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## Car crashes into store, one dead

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Local officials are awaiting reports from two city agencies after a man crashed his car into a Westchester Square building, killing himself and injuring his passenger.

The late-model Honda Accord crashed through a brick wall and into a sign shop at 1649 Overing Street off East Tremont Avenue about 1 a.m. on Thursday, July 12.

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Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Car crash into Westchester Square store left driver dead and passenger injured.

# BOGUS TICKET REFUND

**'Bike lane' summons dismissed**

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The city has heard Phyllis Cannon's roar.

The hapless driver who got a ticket for parking her car in a non-existent bike lane finally got a refund.

That after Mayor Bloomberg, who championed all those real bike lanes, publicly dissed the Morris Park shop owner.

The proprietor of Superior Paint & Hardware at 1059 Morris Park Avenue, Cannon received notice in the mail that she had been slapped with a \$115 ticket for parking her 1998 Honda in the nonexistent bike lane in front of 1810 Hone Avenue before work the morning of Saturday, January 28.

She had parked the car in

what she thought was a perfectly legal spot less than a block away from the shop, but somehow received this ticket on a block where no bike lane exists. After receiving the notice, and filing two appeals online - the first denied because of lack of photographic evidence, the second because the city stated no new evidence can be presented on a second appeal - she reached out to Councilman Jimmy Vacca. The New York Post produced an exclusive article about her plight on July 5, after she had paid the ticket to avoid increasing the \$115 fine.

"Councilman Vacca stayed on it, the police department has acknowledged that this was an incorrect ticket and the city will is-

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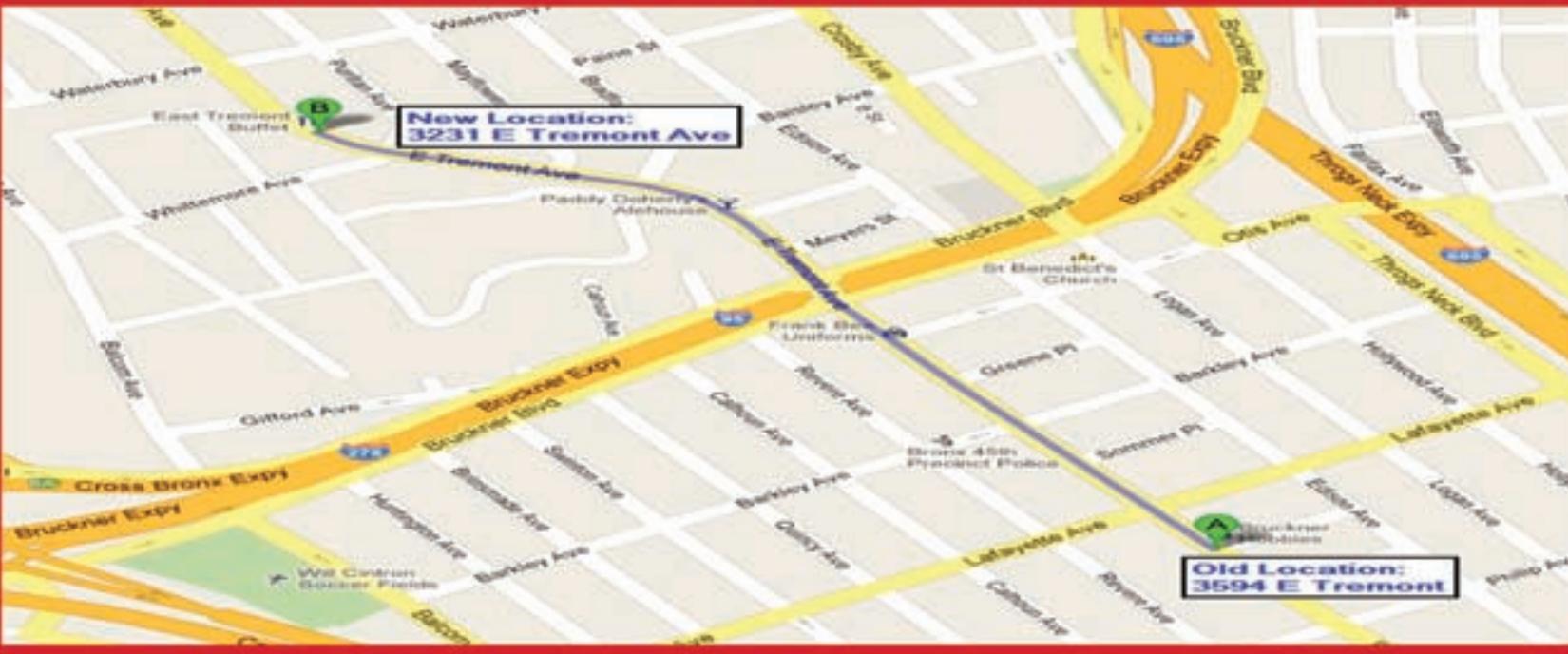




Photo by David Cruz

Honoring the fallen. Lawmakers join military vets in cutting the ribbon on the revamped Van Cortlandt Memorial Grove.

## Reverence and reflection at Van Cortlandt Memorial Grove

BY DAVID CRUZ

A once desecrated war memorial grove is back to its former glory.

Local vets were joined by city Parks officials and lawmakers for the re-opening of the Van Cortlandt Park Memorial Grove on 246th Street and Broadway.

The memorial grove, established in 1949, received a \$250,000 facelift that went towards replacing several bronze plaques honoring 39 fallen WWII and Korean War servicemen who died in Europe, North Africa and the Pacific.

"This will remain a place of reverence for generations to come," said outgoing Department of Parks commissioner Adrienne Benepe.

Much of the renovation work included the replacement of 15 original plaques, which stand at the foot of large oak trees.

Herb Barret, a Riverdale resident and veteran, led the campaign to restore the site for the past six years. Cycling along the verdant pastures in 2006, Barret noticed the grove was completely trashed.

"The place was so shab-

by," said Barret.

Years of barbecuing left the grove heavily strewn with "garbage, branches, and charcoal."

**This will remain a place of reverence for generations to come.**

**Adrienne Benepe**  
Parks Commissioner

Several of the bronze plaques also disappeared, according to Barret. "When I first looked at it there were about eighteen."

Seeing a need to honor the veterans the right way, Barret teamed with Don Tannen in forming the Memorial Grove Restoration Group.

"Pestering" local lawmakers for help, the group found it from Councilman Oliver Koppell, who allocated \$250,000 in city capital funds to spruce up the grove.

The project had a more personal link for Koppell,

the son of refugees from Nazism.

"These servicemen helped protect my family, and prevent the spread of Nazism," said Koppell.

But even as Koppell signed off on the allocations, the project dragged on.

"It was a small contract," said Bob Bender with Community Board 8. "There were not a lot of companies that really wanted to bid on it."

Adding to delays were the missing plaques. Bad record-keeping forced researchers to sift through old documents to make sure their final count was accurate, according to Bender.

Work on the project finally began in 2011. Besides the plaques, contractors installed a new fence, trees and benches for people to sit and reflect.

The project has sparked interest for families of other fallen soldiers to be honored in the park. Anyone interested can call the Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy at (718) 430-1890.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383 or dcruz@cnglocal.com.



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by Laura Guerriero

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EDWARD PORRAZZO

**In Memory**

Edward Porrazzo lost his battle with cancer on June 30, 2012 at the age of 64. He was survived by his sons, Richard and Frankie, his daughter-in-law Lisa and his grandsons, Darren, Richie Jr., Joshua and Justin and his wife Maryann (Midge). He will be missed dearly by all those who loved him. He is now with his son at a better place. Till we all meet again RIP Eddie.

**Performers Edge**

An incredible season for Performers Edge Dance Academy began way back in November, when some of the younger company members attended Dance Xplosions workshop in Long Island, NY. In a room filled with over 150 dancers, five scholarships were given out – and three of them were awarded to PEDA dancers Skylin

Rodriguez, Serena Mldacker and Danielle Bernfeld. At the same event, Nicolette Petriello was awarded



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The older dancers the following weekend attended the In10sity Dance In10sive workshop which was instructed by many of the Season 8 finalists from the hit show So You Think You Can Dance. These girls continued to make their director, Stefanie Salaman and their

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# Pelham Parkway sidewalk decision set in concrete

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

The city says its decision to keep a controversial and allegedly dangerous sidewalk along Pelham Parkway is carved in concrete.

But Community Board 11 hasn't given up its fight to see the sidewalk along the Pelham Parkway South service road ripped up.

While Board 11 is not empowered to take legal action against the city, sources say a lawsuit may be in the works by other parties.

In June, the NYC Department of Design and Construction wrote a letter to outraged citizens and elected officials, saying the new unwanted sidewalks, running from White Plains Road to a block beyond Williamsbridge Road, comply with city standards and will not be ripped up.

City officials argue that despite the new sidewalk narrowing an already narrow street, FDNY firetrucks can still get through safely.

But opponents, including Board 11 and the Uniformed Firefighters Association, disagree.

Besides having to lose already scarce corner parking spaces so the rigs can make tight turns from side streets, the sidewalk makes getting to fires at hi-rise apartments lining the roadway just plain dangerous, they argue.

Their concerns include: tower ladders now have no room to extend their stabilizers to keep them from tipping while trying to reach hi-rise floors and firefighters can't reach their equipment when compartment doors become wedged in from cars parked on both sides of the narrowed street.

John Fratta, Board 11 assistant district manager, said the board has requested copies of any letter or e-mail between the mayors office and the FDNY regarding the sidewalks.

"They are telling us it is going to take between 30 and 60 days to send what

we're asking for," Fratta said. "So far we haven't gotten anything."

As of June, work completed by the DDC included installation of storm sewers and catch basins from Stillwell to Wilson avenues.

Over the coming weeks, 44 trees will be planted along the middle mall.

"They are done with construction on the service road," Fratta said. "They are saying they will be done with the main road by the end of the year."

Work slated to be completed during July and August will include installing storm sewers and catch basins, a curb line and concrete road base on the parkway's main eastbound roadway from Stillwell Avenue to Wilson Avenue and from Wilson Avenue to Boston Road.

During this phase of construction, left turns will not be permitted for vehicles heading westbound during construction hours from 7



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Construction of the new and unwanted sidewalks along Pelham Parkway south began in November of 2011.

a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Drivers wishing to make left turns are encour-

aged to use the north and south service roads from which turns are permitted. "If they complete the work by the end of the year like they are predicting," said Fratta, "we will be very pleased."

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Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

Senator Jeff Klein (I) and Anthony Salimbene stand in front of the piles of debris removed from 224 Revere Avenue.

## Senator Klein's cleanup push tackling foreclosed home sites

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Uncared-for foreclosed properties can be a blight on the community.

Anthony Salimbene and his wife Eileen found out the hard way when overgrowth from the backyard at a foreclosed property at 224 Revere Avenue next to their home turned their back yard and deck uninhabitable in the summer time.

Bugs, critters, and standing water made their lives miserable, said Eileen Salimbene.

It took a two-man crew armed with machetes three days to clear the overgrowth next door, finally finishing on Monday, July 9.

The trash filled about 30 extra-large garbage bags, while bundles of overgrown tree branches and limbs were stacked high across the property's driveway.

The cleanup was thanks to Senator Jeff Klein's office, which reached out to the bank owning the foreclosed property, the U.S. Bank National Association. Klein has now relaunched his Neighborhood Preservation Initiative to help homeown-

ers facing similar problems with foreclosed homes on their block that aren't maintained by the banks that took them over.

"Keeping the Bronx clean and safe is something that I've always made a top priority," said Klein. "When I heard about how badly this property had been neglected, I knew that something had to be done. I immediately alerted the bank and reminded them that, just like any other property owner, they have a legal duty to maintain the homes they own."

Klein said the Neighborhood Preservation Initiative will "send cleaning crews across the Bronx, bringing neglected properties back from the brink of disrepair and ensuring that banks meet their legal obligations to the community."

Klein first launched his initiative in 2010 and helped clean up about 14 properties.

He passed legislation in 2009 requiring banks to maintain properties they own.

Since the enactment

of that legislation, banks have finally been held to the same standards as ordinary homeowners, according to Klein's office.

The Revere Avenue property, vacant since 2010, had also attracted a small menagerie of two possums, a raccoon, and a skunk, said Eileen Salimbene. Standing water in the backyard was posing a risk of West Nile Virus, and the city Department of Health had been notified, she said. "It was nature's wild kingdom in that backyard!"

"Thanks to Senator Klein, I can finally go into my backyard again," said Anthony Salimbene. "To his credit, as soon as he heard about the problem, he sprang into action and made sure that the job got done."

An online request form for cleanup as part of the program can be found on Senator Klein's senate home page at <http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/jeffrey-d-klein>.

Residents can also report neglect issues by calling Klein's office hotline at (800) 718-2039.

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# BOROBAT



by Bob  
**"KAPPY"**  
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## JOSE TROUBLES?

**Bob Press** who puts out the 100percentbronx.blogspot.com called us up Monday all excited, saying Assemblyman **Jose Rivera** might be knocked off the September 13 primary ballot line.

Seems Rivera's petitions list Bob's former political cohort and current male State Committeeman **Ricky Martinez** as an alternate Judicial Delegate.

According to Press, Martinez made it clear to Jose he was running against him for both Jose's 78th Assembly District and district leader's seats in Fordham/Bedford Park, and did not want his name on Jose's petitions.

We got mixed opinions on this one, with one respected election lawyer (no name, please) saying Ricky could have a case. "Now Ricky has to put up or shut up."

But attorney **Jerry Goldfeder**, who wrote THE BOOK on election law, said he doesn't see it as any big deal challenge-wise.

We shall see....

Oh, and BTW, Jose's petitions are carrying his city councilman son Joel's name as the NEW candidate running for male State Committeeman.

## BRIDGE BUILDING

We're siding with Queens Councilman **Peter Vallone** on this one, who's opposing west Bronx Councilman **Fernando Cabrera's** bill allowing naming city bridges and landmarks after persons still alive.

Cabrera wants to name the Willis Ave. Bridge after former mayor **David Dinkins**, while Vallone fought naming the Queensborough/59th Street Bridge for still-breathing ex-mayor **Ed Koch**.

Peter paid the price, with Council Speaker and mayoral wannabe **Christine (Rosie O'Donnell) Quinn** slicing his district funding for DARING to oppose her.

And hey, if they're gonna rename the Willis Ave. Bridge, it should be after that action movie guy, Bruce....

## MAJORITY LEADER

### JEFF KLEIN

Bronx state Senator **Jeff Klein** could wind up "de facto leader" of the senate with his four-member Independent Democratic Conference, predicts Bronx GOP Boss **Jay Savino**, if the Republicans lose a seat or two in November, once again leaving it evenly split 31-31.

Savino said that after interviewing Jeff and two other candidates, the GOP will be putting Jeff on its ballot line in the Sept. primary.

### MINI-ME'S

Just to keep the Dem primary interesting, a bunch of challengers without much particular clout are running up-hill races.

Many-to-most are out of perennial candidate **Richie Soto's** Rising Voices Coalition.

Soto himself is challenging west Bronx assemblyman **Nelson Castro**, and unlike previous races where he's dropped out before the end (against **Pedro Espada** for his then-state Senate

seat), Rich swears he ain't dropping out this time - if his petitions survive legal challenge.

If history is any judge, legal challenges to their petitions will see most of the challengers knocked off the ballot. And the lawyers get rich....

## VINDICATED

We apologize for spanking our original source who had us printing that Party Boss **Carl Heastie** was going to back Supreme Court Justice **Darcel Clark** for the Bronx Surrogate's job. Turns out our source WAS right, but then Carl switched candidates and went with Acting Supreme Court Justice **Nelida Malave-Gonzalez**. Something to do with a political power broker/ close friend of Gonzalez's stepping in to change Carl's mind, we hear....

