The individual involved in the burglary is described as a Hispanic man between 20-years-old and 30-years-old and was last seen wearing all dark clothing.

41 Precinct

Sunday, March 11 at 10:25 p.m. -- Cops received a report of an assault that took place in front of 1251 Stebbins Avenue. A 14-year-old victim was chased and then assaulted by six males in their teens. After attacking the victim, the young men fled the scene towards Prospect Avenue. The victim suffered a broken eye socket and a stab wound to his stomach. He was taken to Lincoln Hospital where he was in stable condition after the incident.

THIRD FLOOR TINTON AVENUE FIRE



Three people are recovering following a recent fire in Woodstock. According to the FDNY, 12 FDNY units and 60 firefighters responded to a third floor fire at 609 Tinton Avenue on Friday, March 9 at 12:07 p.m. The FDNY was successful in extinguishing the fire and reported three injuries including one civilian and two firefighters. The injured were taken to North Central Bronx Hospital for treatment. The fire's cause remains under investigation.

(Above) FDNY Ladder 55 was on the scene as smoke billowed from a third floor window.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poor MTA planning

Dear editor,

As I look out my window overseeing Westchester Avenue and the I.R.T 6 subway line, I see the MTA parking a out-of-service train in the middle track north of the Buhre Avenue train station. This train should not be there! Not when they are forecasting very heavy snow later.

Heaven forbid the MTA finds itself in a situation around Parkchester where it needs to reroute passenger trains on the middle track and this train is parked on the track.

Joseph Wall

Rededication helped by many

Dear editor,

I would like to start by thanking you and everyone from the Bronx Times for attending our breakfast on February 27, that commemorated the 30th anniversary of police officer Edward R. Byrne's demise at our school, MS101 which was renamed in his honor April 27, 1989.

We, the PTA and M.S. 101 would like to thank the following people who helped make this possible by donating their time and energy to our fallen hero: John Marano, who went out of his way to solicit items from local merchants to help make this event memorable; Billy Tsidibia, Crosstown Diner, for its abundant and delicious spread of hot food and pastries; Jay D'Angelo from Empire Bagels; and Raymond and Robert Carotenuto from Crown Monuments, who without hesitation, cleaned, polished and made a base for the plaque/monument/tombstone on the front lawn of the school located in front of the pine tree which was planted when the school was renamed in '89.

Maria Leonard
co-president, M.S. 101 PTA

Diversity lost in medicine cuts

Dear editor,

I'm an African-American Nigerian immigrant who was raised in the Bronx, and am now a current student at the Associated Medical Schools of

New York's post-baccalaureate program at the University at Buffalo. This state-funded diversity in medicine pipeline program has opened doors for me.

This program has helped me by allowing me the time, opportunity, and necessary funding to pursue my goal of becoming a doctor. The information provided in the courses I am taking will give me the advantage I need to be successful in medical school. Because of this program, I will be attending SUNY Upstate Medical University in the fall, and I am closer to achieving

my goal of becoming a physician.

I just turned 29, and as a non-traditional applicant to medical school, there are a number of challenges and difficulties that come with that, especially when combined with the challenges associated with being a minority male. This program has helped me meet these challenges by providing necessary support and the tools I need to be successful.

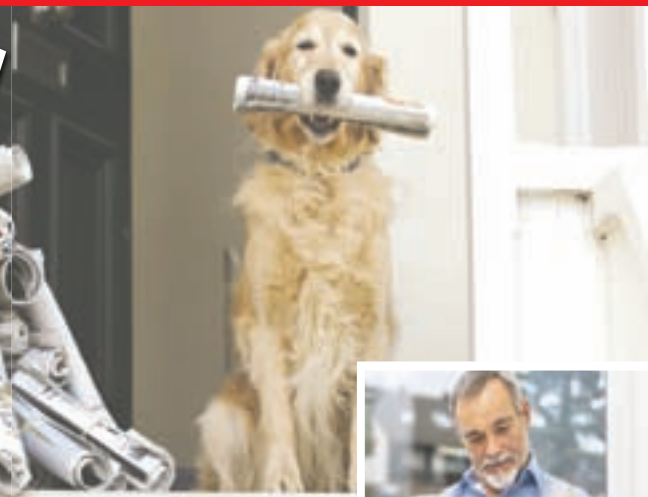
AMSNY's programs, supported by the state legislature, have helped hundreds of students like myself go on to become doctors who have done

great things in their communities. These programs are important because they help increase diversity in medicine by increasing the number of underrepresented students in medical school.

But despite the persistent lack of diversity in medicine, programs like this one which address the issue are once again being scaled back, facing a 20% budget cut. This means one in five future students from underrepresented backgrounds won't get the opportunity to become doctors and improve NY's healthcare.

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Bronx Dems Host Winter Reception

The Bronx County Democratic Committee honored two former council members at its time honored Winter Reception on Thursday, March 1 at Billy's Sports Bar. The Bronx Democratic Party formally recognized former council members Annabel Palma and James Vacca for their commitment to public service.



(l-r) Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Bronx Democratic Party Executive Committee chairman; Ischia Bravo, Community Board 7 district manager; Gilberto Ortiz; Councilman Mark Gjonaj and Anthony Perez, Bronx Democratic Party executive director.

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Kenny Agosto, 78th Democratic Assembly District committeeman, had a great evening.

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James Vacca (l) wished his successor Councilman Gjonaj well on his new career path.

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Nathalia Fernandez (l), Governor Cuomo's Bronx Regional representative, caught up with Ischia Bravo at Billy's Sports Bar.

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Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz (l), Bronx Democratic Party County Committee chairman and Joseph McManus, Bronx Democratic Party vice chairman welcomed everyone to the reception.

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Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Bronx Democratic Party treasurer, congratulated former councilwoman Palma, Bronx Democratic Party secretary, on her many years of dedicated public service.

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Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. (l) met with Congressman José Serrano at the soirée.

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Councilman Fernando Cabrera celebrated with NYC Civic Court Judge Bianka Perez.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

CB7 hears homeless shelter proposal for Fordham Manor

BY SARAH VALENZUELA

At the Community Board 7 Housing Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 13, members of the community and board listened to yet another proposal for a shelter, this one set for Fordham Manor.

The planned location at 360 E. 193rd Street, a former Montefiore facility, is slated to add another 110 units for single homeless adult women from throughout the borough.

The shelter will be operated by Black Veterans for Social Justice, an organization with over 25 years experience with homeless shelters in the city.

This shelter promises a different kind of experience for both clients and residents of the community in an effort to get women in the shelter back on their feet, the operator claims.

"We are highly invested in the communities we open shelters in, not only because of the people we service, but because we're all human beings and we believe we all need to be ser-

viced," said Jelani Mashariki, the regional director of Shelter Operations at Black Veterans for Social Justice.

"If neighbors are having a block party, our clients offer to help clean up, if there's a community garden, our clients help with the upkeep because we're all part of this community," continued Mashariki.

He also explained that the shelter will create job opportunities for qualified Bronxites as part of the process.

As this shelter is the first of this organizations' to open in the borough, one of the biggest concerns residents had at the meeting was the location and how it was chosen.

"One hundred and ninety-third is the worst place to put a shelter, I don't even want to be there," said Dwayne Osborne, a resident of that area. "If you don't get robbed something's going to happen to you over there, so you may want to reconsider this location."

The location was proposed

by a not-for-profit provider through an open-ended Request For Proposal process, according NYC Department of Homeless Services representatives present at the meeting.

The board stressed to DHS and Black Vets reps the importance of early and adequate communication to communities where shelters are to be sited, besides coming to the community board.

"A lot of people are not against shelters, some of them want to really help," said Myrna Calderon, a member of the CB7. "But you don't even give them the opportunity because shelters are often just thrown into communities with little time to react."

This shelter will be full service, offering clients three meals a day and provide programming all day long to improve the residents' lives.

The clients living in the proposed all women's shelter will have a 10 p.m. curfew.

Twenty-four hour surveil-



Jelani Mashariki, regional director of Shelter Operations (l) with Wendy C. McClinton, president and CEO of Black Veterans for Social Justice, Inc during the CB7 Housing Committee meeting.

Community News Group/Sarah Valenzuela

lance cameras and perimeter checks are standard at their facilities, according to Black Vets for Social Justice.

The organization does not tolerate loitering, according to Mashariki.

Although many on the com-

mittee found the sponsoring agency reputable, they were still wary of the proposed location.

CB7's Housing Committee was not asked to vote or give a Letter of Consent for the proposed shelter.



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Holcombe L. Rucker School of Community Research teacher Wendy Nathaniel addressed the PEP during the public hearing on Tuesday, March 6.
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Students, teachers rally against DOE merger plans

BY SARAH VALENZUELA

On Tuesday, March 6, students, teachers, and parents of the Holcombe L. Rucker School of Community Research protested the NYC Department of Education's plans for their school's future.

"When our schools are under attack, we stand up and fight back," chanted a crowd outside the building.

One proposal being considered details plans for Rucker high school and Longwood Preparatory Academy, which share space and are both in the Renewal Schools program, to be consolidated into one school.

"Our mayor made a promise to help strengthen schools that needed it, but he is now going back on his promise and it's not right," said Wendy Nathaniel, a teacher at HLR.

LPA was formerly the Banana Kelly High School, which was placed into the Renewal program in 2014 with Holcombe L. Rucker.

According to the DOE, both schools have struggled with low enrollment, which has created budget and programming challenges.

To rectify the situation, the DOE plans to phase out Holcombe Rucker, while transitioning all its students into LPA.

"HLR's legacy will only be a distinct memory and that's not fair," said Nathaniel.

"Proposals for consolidation seek to improve learning environments by combining the strengths and best practices of both schools," according to the DOE in the Panel on Education Policy notice.

In another proposal, the DOE is considering a plan to co-locate a charter school.

Success Academy would move its

middle school grades from its Bronx 3 and 4 locations into the same building as the high school.

"You're sitting here and saying you support us but you really don't care," said HLR sophomore, Rosby Vazquez, to the PEP at the public hearing on the proposals.

The Success Academy-Bronx Middle School plan will essentially make way for the expansion of the Success Academy network, which many in the HLR community believe will lead to the eventual phase out of the high school grades, leading to a Success Academy takeover of the entire building.

The Holcombe Rucker School's community has vowed not to go down without a fight and promised to continue protesting and attending all PEP meetings.

"When you combine schools, who gets the resources," asked another HLR student during the public hearing inside the school. "We should be able to get priority over everyone else because our school has been here the longest."

According to students and teachers at HLR, for 11 years the school pleaded with the DOE for the resources the school lacked, such as an auditorium, gymnasium, library, as well as a renovated cafeteria, but those requests were all denied or ignored.

The PEP is expected to vote on the options on Wednesday, March 21 at the High School for Fashion Industries in Manhattan.

"LPA has made significant improvements, including a consistently improving graduation rate. Holcombe Rucker currently has a stronger graduation rate," said the DOE in the PEP notice. "The NYCDOE firmly believes that these communities will be stronger together."

Professional rugby team to play exhibition game at Gaelic Park

BY ALEX MITCHELL

New York City's first professional rugby team is set to host it's biggest match of 2018 on Saturday, March 24 at Riverdale's iconic Gaelic Park.

The newly formed Rugby United New York will be joining a national league that is also newly formed, Major League Rugby, coming 2019.

This spring, RUNY is playing an exhibition season to give New Yorkers a taste of what is to come from what the league calls America's fastest growing sport.

"Despite living and playing rugby in the city for 20 years, I was astonished by the player numbers and the growth of the sport in the region," said chairman and founder James Kennedy.

"We want to work with the entire community to grow the sport we all love and make it accessible and enjoyable for everyone," he added.

RUNY has already started to positively impact their local community at a grass-roots level, one of the pillars of MLR.

The club has partnered with Play Rugby USA, a youth development non-profit that uses the unique power of rugby

to empower and inspire youth, primarily from underserved communities, and Solace House, a mental health awareness center in New York.

RUNY's inaugural 30-man team is entirely comprised of local players.

Most of them live and play rugby within the city while some come from surrounding areas such as New Jersey and Westchester.

The roster was whittled down from an initial 50 player group who were invited from clubs throughout the tri-state area.

Led by head coach Mike Tolkin, former head coach of the USA national rugby team and native New Yorker, Rugby United NY will kick off its exhibition schedule in March with its match on the 24th against the Boston Mystics.

Joining Tolkin on the coaching staff will be assistant coaches Bruce McLane, Andrew Britt and Vili Vakasikakala.

"This is a particularly historic moment for rugby in New York," said Tolkin. "This will be the first domes-

tic professional endeavor in the city and it provides an opportunity for the wealth of talented players and coaches found in our great local clubs to come together as a formidable team," he added.

The match at Gaelic Park will feature RUNY facing off against a team from the city's traditional sporting rival, Boston.

Before the main event kicks off, another classic New York matchup will take place between the NYPD and the FDNY rugby teams.

The annual match between the city's service departments is played to benefit McNaughton-Engeldrum fund for the families of fallen personnel.

Rugby United New York's home match against Boston, which will be open to the public, is set for Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

The full day of rugby will kickoff at 4 p.m. with the matchup between the FDNY and NYPD.

While not confirmed, it is anticipated that RUNY will make either Gaelic Park or Fordham University its home venue for the 2019 season.



An advertisement for Rugby United's exhibition game at Gaelic park.

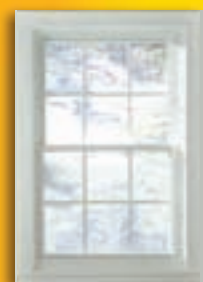
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Tuskegee Airman, Bronxite, Floyd Carter passes at 95

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A legendary Tuskegee Airman has earned his angel wings.

Lieutenant Colonel Floyd Carter, a highly decorated veteran of three wars and 27-year NYPD veteran, passed away on Thursday, March 8 at 95-years-old.

For over 31 years, the Yorktown, VA native served his country in active and reserve roles before settling down in the northwest Bronx in 1956 where he resided with his grandson Jonathan Carter.

Carter's career began in 1944 after enlisting in the Aviation Cadet Program and graduating as a bombardier and navigator.

Upon graduation, he was transferred to Tuskegee, AL to enroll in the first class of African American student officer pilots completing his triple rating and earning his pilot's wings in 1945.

In September 1947, Carter joined the newly formed United States Air Force and in the following year, he led the first squadron of cargo planes into West Berlin transporting food and medicine for the Berlin Airlift.

At the height of the Cold War, Carter and his squadron braved stressful conditions while navigating a narrow neutral air space as Russian Mig air craft tried to break

the squadron's composure.

He kept his men calm under pressure and his squadron successfully reached their destination without any casualties.

While serving in the USAF Reserves, Carter aided in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War in which he transported troops and supplies during the Tet Offensive from Thailand and Japan.

He was also placed into active/standby duty for the Santo Domingo Uprising and Cuban Missile Crisis.

In 1971, Carter became the first African American officer to command a C-141 four engine, heavy lift transport squadron composed of white officers at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey until his 1974 retirement.

