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## Stillwell Ave. traffic light upsets residents

BY VITO SIGNORILE

Pelham Gardens residents are livid over a new traffic light installed just off Pelham Parkway.

The holiday season has arrived and with that, Pelham Parkway North will be congested at night throughout the month of December as thousands of people visit the famous Garabedian holiday-decorated home.

As if traffic could not get any worse during the holidays, the city Department of Transportation recently installed a traffic light on

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Photo by Laura Stone

## CHOWING DOWN AT POTLUCK DINNER

St. Francis Xavier student Christina Colitto chomps into some cotton candy at the school's annual Feast Day Potluck Dinner on Saturday, December 3. Christina and her classmates were joined by faculty and parents convened for an evening of face painting, games and food, most of which was heartier than cotton candy.

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# SHELTER CASE TO PROCEED

## Judge to city: Show St. Peter's proof

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A move by the city to block the releasing of documents related to the controversial opening of a St. Peter's Avenue homeless shelter in August 2009 has been denied by the Supreme Court Appellate Division.

The case of Westchester Square v. the Department of Homeless Services was allowed to proceed into the discovery phase when Associate Justice Leland DeGrasse denied a motion by the city's lawyers to stop the release of documents and testimony related to the opening of shelter at 1564 St. Peter's Avenue.

The decision upholds Bronx Supreme Court Justice Geoffrey Wright's decision in May that granted the merchants and residents of Westchester Square, along with the

city Comptroller's office which has joined in the suit, the right discovery, said Square attorney Steven Kaufman. These actions are part of the "Article 78" proceeding.

"Now we go through discovery," Kaufman said. "We bring in some depositions, and we want them to produce documents -- the whole nine yards."

The plaintiffs in the suit are going to show that the city acted improperly when it opened the shelter, Kaufman said.

The issue at stake is can the city take a building planned as a permanent residential facility and convert it into a shelter without going through the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure or Fair-Share

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## WLCA plans its annual treelighting Sun., 12/11

The Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association will hold its annual tree lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 11.

The ceremony will be held at 4:45 p.m. at Schneider-Sampson Square, located at the corner of Baisley Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard.

The location is directly across the street from P.S. 14.

Santa Claus will be riding in on his own horse-drawn sled.

Music, hot chocolate, and treats will be served.

Santa will count down and light the tree.

The kids will then line up and sit down with Santa for awhile, and receive gifts.

The gifts are provided on a first come, first serve basis.

# MTA targets Pel Bay IRT bird droppings

BY BILL WEISBROD

The Pelham Bay subway station is getting a face lift.

Work is already under-way to spruce up the station, and it is expected to be completed by February.

The upgrade will include an exterior paint job and removal of all loose-hanging netting. There will be several measures to combat the severe problem of pigeon feces that plagues both the elevated station itself, and Amendola Plaza, which sits an street level.

The MTA is installing systems to deter pigeons, such as spikes, repellent gel and a sonic repellent system. It also pledges to clean all pigeon droppings at the station and will install a "Do Not Feed the Pigeons" sign.

Train service will not be affected by the ongoing improvements. Pelham Bay is the terminus of the #6 IRT line.

Co-op City resident

Manuel Rodriguez uses the Pelham Bay Park station several times a week. He agreed that it could use an upgrade.

"Sure it needs work," he said, pointing to a large pile of bird droppings. "It's ugly."

But Sharlee Benjamin of Pelham Bay said she has no opinion about what the station looks like, she just needs the train to run on time.

"I don't think it's necessary," she said. "But as long as it doesn't get in the way of my commute."

The MTA did not release figures on the cost of the project, and all work is being done in-house by MTA employees.

The agency is also exploring the possibility of improvements to the station's platform and canopy as part of its 2012-14 Capital Program but does not yet have the funding.

Amendola Plaza is also scheduled to have an



An entrance to Pelham Bay Park station.

Photo by Bill Weisbrod

improved look, thanks to a \$1.5 million allocation from Councilman Jimmy Vacca. But construction on that project is not expected to begin until 2013.

An MTA spokesperson said the two projects were

unrelated.

Community Board 10 district manager Ken Kearns said the improvements, while not huge, are warranted.

"To the board, we felt that it did not look as good as

other stations. This is going to be a paint job, It's going to be made to look better. It's not a complete renovation. It's a spot upgrades."

The pigeons beg to differ.



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# ALDI Supermarket promises high quality, low prices

## Grocery discounter offers exclusive brands

BY VITO SIGNORILE

With a tough economy in mind, a new supermarket on East Gun Hill Road promises to only cut prices, not quality.

For the last three years, North East Bronx Community Association president Vincent Prezioso and local elected officials pushed for a new supermarket to open in the Gun Hill Shopping Center.

Finally, ALDI Supermarket, which offers high-quality exclusive brands, officially opened its doors to hundreds of local residents on Thursday, December 1, with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony.

Just like any supermarket, ALDI has a large variety of groceries and more, but their promise, unlike many name-brand markets, is to keep prices as low as 50 percent off. ALDI South Windsor division vice president Bruce Persohn said it's one thing to keep prices low

during a tough economy, but to be able to provide high quality products for customers is just as important to ALDI.

"We were excited when we learned about this opportunity to open our first ever location in the Bronx," Persohn said. "There are over 1,000 ALDI locations throughout the country, but now we are really beginning to make our presence known in New York. We have a whole new population here in the Bronx that we look forward to serving, and we promise that they will not be disappointed in what we have to offer for them."

The Gun Hill Road location is the second to open in New York City. Another location opened in Queens less than a year ago.

Earlier this year, Prezioso, along with Councilman Jimmy Vacca and Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke, visit-

ed the location in Queens to get an idea of what it would be like to have an ALDI in the Bronx.

"I knew someone who was familiar with ALDI, at a location up near Albany. They said it was the best supermarket they had ever been to," Prezioso said. "I knew that bringing a supermarket back into this shopping center would be very successful because it is convenient for a lot of local residents. I am very excited that ALDI is here because their products are extremely affordable and worth every penny."

The 18,000-square-foot supermarket sells over 1,400 of the most frequently purchased grocery items and according to Persohn, the supermarket will be selling other items such as toys during the holidays, coolers and beach chairs during the summer, and candy and decorations during Halloween.



Photo by Vito Signorile

ALDI vice president Bruce Persohn (r) was excited to join local residents and elected officials for the grand opening of the Bronx's first ever ALDI supermarket.

Those who shopped at ALDI during the grand opening had a chance to grab some free samples of ALDI exclusive brand food

and were able to compare them to similar items packaged by national brands.

"There was an ALDI supermarket where I used

to live and I knew it would fit well in this area," said Warneke, who lived in Illinois. "The food that they offer speaks for itself."

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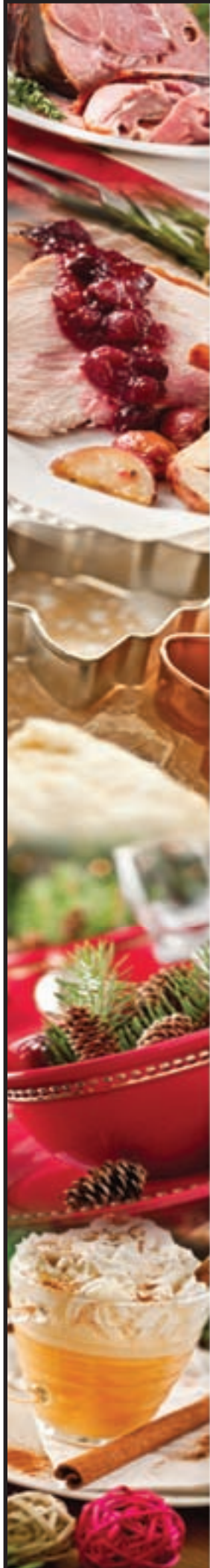


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served with zesty marinara sauce  
MINI BEEF SLIDERS - 9  
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POTATO SKINS - 8  
baked with onion, bacon and cheddar  
CHICKEN POT STICKERS - 9  
served with a teriyaki sauce  
MOZZARELLA LOAF - 6  
served with zesty marinara sauce  
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and feta cheese, and oregano vinaigrette  
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cheese & homemade croutons  
GORGONZOLA SALAD - 5  
field greens, mixed with gorgonzola cheese with  
shallot vinaigrette  
Dressings - Blue cheese, Balsamic, Ranch, Sherry  
shallot, Creamy Italian, Raspberry, French, Oil  
& Vinegar

### Shellfish

CLAMS STEAMED IN LAGER BEER - 8  
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MUSSELS (RED OR WHITE) - 10  
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MARYLAND CRAB CAKES - 13  
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TRADITIONAL SHRIMP COCKTAIL - 11  
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POPCORN SHRIMP - 9  
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with a pina colada sauce  
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CLASSIC CAESAR SALAD - 8  
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GREEK SALAD - 8  
served with tomatoes, cucumber, red onion, feta  
cheese & oregano vinaigrette  
SPECIAL SPINACH SALAD - 9  
fresh spinach leaves, tossed with bacon, gorgonzola,  
egg and shallot vinaigrette  
TUSCAN TOMATO & MOZZARELLA - 8  
Vine ripe tomatoes and fresh sliced mozzarella with a  
red pepper pesto and Frantoiano olives  
Add to above salads: CHICKEN - 4, SHRIMP - 6,  
STEAK - 6  
SEAFOOD SALAD - 15  
marinated blend of fresh calamari, shrimp over mixed  
field greens  
WOLF'S STEAK SALAD - 14  
sliced seasoned prime steak with mushrooms,  
onions, gorgonzola cheese and red bliss potatoes  
over mixed green  
CALAMARI SALAD - 13  
Crispy fried calamari tossed over mixed greens,  
tomato, red onion and avocado with a mandarin Asian  
dressing  
CAJUN CHICKEN SALAD - 13  
Fried chicken pieces tossed in Cajun seasoning with  
corn, carrots and tomatoes served over a bed of  
mixed green served with a ranch dressing  
Dressings - Blue cheese, Balsamic, Ranch, sherry  
shallot, creamy Italian, Raspberry, French, oil &  
vinegar

### Old time favorites

GOLDEN FRIED FISH & CHIPS - 14  
served with homemade tartar sauce & fries  
TRADITIONAL SHEPARD'S PIE - 14  
with sautéed onions, mixed vegetables and topped  
with homemade mashed potatoes  
SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN - 14  
marinated chicken breast pieces with onions &  
peppers in an Asian inspired sweet & sour sauce,  
served over seasoned rice  
CHICKEN STIRFRY - 14  
thinly sliced chicken breast sautéed with onions,  
mushrooms, peppers, celery & carrots, mixed with a  
soy ginger sauce & served over seasoned rice  
BEEF GOULASH - 16  
hearty chunks of tender beef in a paprika sauce  
served over egg noodles  
BEEF STROGANOFF - 16  
tender chunks of beef in a sour cream and mushroom  
brown sauce served over egg noodles  
CHICKEN POT PIE - 14  
chunks of chicken with peppers & onions in a creamy

sauce topped with puff pastry and baked until golden brown  
All above favorites come with small soup or salad

### Wraps

BUFFALO CHICKEN - 9  
grilled chicken with buffalo sauce lettuce, tomato &  
blue cheese  
CHICKEN RANCH BLT - 9  
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dressing  
CHICKEN CAESAR - 9  
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with classic Caesar dressing  
EGGPLANT - 8  
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STEAK RANCH - 11  
marinated sliced steak, lettuce & tomato with ranch  
dressing  
STEAK, MUSHROOM & ONIONS - 11  
marinated sliced steak with sautéed onions &  
mushrooms

### Quesadilla's

CHICKEN - 8  
grilled chicken with cheddar and mozzarella served  
with sour cream & salsa  
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BUFFALO CHICKEN - 8  
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mozzarella served with blue cheese dressing & salsa

### Burgers & Sandwiches

WOLF HOUSE BURGER - 7  
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ANGUS BURGER - 10  
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GARDEN VEGGIE BURGER - 7  
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PULLED PORK SANDWICH - 8  
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CHICKEN SANDWICH - 8  
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STEAK SANDWICH - 12  
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SAUTEED CHICKEN SORRENTINO - 16 sautéed  
chicken breast with prosciutto, eggplant and

mozzarella over penne pasta  
CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA - 17 sautéed cutlets with  
sliced garlic, capers, prosciutto & spinach, topped  
with melted mozzarella, served over linguine  
CHICKEN SCARPARELLO - 17 sautéed with lemon,  
fresh garlic & white wine or with hot cherry peppers or  
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shrimp - 18 penne pasta mixed with a creamy vodka  
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PAN SEARED SALMON - 17 served with a white wine  
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Dijon mustard cream sauce  
FILET OF SOLE FRANCESE - 18 lightly battered and  
sautéed filet of sole served over a bed of spinach  
JUMBO GULF SHRIMP SCAMPI OR FRANCESE - 19  
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sautéed served with a choice of sweet or hot peppers  
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chops served with mint jelly  
CHICKEN FRANCESE - 17 lightly battered and  
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40th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 8:25 p.m.**  
– Bergen Ave. and East 152 St. Authorities made another arrest as they continue to remove unregistered guns from neighborhood streets. This time a 380-caliber pistol was vouched as evidence.

**THURS, NOV. 10th, 7:55 a.m.** – 3016 Third Ave. Law enforcement officials are looking for the persons who robbed a security guard delivering money to a check cashing store. Officials indicated that an armored truck crew was delivering \$100,000 in cash to David's Check Cashing store when two black males sprayed one of the guards with mace type substance. Shots were fired witnesses confirmed, but no injuries were reported. A gun was recovered at the scene.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 1:25 a.m.** – Jackson Ave. and East 138 St. Investigators are looking into a shooting of a 17 year old male. The teenager arrived at Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the right torso area. Members of the elite Emergency Service Squad conducted a search of the crime scene.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 9:05 p.m.** – Willis Ave. Bridge. Help came in boats, even a helicopter crew was dispatched after officials learned that a woman had jumped from the bridge into the waters of the Harlem River. Personnel from land units found the victim's jacket on the span. Fire Dept.'s Marine 6 arrived and removed the woman from the water. She was transported to the Bronx shore and was provided with medical care by an ambulance crew before being transported to an area hospital in an alert and conscious condition.

41st PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 2:20 a.m.**  
– 1106 West Farms Rd. The victim of a stabbing was arrested by police. The victim was suffering from a stab wound to the left leg and was provided with treatment at Lincoln Medical Center. Upon checking, law enforcement officials learned that there was an outstanding warrant against the 25 year old male.

42nd PCT.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 9:00 p.m.** – 511 East 163 St. A search was conducted for the thief who robbed a neighborhood Dunkin Donut shop. The unknown Hispanic male culprit had a gun in his hand when he ordered the employees to put the all the money into a bag. The thief fled with an unknown amount of cash.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 11:50 p.m.** – 1330 Webster Ave. Police officers removed another gun from possible street use. This time a 9-mm pistol with a defaced serial number was taken away from its owner and vouched as evidence.

**THURS, NOV. 10th, 5:15 a.m.** – Police investigators are



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looking for a male suspect who raped a female inside her home. The unknown culprit apparently climbed through a window in the early morning hours to sexually attack the victim. The unknown male also fled with the victim's cell phone.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 7:45 p.m.**  
– 1397 Franklin Ave. Authorities indicated that a Hispanic male robbed a neighborhood business. The thief made off with \$200 in cash. No injuries were reported.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 12:40 a.m.** – Vyse Ave. and East 174 St. A 25 year old black male walked into Lincoln Medical Center seeking assistance for a bullet wound. The young man had the wound in his left shoulder. Police are conducting the inquiry.

43rd PCT.

**THURS, NOV. 10th, 7:20 a.m.** – Seward Ave. Police investigators are looking into an act of vandalism that is connected to a pending criminal inquiry. Vehicles belonging to two witnesses were damaged apparently by a person connected to the previous criminal action.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 1:15 a.m.**  
– Taylor and Story Aves. Authorities were alerted that a shootout between three parties was underway. The three culprits exchanged bullets, but there was no indication that anyone was struck by the flying bullets. As police units conversed on the scene, the culprits all fled indifferent directions.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 12:40 a.m.** – Westchester Ave. and St. Lawrence Ave. A 17 year old black female was taken to Jacobi Medical Center after being attacked. The teen was stabbed in her right side by a group of males. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 2:10 a.m.** – 2006 Westchester Ave. Local police officers are looking into an incident that sent two persons to seek medical attention. Police officers were directed to respond to St. Barnabas Hospital where they found a 28 year old Hispanic male who had been shot in the hip. Meanwhile, other officers were sent to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where they interviewed a 38 year old Hispanic male who was suffering from a bullet wound to the left hand. The incident occurred near Pugsley Ave and police searched the area looking for any evidence.

44th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 2:55 a.m.**  
– 101 West 165 St. An inquiry was started after officials learned that

a black male had been shot. The 33 year old man was suffering a bullet wound to the back when he arrived at Lincoln Medical Center.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 7:00 p.m.** – 1650 Grand Concourse at Mt. Eden Pkwy. Police officers responded to Bronx Lebanon Hospital after receiving a report that two persons had been shot inside the facility. Arriving police officers were informed that both victims were hospital employees. A 42 year old security officer suffered from a wound to the left hip while a 37 year old nurse was shot in the left shoulder. Additional police officers were sent to the hospital. Detectives working on the inquiry learned that a patient who was waiting for stitches had a previous run-in earlier with the young culprit. Four shots were fired officials learned, but none of them struck the intended victim. As the inquiry continued local sleuths arrested 19 year old Michael Wayman. The teen is facing a series of charges ranging from attempted murder to possession of a gun. Officials indicated that the incident is gang related.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 10:10 p.m.** – 163 West 170 St. A 28 year old male expired in less than 30 minutes after being shot. The victim had been shot in the chest and head areas. He was transported to Lincoln Medical Center where he died. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 1:20 p.m.**  
– Macomb's Rd. and Inwood Ave. Police were alerted to an ongoing gun battle between two males. The two culprits fled before the local police officers could arrive. Investigators were informed that the two unknown males were firing at each other. Police officers checking the area indicated that a vehicle had been damaged in the exchange of fire. A gun and other evidence were found at the scene.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, - 1056 Grant Ave.** Specially trained police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were at first requested to respond to the scene of a serious vehicle accident. A pedestrian was taken to Lincoln Medical Center after being struck by a vehicle. The investigation was cancelled after the victim's condition greatly improved after being treated at the hospital.