## WANNABE

Add political neophyte **Adam Bermudez**' name to perennial candidate **Irene Rukaj's**, filing nominating petitions for absentee Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera's** seat.

In the interest of fair and balanced, Adam's a former reporter at the Times Reporter. Seems like a decent kid. Why he'd want to cross over to the Dark Side we have no idea....

## SUDDEN IMPACT

No sooner did we recently write that the NYPD's Operation Impact rookies are spending more time riding around in vans, than bosses were laying out the street/crime activity maps for them to hit the pavement.

## JIMMY TO THE RESCUE

We hear hardworking east Bronx Councilman **Jimmy Vacca** sacrificed a big chunk of funding for other worthy local projects to make sure the Throgs Neck Houses and the Pelham Parkway Houses where 88-year old **Sylvia Shapiro** was slain, got the money for security cameras.

Our cop sources tell us they have a "person of interest" in the murder, but as one long-time detective boss who dealt with Bronx D.A. **Rob Johnson**

told us, "The D.A. wants a conviction before he'll bring an indictment."

## MEA CULPA

Thanks to Jack from Vandortlandt Village pointing out that Councilman **Fernando Cabrera** supported Congressman **Charlie Rangel**, NOT **Adriano Espaillat**, who supported Cabrera when he ran for his west Bronx seat.

## FACE

Facebook bud **George Molé** couldn't resist hitting a book signing for "Good Times" actor/comedian **Jimmie Walker** (AKA J.J. "Dyn-O-Mite!" Evans). George notes Jimmy's a Bronx guy - Melrose Houses, Roosevelt High School.

## BRONX BIRTHDAYS

Actor **Richard Castellano** (1933-1988), Clemenza in The Godfather - "Leave the gun, take the cannoli."

Actor Wesley Snipes, July 31, 1962.

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**TUES, JUNE 26th, 7:55 p.m.** – Third Ave. and East 152 St. The medical staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a male suffering from a bullet wound. A black male was treated for a bullet wound to the left leg. Police officials ordered additional police officers to be sent into the area to help with a search. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**FRI, JUNE 29th, 1:05 a.m.** – Park Ave. and East 149 St. Officials were summoned to the emergency room at Lincoln Medical Center after a man arrived suffering from a bullet wound. A 19 year old black male had been shot in the knee, but officials learned that the incident occurred in Manhattan. Detectives from Manhattan's 28th Pct. will be handling the inquiry.

**41st PCT.**

**WED, JUNE 27th, 2:00 a.m.** – 880 Faile St. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a male had been shot. The victim was suffering from six bullet wounds that entered the head, back, in addition to each leg. The male victim was listed in critical condition as police investigators looked for two black males.

**FRI, JUNE 29th, 1:35 a.m.** – 894 Rogers Pl. An 18 year old male was suffering from a bullet wound when he arrived at Lincoln Medical Center. The 18 year old black male had been shot once with the bullet entering the victim's buttocks. Officials at the scene requested officers from the Emergency Service Squad to assist with a crime scene search.

**FRI, JUNE 29th, 6:20 p.m.**

– Westchester Ave. and Bruckner Blvd. Local police officers required assistance from Harbor police officers and officers from the Emergency Service Squad. The body of a male was discovered floating in the Bronx River near the Sheridan Expwy. Police officers removed the body from the waterway and turned it over to the experts at the Medical Examiner's office.

**42nd PCT.**

**WED, JUNE 27th, 6:06 a.m.** – 511 East 163 St. A search is underway for a black male. The unknown culprit broke into a commercial premise using what appears to be a simulated firearm. The thief flew with two-hundred dollars. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SAT, JUNE 30th, 1:20 a.m.**

– 830 Washington Ave. A Hispanic male was arrested after police recovered a semi-automatic pistol from the culprit. Taken away



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criminality connected to the incident. A bicyclist was struck by a vehicle.

**THURS, JUNE 28th, 2:10 p.m.**

– 725 Brady Ave. Police working on an assault incident ended up with arresting a suspect and finding out that the victim's condition had improved. A 64 year old Asian male had been stabbed in the neck area by another male. The victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition authorities reported. Upon reviewing evidence, police arrested a suspect, but also learned that the victim's condition had greatly improved.

**FRI, JUNE 29th, 3:00 a.m.**

– Cruger Ave. and White Plains Rd. A search was conducted for two Hispanic males. The unknown pair told a person that they were detectives. A badge was shown before the team fled with four hundred dollars which was taken from the victim.

**FRI, JUNE 29th, 2:20 p.m.**

– 2575 Colden Ave. Police learned that a home invasion had occurred. Two Hispanic males had forced their way into a home. The two unidentified culprits removed an unknown amount of property before fleeing. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SAT, JUNE 30th, 1:45 a.m.**

– 862 East 216 St. While on patrol, police arrested a suspect who was in possession of a gun.

Taken away from the culprit was a 38-caliber revolver.

**SUN, JULY 1ST, 11:40 p.m.**

– East 215 St. and Holland Ave. A suspect was taken into custody after police found the person in possession of a gun. Taken away from the culprit was a 38-caliber revolver.

**FRI, JUNE 29th, 6:30 p.m.**

– 1022 East 211 St. A black male was arrested after being found with a gun. Upon checking police learned that the culprit failed to have the proper license to have possessed the weapon in NYC. A 45-caliber pistol was vouched as evidence by police.

**SUN, JULY 1ST, 10:50 a.m.**

– 815 Fairmont Pl. Two unidentified male culprits pushed the victim of a robbery back into their home at gun point. The unknown pair of culprits fled with eight-hundred dollars. The victim escaped injury. Police officials at the scene requested assistance of a K-9 to assist with a search.

**SAT, JUNE 30th, 4:40 p.m.**

– Southern Blvd. and East 180 St. Emergency personnel responded to the busy intersection after a multi-vehicle accident caused injury to several persons including pedestrians. Officials indicated that the three vehicle accident sent a vehicle into a scaffold also injuring three pedestrians who were near a bus stop. Personnel from the Emergency Medical Service treated eight green tagged victims.

**50th PCT.**

**SUN, JULY 1ST, 1:30 a.m.**

– Specially trained police investigators are looking into a report that a teenage girl had been sexually attacked. The 18 year old victim was taken to the Allen Pavilion in northern Manhattan for medical care.

**52nd PCT.**

**TUES, JUNE 26th, 2:45 p.m.**

– 211 East Kingsbridge Rd. A search is underway for the person who broke into a House of Worship. The unknown thief removed from the church two pieces of luggage. Their contents were unknown.

**THURS, JUNE 28th, 10:30 a.m.**

– 3408 Jerome Ave. Investigators are looking into an attempted bank robbery. A male passed a note to a teller, but fled the bank empty handed. No injuries were reported.

## Transit

**SUN, JULY 1ST, 4:45 a.m.**

– White Plains Rd. and East 219 St. Authorities are looking into an

incident where a black male apparently was struck and killed by an IRT train. Apparently the victim was struck and killed by a number 2 line train. Transit Police officers from District # 12 are working with Detectives from the 47th Pct. on this incident.

## Housing

**THURS, JUNE 28th, 12:05 p.m.**

– 845 Cauldwell Ave. Police officers starting the night tour were dispatched to a call where two persons had been shot. A 22 year old male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left arm while a 20 year old black male was shot in the right arm. Detectives from the 40th Pct. Squad are being assisted by police officers from Housing's PSA # 7. Both victims were treated at Lincoln Medical Center.

**SAT, June 30th, 2:55 p.m.**

– 1057 Boynton Ave. Three males pushed their way into a home at gunpoint. The trio fled with a cell phone officials reported. The occupant was not injured.

**SUN, JULY 1ST, 2:20 p.m.**

– 1817 Story Ave. An investigation was started by detectives from the 43rd Pct. after a young boy was struck several times by 'BB'. The pellets struck the 12 year old boy in the forearm and also the stomach areas. Assisting local detectives are police officers from Housing's PSA # 8.

**SUN, JULY 1ST, 7:05 p.m.**

– 346 East 156 St. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a black male to Lincoln Medical Center. The culprit was shot in the right knee officials report. Detectives from the 40th Pct. are handling the inquiry.

## Fire Log

**THURS, JUNE 28th, 2:05 p.m.**

– 100 Asch Loop. Firefighters were faced with a fire on the 14th floor of a residential building in the Co-op City complex. Ladder crews quickly gained access to the burning apartment report that no one was trapped in the home. Several minute passed when officials indicated that all primary searches were completed and were negative. By 2:16 p.m., engine crews indicated that they had the main body of fire extinguished with the incident being declared under control at 2:27 p.m.

**SAT, JUNE 30th, 2:30 p.m.**

– 2020 Lafayette Ave. Additional fire units were dispatched on the initial alarm after Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers received indication that smoke-eaters responding to a reported fire were going to work.

Dispatched based on information that the dispatchers were receiving were four engines companies, two ladder companies, a squad, in addition to a rescue company. First arriving firefighters indicated that they were faced with a working fire. The blaze was in the rear of a 2 1/2 story high residential building. A propane tank was burning and the flames extended to a one story addition to the home. Within twenty minutes the blaze was totally extinguished.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Heading for the extinction list

Dear editor,

Democrats outnumber Republicans by 2,821,021 voters. There are 5,649,934 registered Democrats versus 2,828,913 Republicans. Others have registered as 2,334,113 Unaffiliated (no declared party affiliation), 447,710 Independence, 150,703 Conservatives, 44,412 Working Families and 23,099 Green.

Contrast these numbers with registered voters in 2002. That year, Democrats outnumbered Republicans by slightly more than 2 million. There were 5,188,113 registered Democrats versus 3,112,493 Republicans and 2,195,356 Unaffiliated (no declared party affiliation). Over the past ten years, Republicans have lost while Democrats and Unaffiliated registered voters continue to grow.

Democrats currently hold all statewide offices. The last Republican Senator was Alfonse D'Amato. He lost his seat to Democrat Charles Schumer in 1998. The last Republican state comptroller, Ned Regan, won his final term in 1990. The last Republican state attorney general, Dennis Vacco, served only one term winning in 1994. The last Republican to win any statewide office was former Governor George Pataki. His final term began in 2002. Since then, no Republican has been successful in winning any statewide office. Republican Party primary winner Wendy Long will be left on the Republican/Conservative Party alter of sacrificial lambs. Both State Republican Party chairman Ed Cox and Conservative Party chairman Mike Long have a consistent track record running second and third tier candidates for statewide office who are preordained to lose. She will go down in the political history books as another asterisk just like her predecessors Joseph J. DioGuardi (2010), Jay Townsend (2010), John Spencer (2006) and Howard Mills (2004). Former Congressmember Rick Lazio (2000) and former Senator Alfonse D'Amato (1998) were the last two credible Republican/Conservative Party candidates for United States Senator. They both had name recognition and the millions of dollars necessary to run credible campaigns.

Past election results speak volumes. In 2010 Democrat Gillibrand was just appointed by former Governor Paterson to fill the vacated seat of Hillary Clinton who became Secretary of State under President Obama. Gillibrand defeated Joseph J. DioGuardi 2,837,684 to 1,582,693. Likewise in 2010, Schumer defeated Jay Townsend 3,047,880 to 1,480,427.

In 2006, Clinton defeated Republican/Conservative John Spenser 2,846,428 to 1,3912,189.

In 2004, Schumer defeated Republican Howard Mills and Conservative Marilyn G. O'Grady 4,769,734 to 1,625,009 and 220,960

In 2000, Hillary Clinton moved to Chappaqua, in Westchester County, New York. This was done to establish legal residency in New York, so she could run for the seat being vacated by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Clinton easily defeated Republican Long Island Congressman Rick Lazio 3,6,65,217 to 2,767,760 and Independence Party candidate Jeffrey E. Graham 43,181.

In 1998, then Brooklyn Congressmember Charles Schumer defeated three term incumbent Republican/Conservative Senator Alfonse D'Amato by 2,5701,065 votes to 1,854,423.

Any winning Republican/Conservative candidate for Senate needs to raise \$20 to \$30 million and turn out their own political base. Note that out of 2,828,913 registered Republican voters only 5% or 140,000 participated in the primary. Of that number, only 69,168 came to vote for Long while 48,429 voted for Congressmember Bob Turner and 18,307 for Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos. Most telling, is that 95% or 2,693,001 voted for none of the above by staying home. Long has a difficult hill to climb between now and November convincing 98% of fellow Republicans to come out and support her. Long will also need to capture a majority of independent and a significant number of Democrats. Even more challenging, to be taken as a serious candidate, Long needs \$1 million per week just for media buys in the Metropolitan New York market. With no significant name recognition, secure Republican voter base or money, Wendy Long is clearly the underdog candidate. Gillibrand has had over two years to build her name recognition and has already raised over \$10 million. Long starts out the general election campaign with virtually no cash on hand after her Republican Party primary victory.

Republicans such as Presidential candidate Mitt Romney, former Senator Alfonse D'Amato, former Mayor Rudy Giuliani and former Governor George Pataki will all write off Long as a lost cause. If Long is lucky, perhaps some may go through the motions with nominal endorsements along with token campaign appearances and fundraiser's on behalf of Long. None will make any serious attempts to tap into their own respective campaign contributors pool to raise the millions necessary to help Long run a successful challenge. Independent NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg is sure to end up endorsing Gillibrand.

In New York, President Obama is currently out polling GOP Presidential candidate Mitt Romney by over 20 points, ditto for Gillibrand over Long. It is obvious that the national GOP campaign committee, Romney's own Presidential campaign along with various independent political action committees will secede New York to Obama. Romney just like previous GOP Presidential candidates will have no boots on the ground in New York. There will be the usual token office with a skeleton staff and no real budget. No funds will be invested for telephone banks to get out the vote, mailings, newspaper, radio, or

television media buys to provide any political coattails for Long. Romney will spend little or no time campaigning in a state he has already written off. The Albany GOP State Committee is broke. The Republican State Senate campaign committee is preoccupied with preserving their fragile majority. The national Republican Senate campaign committee along with various independent conservative movement, business and other pro Republican political action committees will invest their resources in other races around the nation with more credible candidates.

With Obama and Gillibrand heading the Democratic Party ticket, they will be providing strong coattails for fellow Democrats further down the ballot running for Congress, State Senate and State Assembly. Democrats challenging incumbent Republicans for these offices will benefit. Contrast this with a weak Republican ticket lead by Romney and Long. They will be an albatross around the neck for fellow Republicans running for Congress, State Senate and State Assembly. Republican incumbents will have a stepper hill to climb to win another term. Any hopes of victory for GOP candidates challenging incumbent Democrats are now gone. Republican State Senate majority leader Dean Skelos with a slim two seat majority has the most to lose. His task keeping control of the State Senate has become even more difficult.

While Gillibrand's mentor, Senator Schumer will not be on the ballot in 2012, he will play an active role. Schumer wants to keep his younger apprentice in the Senate. He needs her vote when Democratic Senate majority leader Harry Reid eventually retires. Schumer will be running against Illinois Democratic Senator Richard Durban. It would have been easy for Schumer to tap into his own "Pay for Play" special interests crowd to double the \$10 million Gillibrand already has in the bank. Schumer has successfully used this tactic in his last two campaigns for re-election outspending his under financed and unknown Republican/Conservative challengers by a 20 to 1 million margin. With Gillibrands reelection all but certain, Schumer is now free to use his well oiled "Pay for Play" political machine to raise millions for assisting Democrats challenging incumbent Republican Congressmembers, State Senators and State Assemblymembers.

No wonder successful state wide New York State Republican public officials are on the extinct species list.