In addition to his military career, Carter served for 27 years as a NYPD Detective 2nd Grade before retiring in 1980.

He earned many commendations for his service in the armed forces including the Meritorious Service Award, Air Force Commendation Medal, the Medal for Humane Action for his involvement in the Berlin Airlift and a proclamation presented to him by former Congressman Charles Rangel for his remarkable achievements in 2005.

On March 29, 2007, Carter was

among 200 of the last surviving Tuskegee Airmen awarded the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, the highest civilian award, by former president George W. Bush.

He served as the grand marshal for the 31st annual Bronx Veterans' Day Parade in Throggs Neck on November 8, 2015.

Carter told the Bronx Times in 2015 he kept hopeful despite experiencing setbacks and discrimination by knowing that "all things are possible with God" and "to receive His blessing, you must do the right thing and be patient."

He is survived by his wife of over 70 years Atherine; their children Floyd, Jr. and Rozalind and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Carter's funeral arrangements were not finalized by press time.

"I extend my heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of Floyd Carter, Sr., one of the last of the Tuskegee Airmen and veteran of the NYPD," stated Congressman Adriano Espaillat. "Mr. Carter dedicated his remarkable life to serving his country and his city and we are grateful."

Last year, Espaillat sponsored a bill to rename the U.S. Post Office at 99 Macombs Place in the airmen's honor.



Lieutenant Colonel Floyd Carter was the proud recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, the highest civilian award, in recognition of his bravery and service as Tuskegee Airman.

Photo courtesy of Lieutenant Colonel Floyd Carter

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Bay Plaza shopping center may include new hotel

BY SARAH VALENZUELA

On Thursday, March 1, an application was filed that would pave the way for a top-notch six-story, 130-room hotel for the northeastern corner of the Bay Plaza Shopping Center.

The plans for the hotel are still in the preliminary stage, according to James Friend of Friend Development Group, the project's developer and partner in the venture, along with Prestige Properties and Development.

Friend Development has built hotels before. The firm is responsible for Cross County Shopping Center's 8-story Hyatt Place hotel and another in downtown Brooklyn, a large Hampton Inn on Flatbush Avenue.

Friend said the project was too early in its initial planning stage to say definitively whether the project is a go. More details would be forthcoming in the coming months.

"Real estate development is dependent on a lot of factors and we still have a lot of variables out there that we need to nail down in order to move forward," Friend said.

The developers have filed an application to separate a buildable parcel along Bartow Avenue, adjacent to the Hutchinson River Parkway's right-of-way, from the shopping center's parking lot.

The new 200- by 500-foot tax lot would be used for the proposed hotel.

Community Board 10 has been notified of the project and is keeping a watchful eye on its possible impact on its host community.

"It's a hotel so we want to make sure it's something that respects the Co-op City community," said CB10 district manager, Matt Cruz.

"Second we want them to be mindful of parking in that community and make sure their plans don't interfere with the current traffic patterns," Cruz added.

Depending on the progress of the project, Cruz is considering the possibility of bringing together the developers and RiverBay, Co-op City's corporate entity, because of the residential complex' close proximity to the project.

The hotel is rumored to be a Hampton Inn, a Hilton fran-



The proposed location of the new hotel was for this area between Bartow Avenue (l) next to the Hutchinson River Parkway (front).
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chise.

Cruz, who met with local leaders and the developers when the application was filed, mentioned the project's location is prized because of the anticipated 2023 completion of a Metro North train station in Section 5 of Co-op City.

The hotel is expected to include a gym and an indoor swimming pool for guests only and a conference center, according to details Cruz received in his meeting with the developers.

The conference center will

be able to hold up to 200 guests and its design would allow it to hold two events simultaneously. An onsite warming kitchen would permit catered parties as well.

As the project is still in the planning phase, a rendering is not yet available.

The Bay Plaza Shopping Center and Mall at Bay Plaza sits at 2100 Bartow Avenue between I-95 and the Hutchinson River Parkway.

The complex includes stores like JC Penney, PC Richards, Macy's, Outback

Steakhouse, Swarovski, and a hundred other shops.

While many developers in the Bronx have built questionable motels recently, only the Residents Inn by Marriott at Hutch Metro Center on Waters Place and the Bronx Opera House on East 149th Street are legitimate hotels.

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As of now, the new Bay Plaza hotel has no set construction start or completion date.

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Concourse dancer draws Dior commercial, Alvin Ailey role

BY SARAH VALENZUELA

Some children like painting, others like running, but for Khalia Campbell, dancing was the talent she pursued.

Since she was two-years-old, Khalia has been dancing, an artistry her parents predicted she would embrace before she even took her first breathe.

"My father was a DJ and he used to put headphones around my mother's stomach when she was pregnant with me," said Campbell, who was born and raised and continues to live in the Bronx.

Her father unfortunately passed away when she was only one-year-old.

"My mother said I would hear the music and start moving and my father said one of the things I would become is a dancer."

Her classical training started at age four with tap dancing at the Ruth Williams dance school in Harlem. At nine-years-old she moved on to the Uptown Dance Academy

where she learned ballet, hip-hop, jazz, African, modern, and even acrobatics.

Now at age 24, Khalia's gift can almost be seen as spiritually pre-ordained as her success in the dance world brought her to the Alvin Ailey theater and now to a Christian Dior commercial.

Khalia is in her final year with Ailey II, the Alvin Ailey company's younger group of emerging modern choreographers and dance talent from all over the country.

Khalia and the Ailey II group has been on a world tour performance of Aida and returned earlier in March for their New York performances.

It was not just the opportunity to dance with Ailey to represent her family and herself that made this important, but the ability to bring her home borough to every big stage she would be on.

"My own story can be told in the way I move as an artist," continued Campbell.

"When I perform, the way

I move, the way I dress, even the way I talk, shows who I am and where I come from, the Bronx."

Being part of Ailey II for the past two years has further enhanced her professional opportunities.

In fact, two years ago, Khalia was cast as a dancer for Christian Dior's commercial to premiere its Poison Girl fragrance.

When the casting manager watched her audition, they knew instantly she was the dancer they had been looking for, according to Campbell.

"Coming from the rich culture of the Bronx, I learned to be a versatile person and dancer," Campbell explained. "They were looking for a dancehall-style performer and I knew I could do that and when I got it, it was like magic."

Khalia said she got to perform in the commercial with one of her best friends, Martell, as her dance partner.

"It was an extremely fun



Khalia Campbell

Photo by Kyle Froman

experience and the first time I saw the commercial on TV, I screamed for my grandma, who I was living with, to come watch."

Khalia said she will continue to pursue performing in more commercials once her tenure with Ailey II is officially over, among other opportunities.

To other young dancers from the Bronx, Campbell has offered this advice: "Patience is key in becoming an artist and you're going to fail, but it's not how you fail, it's how you get back up."

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All Photo by Laura Stone

- (1) The FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums played classic Celtic tunes as they marched.
- (2) (l-r) Captain Carlos Ghonz, 45th Precinct commanding officer; volunteer Tara Maloney; Tom Messina; Councilman Gjonaj; Senator Klein; James McQuade, Throggs Neck Benevolent Association volunteers Carol Lyver and Liz Donnelly served breakfast to everyone.
- (3) (l-r) Inish Free School of Irish Dancing students Erin, Megan, Hailey, Kylie and Madison were dancing in the streets
- (4) Grand marshals Peadar and Eileen Tierney enjoyed their carriage ride.
- (5) Grand marshal Eileen Tierney (3rd from l) proudly accepted her Senate proclamation and City Council citation.
- (6) (l-r) 82nd Assembly District female leader Marjorie Velazquez; Thomas Messina; Community Board 10 district manager Matt Cruz; Irene Guanill-Elukowich, CB 10 second vice chairman; James Vacca; Congressman Joe Crowley; Aleksander Nilaj, Albanian American Open Hands Association president; Senator Jeff Klein; Councilman Mark Gjonaj; John Marano, CB 10 first vice chairman; Adam Bermudez and 80th Assembly District male leader Joe McManus.
- (7) Alana Forte (l) and Gabriella Broto sported some creative headgear for the parade.
- (8) Gloria (l) and Nicci Dineen wore their best Celtic attire for this year's parade.
- (9) The Silver Beach Kids came to celebrate St. Paddy's Day in Throggs Neck!
- (10) (l-r) Throggs Neck Benevolent Association's Chris Dalton, Karin O'Connor, Sheila Haney and Matthew O'Brien organized the time honored parade.
- (11) Friends and family of honorary grand marshal Charlie Reilly marched in his honor.
- (12) The Enright Family watched the St. Patrick's Day neighborhood procession.
- (13) (l-r) Liza Pagan, Susan Velazquez, Khloe Perry and Rider Pagan were dressed to impress.
- (14) (l-r) Rocco Talarico, Patrina Caso, Angelique and Steve Tacco had fun while waiting for the parade to begin.
- (15) Michael Prentiss watched his first St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- (16) (l-r) Brooke Pasinisi, Ava Carpenter, Sophia Kroener and Samantha Polanco were ready to shamrock and roll.

Brianna Calisi (l) and Luke Hiney had front row seats to this year's St. Paddy's Parade.

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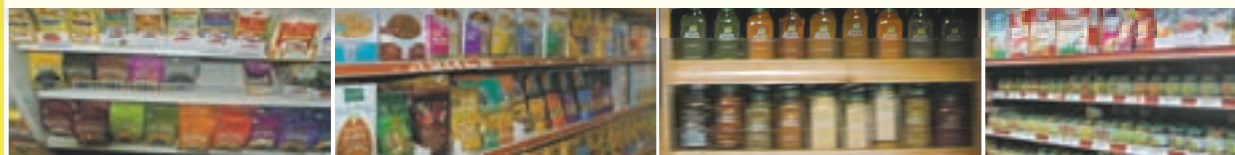
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Women Marines Association highlights

Saturday, March 10, was definitely an "OOORAH" day! Women Marines from across Long Island and the Metropolitan area, along with family and friends, came together to celebrate a trifecta of special events. This year not only marks the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of The Marine

Corps Women's Reserve, but it also pays tribute to the 100-year milestone of women in the Corps, beginning with Opha Mae Johnson's enlistment in August 1918. Both events were recognized at a special luncheon at the VFW-Wade Burns Post in Lindenhurst, New York.

To round out the triple celebration,



(L-r) Betty Moseley-Brown, WMA president; Maria Nuzzi, Christine Glynn, Fran Wagner, StaceyAnn Castro, Bronxite Colleen McCarthy (president of the new NY-6 Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter), and Jamie DePaola.



(Second row from left) Bronxite Colleen McCarthy, along with Elizabeth Rossi and Maria Soto from the NY-6 Cpl Ramona Valdez Chapter.

two new chapters of the Women Marines Association were recognized by keynote speaker and guest of honor, Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, WMA National president. The new Chapters 'NY-7 Long Island' and 'NY-6 Corporal Ramona Valdez' from Bronx/New York City are both focusing their energy on supporting homeless female veteran shelters in their chapter regions.

The guests were welcomed to this auspicious event in Marine Corps style; which kicked off with a special Color Guard ceremony. Four female cadets from the Marine Corps Jr. ROTC of Lindenhurst High School proudly carried the flags while all those present rendered appropriate honors. Chaplain Karen Pickler of the Northport Veterans Administration then offered the opening prayer. Following the blessing, all were invited to partake of the delicious buffet luncheon that was provided by Gino's Pizza of Lindenhurst.

As part of the day's program, Army veteran Jordanna Mallach, Special Programs and Outreach coordinator for the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, provided very helpful information for all members of the military. She emphasized that help is always available as well as benefits and opportunities for female veterans and their families.

The highlight of the afternoon came when keynote speaker, Dr. Betty Moseley Brown, shared accomplishments and anecdotes of Women Marines throughout history. Her talk was informative and entertaining, and she clearly captured the attention of her audience with typical Marine Corps motivation and style!

As soon as Dr. Brown ended her presentation, it was time for the installation of the officers of the two newly formed chapters of the WMA. With the assistance of WMA Area 1 director, Jamie DePaola, whose tireless efforts

behind the scenes made the formation of the new chapters possible, the ceremony got underway. It was an exciting moment when the officers-elect of NY-6 and NY-7 pledged their commitment and support to their respective chapters and the organization at large. From the applause that followed for Colleen McCarthy, NY-6 President; and the new officers of NY-7, president StaceyAnn Castro; vice-president Fran Wagner; secretary Marie Nuzzi; and treasurer Christine Glynn; the installation clearly met with everyone's approval!

Business aside, the agenda shifted to dessert. No Marine Corps celebration is complete without a traditional cake cutting ceremony, and this event was no exception! The MCJROTC cadets marched in with a beautifully decorated cake that featured the fitting image of a proud woman Marine. A message from the present commandant of the Marine Corps, General Robert B. Neller, was then read, and the cake was promptly cut. As is customary, the first pieces of cake were given to the guests of honor. The next slice was presented to the oldest Marine in attendance, who was Sergeant Tess Garber, a proud World War II veteran. Sgt. Garber then handed the cake to the youngest Marine present, Staff Sergeant Heather Kennedy, signifying the passing of experience and knowledge from the old to the young. Raffle prizes, coffee, cake, and conversation soon became the order of the day as Marines and their guests began to bring closure to a successful and informative afternoon.

The day ended with everyone present standing proud and singing the Marine's Hymn. One thing was certain, the women Marines had the situation well under control from start to finish. Mission accomplished! Semper Fi, Marines!

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- Ask if they can deal with the care needs of the person.
- Ask how long they have been providing services, and how they hire and train staff. Ask if they do background checks on staff.
- Ask how much they charge. Find out the cost of basic services, and ask if there are extra costs.

- If the person will need care for the rest of their life, ask how the agency deals with end of life care.
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Throughout the process of this initiative, the youth plan to visit the seniors at R.A.I.N. Parkchester Neighborhood Senior Center, and

the seniors will plan to visit Millennium Art Academy and become a part of art projects and other activities. A conference will also be held at Millennium Art Academy involving the youth, seniors, caregivers and others in the community.

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Message from Councilman Mark Gjonaj



COUNCILMAN MARK GJONAJ

The recent flurry of storms in our area resulted in 7,140 power outages, including several that lasted for multiple days, has exposed some of the short comings in our electrical infrastructure. These outages are unacceptable for relatively minor storms that were accurately forecasted days in advance. These were not overly powerful, apocalyptic, storms. The power outages were not caused by devastating forces of nature. This was a preventable disaster that was a result of poor planning and maintenance by the City of New York and Consolidated Edison Energy Company.

While they both share blame, they played two separate roles that contributed to this.

First, the city is to blame for not

addressing what is the root problem of the power outages and that is poorly maintained and positioned trees. The city, admirably, wants to plant a million trees, but can't seem to maintain the ones that currently exist. If we had better maintenance of trees by power lines this problem would not have become as severe as it did.

Secondly, Con Ed has to take responsibility for allowing the problem of power outages to persist by not having an adequate response system in place.