45th PCT.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 5:40 p.m.** – 1842 Edison Ave. An 88 year old woman was injured during a push-in type robbery. The elderly woman suffered from a facial injury officials indicated. The

unknown thief fled with seventy dollars in cash.

46th PCT.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 1:50 a.m.** – Anthony Ave. and East Tremont Ave. Law enforcement investigators are looking into a shooting. A 38 year old Hispanic male walked into Bronx Lebanon Hospital seeking medical assistance for a bullet wound to the left hand. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 10:00 p.m.** – Webster Ave. and East 175 St. Police took a 55 year old black male into custody. When arrested the man was found in possession of a 38-caliber revolver. The gun was vouched as evidence.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 11:15 p.m.** – Walton Ave and East 184 St. A 23 year old black male was arrested by undercover police officers. Members of the Bronx Anti-Crime Unit found the young male to be in possession of a 9-mm pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

47th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 1:25 a.m.** – Radcliff Ave. Police investigators are looking for the person who robbed an off duty law enforcement official at gun point. The thief made off with only forty-eight dollars.

**THURS, NOV. 10th, 10:45 p.m.** – East 222 St. and Bronx Blvd. Authorities were alerted that a 44 year old Hispanic male had been abducted from an isolated street corner in the Williamsbridge community. Police issued an alarm for a Toyota Sienna that was spotted speeding away from the abduction site. Shortly after midnight the victim's body was discovered at Waterbury Ave. and Ellison Ave in the Country Club section of the borough. Officials are looking to question three Hispanic males.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 8:00 p.m.** – 764 East 227 St. Police recovered another gun that failed to be registered properly in NYC. Taken away from its owner was a 45 caliber gun. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 2:10 p.m.**  
– Wilder and Nereid Aves. Three more persons were arrested as police removed another gun from Wakefield area streets. This time a 40-caliber pistol was vouched.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 6:15 p.m.**  
– 3438 Boston Rd. An employee of a bodega was transported to Jacobi Medical Center after being shot in the stomach. The worker was shot during a robbery of the

store by two black males.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 7:20 a.m.**  
– East 213 St. and Carlisle Pl. Detectives are looking into the death of a male. The male victim was shot in the head. Officials at the crime scene ordered additional police officers to respond into the area to assist with various tasks.

48th PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 11:35 p.m.** – Cross Bronx Expwy. and Webster Ave. Several ambulances were needed at a multi-vehicle accident on the busy interstate roadway. Five persons were treated for various injuries as the roadway was closed for a while.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 7:25 a.m.** – Authorities are investigating an incident where two persons had been stabbed. A 19 year old Hispanic male had wounds to the forehead, and right torso areas. A 22 year old Hispanic male was stabbed in the right knee. The younger victim was reported to be in critical condition upon arrival at Jacobi Medical Center.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 3:20 p.m.** – 535 East 180 St. Police were alerted to an armed robbery of a neighborhood store. Three males wearing masks at gunpoint received three hundred dollars from a store employee. A search is underway for the culprits.

49th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 8:50 p.m.**  
– 1281 Adee Ave. The victim of an attack was transported to Jacobi Medical Center for emergency treatment. An unidentified black male attacked the unnamed victim causing a fracture skull. The culprit repeatedly struck the victim in the head.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 8:05 a.m.**  
– Police investigators were called to Jacobi Medical Center. In the emergency room a 23 year old black male was seeking treatment for a bullet wound to the lower earlobe. Investigators opened an inquiry into the incident.

**SUN, NOV. 13th, 2:25 p.m.** – 2184 Barnes Ave. A woman was arrested after stabbing her husband multiple times. The man had four wounds to the chest area, besides both arms. As the female culprit was being arrested her husband was being treated at Jacobi Medical Center.

50th PCT.

**WED, NOV. 9th, 10:30 p.m.** – Major Deegan Expwy and Van Cortland Park. Emergency personnel responded to the busy interstate roadway after a vehicle struck a homeless male. The male victim was treated at the scene and once stabilized he was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital in critical condition. Police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were summoned to the crime scene.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 4:00 a.m.**  
– Major Deegan Expwy – South of East 233 St. Traffic was halted as emergency crews worked

to extricate a 32 year old male from a vehicle on the southbound lanes. The victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 10:00 p.m.** – 3822 Bailey Ave. A search was conducted for a missing 77 year old man who had been last seen around 7 a.m. Police using helicopters and scuba divers searched for the elderly man. The man's body was found in Van Courtlandt Park Lake.

52nd PCT.

**SAT, NOV. 12th, 2:20 a.m.**  
– 232 East 194 St. A suspect was arrested by responding police officers. A 25 year old Hispanic male attempted to set fire inside a check cashing store on top of a counter. In addition it's charged that the culprit then attempted to remove property from the store. No one was reported injured.

Housing

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 1:15 a.m.**  
– 872 Rosedale Ave. Police recovered three bullet shells that had been discharged from a pistol. Officers from Housing's PSA # 8 who were at the crime scene indicated that there were no reported injuries.

**FRI, NOV. 11th, 12:20 p.m.** – 2745 Schley Ave. Authorities found the body of a 17 year old Hispanic male. The teenager had a dispute with his mother, and then took his own life by shooting a bullet into his head.

Fire Log

**WED, NOV. 9th, 1:40 p.m.** – 111 East 210 St. Fire apparatus were dispatched to Montefiore Hospital. A fire developed in a basement boiler room sending smoke into many different areas of the medical complex on the lower floors. The emergency room was evacuated in addition to other areas of the hospital. A broken fuel line fed the fire with diesel fuel. Firefighters using a foam mixture through their hoses combatted the blaze before the fuel supply was shut down. A second alarm was sounded to double the amount of personnel at the scene as searched were conducted throughout the entire complex. All patients and staff members on all floors had to be accounted for. Around 3:00 p.m. the hospital resumed normal operations. Four injured persons suffering from smoke inhalation. Three were taken to St. Barnabas Hospital and one victim to Bronx Lebanon Hospital. One firefighter with sprained right leg also received medical attention.

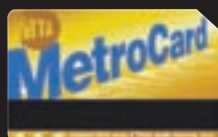
**FRI, NOV. 11th, 6:55 p.m.**  
– 1781 Bruckner Blvd. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 found how a fire apparently had started. Officials believe that the one alarm blaze was started by two young children playing with a lighter in a bathroom. The children, ages 10 and 11 years, escaped injuries.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Enjoy neighborhood’s holiday offerings

**Dear editor,**  
You can’t find a better bargain when you board the Bronx Cultural Trolley on December 7.  
In these difficult economic times, it is especially important to patronize your local neighborhood businesses and cultural institutions.  
Contrary to popular myth, there are plenty of great local stores, restaurants, art galleries, museums and cultural institutions located in the Bronx and other boroughs outside of Manhattan. Leave your car at home, save some gas, say hello to neighbors, take the trolley and than go for a walk to get some exercise.  
My wife and I don’t mind occasionally paying a little more to help our local businesses survive. Don’t forget your cook and server at your favorite local neighborhood restaurant. We try to tip 20% against the total bill including taxes. If it is an odd amount, round up to the next dollar. If you can afford to eat out, you can afford an extra dollar tip. When ordering take out, don’t forget to leave a dollar or two for the waiter or cook. Trust me, it is appreciated.  
Remember these people are our neighbors. They work long hours, pay taxes and provide local employment. If we don’t patronize our local community stores and restaurants to shop and eat, they don’t eat either.  
Happy Holidays,  
**Larry Penner**

**Wants supermarket to replace Mande’s**

**Dear editor,**  
I’d like to comment on the story entitled, “Mande Future Unclear.”  
I would like to see the site become a supermarket. Before it became Mande’s, it was a Finast Supermarket, one of several supermarkets in the Throggs Neck area. Supermarkets are lacking in the Throggs Neck area, so another supermarket would be a pleasure and give the other supermarkets some competition. Mande’s would be better off at Westchester Square instead of its present location of 3860 East Tremont Avenue. Westchester Square is a major shopping area for the residents of the Bronx and Throggs Neck in particular.  
The reason for Mande’s failure to succeed is that it was a victim of the national economy. Mande’s was a chain store instead of a family-owned and operated business. There are many advantages and disadvantages to chain stores as compared to the mom and pop stores that are the backbone of the economy.  
Maybe Mandee’s was high-priced compared to other women’s clothing stores in the neighborhood. Maybe other women’s clothing stores were selling the same items for less compared to Mandee’s. Anyway you slice it, it will be a blow to the Throggs Neck economy.

It’s a shame to see Mande’s close its doors, but if it does, I’d like the site to become a supermarket.  
**Al Agovino, Jr.**

## Thanks for response

*(The following letter is in response to Mr. Wilbekin.)*  
**Dear Mr. Wilbekin,**  
In response to your letter to the Bronx Times, I would like to say “Thank You.” If we do not speak out against the nonsense that comes out of the mouths of people like Ken Reynolds, we are allowing them to continue trying to influence future generations to think the same way. To think that in this day and age, there are still people as ignorant as Mr. Reynolds is pretty scary. I thank you again for your kind words.  
**Elizabeth Ortiz**

## Response to Reynolds

*(The following letter is in response to Mr. Reynolds.)*  
**Dear Mr. Reynolds,**  
I bet you thought that you scared me away!!!!!!  
In response to your letter of November 17th to the Bronx Times, “Lizzy is not in a tizzy”. “Lizzy” is just defending her right to speak her mind in the same way that you speak yours. Does it bother you that someone has the “nerve” to disagree with your comments? Whether “latinos” are 6%, 16% or 60% of the population is not the point. The point is that we have a strong voice and are not afraid to let it be heard. Every month for us is “Hispanic Heritage Month” because as I said previously “we are proud” of who we are and do not need the month of October to remind us.  
Finally, in response to your comment about my moving if we were neighbors, if we were, this dialogue would not be taking place in print!  
**Elizabeth Ortiz**

## The Grinch dwells on Morris Park

**Dear editor,**  
In all of the 30 years that I have lived on Morris Park, the local businesses have always

contributed to the holiday lights, making the neighborhood seem a bit brighter and merrier during the season of giving.  
It seems hard to believe that this year, there will be no holiday lights. This is hard to swallow since all year the local residents consistently shop and give support to the local businesses.  
Now, these businesses do not want to contribute back to the community. We feel that this is taking away the spirit of the holiday season. It seems that the Grinch is alive and well on Morris Park Avenue and that there will be no Christmas this year. This is pretty sad and upsetting that these businesses claim to not have enough money to keep the holiday spirit alive.  
If they can’t contribute to the lights, then maybe the extra cash should go to a just cause instead of in their pockets or else we may have to start watching where we spend our money.  
**Gay Angarola**

**Bad road bend leads to tragedy**

**Dear editor,**  
On Monday, November 28, at 2:50 p.m., I witnessed a tragic accident. A van and a motorcycle collided, both driving at a speed of 35 to 40 mph.  
The driver of the van was in the left lane, the cyclist was in the right lane, both driving toward East Tremont Avenue. As they were rounding the bend on Bronx Dale Avenue in front of the Con Edison facility, the driver of the van swung into the right lane because the vehicle in front of him was making a left turn onto Pierce Avenue.  
The van, not seeing the cyclist in the right lane, caused both to collide.  
The cyclist was thrown 6 to 8 feet in the air, landing on his back and head and was not wearing a helmet. He died upon impact.  
Many school children cross Bronx Dale Avenue by the gym for fear of the Con Edison trucks, which exit the property on Bronx Dale Avenue, while walking to school.  
Bronx Dale Avenue has a blind spot where the road bends at the Con Ed site. By the time you see an oncoming vehicle while crossing the street, it’s too late.  
About 45 minutes after this accident, there was a three-car collision.  
I have asked Councilman Jimmy Vacca’s office for help to install a traffic light there, before anyone else is hurt or killed.  
**Richard Silvestri**

## Thanks Special Ed. teacher for concern

**Dear editor,**  
I want to thank Ms. Eileen Cruz, math teacher at P.S. 71 Preparatory Academy, for giving her time to help her students (my granddaughter Chasity Perez being one of the students) in her integrated algebra class.  
Thank you gain, Ms. Cruz.  
**Eileen McNally**

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# After 90 years, Conti's Pastry Shoppe better than ever

BY VITO SIGNORILE

The owners of one of the oldest bakeries in the Bronx have one thing to say after 90 years of business: Conti's will never go out of style.

With a vast knowledge and love for cookies and cakes, Augustino Conti migrated to New York from Parma, Italy in the early 1900s with the dream of opening his own bakery.

Conti's dream became a reality in Van Nest in 1921, where he opened the beloved Conti's Pastry Shoppe, now located at 786 Morris Park Avenue. Although the Conti family no longer owns the bakery, Sal Paljevic, along with his partners Senada Paljevic and Christina Di-Russo, have continued Augustino's legacy since 2003.

Celebrating the bakery's 90th anniversary this year, Paljevic said his intentions have never changed since purchasing Conti's eight years ago: keep the tradition of Conti's Pastry Shoppe alive, and make it the best bakery in New York



Inside Conti's Pastry Shoppe in 1928.

Photo by Vito Signorile



Now celebrating their 90th anniversary, Conti's is one of the oldest bakeries in the entire city.

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"When we came here in 2003, truth be told, there was a lot of work that had to be done to fix up the bakery," Paljevic said. "All Conti's really needed was some tender love and care. I always wanted to own a bakery, but being able to own Conti's, one of the oldest bakeries in the Bronx, gave me the mo-

tivation to restore the great name of his legacy."

Paljevic said when he purchased Conti's, there were a lot of renovations that needed to be made. By 2007, the three partners invested over \$100,000 to fully restore the bakery.

Still today, Conti's retains many of its original details such as hand-stapled

tin ceilings, gorgeous wood walls, terrazzo floors, original marble countertops, and the original soda fountain that was installed in 1928 when Conti moved the bakery from Victor Street to Morris Park Avenue.

Besides continuing to bake Conti's renowned Boston cream pie, the three partners began making

high-end, decorated cakes almost three years ago to give the Conti tradition a whole new twist for their customers.

"We have a very loyal clientele that comes in almost every day. We also have a large group of people that come from all over the state," Senada Paljevic said. "We love to get to know our

customers on a personal level because it's great to know the familiar faces that continue to give our bakery business. It's wonderful to be part of the Conti tradition."

The partners are planning an official celebration for the 90th anniversary

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## Around Town

From page 4

Vinny, keep on D-A-N-C-I-N-G. All our love, Grand and Grandpa Bazzini.

Happy 90th birthday to Andrew Chirico Sr.

### Engagement

A special congratulations go out to my daughter, **Juliana Shimansky** and her fiancé, **Nick Barra**, on their engagement. Their engagement party, given by Mary and Larry Barra, was magnificent. Now as they prepare for their special day, when they become husband and wife on September 23, 2012, we wish them lots of love, health and happiness. With all our love always, the Shimansky and Barra families.

### Obituary

**Carmine Lettera**, 94, of the Bronx, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2011, at Providence Rest Care Center. Visitation for relatives and friends was held at Victor Quirolo & Sons Funeral Home, Bronx, NY on Monday, December 5, 2011. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at The Chapel of Providence Rest, on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. Burial fol-



JULIANA SHIMANSKY AND NICK BARRA

lowed at Saint Raymond's Cemetery.

Born July 26th, 1917, in the Bronx, NY, Carmine was the son of the late Francesco and Antoinette Lettera. He honorably served in the Armed Forces during World War II and was perhaps best known as the singing bartender who had a great following. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Carmine was predeceased by his wife, Angelina Lettera. Carmine is survived by his loving family and many dear friends. He will be deeply missed.

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# TN tree lighting draws hundreds



Photos by Laura Stone

The lighting's sponsor, Assemblyman Mike Benedetto addresses the crowd.



The St. Benedict School choir brightened up the tree lighting by singing songs including "The First Noel" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

**BY PATRICK ROCCHIO**

The Throggs Neck community came together to celebrate the holiday season in what may be the largest tree lighting and toy giveaway with Santa in the history of the annual festivities.

On the temperate evening of Sunday, December 5, the crowd at DeRosa and O'Boyle Triangle at intersection of E. Tremont and Dewey avenues numbered several hundred strong as Assemblyman Michael

Benedetto, this year's main sponsor, counted down from 12 and lit the community's Christmas Tree. The Throggs Neck Merchants Association sponsored a toy giveaway with Santa Claus with toys were given out to the first 200 children.

The event was highlighted by the visit from Santa Claus, who was brought into the Triangle with help from the FDNY and Edgewater Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

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# Chamber donates 30,000 toys for the holiday season

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is putting 30,000 smiles on the faces of children this year thanks to a generous donation from Bronx Toys.

The Hutchinson Metro Center, headquarters of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, was the scene of the massive donation of toys from Bronx Toys on Monday, November 28. They arrived in four Duane Reade trucks donated by the company to pickup the toys from warehouses in Queens and New Jersey.

The toys, which bear the words NYPD and FDNY, is an unprecedented donation in the history of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and possibly the borough, said Chamber CEO Lenny Caro.

“I don’t think that there has ever been a donation like this in the history of the borough,” Caro said. “We are going to be putting 30,000 smiles on the faces of our children.”

Caro thanked the generosity of Bronx Toys president Bill Long, who sponsored the World Police and Fire games and whose father was shot in the line of duty as a police officer in Queens.