Larry Penner

## Don't open the box

Dear editor,

The mayors' soda ban, if approved in September is Pandora's box, once opened, everything is fair game. They start with sugar drinks, then sugar products, then high calorie foods and the list goes on and on. The health commission and the Bloomberg administration probably has a list of things they deem to be unhealthy.

Our freedom of choice is slowly being taken away because others feel we are incapable of deciding for ourselves what to drink and eat, or how to maintain our health.

Robert Neglia

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BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Fourth Annual Merchants Softball Game this year will be pitching for a single worthy cause: Throgs Neck Little League.

The annual softball game takes place at the Throgs Neck Little League's field at 150 Throgs Neck Boulevard at Harding Avenue on Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, July 28 at 6 p.m.

This year's event is set to include rides for kids, DJ entertainment by Ultimate DJ Entertainment, food vendors, and amusements including a 'dunk tank,' said Joe Regina of the Association of Merchants and Business Professionals of Westchester Square.

Choosing Throgs Neck Little League as the beneficiary was a "no brainer," Regina said.

"In previous years, each group played for different charities and made donations different community organizations," he said, noting that they have been "gracious

hosts of the event for the past three years and this current year. The league does great work with the youth in our community."

**It builds camaraderie between the merchants, and between the merchants and the community.**

**Steve Kaufman**

As in previous years, the Throgs Neck Merchants Association will face off against the Westchester Square Merchants Association, Regina said.

"We are hoping to get a large crowd out there, hopefully through the amusements," said Regina. "In addition to everything

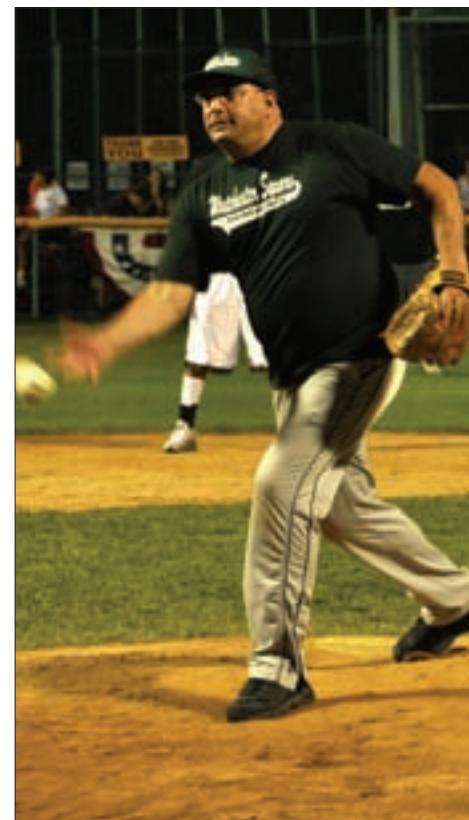
there, you have a comedy of errors of the merchants teams playing against each other, and that's a show unto itself!"

A truck from the New York Blood Center will also be at the field to accept blood donations, Regina said.

Another highlight should be a dunk-tank, with merchants and elected officials volunteering to take a bath from talented pitchers, said Bobby Jean, owner of Anthony's Flower Farm at 3240 E Tremont Avenue.

The game should be a community-building event, said Throgs Neck Merchants Association president Steve Kaufman.

"It is a way that the merchants get together every year to help the community," he said. "It builds camaraderie between the merchants, and between the merchants and the community. It is just a wonderful outing and we hope that everyone will enjoy it."



Westchester Square merchant and BID leader John Bonizio, throws some heat to the opposing team in the first merchant softball game in 2009.

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# Annual summer meals program kicks off at Orchard Beach

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Get it while it's hot!

The annual summer meals program is now underway.

Chancellor Dennis Walcott, joined by federal and city agencies and non-profit organizations at Orchard Beach on the program's kick-off day, Friday, July 13, encouraged families to take advantage of free breakfast and lunch for their young-

sters through the program, which runs through August 31.

Summer meals are provided in more than 1,000 locations, including pools, parks, public housing sites and soup kitchens throughout the five boroughs.

The Department of Education is also operating a mobile refrigerated truck that provides meals to children at Orchard Beach. It

also operates another refrigerated truck at Flushing Meadows Park and will shortly add a third one to serve meals to youngsters at Queens Farm Park, Walcott said.

The DOE said it served more than 7 million meals last summer, including 67,000 meals served by the trucks. That's more meals than some states served for their entire summer program, it said.

To help promote summer meals, Share Our Strength, a national non-profit that focuses on eliminating childhood hunger, is providing text messaging capabilities and has produced postcards and flyers that are being distributed throughout the city through food advocates, community-based organizations, city agencies and the DOE to alert families of the summer

meals program.

"We want all families with children, no matter their residency, to have one of our nutritious meals free of charge," the chancellor said. "We are reaching out to families through posters and flyers, thanks to the efforts of the USDA, Share Our Strength, the Mayor's Food Policy Coordinator and the Office of School Food."

Bill Shore, founder and CEO of Share Our Strength, said he is thrilled to be partnering with the DOE to ensure that every child in New York who needs something to eat gets it.

"The summer meals program is a great way to make sure that kids who get free lunch during the school year can also get the nutrition they need when school is out," Shore said.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca agreed.

"The summer meals program is a wonderful opportunity for young children to receive free meals at over 1,000 schools, pools, parks and other great places in the city while they enjoy their summer vacation," Vacca said. "Just like during the school year, it's absolutely vital that

we continue to offer these free and nutritious meals to these youngsters during the months that they are not in school. Making sure our kids eat healthy year-round is something that we should all take seriously."

For a location and meal hours, parents can call 311, log onto the DOE at [www.opt-osfns.org/schoolfood/public1/default.aspx](http://www.opt-osfns.org/schoolfood/public1/default.aspx), visit Share Our Strength's website at [www.strongt.org](http://www.strongt.org), or NYC Food at [www.nyc.gov/nycfood](http://www.nyc.gov/nycfood). Parents also may text "nycmeals" to 877877, or visit the Parks Department website for locations at parks and pools.

## Parkway voter registration

A voter registration rally, including family fun, entertainment, music, dance, food, health information and face painting, will be held at the Pelham Parkway Houses, the Honeymoon Lane Section, between Williamsbridge Road and Astor Avenue, on Saturday, July 21, from noon to 4 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Mark Gjonaj.

## Cardinal Dolan's elevation St. Theresa Feast's theme

Archbishop Timothy Dolan's elevation to Cardinal by the Vatican will be the theme of this year's 16th annual summer feast by St. Theresa Parish.

The feast will run from Wednesday, July 25 to Sunday, July 29 near St. Theresa Church, on St. Theresa Avenue between Mulford and Mayflower avenues, between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

In past years, the festival has featured between 12 and 15 rides, as well as food, games and amusements.

Some of the highlights of the feast's schedule include performances by Simply Magic's John Turdo near the church every day of the feast at 6 p.m., a performance by

St. Theresa youth at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, an opening procession and prayer at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, and the procession of the St. Theresa statue at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, followed by a choral concert by the St. Theresa and St. Frances de Chantal choirs at 6:30 p.m.

Each day of the feast will include an opening prayer in front of St. Theresa Church.

In addition to the fund-raising feast for the church and school, the church is also holding its "grand raffle." Exactly 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, with the grand prize the winner's choice of a 2012 Mercedes C300 or \$30,000. Second prize \$1,000, and third prize \$500.

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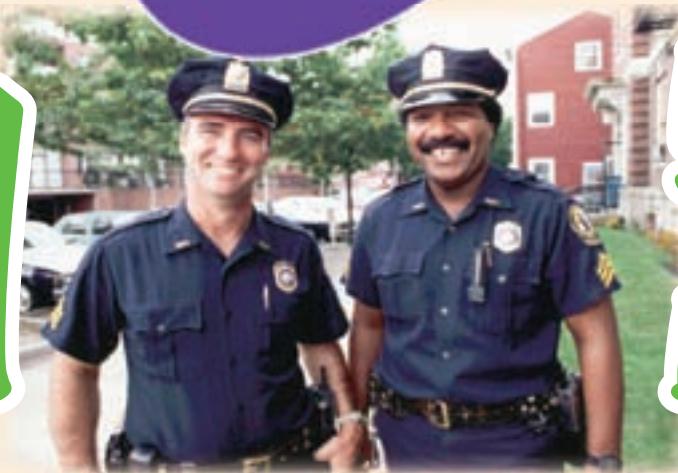
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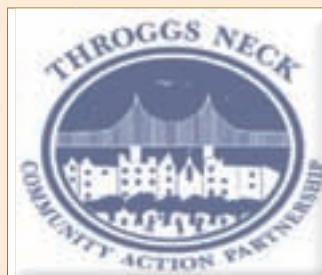
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Joe DiMaggio lives on in a forever stamp, courtesy of the U.S. Postal Service.

# DiMaggio stamp unveiled by USPS

## Pre-order sales surpass other baseball stamp greats

BY DAVID CRUZ

Another home run for a Yankees great.

Joe DiMaggio, already immortalized in history books, will live on forever thanks to the US Postal Service.

A forever stamp bearing his name will be unveiled on Saturday, July

21 at the Bronx General Post Office at 558 Grand Concourse.

And DiMaggio's legend has hit a grand slam with pre-order sales surpassing 420,000, the most out of the other baseball stamps in circulation.

The Borough President's office will join of-

ficials with the United States Postal Service in presenting the stamp to the public at a ceremony described as a "double-header".

On top of the new stamp, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. will also proclaim July 21 as Joe DiMaggio Day in the borough.

"On behalf of all Bronxites, we will cement the 'Yankee Clipper's' place in Bronx history," said Diaz Jr., himself a lifelong Yankees fan.

The postal service's customer advisory council chose DiMaggio to be placed on the stamp after reviewing hundreds of proposals.

The stamp features DiMaggio at home plate ready to hit a ball out of the park.

Stamp sheets will be available the same day of the unveiling in the Bronx with limited quantities going on sale nationwide on July 23.

DiMaggio fans are welcome to stop by the Bronx General Post Of-

fice to have their items signed by special guests including members of the DiMaggio family, though officials warn that space will be limited.

"It's a great honor for New York City and a homage to the Bronx," said Raschelle Parker, USPS New York District Marketing Manager.

Nicknamed "Joltin" Joe and "The Yankee Clipper", DiMaggio dedicated his entire 13-year career as center fielder for the Bronx Bombers.

Known for his 56-game hitting streak in 1941, DiMaggio lead the Yanks to ten American League pennants and nine World Series championships.

Retiring in 1951, the three-time MVP winner and 13-time All-Star was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame four years later.

He died in 1999, but his legend lives forever.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383 or dcruz@cnglocal.com.

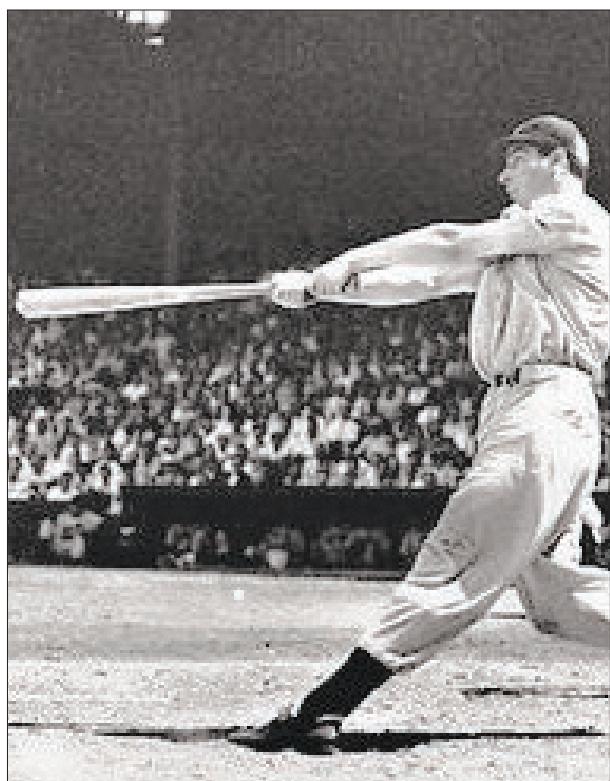


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The real Joe at home plate in Shibe Park, Philadelphia, on June 27, 1941.

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# 'Paper cut' nixes TN Girls Softball team's win

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

They almost made it to the top - only to be tripped up by a "paper cut."

The Throggs Neck Girls Softball Little League's All-Star 9- and 10-year olds team was working its way up to heading to the big time world

series, only to wind up cut over unmailed paper work.

The team won their District 22 division title and advanced into the sectional tournament, beating Long Island 10-1 on July 12.

But after beating Staten Island 12-1 on July 14, Staten

Island officials checked Throggs Neck's paperwork and found four players on the team did not live in the district and were missing waivers from their local little leagues, even though there is no girls' softball where they live.

"We work the league for two years to prepare for this tournament, and needless to say both players and coaches were extremely disappointed," said league president Rachel Mazza.

She said a board member slipped up on the paperwork.

"All they had to do was get a waiver from the boy's little league and mail in a

\$16 fee to little league headquarters."

But Mazza said that as league president, she shoulders the blame.

"I feel responsible because I should of made sure all i's were dotted and the all t's were crossed.

"I am the head coach of the varsity softball team at Preston High School and spring is an extremely busy

and intense season for me. I tried to delegate the responsibility of the league's spring season. I can't do everything, but this incident tells me I have to."

But quoting the old Brooklyn Dodger fans' favorite saying, she said "Wait'll next year!"

For a look at the team's website, go to [www.Throggs-NeckGirlsSoftball.com](http://www.Throggs-NeckGirlsSoftball.com).



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# Bronx beat

## Health network receives HIV funds

The Bronx Community Health Network will receive more than \$1 million in federal funding for their ongoing efforts to prevent, treat, and manage HIV/AIDS in the Bronx, Congressman José Serrano announced.

The \$1,043 million grant was issued by the Health Resources and Services Administration under Title 3 of the Ryan White Act. Congressman Serrano worked for reauthorization of the deeply important Ryan White Act, which funds most of the HIV/AIDS-specific health care and prevention in the nation.

Serrano called the work that the organization performs “exemplary and deserving of the support that our government is giving to it.”

“Their model, which treats the whole patient, is the way medicine should be practiced,” he noted, saying it is particularly important in cases of people with HIV/AIDS.

“They need more comprehensive care than others might in order to successfully manage their disease. Through management of existing infections and education of those not infected, BCHN is doing extremely important work to roll back the spread of this deadly disease,” he said.

Dr. Jay Izes, BCHN’s chief medical officer, called care of patients with HIV/AIDS and prevention of infection in people who are at high risk of developing HIV/AIDS “an essential part of the BCHN mission.”

“This competitive grant renewal reflects HRSA’s evaluation of the innovative, patient-centered care that we provide.”

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InsideLehman XII, Lehman College’s student co-produced video news magazine, has won three awards—the Videographer Award of Distinction, the Communicator Award of Distinction, and

the Hermes Creative Award (gold). They bring the total number of awards won by the magazine to twenty-five since 2004.

“The show’s main goal is to provide professional hands-on training for our students and also to produce programs that are informative and entertaining to the general public,” said Lynne Van Voorhis, executive producer of Inside Lehman. “The awards are evidence that our students are succeeding beyond all expectations, which is exciting to all of our participants and the College. The program’s producer, Tom O’Hanlon, guides the students to aim for excellence in their work and ultimately prepares them for the possibility of a career in the profession.”

The news magazine typically features five stories, each ranging between five to seven minutes in length and focusing on work being conducted by faculty and students, campus initiatives, and issues that impact the surrounding community.

The most recent production included a story on asthma in the Bronx and the link between poverty and air quality in certain urban, industrial settings. A segment on noise-induced hearing loss discussed appropriate levels of noise consumption, how to prevent hearing loss, and the consequences of ignoring these recommendations.