Con Ed, for its part, completely let the people of the Bronx down by failing to prepare and react to the storm. While the power outages aren't their fault, they alone are responsible for the duration of the outages. Again,

this was a storm that was accurately predicted, yet Con Ed appears to have been caught off guard. Instead of having crews ready to work it seemed as if they were scrambling to the news of the storm.

This lack of preparation and awareness on behalf of the city and Con Ed is very unbecoming of the richest city in the richest country of the world. We must do better.

(Councilman Gjonaj represents the 13th Council District in the Bronx, which includes the Allerton, City Island, Country Club, Edgewater Park, Ferry Point, Locust Point, Morris Park, Pelham Bay, Pelham Gardens, Pelham Parkway, Silver Beach, Spencer Estate, Throggs Neck, Van Nest, Waterbury LaSalle, Westchester Square and Zerega neighborhoods.)

TeamBronxWorks to participate in TD Five Boro Bike Tour

BronxWorks announces that once again they will participate in the TD Five Boro Bike Tour as a Charity Partner. America's largest cycling event, the TD 5 Boro Bike Tour, takes place on Sunday, May 6.

BronxWorks is currently recruiting cyclists and community members alike to join #TeamBronxWorks. Ride over 40 miles of car-free streets through all five boroughs of New York City while raising money to support BronxWorks.

The BronxWorks charity slots are available to participants who make a commitment to raise a minimum of \$750.

The funds raised from this event will be used to support children's

programming at BronxWorks shelters for homeless families.

The stress of homelessness affects children in a profound way, impacting their physical and mental health, school performance, and overall development. The recreational and educational activities offered through BronxWorks programs provide a nurturing and enriching environment for children to learn, play, and grow.

Donations can be made in advance of the event and can include pledges per mile biked. Matching gift programs are accepted.

For more information, contact Allison Gangi at (646) 393-4002 or agangi@bronxworks.org.



Members of #TeamBronxWorks in 2017, Board vice chair Janice Hart with husband Rudy Hart and friend Sandi Maldonado.

Photo Credit: BronxWorks

BY VARAHN CHAMBLEE

The Allerton International Merchants Association had its meeting on Tuesday, March 6. The meetings are held every first Tuesday of every month. They are held at The Sans Banquet Hall at 815 Allerton Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with four new executive committee board officers: president, Varahn Chamblee; vice president, Larry Mauriello; secretary, Veronica Castro; treasurer, Arlene Drayton; and sergeant of arms,

Christine Ryall. Next month's general meeting is on Tuesday April 3.

The meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem sweetly sung by the first lady of disco Carol Douglas who's a longtime friend of the newly elected president.

The president's report consisted of announcements of upcoming events. One event in particular that is important to note is the annual anniversary and cocktail party with a journal, to be held on

Allerton International Merchants Association

Tuesday, May 1, 7 to 10 p.m. We look forward to your journal ads to help support the organization.

AIM will start to collect monthly dues starting at April's meeting and every month thereafter. Merchants dues are \$20; residents in the

community with a family, \$5; and an individual, \$3.

The theme at the March meeting was: 'Womens Merchants Herstory Month.' Attending the meeting were: Alba Realty, Allerton Deli & Groceries, Allerton Mini Mart, Allerton Dental Health Center, Be Sure Home Health Care Services, Exit Realty, Luigi Unisex Hair Salon, The Sans Banquet Hall, and IHOP.

Also present were a large number of near by community members and residents. After the meeting was adjourned

it was announced that there was refreshments, rotisserie chicken, penne pasta with Alfredo sauce and broccoli, bottled water and coffee was served. Early Easter candy was desert.

Also, AIM welcomed the new deli at 751 Allerton Avenue on the corner of Holland Avenue and the new nail salon on the opposite side of the street.

AllertonInternationalMerchants Association welcomes all new merchants. Good luck to you both.

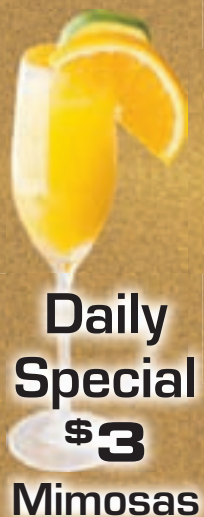


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Ongoing registration is also available for private and semi-private instruction in piano, guitar, voice, violin, drums, and other instruments.

The School for Performing Arts faculty is comprised of professionals who are active performers and music educators and who hold advanced degrees from schools including Juilliard, Mannes, the Manhattan School of Music, New England Conservatory and NYU. They also include émigré instrumentalists who once played in orchestras in Russia and Albania.

All classes are held in a state-of-the-art 7,000 square foot wing that includes soundproof and sound enhanced music rooms and dance studios. The school also offers scholarships to students who qualify for financial assistance as well as instruments available for loan, free of charge, which students may take home during the course of their instruction.

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For information and registration go to Pelhamartcenter.org/education, or call (914) 738-2525, ext. 111. Stop by anytime for a catalog at 155 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, New York.

Remember, art making is not only fun, but also improves social skills, motor skills, personal expression, self-esteem, visual communication and application for digital skills. Statistics show that children involved in the arts improve academically. PAC instructors are professional artists and great teachers who inspire people of all ages to create! Need-based scholarships are available to all students who qualify.

New York Cares collected 104,164 coats as part of its 29th Annual Coat Drive, thanks in large part to the New York City business community and more than 1,200 New Yorkers who ran their own personal collection drives. This year, New York Cares received requests for more than 100,000 coats from shelters, community centers, and social service agencies. With the critical support of companies and the generosity of individual donors, they met the needs of nearly 600 agencies.

The influx of coats and funds not only enabled New York Cares to serve more New Yorkers in need, but allowed the organization to collect and distribute coats earlier. New this year, New York Cares incorporated a GoGreen initiative for individual donations, which allowed each collection leader to print their own materials rather than having them mailed. Out of 1,225 total individual collections, nearly 70% went green.

New York Cares engages with community partners in all five boroughs. In particular, nearly 30,000 coats were distributed in the Bronx alone, the largest number in any borough. Thanks to the dedication of 48 Queens libraries that held public collections this year, 72 Queens agencies received more than 13,000 coats. In Manhattan, more than 150 agencies received over 28,000 coats, and in Brooklyn, more than 160 agencies received over 25,000 coats. Nearly 2,000 coats were distributed to 10 agencies in Staten Island, as well as more than 5,500 coats distributed to 28 agencies in the

surrounding NYC Metro area.

Hundreds of New York City businesses contributed nearly half of all donated coats. A few noteworthy companies were responsible for over 25,000 coat donations. Bloomberg LP and Bloomberg Philanthropies employees made cash and coat donations to deliver 12,000 new coats for men, women and children. KKR and its employees delivered 3,000 coats. Bank of America matched cash donations on Giving Tuesday to support the purchase and distribution of new coats, significantly raising our profile and generating 3,500 coats. The Greater New York Auto Dealers collected over 6,700 coats from customers and employees. In total, partner companies and their employees donated enough money to purchase more than 33,000 new coats for the drive.

In celebration of The Fresh Air Fund's 142nd summer of serving New York City children with free summer experiences, Borough President Diaz has proclaimed Tuesday, March 20 'Fresh Air Fund Day' throughout the Borough. In 2018, The Fresh Air Fund will continue the tradition of giving thousands of boys and girls the opportunity to unlock their limitless potential and to experience summertime fun at the homes of volunteer host families along the East Coast and Southern Canada or at the five Fund overnight camps in Fishkill, New York.

Over the next few months, The Fresh

Air Fund will be holding registration events in all boroughs for families to sign up their children for free, safe and fun-filled programs. For more information, call (800) 367-0003 or visit www.freshair.org.

The American Institute of Family Law Attorneys has recognized the exceptional performance of New York's Family Law Attorney Sylvia Goldschmidt as Two Years 10 Best Family Law Attorney for Client Satisfaction.

The American Institute of Family Law Attorneys is a third-party attorney rating organization that publishes an annual list of the Top 10 Family Law Attorneys in each state. Attorneys who are selected to the "10 Best" list must pass AIOFLA's rigorous selection process, which is based on client and/or peer nominations, thorough research, and AIOFLA's independent evaluation. AIOFLA's annual list was created to be used as a resource for clients during the attorney selection process.

One of the most significant aspects of the selection process involves attorneys' relationships and reputation among his or her clients. As clients should be an attorney's top priority, AIOFLA places the utmost emphasis on selecting lawyers who have achieved significant success in the field of Family Law without sacrificing the service and support they provide. Selection criteria therefore focus on attorneys who demonstrate the highest standards of Client Satisfaction.

POLICE INVESTIGATE BUHRE AVE. SHOOTING



Police need your help solving an apparently random shooting outside of a Pelham Bay bank. According to the 45th Precinct, police officers responded to a call of a weapon discharged outside of a Capital One Bank at 3049 Buhre Avenue on Tuesday, March 6 at 1:45 p.m. Upon arrival, police recovered seven shell casings from a .40 caliber handgun lying on the street in front of the bank. No injuries were reported, however a parked Honda Accord sustained gunshots to its front driver's side panel. It was not confirmed if the car was targeted by the gunman. Police stated that the incident is not being investigating as a bank robbery. No suspect has been identified or arrested following the incident. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS. All calls are kept strictly confidential.

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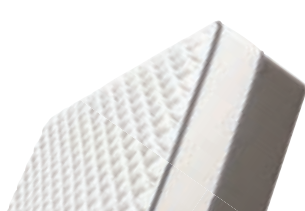
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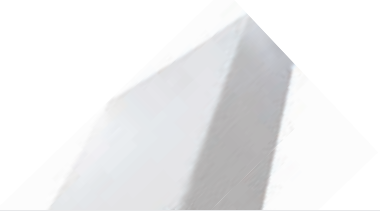
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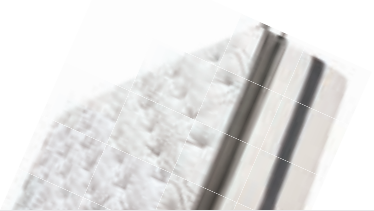
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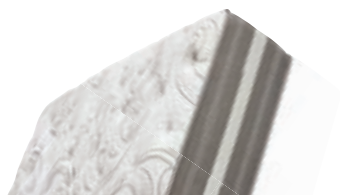
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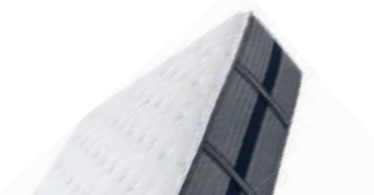
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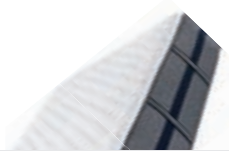
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Part Three

Standard Deduction vs Itemized Deductions

What is the difference? Which do you qualify for? Which is better? What are the pros and cons of each? Can you change from year to year? Does your filing status have any bearing on your deductions? Are there limitations on these deductions? These will be answered during this article. Let's get started.

• **Standard Deduction:** The United States Treasury along with every state in the United States of America has a 'Standard Deduction.' This is the amount you can earn without paying any taxes. The amount is based on your filing status and your age. The amount typically will go up a little each year. For the year 2017 the amounts are as follows:

Single under 65 = \$6,350, Single over 65 = \$7,900;

Married couple filing joint return where both are under 65 = \$12,700;

Married couple filing joint return where one spouse is 65 = \$13,950;

Married Couple filing joint return where both are 65 = \$15,200;

Married person filing separately from their spouse under 65 = \$6,350;

Married person filing separately from their spouse and over 65 = \$7,600;

Head of Household under 65 = \$9,350;

Head of household over 65 = \$10,900.

• **Itemized Deductions:** So, the big questions is do you qualify to itemize your deductions? Well let's run through a few questions. Do you own a home, co-op, condo or time share?

Do you pay mortgage interest and real estate taxes? Are your annual state and local taxes withheld from your pay higher than the standard deduction amount listed above? Do you make large donations to your church or house of worship? Do you have gambling Income and Losses? Do you have unreimbursed deductible work expenses, such as uniforms or union dues? Do you have a casualty or loss, such as a theft or fire? Do you have medical expenses that surpass 10% of your adjusted gross income? If the answer to any of these could be yes, then you may be eligible to itemize. After calculating your figures, you would add them on the Schedule A and deem if you are eligible. For the NYS itemized deductions they will not allow the deduction of the NYS and NYC taxes paid throughout the year.

Another question people ask is, what is the benefit of itemizing and are there disadvantages to itemizing? The main advantage to itemizing is having larger deductions resulting in lower taxable income, which in turn lowers taxes and yields larger refunds. However, it is not all peaches and cream. For anyone who itemizes their deduction in a year where they receive a New York State refund, that refund must now be added back to your income in the year in which the refund is received. In some cases, the state refund may be a substantial increase to your federal income. Another down side to the itemized deductions is that you are more likely to be audited by the IRS or NYS Department of Finance. This is due to the burden of proof now being on you 'the taxpayer' to validate all your claims of additional expenses.

Some people exaggerate many deductions to increase their refunds without regard for the consequences. This will result in large fines, penalties and interest on the underpayment of taxes should you lose the audit. Even if you go to a tax preparer, you the taxpayer are always responsible for the accuracy of the return. Don't assume you will not be held accountable. Therefore, it's important to choose the right professional. Someone who will stand by your side in the event of an audit. Some of the large seasonal tax franchise offices have the nerve to charge an audit guarantee fee of \$50 or more. If they were confident in their abilities as a tax professional, they shouldn't charge you to guarantee their work.

If you file Married filing separately from your spouse, you both must file the exact same way. If you itemize, then your spouse must itemize. If your spouse files the standard deduction, then you must file the standard deduction. If you don't communicate on how you intend to file, and you file using different deductions, one of you will be audited and forced to follow the same method as your spouse.

You can change your method of deductions year to year. In any given year, you may have higher deductions for many reasons. There may have been a fire you need to claim, you may have won the lottery or had a bad year with high medical bills. You may have started a new job and have deductible non-reimbursed employee expenses, you may have just bought a home or refinanced your existing loan. An evaluation of your circumstances should take place each year with your tax advisor.

There are so many more details



John Cerini, Enrolled Agent

covering this topic that cannot be covered in a small article. Please seek the advice of a tax professional for more information. If you have any concerns, we welcome you to contact our office and set up a consultation. We at Bronx Tax Man Corp are open all year round and here when you need us. We have recently moved and are now located at 3600 E. Tremont Ave. Our phone number is (718) 829-1040. Feel free to call on us any time. Mention this article for a \$30 discount off your tax return preparation fee.

Elder question of the week

Dear Mr. Di Costanzo: My aunt and uncle live alone, but my aunt's health has been declining. My uncle tries to do his best, but it's hard for him to manage caring for her alone. I looked into having home health aides come in, but my aunt and uncle don't have much money, and I was told that they're just over the income limit to qualify for any assistance. Is there anything I can do?

We're so glad you asked this question, which shows pervasive misinformation that causes unnecessary struggle. Based on the facts presented, it sounds like your aunt could qualify for Medic-

aid, which would help pay for aides at home. This is known as community Medicaid.