“That is why all of the toys say either FDNY or NYPD,” Caro said. “We want the



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Pictured during the donation to the Bronx Chamber Toy Drive of 30,000 toys from Bronx Toys on Monday, November 28 are (l-r) Edwin Pabon and Gabrielle Rodriguez, Chamber employees; Michael Fowles of Duane Reade; Chamber CEO and president Lenny Caro; Ramanand Achaibar of Duane Reade, Duane Reade fleet manager Charles Haywood; and Calvin Dunstan of Duane Reade.

kids to understand that when they see a police officer, they are not an enemy, but a friend.”

The chamber is going to distribute the toys to various community groups, elected officials and non-profits, including Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, Bronx YMCA, Madison Square Boys and Girls Club, among others, Caro said. The toys include basketballs, soccer balls, fire trucks, police cars, and helicopters, Caro stated.

They will be distributed over the

coming weeks from a warehouse at the Hutchinson Metro Center, where they were brought. Director of distribution, Michael Fowles, said, “It makes you proud to work for a company like Duane Reade in partnership with other wonderful organizations like the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and Bronx Toys.”

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BY BILL WEISBROD

Crime in the 45th Precinct is significantly down in 2011, and with 2012 rapidly approaching, Captain Russell Green and Councilman Jimmy Vacca took the opportunity to thank some of the people responsible for the decrease.

Reported incidents are down over 13 percent, and according to Vacca, the 45th is on pace to have the largest decline of any precinct in the city.

Vacca and Green presented certificates of thanks at the precinct's Community Council meeting on Thursday, December 1 at Villa Maria Academy. They singled out three groups responsible for the great results – the precinct's detective squad, its corps of auxiliary officers and the Co-op City security force, which works closely with the NYPD in patrolling the massive housing complex.

Members of the 45th Precinct's detective squad handle over 180 cases each over the course of a year. Yet according to Green, they handle the workload with aplomb. The unit has also been key in investigating

murders, with six cases in the 45th this year.

"They have a tremendous case-closing rate," he said.

Green and Vacca also thanked the precinct's auxiliary officers for volunteering their time and taking some of the pressure off of the paid, full-time officers.

"These men and women are volunteering their time, some are retired, some work full-time jobs, some are students," Green said, "They're really an amazing unit. They're always there for us. Always available."

Lieutenant Joseph Giattino of Pelham Bay works as a custodial engineer for the NYC Department of Education, yet still makes himself available as an auxiliary officer.

"You find the time to do something you enjoy," he said.

Giattino pointed to "camaraderie" and the chance to "work with good cops" as the things that keeping him coming back to police work.

The 45th Precinct is also responsible for patrolling Co-op City, which would be a very manpower draining task if not for the

assistance of the housing complex's security force. The guards are employed by RiverBay Corporation, not the NYPD, but they work closely with the 45th.

"It's an amazing place, it's a city within a city," Green said of Co-op City. "Every time I go there, I still get lost."

"It's a joy to watch (the security force's) work. The one thing I'm really impressed with is their investigation (procedure). They have great surveillance and are always posting pictures, keeping people aware in real time,"

Frank Apollo is the chief of the Co-op City security force and has worked in Co-op security for 25 years. He said the working relationship between his unit and the 45th Precinct is as strong as he can remember.

"The cooperation allows us to keep crime rates low in Co-op City" Apollo said. "And the relationship expands to both (Green's) troops, and my troops as well."

And lest anyone forget Green's role in the crime reduction, Vacca said simply "he's on the money."



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(l-r) Detective Stephen Kelly, Giattino, Auxiliary Captain Darryl Gaines, Green, Vacca, Lieutenant James Hanvy and Apollo.



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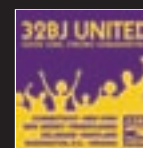
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Councilman Joel Rivera and his daughter Sophia at the tree lighting.

FORDHAM ROAD BID HOSTS TREE LIGHTING SPECTACULAR



Photos by Dario Alequin

The Fordham Road Business Improvement District gathered with hundreds of local residents and elected officials for the seventh annual Sparkling of the Heart of Fordham Holiday Lighting Event on Friday, December 2 at Bryan Park at the corner of East Fordham and East Kingsbridge roads. Those who attended witnessed the lighting of the Christmas tree, enjoyed a special performance by the Fordham University gospel choir, a special visit from Santa Claus, and plenty of games and prizes.

(Above, l-r) Jason Laidley, Albert Alvarez, Luz Ortega, Community Board 7 district manager Fernando Tirado, Daniel Bernstein, Wila Alonso, Comptroller Liu, and Kenneth Conn gathered for the tree lighting.



City Comptroller John Liu (l) greets all of the kids in attendance.



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ITEM: Patrick's Pub at 3758 East Tremont is the type of great consistent bar that is popular with a loyal following; the kind of place where other bartenders go to unwind. On Saturday, December 10, Patrick's Pub is hosting acoustic duo No Stringz Attached for a holiday party. No Stringz Attached features singer Laura Valenti and guitarist Charlie Spina.

ITEM: If you're reading this in time check out the following: The Club House at 274 City Island wants you to know that its having the following live music acts, "Verse The End" from Nyack NY on Friday, December 9, and Tony D. the keyboardist from Sugarush doing a solo show on Saturday, December 10.

OVERHEARD IN A BRONX BAR: "He's for sure single again go for it."

ITEM: Caught a set from songwriter and solo cellist Elizabeth Glushko

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

at The Starving Artist Gallery on City Island. This was her CD release party. As always the atmosphere at The Starving Artist was purely welcoming and family like. They have been supporting local original music for years now. It's like the Bronx's own patch of Greenwich Village right there on City Island Avenue. Miss Glushko did an upbeat, confident, unique turn on the cello bringing alive a waterfall of melodies. It was also the day when the Starving Artist decorated their Christmas tree. As always this involved the whole audience each draping an ornament on the tree. More on Elizabeth's new CD soon plus the new CD by Starving Artist owner Elliot Glick. Rock on. Rock out.

## JASA sends cards to soldiers

The JASA-Throggs Neck Senior Citizen Center, with the cooperation of the Samuel Young American Post 620, have provided over 100 Christmas cards to our soldiers fighting overseas.

The cards, signed by the center's members with holiday greetings and expressions of gratitude for their service, will be distributed to the troops by the American Legion.

# DEP Green Grants available

CB 10 urges constituents to consider

BY BILL WEISBROD

A new program run by the city's Department of Environmental Protection will issue \$4 million worth of grants to private property owners, business owners and not-for-profit organizations to install green infrastructure that is intended to reduce flooding, sewer overflow and pollution in the event of heavy rain. But according to Community Board 10 district manager Ken Kearns, denizens of his area are not taking full advantage of the program - a trend he is baffled by considering how live in close proximity to the water.

Applications for the grants are due on Wednesday, February 15 and are available on the DEP's web site.

A DEP press release on the program said that "preference for grants will be given to projects in DEP's priority watersheds and those that can provide evidence that they will create further benefits such as increased shade, decreased energy use for cooling buildings,

increased awareness about storm water management, and increased community stewardship."

No part of CB 10 falls within a "priority watershed area," but Kearns still feels homeowners would be making a mistake not to at

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**Kenneth Kearns**

District Manager, CB 10

least apply for the grants.

"It would prevent pollution in Eastchester Bay, it would prevent flooding, and it would create pleasant-looking green spaces," he said. "You have a lot

of organizations or co-op boards in these neighborhoods."

The DEP is expecting to see proposals that involve rain-collecting mechanisms such as cisterns, green roofs, porous pavement and rain gardens. Ideally the systems would limit the flow of excess rain water into sewer systems and use it to support vegetation.

Marcia Pavlica, president of the Country Club Civic Association, said she planned to learn more about the program and possibly encourage participation in her neighborhood. "I'm looking forward to disseminating the information," she said. I think we are much more environmentally aware now, and the only right thing to do is be concerned (about the environment)."

Dottie Poggi, president of Friends of Ferry Point Park, said she was aware of the program and has begun filling out the application, but was daunted at first by its complexity.

## Sons of Italy Christmas party

The Order Sons of Italy in America Uguaglianza N.E. Bronx Lodge #83 will hold their Christmas Dinner Party on Friday, December 16, 6 p.m., at the F&J Pine Restaurant, 1910 Bronxdale Avenue.

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# Parks to remove invasive plants from OB Road

## Turtle Cove plant diversity to attract birds

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The continuation of the ecological restoration Pelham Bay Park's Turtle Cove will now expand west from the cove into the wooded area along Orchard Beach Road.

Since 2009, the inlet from Eastchester Bay known as Turtle Cove has been getting a lot of care from the Parks Department as part of an ongoing restoration of native vegetation and removal of invasive plants which cripple the natural habitat. Parks has also installed a new footbridge as part of the Siwanoy hiking trail.

The upcoming phase of work includes the removal of invasive plants and the replanting of native vegetation on 11.5 acres. The phase on the narrow woodland between the back fence of the Turtle Cove Driving Range and Orchard Beach Road should be complete

within two years, according to a draft of the Parks Department contract dated Wednesday, November 30.

Mayor Bloomberg's MillionTreesNYC initiative has greatly aided in providing the necessary funding to make the project a reality, said Pelham Bay Park administrator Marianne Anderson.

"This is going to create a more diverse plant life that is going to attract wildlife," Anderson said. "The MillionTreesNYC project has been a godsend in terms of funding projects like this."

Currently, the location is overrun with invasive plants including Porcelainberry, Mile-A-Minute, and Oriental Bittersweet, Anderson said. People driving through the park on Orchard Beach Road can expect to see some changes in the next year as the forest is cleared of invasive plants, Anderson said.

"We have had quite a bit of complaints about the state of the forest, with trees that are primarily black locusts falling down left and right," Anderson said. "They will notice an improvement right away by how clean it looks."

Currently, the forest looks like it has a veil growing under it. Soon motorists driving by will see something that is a little more idyllic, Anderson said.

The Friends of Pelham Bay Park have assisted in the removal of the invasive plants in the area, and have already noticed more wildlife, including birds, around Turtle Cove, said the organization's president Lizbeth Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said, "The removal of invasive plants and shrubs is incredibly hard work, and we get scratched and poked by the thorns that are suffocating native plant growth."

Volunteer assistance



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

The restoration of native vegetation at Turtle Cove, pictured above, is expanding west to include more than 11 acres along Orchard Beach Road and the rear fence of the driving range.

will continue to be an important part of the stewardship of the area around Turtle Cove, Glover's Rock, Orchard Beach Road, and

the Turtle Cove Driving Range, according to the Parks contract.

Native plants and shrubs will likely include

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**49th Pct. Council food drive continues**


BY PATRICK ROCCHIO  
The 49th Precinct Community Council has begun its seventh year collecting food and turkeys for Christmas and Chanukah in what has become a tradition.  
The food drive which involves the school community of P.S. 83, Cub Scout Pack 162, and other community organizations, was founded because the council noticed that during the holidays that there were many toy drives, but few food drives.  
“The people who receive turkeys and meals at Thanksgiving are hungry at Christmas and Chanukah too,” said Joe Thompson, president of the council. “Last year we collected 15,000 pounds food and 80 turkeys. Many of the local business contribute.”

The drive collects non-perishable items, as well as frozen turkeys, which are distributed to the Bronx Jewish Community Council Community Service Center and Food Pantry at 2157 Holland Avenue, as well as to St. Lucy’s Food Pantry, Sue Ginsberg Senior Center, Eastchester Gardens, and Parkside Houses and the Beth Abraham Senior Center, Thompson said.  
“These are people who are feeding and helping their neighbors,” Thompson said. “The food is collected and distributed in our community.”  
Bronx Jewish Community Council, which feeds both sides of the Pelham Parkway, receives approximately 50% of the food collected, Thompson stated. The largest col-



Last year, P.S. 83 collected the most food for the drive.

lector of foods are students and the school community at P.S. 83.  
“P.S. 83 does a fantastic job every year, with students in each classroom filling up a box with food,” Thompson said. “Last year alone, P.S. 83 collected 7,000 to 8,000 pounds of food.”  
On Saturday, December 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 162 will be out in front of Big Deal Supermarket at 1018 Morris Park Avenue soliciting donations from shoppers, said pack leader Angela Rico.  
“The cub scouts hand out flyers to people going into the supermarket,” Rico said. “If they come out and then make a donation, the cub scouts hand them a lollypop.”  
Any money collected goes to making purchases for the hungry at Big Deal Supermarket, which donates the space, Rico said.  
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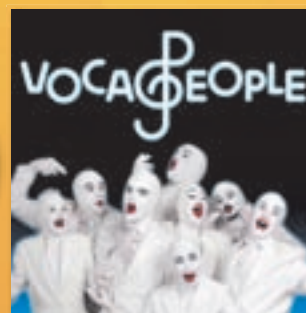
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# Bronx beat

## Lunchtime concerts at Hutch Metro

**The Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club**, the organization that provides essential after-school activities and enrichment programs for more than 12,000 young people throughout the Bronx, announced that design industry leader and long-standing supporter of the club, James P. Druckman has been named president of the board, effective immediately.

Druckman is well known in the design world for his role as president and C.E.O. of the New York Design Center, an important address for nearly 100 furnishing-industry showrooms. As president of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Board, he will govern and set policies for the organization, raise awareness, and set the tone for brand and marketing initiatives. He will also lead fundraising efforts for both the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club and its annual Decorator Show House, the most influential decorator show house in the world that features top American and international design talent and is celebrating its 40th year in 2012.

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**The Bronx Community Pride Center** (has moved from its location of 17 years in Mott Haven, on East 149th Street, to a brand new space at 975 Kelly Street, 2nd Floor, in Hunts Point/Longwood, ironically in the Rev. Ruben Diaz Gardens Building, a building developed by the Arker Companies, partially through funding secured by the local State Senator, and ardent opponent of marriage equality.

An open house to show community members the space will be held on Fri., Dec. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. and a religious interdenominational blessing of the space by local clergy the following week.

For more information, check out the BCPC website at [bronxpride.org](http://bronxpride.org) or BCPC's facebook page.

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**The Bronx Council on the Arts** and the **Hutchinson Metro Center** present

two free, Thursday lunchtime holiday concerts at the Hutch Metro Café: On Thurs., Dec. 15, a holiday concert by Sinfonietta of Riverdale; and on Thurs., Dec. 22, Holiday Music by students of the Celia Cruz High School of Music. Each concert includes two performances, at 12:15 and 1:15 pm.

The Hutch Metro Center is located at 1200 Waters Place (between Eastchester Road and Westchester Avenue). This series is sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts and the Hutchinson Metro Center and is open to the public. Admission is free and all are welcome.

December 15th features a concert by the Sinfonietta of Riverdale, a professional classical music ensemble that juxtaposes music from different periods and styles in each performance. They are large enough to perform chamber symphonies and small enough that each of its world-class musicians can be a featured soloist, with a repertoire that extends from the era of Bach to the present day.

On December 22nd enjoy Holiday Music by Students of the Celia Cruz High School of Music who are back for their sophomore performance with this concert series. Enjoy the delightful sounds of these incredibly talented students whose choir won the 2012 title "Best Choir in New York City" after winning the Bronx Zoo's inaugural SING! For Wildlife competition which featured 250 students from seven schools.

During the lunchtime series, you can shop for some unique holiday gift items at the BronxArtworks Holiday Trunk Show and Craft Sale. BCA's BronxArtworks Artisans display and sell their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include crocheted hats, ethnic masks, illustrations, jewelry, knitwear, note cards, paintings, paper mache masks, post cards, sculpture, vases, and more.

For additional information about these concerts or other programs and

activities of the Bronx Council on the Arts, visit BCA's website at [www.bronx-arts.org](http://www.bronx-arts.org) or call (718) 931-9500, ext. 19 or ext. 33.

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**Parkchester Chorus**, under the direction of Lorraine C. Nanko, with Kevin B. Winebold, accompanist, will present their 72nd Annual Christmas Concert, "Remembering Christmases Past", on Sun., Dec. 11 at 3 pm. Conceived as a tribute to the "best of past performances by the Chorus", the show will feature the talent of renowned local artists, Dale Smith, Vivian Rose, and Christian Aquino in traditional solo selections as well as collaborative numbers. The program will also hail new Holiday choral delights.

Bearing the distinct honor as Artists In Residence, the Chorus is proud to present this most festive performance at The First Presbyterian Church at Throggs Neck, located at 3051 East Tremont Avenue, with access for the disabled as well as a parking lot conveniently available at the entrance on Dudley Avenue. Free-Will Offering graciously accepted.

Established in 1939, Parkchester Chorus is the longest-running community chorus in the Bronx, which is celebrated for singing a wide range of musical styles from classical to popular, from opera to musical theatre, as well as the great choral classics. Founded as a regional group, Parkchester Chorus has grown to proudly boast members hailing from other boroughs in the City of New York, as well as Westchester County and New Jersey.

Parkchester Chorus is a member of the Bronx Council on The Arts, as well as the recipient of a 2010-2011 Community Arts Grant, funding from which makes this program possible.

For information regarding or Parkchester Chorus, call (718) 931-1518 and leave a message, or check out our soon to be released, new and improved website at [parkchesterchorus.org](http://parkchesterchorus.org).

## JC Penney shoppers can help Bronx Y

Until Monday, December 12, shoppers at the jcpenney at Co-op City Mall, 100 Baychester Avenue, are invited to turn small change into "pennies from heaven" by rounding up their holiday purchases and donating the difference to Bronx YMCA. The Bronx YMCA is one of 1,100 afterschool organizations from across the country matched with a local jcpenney store that will benefit from the entire proceeds raised during the pennies from heaven campaign.

"It takes the support of our entire community to make it possible for more kids to be involved in a positive learning environment after school," said Sharlene Brown, executive director of the Bronx YMCA. "As customers shop jcpenney this holiday season, we hope they will keep this mission in mind so that the social and academic learning opportunities we provide after school will continue to be available to Bronx students."