Another story on Korean studies followed one student’s quest to comply with foreign language requirements despite being unable to read or write due to an earlier accident. With some creative thinking on the part of administration, Henry Chang was able to enroll in an independent study program in the Korean language designed by the Lehman Department of Languages and Literatures. He was then paired with two Korean students—one ex-

change student and another earning her degree at Lehman, who taught the class and offered tutoring, thereby helping him fulfill his requirements and graduate.

Other segments featured a story on eating healthy while on a budget and modern dance, which showed prospective dancers how to enter the professional arena.

The Videographer Awards is an international competition designed to recognize excellence in video productions, television commercials, news, program and digital media. The Communicator Awards are judged and overseen by the International Academy of the Visual Arts, and the Hermes Creative Awards is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of both traditional materials and programs and emerging technologies.

“Inside Lehman” is available on CUNY-TV at <http://www.youtube.com/insidelehman>.

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Douglas York, Union Community Health Center’s chief executive officer, attended a White House forum and dialogue on Hispanics/Latinos and HIV/AIDS on July 10.

He was invited by the Administration of the Domestic Policy Council, Office of National AIDS Policy.

“It was an honor to have been invited to this important discussion about an increasing health crisis in the Bronx,” said York, noting that the center “has been aggressively responding to what many do not realize is an increase in HIV rates in our community by adding services and expanding HIV/AIDS expertise among its clinicians.”

The center was selected in March 2012 by the AIDS Education and Training

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## UNICORN VISITS SUNY MARITIME COLLEGE



A 110-foot tall ship Unicorn (left), a training vessel for the non-profit Sisters Under Sail, visited the waterfront campus of SUNY Maritime on the morning of Tuesday, June 26. Fifteen teens from New Jersey were learning leadership skills for girls and young women on a five-day voyage from Perth Amboy, New Jersey to New London, CT. They met with students from Preston High School to discuss their adventure.

Photo courtesy of SUNY Maritime



Joining the crew of the Unicorn are several Preston High School students, SUNY Maritime president Wendi Carpenter, Bronx Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Lenny Caro.

### from previous page

Centers National Center for HIV Care in Minority Communities to participate in the 2012 HIV in Primary Care Learning Community.

As a result, the health center has launched a comprehensive clinical training program and allocated additional resources to its physicians to assist them with the management of highly active antiretroviral therapy.

It has also increased access to HIV testing by expanding the availability of

OraQuick testing at more of its locations. HIV rapid testing is now offered at its three primary care sites. Most recently, the center recruited an Adolescent Medicine physician to expand its services for youth, including LBGT youth who may be at greater risk for HIV.

The center also offers a full range of primary care, adult medicine, pediatrics and dental care services, as well as needed specialty services such as physical and occupational therapy, cardiology, urology, optometry,

dermatology and podiatry, with about 150,000 medical, dental and physical rehabilitation visits annually to 25,000 individual patients at its four locations.

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**Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.**’s office helped launch the 2nd Bronx CAN Health Challenge on Saturday, July 14, hosted by Blink Fitness, a new fitness center located at 744 St. Ann’s Ave and East 156th Street.

Staff from Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center, a CAN partner, regis-



BronxNet honored their brightest on Thursday, June 28 with the annual BronxNet BETA Awards. At 450 Grand Concourse, home to the Hostos Center for Arts & Culture, the festive venue featured dance performances, a special tribute to Hostos’ Wallace Edgecombe, and of course awards to deserving winners. BronxNet’s public access channels give locals the chance to produce their own shows that matter to Bronxites.

(Left) Dance performances headlined the awards show. Here Los Pleneros De La dancer Yulia Gutierrez of Concourse rocks the stage at the event.

## 2012 BRONXNET BETA AWARDS



Photos by Walter Pofeldt  
(Above) DJ Cool Clyde picks up the award for Best Educational Program from BronxNet’s Arlene Mukoko.



Hostos Center for Arts and Culture director Wallace “Wally” Edgecombe stands humbly as he accepts a Citation of Merit from Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

### Challenge.”

“Too many of our residents are suffering from preventable ailments like obesity and high blood pressure,” added local state Senator Jose M. Serrano.

“It’s very exciting that this initiative is expanding outward to other areas of the Bronx, and I look forward to working with Borough President Diaz to promote healthy living in my district. I encourage everyone to take the Challenge, and take a positive step toward an active, healthy life.”

tered community residents, recorded vital stats, measurements and screened for blood pressure and diabetes. Blink Fitness had trainers on site to provide fitness tips and extended free trials to all participants 18 years and older. Blink Fitness will also provide a complementary six-month membership to the top male and female participants with the highest percentage of weight loss.

The health initiative brings together individuals, doctors and other health providers, places of wor-

## BOCCE BALL BONANZA

Get ready for bocce! Morris Park's first Bocce Ball Tournament took place at Loreto Park, home to the area's newest bocce ball court. Sponsored by Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, local bocce teams battled for bragging rights on Saturday, July 14, as the United States Bocce Federation refereed the sport. Bocce is a well-known international sport homegrown in Italy. The game is usually played with eight balls and a pallino. The purpose of the game is to get your bocce balls as close as possible to the pallino.

(Right) Bocce players share a quick pic with members of the United States Bocce Federation.



Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, who organized the event, tries her hand. Here United States Bocce Federation VP Guy Rabito watches Rivera's handling of the bocce ball.



Bocce fans line up on the sides of the bocce courts as one of the early games gets underway.



(Above) Victor Juravich gets his throwing arm ready as Peter Rabito looks on.

(Far right) Bocce never gets old for Guy Desantis, president of the United States Bocce Federation. Here he throws a regulation bocce ball at the pallino.

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The significance of a driver's license never truly dissipates, which makes it difficult for aging people to address their abilities as a driver and whether or not they can still safely share the road with other motorists. Many drivers can safely stay behind the wheel well into their golden years, but others begin to recognize their skills are starting to diminish as they approach senior citizen status. For those who want help gauging their abilities as a driver, some self-examination can help.

## Assess your eyesight

Healthy eyes are essential to being a safe driver, and drivers can assess their eyesight in a number of ways. In addition to

visiting an eye doctor for an eye examination, drivers should look for signs that they're having difficulty with driving. If signs and street markings aren't so easy to read anymore, you might need a new prescription for eyeglasses. When the glare of headlights at night makes it difficult to see, your driver's seat might need to be adjusted or you might want to consider antiglare eyeglasses that make it easier to see at night.

## Know your comfort level

Safe drivers are also comfortable drivers. To assess your comfort level as a driver, ask yourself the following questions before getting back behind the wheel.

- Is it troublesome to look over your shoulder and change lanes?
- Has steering become difficult?
- Has your reaction time when switching from the gas pedal to the brake pedal decreased?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the questions above, then it could be that you're beginning to

lose strength, coordination and flexibility, which can make it more difficult to operate a motor vehicle. Answering "yes" doesn't mean you have to give up your driver's license.

In fact, your doctor might be able to prescribe therapies or medicines or suggest a fitness regimen that can make it easier for you to comfortably drive a car. In addition, if you're having trouble steering or operating a motor vehicle in any way, you might just want to find a vehicle that's easier to drive, such as one with an automatic transmission that has power steering and brakes.

When assessing your comfort level, also examine your mental state while driving. If other drivers make you uncomfortable or traffic signs are confusing, this can make it difficult to safely operate an automobile. Such feelings when driving could also be a side effect of a particular medication, so discuss the issue with your doctor to see if that's the case and if there are any alternatives.



Aging drivers should weigh a host of factors when determining if it is still safe for them to be on the road.

## Consider others' concerns

Aging drivers are often the last to notice if their abilities behind the wheel are starting to diminish. Loved ones are often put in the position of talking to aging drivers about their abilities, and this can cause friction. If loved ones have expressed concern about your abilities as a driver, honestly address these concerns, even if it's initially hurtful or embarrassing to do so. Your loved ones are sharing their feelings out of genuine concern for your well-being, so don't look at it as

an assault on your self-sufficiency. Some organizations, including the AARP and AAA, offer driving classes for mature drivers to help them more adequately handle the challenges aging drivers might face.

Aging drivers face obstacles they may or may not be prepared for. When such challenges arise, that doesn't necessarily mean it's time to stop driving entirely. Instead, honestly weigh a host of factors before deciding if it's still safe for you to be behind the wheel.

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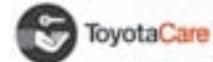
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Ask anyone who has taken an extended road trip what a car looks like post-trip and visions of food stains, trash, and other not-so-pretty things might soon appear. But it doesn't always take a road trip to create a messy interior. Ordinary day-to-day living can lead to stains, scratches, clutter, and more.

Many interior messes can be cleaned up, but taking a proactive approach to interior cleanliness can save time and frustration. These are a few ways to keep the car clean and minimize damage.

## Detail the interior

There are many products on the market that can be applied to the dashboard and other trims around the car. For the most part, these are leather conditioning treatments or vinyl coatings that help prevent cracking or drying out of the materials. They also impart a nice shine onto the trimwork, and alleviate finger smudges and other eye sores.

Using a shop vacuum is a smart way to clean the carpeting and mats, as well as catch



**Avoid a mess by having a small bag or trash can to collect the remnants of the meal so they don't end up on the floor or seats.**

crumbs and other dirt that can end up staining the seats of the car. A shop vac has more horsepower than a regular vacuum and will draw dirt out more easily.

If you have leather seats, use a mild soap and water solution and dampen a cloth to wipe down the seats. The same solution can be used on the plastic components,

such as cup holders and storage areas. Use a dry cloth to dry and buff out any streaks. There are leather seat protector products available, and upholstered seats can be protected with a scotch guard-type product.

## Create a dirt barrier

Carpeted mats are meant to make the car interior appear

sleek and refined. Yet, many times, these mats can get soiled quite quickly. A good investment is to purchase vinyl or plastic mats that have a raised perimeter that will trap any dirt or liquid (like melted snow) on the mat. Then the mats can be easily removed and hosed off.

Along the same lines, car seat covers can be bought that will serve as a barrier between dirt, crumbs, fur, and anything else that would normally become embedded in the upholstery. There are kick mats that can be placed on the rear side of front seats. This way, if kids in the back put their feet up on the seats or have a tendency of kicking, they won't dirty the seats.

If your car has a trunk, consider lining it with an impermeable material that can absorb spills and catch dirt. With the spring planting season just around the corner, you don't want the topsoil or fertilizer spilling into the carpet-lined trunk making a mess. For SUV drivers, a mat or liner can be installed in the cargo area. Check with your dealership or an after-

market retailer if there are products specifically designed for this purpose. Otherwise a blanket, absorbent sheet, etc., can be used in a pinch.

## Clean off before driving

The warm-weather season is one full of frolicking in parks or seaside. Be sure to stomp shoes clean of sand and dirt before entering the car. Pay special attention to the cleanliness of pets and children's feet before entering the car.

## Get a trash receptacle

In a perfect world, there would be no eating and drinking in a car and no chance for food and beverages to spill. However, many people find from time to time that they need a snack or a refreshment in the car. Avoid a mess by having a small bag or trash can to collect the remnants of the meal so they don't end up on the floor or seats. Look for drinks with straws and covers for easier drinkability in the car. Only allow foods that won't cause major stains if spilled, such as water and dry snacks.

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But as costly as gas has become, drivers can still mitigate those costs by employing a few strategies aimed at increasing their driving efficiency. The following are a few ways drivers can offset high fuel costs regardless of the time of year.

• Maintain a consistent speed. Though it might be hard to maintain a consistent speed when driving during rush hour, it should not be too difficult to do so when hitting the open road. If most of your driving is done on the highway, go easy on your engine by maintaining a consistent speed. The easier you are on the engine, the less taxed that engine will be and the less fuel it will need as a result. If going on a long road trip or if your daily commute involves long stretches of highway driving, rely on your vehicle's cruise control function to make things easier on your engine



Drivers can employ several strategies to conserve fuel and save money at the increasingly costly gas pump.

and conserve fuel.

• Don't drive when you can walk or bike. It might sound simple, but the best way to conserve fuel is not to use it at all. During the warmer months, walk or ride your bicycle when performing local errands. This

is especially beneficial during the summer, when gas prices are typically higher. Save a few gallons of gas by running errands on foot or on your bicycle. If a physical condition makes it hard for you to walk or bike, make use of public transportation

when you need to travel locally.

• Obey the speed limit. The open road entices many drivers to put the pedal to the metal, but driving over the speed limit is both illegal and expensive. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that drivers pay an additional \$0.31 per gallon for every five miles they drive over 60 mph. Since gas prices have already hovered around \$4 per gallon for much of the year, drivers would be wise to obey the speed limit and conserve their fuel as well as their money.

• Don't make your vehicle into a traveling closet. Many drivers keep excess materials in their cars, whether it's a cooler for picnics, a set of golf clubs, or an old baby stroller. Excess weight will rear its ugly head at the pump. The Department of Energy notes that an extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce its miles per gallon by as much as two percent. Before hitting the highway, check your trunk and the back-seat and remove any unnecessary items.

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Very often, motorcycle accidents are attributed to lack of rider skill. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that there are roughly four million registered motorcycle riders on American roadways. There may be many others who are unlicensed and still hop on a motorcycle as a preferred mode of transportation.

There are several advantages to motorcycles. With some models, motorcycles offer a ride with good fuel economy. Cycles take up less space than cars, and they can be easier to park and maintain in an urban setting.

The administration's statistics indicate that motorcycle fatalities make up around five percent of all traffic fatalities. Eighty percent of motorcycle accidents result in injury or death, compared to the roughly 20 percent of other vehicles. That's due to the minimal protection the vehicle provides. This further emphasizes the necessity to properly and safely operate a motorcycle to avoid accidents in the first place.

Riding safely first involves purchasing a bike that is the right size and power for the rider. Larger bikes can be heavy and riders who are small in stature may not be able to maneuver or lift the motorcycle, should it

fall over. Also, riders should choose bikes that fit their lifestyles. For instance, a trail bike will not be safe on a highway.

It is a good idea to enroll in a motorcycle safety course if it's your first experience with a bike. This course will give invaluable tips regarding maneuvering, learning about operating the cycle, defensive driving techniques, and other tips specific to motorcycles. For example, intersections are one place on a roadway where many accidents take place. Bike riders should try to enter an intersection with a larger vehicle on the right of the motorcycle, or at least in the left-most lane to provide a space cushion from oncoming traffic.

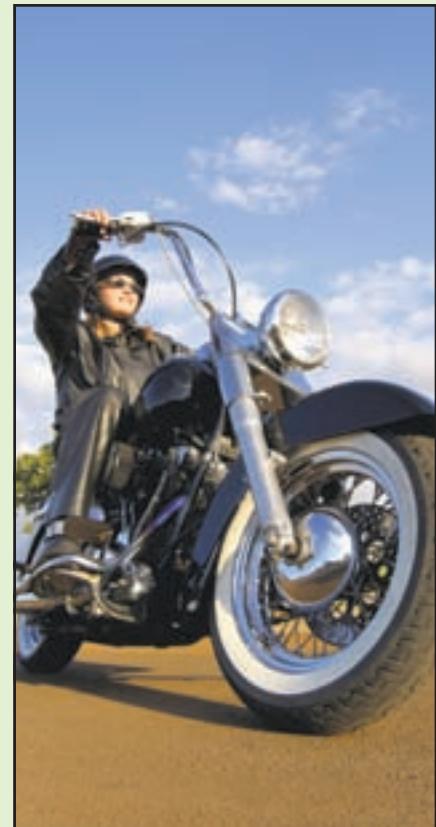
Of course, protective clothing and equipment are essential to minimize injuries if an accident should occur. Helmets, goggles, boots, long pants, jackets, and the like should be worn at all times. Injuries can often be prevented with protective gear, but many riders still don't embrace such gear.