To be eligible for Medicaid, one cannot have assets greater than an amount set every year. Certain assets do not count. In the case of your aunt, if she has assets greater than \$15,150.00 (in 2018), we can employ the technique known as "spousal refusal", where most of her assets would be transferred to your uncle, who would then refuse to support her (financially, that is).

Spousal refusal pertains to income as well. Your uncle's income would not necessarily

be included when determining your aunt's income for Medicaid purposes. In New York, if one has income greater than the maximum amount set every year (\$842.00 in 2018), one has essentially two choices: use the excess amount to pay for care at home, after which Medicaid will pay for the rest, or enroll in a pooled income trust, whereby the surplus income is deposited into a pooled trust and the money so deposited is then used for the Medicaid recipient's expenses such as food, utilities, mortgage, taxes, and so on. For example: Say your aunt's income was \$200.00 over the in-

come limit. She could deposit \$200.00 into a pooled trust every month and use the money for expenses described above.

Managing the financial and healthcare needs of your loved ones is difficult but speaking with an elder law attorney can ease at least some of the burden.

Please contact us to discuss your options. We can be reached at 914-925-1010 or by e-mail at smd@mfd-law.com. You are also encouraged to visit our website at www.plantodayfortomorrow.com. Questions may be submitted to smd@mfd-law.com for a response.



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ST. CLARE'S HOSTS ANNUAL BE OUR GUEST CARD PARTY

St. Clare of Assisi School hosted its 67th annual Be Our Guest Card Party on Thursday, March 8 at Villa Barone Manor. The room was filled to capacity with everyone purchasing tickets from nine categories and multiple raffles and enjoying the evening which supported the Morris Park-based school.



Volunteers of all ages helped make this year's card party a success!

Photo by Fernando Justiniano



(l-r) Sue and Dawn Grossman and Stephanie Pinghera had a great evening.

Photo by Fernando Justiniano

YOUNG ISRAEL, JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF PELHAM PKWY. CELEBRATE PURIM

The Young Israel of Pelham Parkway and the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway co-hosted a Purim Party on Thursday, March 1 at 900 Pelham Parkway South. Purim is a Jewish holiday commemorating the saving of the Jewish people from Haman's plot to massacre the Jews in the ancient Achaemenid Persian Empire.



(l-r) Steve Glosser, Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association vice president and Mike Rosenzweig enjoyed this year's Purim Party.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r) Harold Linder, Yitzi Gross, Rabbi Michael Macks and Izak Held had a great time at the party.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ALEX RODRIGUEZ HELPS PROJECT DESTINED LAUNCH BOOTCAMP

Alex 'A-Rod' Rodriguez joined over 50 local students recently celebrated the launch of Project Destined's Bronx bootcamp at Viacom's headquarters in NYC. The weekend event featured a high-tech innovation lab, musical experiences, a master class on real estate taught by a prominent Harvard Business School professor, an in-depth conversation with the famed Yankee regarding real estate and 'speed dating for deals' where students worked on a real presentations for actual potential investment properties. The program launched with strategic support from partner HERE to HERE along with several notable sponsors.



Project Destined recently launched their Bronx bootcamp.

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Alex Rodriguez and students from the Bronx launch of Project Destined at Viacom's headquarters in NYC.

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AIM PREZ CHAMBLEE HOLDS 1ST MEETING

The Allerton International Merchants Association's recently elected president Varahn Chamblee held her first meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at The Sanz Banquet Hall.



Newly elected AIM president Varahn Chamblee (c) with AIM secretary Veronica Castro and AIM vice president Larry Moriano.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

BCHN VISITS ALBANY ON ADVOCACY DAY

Bronx Community Health Network traveled to Albany on Wednesday, March 7 for Community Health Center Advocacy Day.



During their visit to Albany, BCHN met with local elected officials such as Senator Jamaal Bailey (l) to stress the importance to funding for health centers in the Bronx.

Photo courtesy of BCHN

MALHAAR AGRAWAL WINS BRAIN BEE

Horace Mann School sophomore Malhaar Agrawal won the seventh annual Brain Bee competition on Wednesday, February 28 at Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in White Plains. The local championship for the International Brain Bee is a not-for-profit neuroscience competition for high school students designed to encourage them to learn more about the brain while inspiring them to pursue careers in neurology and neurological research.



Frist place champion Malhaar Agrawal (c) with second place finisher Alyssa Iryami and third place honoree Zachariah Samuel.

Photo courtesy of Horace Mann School



CHIPPEWA, AOH HOST ST. PAT'S DINNER

The Chippewa Democratic Club and Ancient Order of Hibernians Bronx Division #3 co-hosted its time honored St. Patrick's Dinner on Saturday, March 3 at 1447 Ferris Place.

The scholarship check was presented to Chloe Strain (3rd from l), a St. Raymond's Gaelic Football player, from the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Chippewa Democratic Club and Congressman Joseph Crowley (back, 2nd from r).

Photo by Laura Stone



Councilman Ritchie Torres (l) and Congressman Crowley (c) congratulated scholarship recipient Chloe Strain (3rd from l), her parents Timothy and Lizette (r) and her brothers Dakota (2nd from l) and Remy.

Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) David Kilkenny; Jeff Lynch, Mayor's office; AOH Bronx County president Bob Nolan; Manhattan St. Patrick's Parade grand marshal aide Pat McGettrick; 80th District Assembly female leader Andrea Seigel; AOH president Joe McManus; 82nd Assembly District female leader Marjorie Velazquez; Assemblyman Michael Benedetto; Congressman Crowley; Throggs Neck Home Owners Association Lynn Koester; Councilman Torres; and Craig Hughes.

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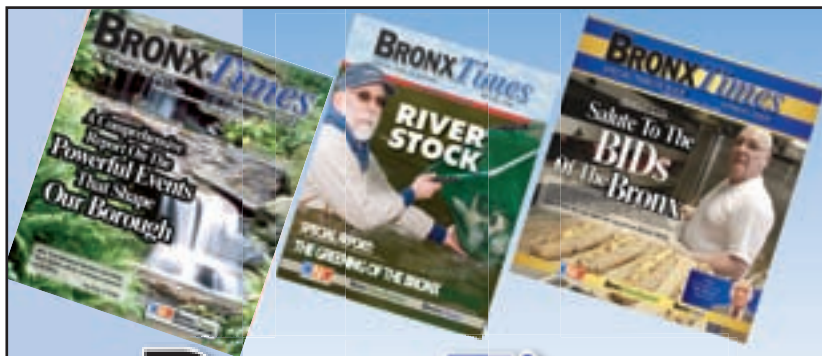
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in the shoe department starting at 29.99.

Casual wear also has its place in all Portabella locations. The newest printed t shirts and polos, jeans, dress khakis, and thousands of casual shirts offer a special selection from a dressy point of view.

Spring is about special events. Weddings, proms, quincineras, graduations, and family reunions. Portabella has a wedding and prom collection that can not be found elsewhere. With friendly customer service to put the entire package together.



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Annual Lenten Fundraiser

St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Clare of Assisi Church Holy Name Societies and Big Deal Supermarket have announced that this year's annual Lenten Fundraiser, which raises funds for these two Morris Park parishes, will be dedicated to Fr. Robert

Aufieri (1948-2018), the late Pastor of St. Clare of Assisi Church, who died suddenly on February 16.

From now through Easter Sunday, parishioners shopping at Big Deal Supermarket, located at 1018 Morris Park Avenue, can contribute to the

fundraiser by dropping their sales receipts into the big jar located in the front of the store, after they have checked out.

A percentage of all sales during this period will be donated to each church. The Holy Name Society noted that

the Lenten Fundraiser has become an annual tradition and raises funds for needed church repairs, church programs, and other projects without having to ask parishioners for monetary donations.

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Rev. Salvatore DeStefano is pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church and administrator of St. Clare of Assisi Church.

Bronx Jewish Center announces Passover Seder

BY RABBI PEWZNER

Few Jewish holidays evoke the same warm sentiments as Passover. Memories of family and friends gathered as the four cups of wine are poured, the four questions asked and the Matzah served, all contribute to Passover's popularity in the Jewish community. Bringing the warmth and tradition of this festival to the Bronx community, the Bronx Jewish

Center is inviting all residents to participate in community Seders to be held on Friday, March 30, starting at 7 p.m., and again on Saturday, March 31, starting at 7:30 p.m..

The Seders take participants through the wondrous liberation of our ancestors from Egyptian bondage, while sharing the relevance and beauty of the age old festival in our modern lives. Included in the Seder

will be a delectable catered dinner, complete with brisket and matzo ball soup will be paired with a variety of fine imported wines and handmade round 'Shmurah' Matzah from Israel.

"Passover is not simply a celebration of the historic liberation of an ancient people," said Rabbi Pewzner, director of the Bronx Jewish Center. "Passover is about our own personal liberation – physically, emo-

tionally and spiritually. Passover inspires us to break free from the shackles restraining us from reaching new heights - in our lives, relationships and connection with G-d."

Additionally, to end the Passover holiday, the Bronx Jewish Center will be hosting a Moshiah Seudah on Saturday, April 7, at 5 p.m. As a time of redemption, the community is invited to relish in the won-

drous freedom G-d has given us with a four course dinner, wine, matzah and words of wisdom from the Rabbi.

All are welcome to join the community seder, regardless of Jewish affiliation or background. Seder will be held at the Bronx Jewish Center, 1969 Haight Avenue. Reservations can be made by emailing office@BronxJewishCenter.org or calling (718) 812-1701.

BY FRAN ARICO

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:15 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3243 Ampere Avenue (corner of Research Avenue). Our guest speaker will be Dardan Gjonbalaj from Councilman Mark Gjonaj's office who will

inform us about rain barrels that are available at no cost. The purpose of these barrels is to hold rain water which can be used for watering your plants, lawns, trees, patios and washing your car. By using the rain barrel water you will be saving money on your water bill.

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Spencer Estate Civic Association

We have requested to Andy Salas from Senator Jeff Klein's

office to have the MetroCard van come to Ampere Avenue once every five or six weeks where our community members can apply for a MetroCard or have money put on their existing card. This would avoid taking two or three buses to get to East Tremont Avenue to the MetroCard van.

Annual dues of \$10 will be collected, your annual dues entitle you to a subscription of the Bronx Times Reporter, a very informative newspaper.

Get well wishes are sent to Phyllis Pierro and Joanne Volpicella from all the members, hope to see you at our meeting soon.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Do you want more parking in our community? How about new zoning laws for less dense housing? Maybe you want to put up a fence but you are not sure what the zoning laws allow.

Come to our Tuesday, March 27th meeting and have your zoning questions answered.

Christine Camilleri from the NYC Department of City Planning will be our guest

speaker. She will explain how DCP works within our city and she will answer your zoning questions.

When forming your questions, please remember that DCP creates the laws and the NYC Department of Buildings enforces the laws. So, make sure to save your questions regarding enforcement for a future meeting. We are planning to have the DOB at one of our meetings very soon.

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Waterbury LaSalle Community Assoc.

April Meeting

We are beginning to plan for our April meeting as well. Our guest speaker for the April 24th meeting will be a cardiologist.

Heart disease is the num-

ber one killer in our country. About 610,000 people die of heart disease in the United States every year.

But it doesn't have to be. There are many things you can do to prevent heart disease. Come to our April meeting and find out how to stay healthy from someone who knows!

Please mark the meeting dates on your calendar. We hope to see you on Tuesday, March 27 and Tuesday, April

24 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church.

Dues

Thank you to those that have sent in your dues. Please remember that your dues of only \$10 must be received by the last day in March. As much as we don't want to, if your dues is not received by March 31, we must cancel your subscription to the Bronx Times Reporter. Please do not let that happen. Send in your dues today!

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all.

Well March really came in like a hell of a Lion, I hope it goes out like a Lamb in an hour.

Did you all remember to put your clocks ahead an hour?

Happy St. Patrick's Day to every one and best wishes to the grand marshals, Eileen and Peadar Tierney.

Community Board 10 has a Veteran's Help Group

to help with a myriad of vet problems. They meet at the Sam Young Post, stay tuned to this column for dates and times.

The National Commander's Dinner is being held at Antun's on Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Check with you post commanders for costs and table arrangements.

All the way into May, Monday, May 28 at 2 p.m. The Memorial Day Parade steps off on City Island and winds

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

up at the Hawkins Post, the sponsor.

We here at the post are continuing our Go Fund Me program for our poor conditioned roof. We are going to have some fund raising events so stay tuned.

We have begun our flag retirement collection. This is where we collect worn, tattered soiled flags from the neighborhood.

These flags may be dropped off at the post on the Ericson Place side. Just put them on the table inside the fence and thank you.

Trivia Time

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

The telephone was in-

vented on March 10, 1876. Do you remember who did this?

I was born March 11, 1938. Nothing trivial about this. One of my daughters asked, "Do you feel 80?" I replied, every second.

General MacArthur said "I shall return" on March 11, 1942. And he did.

'Uncle Sam' Debuted as a cartoon on March 13, 1852.

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Visions Honors Leaders At Ceremony

Serving the blind and visually impaired since 1926, the Visions Bronx Advisory Board celebrated its 25th annual dinner and awards ceremony on Thursday, March 8 at Tosca Marquee. The prestigious awards gala honored community leaders and innovators for their various contributions to our borough. This year's honorees included the Florio Family and Golden Cookie Company; Roberta Gjonaj, Office of School Health registered nurse; Myra Gordon, Hunts Point Produce Market executive director and Sandy Wolstein, Bronx Rotary Club president.



(l-r) Westchester Square Business Improvement District director Ken Varga, Throggs Neck Merchants Association president Bobby Jaen, WSBID's executive director Lisa Sorin and chairman John Bonizio with TNMA membership director Edward Angelino.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Award recipient Roberta Gjonaj (2nd from r) received congratulations from (l-r) event emcee Gary Axelbank, her husband Councilman Gjonaj and Rosemary De Luca.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Honoree Roberta Gjonaj (back, 3rd from r) and her husband Councilman Mark Gjonaj (back, 3rd from l) celebrated the evening with friends and family.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r) Councilman Gjonaj; Visions executive director Nancy D. Miller; Thomas Messina representing Congressman Joseph Crowley; the honorees Mike Florio, Sandy Wolstein, Roberta Gjonaj and Myra Gordon with Rosemary De Luca.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Guest speaker Orlando Williams (c) was presented an award plaque by Visions executive director Nancy D. Miller and Gary Axelbank.=

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r) Bronx Times Reporter publisher Laura Guerriero, Thomas Messina and Rosemary De Luca enjoyed this year's awards dinner and gala at Tosca Marquee.=

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Many Thanks to Mr. James McQuade

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To the Wicked Wolf for the lovely Meet n Greet Dinner

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Tommy Melendez of Master Graphics for the beautiful Tierney Banner

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THE ZOO SEASON 2 RECEPTION

The Bronx Zoo held an opening reception for season 2 of Animal Planet's wildly popular 'The Zoo' on Thursday, March 8 at the zoo's Schiff Family Great Hall.