National research shows

that one out of four students in the U.S. is on their own between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day.\* The afterschool programs offered at the Bronx YMCA and it 10 off sites serves more than 1,600 students each year by involving them in programs that help kids develop social skills, provide opportunities to be physically active and achieve academic success in school.

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## STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS CAREER DAY



At Archbishop Stepinac High School's recent Career Day, 12 successful Stepinac alumni discussed career opportunities in their respective sectors with juniors and seniors at the school. From left to right are Chris Yapchanyk ( '97), attorney for the City of New York; Tom Kline ( '62), who had a 34-year career with Pfizer and was senior VP for the company's global interests; Mark Maiello ( '75), a radiation safety physicist for Pfizer; Father Thomas Collins, Stepinac President; Harry Rode ( '79), physical engineer, business development director and project manager dealing with the development of energy saving strategies and smart building technologies; Mike Daly ( '80), Senior VP at Morgan Stanley-Smith Barney working in the area of wealth management and investing; Jim Trier ( '60), Chief Financial Officer for MacKenzie Partners; George Glover ( '61), retired Fire Chief for the Eastchester Fire Department; Bill Schneider '80, Civil Engineer, Deputy Commissioner for the City of Yonkers; Jim Meskill ( '82), West Point Graduate who serves as a legal counsel for the FBI and is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve; Mike Duffy ( '70), former member of the White Plains Police Department and former chief investigator for the Westchester County District Attorney's office; Dr. David Pereira '83, orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine and Tim O'Toole ( '82), former standout basketball player and head coach at Fairfield University, motivational speaker and professor at Fordham grad school.



## KENNY AGOSTO CELEBRATES B-DAY WITH COLLEAGUES

Kenny Agosto, district leader for the 80th Assembly District, celebrated his birthday on Thursday, December 1 at F & J Pine Tavern. Agosto was joined by friends, family and colleagues from the world of politics, who helped him ring in a new year.

(Above) Agosto(c) with party organizers Ivette Figueroa (l) and Lisa Soto (r).

(Right) Agosto (r) with niece Emily Soto-Agosto (l) and his birthday cake.

Photos by Laura Stone



## JACOBI MEDICAL CENTER HOLDS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Jacobi Medical Center and the North Central Bronx Hospital held their annual fundraiser and awards ceremony on Thursday, December 1 at Villa Barone Manor. Hundreds of hospital staff members and their families gathered for night of great food, music, and a special ceremony to honor those who have been vital to the hospitals during the year.

(Right) Associate executive director Anna Cassidy (l) helped honor Dr. Maria Castaldi, attending surgeon and director at the Breast Cancer Center of the North Bronx Healthcare Network.

(Far right) Patrice DeCorrevont of Chase Commercial Banking (l) was honored by Jacobi Medical Center director William P. Walsh.

Photos by Laura Stone





# CAPT. TOM WALKER DISCUSSES NOVEL AT LIBRARY



Photo by Laura Stone

Captain Tom Walker, author of Fort Apache, discussed his new book at the City Island Library on Saturday, November 19. Dozens of local residents picked up copies of the novel.

(Above, l-r) City Island Library manager Vershell Wigfall joined Walker and librarian Gary Makufka to present the novel.



Photo Courtesy of the Office of Councilman Vacca

# COUNCILMAN VACCA GETS P.S. 89 TRAFFIC LIGHT

Councilman Jimmy Vacca joined local community members at the intersection of Colden and Mace avenues near P.S. 89 to celebrate the new traffic light that he was able to have installed by the school. The traffic light has been a big help since school began in September.



# VITO'S DELI DONATES SCORES OF TURKEYS

Vito's Gourmet Deli, located at 1715 Crosby Avenue, handed out free turkeys in Pelham Bay on Wednesday, November 23 in what has become a yearly tradition.

(Left) Owner Vito Elia (l) is pictured with Pelham Bay local Susan Velcheck. The giveaway is in memory Laura and Vinny.

Photo by Samuel Tuthill

# AMERICAN LEGION PENNY SALE



Photo by Laura Stone

The American Legion Post 1456 at 1456 Shore Drive held their annual penny sale on Sunday, November 20. Dozens of local residents gathered for a chance to win hundreds of prizes, hang out with friends, and enjoy some tasty food. Alex Chillak of Throggs Neck won many prizes.

# PIZZA SAYS THANK YOU

Lou Rocco of the Westchester Square Community Association wanted to say 'job well done' to the management of Pep Boys at 2633 E. Tremont Avenue for doing a big cleanup in front of the store at the request of the community. As a gesture of goodwill, Rocco brought pizza for the management and employees on Friday, November 18.

(Right) Rocco (l) delivering the pizza to store manager Nelson Delgado.

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# Co-op City native's novel features the borough

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO



EDWARD LAZELLARI

A Co-op City native has featured locations in Pelham Bay and Hunts Point in his first published science fiction fantasy novel called Awakenings.

The novel is authored by Edward Lazellari, a writer, illustrator, and graphic artist who was born on Sherman Avenue and spent more than 20 years as a resident in Co-op City from 1970 to the

early 1990s.

Cal MacDonnell, a happily-married New York City cop who is renovating a three-family house on Mayflower Avenue in Pelham Bay and working in the 41st Precinct in Hunts Point, is one of the heroes of Awakenings, which is being published by A Tor.

The plot of the novel, which is the first in a three-part series, has MacDonnell and another

protagonist protecting a young prince from an alternate universe from being destroyed by the forces of evil.

"The cop Cal needed to live in a middle class or working class neighborhood," Lazellari said.

"I am more intimate with the Bronx than I am with Brooklyn or Queens, and I had the confidence that if I set some of the story in the Bronx, I would

know where to place it."

Lazellari said he has strong ties to the Bronx. He based the setting of Cal's home on the Mayflower Avenue apartment that his sister and her husband shared shortly after they were married, the Pelham Bay home of his sister's godparents, as well as the experiences of friends who are police officers in the borough. His mother still lives in Co-op City.

"The decision to feature the Bronx was a very deliberate decision," Lazellari said. "I can write the Bronx more realistically, because I lived for years in Co-op City and have visited every corner of the borough at one point or another during my lifetime."

He also worked into the book the summer he spent working at a concession stand at Orchard Beach, and other experiences he had while grow-

ing up, he said.

Lazellari is a graduate of Truman High School and Rutgers University.

In 1999, Lazellari's short story "The Date" was published in Playboy Magazine's fiction issue, and he worked for years at Marvel Comics prior to his current role at a major financial services media company.

The novel was written in spurts throughout the 1990s, and after his college graduation, a more polished draft was completed in 2003.

Awakenings was then revised again several times before it, and two follow-up novels, were finally sold.

For further information about Edward Lazellari and Awakenings, visit his website at [edwardlazellari.com](http://edwardlazellari.com).

The book is available in hardcover.

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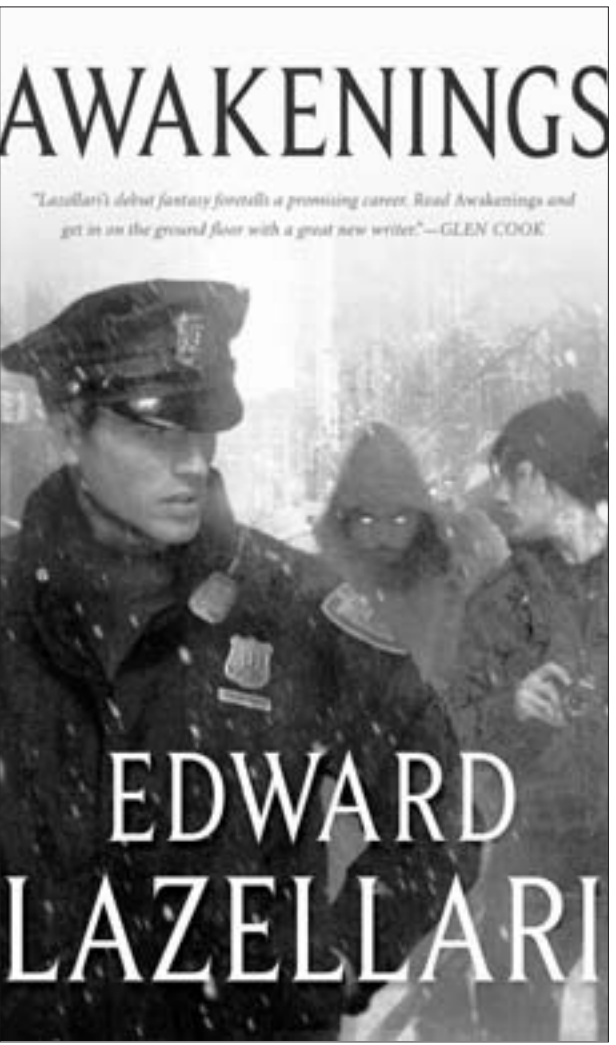


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Awakenings is a new science fiction novel by Bronx-native Edward Lazellari.






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Following the failure of the Super Committee to address the budget deficit, drastic automatic cuts to our defense budget are scheduled to be emplaced. They will decimate an armed force that has already shrunk by half since 1990. As we have previously reported, the Navy has been cut from 600 ships to 288, the Army has been reduced from 18 to 10 divisions, and the Air Force has crashed from 37 combat wings to 20. We have not spent less on defense as a proportion of GDP since 1940. Over the last 10 years alone, the percentage of our federal budget spent on defense has dropped from an already reduced 15.6% to 14.6%.

Plans to modernize the equipment we still maintain, including artillery, bombers and ships that, in some cases, were first operated by the grandfathers of our current soldiers, sailors, Marines and pilots have been canceled, delayed or threatened. The

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dream of rendering American soil safe from missile attacks has been largely abandoned, thanks to opposition from the White House and congressional liberals, despite the success of the technology needed to do so.

While we have let our guard down, our adversaries have been rapidly preparing for conflict on a massive scale.

On November 29, China dispatched its new aircraft carrier back to sea. This follows Beijing's announcement of an extraordinary new pulse weapon that could disable our fleet from a great distance. China has engaged in space-related weaponry that could largely blind all of our defense systems. Their armed forces are already larger than ours; within the next several years, their technology will outstrip us, as well.

Russia is modernizing its already potent armed

forces. After bullying President Obama into making unnecessary and inappropriate concessions on missile defense, Moscow, also on November 29, activated additional missile defense radars, and is threatening to do far more. While the White House abides by an already lopsided START treaty, the Kremlin continues to threaten to tear up provisions that do not benefit it. It has been the often stated goal of the Putin/Medvedev regime to make Russia's armed forces second to none.

The Obama Administration has justified its opposition to key weapons projects by claiming that future combat will be of a low-scale, asymmetrical nature. The unprecedented buildup by both Russia and China herald a scale of fighting that resembles a world war rather than a mere guerrilla campaign.

Unfortunately, the bad news doesn't stop there. North Korea's nuclear program and the continued threats of its leadership to wage war over imagined threats and slights renders a nuclear assault

**BY MARY JANE MUSANO**  
Did you mark the date on your calendar? It's December 11 at 4:45 p.m. at Schneider-Sampson Park across from the First Lutheran Church. It's our Christmas Tree Lighting and Santa will be there, so you don't want to miss it!

Our Tree Lighting is a day for the community to gather together to wish each other a Merry Christmas. It's a time to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and chat with your neighbors. It's a time to rejoice in the wonder of the holiday season. And it's not just for kids! So, come on out and join us and bring your friends and neighbors! You will be glad you did!

Of course, the kids will want to be there, too. So, bundle them up and bring them to the greatest Tree Lighting in town. They will be delighted when Santa arrives on his very special sleigh. Be sure to bring your camera because your child (12 and under) will get a chance to sit with Santa and receive a gift (limited quantities). Don't miss the fun!

**The True Meaning Of Christmas**

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Every year I tell this story because it is so important that we remember what Christmas is really about. As Jesus gave to us, we must remember not only to give but to give in a meaningful way.

Now that the holiday season is upon us it's so easy get overwhelmed. We need to stop for a moment and think in order to get into the Christmas spirit. We need to think about those that are alone or sick or those that have just been having a difficult time lately.

Just think of what would happen if every person reading this would commit to giving a gift from the heart to a person they think could use a lift in spirit. It would truly make this a Christmas to remember.

Each holiday season I remember fondly the very first time I made this commitment.

I was director of a day

care center in the Bronx. We had just admitted a new three-year old child. His family situation was dreadful—a mother that was emotionally ill, a grandfather that was charged with their care but was not caring for them and a meager check from Social Security that was not enough to provide for them. At three, he had no language. Later, I discovered that the reason he didn't speak was that he was not spoken to enough to develop language. He did not have a language disability and eventually learned to speak at the day care center. His very first word was balloon!

When Christmas came that year I made a commitment that this child would have at least one gift—the one that I bought. I never told a soul. I just went to the store and bought a toy that I knew he wanted and then I sent it to their apartment with an uplifting unsigned note. I bought a gift for his mom, too. Some time later, I found out that those gifts were the only gifts they received that Christmas. They did not even have a tree to put them

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**BY ANITA VALENTI**  
Our next Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association meeting will be on Tuesday, December 20, at St. Theresa's cafeteria between Mayflower and Pilgrim avenues. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m., followed by our meeting at 7:30 p.m. We do not hold meetings in January and February due to possible inclement weather, so be sure to attend our December meeting.

We will continue to alert you of meetings concerning several proposals that we are being confronted with. Together, we must attend these meetings and voice our opposition to any proposal that will negatively impact our community.

The proposed enlarging of our sidewalks to the pillars impeding delivery trucks to our merchants, a five-story medical building whose doctors and patients will be using the meters needed by our shoppers.

Many hours of shopping, hours of preparing the annual Thanksgiving turkey dinner with all the trimmings. With jobs scattered all over our 50 states, Thanksgiving is a

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wonderful family tradition of getting together no matter the miles we drive, the trains we ride or the planes we fly. We all sit at the table with an abundance of food, and thank our blessings of good health, peace, love, joy and laughter. Thankful for the food on our table, thankful for a roof over our heads and thankful for another year together with loved ones. Remembering those who are no longer with us. Thankful for the freedom we enjoy because of those serving our country today and our veterans who served our country yesterday

At the recent veteran memorial by the Keane Post we spoke to Lou Durante, the commander of the Lawrence Keane Post. Louie reminisced about his five brothers whose names are engraved on the memorial at Westchester and Buhre Avenue. His mother was a widow during World War 2. Her five

sons were drafted and her youngest son Louie, joined when he was 17. Six brothers in service during World War 2. One brother was awarded the Purple Heart, two brothers were prisoners of war in Germany. Thankfully, all six brothers finally came home.

We remember those who served, but we should not forget the sacrifice of the parents. Rosary beads worn thin praying for the safe return of their loved ones. World War 1 was called the War to End all Wars. Everyone believed there would never be another war like WW 1 until WW 2 began. Too many gold stars in the windows of our Pelham Bay community. A gold star in a window meant that the soldier had died in service to our country. Why so many wars? Will the world community ever learn to get along in lasting peace. The League of Nations and now the United Nations haven't been very successful. The weapons with swords have been replaced with weapons of mass destruction. My father used to say "If there are only two men left on earth, they will be looking to kill each other."

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# Community Action Civic Assn. news

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against both its neighbors and U.S. forces in the region a real possibility.

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## Waterbury-LaSalle Association update

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under!

I bought many gifts that year, but those anonymous gifts gave me a feeling of happiness that I will never forget. That was the year I made the commitment- each Christmas I would choose someone that needed a lift in spirit and

I would send an anonymous gift with an unsigned note of encouragement. And then I would say a prayer that I had the good fortune to be the one who was giving.

This year I will make sure that the gift I choose was made in America and I will buy it in this commu-

nity. We need to support our American workers and the merchants in our neighborhood.

Try to send your gift early in the season so that the recipient has more time to enjoy it and think of who could have done such a wonderful thing!

## Pelham Bay Taxpayers weekly column

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When we are devastated by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, people come together to help one another,

searching for survivors, risking their own lives to rescue a person or a dog. This generation can work together for a better future for all our children and grandchildren.

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Public Advocate Bill de Blasio was a guest at the Throggs Neck Home Owners Association meeting at Villa Barone Manor on Tuesday, November 29. De Blasio spoke about the public advocate's role in city government, and fielded question from TNHOA members.

(Above, l-r) Councilman Jimmy Vacca, TNHOA secretary Jack McCarrick, TNHOA president Lynn Gerbino, de Blasio, and TNHOA vice president Rocco Talarico.



Photo Courtesy of Sandi Lusk

Members of the Westchester Square-Zerega Improvement Organization decorated the front window of the Westchester Square Library with winter-themed ornaments. Every season, WSZIO changes the decorations in the window, including holiday-themed books.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

First off I would like to thank my hand picked volunteers who made it to the VA Hospital Christmas Party. So thank you Commander George Brins, Tony Laboy, Clorindo Nieves, Bobby Ryall of the Throgg's Neck Post, 620 Boosters Josephine Ortiz and Mitchell Haskins, Bob and Linda Doyle. Bob did his usual super job as Santa Claus. Shay Mac and Chip Hiney were the musical portion and their guitar playing and singing were great. They must have practiced this time. Members of the NYC Transit Pipe and Drums where there in all their Kilted Finery and

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Samuel Young  
Legion Post 620

brought down the house with their playing. I want to be a groupie to that crowd. Tricia Wurdemann helped out Shay and Chip. Gloria Castellano and her friend Jack were there distributing goodies gotten from all the recruiters in Westchester Square.

Speaking of goodies, Chip brought T-shirts from his watering holes, Paddy Doherty's Ale House and

Paddy's By the Bay. Cookies, pies, cakes, coffee and sodas were brought along as well as playing cards and video tapes. The shut-ins were extremely appreciative of all this so we'll be back there again. I hope I haven't left any one out, if so, I'm sorry and will correct this next column.