Another important safety tip is to recognize that traveling with another passenger is much more difficult to do than riding alone. A passenger can throw off the balance of the bike and add weight, two factors that may be different from what the rider is used to. Before taking another passenger out for a spin, riders should be extremely experienced in handling the bike and proficient in all controls and safety maneuvers.

### Here are some other safety tips motorcycle riders can heed.

- Treat other motorists with courtesy.
- Do not tailgate.
- Do not cut through the middle of lanes or pass cars on the right while traffic is stopped.
- Be especially alert at intersections.
- Use signals whenever appropriate.
- Avoid driving during inclement weather.
- Assume the motorcycle is invisible to other drivers; position yourself to be seen.
- Avoid sudden braking or turning.
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BY EDITH BLITZER  
AND RAPHAEL S.

The heavens shine upon the Pelham Parkway community.

Despite an ominous forecast of thunderstorms and rain showers on Sunday the 15th, our 3rd Beautification of this Summer on Barnes Avenue prevailed seamlessly, with mere dew and droplets falling on the soiled trousers of the 15 neighborhood stewards who participated in this positive event.

#### A New Era

For many months and many years, numerous blocks on Lydig, Barnes and the many other cross-streets of the Pelham Parkway South community have been left untouched and ignored, resulting in mediocrity, decay and the growth of weeds, as opposed to the growth of community and cooperation. But no more.

Sunday's Barnes Avenue Beautification was a testament to the love and care that many citizens feel for this cherished community and its greenery.

Fourteen proud Parkway'ans lovingly showed their admiration, and their desire to see our neighborhood shine and visually represent all of the positive elements that surround and inhabit it. It was reassuring to see faces old and new receive such enjoyment from making a positive change in their area.

There are those of us who sit on the sidelines and whine.

Then there are those who are audacious enough to think boldly and instill their spirit with positive ideals, and the energetic effort to match it. And many of those positive citizens came out Sunday.

A special thanks to G.I.V.E. (Getting Involved Virginia Avenue Efforts) for once again lending their support to our endeavors. After all, Parkchester and the parkway aren't too far apart, and have much in common.

#### Thanks to Mark Gjonaj

And we couldn't have made this event happen without the constant, unwavering support of Mark Gjonaj, who graciously lent his time and equipment to

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dig Avenue. A staggering 13 trees in total on this one side of the block!

Now it's your turn to become a Community Steward!

#### Next Beautifications

The PPNA will be conducting at least one Beautification per week of the trees and sidewalk in our area throughout the summer. And it's not just about pulling weeds, removing garbage and laying fresh mulch. That is just the beginning.

With these newly revamped and renewed tree beds and sidewalks, we plan to install new, attractive wooden fencing around many of the Maples and Linden trees on Lydig between White Plains Road and Matthews, as well as along the cross-streets in between.

With participation and contribution from neighboring businesses, residents and apartment building owners, we will encapsulate the trees in a colorful wooden fencing that protects it from dogs, garbage and vandalism. With materials bought solely at "Mom and Pop" small business hardware stores in the Community Board 11 area, we'll need your assistance in constructing these "Tree-guards" over the next month.

And we'll need the kids assistance in PAINTING them colorfully to attract more shoppers to Lydig Avenue!

In addition, we will be outfitting the newly-decorated tree beds with signage that beckons those with canines, as well as those without, to lend a more loving hand to their community through their daily activities.

#### Your Thoughts And Participation

So let us know what you think about this vision for our neighborhood.

Send us an email: PelhamParkwayAssociation@gmail.com (No dashes or periods) or give us a Call: (347) 654 7044.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Sky Vegetables Bronx LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 6/20/12. 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.: The LLC, 145 Rosemary St., Needham, MA 02494. Regd. agent upon whom process may be served: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

## LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the limited liability company is 108 East Clarke Place LLC. The date of formation and the date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State is September 20, 2006. The County within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is located is Bronx County and the street address is 108 East Clarke Place LLC c/o Proto Realty Management Corp. 3601A Fieldston Road, Bronx, New York 10463. The secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom service of process against it may be served and the post office address within the State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is 108 East Clarke Place LLC c/o Proto Realty Management Corp. 3601A Fieldston Road, Bronx, New York 10463. The character or purpose of the business of the limited liability company is to conduct all lawful business activities.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, SUPERIOR COURT, JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF WATERBURY, AT WATERBURY, CRIOLLO, Luis G., NOTICE TO: SOTO, Lillian. The Court has reviewed the Motion for Notice By Publication or Mail and the Complaint which asks for: Divorce (dissolution of marriage) based on IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Court finds that the defendant's current address is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find her have failed. The Court also finds that the defendant's last known address was: Bronx, NY. The Court orders that notice be given to the defendant by placing a legal notice in the Bronx Times, a newspaper circulating in Bronx, NY, containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and a statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint on file with the Court. The notice should appear on or before 08/07/12 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court. Felicia M. Alves, Clerk. Date signed: 07/09/12

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Opal Cassandra Grey Plaintiff, -against- Belroy Fitzgerald Blake Defendant Index No.:2011-76244 Date Summons filed:6/16/2011 Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial Pltf. Residence SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Plaintiff resides at Bronx County ACTION FOR DIVORCE YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff OR Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (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: July 5th 2012 Opal Grey 45 Hemingway Ave Apt 3 New Rochelle NY 10801 NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties on the ground: DRL § 170subd. 2 - Abandonment. 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 or additional relief demanded is: NONE

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CitiMortgage, Inc., in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 38 shares of stock of EDGEWATER PARK OWNERS COOPERATIVE, INC. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 54 D EDGEWATER PARK UNIT 54 D, BRONX, NY 10465. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on July 30, 2012 at 01:45 PM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein.

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SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF ARGENT MORTGAGE SECURITIES, INC. ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-W3 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2005, Pltf. vs. SELINA CHAVIS, et al. Defts. Index #06-15046. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Apr. 7, 2010, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Aug. 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a17 East 184th St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Section 11, Block 3188, Lot 91. Said Approx. amt. of judgment is \$409,949.97 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. JOSEPH T. JEDNAK, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Atlys. for Pltf., 20 West Main St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 20794 #81483

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE

Supreme Court, Bronx County, Index No. 17502/2007  
Business Loan Center, LLC, Plaintiff, v. Quanda D. Morrison, et al., Defendants.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered in the above captioned action on October 26, 2011, the undersigned Referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on July 30, 2012, at 2:00 P.M., in Room 600 at the Bronx Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, in the County of Bronx, State of New York the premises described in said judgment and is designated as Section: 14 Block: 3508 Lot: 45. Said premises is known as 443 Torry Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Approximate amount of lien is \$280,492.94 plus interest and costs.

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

Philip Coleman, Referee  
Law Offices of Tae H. Whang, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 2011 Lemoine Avenue, Suite 205, Fort Lee, NJ 07024, (201) 461-3786.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 590 shares of stock of LENRU APARTMENT CORPORATION. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 3398

BY JOANNE TIMMINS

Let's play Parent Jeopardy.

The category is "Teenagers". The answer is, "One of the most difficult and challenging stages a parent faces." You now have 15 seconds to come up with the correct question.....Okay, time's up. If you said, "What is adolescence?", you can give yourself 200 points. Get ready for Double Jeopardy.

Teens can be baffling, can't they? They have a fierce desire to be different, except when they have a fierce desire to be the same. This makes sense if we think about it for a moment. A teenager's "job", psychologically speaking, is to find his or her unique and distinct personality and place in the larger world.

A big piece of finding one's place in society is to be accepted and liked by one's peers, and this is what makes teenagers especially susceptible to "peer influence" or "peer pressure". The bizarre hair colors, unusual hair styles, outlandish clothing—it all speaks to the teenager's need to define him or herself as special and distinctive in the world. But most of all, the teen also

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wants to belong, to be a part of the group. What teenager has not argued with a parent that since everybody does it, they should be allowed to do it too? If everybody does it, then it must be okay, no big deal, no problem. When it comes to alcohol and other drugs, teenagers believe that most other teens drink, and many adults share this same misperception. Doesn't everybody do it as part of growing up? Can it really hurt?

Good questions, and fortunately, we do have some answers. TNCAP recently conducted an extensive survey of almost 1300 students in Throggs Neck area schools. First, the good news: most teenagers do not drink! It may seem contrary to our expectations or experience; for instance, if a teen's group of friends drink, then that becomes his or her social reality. Teens who drink on weekends tend to talk about it at

school, too, adding to the sense that everybody does indeed drink. But our kids deserve and need to know the truth: everybody's not doing it and yes, it can really hurt.

Now, the bad news: early use of alcohol is linked to a large number of problems later on in life, a recent research study says. Those who drink before age 14 complete fewer years of education than those who don't, which in turn affects employment, earnings, marriage, etc. The most recent TNCAP survey revealed that 25% of our 8th graders have used alcohol. One out of four 8th graders are jeopardizing their health, happiness and success and may not realize it.

A safe community is everybody's business. Parents, educators, coaches, alcohol sellers and servers, ministers, and all other caring and concerned adults have a role to play in the deadly serious business of keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors. A teen who drinks is jeopardizing not just his own health but the health of those around him and the well-being of all who care for him. Now that's really Double Jeopardy.

## ST. BENEDICT'S HOLDS ANNUAL CARNIVAL



Photos courtesy of St. Benedict

St. Benedict Church held its parish carnival at St. Benedict School playground on Saturday, July 14. The event included rides, balloons, and fun food for families. The carnival gave the parish community the opportunity to celebrate St. Benedict, the patron saint of the church.

(Above) The church pastor, Fr. Stephen Norton, joins "Chrissy" the clown in making a conga line.



(Above, left) Chrissy the Clown and Kaitlyn Dallaris, 8, enjoy the good time.

(Above) Youngsters participate in arts and crafts with sand at the carnival.

(Left) A Velcro climbing tower provided much amusement for kids at the carnival.



BY BILL HEANEY

In addition to constantly striving to make Throggs Neck a safe and happy place to live, the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps continues to reach out to their neighbors and community with news about the corps and their special events.

On Friday July 27, at 7 p.m., the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps will be present to handle any injuries and address the need for medical attention that might happen on the field of battle at the 4th Annual Charity Softball Game between The Throggs Neck Merchants Association and the Westchester Square/Pelham Bay Merchants Associations, at the Throggs Neck Little League field located at Throggs Neck Blvd and Harding Avenue.

Corps members and other volunteers will wash and hand-dry the outside of your car, van, truck or SUV, including windows!

TNVAC now has coffee mugs for sale! In addition to the carwash fundraiser, the sale of these mugs, priced @ \$5 will help defray the cost of the new second ambulance which was dedicated in May to the memory of

former corps member P.O. Jerome Dominguez and founding member Donald Engeldrum, Sr.

At the Corp's annual meeting in June, Ruth Leich was re-elected as the chairperson and Moses Nelson was re-appointed as the chief of operations. With Mrs. Leich and Mr. Nelson continuing in their leadership positions, the unsurpassed performance of TNVAC will continue seamlessly. Constant changes in regulations and funding provide steady challenges for the corps but Throggs Neck and the surrounding communities can continue to expect outstanding service from the volunteer corps members serving the community.

TNVAC, started in 1979, continues today only with the help of their community. For more information on how you can be part of the magic contact us at (718) 430 9501 or eMail WHeaney@tnvac.us or visit us 3955 East Tremont Avenue.

# Bogus bike lane summons refunded

From page 1

sue a refund," Cannon said. "This is thanks to the New York Post, CBS 2, Channel 11, and Councilman Jimmy Vacca, who was on it first."

The ticket has produced a large amount of aggravation, Cannon said at her store.

"When you get a ticket for something that you deserve, it is upsetting, but you know you are wrong," Cannon said. "When you get a ticket for something you didn't do, it is an insult, an annoyance, and harassment!"

She said that she hopes that some good comes out of this by traffic agents being more cautious and considerate when motorists are ticketed, Cannon said.

After the story broke, Mayor Bloomberg was asked about the ticket by reporters, and was quoted in the Post as saying "fixing a ticket is not something that a mayor should do, and I will not do that - I have no idea whether she was right or wrong."



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Phyllis Cannon was all smiles inside of her store after learning that the city voided a bogus parking ticket she received for parking in a nonexistent bike lane on Hone Avenue.

Councilman Vacca said that neither he nor Cannon ever asked anyone to fix a ticket, and he called it the case of a "bike lane that never was." Vacca said that the mayor could not answer the question because it was before the agencies conducted the inquiry.

"In this case, she does not deserve the fine," said Vacca. "There is no bike lane on the street, there are

no plans to put a bike lane on the street, and this was blatantly wrong."

"The NYPD traffic division should be sending a letter to the Department of Finance and a refund should be issued," Vacca said.

Vacca also praised the efforts of the Post. "The New York Post article did bring it to light, and the article was helpful in resolving the case," said Vacca.

## Car crashes into building

From page 1

Six families over the Clarke and Son Signs' store had to be evacuated, and two adjacent stores ordered closed, with vacate orders on all three buildings.

As of press time, a Department of Buildings spokeswoman said that two apartments and the two stores facing Overing Street were still under vacate orders.

Community Board 10 and the president of the Westchester Square Civic Association are awaiting findings from the city Department of Transportation and the Department of Buildings as to what can be done to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety at the intersection, and to learn if and when the families can return to their apartments and the two stores near E. Tremont Avenue can reopen.

The city DOT has been studying the intersection of Silver and Overing streets and E. Tremont Avenue since 2011, and CB 10 has

requested speed humps for several Zerega streets and improvement of pedestrian safety at the particular intersection where the accident occurred, said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns.

"I think traffic control in general is a good thing," Kearns said. "I think DOT was responsive to the board request for an analysis of the intersection. We don't have analysis yet and we are waiting for it. The agency is in the process of getting that information together and we are confident that city DOT will present it to us."

The area around the accident scene would be perfect for a Neighborhood Slow Zone - an initiative that has just been expanded by Mayor Bloomberg to reduce the speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 MPH in certain areas.

"I have asked for signs to reduce speeds on all streets nearby," said Lou Rocco of the local association. "I wish we could have a Neighborhood Speed Zone here because we got schools

and medical centers, and trucks are always speeding through here."

Rino Sicilaino, owner of the Rino of Italy hair salon, across Overing Street from the accident, said he had seen many car crashes at the location after about 25 years in business.

But whatever is done at the intersection, and the surrounding blocks in Westchester Square and Zerega, it comes too late for 49-year-old Gilberto Alfonso, who died in the car crash.

After the car was pulled from inside the building, messages for Alfonso appeared at a memorial on wooden planks put up in front of the gapping hole in the wall of the building. The messages appear to come from family members, friends, and even people he did not know.

Hours after the accident Juan Clarke, who owns Clarke and Son Signs, was still reticent about the tragedy.

"When I imagine it," Clarke said, "it is not good."

## Around Town

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teachers proud, by winning even more scholarships. It was a tremendous experience for the dancers at PEDA.

Their competitive season kicked off in March with In10sity Dance Competition in E. Bernardsville, NJ where they competed against some of the best schools in the East Coast. PEDA dancers were awarded Best Choreography awards for solo performances as well as group numbers. They took top groups with platinum and high point placements. Solos, duets and trios also came in the Top Ten with their highest scoring platinum winnings. Destiny Encarnacion won a scholarship after winning 1st place in an Improv contest against 22 other dancers.

During the month of April, the dancers attended Legacy Dance Championship regional competition in Long Island, NY. With numerous schools in attendance and over 500 entries, once again these dancers took 1st place with their solos, duets, trios and group dances. These dancers also received the highest awarded trophy - The Legacy Award which means they were the highest scoring school throughout the weekend for both Top Intermediate and Top Primary groups.