(l-r) Jim Breheny, Bronx Zoo director; Peggy Sloan, North Carolina Aquarium director and Dan Ashe, Association of Zoos and Aquariums president.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



The Zoo cast thanked all their fans for their support and dedication to the series.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

TORRES SPEAKS AT VNNA MEETING

Councilman Ritchie Torres was the guest speaker at the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance's monthly meeting on Monday, March 5 at the Msgr. Fiorentino Apartments.



(back, l-r) Thomas Messina representing Congressman Joseph Crowley; VNNA senior advisor Bob Nolan; Councilman Torres; VNNA's vice president Charlene Jackson Mendez, secretary Marion Manfred, (front, l-r) treasurer John Messenge and president Bernadette Ferrara.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

WWI ANTIQUES ROADSHOW HELD

In commemoration of World War I's centennial, the East Coast Doughboys hosted its second annual Great War Swap and Sale on Sunday, March 4 at the Samuel H. Young American Legion Post 620. Collectors and living history enthusiasts bought, swapped and sold items dating back to the era of 'The War to End All Wars.'

The Great War Swap and Sale featured a wide selection of WWI-era uniforms, helmets, medals, photos, equipment and documents for interested collectors.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



(l-r) The 77th Infantry's Joe Nappi, Peter Costas, Ed Ludermann; Royal Irish Rifles' Michael Justin and Sanitary Dog gave an insightful history lesson of WWI.

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Eager collectors browsed the vendors' wares which included pennants, photos and uniforms dating back to the First World War.

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Pelham Parkway Jewish Center Passover Seders

Passover, or Pesach as it is known in Hebrew, is the Jewish festival of Freedom. Approximately 3300, years ago, the Jewish People were freed from Egyptian slavery by G-d acting through his servant Moses. When Pharaoh refused to free the Jews, G-d sent ten plagues upon the Egyptian People, culminating

in the Jewish Exodus from Egypt and the splitting of the Red Sea. In commemoration of that deliverance from slavery, Jews throughout the centuries have celebrated Passover every year.

A central part of the Passover festival is the Seder, two ritual meals which follow the ancient order and prayers set

out in the Haggadah. They take place after sundown on the first and second nights of the festival. This year, the Young Israel of Pelham Parkway Jewish Center, in cooperation with the Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway, invites the Pelham Parkway Jewish community to celebrate the Seders on Friday

evening March 30, and Saturday evening March 31 at the Young Israel of Pelham Parkway Jewish Center, 900 Pelham Parkway South. There is no charge to attend.

Reservations to attend one or both Seders are required. For further information and to make your reservation, you must call either the Jewish

Community Council of Pelham Parkway at (718) 792-4744 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or the Young Israel of Pelham Parkway at (718) 824-0630 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Seating is limited and the deadline for reservations is March 20.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR., J.D.

The key reason for America's extraordinary political divide is the growing lack of adherence to the Constitutional foundation of the nation's government.

In the past, liberals and conservatives mainly battled over methodology, how best to achieve commonly shared goals.

Today, the Left sees traditional concepts of individual rights and impartial government as an obstacle to achieving their aspirations. The manner in which national discussions take place has been dramatically altered as well.

Even the most bitter debates of prior, turbulent periods were modified by the generally agreed upon (and quintessentially American) concept that "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." (some believe the saying originated with Patrick Henry)

To some, that idea is an outdated concept. In recent years, Loretta Lynch, while

serving as attorney general, seriously considered criminally prosecuting those who merely disagreed with the concept of climate change.

In 2014, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) introduced legislation that would have limited the application of the First Amendment.

On college campuses, conservative speakers, students, and professors are subjected to harassment.

For the first time in U.S. history, there is serious debate on the basic, constitutional underpinnings of the nation.

Earlier this year, some Californians began advocating a ballot initiative to repeal the section of their state laws that recognize the U.S. Constitution as the supreme law.

In a January article in The Week, national correspondent Ryan Cooper wrote: "The American Constitution is an outdated, malfunctioning piece of junk — and it's only getting worse." Louis Seidman, in a New York Times op-ed, complained

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about "our insistence on obedience to the Constitution, with all its archaic, idiosyncratic and downright evil provisions... Our obsession with the Constitution has saddled us with a dysfunctional political system, kept us from debating the merits of divisive issues and inflamed our public discourse."

In 2012, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg stated during an interview on Egyptian television that she wouldn't recommend the U.S. Constitution as a model.

Another Justice, Elena Kagan, refused to acknowledge the inherent concept of inalienable rights during her 2010 confirmation hearing.

These comments are not the work of fringe characters writing in obscure journals, which makes them all the more worrisome.

The acceptability of opposition to Constitutional concepts became commonplace during the Obama Administration. Even Mr. Obama's supporters were left uneasy with his record. Garret Epps expressed his concern in the Atlantic: "... even for those like me who admire Barack Obama, the constitutional record is disturbingly mixed. Obama leaves the Constitution weaker than at the beginning of his terms."

The former president's contempt for Constitutional limitations was evident not primarily in his direct actions, ("I've got a pen and I've got a phone,") but in the way he turned the machinery of the federal government into a partisan political engine. This practice was a standard of totalitarian regimes throughout the 20th century that disregarded customary laws.

CATO's Ilya Shapiro notes that "The Obama administration has been the most lawless in U.S. history ... my accusation rests on the 44th president's seeing himself as professionally above

the law, ignoring the executive branch's legal limits and disrespecting constitutional bounds like federalism and the separation of powers."

Using the IRS to intimidate the Tea Party, threatening to have the Federal Communications Commission put "monitors" in newsrooms, assuming control of aspects of the internet, using the Environmental Protection Agency to dramatically expand federal power, ignoring the role of the Senate in foreign treaties, all occurred during the Obama Administration.

These unconstitutional activities laid the groundwork for the eventual use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to spy on the Trump campaign, cover up Clinton misdeeds, and inflame passions across the nation.

In the absence of widespread deference to Constitutional principles, excesses of power and a general sense of disunity have occurred and will continue to take U.S. politics and discourse to a dark and unprecedented realm.

civic center Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership

St. Patrick's Day occurs annually on March 17 in observance of the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. What began as a religious feast day in the 17th century has evolved into a variety of festivals across the globe celebrating Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, and a whole lot of green.

Throggs Neck will celebrate St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11. The festivities will start with a 9 a.m. Mass at St. Benedict Church and will end the day with family and friends enjoying fine Irish food and traditional music. TNCA wishes everyone an enjoyable celebration with lots of fond memories.

However, let's not forget that we all need to remind ourselves and those around us about what we need to do to ensure we have a safe celebration.

- The law requires all alcohol business to ensure they do not sell or serve alcohol to minors, even if the adults say it is ok. The establishment should check ID to verify proof of age. The only valid proof of ID is: DMV issued driver's license or non-driver's license; passport, passport card, visa; or US Arm Forces.

- The law requires alcohol businesses to make sure they keep their patrons "below" the level of intoxication.

- To ensure the community's safety it is everyone's job to make sure no one who has

been drinking gets behind the wheel of a car.

- The law protects the community by making it illegal to drink alcoholic beverages in public places; this also includes possession of an open container of alcohol.

- Do Not Forget: Walking home from the bar after a night out partying can be fatal, as pedestrians can get hit by a drunk driver; or pedestrians can fall and seriously harm themselves. In 2016, 34 percent of the pedestrians

killed in crashes had a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. Ask a sober friend to walk you home or arrange for a sober ride.

'A bheith sábháilte agus ag spraoi' (Be safe and have fun)

For more information, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov.

BY MICHELE TORRIONI

Hello everyone. We will be starting our meetings again. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Theresa school cafeteria.

Please join us for the meeting and if you have not submitted your dues for 2018, please do so. The address to mail the dues is 1720 Mayflower Avenue, Apt 9H, Bronx, NY 10461.

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Lehman College concerts; Bruce Museum exhibit; Wave Hill and NYBG programs

Radio Jarocho, a New York-based ensemble that offers a modernized take on the traditional Mexican sounds from Veracruz, will perform on Monday, March 19, at 12:30 p.m. in the Music Building on the **Lehman College** campus. The concert, which is open to the public with free admission, is being presented by Lehman College's Department of Music, Multimedia, Theatre, and Dance.

Radio Jarocho plays son jarocho, the rowdy, upbeat, and at times melancholic music of the countryside of Veracruz, Mexico, and gives it a decidedly urban twist. A combination of Spanish, Afro-Caribbean, and Mexican indigenous music, son jarocho is customarily played in the fandango, a community celebration where people gather to play, sing, and dance.

Founded by Gabriel Guzmán, Radio Jarocho has pioneered the promotion and preservation of son jarocho and the fandango on the East Coast by updating the traditional, two-century old folk genre with original material. The group has been featured at Lincoln Center, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Celebrate Brooklyn, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the World Music Institute. The group released its second CD, *Café Café*, in 2012, and recently its members have also helped build communities of son jarocho practitioners in New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.

Lehman College is located at Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard. Attended parking is also available.

For more information, contact the Lehman College's Department of Music, Multimedia, Theatre, and Dance by calling (718) 960-8247, emailing music.department@lehman.cuny.edu, or visiting lehman.edu/music.

Members of the **Lehman Chamber Players** will be performing works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Robert Schumann, Antonín Dvořák, Gioachino Rossini, William Grant Still, Henryk Wieniawski, and Baroque composer Johann Joachim Quantz on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Music Building on the Lehman College campus. The concert is open to the public and admission is free; donations are welcome.

The musical artists scheduled to appear at this concert include coloratura soprano Osceola Davis, a member of Lehman College's voice faculty who has appeared at the Metropolitan Opera and internationally as concerto soloist; critically acclaimed violinist Alexander Meshibovsky, a student of Jascha Heifetz; oboist Alan Hollander, an adjunct professor of music at Lehman, conductor of the Lehman College Community Band and mainstay in the Lehman Woodwind Quintet; and pianist Diana Mittler-Battipaglia, professor of music and choral director at Lehman.

On the program will be a Trio Sonata by Quantz, arias by Mozart and Rossini, plus various works featuring violin or oboe with piano by Schumann, Wieniawski, Dvořák, and Still.

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For more information, contact the Lehman Music Department by calling (718) 960-8247, emailing music.department@lehman.cuny.edu, or visiting lehman.edu/music.

The Bruce Museum, 1 Museum Drive, Greenwich, CT, will exhibit **Wild Bees: Photographs** by Paula Sharp and Ross Eatman, opening at the Bruce Museum on Saturday, April 14, features approximately 26 exquisite photographs of wild bees in their natural habitats, along with native bee specimens that can be viewed under a video microscope, an interactive website, bee houses, and giant model bees at 20x scale.

While many people are aware of the collapse of European honeybee populations, fewer know that native insect pollinators are declining globally due to a combination of habitat loss and fragmentation, pesticide use, pathogens, and invasive species. Native bees pollinate both wild plants and agricultural crops — many of which cannot be pollinated by honeybees. Wild bees are important pollinators of wildflowers, garden flowers and commercial crops including fruit trees, berries, melons and garden vegetables, yet their significance in sustaining healthy ecosystems is often overlooked.

The photographs in the exhibition are part of a three-year wild bee project undertaken in July 2014 by photojournalist and writer Paula Sharp and nature photographer Ross Eatman to document wild bees inhabiting New York's Rockefeller State Park Preserve and neighboring Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture.

The Wild Bees exhibition is supported by Guardian Life, The Charles M. and Deborah G. Royce Exhibition Fund, the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Green Fingers Garden Club and Knollwood Garden Club. Additional support comes from a Committee of Honor under the leadership of Cricket Lockhart and Ingrid Delson. Museum Coordinator is Science Curatorial Associate Cynthia Ehlinger.

For information call (203) 413-6756.

Upcoming **Wave Hill** programs include:

Saturday, March 24; Sunday, March 25: Family Art Project: Palisades in Plaster: Take a look at the rock formations that make up the magnificent cliffs of the Palisades facing Wave Hill. Learn about the minerals that make up the soil around us. Use plaster made from the mineral gypsum to create your own sculptural rock formation, or tint or color it to make a gem. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Saturday, March 24: In The Shop: 20% Off All Succulents: In honor of Cactus and Succulent Day, save on your purchase of succulent plants. Cactus and Succulent Day event.

Saturday, March 24: Cooking Demo: Cactus and Succulents: Prickly pear, aloe and dragon fruit are a few examples of edible succulents. Find out how to select, prepare and serve these unlikely edibles, and sample some out-of-the-ordinary recipes featuring cacti and succu-

lents, with a chef from Wave Hill exclusive caterer Great Performances. Free with admission to the grounds. Cactus and Succulent Day event.

Saturday, March 24: Winter Workspace Session 2 Open Studios: This winter, Glyndor Gallery is transformed again into studio spaces for artists to develop new work and offer opportunities for public interaction in the context of the garden. Individual artists share their studio practice with the public on this open studios day. This year's Session 2 artists are Michele Brody, Tamara Kostianovsky, Athena LaTocha, Maika'i Tubbs and two New York Community Trust Van Lier Fellows, Ashton Agbomenou and Yelaine Rodriguez. Free with admission to the grounds.

Saturday, March 24: Talk & Tour: Caring for Cactus and Succulents: Cactus and succulents make ideal houseplants if you understand their basic needs. Drawing on his eight-plus years of experience maintaining Wave Hill's eclectic collection, Wave Hill Gardener Harnek Singh shares tips and techniques for keeping your succulents healthy and attractive. Afterwards, join him for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the Cactus and Succulent House. Select plants available for sale in The Shop at Wave Hill. Free with admission to the grounds. Cactus and Succulent Day event.

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

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

The Orchid Show through April 22: The 2018 edition of The Orchid Show will be designed by acclaimed Belgian floral artist Daniel Ost. Entering its 16th year, the popular exhibition, showcasing thousands of dramatically displayed orchids in the Botanical Garden's historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, will feature a series of installations crafted by Ost, each a living sculpture that celebrates the complex beauty of these stunning flowers. One of the world's leading floral designers, Ost uses flowers as a means of expression. His artistic creations will be tailored to the unique environment of the landmark Victorian-style Conservatory, complementing the architecture of the building while creating a transformative, dazzling spectacle of color, form, and texture.

Orchid Evening Saturday, March 17, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Stroll through The Orchid Show in the lush Conservatory while music, performers, and unmatched beauty create one of New York City's most unique and spectacular evening outings. This year's exhibition showcases a series of installations crafted by Belgian floral artist Daniel Ost—each a living sculpture celebrating the complex beauty of these stunning flowers. Explore the exhibition after hours and enjoy music and performers with a sea of vibrant orchids cascading behind them.

Ticket for non-members are \$38 and members are \$28 (adults 21 and over).

Orchid Care Demonstrations: Fantastically Fragrant Orchids, Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2:30

and 3:30 p.m.: Interested in orchids that will tickle your nose and stimulate your senses? Join us for a discussion of some of the best orchids to grow at home for both color and fragrance. Learn basic orchid care and experience the fragrance of many orchid varieties.

Celebrating Trees in Public Gardens through April 22: NYBG celebrates the wonder of trees with this contemporary botanical art exhibition presented in conjunction with the American Society of Botanical Artists (ASBA). Forty-two contemporary drawn and painted works from 38 artists showcase a wide array of trees and the ways they are seen.