There will be a Tail Gate Party at the Post on Saturday, December 24, from noon to 5 p.m. A \$10 donation gets you burgers, hot dogs, wings and salads. A 50/50 will be held as well as pools. RSVP by December 17. Call (718) 822-8873.

Thank you to Heather of the A B C Day Care for her do-

nation of food for the needy.

Mary Healy, friend of Jack Kennedy, please contact me. I'll be tending bar this Friday.

Trivia Time!!

December 1, 1955, saw Rosa Parks sit and not get up from her seat on a Selma Bus. This went on to create a bus boycott of Selma buses.

On December 3, 1967, the first heart transplant took place in South Africa.

December 5, 1933 was a very happy day for all but Carrie Nation. Prohibition was repealed.

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

BY TONY SALIMBENE

There are going to be two ceremonies in our area for the 70th anniversary of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor which began our involvement in WWII. The first ceremony will be on Wednesday, December 7th @ 2pm at BiCentennial Veterans Memorial Park, Throggs Neck. The second ceremony will be on Saturday, December 10, noon, sharp, at the City Island Bridge. Both are being sponsored by local American Legion Posts because "We Will Never Forget." Also on Saturday, December 10, at noon, it's our Annual Holiday Party at the V.A.Hospital-Nursing Home- Kingsbridge/Bronx. Started many years ago as an S.A.L. function at the old Korony Post, we continue today - again because "We Will Never Forget." Volunteers elves are always needed at 11 am to help JP and spread some cheer. This is what the American Legion does for our veterans in need.

As usual on the 3rd Sunday, December 18, 10:30 a.m. - coffee and rolls, followed by 11 a.m. - Regular Post Meeting, then at 12:30 p.m. we will have our Annual Christmas Party. The meeting and party are at Michaels Waterfront Dining (Turner Club). Don't forget, Legionnaires, Ladies and Sons may bring a guest, spouse or whatever we call them these days.

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On January 15, there will be a Bingo at TN Post 1456, sponsored by their Ladies Auxiliary Unit, to benefit Calvary Hospital. Doors open 1 p.m.

A quick "Thanks" to Lenny Caro of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce for the thousands of toys and turkeys gathered for the community this season. Also to Bill Britt, many years a "booster" at the Wissman Mansion (and now an S.A.L. member), for the box of stick flags the we will be using at our Theodore Korony Monument and other ceremonies in the area. Another flag donor is our new Legionnaire Chris DiCostanzo of Dormi's Funeral Home on Morris Park Ave. Thanks Chris for years of flag donations! It's an honor to ride with you, but I'll continue to take 4 wheels if you don't mind!

Until Next Time: Pray for peace this holiday season, teach peace to our youngsters, and remember our vets returning from yet another "conflict" who just tried to do their best for their country. Let's keep the Legion's 4 Pillars as our main focus!

BY LYNN GERBINO

Thanks to Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Paul Fontana and cohorts from the New York Tennis Club for making our meeting so great! Thanks also go to Ed Speck for setting us straight on Medicare matters.

Paul Fontana and the lovely people from the New York Tennis Club have invited us all to a free Neighborhood Holiday Party at the club! The party will be on Sunday, December 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. and there will be great information on Quickstart, an innovative program that teaches tennis to 4 to 10 year olds, as well

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as a round robin for adults, plus introductions to Cardio Tennis and Beginner Clinics. You can bring your own racket or they will supply you with one!

We intend to have a lot of fun, so join us there. The New York Tennis Club is located on Harding Avenue at the corner of Pennyfield Avenue. See you there...All are welcome...

The Throggs Neck Be-

nevolent Association will be holding its annual dinner dance on Saturday, January 21, at the Marina del Rey. It begins at 7 p.m. and is \$90 per person. Please reserve your table early as they usually go fast. Please send checks to : TNBA, PO Box 342, Bronx, New York 10465. For more information, please email tnba342@aol.com. Don't miss out on the Throggs Neck reunion!

Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway, is holding a two-session College Readiness Workshop, which is designed for parents and students in the 11th and 12th grades, The workshops will take place on Wednesday,

December 7 and Wednesday, December 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, please call Paulo Seminario at (718) 792-1800 ext. 229 or email paulo@bronxhouse.org.

Remember all the hub bub about Jennifer Lopez' commercial last week. Although she couldn't be bothered driving in the Bronx and the ad company used the graffiti artists' work without permission, there was one bright spot. I was happy to see that the artists spelled Throggs Neck with TWO g's in their work...Way to go gentlemen!!

Have a wonderful week all!



# Pel Bay man offers to build Ferry Point ballfield

## Envisions baseball diamond used by teens, adults

**BY BILL WEISBROD**  
Ozzie Yon is confident that if he builds it, they will come.  
“It” is a baseball diamond, but Yon is not a farmer from Iowa like Kevin Costner’s character who builds his own field in the movie Field of Dreams. He’s a construction project manager from Pelham Bay. And his field would be in Ferry Point Park, not a cornfield.  
Yon, a baseball enthusiast, wants to build a brand-new, top-of-the-line baseball field in Ferry Point Park. He is organizing a group of colleagues from the construction industry who are willing to build the field free of charge, if they can find donors for the necessary materials.  
Any construction would have to be approved by the city’s Parks Department. Yon said he has reached out to Bronx borough commissioner Hector Aponte and is

awaiting a face-to-face meeting.  
He and his enlisted colleagues have been making trips to the field every other weekend since late summer, plotting how they could install a regulation diamond.  
“I’ve used that park since when I was a kid,” the 35-year-old Yon said. “We had cookouts, and softball was a popular sport back then. As we’re getting older we are looking to give back to our community. A lot of my peers, we’re starting to see there’s a lack of activities for kids.  
“We want to utilize our experience in the construction industry,” he said. “But we have no idea what the parks department will allow us to do, so we are open to suggestions.”  
Ferry Point Park already has two baseball fields, but they have become unplayable, largely because they have been used exclu-

sively for soccer over the past few years.  
“None of these fields are in a condition where it’s safe enough for anyone to play on,” Yon said.  
He envisions a field that could be used by local high schools, youth leagues and adult leagues. Yon, who played baseball at Lehman High School, believes that the entire neighborhood lacks high-quality baseball fields, outside of the Throgs Neck Little League, which is only available to children up to their mid teens.  
Dottie Poggi, president of Friends of Ferry Point Park, agreed that a baseball field would be an asset.  
Considering the 110-acre park already has a new, regulation soccer field, Poggi saw no reason the baseball fields should be monopolized.  
“We want the park to be diversified so everyone can use it,” she said “Not just soccer. It’s not fair on a weekend



Photo courtesy of Dottie Poggi

The current state of one of Ferry Point Park’s baseball fields.  
to have just one sport take over.”  
Poggi suggested the would-be baseball field builders apply for grants or solicit elected officials for financial support.  
“They sound very serious about it,” she said.  
But any field would hinge on approval from Parks.  
Yon pictures the field being a gathering spot in summer nights, with families coming from throughout the northeast Bronx to watch their kids play.  
Shoeless Joe Jackson might even make an appearance, too.

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Robert I. Gardner, Esq., Referee

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: Teresa Duncan; Crestwood Memorial Chapel, Inc.; Attorney General of the State of New York; Charles Wormley, whose whereabouts are unknown; if living or if dead, to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of MARGARET WORMLEY, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on December 21, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of MARGARET WORMLEY, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 1515 Metropolitan Avenue, #6A; Bronx, New York 10462, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,050.00, of which \$2,430.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,620.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the possible claims of Charles Wormley and Crestwood Memorial Chapel, Inc. should not be disallowed for failure to substantiate; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 7, 2011.(L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN

Surrogate, Bronx County Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1907/A

### CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND

### INDEPENDENT

TO: Tristan Clark; Bailey's Funeral Home; Attorney General of the State of New York; Ralph Mutunga and John Mutunga, Jr., whose whereabouts are both unknown, if living or if dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of JOHN MUTUNGA, also known as JOHN LEE MUTUNGA, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 4, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of JOHN MUTUNGA, also known as JOHN LEE MUTUNGA, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 1562 Unionport Road, #1A; Bronx, New York 10462, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,050.00, of which \$2,430.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,620.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the possible claims of Ralph Mutunga and Bailey's Funeral Home should not be disallowed for failure to substantiate; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 4, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

INDEX NO. 380005/09

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

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THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC.,

on behalf of its unit owners of the

Parkchester South Condominium,

Plaintiff,

- against -

NADIR KHAN, et. al.,

Defendants.

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Pursuant to a Judgment dated January 5, 2010, I will sell at public auction on December 19, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 3E, in the building known as E-11 a/k/a 82, and by street address 1530 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 5232, in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0096 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$6,944.26, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of America, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$80,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 380005/09.

LORRAINE CORSA, ESQ., Referee

ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

828 South Broadway - Suite 100

Tarrytown, NY 10591

(914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT1, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT1, Plaintiff, against David Damon; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/20/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse on 12/19/2011 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3246 Wilson 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 4739 Lot 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$238,083.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380137-08. Henry Chan, Esq, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC 250 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 Dated: November 3, 2011 895453 11/17, 11/24, 12/1, 12/08/2011

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1452 Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/13/11. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business addr.: 271 E. 205th St., Bronx, NY 10467, Attn: Michael Mangan, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court Department

Hampden Division

Docket No. HD11D0744

DIVORCE/SEPERATE SUPPORT SUMMONS

BY PUBLICATION

GREGORIO SUBIRA, Plaintiff

v.

VIOLETA FREDELIN SUBIRA, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, GREGORIO SUBIRA, seeking to dissolve the bonds of matrimony.

An automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the

current financial status of any party. Please refer to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon Gregorio Subira, plaintiff, whose address is P.O. Box 6742, Holyoke, MA 01040, your answer on or before February 23, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Springfield.

Witness, ANNE M. GEOFFRION, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, this 26th day of October, 2011.

Thomas P. Moriarty, Jr.

Register of Probate Court

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-1906/A

### CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: Padlo Dorreger; Pensionsversicherungsanstalt; NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of GRETA SORS also known as GRETA DOREGGER SORS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 18, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of GRETA SORS also known as GRETA DOREGGER SORS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 5901 Palisade Avenue; Bronx, New York 10471, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$4,765.00, of which \$2,859.00 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$1,906.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the claim of Pensionsversicherungsanstalt in the amount of \$6,296.15 and NYC Department of Social Services should not be allowed; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 16, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN

Surrogate, Bronx County Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk

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**Guaranteed better than all others they used** say dozens of delighted users with full names and towns on the Bell website. Works by cleansing blood inside rather than attacking skin from the outside and leaving the actual cause untreated. Here are a few examples:

# ACNE

## Eczema Psoriasis Rosacea Rashes

**By Dr. C. Hammoud Ph.D.**

■ **I had terrible Acne** for 3 years and tried products with Benzoyl Peroxide, Aloe Vera and others. After 4 days taking the Bell natural product #60 it started to clear up my skin. My skin changed from terrible to beautiful. *Mylena Theriault, 19, Sorel-Tracy, QC* ■ **In 2 days** my son's face completely cleared up of acne. My son is 15 and suffered for 3 years. We used many products like laser, Neem that did not work or burned his skin. *Veronica Marden, Seminole, TX* ■ **Unbelievable acne free beautiful skin** Last couple of years I had acne and tried every product and antibiotics. Results with #60 were unbelievable. Thanks for giving me beautiful skin and my self-esteem. *Nelisa Royer, 28, Doral, FL* ■ **Within 6 days eczema cleared** up completely. I believe #60 addresses the cause internally instead of the symptoms. *Latifa Boutshik, 43, North York, ON* ■ **I had severe psoriasis** over 95% of my body. Last 5 years I have stunned every doctor and dermatologist. I spent tons of money on remedies. After I got Bell #60, I've never seen anything work as fast in my life. Within 2 days I saw my skin clearing up. I'm speechless. It was inexpensive compared with what I spent before. *Jessica Shantz, 25, Dawson Creek, BC* ■ **All statements** made on the Bell website are sent by delighted users. All are real people. Most have listed phone numbers and can be called for advice. No money is paid to them. Their reward is the relief they are getting. All say #60 works within days not months, not years. It's more effective than what they used before. It is less expensive (some acne suppliers ship monthly and charge monthly, which may amount to large sums yearly). No side effects were reported on #60. **TRUE EVIDENCE that we are helping people.**

### Other Bell products for relief of the following chronic ailments

**All guaranteed!** ■ **Intestinal Cleansing & Weight Control #10** ■ **Wrist Pain Carpal Tunnel #30** ■ **Stops Blood Sugar Imbalance & Weight Gain #40** ■ **Calming Chronic Stress #66** ■ **Colon Care & Cleanse #74. Bell is helping people everywhere.**

■ **AVAILABLE IN THE BRONX:** Forever Young Health Food Store 12 W Kingsbridge Rd. @ Jerome Ave. DeFranco Pharmacy 1790 Randall Ave. West Street Pharmacy 51 West 183rd St. **5 Star Pharmacy** 2604 3rd Ave. Emerald Pharmacy 4295 Katonah Ave @ 236th St. Allerton Park Pharmacy 645 Allerton Ave. Bioscrip Pharmacy 2226 White Plains Rd. Castle Hill Community Pharmacy 706 Castle Hill Ave. Castlehill Drugs 674 Castlehill Ave. Drug Depot 619 E. 169th St. Eve Pharmacy 612 Westchester Ave. @ Cauldwell Ave. Friendly Pharmacy 389 E. 138th St. Fuller Drug Store 2688 3rd Ave. @ 143rd St. J & N Pharmacy 1220 Morris Ave. Lawler Drugs 4105 E Tremont Ave. @ Miles Ave. Jerome Drugs 1788 Jerome Ave. Lincoln Pharmacy 526 Morris Ave. Lydig Avenue Pharmacy 742 Lydig Ave. MacOmbs Pharmacy 1729 Nelson Ave. New Life Nutrition Center 153 E. 188 St. R&S Pioneer Pharmacy 1018 Ogden Ave. Total Care Pharmacy 1721 Crosby Ave. Specialty Care Pharmacy 4436 3rd Ave Well Care Pharmacy 397 E. 167th St. Big Apple Health Food Center 4143 White Plains Rd. ■ **AVAILABLE IN MANHATTAN:** New Life Nutritional Centre 714 W. 181 St. Cash Rx Plus 746 10th Ave. @ W 51st St Cordette Drugs 55 W 39th St @ 6th Ave. Cross County Pharmacy 1514 Madison Ave. @ 103rd New London Pharmacy 246 8th Ave. @ 23rd St. A Matter of Health 1478 1st Ave. @ E 77th St. Ajanta Pharmacy 2718 8th Ave. @ 145th St Arrow Pharmacy 883 9th Ave. @ 57th St. Blake Pharmacy 1868 3rd Ave. @ 103rd St. Bliss Pharmacy 1590 Madison Ave. @ 107th St. C & C Nutrition 561 W 179th St. @ St. Nicholas Ave. Earth Matters 177 Ludlow St. @ Houston St Elm Health 1695 1st Ave. @ E 88th St. Metro Drugs 13 East 8th St. @ 5th Ave. Metro Drugs 7 West 14th St. near 5th Ave. Metro Drugs 931 Lexington Ave. @ 68th St. Earth Matters 177 Ludlow St. @ Houston St. #92 Pharmacy 1938 2nd Ave @ E. 100th St. VLV MED Pharmacy 4085 Broadway St. Food For Health 1563 3rd Ave. Gary Null's Uptown Whole Foods 2421 Broadway St. ■ **AVAILABLE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY:** ■ **YONKERS:** Yonkers Pharmacy 944 N Broadway Esther Pharmacy 71 S Broadway LeMac Pharmacy Inc. 623 McLean Ave. Value Plus Pharmacy 485 Tuckahoe Rd. ■ **NEW ROCHELLE:** Avel Pharmacy 550 North Ave. Grabel's Apothecary Inc. 140 Lockwood Ave. New Rochelle Prescription Center 551 Main St. ■ **MILLWOOD:** Drug Mart Of Millwood 230 Saw Mill River Rd. ■ **TARRYTOWN:** Tarrytown Pharmacy 59 N Broadway. ■ **RYE:** Rye Beach Pharmacy 464 Forest Ave. Rye Beach Pharmacy 1 Theall Rd. ■ **MOUNT VERNON:** Ankersons Pharmacy 11 S 4th Ave. ■ **MAMARONECK:** R&R Pharmacy 323 Mamaroneck Ave. ■ **CROSS RIVER:** Cross River Pharmacy 20 N Salem Rd. Nature's Temptation 890 RT 35. ■ **SLEEPY HOLLOW:** Sleepy Hollow Pharmacy 95 Beekman Ave.

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Store inquiries are welcome.

# Frequent BATHROOM TRIPS?

## Bell Prostate Ezee Flow Tea #4a



■ **Relief in 3-5 days** from dribbling, burning and rushing to the toilet. If you are considering surgery, try this tea first. Must work of money refunded. 99% success rate. Helps virtually everybody quickly. The only prostate remedy that works so well that it comes with a **money-back guarantee**. Literally hundreds of delighted men testifying on our web site:

■ **Doctor said** to keep on drinking the tea. Prescribed prostate drugs did not help. *Leonard Pearcey, Wassis, NB* ■ **I cancelled my prostate surgery.** Get up once a night. I'm so happy not to have to face the torment of a prostate operation and incontinence or impotency. *Albert E. Blain, 74, Schumacher, ON* ■ **Even after TURP prostate surgery** and microwave therapy had to get up many times. Now down to 1-2 times. Tea is 100% better than drugs. *Robert G. Stocker, Eustasis, FL* ■ **After 1st year drinking tea** my PSA went down to 4.5; after 2nd year to 2.9; after 3rd year to 2.3. I highly recommend the tea. A real life saver. *Thomas M. Thurston, Forsyth, GA* **People's phone numbers on our website.**

# High Blood Pressure?

High blood pressure is called the silent killer. If your BP is higher than normal, try to get it down to about 120/80. For many people it is easy to control. If it does not work for you we refund your money. On our website you will find over 50 testimonials with full names and towns from all over USA and Canada. Most of them have listed phone numbers and are happy to talk about the relief they had. No money was paid for testimonials.