Performers Edge Dance Academy brought 82 pieces to the competition, bringing home 80 platinum's and 2 elite golds!

Kids Artistic Revue in Long Island was their last mandatory regional competition for 2011-2012 season. And once again these dancers took it all. Nicolette Petriello was crowned Miss Junior KAR along with Serena Maldacker as 1st Runner Up and Angelina Duran as 3rd Runner up.

Shari Alston placed 1st Runner Up for Miss Teen KAR. PEDA dancers continued to place 1st in many of their solos, duets, trios and groups along with coming in the top 10 for the entire competition weekend.

The School and teachers were also awarded with well deserved chorography awards and special judges

awards.

A few PEDA dancers attended Dance X-plosion Dance, also in May, as an optional competition. The winnings continued - Skylin Rodriguez won Petite Miss Dance X-plosion, Angelina Duran and Nicolette Petriello won Top Duet in the Junior Division, Marlene Belliard, Angelina Duran and Nicolette Petriello took 2nd place with their trio in the junior division.

Great things happening for PEDA dancers, all season through. Along with the countless winnings and awards, Performers Edge Dancers were given an opportunity like no other. Lifetime TV's hit show Dance Moms Miami contacted Stefanie Salaman to hold a master class for PEDA dancers while they were on press tours in NYC.

On June 4 and 5, Victor Smalley and his assistant student, Melanie Ramos held two amazing classes for the dancers and took pictures and signed autographs and talked with all the students.

They enjoyed the dancers so much they are returning July 17 to hold three more classes and this time Dance Moms Miami Angel Armas will be attending as well. It is a great experience for the dancers to be able to meet successful dancers they admire so much and take a class with them!

Closing out their competitive season for 2011-2012, the company team attended Legacy Dance Championship Nationals in Wildwood, NJ. With 53 schools in attendance and nearly 1300 numbers entered, Performers Edge Dance Academy dancers rocked the stage over and over all week long.

Dancers received Top first place awards, Top Ten awards, special judge's award and Chorography awards as well. These dancers were recognized for their amazing talent and true dedication. Angelina Duran was crowned Miss Petite Legacy, with Nicolette Petriello as her 1st Runner up. Serena Maldacker placed 2nd Runner up Miss Junior Legacy and Shari Alston placed 1st Runner up as Miss Teen Legacy.

Congratulations to all! Performers Edge Dance Academy, once again, received an outstanding trophy.... top scoring school in the 12 and under division. These

dancers worked hard all year and it really showed on that National stage, so much that out of the 80 numbers chosen for the final showdown where the best of the best of the competition compete for the ultimate win, Performers Edge had over 20 of their numbers chosen to compete and was asked to showcase 2 title wining solos as well as their all boys hip hop trio - which received a standing ovation from all judges and spectators alike, to entertain the crowd.

PEDA dancers did their thing - winning the top scoring performance for the entire competition with their 1st place Showdown Trophy and three more 3rd place trophies as well. This is amazing accomplishment as competition was at its best but the Performers Edge Dance Academy dancers were unstoppable...so unstoppable that 6 dancers stayed behind in Wildwood, NJ to compete in Dance X-plosion's National.

The youngest soloist, Laurielle Echevarria received platinum and was the highest scoring soloist in the 6 and under competitive division wowing the judges with her first solo ever. Our juniors, Angelina Duran and Serena Maldacker placed 6th and 4th place in the Junior division soloists with 86 solos entered. Teens, Shari Alston and Danielle Medici placed 6th place with 43 duets/trios entered for their Duet.

These two continued to shine in the Teen Solo category, with 93 dancers competing, Danielle Medici placed 2nd overall with her Teen solo and Shari Alston placing 1st Overall with her solo. The winnings didn't stop there, Nicolette Petriello competed and won the pageant and was titled Miss Petite Dance X-plosion.

Big congratulations to all the dancers, teachers and chorographers at Performers Edge Dance Academy. Despite the obstacles faced this year they gave all they had and learned on stages across the Tri-state area and proved to be the true National Champions in the Bronx! From ages 5 to 18 these dancers danced their hearts out and lived through their dance on every stage they touched. Stefanie Salaman takes such pride in all her dancers and pushes them to their limits showing them what true competition is like.

## Community Action civic Association

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.  
Once again, New York City is ground zero for those wishing to harm the United States. According to AP published reports, Iranian intelligence operatives are engaging in activities that continue to worry the NYPD. Fortunately for residents of the five boroughs, the local police force seems to be more realistic about the threat than the federal government.

America's largest city is not alone. Brian Higgins (D-NY) believes that Tehran's terrorist proxy Hezbollah presents a danger throughout the Western Hemisphere, with an active presence in fourteen North American cities. The threat to New York is part of a larger movement by Iran to establish a military presence within the western hemisphere, with a particular emphasis on using several anti-U.S. states in South America as a base for their operations.

There is bipartisan concern in Congress that the White House has not

responded to the threat, although the problem is recognized. In recent testimony before Congress, Southern Command General Douglas Fraser recently told Congress that "Iran is very engaged in Latin America. The Director of National Intelligence, James R. Clapper, believes that Iranian officials...are now more willing to conduct an attack in the U.S. in response to real or perceived Y.S. actions that threaten the regime."

Iran's involvement goes far beyond mere advice and technical assistance. The Pentagon's 2010 report to Congress on Iran's military power, emphasizes that the Qods force, the elite paramilitary unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, is now deeply involved in the Americas.

Roger F. Noriega, the former ambassador to the

Organization of American States and former Assistant Secretary of State, notes that "Iranian officials have made no secret of the regime's intention to carry its asymmetrical struggle to the streets of the United States and Europe."

The challenge goes far beyond ground-level threats. Germany's Die Welt publication described the Islamic Republic's construction of intermediate range missile launch pads on Venezuela's Paraguana Peninsula. Both nuclear and ballistic missile threats are emerging from Venezuelan-Iranian cooperation. Iran's Admiral Habibollah has announced plans to send warships to the Atlantic coast of the United States. This is far more than a "show the flag" exercise. Having these vessels this close places American cities within range of nuclear-capable missiles.

The Tehran/Caracas axis, encouraged by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez, is particularly troubling. The Foundry's Peter Brookes reports that the two na-

tions have a Memorandum of Understanding "pledging full military support and cooperation that likely increases weapons sales... One could easily see Tehran using Caracas as a stepping off point for attacking U.S. or other (e.g. Israeli) interests in this hemisphere or even the American homeland, especially if action is taken against Iran's nuclear program...There is concern that Iran and Venezuela are already cooperating on some nuclear issues. There have been reports that Iran may

be prospecting for uranium ore in Venezuela, which could aid both countries' nuclear programs, should Caracas proceed... While still prospective, of course, there is the possibility that Tehran, which has an increasingly capable missile program, could sell or help Caracas develop ballistic missiles capable of reaching American shores."

Despite wide-scale concern, the White House has slashed funds from the military's Southern Command, the armed forces'

organization responsible for Latin American affairs. New York's police force may have the best anti-terrorist capabilities in the world. However, the threat coming from Iran is a full-scale military challenge, and Washington must live up to its responsibilities to protect both our city and our nation. Contact COMACTA at [nycommunityaction@gmail.com](mailto:nycommunityaction@gmail.com); tune into our sponsored radio broadcast each Saturday at 10am on WVOX 1460 am, or on our website at [comactainc.com](http://comactainc.com).



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### BY ANITA VALENTI

July has been living up to its reputation of very high and humid temperatures. Hopefully August will be cooler.

Many are blaming the temperature on global warming. Not so! Mother Nature does what Mother Nature wants, whatever she decides: hot, scorching summers, rainy summers, cool summers, and record snowfalls mild winters. She is truly a very fickle lady. Decades ago, before air conditioning, families slept on their fire escapes when the thermometer rose to the high nineties.

Before school opens, Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association, together with our neighboring civic associations, are asking our elected officials and D.O.T. to install four-way full stop signs at every corner of our schools.

Also, all our traffic lights informing pedestrians how many seconds are left to safely cross the street. Many communities are already enjoying this safety measure and why not our communities??

## civic center

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We encourage everyone to call our elected officials and D.O.T. to make our community just as safe as other communities have been.

We remember many decades ago when the Hutchinson River Parkway was brand new and drivers were not able to purchase gasoline for their cars because of World War II. We used to play ball on the highway. The only traffic was the open trucks bringing our young soldiers to wherever they were going to be needed. We all waved to them and they all waved back to us.

Living between I-95 and the Hutchinson River Parkway was great because we had quick access to wherever we wanted to go. However, today we are constantly confronted with stand still traffic going North, South, East or West

subjecting us all too high levels of toxic air pollution.

In a recent column, Joe Oddo had a great suggestion which may help us get rid of the pollution we are surrounded with. He mentioned the names of many different plants that we can purchase from our local Pelham Bay florists.

As always, our community is again looking forward to our annual St. Theresa Festival which is being held from July 25 through July 29. We are looking forward to the smell of frying zeppoles, rides and games for everyone to enjoy. Also, the great possibility of winning a brand new car with the purchase of the lucky ticket.

Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association does not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be in September. Your dues of \$10 can be mailed to Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association, Pilgrim Station, Post Office Box 610233, Bronx, New York 10461. Enjoy the rest of the summer and looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting in September.

# Bronx scene

## Ponies, Bronx native Nick Sandow's movie, premieres in the Village

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

And they're off!

Ponies, a movie directed by Bronx native Nick Sandow, and featuring his old Morris Park nabe as a big scene stealer, premiered on Friday, July 13 at Cinema Village in Manhattan.

The movie is Sandow's debut as a director, shooting scenes on Morris Park Avenue.

But the film crew didn't exactly win over the community when they first started filming.

John Fratta, assistant district manager for Community Board 11, said calls began pouring in when the movie started filming in 2009, with community members outraged at an OTB

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Photo courtesy of Greenbox Films Entertainment

Actor John Ventimiglia (Artie Bucco of *Sopranos* fame) and Nick Sandow (in lettered t-shirt), a Bronx Native and film director, on the set of his film *Ponies*, a drama set in NYC and filmed in Morris Park.



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# Monet Evenings continue at the Garden

The New York Botanical Garden's monthly summer concert series, Monet Evenings Featuring Water Lily Concerts, continues this evening, July 19, with a performance on the Conservatory Lawn by the Avalon Jazz Band.

Enjoy a complimentary specialty cocktail while viewing Monet's Garden in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. This re-creation of Claude Monet's idyllic garden in Giverny, France, features evocative set pieces depicting Monet's Grande Allée and iconic Japanese footbridge surrounded by willow trees, bamboo groves, and flowering shrubs.

Monet's most famous subjects, water lilies, grace the Conservatory Courtyard Pools.

Light picnic fare and other refreshments will be available for purchase, as well as a cash bar.

The event runs from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with the concert beginning at 7 p.m. Future concerts are scheduled for August 16 and September 22.

Tickets are Adult Non-Member \$30/Member \$20 (includes one complimentary cocktail for adults 21 and over or non-alcoholic beverage); Kids under 12: Non-Member \$12/Member \$10.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) or call 718.817.8700.

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It will be a fun- and enjoyment-packed weekend at **Wave Hill**, the 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades. On Friday, July 26, mom and child can practice fun yoga poses like the jumping frog, twisty owl and downward dog together.

The one-hour class taught by Lisa Ferraro, an instructor at Yoga for Bliss, helps build strength, increases flexibility and relaxes the body and

mind.

Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat if possible. Recommended for ages 2-5, the sessions are held outdoors only and are weather dependent.

Call 718.549.3200 x245 by 8 a.m. on the day of the class for weather updates.

Session fee is \$15 Member/\$23 Non-member, and includes one adult and one child. Registration opens online at 9:30 a.m.

Also over the weekend:  
SAT, JULY 28 TAI CHI CHUAN

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ITEM: Fun time was had by all at the Locust Point Concert featuring WVOX-DJ Dennis Nardone, the band Just Nuts, the Alive and Kickin' Duo and more. Thanks to the students of The Just Nuts Music School that opened the show. It was such a success that I hear they'll be doing it again next year.

ITEM: What a weekend at The Wicked Wolf on East Tremont; appearances by members of the bands Sugaruush, Trash Rules, The Tub Band, No Stringz Attached and more. Thanks to all who came out to help me celebrate four years of acoustic Sun-

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

days.

ITEM: Here's a reminder of a nice night for a great cause: Providence Rest Fundraiser on Saturday, July 21! Come out for an "Evening of Music on the Sound" featuring the duo "No Stringz Attached", singer Dennis Dell, Emil Pulicicchio, The Triad Jazz Guitar Trio plus raffles and great prizes. Rock on. Rock out.

## Temple Hatikva has Cyclones tickets

Temple Hatikva will "take you out to the ball-game" on Sunday, August 12 at 5 p.m. when they will all go to watch the Brooklyn Cyclones play on Jewish Heritage Night at the home of the Cyclones, MCU Park in Coney Island.

Temple Hatikva has reserved a luxury suite at the ballpark, and admission includes hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, sodas, programs and a free souvenir hat.

The cost for this evening of fun is only \$75 per ticket. However, there are only 20 tickets available, so reserve your ticket now by calling (718) 792-1109 or via e-mail at [TempleHatikva@aol.com](mailto:TempleHatikva@aol.com).

As an added treat, those going to the ballgame will hear Rabbi Harry Hertzberg broadcasting an inning in Hebrew over the public address system at the ballpark. This Hebrew broadcast has been a tradition for many years and will continue on August 12.

Don't miss your chance to root for the Brooklyn Cyclones (the Class A minor league affiliate of the New York Mets) on Sunday, August 12 at 5 p.m. and support Temple Hatikva at the same time.

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# Ponies debuts in the Village Cinema

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sign going up on at the vacant former site of a WaMu bank on Morris Park and Hone avenues.

"I got the first phone calls on Friday, June 19 that there was going to be an OTB," Fratta said. "I immediately called up OTB like a raving lunatic and they didn't know anything about it."

After a little research, it was discovered that the sign was merely just a prop for the movie.

Sandow was born and raised in Morris Park.

"We shot the film in the neighborhood where I grew up, which was an incredible coincidence," Sandow said. "It's been 25 years since I lived in that neighborhood, and to experience its generosity of spirit while shooting my first feature was a gift."

Sandow said he was originally drawn to the project because of its focus on gambling.

"On the surface, it deals with gambling: its draw and

the addiction of it," Sandow said. "I was born and raised in a neighborhood where losing more money than you had to the local bookie was a rite of passage. I accomplished this at 15, but quickly realized that it was a sucker's game and that it was much more profitable to be on the other side of it."

Sandow said the other reason he took on the project was because of his anger over 9/11.

"It was post 9/11 and I was very angry that my country was inciting a war which I believed to be very obviously based on deception," Sandow said. "Directing Ponies was a way for me to have a voice on this issue."

The compelling drama is set in New York City within the world of Off Track Betting and reflects on the anxieties faced by recent immigrants to America.

The main characters have fled their home countries because of war or other forms of strife, but find America is not the safe

haven they are looking for especially post 9/11.

"The characters in the story struggle greatly to survive, and display fantastic ingenuity to survive," Sandow said. "I find this admirable true: how some people can find a way to survive at all costs. It's a hard view but one I can't help but recognize as something deep, dark, ugly and beautiful."

Ponies began as an original stage play written by Michael Batistick and was produced by Michael Imperioli's Studio Dante, where it received a critically acclaimed extended run under Sandow.

In 2009, Batistick adapted his play for the big screen for Sandow to direct.