Botanical art possesses a unique power among fine art forms to educate about plants and promote ecological awareness. The pieces in this exhibition are beautiful, but their beauty resonates for much longer than the time spent looking at them. The artistry with which each specimen is rendered inspires viewers to take greater notice of the awe-inspiring qualities of the trees around them. A hawthorn or magnolia might draw attention when in flower, but the botanical artist sees more: a gnarled root, the rainbow hues of lichen, or the cherry-red clusters of seeds. Included in the exhibition are works depicting several trees found at NYBG and created by instructors in NYBG's Botanical Art & Illustration Certificate Program: Ingrid Finnan's Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) and Snake Branch Spruce (*Picea abies* 'Virgata'); Betsy Rogers-Knox's Goldenrain Tree (*Koeleruteria paniculata*); and Carol Woodin's Yellow Magnolia (*Magnolia* 'Elizabeth'). Media include watercolor, oil, graphite, colored pencil, and ink.

Wintertime Wonders Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Inside the cozy Discovery Center, kids of all ages can take a closer look at the wonders of plants and animals in winter. Make bark rubbings, count tree rings, craft a bud necklace and head back into the winter garden with a field notebook to discover the vital sparks of life that lie just below the surface of this quiet season in the northeast.

Bird Walk, Saturday, March 17, 11 a.m.: Bring your binoculars and walk the Garden grounds with a bird expert. You'll search for our feathered friends and learn more about bird-friendly habitats, passage birds, and those that make a permanent home at NYBG.

Meet at the Reflecting Pool at the Leon Levy Visitor Center.

Saturday, March 17, 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.: Meet at the Reflecting Pool and embark on an invigorating 45-minute walk to view the Garden's stately conifer collection and old growth forest in the beauty of winter. Even in cold weather there's plenty of interest in our gardens and collections.

Garden Highlights, Sunday, March 18, 2:30 p.m.: The sights and scents of the season flourish across the 250 acres of the Botanical Garden. Join a Garden Tour Guide for a walking tour featuring highlights of the gardens and plant collections.

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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL'S ANNUAL BOYS NIGHT

St. Francis Xavier School hosted its annual Boys Night on Friday, March 9 inside the school's gymnasium.



St. Francis Xavier School's Black Team were ready to have a great time!

Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) Green Team players Erjon, Johnnie, Matthew, Jack and James got ready for the next competition.

Photo by Laura Stone



(front, l-r) Gray Team players Matthew, Lorenzo, Noah, John, Joseph, Evan with their dads/coaches (back, l-r) David Duillermo, Frank Tirabasso and Robert Andriach.

Photo by Laura Stone



Blue Team's dad/coaches (back, l-r) Ben Ferron, Willie Sanchez and Anthony Ranieri with players (front, l-r) Andy, Rocco, Carlo, Andrew, Anthony, G.P. Elijod and Felipe.

Photo by Laura Stone

PPNA, AAOHA AND KEY FOOD HOSTS FOOD DRIVE

With Passover and Easter approaching, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, Albanian American Open Hand Association and Key Food hosted a Food Drive for local needy families on Saturday, March 3 at 2141 Holland Avenue.



(l-r) Marcello Turkiman; Mire Nilaj; Miguel Blanco; Nicolas Peleaz; Daniel and Annabella Nilaj; Edith Blitzer; Emanuel Musaj and Aleksander Nilaj, AAOHA president.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Edith Blitzer (r), PPNA president, thanked Charles Martinez for his contribution.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

COUNCILMAN MARK GJONAJ CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In recognition of Women's History Month and International Women's Day, Councilman Mark Gjonaj celebrated with the Albanian American Woman's Organization.



Councilman Gjonaj (back, c) and his wife Roberta (back, 3rd from l) with AAWO members.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Mark Gjonaj's Office

BRONXITES CELEBRATE HOLI, FESTIVAL OF COLORS

It was a burst of colors on Sunday, March 4 as the community joined the Vishnu Mandir Hindu Temple and Bharati Dance Academy for Holi, a celebration embracing the festival of colors, positive energy and the coming of Spring. The celebration of Holi, often called Phagwah, is observed with the sprinkling of colored powder ('gula') or colored water on each other symbolizing the breaking down of all barriers of discrimination so that everyone looks the same. One legend associated with the holiday is of Prahlada and Hiranyaksha which reminds us all of victories of 'Good over Evil.'



(l-r) Richie Lekhrum; Christina Kemraj; Steve Singh; Pandit Vishnu Sukul, Vishnu Mandir founder; Nicholas Himidian, Jr., Community Board 9 chairman; Sarojini Sanchoo; Bharati Kemraj and Bronxites enjoyed participating in the Hindu Festival of Colors.

Photo courtesy of Bharati Kemraj



Bharati Kemraj (l), Bharati Dance Academy founder, prepared to rub some 'abrack' colored powder on her grandmother Seeta Persaud (r).

Photo courtesy of Bharati Kemraj



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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 15, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

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INDEX NO. 380354-13
Laura C. Browne, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
In pursuance of and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted and entered in an action entitled NYCTL 2015-A Trust and The Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2015-A Trust v. Difo Properties Corp., et al., bearing Index No. 25211-2016E, before IAS Part 21 (Barbato, J.) on or about January 10, 2018, 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 March 26, 2018, 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 2607, Lot 4, in the City of New York, County and Borough of Bronx, State of New York and known as 3304 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York 10456, directed in and by said judgment to be sold.

The approximate amount of the judgment is \$16,549.52 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: February 16, 2018
New York, New York
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s)
vs. MIKAL-ALEXANDER A/K/A MIKOL ALEXANDER SMITH; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about June 6, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.
On April 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 4048 HARPER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10469
Block: 4967 Lot: 64
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
Approximate amount of judgment \$445,808.34 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 35699/2015E
David Lesch, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. PENNYMAC HOLDINGS, LLC FKA PENNYMAC MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST HOLDINGS I, LLC, Pltff. vs. ANA DISLA, et al, Defts. Index #35788/2014E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Aug. 23, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on Apr. 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 3215 Mickle Ave., Bronx, NY 10469 a/k/a Block 4747, Lot

28. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$622,956.96 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. OLA AZEEZ, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltff., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 42412. #94224

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006 FRE1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES; Plaintiff(s) vs. CAROL STERLING; SHANE STERLING; 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
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On April 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 3306 FISH AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10469
Block: 4736 Lot: 41
ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SIUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BRONX, STATE OF NEW YORK.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
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Approximate amount of judgment \$389,548.10 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 380793/11
Leonard C. Aloj, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
SELENE FINANCE LP; Plaintiff(s) vs. JOSE HERNANDEZ; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 11, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On April 9, 2018 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 580 EAST 166TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10456
Block: 2607 Lot: 58
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As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
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Approximate amount of judgment \$774,133.45 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 35488/2015E
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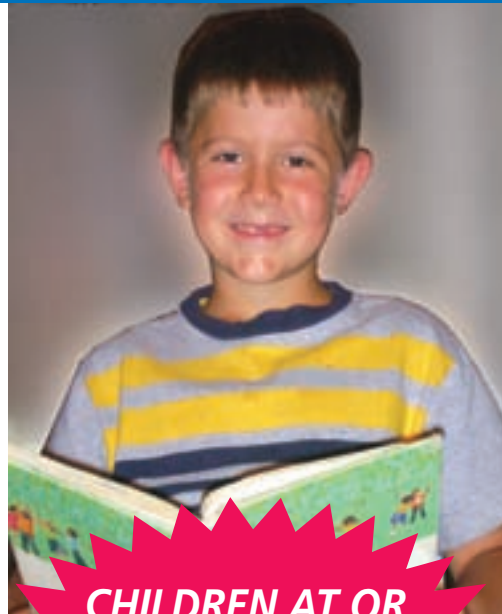
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
COMMUNITY RESTORATION CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s)
vs. VALERIE COBURN; MAXINE MAITLAND; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 19, 2018, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600.
On April 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 4227 WICKHAM AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466
Block: 5011 Lot: 14
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.
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 \$123,652.65 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 32957/2016E
David Lesch, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST; Plaintiff(s)
vs. LOIDA ARIAS; 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 July 25, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.
On April 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 712 EAST 211TH ST, BRONX, NY 10467
Section: 16 Block: 4657 Lot: 31
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Williamsbridge in the County of Westchester, and State of New York, known and designated on a certain map entitled, "Map of Lots in the Village of Williamsbridge, Westchester County, New York, property of W.F. Duncan, made by Henry C. Thompson, Civil Engineer, and dated March 25, 1891 as Lot No. 1" said premises being known as 712 East 211th Street in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York.
As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
Approximate amount of judgment \$565,163.20 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 380260/12
Mark F. Bernstein, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
EVERBANK; Plaintiff(s)
vs. SHARLENE JACKSON; 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 August 3, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.
On March 26, 2018 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 1647 TAYLOR AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10460
Block: 4023 Lot: 10
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.
As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
Approximate amount of judgment \$417,456.27 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 381447/11
Henry M. Adler, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff(s),
Against
..Index No.: 35818/2015E
TANUZA ASHEKIN A/K/A TANUZA ASKEHIN A/K/A TANUZA R. ASKEHIN A/K/A TANUZA R. ASKEHIN, ETAL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 2/7/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/2/2018 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1575 Odell Street #6D, Bronx, NY 10462, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being a part of the Parkchester South Condominium, designated as Unit No. 6D 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 3943 and Lot 3986 together with an undivided 0.0101% interest in the Common Elements.
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$86,017.25 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 35818/2015E.
Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801
Dated: 2/15/2018 File Number: 14-302361 BGM

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Pltf. vs. HARRIPERAUD RAMNANDAN, et al, Defts. Index #381184/10. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered May 30, 2017, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 1602 Glover St., Bronx, NY. Said property located in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, and designated as a portion of Lot 77 on a certain map entitled, "Map of Property Belonging to Hudson P. Rose," known as St. Raymond Park situate in the 4th Ward, New York City, and filed in the Office of The Register The New York County on Mar. 10, 1899 as Map No. 277. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$571,487.20 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LARRY ALFONSO ARIAS, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #94184

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. H & R BLOCK BANK, A FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, Pltf. vs. CISLYN CRISP, et al, Defts. Index #35099/2013E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Jan. 14, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on April 9, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2232 Light St. Bronx, NY 10466 a/k/a Block 4950, Lot 42. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$598,422.98 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LORRAINE COYLE, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 39890. #94253

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff against
Sukching Yeung, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein Such & Crane, LLP 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103, Westbury, NY 11590
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered June 1, 2016 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on any Monday except holidays on March 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Premises known as 1237 Fulton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456. Block 2610 Lot 57. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$310,937.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 35632/14.
Christopher Chang, Esq., Referee
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff against
Juan Velez, et al Defendants
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein Such & Crane, LLP 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103, Westbury, NY 11590
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered August 8, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on any Monday except holidays on April 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Premises known as 1507 Commonwealth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. Block 3917 Lot 49. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$456,372.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 35075/13E.
Orlando Cavallo, Jr. Esq., Referee
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST UBS 2006-WMC3, Plaintiff,
A g a i n s t
Index No.: 380329/2008
JOAN LIMEHOUSE, ETAL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 8/31/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/16/2018 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 4042 Baychester Ave, Bronx, NY 10466, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County as Treasurer Block 4982 Lot 15
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$965,382.03 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380329/2008.
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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504
Dated: 2/28/2018
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES 1 LLC, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AC8, Plaintiff,
Against
CAROL ROSSO, ETAL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 8/11/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 4/9/2018 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 4686 Park Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458, 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 3041 and Lot 6.
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$629,250.54 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 35164/2013.
ALBERT CORNACHIO III, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 2/7/2018 File Number: 27865 MNB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
Against
Index No.: 380883/12
YARON ZIEGEL, ETAL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 9/18/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 3/26/2018 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 3909 Dyre Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4968 Lot 20.
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$306,484.86 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380883/12.
Linda G. March, Esq., Referee.
STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 167 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

Selene Finance LP,
Plaintiff
-against-
Janice Reid as Administratrix, heir at law, next of kin, and distributee of the Estate of Michael Carter, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, City of New York Department of Finance Parking Violations Bureau City Collector & Bronx Redemption Center, City of New York Environmental Control Board, Bronx Supreme Court, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Criminal Court of the City of New York, Graham Clarke, Midland Funding LLC, Lois Carter, as heir at law, next of kin and distributee of the Estate of Michael Carter,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on January 12, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK on April 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM premises known as 3856 Amundson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466.

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: 4940 Lot: 53
Approximate amount of lien \$338,765.81 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 32361/2016E

Betty Lugo, Esq., REFEE
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH,
L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF

ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514

DATED: March 08, 2018 FILE #: SELENE 70991

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, not individually but as trustee for Pretium Mortgage Acquisition Trust
Plaintiff

-against-
Rakibul H. Khan, Board of Managers of the Parkchester North Condominium, CSGA LLC, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Hubert Jeffry
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on November 17, 2017
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK on March 26, 2018 at 2:00 PM premises known as 1501 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit #9E, Bronx, NY 10462-6166.

The Unit known as apartment no. 9E(hereinafter called "the Unit") in the Building known as Number N-6 and by the street number 1501 Metropolitan

Avenue, in the Borough and County of the Bronx, the City and State of New York

Block: 3944 Lot: 2585 Together with an undivided .0225 percent interest appurtenant to the unit in the common elements

Approximate amount of lien \$132,529.58 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380505/12

Larry Alfonso Arias, Esq., REFEE
STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH,
L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF

ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514

DATED: February 15, 2018
FILE #: RUSHMORE 56770

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE FOR WMAIT SERIES 2007-3, Plaintiff,
AGAINST

DAVID FLORES, et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered April 1, 2016

I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 16, 2018 at 2:00 PM premises known as 1028 WARD AVE, BRONX, NY 10472

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx and State of New York. Section 0, Block 3716 and Lot 15

Approximate amount of judgment \$684,085.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #381039/09

SYLVIA FRENKEL, ESQ., Referee,
Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

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
KEFIRA YISRAEL, et al.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered May 18, 2017

I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 09, 2018 at 2:00 PM premises known as 1675 METROPOLITAN AVE 1-F, BRONX, NY 10462-0000

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. Block 3944 and Lot 3643

Approximate amount of judgment \$120,684.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment. Index #380851/10

GEORGE HEADLEY, ESQ., Referee,

Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-RP1, Plaintiff AGAINST CLARENCE JOSEPH, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 10, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY, on April 09, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 634 ROSEDALE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10473. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3555, Lot 19 and FKA Section 14, Block 3555, Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$428,250.80 plus interest and costs. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #14244/07. John Brickman, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52101

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT BANK, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL SCUDDER, II, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 27, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1407 Burke 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 4741 and Lot 33. Approximate amount of judgment is \$65,408.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35763/2014E.

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

Cash will not be accepted.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff
AGAINST

Robert Negron a/k/a Robert L. Negron; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 6, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand

Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on April 9, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2102 Newbold Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3813 Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$479,850.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 32726/2016E.