**Dr. C. Hammoud M.H., Ph.D.** recommends this effective fish peptide blood pressure natural product. So does **Dr. Julian Whitaker M.D.** ■ **I was on 3 blood pressure drugs** that did not work well. After starting Bell #26 my readings are generally well below 120/80. *Dona A. Anderson, 76, Sooke, BC* ■ **My blood pressure was 157/90** and I had side effects from prescription drugs. I bought a monitor. After 6 months on Bell #26 I was down to 120/80. *Toni L. McCuiston, 52, Elizabethtown, PA* ■ **At work my driver's medical** test was too high at 170/100. After taking Bell #26 for a few days I went down to 128/84 which allowed me to pass my work medical. *Kris Geier, 48, Windsor, ON* **All products guaranteed to work.**



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this. *Deanna O'Neil, 63, Tecumseh, ON*. ■ **I had great success with all Bell health products!** In the last 2 years I had relief with Bell Prostate Ezee Flow Tea, HDL Cholesterol Management, Blood Pressure Combo and Stem Cell Activator. I love your products. They all work for me. Great results. That's all that matters. *Basil Richards, 49, S.W. Ranches, FL* ■ **20 years of high cholesterol alleviated!** I had high cholesterol for 20 years and drugs didn't agree with me. After taking Bell Cholesterol Control #14 for 6 months I had a check-up and was surprised about the big improvement. I was delighted and extremely happy and so was my doctor. *Norma Hrysio, 65, Lac Du Bonnet, MB*. **We supply TRUE EVIDENCE.**



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# Cholesterol Control

■ **Cholesterol and triglycerides under control!** For the last 5-6 years I have been told that my cholesterol and triglycerides were out of line. After taking Bell Cholesterol Control #14 my doctor said he was amazed about the change. This is a good product. *Jerome Nettles, 51, Monroeville, AL* ■ **All statin drugs gave me pain!** My doctor tried them all on me. So he said to try a natural product. After taking Bell Cholesterol Control #14 I have no more pain. I'm so happy about this.



LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2010-2308/A  
CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: William Mycel, an incapacitated person; Integral Guardianship Service, as Guardian of the Property of William Mycel; KINNECT; Parkside Memorial Chapel, Inc.; New York State Department of Taxation & Finance; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of SALLY MEISEL, also known as SALLY MEISEL, SALY MYCEL and SALLY MYCEL, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting:

A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on January 18, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., why the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of SALLY MEISEL, also known as SALLY MEISEL, SALLY MYCEL and SALLY MYCEL, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 2676 Grand Concourse; Bronx, New York 10458, should not be judicially settled; why the legal fees of \$14,582.00, of which \$8,749.20 has been paid as listed in Schedule C of the account and \$5,832.80 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator should not be allowed; why the Administrator should not be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); why the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) should not be allowed; why the asset location fee claim of KINNECT should not be allowed; why the possible claims of William Mycel, Parkside Memorial Chapel, Inc. and the New York State Department of Taxation & Finance should not be disallowed for failure to substantiate; why, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate should not be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; why, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court should not hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; and why such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper should not be granted.

Dated, Attested and Sealed, November 18, 2011. (L. S.) HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN

Surrogate, Bronx County Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk

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Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of D'Mary Beauty Salon, L.L.C., a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on April 12, 2011. NYS Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against

the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 684 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

INDEX NO. 381424/09

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit

owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff,-against-

PATRICK L. WITTER, et. al., Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated September 14, 2010, I will sell at public auction on January 9, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 4B, in the building known as N-4 a/k/a 97, and by street address 1938 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 1947, in Block 3944 Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0286 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$9,765.37, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including subject to a mortgage held by Emigrant Mortgage Co. Inc., in the original principal sum of \$58,500.00 with interest, and Federal Tax Liens of record. Index No. 381424/09.

HOWARD RICHARD VARGAS, Referee  
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

828 South Broadway - Suite 100

Tarrytown, New York 10591

(914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CITY ISLAND BEER COMPANY LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/14/2011. Office location: BRONX County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 163 REVILLE STREET, BRONX, N.Y. 10464. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC. MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-6 Plaintiff, AGAINST TAHAMINA AKTHER, et.al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated 9/23/2011 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 2 P.M. 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx on any Monday on 1/9/2012 at 2:00 PM premises known as 115 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, BRONX, New York 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the New York City, Borough of BRONX, County of Bronx and State of New York Section, Block and Lot: Block 3443 Lot 52 Approximate amount of judgment \$409,038.79 plus interest and costs Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #382041/09 Youngik Yoon Esq., Referee Steven J. Baum PC , Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 1291, Buffalo, NY 14240-1291 Dated: 11/11/2011

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY ANTHONY VERRELLI; Plaintiff(s)

vs. 680 EAST FORDHAM ROAD REALTY CORP. AND ANTHONY BORROMEO; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): Anthony Verrelli, 2565 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469, 718-405-5657

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 3, 2011, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 600 of the Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451

On January 9, 2012 at 2:00 PM

Premises known as 680 East Fordham Road, Bronx a/k/a 2504 Cambreleng Avenue, Bronx

Section: Block: 3091 Lot: 65

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

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

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Approximate amount of judgment \$154,236.50 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 382325/2009

Lisa Jadidian, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

ELBA IRIS CANDERARIO-CHICAS

Plaintiff

against

JOSE MANUEL CHICAS

A/K/A JOSE MANUEL CHICAS PAZ

Defendant

Index No. 10-34956

Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the place of trail

the basis of the venue is Plaintiff's residence AMENDED

SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

Plaintiff resides at

156 North 20

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County of Suffolk

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant

You are hereby summoned to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) 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); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated, November 29, 2011

VALDAS C. DUOBA, ESQ.

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

2025 Brentwood Road

Brentwood, NY 11717

631-951-3700 or

Phone/Bax 631-2322

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties on the grounds Abandonment in 2003 DRL Sectio 170(2)

The relief sought is:

A judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. The nature of any ancillary relief demanded is

Sole Custody of the Children of the marriage;

Equitable distribution

Child Support

Surplus Funds in the sum of \$27,990.77

Attorney fees, if any;

And any other relief this court deems just and proper.

ANY OTHER RELIEF THIS COURT DEEMS JUST AND PROPER

FILED 10/5/10.

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## Ring in the New Year at Empire City Casino on Sat., Dec. 31; party packages

Revelers can ring in the New Year at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway with a pair of plum dinner packages available, as well as free live entertainment at the Gotham Palace Entertainment Lounge on Saturday, December 31. For information and reservations call (914) 457-2457.

These are the Empire Terrace Dining Room and Good Time Room packages:

Empire Terrace Dining Room: Seating 5:30pm, \$44.95 club members, \$49.95 non-members, (plus tax); Seating 9pm, \$65 club members, \$75 non-mem-

bers, (plus tax): Menu: Tossed salad, Prime rib w/baked potato, and vegetable du jour, Rack of Veal with mushroom gravy mashed potatoes and Vegetable du jour, Pan Seared Chilean Sea Bass topped truffle oil rice and vegetable du jour, Airline breast of chicken topped w/mango, pineapple salsa w/rice, and vegetable du jour; Choice of Cheesecake or Chocolate Mousse.

Good Time Room: Price \$125 per person (plus tax): Menu: Caesar salad, Shrimp cocktail, Cheese and crackers, Relish tray, Fresh fruit tray, Chicken Florentine, Veal Fran-

cese, Salmon w dill sauce, Shrimp scampi, Pork loin Contadina, Flank steak w/mushrooms and onion, Penne vodka, Whipped Potato, Rice, Vegetable, Carving Board, Filet Mignon, Leg of Lamb, Virginia Ham, Desserts, Assorted Cakes, and Cookies.

Nonno's Trattoria is open for a la carte dining with seatings at 6, 8 and 10 p.m.

Here's the musical entertainment schedule with locations and performance times, including Westchester-based bandleaders Guss Hayes and Peter Lawrence: FDR Drive, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. -

Good Time Room; The Guss Hayes Band, 7 p.m. to midnight - Entertainment Lounge; Peter Lawrence Orchestra, 7 p.m. to midnight-Nonno's Trattoria; Teri Lamar, 3 to 7 p.m.-Entertainment Lounge; and Head Over Heels, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Entertainment Lounge.

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers.

For further information regarding any of the Empire City promotions call (914) 968.4200 or log onto [www.empirecitygaming.com](http://www.empirecitygaming.com).

## Jazz singer to air at Breakfast & a Movie

"The Jazz Singer", starring Neil Diamond, Lucie Arnaz and Sir Laurence Olivier will be the next film featured in the adult education ongoing series at Temple Hatikva on Sunday, December 18 at 10 a.m.

Temple Hatikva, along with the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home, sponsors "Breakfast & A Movie" on a monthly basis.

The adult education course is titled "Jewish Themes In Cinema", and a brief discussion is held after each film.

Admission to the "Breakfast & A Movie" community event is completely free, and the entire community is invited to share a meal, watch a great movie and participate in a lively discussion after the film has ended.

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade.

If you need further information regarding any Temple Hatikva events or would like to reserve your place for the "Breakfast & A Movie" program, call Temple Hatikva at (718) 792-1109 or e-mail [TempleHatikva@aol.com](mailto:TempleHatikva@aol.com).





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# Big G ready to serve the Feast of Seven Fishes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

For Giordano's Big G, who has a great reputation for high quality meats and seafood year round, the Christmas season is a time when many customers choose Giordano's to stock up on fish for Christmas Eve.

Located in the heart of the Morris Park community at the corner of Sacket and Paulding avenues, Giordano's Big G sees a big increase in fish sales as southern Italian and Sicilian families choose to stay local to buy fish for the Christmas Eve Feast of the Seven Fishes, said owner Carl Giordano.

Many of the families in the community celebrate the Feast of the Seven Fishes, also known as The Vigil or La Vigilia, which is a commemoration of the wait for the midnight birth of the baby Jesus.

Families typically stock up on seven fishes, but sometimes more. Often they purchase king crab, shrimp, sword fish, calamari, mussels, cod fish, octopus, fillet of sole, salmon, smelts, baklava, and other delights, Giordano said.

"Sales on seafood get tremendously busy for Christmas," Giordano said.

"One of my busiest holidays here is Christmas Eve because of the increase in sales of fish. Most people buy seven fishes, but some choose to do more."

Variety is the key to making sure that a Feast of the Seven Fishes celebration is a success. While the origin of the celebration is unclear, the Feast of the Seven Fishes may be a reflection of the seven sacraments, and seven deadly sins, which are central to the Roman Catholic heritage. Some families also choose to eat 10 fishes on Christmas Eve, possibly in remembrance of the 10 stations of the cross, or even 13 fishes, remembering the 12 disciples and Jesus.

Fish prices remain very stable during the holiday season, except when market demands on very fresh fish may call for slightly higher prices, Giordano said.

"A lot of the really best fish comes frozen from other parts of the country, so the price doesn't fluctuate much," Giordano said. "Most of the really good seafood, like King Crab, is a frozen product."

The retail and wholesale store also carries very fresh fish, including fresh fillet of sole, Giordano said.

One of the largest holiday favorites for the feast is baklava, a salted cod, Giordano stated.

"A big thing with the Italians is baklava, which has to be soaked for three or four days," Giordano said.

Giordano's Big G celebrated its 30th anniversary in business in 2007, effectively starting after Giordano chose to leave working at a supermarket and go into the wholesale food business, which was originally located in Throggs Neck. He gradually expanded into the retail side, and today carries all types of meats and seafood, including large platters, sometimes at a flat price that is cheaper than buying the pieces individually. The family owned business is located at 1554 Paulding Avenue.

Giordano is a frequent contributor to local fundraisers, and he is grateful for his customers's loyal patronage and hopes to continue to make the family-owned store a success for many years to come.

For more information, contact Big G at (718) 892-7798 or stop by the store. The store's website is giordanos-big-g.com.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Holding some of the fish popular at Big G during the Christmas Eve holiday are (l-r) butcher and fish cutter Samuel Duran, Morris Park resident and assistant Kristen Catuogno, owner Carl Giordano, and store manager Luis Reyes.

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## ALBANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED

Albanians from all over the New York City area celebrated the 99th anniversary of Albanian independence from the Ottoman Empire with a flag raising ceremony on Arthur Avenue on Saturday, November 26 on East 187th Street, near Arthur Avenue. Young Albanian-Americans also dressed in traditional Albanian clothing, and hundreds celebrated the preservation of Albanian culture in the United States. The event was organized by the Albanian American Community Association.

(Above) Belmont residents Skender (l) and Besnik Gjenasaj (r) with the Albanian flag.

(Right) Army Sgt. Prantosh Drejaj (l) and his brother, Specialist Alban Drejaj (r), both Belmont residents.



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(Clockwise from l) Lorivert Cobo, Jurgen Gjoka, Jolis Gjoka, Dardan Balaj and Teddy Cobo.



# The story of Anne Hutchinson, a revolutionary

Toby Liederman held a dinner celebrating the close of the Anne Hutchinson year at Artie's on City Island last Thursday. The occasion reminded me that it's been a good while since I've written anything substantive about this indomitable woman who has both a major parkway and a river named in her honor. That's quite an accomplishment for someone who lived in the area we now call the Bronx for such a short period of time.

Anne Hutchinson was born in Alford, England in 1591 and was the daughter of an Anglican minister and teacher by the name of Francis Marbury. The trouble was that Francis was somewhat revolutionary in his ideals and practices often putting him at odds with the

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

church. He was, in effect, silenced and even placed under house arrest.

He did, however, use his

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time beneficially and taught his children well so that they were well trained in both the bible and discourse.

Anne was very well educated for a woman of that era and certainly not afraid to speak her mind.

She fell in love with a young merchant named William Hutchinson and the cou-

ple returned to Alford to raise their family. They visited the various local churches until they heard a young minister by the name of John Cotton at a church about 21 miles away, a good distance in those days. Anne was so enraptured by his preaching that the couple became regular followers of Cotton.

Then the unthinkable happened and Cotton was about to be arrested for preaching Puritan ideals so he fled to America.

The Hutchinsons now had 14 children, but that didn't stop them from following their feisty minister to

America in 1634.

Anne was a midwife and a natural leader, so was readily accepted in the colony. Because of her superior education and speaking ability, it wasn't long before crowds of women began gathering at her house weekly to hear her interpretation of the minister's discourses.

As the crowds continued to grow, men also began appearing and the authorities grew alarmed that a woman could attract such crowds at a time when women were still cast in an inferior mold. This one woman dared to be different and Boston would never be the same.

Anne believed that a covenant of grace, not good works, was necessary for salvation. This ran contrary to the preaching of most of the ministers with the exception of John Cotton and a few others.

Obviously, the ministers began complaining to Governor John Winthrop, that their authority was being usurped by this upstart woman and



Anne Hutchinson, 1591-1643

they demanded that she be silenced.

Thus began the proceedings leading up to her trials of 1637 and 1638. Boston was still a theocracy at the time so while the civil trial of November 7th and 8th, 1637 found her guilty in Newton (now Cambridge) and declared her banished from the colony, she could not leave while still under the church's

authority.

She was placed under arrest in the home of a friend of the court in Roxbury until the religious trial could be held.

The religious trial was held in Boston on March 22, 1638 and it was no surprise that she was found guilty and excommunicated from the church.

(To be continued.)

## North East Bronx Senior Citizen Center events

The North East Bronx Senior Center, 2968 Bruckner Boulevard, will hold a flea market on Tuesday,

December 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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# NorthEast Community Bank toy drive

NorthEast Community Bank's Bronx branch in Fordham at 590 East 187th Street has announced its Annual Toy Drive, which will run until December 23, when all collected items donated by the community and the bank will be given to needy children throughout Our Lady of Mount Car-

mel Parish.

The branch has posted a sign and has made a collection box available for easy drop-off. NorthEast Community Bank made the first donation to the box with toys. Suggested gift donations should be new, unopened, and unwrapped and include stuffed ani-

mals, board games, and other assorted toys for younger children.

"We are happy to join in the holiday cheer during this season of giving by helping less fortunate children have a happier holiday," said Betty Giordani, branch manager.

# Calvary Hospital offers bereavement help

Calvary Hospital announced that their 19th Annual Bereavement Course will begin next month on Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., from January 23 through April 2. The course is designed for those who work in the helping professions (social workers, nurses, funeral directors, etc.) who may need to address bereavement and grief related issues in their professional lives. (The course is not for bereaved family members.)

The hospital's 10-week course is taught by various specialists from Calvary

Hospital and from Calvary@Home (Home Care and Hospice). See attached syllabus. Upon completion, each participant will receive a Certificate of Attendance. Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) for funeral directors is pending approval from the NYS Department of Health. CEUs for nurses has been approved from the NYS Nurses Association.

Fees are as follows:  
• \$225 per person to attend all 10 sessions; \$200 each for 2-4 people registering from the same institution; and \$175.00 for 5 or more people.

• People may also choose individual sessions for \$50.

To register for the entire 10-session course, or for individual sessions, go to [www.calvaryhospital.org](http://www.calvaryhospital.org) to download a copy of the registration form. Completed forms must be received at Calvary by Friday, January 20. Individuals can also register at the door. Checks should be made payable to Calvary Hospital. Send all registration and payment to: Dr Sherry R Schachter, director Bereavement Services, Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road, Bronx, New York 10461.

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# Metro Optics to sell emPower! electronic glasses in NYC area

Metro Optics Eyewear, the Bronx's leading retail optical service company, recently announced that it will carry PixelOptics' revolutionary emPower! eyeglasses, the world's first and only electronic focusing prescription eyewear. emPower! will be available to patients in Metro's Westchester Square store on or around December 1, and in its Parkchester and Hunts Point locations by mid-December.