The cast includes John Ventimiglia, famous for his many television appearances, and most recently best known as restauranteur Arthur Bucco on the HBO series The Sopranos. It also stars Kevin Corrigan, Babs Olusanmokun, and Tony Patano.

## Monet Evenings continue at NYBG

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like a river, Tai Chi is a sequence of gentle movements based on images found in nature. Short and long form classes are led by Irving Yee, an active member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School. Sessions are held outdoors only and are weather dependent. Call 718.549.3200 x245 by 8 a.m. on the day of the class for weather updates. Session fee: \$15 Member/\$23 Non-member. Registration opens onsite at 9:30 a.m. on the grounds, 10 a.m. Beginners, 11 a.m. Intermediates.

SAT, JULY 28 FAMILY ART PROJECT—HANDMADE RIVER RAFTS Handmade River Rafts/Balsas recyclables. Make an all-natural tiny raft or boat and then see if it floats. Send your vessel downstream in a specially designed water trough. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon. At the Ecology Building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SAT, JULY 28 GALLERY TOUR Join an exhibition interpreter for one of our regularly scheduled tours of Tending toward the Untamed: Artists Respond to the Wild Garden. Wave Hill's Wild Garden serves as inspiration for new painting, photography, animation, sculpture and installation, by artists Gary Carsley, Chris

Doyle, Julie Evans, Isabella Kirkland, Janelle Lynch, Rebecca Morales, Erik Sanner and Anat Shiftan. In the Sunroom Project Space, Wave

Hill's Van Lier Visual Artist Fellows Nova Jiang and Cameron Rowland have each created installations. Jiang's project combines art, technology and garden design to create an interactive experience for visitors; Rowland investigates the architecture and open space of public housing projects in relation to Wave Hill. Tours take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m., through August 18. Free with admission to the grounds. At the Glynor Gallery, 2 p.m.

SAT, JULY 28 GARDEN WALK—REVELING IN THE SUNSHINE Horticultural Interpreter Charles Day leads this walk, part of a series examining strategies that plants have evolved to survive the hottest months of the year. Some plants thrive in the sunniest areas of the garden. Investigate tricky adaptations that keep plants perky as they bask in the hot sun. This walk also takes place Thursday, July 26. Free with admission to the grounds. Meet at the Perkins Visitor Center, 2 p.m.

SUN, JULY 29 HATHA YOGA Release stress and find refuge from city life by practicing seasonal yoga, surrounded by the beauty of Wave Hill. Hatha Yoga involves the use of physical postures, breath control and meditation to create a supple, strong and relaxed body-mind.

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# John McNamara's hobo travels recalled

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Just about everyone you speak with will agree that no recent Bronx historian can produce the quality and originality of John McNamara's columns.

He began writing them in 1956 and continued doing so for the next 44 years. He set the standard for those of us who followed by looking into areas where no one else thought to venture and sharing his findings with his readers, many of whom would follow his stories week in and week out. His column was often the first thing people read upon opening their paper.

It wasn't just Bronx history that was captured by his pen, but he also set about recording his vast and varied trips around the globe. That in itself sets him apart from other journalists as many of his experiences can never be re-lived.

His chronicles on the Great Depression have captured that historic epic as he lived it. The same can be

said about his "riding the rails" as a hobo or traveling aboard tramp steamers with no fixed schedule. Some things do change and some experiences simply cannot be repeated.

John's world of yore has come and gone. We, for our part, can be grateful not only for his wanderlust, but also that he had the skill and craftsmanship to capture such a broad slice of his life in writing.

Fortunately, some of those stories were recounted in his last book, "McNamara's Vagabond Travels." Each is a little historical gem polished to perfection by the master himself. He approved the proof copy of the book shortly before his death on October 15, 2004, just a couple of months shy of his 92nd birthday. His

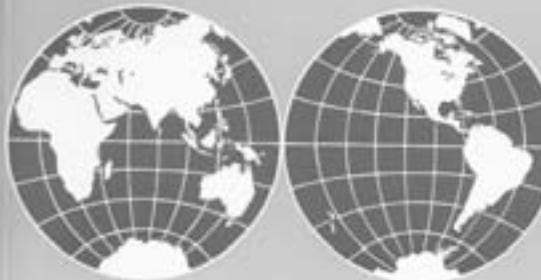
daughter, Betty, then followed the book through the production process.

Look at the front cover and you'll note that it reads "Vol. 1 - The Early Years." This book was meant to be the first in a series about his global travels.

What surprised everyone is that the book simply didn't sell very well, negating the need for further volumes. Everyone who read the book was mesmerized by it saying that it read like a fast-paced novel. Unfortunately, there was no money in the budget for advertising so the publisher had to rely on press-releases only.

The book is not easy to find, but if you're looking for a copy, you can contact Bunratty Publishing at 4265 Alma Street, Palo Alto, California 94306 or you can

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### Benedetto sets AARP Safety Driving Course

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, August 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Monday, July 23, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be accepted prior to that date and time.

To reserve a seat, call Assemblyman Benedetto's office at (718) 892-2235.

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US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1

Plaintiff,  
Against  
CARLOS NIETO, JR.; et al,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 10/26/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 8/6/2012 at 2:00 pm premises known as 735 Taylor Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3,598 Lot 56

Approximate amount of lien \$421,612.49 plus interest and costs; Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381747/08

David Peter Lesch, Esq., Referee  
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES  
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
Dated: 6/26/2012 File Number: 18564 MNH

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff, against ELEUDORO CHALCO, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/29/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 8/20/2012 at 2:00PM, premises known as 786 East 165th Street, Bronx, NY 10456 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 2669 LOT: 28. Approximate amount of judgment \$595,003.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381370/08. Joyce A. Brown, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: July 9, 2012 962421

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST SERIES ACE 2006-HE1, Plaintiff, against JENNIFER CASEY, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/9/2009 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 8/20/2012 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1320 East 22nd Street, Bronx, NY 10469 All that

certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4730 Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$315,669.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 18073/07. Jose A. Rodriguez, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orlans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: July 10, 2012 965497

## LEGAL NOTICE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 22, 2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2023 Grand Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2869 and Lot 137. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381822/08.

Sanford B. Glatzer, Esq., Referee  
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Pddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Attorneys for Secured Party  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EN RESOURCES LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SAN JOSE REALTY, LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 24, 2012, I,

the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on August 6, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 614-616 East 180th Street, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3069 and Lot 80. Approximate amount of judgment is \$278,571.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381824/08.

Mitchell First, Esq., Referee  
Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX  
TD BANK, N.A., successor by merger to COMMERCE BANK, N.A.,

Plaintiff,  
-against -  
PIERINO REALTY CORP., IL CASTELLO LIDO RESTAURANT, INC., PIETRO MELLAMPE, MARIE A. VERUTES, CARMINE ROCCO LOMBARDI, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, NEW YORK CITY TRANSITADJUDICATION BUREAU, Defendants.

-Index No. 380855/09  
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 28, 2011, I, Yolanda Castro-Arce, Esq., the Referee will sell at public auction in room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, on Monday, July 30, 2012 at 2:00 pm, the premises known as 101 City Island Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Said property being: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

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Approximate amount of judgment is \$2,277,754.15 plus interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Yolanda Castro-Arce, Esq. Referee, Moritt Hock & Hamroff LLP, 400 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, New York 11530 (516) 873-2000.

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2011-1676/A

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on July 9, 2012, bearing Index Number NC-000262-12/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Emily (Last) Espinal. My present name is (First) Emily (Last) Rodriguez. My present address is 3380 Fort Independence, Bronx, NY 10463. My place of birth is New York, NY. My date of birth is March 02, 1977.

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2012-700  
The People Of The State Of New York  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: The Public Administrator of Bronx County, the Attorney General of the State of New York, and the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of Veronica Wessely A/K/A Veronica F. Wessely A/K/A Veronica F. Gertrude Wessely, deceased, if they be living and, if they be dead, to their executors, administrators, creditors and lienors, their husbands and wives or successors in interest.

Upon the petition of Robert P. Zisgen, Esq. and Mirza Shabbir who resides at 124 Christie Ave. Mahwah, NJ. 07430 and 1725 Taylor Ave., Bronx, New York 10460, respectively.

You are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate's Court, County of Bronx, held at the Bronx County Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, Rm 406 on the 22nd day of August, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why an Order should not be made in the Estate of Veronica Wessely A/K/A Veronica F. Wessely A/K/A Veronica F. Gertrude Wessely, lately domiciled at 2316 Bruner Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10469, admitting to Probate a Will dated June 7, 2010, a copy of which is attached as the Will of Veronica F. Wessely A/K/A Veronica F. Gertrude Wessely, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Robert P. Zisgen, Esq. and Mirza Shabbir and for such other, further and different relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated, Attested and Sealed,  
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Hon. Lee L. Holzman  
Surrogate  
Michael Hausler  
Chief Clerk  
Name of Attorney: Velella & Basso. Tel. No. 718-931-1220  
Address of Attorney: 1937 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, New York 10461.

(Note: 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 do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.)

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## Preston staff on leadership team

Sisters of the Divine Compassion who have staffed Preston and St. Frances de Chantal, and who have also graduated from and ministered at both Preston and St. Frances have been elected to the new RDC leadership team. They were installed at a liturgy and ceremony on June 29 at their Divine Compassion Chapel at Good Counsel in White Plains.

Sr. Carol Wagner, RDC, LCSW a long time Throggs Neck resident graduated valedictorian from St. Frances, Preston High School and the College of White Plains of Pace University. After teaching Chemistry Sr. Carol became a licensed clinical social worker and worked 10 years at Our Lady of Mercy Mental Health clinic.

In 1991 she returned to Preston as head of the guidance department and began Preston Center of Compassion Counseling Services. She has offered individual and family psychotherapy in our community at Preston for the past 20 years. Sr Carol was elected president of the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and assumed leadership of the congregation on July 2, the 126th anniversary of the founding of their community and ministry of compassion in NYC.

Sr. Lucille Coldrick, RDC, MS has been actively involved in the Throggs Neck community as principal of Preston High School from 1991-2008. She was elected assistant to the president and member of the



(Left) Sr. Carol Wagner, with her St. Frances and Preston teacher Sr. Madeline Desel (Sr. M. Antonio).



(Right) RDC Leaders bless the congregation at their installation in White Plains on June 29. (left to right: Sr. Lauren McLeod, Sr. Lucille Coldrick, Sr. Carol Wagner, Sr. MaryJane Deodati, and Sr. M. Clare Arenholz.

leadership team of the RDC congregation.

Sr. Mary Clare Arenholz, RDC, MS, a graduate of both St. Frances de Chantal and Preston HS, and was teacher, and then principal of St. Frances from 1963-1991. Sr. MaryJane Deodati,

RDC, MS was teacher and assistant principal at St. Frances (1971-1985), and the principal at Preston High School 1985-1991. Both Sr. Clare and Sr. MaryJane were also elected to the new RDC leadership team.

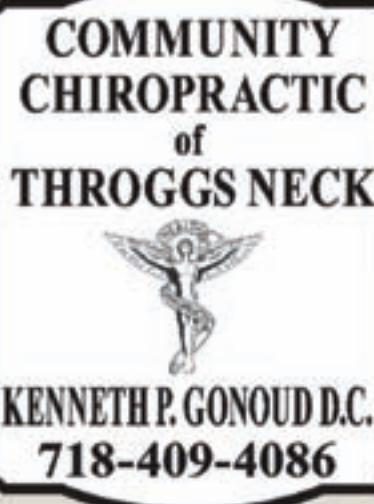
## St. Ray's alumni view expansion

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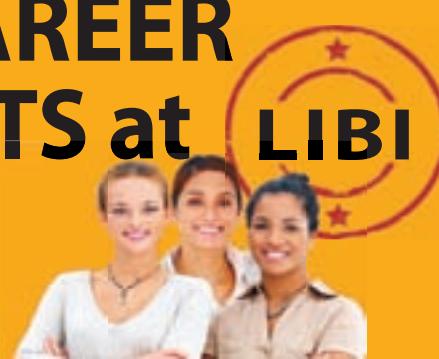
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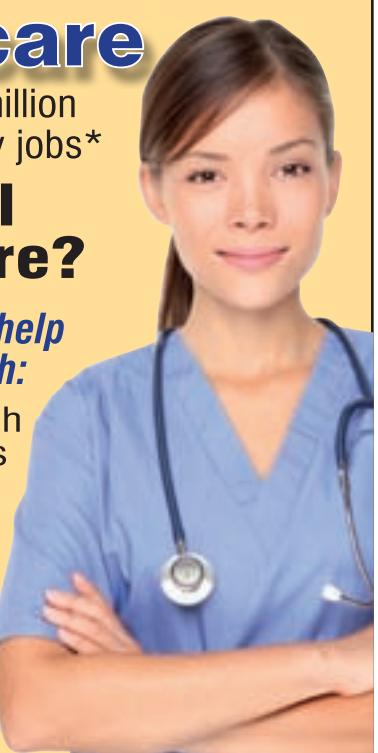


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## LEGAL NOTICE

Probate Citation  
File No. 2011-1254  
Supplemental  
Surrogate's Court-Bronx County  
Citation  
The People of the State of New York,  
By the Grace of God Free and  
Independent

TO: , Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx County and to Gregory Pryce, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, liens, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Dolores Pryce, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Liens, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Veronica Pryce, who is domiciled at 266 19th Ave., Apt S, San Francisco, CA.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, 10451 on July 25, 2012, at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Dolores Pryce, lately domiciled at 3911 Barnes Ave., Bronx, New York admitting to Probate a Will dated 12-29, 2010, as the Will of Dolores Pryce, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Veronica Pryce.

Dated, Attested and Sealed: June 11, 2012

HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN  
Surrogate  
Michael P. Hauser, Chief Clerk  
Attorney for Petitioner: Karl A. Scully, Tel.  
No. (646) 334-8445  
Address of Attorney: 33 Del Rey Drive,  
Mount Vernon, N.Y. 10552.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2012 - 1138

SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: John Hall, Harry Hall, Naomi Hall Nicely, Roscoe Hall, the Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx County and the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of Margaret G. M. Fitts, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors and Leins, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Susan Jones who is domiciled at 773 Concourse Village East, Bronx, NY 10451,

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, Room 406 on August 22, 2012, at 9:30 A.M. o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Margaret G. M. Fitts lately domiciled at 773 Grand Concourse East, Bronx, NY 10451 admitting to Probate a Will dated 29th day of March 2012, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Margaret G.M. Fitts, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to Susan Jones.  
HON. LEE L. HOLZMAN  
Surrogate  
Dated, Attested and Sealed,

July 3, 2012  
(seal)  
MICHAEL P. HAUSER, Chief Clerk  
Attorney for Petitioner: Robert J. Reid,  
Esq.  
.. Tel. No. (914) 738-7860

Address of Attorney: 8 Country Club Lane, Pelham Manor, NY 10803-2920

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SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION

File No. 2012-680  
SURROGATE'S COURT, BRONX COUNTY

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TO: Lafayette Bell, Ernest Mortimer Bell, Jr., Lindley Minot Bell, and the issue of Diane Bell, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if they be dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, liens, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law and next of kin of Vernita Bell, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Liens, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Elfreda Delores Evans-Bey who is domiciled at 157 West 176th Street, Bronx, New York, 10453-6720.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, New York, on 22nd day of August, 2012 at 9:30 in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of Vernita Bell, aka

Vernita Leontine Bell, Vernita L. Bell-Rollins, Vernita Rollins Bell lately domiciled at 157 West 176th Street, Bronx, New York 10453, admitting to probate a Will dated February 24, 1993, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Vernita Bell deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to Elfreda Delores Evans-Bey.

Lee L. Holzman  
HON. Lee L. Holzman Surrogate  
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By Bob Connolly

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Then you would take a week or two off before the World Series, like the NFL does with the Super Bowl.