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

Victor Negron, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835

Dated: February 21, 2018
#94286

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST SILVIA DONKOR, 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, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, on April 16, 2018 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. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. 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 52072

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-4, Plaintiff
AGAINST

Jamal Dudley a/k/a Jamal A. Dudley; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 20, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on March 26, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1247 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, County of Bronx and State of NY, Block 3769 Lot 43. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,466.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35231/2014E.

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. ***NO CASH ACCEPTED***

Gary Slobin, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: January 17, 2018- #93969

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. Bank, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Alternative Loan Trust 2007-S1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff

AGAINST
Edwin A. Flores; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 25, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on April 16, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1842 Hunt Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4051 Lot 24. Approximate amount of judgment \$494,527.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380313-10. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.

Mark F. Bernstein, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: February 21, 2018
#94287

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Cecily Palmer a/k/a Cecily O. Palmer, Sentueal M. Jones, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11-10-2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 4-16-2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 445 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3499, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$547,196.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #35322/2013E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Larry A. Arias, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-049505-F02 52303

Bronx scene

BAAD! Women Festival

The Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance forges forward with the 17th annual BAAD! Women Festival, celebrating the empowerment of women through art, culture and performance. The festival runs from until Wednesday, March 28 and includes evenings of dance, literature, film music and performance. The festival takes place at BAAD!, 2474 Westchester Avenue.

Ticket prices vary from free to \$20. Participants can take advantage of the Five for \$5 special (you and four 'girl-friends' make a group of five and pay only \$5 each with a prior reservation.)

BAAD! offers discounts to BAAD! members, BCA cardholders and NALAC members, and free admission to residents of 10474 and 10461 zip codes. Ticket offers cannot be combined. Visit www.BAADBronx.org for more details.

The schedule for the shows and events is as follows:

Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m., free.

Chavela: Through its lyrical structure and evocative, thought-provoking journey the film, is centered around never before-seen interview footage of Chavela Vargas, the iconoclastic life of game-changing musician, shot 20 years before her death in 2012. Writer/directors Catherine Gund and Daresha Kyi craft a film that is guided by the stories in Chavela's songs.

Friday, March 16, 8 p.m., \$45. Music Tribute to Chavela.

Saturday, March 18, 8 p.m. Body Works: Moriah Ella Mason, Brass, Aya Lane: Choreographer and former stripper, Moriah Ella Mason, explores how we perform eroticism and consume intimacy in a show about working as a stripper in Pittsburgh, PA.; brASS: Brown RadicalASS Burlesque brings full bodied storytelling and celebration of the erotic; and Aya Lane performs a mythical resistance story of "an underwater country populated by the unborn children of African women



Chavela (film).

who were thrown or jumped off slave ships.

Thursday, March 22, 7 p.m., free. Women's Safety Seminar co-presented by Recoveries R US, LLC and BAAD!: As a survivor of rape and domestic violence Connie Pacheco created the Women's Safety Seminar to empower women with theory and a hands on practical self-defense workshop.

Friday, March 23, 8 p.m. Live Big Girl!: Directed by Peggy Robles-Alvarado, Live Big Girl is a poetic play about 3 women (Rebeca Lois Lucret, Karina G-Lopez and Vanessa Chica), and their different and not so different experiences of living in a body that is not celebrated.

Saturday, March 24, 8 p.m. Sole Sisters: Eight choreographers from the Bronx and beyond include Clara Auguste, Giavanni Farley, Farah Figueroa, Havanna Fisher, Kailey McCrudden, Loli Santiago and Rourou Ye.

Wednesday, March 28, 7 p.m. Choreographers Connecting In The Bronx: Dreaming Out Of La Negrura/Blackness co-presented by Pepatián and BAAD!: A documentary film (25min) about three choreographers from the Latinx diaspora - Sita Frederick, Rokafella, Marion Ramirez - who collaborated to create an experimental dance theater work with Salsa, Breaking, Afro-Caribbean and release techniques.

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**SATURDAY
MARCH 24, 2018**

Session 1: 10am - 12pm
Session 2: 12:30 - 2:30pm

\$15 per child

*Registration deadline: March 23rd

*Egg Hunt

*Arts & Crafts

*Family Photo

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MLMI TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff AGAINST MOHAN P. JAGROOP, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, on April 09, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1147 ANDERSON 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 of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2509, Lot 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$511,595.58 plus interest and costs. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #381334/11. Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51993

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 Homaira Ortiz and Maximo Ortiz, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 19, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx on April 16, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 713 CALHOUN AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10465. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 5545, LOT 112. Approximate amount of judgment \$463,639.70 plus interest and costs. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 32191/2017E. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51831

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE AGAINST MARIANO AMBROSELLI, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 29, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY, on April 16, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 865 THROGS NECK EXPRESSWAY, BRONX, NY 10465. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land,

with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5430, Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment \$230,967.65 plus interest and costs. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #32036/2017E. Leonard Aloï, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52067

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Emmanuel Koudjoui a/k/a Emmanuel K. Koudjoui a/k/a Koudjodji Sossah a/k/a Koudjodji S. Sossah; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on April 16, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1854 Harrison Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2869 Lot 24. Approximate amount of judgment \$468,376.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 32159/2017E.

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.

Heddyeh Broumand, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 21, 2018- #94283

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HRB Mortgage Holdings, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Oseyemi Adeyekun; Funmilola Adeyekun; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 2, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on April 16, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3490 Eastchester Road, 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: 4723 Lot: 61 f/k/a Block: 4723 Part of Old Lot: 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$689,713.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380643/12.

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

the purchase price.

Daniel Cassidy, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 26, 2018 #94313

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff AGAINST Maria V. Reyes, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 12, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, on April 02, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 751 EAST 223RD STREET, BRONX, NY 10466. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4837, LOT 20. Approximate amount of judgment \$323,728.04 plus interest and costs. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 32108/2016E. David Lesch, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51615

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MICHAEL VITELLO, JR., ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 03, 2017 and the Order dated January 03, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1926 Muliner 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 4264 and Lot 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$77,957.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 260183/15.

Joyce Randazzo, Esq., Referee Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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 FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. VIVIAN BROWN, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 26, 2018, I, the undersigned

Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 02, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 205 East 163rd 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 2455 and Lot 49. Approximate amount of judgment is \$240,076.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21750/17E.

Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, M&T BANK, Plaintiff, vs. CARMEN MAISONETTE A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 01, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 3334 Tiemann Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469. 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 4750 and Lot 56. Approximate amount of judgment is \$360,053.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 32061/2015E.

Flora Edwards, Esq., Referee Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzell, LLP, 1412 Sweet Home Road, Suite 12, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff -against- ASHLEY L. JONES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated February 1, 2018 and entered on February 6, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 9, 2018 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 Easterly side of Ely Avenue, distant 273.50 feet Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Easterly side of Ely Avenue; being a plot 95 feet by 25 feet by 95 feet by 25 feet. Block: 4885 Lot: 72

Said premises known as 3452 ELY AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$323,604.93 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 32013/2017E. LARRY ARIAS, ESQ., Referee Jeffrey A. Kosterich, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 68 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Tuckahoe, NY 10707

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX LIVE WELL FINANCIAL, INC., Plaintiff AGAINST ANA ROZON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on April 02, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 4638 BRONX BOULEVARD, BRONX, NY 10470. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5078, Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$320,587.76 plus interest and costs. Only cash or certified funds payable to the referee will be accepted as deposit. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #35697/2015E. Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51330

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

FRONTLINE FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff -against- EDENWALD REALTY, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 4, 2017 and entered on October 11, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell in one or more parcels at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 2, 2018 at 2:00p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of Edenwald Avenue, distant 45 feet Easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Easterly side of Monticello Avenue with the Southerly side of Edenwald Avenue; being a plot 100.00 feet by 29 feet by 100.00 feet by 29 feet. ALSO, BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the Easterly side of Monticello Avenue with the Southerly side of Edenwald Avenue; being a plot 45 feet by 100.00 feet by 45 feet by 100.00. ALSO, BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Edenwald Avenue with the Westerly side of Monticello Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 30 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet.

Said premises known as 2128 EDENWALD AVENUE, BRONX, NY (Block 4987 Lot 136), 4092 MONTICELLO AVENUE a/k/a 2124 EDENWALD AVENUE, BRONX, NY (Block 4987 LOT 34) and 4101/4103 MONTICELLO AVENUE, BRONX, NY (Block 5027 Lot 32)

Approximate amount of lien \$922,218.58 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 35383/2013E. JOSEPH STRASBURG, ESQ., Referee Konner Teitelbaum & Gallagher Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 462 Seventh Avenue, 12th, New York, NY 10018

Fiorello LaGuardia read comics from Fieldston home

Fiorello LaGuardia had a lovely home in the Bronx at 5020 Goodridge Avenue in the exclusive community of Fieldston. It was from this home that he read Dick Tracy, Little Orphan Annie, and the other popular comic strips of the day to the children of the city over WNYC radio. The reason, of course, was the newspaper strike of 1945. Interestingly, when he passed away just two years later, the mortgage to that house was one of the few items they found in his bank safe deposit box. The other item was \$8,000 in war bonds and the meager contents are often cited as a clue to his honesty and integrity while in office.

Another oft mentioned connection to the Bronx has to do with the Bartow-Pell Mansion at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park. When Robert Moses was ousting the tenants of the various mansions in Pelham Bay Park owned by the City of New York, he was also preparing to evict the International Garden Club who had been leasing the Bartow-Pell mansion since 1914. LaGuardia simply moved himself and

do you remember by Bill Twomey

his staff into the building using it as his summer City Hall and he even brought along the entire Press Corps. This was in 1936 and it was an oppressively hot summer. His quick and decisive action saved the mansion which remains one of the great treasures of the Bronx.

La Guardia worked his way through law school at New York University by working as an interpreter. He spoke several languages fluently including Italian which he learned from his father and perhaps it was this commonality of language that created the deep friendship with the Piccirilli family of Bronx sculptors. He also learned Yiddish from his Jewish mother though few people knew of his Jewish background and once when accused of being anti-Semitic, he challenged the accuser to debate him in Yiddish. Need-

less to say, the challenger backed down.

He loved nothing more than a debate and drifted towards politics winning a seat in Congress in 1916. When World War I broke out, he proved his patriotism and the love of his country by leaving the House of Representatives and enlisting in the United States Air Corps where he saw action in Italy and Austria. He achieved the rank of Major. Perhaps that's why it was appropriate that the North Beach Airport in Queens which was opened on October 15, 1939 as the New York Municipal Airport was later named for him. The original name was the Glenn H. Curtiss Airport but it was re-christened for LaGuardia on June 1, 1947.

Fiorello LaGuardia served as Mayor of New York for three terms spanning the years 1934 to 1945. He then took a post



Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia reads the comics to children over the air during the newspaper strike.

as Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. He passed away on September 20, 1947 and was interred in a simple grave on Alpine Avenue in the Oakwood Plot of Woodlawn Cemetery here in the Bronx. Over 45,000 people came out to pay tribute to

“the little flower,” as he was called, when he was laid out for viewing. The simple inscription on the modest white stone reads “Statesman, Humanitarian.” Both descriptions are appropriate for the man who devoted his life to easing the burdens on his fellow man.



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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee For Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5, Plaintiff

AGAINST Jose Garcia; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 14, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on April 9, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1828 Holland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4052 Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$733,921.70 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35416/2014E.

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.

Joseph A. Wilson, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: February 16, 2018
#94255

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 07, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 26, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2263 Creston Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3171 and Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment is \$601,091.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35171/13.

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

Cash will not be accepted.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, SACCENTE FAMILY TRUST, UTW OF MICHAEL T. SACCENTE, DATED MAY 5, 1998, FRANK A. SACCENTE AND CATHERINE STUBENVOLL AS TRUSTEES, Plaintiff, vs. LOUIS J. ZUCCARELLO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Appoint Successor Referee duly filed on January 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 09, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2939 Bruckner Boulevard, 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 5309 and Lot 41. Approximate amount of judgment is \$127,803.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35321/2014E.

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

Cash will not be accepted.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff
AGAINST
Joseph Thompson a/k/a Joseph L. Thompson; Diedre McDonald a/k/a Diedre Harris a/k/a Diedre Thompson a/k/a Diedre Y. McDonald a/k/a Diedre Y. Harris a/k/a Diedre Y. Thompson; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 17, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on April 9, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3041 Wickham Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4774 Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment \$317,208.38 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 32297/2016E.

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

Charmaine L. Miles, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
Rochester, New York 14624
(877) 759-1835
Dated: February 13, 2018-94234

LEGAL NOTICE

REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

HRB MORTGAGE HOLDINGS LLC,
Plaintiff - against - GILBERTO
CHAVEZ, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 1, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 - 6th Floor, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York on the 16th Day of April, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Premises known as 897 Home Street, Bronx, City of New York) New York 10459.

(Block: 2974, Lot: 125 FKA 26)
Approximate amount of lien \$877,624.33 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 381058-2012. Philip Coleman, Esq., Referee.
Davidson Fink LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700
Rochester, NY 14614-1990
Tel. 585/760-8218
Dated: February 21, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
Plaintiff,
vs.

ALIDA CAMACHO A/K/A ALIDA A. CAMACHO, JOSE ORTIZ, VERONICA ORTIZ, JOHN CLEAR, MARIO PEREZ, CHERYL KEMPTON-CLEAR,
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 February 6, 2018, I, Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on April 2, 2018 at Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

408 E 142nd St
Bronx, NY 10454
SBL No.: 2286 - 15

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

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 32431/2016E in the amount of \$648,767.36 plus interest and costs.

Megan S. Kale, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel.: 855-227-5072

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS ARM TRUST 2005-9, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-9
Plaintiff,

vs.

EMANUEL SARIS A/K/A EMMANUEL SARIS, STEPHANIE SARIS, 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 February 21, 2018, I, Hyong Son Hong, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on April 16, 2018 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx County Courthouse - Room 600 of the Bronx

County Courthouse, Bronx, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

30 Patricia Lane #312 a/k/a
1 Patricia Lane Unit No. 312
Bronx, NY 10465
SBL No.: 5519 - 1032

ALL THAT TRACT OF 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. 32700/2016E in the amount of \$409,222.56 plus interest and costs.

Arden L. Florian, Esq.
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Plaintiff's Attorney
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX


CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against- FAREEDAH GARCIA, GLORIA BOOSE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 20, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 26, 2018 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 the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Intervale Avenue with the southerly side of Freeman Street; being a plot 102.49 feet by 16.37 feet by 99.58 feet by 36.50 feet.

Said premises known as 1299 INTERVALE AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$558,953.04 plus interest & costs.

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

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

Index Number 380314/2014.
DANIEL PADERNACHT, ESQ.,
Referee
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
File# 4722.983



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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- TERESITA WILKES, if living, or if she be dead, her husband, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said TERESITA WILKES, et al; MATEO TERESIT WILKES, if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said MATEO TERESIT WILKES, et al; PALLADIUM ROAD CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on February 1, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 16, 2018 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 3276 Lot 44 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 344 EAST 194TH STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$91,927.51 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 301133/2014.