Similar to today's consumer electronics, emPower! Eyeglasses combine the features of a microchip with composite lenses containing a thin transparent LCD-like layer, miniature rechargeable batteries, and a micro-machine accelerometer to detect tilt. The microchip, micro-accelerometer, and miniature batteries are hidden inside the temples of the eyeglass frames. The transparent liquid crystal layer in each lens is able to electronically activate the reading portion when the wearer needs it. Turning the reading portion on or off happens virtually instantaneously. There are no visible moving parts or noises. Wearers can operate the glasses in three different modes: manual on, automatic and manual off. emPower! eyeglasses look and feel like designer eyeglasses. They are shock resistant and waterproof. One charge



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to be among the first eye-care practitioners in the world to offer patients this fashionable, breakthrough eye care technology that will undoubtedly change the way they think and feel about their eyeglasses and improve their daily lives."

"Thanks to recent advances in consumer micro-electronics, emPower! reduces vision compromises and improves the vision experience of prescription eyeglass wearers," said Ron Blum, founder and CEO of PixelOptics.

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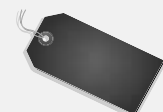
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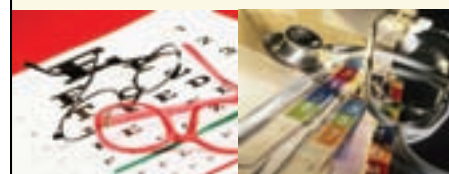
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## There’s no ‘I’ on Bobby V’s team

The Nets  
And Dwight Howard

Marc Stein and Chad Ford (ESPN.com) wrote about how the Nets are looking ahead to take over the back pages in NY’s papers. “The New Jersey Nets are prepared to offer a trade package featuring Brook Lopez and two future first-round picks to acquire Dwight Howard before the Orlando Magic center becomes a free agent in July 2012, according to sources close to the situation.

Sources told ESPN.com this week that, to sweeten the proposal, New Jersey would likewise offer to take back the contract of Magic forward Hedo Turkoglu, who has three seasons left on his contract worth just under \$35 million. Absorbing Turkoglu’s remaining salary would become financially feasible for the Nets after the expected release of swingman Travis Outlaw through the amnesty clause that will be included in the NBA’s new collective bargaining agreement and by including another smaller contract or two in the deal. It’s been an open secret around the league that the Nets’ dream scenario is pairing Howard with Deron Williams, after they followed up their failed pursuit of Carmelo Anthony last season by trading for Williams just before the February trade deadline. It remains to be seen whether Howard will regard the Nets as a prime destination on par with the New York Knicks,

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# Kennedy’s quick start routs Gompers

## Knights get back to their winning ways

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

You knew there was something amiss last winter when Johnny Mathis didn’t talk about Madison Square Garden other than taking in a Knicks game.

The legendary John F. Kennedy boys basketball coach always talks about getting to the Garden, site of the PSAL Class AA finals, but with a diminished roster, it was unrealistic. Tuesday, after the improved Knights opened the league season with an impressive 71-53 victory over Gompers, he was back at it.

“The ultimate goal is to win the big one,” he said.

That, more than the victory, spoke volumes about Kennedy, which manhandled Gompers though talented wings Terry Larrier and Bashier Ahmed didn’t find their groove. Instead, the Knights received balanced scoring – five different players scored at least nine points – with Larrier leading the way with 14, Ahmed fol-

lowing with 12, Jason Nunez had 10 and David Hardy and Alfonso Davis notched nine apiece.

Nunez made the play of the evening, flying out of bounds to save a loose ball while landing across a chair and water cooler, which led to an uncontested layup for Ahmed. The two points didn’t make much of a difference – Kennedy was comfortably ahead at that point – but it displayed Kennedy’s hunger so early in the year.

Mathis was most impressed with his team’s defensive effort on Gompers star Carlos Galan. The high-scoring junior guard, who averaged 25 points per game last year to lead Bronx AA, was held to just 10 points. Kennedy (2-0, 1-0 Bronx AA) forced the ball out of his hands, double-teaming him on the wing with the long-armed Larrier or Ahmed and a quick guard.

“We take a lot of pride in our defense,” said Nunez, the younger brother of Lou-

isville freshman Angel Nunez. Jordan Webb led Gompers (0-1, Bronx AA) with 16 points. The Panthers got within 61-51 in the 4th quarter, but Kennedy answered with eight straight points.

Kennedy got out of the gate slow, until a 13-0 run to end the first half created a 35-23 margin at halftime. Larrier, a transfer from Sacred Heart in Yonkers, and Ahmed showed what they are capable of at points. Larrier sank back-to-back long 3-pointers while Ahmed did a little bit of everything, from finishing inside, rebounding and leading Kennedy in transition and creating opportunities for his teammates.

Last season’s 4th-place finish and second-round playoff loss didn’t sit well at Kennedy, which is used to winning, Mathis said. Early in the year, the Knights seem prepared to bring back that tradition. Part of that would be a Bronx AA title.



Photo by Robert Cole

Terry Larrier had 14 points in Kennedy’s 71-53 win over Gompers.

## Kennedy turns it on in the 4th at Kellenberg

BY MIKE SMOLLINS

John F. Kennedy entered the fourth quarter knowing it wouldn’t stand for a second loss in two days.

The Knights bounced back from a bad loss Saturday against Moore Catholic, exploding in the final frame Sunday on their way to a 47-27 victory over Kellenberg (L.I.) at the third annual Under Armour Girls High School Basketball Classic at St. John the Baptist in West Islip, L.I.

Clinging to a 24-21 lead entering the fourth, Kennedy (4-2) turned it on,

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Photo by An Rong Xu

Joya McFarland and Kennedy picked themselves up Sunday after a tough loss to Moore Catholic a day earlier.



## RUNNING STARS

# Wilson, Hayes pull away from Cross

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Tyler Wilson saw Holy Cross as the perfect litmus test for his Cardinal Hayes team. How the Cardinals fare against the Knights, a perennial 'AA' contender, will determine just where they stand after moving up from the 'A.'

"I always talked about it before the season started," Wilson said of the season opener. "This game right here is gonna tell us where we're at. If we win, we're gonna be able to compete with the Christ the Kings and St. Raymonds. If we lose, we still got more work to do."

By his own estimation, Cardinal Hayes may have already proven itself to be among the league's elite.

Wilson had five of his seven points and two key assists in the fourth quarter to help lead Hayes to a 56-44 win over Holy Cross in a non-league boys basketball game between two CHSAA Class AA teams Friday night in Flushing.

"I feel like we proved to everybody that we're a good team instead of all talk," Fairfield-bound big man Amadou Sidibe said.

Hayes (1-0) was going to be a talented bunch coming into the season even before Rice closed and Wilson,

Naasir Williams, Shavar Newkirk and Chris Robinson ended up at the Bronx school. Now the Cardinals, on paper, look like an immediate 'AA' contender.

Wilson made sure that label stuck Friday. Cross (0-1) was down just 40-35 when he swooped into the lane for a timely basket and foul. The junior lead guard made the free throw to put Hayes up 43-35 with 4:54 left.

He scored again on his team's next possession and, right after that, found Donovan Johnson in transition for a basket and all of a sudden Hayes had a 7-0 run and was up 47-35. Eddie Roscigno responded with a three-point play for Holy Cross, but Wilson drove and dished again, this time to Sidibe for a huge three-point play that have the Cardinals a 50-38 lead with 3:37 left.

"He's tough to stay in front of," Hayes coach Joe Lods said. "He got the ball to the right guys in the opportune situations and made me look like I know what I'm doing."

The 6-foot-8 Sidibe led a balanced scoring attack with 13 points and 6-foot-7 forward Jalen Jenkins, another lengthy future Division I forward, had 10 points.

Fadil Yacoubou had eight points, Shavar Newkirk had



Photo by Denis Gostev

Cardinal Hayes' Tyler Wilson had five of his seven points in the fourth quarter.

six and Williams and Johnson each had five.

"Last year, I would think we would have folded under this pressure," Sidibe said. "But we didn't fold, we rose above it."

Holy Cross routed Hayes in its season opener last year. On Friday, the Knights struggled shooting from the outside. Marquise Moore led them with 12 points and Will Davis and Roscigno each added 10. The Cardinals' size and length was bothersome inside.

"When you're not making your perimeter shots and can't get to the basket,

it doesn't leave much," Cross coach Paul Gilvary said.

Gilvary scoffed at the notion that Hayes was not a viable 'AA' team and he doesn't believe there's any talk about it.

"Anybody who questions that hasn't been paying attention the last couple years," he said. "What do they have five, six Division I players on the team? How many do you have to have to be a 'AA' team? They're gonna do very well. They're gonna have a very good season, I'm sure."

Friday was a good way to start.

# Fordham lands talented Rochester guard

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Since taking over the basketball program at Fordham prior to last season, coach Tom Pecora has made a concerted effort to land the area's top players. He continued in that endeavor Wednesday evening, though he did go up north a ways.

Mandell Thomas, a versatile and talented 6-foot-2 combo guard from Rochester currently at Notre Dame Prep (Mass.), verbally committed to Fordham, becoming the first member of Pecora's 2012 recruiting class. Fordham, Siena, Stony Brook, St. Bonaventure and

Eastern Kentucky had expressed interest at one time or another.

"They've recruited me for a long time," said Thomas, who praised the effort of assistant David Duke, his lead recruiter. "I decided it was the right decision. I definitely like the campus and the school and the basketball team. But it wasn't one specific thing."

He added: "It feels really good. A lot of weight is lifted off my shoulders. I don't have to worry about anything now. I can focus on qualifying and getting better."

Thomas averaged 27.1 points, 5.6 rebounds and 3.9 steals last winter at Rush-Henrietta, the Section V Class AA1 champions, and was the 2010-11 All-Greater Rochester boys basketball co-Player of the Year. He's impressed his new coach, Ryan Hurd, at Notre Dame.

"It's his athleticism that separates him from people," Hurd said. "The knock on him is he's not playing hard, and the more you're around him and more you see him play, you see he's effortless. He's out there putting up numbers for us consistently, he's doing everything to help

us win and he's completely selfless in his approach, which is great."

Pecora underwent a massive rebuilding project when he replaced Dereck Whittenburg at Fordham. After going 7-21 last year, Fordham has gotten off to a 2-2 star and has already received big contributions from local products such as Bryan Smith, Branden Frazier and Devon (Fatty) McMillan.

"They feel they can turn Fordham around," Thomas said. "I'm excited about that and it's one of the reasons I wanted to go there."

## 2011 ALL BRONX

# Girls' soccer honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx was again one of the richest soccer boroughs in the city and home to two of its top teams.

Riverdale won its second straight unbeaten NY-SAISAA title. Bronx Science continues to be the class of PSAL Bronx A and returned to PSAL city final for the second time in three years before losing to Beacon.

Preston had a resurgent season behind a new coach in CHSAA Bronx/Westchester. A young Fieldston team, with one of the city's top players, and Horace Mann were two of the Ivy League's top squads. Riverdale/Kingsbridge continued to improve, earning its first Class A playoff win.

**All-Bronx girls soccer Player of the Year:** Rachel Copulsky, Riverdale

The Falcons were one of the city's deepest and most talented teams, but there was no doubting Copulsky's importance. Her powerful and accurate left leg was a major weapon on set pieces and was often able to set up her teammates for goals. The senior, who wears No. 11, scored 11 goals and dished out 11 assists to help the private school win its second straight NYSAISAA crown and push its unbeaten streak to 41 games. She netted a dramatic tying goal with seconds left in regulation against Dalton and an overtime penalty kick to beat Fieldston in the state semifinals.

**All-Bronx girls soccer Coach of the Year:** Jack Giannini, Preston

The first-year coach took over a Preston team that had struggled in CHSAA Bronx/Westchester in recent years. He brought years of experience coaching club soccer over with him. His relaxed and simple approach sat well with a young roster and led to one of the school's best seasons. The Panthers finished 10-4-3, got a win over rival Cardinal Spellman, placed second in the division and lost in the league semifinals. It should just be a start to a bright future.

**First Team**

F Taylor Addison, Cardinal Spellman

Addison put a fitting cap to her stellar career at Spellman. The fast, physical senior forward scored 36 goals and dished out 13 assists this season. She finishes as one of the city's most prolific scorers, tallying 107 goals during her career.

M Isabella Bertagna, Riverdale

The skilled senior got it done when it mattered most for the Falcons en route to a second straight NYSAISAA title. Bertagna netted what proved to be the game winner against Columbia Prep in the semifinals and had the lone goal in a 1-0 win over Rye Country Day in the state final during a 17-goal season.

F Chloe Chasanoff, Fieldston

Chasanoff formed quite a tandem with fellow sophomore Hanna Kaeser. She had the winner in a critical victory over Horace Mann. Chasanoff, who scored 16 times this season, was a play-off hero, netting both scores in a 2-1 victory against Mann in the NYSAISAA quarterfinals.

M Zoe Clark, Riverdale

The junior's contributions can sometimes go unnoticed, because she isn't always the girl putting the ball in the back of the net. Clark, considered by many the Ivy League's most skilled player, dominates the midfield. She will keep the ball in the opponent's third or win a key 50/50 ball.

M Phoebe Dawkins, Bronx Science

Dawkins has gone from the Wolverines' best defender to their most influential midfielder in her career. She moved from the back to play the center this season and had 16 goals and six assists. Dawkins netted the winner in Science's comeback victory over LIC in the quarterfinals.

M/GK Lucy Evert, Bronx Science

Evert was asked to do a little bit of everything. While at midfield she tallied six goals and seven assists. Her biggest contributions came in net, her natural position. The senior went in down a goal and settled the Wolverines.

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## ALL BRONX

## 2011 Boys' soccer honors

BY ZACH BRAZILLER  
AND MARC RAIMONDI

There was a little history made in The Bronx this season.

Fordham Prep went to its fifth CHSAA Class AA intersectional final in six years and won its first-ever CHSAA Class AA state championship. Horace Mann won its first Ivy Prep League title since 2008 and advanced to the NYSAISAA tournament semifinals. Plus, Mount St. Michael advanced to the CHSAA Class A title game, its first championship appearance of any kind since 1986.

In the PSAL, gritty Bronx Science repeated as division champs despite a hail of injuries. DeWitt Clinton was the story of the 'A' postseason, however, pulling off upsets of Tottenville and Bronx Science en route to the PSAL Class A quarterfinals as the No. 24 seed. Not to be forgotten, John F. Kenendy won the 'B' crown, topping Washington Irving, 4-3, in overtime of a thrilling final on an Edwin Munoz goal.

**All-Bronx boys soccer Player of the Year:** Dylan Cope, Fordham Prep

Cope wasn't a natural forward, but you wouldn't know it by what he did this season – especially in the playoffs.

The senior, who is receiving Division I interest, had two goals against Regis in the CHSAA Class AA intersectional quarterfinals, he scored in the second minute against Molloy in the semis to set the tone and had a goal in the CHSAA Class AA state final to lead Fordham Prep to its first-ever state championship.

"I'm actually a center midfielder, but wherever [coach Pete McNamara] puts me I'll play," Cope said in the regular season. "It happens to be forward, because we don't have a true forward. I'm happy up there. We're playing well together when I'm up there."

No kidding.

**All-Bronx boys soccer Coach of the Year:** Pete McNamara, Fordham Prep

As the old saying goes, it's hard to beat a team three

times in one year. Doubly so if a coach like Pete McNamara is on the other bench.

St. Francis Prep beat Fordham Prep in the regular season and again in the CHSAA Class AA intersectional final – both times, 1-0. The Rams returned the favor, topping the previously undefeated and nationally ranked Terriers, 1-0, in the CHSAA Class AA state semis en route to the program's first-ever state championship.

#### First Team

F Julian Gilbey, Bronx Science

Striker, sweeper, midfielder – the uncommitted senior did it all for Bronx Science. When seemingly every significant Wolverine went down with an injury, Gilbey stood strong. He scored 13 goals and dished out six assists and helped Bronx Science repeat as Bronx AA champions.

F Darren Harris, DeWitt Clinton

What an addition the junior striker was for Clinton, scoring 14 goals and adding three assists. He provided the Governors with an elite finisher, which they lacked in previous years, and led them to the PSAL Class A quarterfinals with a golden goal in a dramatic 3-2 victory over rival Bronx Science in the second round.

F Yankuba Janneh, Evander Childs

Speedy, strong and blessed with lightning in each foot, Janneh emerged as a lethal playmaker, elevating Evander Childs to the top-third of Bronx AA. He scored 22 goals, added 10 assists, but more than that, gave his other less experienced teammates confidence, which was manifest in a successful season.

D Mark Kramarchuk, Fordham Prep

Not only was Kramarchuk a rock in the back for one of the top teams in the city, he was also a weapon on offense in the air and with his big leg. The star senior was a major key to Fordham Prep winning its first-ever CHSAA Class AA state championship.

F Toby Lee, Horace Mann

Horace Mann's heart and soul, Lee's senior year was a memorable one. He scored 11 goals and led the Lions to their first Ivy Prep League crown since 2008. It didn't end as planned – they felt to Collegiate in the NYSAISAA semifinals – but Lee gave it everything he had.

GK Mark Rajovic, Fordham Prep

The sophomore stepped up his game in the postseason, helping Fordham win its first CHSAA Class AA state title. Rajovic was fantastic in penalty kicks in the Archdiocesan final against Iona, had acrobatic saves against Regis in the intersectional quarters and shut-out St. Francis Prep in the state semis.

M Sebastian Palomino, Fordham Prep

Excellent on set pieces, Palomino was a tremendous facilitator for what became one of the best offenses in New York City. The junior had perhaps the biggest play of the year, a game-winning corner kick goal that curled in off a St. Francis Prep defender in the CHSAA Class AA state semifinals.

M Greg McNamara, Fordham Prep

If you were trying to get a 50/50 ball over the 6-foot-3 senior, good luck. Not only did McNamara, son of Fordham Prep coach Pete McNamara, have the size, he was difficult to push off the ball and they don't come much tougher.

F Teddy Miller, Fieldston

A technical playmaker who had a knack for scoring the big goal, he led the Eagles to a standout season in the Ivy Prep League and their first NYSAISAA berth in over a decade. The senior forward will be difficult to replace, not just because of his skill and production, but leadership.

F Anton Porter, Mount St. Michael

The Jamaican import came out of nowhere as a freshman to lead Mount to its first title march of any kind since 1986. Porter, a scintillating striker, had a hat trick against LaSalle in the CHSAA Class A semifi-



Photo by Denis Gostev

Fordham Prep's Dylan Cope is the All-Bronx boys soccer Player of the Year.

nals and finished the season with 23 goals and 18 assists.

M Andrew Silberstein, Horace Mann

The two-way central midfielder was a rock in the center of the field for the Ivy Prep League champions, scoring six goals and adding six assists, while also serving as a huge asset in the Lions defensive third.

#### Honorable Mention

D Cory Allen, Cardinal Spellman

M J.C. Bahr-DeStefano, Bronx Science

F Armand Dadaj, Columbus

M Owen Elliott, Horace Mann

F Spencer Heitmann, Fordham Prep

M Mark Higgins, Ford-

ham Prep

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Photo by Lauren Marsh

Riverdale's Rachel Copulsky is the All-Bronx girls soccer Player of the Year.

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ines defense in a semifinal win over Bayside.

F Madeline Giannini, Preston

The freshman had quite an impact in her first season at the all-girls school. She led the Panthers in points en route to one of their best seasons in recent years. Giannini, also an excellent passer, scored twice to help give Preston their first win over rival Spellman in at least seven years.

M/F Sarah Heintz, Horace Mann

When the Lions were looking for offense, coach Tim Sullivan called on Heintz to move up from midfield. From there on out Heintz scored in nearly every game and most times at crucial points in the game. She found the back of the net 13 times and also dished out seven assists.

F Hanna Kaeser, Fieldston

Kaeser followed up a fine freshman with a super sophomore campaign. She scored 16 times, including a hat trick in an eventual overtime loss to Dalton. Kaeser's speed and accurate shot allowed her to score from any place at anytime.

M Summer Sofer, Riverdale/Kingsbridge

The sophomore is one of the PSAL's rising stars

and also one of its top scorers. Sofer, who has one of the city's strongest legs, tallied 47 goals and nine assists. Her four scores against Townsend Harris gave RKA its first-ever Class A playoff win.

D Jackie Wideen, Bronx Science

The Wolverine started the season with a young and inexperienced defense. Wideen's leadership helped bring it all together by year's end. She was always relentless, physical and never gave up a play in the back, making Science one of the city's toughest teams to score on.

### Honorable Mention

D Emily Dan, Riverdale

F Gianna Finz, Bronx Science

F/M Carlene Fontanez Lutsky, Riverdale/Kingsbridge

M Isabel Harris, Cardinal Spellman

GK Nora Kilkenny, Preston

M/F Kitty Lajqi, Preston

M Isabella Pecorari, Bronx Science

M Janet Perez, Dewitt Clinton

M Gillian Miller Lewis, Horace Mann

M Kate Miller, Fieldston

D Nasya Sandy, Cardinal Spellman

# Pipe Dreams: Pujols market; football injuries

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even after they move out of New Jersey, but sources say that Russian owner Mikhail Prokhorov has long believed that teaming them up would convince both Team USA stars to commit their long-term future to the Brooklyn-bound Nets.

The Nets, then, would be putting themselves in danger of surrendering more prime assets for Howard, after everything they gave up to get Williams, with both stars capable of opting out after the 2011-12 season and becoming unrestricted free agents.

Sources say that the Nets, furthermore, will go ahead with their plans to be very active in free agency starting Wednesday at 9 a.m., when teams and agents are allowed to start discussions about player signings. Howard remains Prokhorov's No. 1 target, but New Jersey is expected to lodge bids for two of the top big men available in free agency -- Denver's Nene and Dallas' Tyson Chandler -- knowing that Howard will be hard to acquire even with its solid trade assets and that Williams is unlikely to stay with the Nets unless the roster is upgraded at center and small forward."

### There Is No "I" In Valentine's Team

Bobby Valentine is the new field manager of the Boston Red Sox. Somehow

I know it won't take very much time for the "Red Sox Nation" to realize the first "e" in Valentine's name stands for "mine" and that is ahead of the "e" representing team.

He's always seemed to be the type of individual who wouldn't let to many things come before his interests.

So, "Red Sox Nation" be careful, be very very careful. Remember in 15 years managing in the Major Leagues his team has never finished in first place. He has taken two teams into the playoffs but never won the World Series

### Market For Pujols

I read that the Cubs were interested in making an offer for, free agent, Albert Pujols. I don't think they will.

This is agent smoke to create a market for Pujols where one doesn't exist.

Steve Rosenbloom (ChiTrib) wrote: "The only exception might be that the new Cubs' Pres. Theo Epstein might be looking to make a splash in Chicago by acquiring the, arguably, the best hitter in baseball today even though Pujols at 32 is at the edge of a So, on its own, the Pujols thing doesn't make sense under the scouting and development plan Epstein first outlined. He made it clear the best money you spend is not spent in free agency.

But now that parts of that plan have changed, it's worth recalling that even under the old rules, Epstein spent a sick amount of money at the free-agent store. He spent it horribly --- hello, Carl Crawford and John Lackey --- but he spent.

So, Epstein isn't just a guy with a pocket protector and the most finely sharpened No. 2 pencils in the game. He has played the money-whipping game and has been handed Tom Ricketts' keys to the vault. Epstein also knows that such signings seem exponentially satisfactory when you're stealing a big name from you're biggest rival.

From that standpoint, the ludicrous Pujols idea starts to make sense.

### Football Injuries - Fan's View

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) said, tongue in cheek, that, "Fans loved the wedge, and so did the players ... who lived. In 1905, 18 college players were killed and 149 seriously injured by the wedge. In 1906 the fun was ratcheted up - 33 killed.

Teddy Roosevelt demanded the wedge be outlawed, and no doubt many fans pouted, "Geez, why don't we just put skirts on the players?"

Maybe it's a matter of perspective. The NFL should mandate that each team, twice a game, is required to

suit up a volunteer fan and run him into the game for two plays, as an interior lineman, thus assuring a taste of the fun. If the citizen-player chickens out, or weeps, he is required to wear a skirt for one week."

### The Grey Cup

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) noticed: "Hey, they don't call it the Grey Cup for nothing. Two 73-year-old Canadian Football League Hall of Famers --- Joe Kapp and Angelo Mosca --- came to blows during an alumni luncheon before this year's title game. Over an on-field incident in 1963 in a Grey Cup Championship game."

### Perry's Quote Marks

• Brad Dickson of the Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald, after Stanford football coach David Shaw ripped the BCS: "Pretty bad when the coach of a school that has a tree leading cheers calls you embarrassing."

• Budd Bailey of the Buffalo (N.Y.) News, Utah State accepting an invitation to play in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl: "This spud's for you" • At Fark.com: "Superfan has worn a Colts shirt for the last 3,000 consecutive days. Still doesn't stink as badly as the Colts."

### Bah, Humbug

The good news is that the NBA will kick off its season on Christmas Day. The bad news? It's this Christmas.

## Kennedy turns it on against Kellenberg

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scoring 23 points and only allowing six the rest of the way. The Knights were led by the strong play of Chelsea Custodio, who led the team with 12 points.

"We were looking forward to taking a win today," Custodio said. "We made a mess in our gym yesterday. It was an embarrassment. So we came with the intensity that we had to clean up our mess and get this win and go home proud. If we would have lost today then tomorrow we would have got into the gym stretched and ran for the whole entire practice. We knew we had

to win this game."

Kennedy arrived late and had a lethargic start to its third game in as many days. In the first quarter, both the Knights and the Firebirds missed golden opportunities early, but JFK took a 10-3 lead.

Midway through the second quarter, JFK trailed for the last time, 11-10, before going on a 10-0 run to take a 20-11 lead into halftime. During the run, senior Joya McFarland put up five of her 10 points.

"We weren't playing like ourselves yesterday," said McFarland, who noted that an aggressive defense led to their fourth quarter

outburst. "We had to prove that we aren't a blowout team in this 'AA' division. We have a lot of flaws, but it's gonna be a long season and we'll be all right. We were a little late today and couldn't get into our normal rhythm. We started out slow."

Kellenberg took advantage of the Knights sluggish play in the third quarter by putting up 10 points and only allowing four to put the score at 24-21 going into the final quarter. JFK eventually turned it on with a dominant fourth quarter and cruised to victory.

"This was our third game in three days and we

found a little spurt at the end," said Kennedy coach O'Neil Glenn, who added that his team usually starts out slow. "I give them credit, Kellenberg is a good team and we defended a lot better today. We just gotta get better."

It was a long weekend for the Knights, but they know it was a good test and they're happy to at least win two out of the three games.

"Those three games in a row were tough," Glenn said. "I like our schedule. I would like to go 3-0, but I'll take 2-1. Everything will be OK. We'll be all right."



# TN tree lighting draws 100s

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Santa arrived to cheers just after the tree was lit. The St. Benedict's Children's Choir, under the leadership of Sister Anne Kelly, sang Christmas carols and lead spectators in a sing along of holiday favorites.

"This is the happiest part of my job," Benedetto said, noting how the event has gotten larger in the seven years he has been sponsoring it. "This has grown from a celebration of 50 to 70 people to a crowd of several hundred. The word has spread about what a fun time this is through the efforts of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, who were intimately involved in planning the celebration."

The sheer number of presents distributed to the eager children, who also were able to have their picture taken with Santa Claus, is a tribute to the ingenuity of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, Benedetto said.

Throggs Neck Merchants Association president Steven Kaufman and past president John Cerini both helped when Santa got on stage and children were brought up to sit with him and receive their toys. Parents in attendance were grateful for the event, which many said helped foster a sense of community.

Mother Frances Hernandez brought her two children, Julian, 9, and Charlie, 4, to the tree lighting.

"It gives them a chance to get outdoors and into the community," Hernandez said. "I think that it gets their spirits up because they get to see Santa and keep a toy. Everyone is out here celebrating Christmas and it brings us closer together as a community."



Pictured on stage at the tree lighting and toy giveaway are (l-r) 80th assembly district Democratic state committeeman Joe McManus, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Throggs Neck Merchants Association president Stephen Kaufman. The group assisted Assemblyman Michael Benedetto during the opening program.

Father Stephen Norton of St. Benedict's gave a blessing before the tree lighting, reflecting the religious significance of the holiday, Benedetto stated. The event drew people not just from the Throggs Neck community, but also from surrounding communities, Benedetto said.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca and 80th assembly district Democratic state committeeman Joe McManus were also in attendance. The children should

focus on doing good things for others, and when that happens, good things happen, Vacca said to the crowd. The event is a way to keep the neighborhood thriving, Kaufman said.

"When I was on stage, you could not see the concrete," McManus said of the packed Triangle, also noting that the event fostered the sense that Throggs Neck was like a small town where everyone knows one another and feels safe.



Photos by Laura Stone

The illuminated tree at DeRosa and O'Boyle Triangle.

# Conti's Pastry Shoppe turns 90

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at the bakery early next spring. In the meantime, the trio are working on a process that will allow Conti's to ship their famous Boston cream pies around the country.

"A lot of people who used to live in the Bronx still come back for our pastries and cakes," DiRusso said. "After 90 years of business, we want the Conti name to be known around the country."

For more information about the upcoming celebration, Conti's Pastry Shoppe can be reached at (718) 239-9339, or at [www.contispastryshoppe.com](http://www.contispastryshoppe.com) and [www.facebook.com/contispastryshoppe](http://www.facebook.com/contispastryshoppe).

# Homeless case to 'go'

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Analysis, which is mandated by the City Charter, Bonizio said. The city has been relying on a decision in the case of Ferrer v. Dinkins, which gave the city the right to operate a homeless shelter in a transient facility, like a motel, if an emergency was declared, Bonizio stated.

"We were very blessed to have a judge who did not rubber stamp the arguments made by the city but had the guts to look into it," Bonizio said.

The Bloomberg Administration's policies on affordable housing and housing the homeless have led to an increase in homelessness, said Square plaintiff Sandi Lusk.

"[The administration] has steadfastly refused to be realistic about the causes of homelessness, [and] the critical need to transition the homeless into permanent housing or allow them to enter public housing," Lusk stated.

The city has used dubious and underhanded methods to warehouse a growing population at "at risk" buildings like the St. Peter's Avenue facility, and over-



This building at 1564 St. Peter's Avenue is the location of the homeless shelter that opened in 2009.

whelmed communities by bypassing normal ULURP proceedings and hearings, Lusk said.

"We hope the discovery in our case will shed some light on these machinations, which have been going on in the shadows for too long," Lusk said.

The lawsuit lacks merit and the city Law Department is confident that the city satisfied all applicable requirements when it opened the shelter for families with children, a Law Department spokeswoman said. The shelter will remain open as the case moves into discovery, said

Seth Diamond, Department of Homeless Services commissioner.

"We disagree with the court's denial to hear our appeal," Diamond said. "However, we believe in a transparent process and are working expeditiously to respond to the petitioners' discovery requests. At the same time, we will continue to provide contract-based services with full supports at St. Peter's shelter to homeless families with children, working with them to return to the community in permanent housing as quickly as possible."

# Stillwell traffic light backup

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the corner of Pelham Parkway and Stillwell Avenue, which is the first turn into Pelham Gardens from Pelham Parkway.

DOT claims that the light was installed right before Thanksgiving after a request from a resident and a study of the intersection. Local residents are not happy about the new light, which replaced a stop sign on Stillwell Avenue, and claim that it is actually creating traffic and congestion.

"I honestly do not understand why this light was installed to begin with. That area was fine with just a stop sign," said Vincent Prezioso, president of the North East Bronx Commu-

nity Association. "What's worse is the timing, right in the middle of all the Pelham Parkway reconstruction project. I've talked to plenty of people about this new light and we're all very disappointed."

Prezioso said that he and other local residents were caught off-guard with the light installation and that he had never heard any discussion on the matter.

Several complaints have already been made to Community Board 11 and the office of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. According to Prezioso, the limited space on Stillwell Avenue between Pelham Parkway North and Pelham Parkway causes cars to back up onto Pelham Parkway.

"The backed up cars

cause a huge problem with the traffic light camera on Pelham Parkway. If a car is waiting at the new traffic light but is stuck on Pelham Parkway, that camera will go off," Prezioso said. "There's just a lot of issues that can be caused by this light, especially during the daily rush hour."

Backed up traffic could also block the BX 12 bus lane, which stops on Pelham Parkway immediately before Stillwell Avenue, Prezioso said.

According to a spokesperson for DOT, the agency recently inspected the location again and is planning to make adjustments to the signal's timing to avoid traffic buildup on Stillwell Avenue.



# Dental phobia is a condition that you can overcome

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

Has anyone ever told you "Oh come on, nobody likes going to the dentist. Just suck it up and get it over with. It can't really be that bad." People who talk like this couldn't be any more wrong.

For some people, going to the dentist really is that bad. There are a variety of reasons, but many people share a common fear of dental procedures. The good news is that there is hope – you can be free of your dental phobia, but you have to seek help, and get answers. If you do, you could end up a success story like my patient Travis. Once terrified of even setting foot in a dentist's office, Travis was able to overcome his fears, and finally get the dental treatment he needed.

Travis suffered from just about every dental phobia imaginable. Remember that usually patients are only afflicted by one or two of the fears listed below. Travis was an extreme case, but even he was able to overcome his fears.

## Fear Of Dentists In General

Probably one of the most common fears, a fear of "the dentist" is usually caused by a bad experience in the past. People tend to associate the characteristics of their own dentist with every dentist. If you have come across a particularly mean, scary, or rude dentist, remember that not all people are the same, including dentists. Most den-

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tists are in fact kind, caring people who want to help you have a healthy smile. Just because a patient may have had one bad experience, does not mean that all dentists are evil.

## Fear Of Embarrassment

Some people are afraid that their teeth are in such bad condition that the dentist will judge them or lecture them about their hygiene. This seems like a legitimate fear for someone with extremely poor teeth, but you have to keep in mind that dentists are trained specifically for treating really bad teeth. It is a dentist's job to help people with teeth problems, not frighten them or make them feel guilty. A dentist's main goal is to make your teeth healthier and better looking. Dentists see hundreds of people with extremely damaged teeth, and they are not out to judge or lecture – just help.

## Fear Of Pain

Plenty of people are afraid that dental procedures will hurt. Luckily, there are lots of ways to stop patients from feeling pain. From pills to injections to intravenous painkillers, there are many different ways to stop patients from feeling the pain of a dental procedure.

## Fear Of Losing Control

wear a pedometer to track the number of steps walked.

Bronx House Senior Center also offers several other programs for seniors including wellness groups, games, trips and celebrations.

For more information on the walking club or other senior center programs, contact the Bronx House Senior Center at (718) 792-1800, ext. 228.

This is often associated with a fear of the dentist, or a lack of trust in dentists. Many people are afraid that the dentist will take complete control, and possibly even perform procedures without the patient's consent. Knowing, trusting and becoming comfortable with your dentist are all important for curing this fear. It also helps to keep in mind that you, the patient, are actually the one in con-

trol. You must give consent for any treatment, and ultimately you can get up and leave whenever you want.

If you or someone you know is experiencing the symptoms described above, you probably want to speak to your dentist about treatment options for dental phobia. A tell-tale sign of dental phobia is when your fears prevent you from getting the dental treatment you need. If you'd like to discuss

your dental phobias, and possible treatment options, please feel free to schedule a free consultation.

Next week we will follow up this discussion with a look at some treatment options for dental phobias.

We'll talk about the many different options available to help people overcome their dental fears.

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