I. SCOTT EDELSTEIN, 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

SELENE FINANCE LP, Plaintiff
against

EDWIN ROSADO, JR. A/K/A EDWIN ROSADO, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 17, 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 2nd day of April, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Said premises known as 1160 Forest Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10456.

(Block: 2662, Lot: 1).
Approximate amount of lien \$ 435,383.09 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380816-11. Mark F. Bernstein, Esq., Referee.
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Student walkout protests violence; marks Parkland, FL massacre

From page 1

the school's community.

"The school has twice been on lockdown due to an active shooter in the area, one of them being last week, and parents were not notified either time," said Carroll. "Students have called parents crying hysterically because they were hiding in closets."

She added: "These students are also protesting shortcomings within the school's safety protocol."

Scarlett had been a key engineer in coordinating the walkout and read an essay she had written during the protest.

"We, as students, need to be part of the decision on what to do to make our school's safety stronger," stated Scarlett's essay. "We demand to meet with our principal, our teachers, parents, our local police department, and our fellow students to decide on a comprehensive policy on how to safeguard lives in the event of a code red emergency."

"We shouldn't be afraid of going to our school, the place where we should feel most safe....Just look at us, we've been locked down twice due to active shooter situations outside our school," she added.

Carla agrees with her daughter's idea of having students more involved with the school's safety protocol.

"These kids know every nook and cranny of the building, when it comes to defining safety zones, who's better to ask than these kids?" said Carroll.

Steve and Sue Nadel who have lived across from the school for over 25 years, joined a few parents and Gjonaj in support of the students' activism.

"When we were kids the worst thing that could happen at school was being sent to the principal's office, these kids shouldn't fear being shot," said Sue Nadel.

"I hope that what is going on today will prompt better safety regulations within schools," said Steve Nadel.

In a jointly held walkout approved by both school administrations, Fordham Preparatory School and Academy of Mount St. Ursula students met at a midway point between their schools near Southern Boulevard and Bedford Park Boulevard and then walked back to Fordham Prep's Joe Fox Memorial Track for a brief prayer service.

Hundreds of students took part in the walkout, and there were many chants



Fordham Prep and Mount St. Ursula students met at Bedford Park Boulevard with creative signs that were visible to passersby and motorists. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Fordham Prep students walk from their school to meet Academy of Mount St. Ursula students at Bedford Park and Southern boulevards. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

opposing gun violence and signs with anti-shooting messages like 'Armed with Peace Tactics' and 'Ban the sale of AR-15s.'

At the service, the crowd responded "present" when the names of the Parkland fallen were read, to show they are still with us and alive in the student movement.

"To come out as a school with the administration supporting us says a lot as an institution," said Arthur Mabaka, Fordham Prep senior, adding "A lot of it was run by the students because we wanted to show our empathy for what happened in Parkland and to connect as much as we can with those going on the walkout today through the nation."

At both high schools, participation was voluntary, and Mount St. Ursula



Councilman Mark Gjonaj speaks with parent Carla Carroll at P.S. 71's fence.

Community News Group/ Alex Mitchell

students Fredricka Wade, Quenlynn Jowers, Blerentina Krasniqi, Genesis Feliciano and Arion Gilmore jointly suggested that the federal government take action rather than offer condolences, and called for more counseling, mental health services and gun ownership restrictions.

Wade said she doesn't believe anyone deserves to die, especially at the young ages of many of the Parkland massacre victims.

Teenagers shouldn't be worried about going to school, and there should be no reason that a teenager should own or buy a gun, said Krasniqi.

Feliciano said that the Parkland incident might have been avoided if the system hadn't failed.

Gilmore said she thought the rally's visibility would draw attention to the larger issue of stopping gun violence in schools.

"We decided to participate (in the National School Walkout) because we are very concerned about the violence going on in schools," said Jean Marie Humphries, AMSU principal. "We believe very strongly that there needs to be better mental health services and detection to see what can be done to stop this violence."



View of P.S. 71's walkout from Jarvis Avenue

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Academy of Mount St. Ursula students gather at 10 a.m. on Bedford Park Boulevard.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Students amass on the Fordham University campus for a joint Fordham Prep and Academy of Mount St. Ursula prayer service as part of the National School Walkout.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2005-R4, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH MORTGAGE CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R4, V.

THE ESTATE OF MAUREEN A. RAY A/K/A MAUREEN RAY; ET. AL.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 11, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2005-R4, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH MORTGAGE CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R4, is the Plaintiff and THE ESTATE OF MAUREEN A. RAY A/K/A MAUREEN RAY; ET. AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, ROOM 600, BRONX, NY 10451, on April 16, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 6038 TYNDALL AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10471: Block 5877, Lot 847:

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, IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381580/2010. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, V.

NICHOLA BROWN, ET. AL.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 08, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and NICHOLA BROWN, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE ROOM 600, BRONX, NY 10451, on March 26, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3314 BOUCK AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10469: Block 4734, Lot 50:

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 32153/2016E. Larry Alfonso Arias, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff against
ANTOINETTE GREGORY, JEFFERSON GREGORY, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 5, 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 March, 2018 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 1122 Fox Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10459.
(Block: 2719, Lot: 39).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 547,845.36 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381194-11. Garry Boucher, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., V.

BERNARDA PROCEL; ET. AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 1, 2010, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, wherein GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., is the Plaintiff and BERNARDA PROCEL; ET. AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on April 2, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1256 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472: Block 3785, Lot 11:

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 13836/2007. Steven I. Lubowitz, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

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

IVY MILLER A/K/A IVY E. MILLER, LASCELLES MILLER, JAKKASHI

MILLER, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 7, 2018.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 9th day of April, 2018 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 1836 Edenwald Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

(Block: 4978, Lot: 44).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 543,260.40 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 32093-15E. Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX
WELLS FARGO BANK, NA. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-7 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, V.

JULIO PLACENCIA; ET. AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 25, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-7 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7 is the Plaintiff and JULIO PLACENCIA; ET. AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, ROOM 600, BRONX, NY 10451, on April 2, 2018 at 2:00PM, premises known as 186 BRINSMADE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10465: Block 5593, Lot 101:

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35793/2014. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE CITATION

File No. 2014-2712

SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

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TO: Taurian Keith Rogers, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Mary Gordon deceased if they be living and if they be dead to their executors, administrators, creditors and lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Robin Walker, who is domiciled at 276 Maple Ave, Dunellen, NJ 08812.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, New York, on May 15, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Mary Gordon, lately domiciled at 1507 Metropolitan Ave, Bronx, NY 10462 admitting to probate a Will dated October 25, 2007

a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Mary Gordon deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

X Letters Testamentary issue to: Robin Walker

Dated, Attested and Sealed
February 27, 2017

HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez
Surrogate

Michael P. Hausler
Chief Clerk

Barry S. Hecht
Attorney for Petitioner

64 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, NY 10462

Address of Attorney
718-892-4000

Telephone Number

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The NYC Board of Standards and Appeals has scheduled a public hearing on the following application:

Variance (\$72-21) to permit the construction of a new school (UG 3) (Academic Leadership Charter School) contrary to ZR \$24-11 (Maximum Allowable Lot Coverage), ZR \$24-522 (Heights and Setbacks) and ZR \$2436 (Rear Yard). R6 zoning district.

Address: 356-362 East 139th Street, Block 2301, Lot(s) 12, 13, 14, 15, Borough of Bronx.

BSA Calendar Number: 2017-8-BZ

Applicant: Sheldon Lobel, P.C., for Academic Leadership Charter School, owner.

Community Board No.: 1BX

This application has been calendared for Public Hearing *Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 1:00 P.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. The referenced application may be reviewed by appointment at the BSA's office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. To schedule an appointment or to obtain subsequent information regarding additional hearing dates, please call 212-386-0009 and reference BSA Calendar Number.

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CITATION
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TO: Attorney General of the State of New York; and

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A Petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336, Bronx, New York 10451;

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451 on April 17, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the Court should not grant the following relief: (1) that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of JEANETTE WALKER a/k/a JEANNETTE WALKER, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 1725 Purdy Street, 6C, Bronx, NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$2,615.99 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,307.99 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,308.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Rodman & Campbell, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; (3) that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); (4) that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106 (1) & (2) be allowed; (5) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to NYC Commissioner of Finance f/b/o unknown distributees; (7) that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; (8) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ
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Michael P. Hausler
Chief Clerk
Dated, Attested and Sealed,
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Attorney for Petitioner(s): RODMAN AND CAMPBELL, P.C. Tel. No. (718) 882-2681

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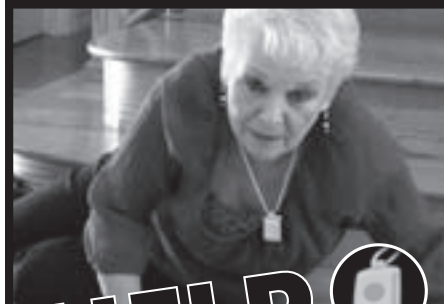
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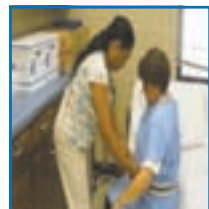
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Jerome Ave. rezone plan reaches Council

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public realm improvements.

"I am proud of the work we've accomplished through the Jerome Neighborhood process and look forward to witnessing the Jerome Corridor flourish in the years ahead." Said Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson.

According to the mayor, other major investments that are earmarked for the zone include: two state-of-the-art schools in District 9 and 10; approximately \$56 million in park improvements; community assets and public safety improvements; improved access and an addition to the Davidson Community Center; improved public safety through the installation of ARGUS cameras throughout the Jerome Corridor; transportation upgrades achieved through major commercial corridor improvements that include new lighting, crosswalks, benches, wayfinding, ADA upgrades, repaving, and other Vision Zero Upgrades; Public Realm Improvements upgrades, 'Under the El' with new bus bulbs, sidewalks, public space access among other improvements; investments to increase mobility, open up new public space under the elevated tracks, and strengthen connections to local retail; dedicated SBS programming; compliance assistance and business grants of \$20,000 for auto and other industrial businesses on the Jerome Avenue corridor; and a dedicated training program for auto and other workers in the area.

"This is something we voted in favor of," said Community Board 5 chairman, Dr. Bola Omotosho.

He explained that his district seeks enhancement of its schools as well as the improvement of its community center



A map of the Jerome Avenue proposed rezoning.

Courtesy of NYC Planning

as well.

CB 5 also seeks more funding in addition to implementing ways to track progression of the rezoning itself.

"It is a work in progress, we are also looking for more commitment from the city," Omotosho added.

"The commitments secured in this plan are a direct result of input from our passionate community, and I remain thankful to the many advocates, stakeholders, government partners, and colleagues who worked with Council Member Cabrera and I to arrive the best possible

plan for our community's future," said Gibson.

"Throughout this process, I affirmed my commitment to this community, recognizing the tremendous needs and challenges that we face. The Jerome Avenue Rezoning serves as a primer for all future rezoning projects, setting high standards for collaboration and community input. I'm proud of the work we have done to build a bright future for the west Bronx," said Cabrera.

The full City Council vote will be on Wednesday, March 21.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff designates BRONX as the place of trial situs of the real property Mortgaged Premises: 2153 1/2 MAPES AVENUE BRONX, NY 10460 Block: 3110 Lot: 171 INDEX NO. 32037/2015E CIT BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs.

EDWIN DEJESUS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEFINA DEJESUS; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, 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 Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

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Dated: August 8, 2017 Westbury, New York RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: IRINA DULARIDZE, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106

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NOTICE OF LEGAL POSTPONEMENT OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. OSCAR BETANCOURT, MARGARITA BETANCOURT, ETAL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 04, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 02, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1420 Edwards Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. 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 05371 and Lot 00011. Approximate amount of judgment is \$462,624.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380978/12.

The original sale was scheduled for March 5, 2018 at the same time and location.

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

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Velocity Track Club's New York highlights

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Approximately 6,500 athletes converge at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island for the USA Track & Field Hershey Youth In-door National Championship! Teams from as far Texas, Michigan, Florida and more competed in the USA Track & Field Hershey National Championship to claim that title of being the best in the country in youth athletes. After 3 days (Friday, March 9th to Sunday, March 11th) of competing, Velocity Track Club earned 14 medals and many athletes broke their personal record. I been to a lot of In-door Championships and this meet was more competitive than any other In-door national championship meet. To earn a medal was a great accomplishment! Plus, I believed our children performed a little harder to make my happy for my Birthday (Friday, March 9th)!

Medals were giving to the top 6 athletes in their event and division. 30 minutes after the finals, all medalist would meet at the award area to receive their medals on the podium. The following Velocity Athletes medal: In the 8 & under age division: (Girls) Cameron Joseph took 6th place in the 55- meter dash. (Boys) Justice Wellington was our most decorated med-

alist. He earned a 5th place medal in 200 & 800 meters race and 6th place medal in the 400 meters. In the 9 & 10 age division (Girls) Brianna Burrell took 3rd place in the long jump and received a 6th place medal for the 55-meters. (Boys) Pierce Parker earned a 3rd place medal in the 800 meters and 4th medal in the 1500 meters race. In the 11 & 12 age division, Olyvia Burrell took 2nd place in the long jump, Jada Clark took 3rd place in the high jump and 5th place in the long jump and Dakota Hickman took 4th place in the high jump. In the 1500 race walk, Tiarra Jackson took 4th place and Adonijah Washington took 5th place. Great job, athletes, parents, coaches and all who support us! This was a total Village accomplishment!

Athletes and Coaches will take a much-needed month break before training for our outdoor season.

Velocity Track Club New York is a 501C3 Non-for profit. 100% of your donation will go towards

helping our children. Support your youth, so they can continue to do great things! For additional information, you can go to our web site velocitytrack.org or contact me, Coach Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or email watcht@aol.com.

Cappie Pondexter visits the BronxWorks SONYC



Cappie Pondexter visits the BronxWorks SONYC (School's Out New York) Program at South Bronx Prep. on Friday, March 9, 2018.
Photo by BronxWorks

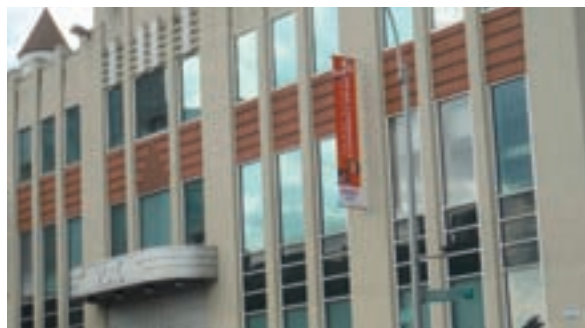
WNBA LA Sparks Point Guard, Cappie Pondexter visits the BronxWorks SONYC (School's Out New York) Program at South Bronx Prep. on Friday, March 9, 2018. Cappie gave an inspiring speech to the students and

talked about her journey to becoming a professional basketball player. She stressed the importance of hard work and the struggles of being a WNBA player. Cappie also took lots of questions from the students.



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