We're talking two months for the regular season and four months

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"She [Cheryl Lopez] is a true leader on this team because she picks people up. She does it sometimes in a quiet way and sometimes in a loud way with that shot."

CATHY MORANO.....

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# Hoop Group decision pays off

## Wings' Brown gets FDU offer

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Jaequan Brown was planning to use this week to rest and get ready for the AAU Nationals and Super Showcase in Orlando, Fla. Instead, he found himself in Reading, Pa. at Albright College.

The reason? Former Wings Academy teammate Justin Jenkins.

"He said it was a good experience, you play against top players and you're with your friends," Brown said.

He left out exposure, lots of it. Brown, a rising senior who averaged 10 points and eight rebounds per game last year, is already reaping the benefits. He picked up his first offer from FDU Wednesday night.

"I'm real happy I came down," the second team All-Bronx selection of The Post said. "It's probably the best decision I made. I knew I played well, but I didn't think I played well enough to get a scholarship. .... I was very hyped. It was very exciting. Once I got it, I told my mother, my father, my grandmother."

Jenkins, who landed a scholarship at Fairfield and is currently taking summer courses at

the MAAC school, had a big week at Hoop Group last year. His performance led to him landing several mid-major scholarships in the winter. A versatile 6-foot-4 forward, Brown hopes history repeats itself.

"I'm going to attack the basket at will, rebound and play defense," said Brown, who has drawn high interest from Quinnipiac, along with VCU, Delaware, Drexel, Fordham and Hofstra. "I have to show I have a lot of energy on the court."

The camp setting is not necessarily the best way for Brown to showcase his talents. For Wings, he was a glue guy, a lockdown defender and strong rebounder whose offense came around late in the season.

"I'm not gonna change at all," he said. "I'm gonna play how I play."

That's particularly true since he missed all of last summer with a serious ankle injury. Instead of playing in front of college coaches, he made various trips to water parks to take his mind off of basketball. He's happy to be back.

"This is really big for me," he said.

It already has been.



Photo by Denis Gostev

Wings Academy's Jaequan Brown picked up his first scholarship offer, from FDU, on Wednesday night.

# Shooting with Shavar: Newkirk aims for big July

BY SHAVAR NEWKIRK

Over the next month, The Post will bring you into the world of Cardinal Hayes/Team SCAN point guard Shavar Newkirk as he travels from Reading, Pa., to Springfield Mass., Augusta, Ga. and Las Vegas during the live recruiting period. One of the city's top floor generals for nationally ranked Team SCAN, the 5-foot-11 Newkirk is looking to add to an already impressive AAU season.

This is entry No. 1 of 4, as told to The Post's Zach Braziller, which will appear over the next four weeks. The rest are slated for July 16, July 23 and 30.

I'm getting ready for the Hoop Group [Elite] Camp tomorrow. I'm

just going to go out and showcase my skills, show that I'm better than what people think. I've been to Hoop Group before. I made the All-Star team every time I went.

People think I'm average, I believe I'm above-average. I'm going to play my game, do what I do best and hopefully people see. I'm playing with a chip on my shoulder. Everybody has negative things to say about me. I want to show I should be recognized.

If I keep doing what I'm doing, eventually I'm going to get looked at. I don't care about rankings. I could be No. whatever, that's not gonna stop my opponents from coming at me.

I like this month, but I like

the previous month because that allows our team to get in a groove, practice and get ready for July. We look forward to finishing [the AAU season] No. 1 but we have to take one game at a time, we have to play hard.

I've been working out in the gym, getting ready for school, working on every aspect of my game to get better.

Me and my teammates have been getting ready by having five-hour practices. That's getting us ready for college. We're working on our chemistry, working on individual skills, getting ready for July. My hopes for July are to win every tournament we enter and for everybody to show we're a good

team and show we're No. 1.

I have college looks from St. John's, Temple and West Virginia and I have offers from Manhattan, Iowa State, Seton Hall, Iona and Providence.

I'm going to put up shots in a little bit and [do some] weight-lifting. I'm been working on repetition on my jump shot and it's giving me confident in the game to stretch the defense out.

Locally, I've been playing unlimited, to get use to playing taller, stronger defenders. It's hopefully going to help me mature in my age group.

Check back with Shavar Newkirk for his next diary entry July 16.

- 2012 ALL CITY -

# Boys' Lacrosse honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was a return to glory for a number of city boys lacrosse teams.

Fieldston and its high-octane offense again rose to the upper echelon of the Ivy Prep League and reached its first NYSAISAA final since 2009. Tottenville and Monsignor Farrell were both trying to eliminate the taste of championship defeats from last season, and did so.

The Pirates won their first PSAL Class A crown since 2004 while Farrell ended the drought with an unbeaten CHSAA Class A championship run, its first city crown of any kind since 1995.

**All-City Boys Lacrosse Player of the Year:** Grady Smith, Fieldston

Fieldston returned to prominence this season and the versatile Smith was a big reason for that success. The senior midfielder and All-Ivy Prep League first team selection was the offensive cog the rest of the Eagles rallied around. He produced 45 goals and 30 assists to lead The Bronx school to a second-place finish in the Ivy's and its first berth in the NYSAISAA title game since 2009.

**All-City Boys Lacrosse Coach of the Year:** Demetrios Haronitis, Tottenville

It was title-or-bust this year for a senior-laden Tottenville team that Haronitis personally developed. That goal was realized as it brought home its first PSAL Class A crown since 2004 by beating

New Dorp, 5-4, in dramatic fashion. The Pirates journey wasn't easy with plenty of tight wins and a surprising regular-season loss to Hunter. Still, Haronitis never exhibited less than 100 percent confidence in his club, and he was rewarded with a title.

## First Team

A Ben Andreycak, Fordham Prep

The Tufts-bound senior and All-American selection was one of the city's best all-around talents. He scored 45 goals, including the tying score in a big win over rival Iona Prep, and notched 37 assists.

M Bektosh Ayoob, Benjamin Cardozo

The senior captain led the Judges to one of its best seasons in recent memory, which included a return trip to the PSAL Class A semifinals. Ayoob scored 41 goals and dished out 22 assists.

A Kenny Coughlin, Tottenville

The Hobart-bound standout was the key cog to the Pirates PSAL Class A title, especially with fellow star Cody Rivera missing time with injury. Coughlin, who will also play football at Division III Hobart, tallied 34 goals and 23 assists, by far his best season in a Pirates uniform.

A Tyler Dean-Krantz, Riverdale

The Falcons didn't feature an explosive offense, except when Dean-Krantz was in open space. The senior attack was one of the Ivy

Prep League's most prolific scorers with 23 goals and 23 assists. He could dodge to the cage or fire precisely from the outside.

A Nick DeMeo, Tottenville

A sophomore attack, he played well beyond his years this season. He gave the Pirates another offensive threat and scored the winner in a big win over Catholic league foe Xaverian. DeMeo had 25 goals to go along with 24 assists.

G Chris Fiore, New Dorp

Considered the best goalie in the city, the Morrisville-bound senior was again superb as New Drop reached the PSAL Class A final for the second in his four seasons. He made 239 saves to keep the Central Cougars in every game.

M Hugo Francis Poly Prep

No player had a bigger impact on a game than Francis. The Blue Devils ball-control offense run through him, which made perfect sense as the senior pumped in 27 goals to go along with 32 assists to help Poly reach the NYSAISAA semifinals.

M Sam Healy, Fieldston

Healy did a little bit of everything for the Eagles, and he did it well. The junior scored 30 goals, handed out 26 assists and was one of the city's top faceoff winners.

M Tanner Morris, Fieldston

The senior was armed with one of the most precise



Photo by Lauren Marsh

Fieldston's Grady Smith is the All-City boys lacrosse Player of the Year.

## Fordham Prep

Williamson knows a thing or two about physical play as the Rams starting running back. That translated into a big year on the lacrosse field as the leader of a stingy Fordham defense.

M Mark Rini, Monsignor Farrell

Rini vowed before the year started to erase the memory of last spring's championship game loss. He did just that, tallying 49 goals, 17 assists and won 62 percent of his faceoffs. Rini scored five goals, including the winner, in the CHSAA Class A final against Stepinac.

D Logan Williamson, Prep

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G Joseph Lio, Farrell G Alex Meiselman, Tottenville

M Nick Mietkowski, Hunter

D Ryan Nardi, Fieldston M Joe Liberto, Xaverian D Hal Press, Riverdale

M Emin Sabovic, Christopher Columbus

M Connor Smith, Fordham Prep

M Colum Sleeper, Fordham Prep

M Ben Vallimarescu, Dalton

A Matt Visintin, Mount St. Michael

# West Virginia University's Truck hopeful of NBA stop

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Darryl (Truck) Bryant is looking for an NBA stop. The former West Virginia guard had a pre-draft workout with the Sacramento Kings, but didn't hear his name called at the Prudential Center last week, leaving his immediate future uncertain.

"Right now I'm just trying to get a summer league team," said Bryant, a St. Raymond product, after

playing with the Rosedale Trailblazers at Hoops in the Sun on Sunday.

Part of the problem, Bryant said, was he switched agents midway through the process. Bryant said he took his time picking the second time, wanting to make sure he got it right. He is being represented by Jared Hodges, who is affiliated with Alston Walton. Bryant is staying in shape by playing on

the city's streetball circuit, at Dyckman and HITS.

"It definitely did [set me back]," he said of the uneasy agent situation. "I had to find the right guy."

Bryant tried to raise his stock by playing in the Portsmouth Invitational, a showcase for the top college seniors in front of NBA scouts. Bryant's K&D Rounds Landscaping team lost all three games. He av-

eraged close to eight points and four assists in 22 minutes of play. He improved as the week went on, scoring 11 points in his final contest. Bryant didn't think it was the best environment for him to showcase his talents.

"It was really a lot of selfishness," Bryant said. "A lot of guys were there for themselves trying to impress an NBA team. It was a good experience, though."

The Brooklyn native was a key cog to West Virginia's success in a loaded Big East during his four seasons with the school. His senior year he averaged 16.9 points, 2.7 assists and 3.1 rebounds as the Mountaineers went 19-14 and 9-9 in conference play. As a sophomore, West Virginia went 31-7 and reached the Final Four.

"It was a great experience," Bryant said. "I got to

play with some great people. [The Final Four] is a once in a lifetime experience. That's what everyone wants to do in college basketball."

He feels like he has a good chance of landing a summer league invite, but knows there are a lot of guards out there even from last year's draft.

"I'm just going to pray and hope I get an opportunity," Bryant said.

# - 2012 All City Men's Softball honors

BY MARC RAIMONDI AND  
JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

In the end, it was Tottenville once again.

Cheryl Lopez pitched a shutout and hit a three-run home run to lead the Pirates to their second straight PSAL Class A city title and eighth championship in the last nine years. In the final, they beat Susan Wagner, which was making just its first title game appearance since 1989.

Archbishop Molloy has put together an impressive run atop the CHSAA, too. The Stanners won their fourth straight Brooklyn/Queens title and second consecutive city crown, beating St. Joseph by the Sea in the state semifinals before falling to Kellenberg (L.I.) in the final.

In the NYSAISAA, Holy Child won the whole thing, defeating Horace Mann in the championship game. Mann has now been to the last three finals, falling each time. Poly Prep's string of six straight state titles was broken – the Blue Devils lost in the semis.

**All-City softball Player of the Year:** Cheryl Lopez, Tottenville

Lopez was already the favorite for All-City Player of the Year. She put herself over the top by putting the ball over the wall.

The city's best pitcher beat Susan Wagner, 3-1, in the PSAL Class A city championship game and provided every single run of support for herself with a three-run home run out of St. John's University's Red Storm Field.

The incredible performance added to Lopez's already impressive résumé. The junior went through the playoffs like a buzz saw, leading Tottenville to a second straight title and an eighth crown in the last nine years. In last year's championship game, Lopez gave up just one hit to Madison over 10 innings. This time, she did it with her bat, too.

"She is a true leader on this team because she picks people up," Tottenville coach Cathy Morano said. "She does it sometimes in a quiet way and sometimes in a loud

way with that shot."

**All-City softball Coach of the Year:** Marco Altieri, Susan Wagner

After reaching five semifinals in the last six years, Altieri and Wagner broke through to the PSAL Class A championship game for the first time in 23 years. Doing it with bulldog ace Taylor Sarcone, a four-year starter in the circle, meant a lot to Altieri. He and assistants Tim McAuliffe and Melissa Zipf did a phenomenal job getting the most out of their talent. All three of the Falcons' league losses were to eventual champion Tottenville.

"We have been coming up short, running into really good teams," Altieri said of reaching the title game. "One thing the girls said is we are going to do it this year. We all believed in each other."

## First Team

P Jackie Cautela, St. Joseph by the Sea

The junior was Sea's most consistent hitter and a dominant ace in the circle even with her team sporting a three-pitcher rotation. She went unbeaten with an 0.81 ERA and notched 39 strikeouts in 26 innings pitched. Cautela tossed a 1-0 shutout of Preston in the CHSAA Archdiocesan final and hit .667 in five playoff games.

P Victoria Goldbach, Archbishop Molloy

The Catholic University-bound windmiller saved her biggest moments for her final season. Goldbach won four playoff games, including a 1-0 victory against Fontbonne Hall in which she struck out 13, and blanked St. Joseph by the Sea, 1-0, allowing just two hits in the CHSAA state semifinals.

P Nicole Lomangino, St. Francis Prep

The Terriers leaned heavily on the senior who only got more dominant as the year went on. Lomangino waited her turn to earn the title of ace and threw nearly every inning this season. She struck out 14 in a win over Fontbonne Hall and pitched the Terriers to the CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens final series.

P/SS Kate Miller, Fieldston



Photo by Denis Gostev

Tottenville's Cheryl Lopez is the All-City softball Player of the Year.

The best position player – and perhaps best athlete – in the city was someone that few people outside of the Ivy League knew. Fieldston is not a citywide powerhouse, but the Princeton-bound Miller led the Eagles to a share of the Ivy League title and a trip to the NYSAISAA semifinals while pitching for the first time.

1B/SS Dana Moss, Archbishop Molloy

Moss, who is headed to C.W. Post, was one of the top hitters in New York City, often collecting three and four hits a game. That, along with her superb glove, made her the total package.

P Julianna Orrico, Preston

Just a freshman, Orrico never played like one at any point this season, competing with a veteran's poise and determination. She got big hit after big hit and pitched Preston past Moore Catholic, 4-1, and into its first CHSAA Archdiocesan final since 2004.

SS/P Maria Palmeri, Archbishop Molloy

One of the most decorated players in Molloy history, the C.W. Post-bound Palmeri again provided punch in the Stanners' order. She led the Queens schools to a third straight trip to the CHSAA state final and a fourth consecutive Diocesan crown by driving in the tying run in Game 1 of the championship

series against rival St. Francis Prep.

SS Jillian Regan, Tottenville

One of the most feared hitters in the city, Regan is just a sophomore. That's bad news for the rest of the PSAL since the shortstop was one of the very best players in the five boroughs, whether it was crushing home runs, getting on base or making smooth defensive plays in the field.

P Britney Rodriguez, Construction

Few players in the city could match her versatility – Rodriguez was a flame-throwing left-handed pitcher and led the PSAL in almost every offensive category this season in helping Construction to a second straight Class A semifinals. Just a sophomore, she is a pure athlete – she can do anything on the diamond.

P Taylor Sarcone, Susan Wagner

When it comes to experience and being a workhorse, no one else can compare to Sarcone. The senior got the ball every day for Susan Wagner for four years, was a middle-of-the-order hitter for almost as long and this season she led the Falcons all the way to their first PSAL Class A city final since 1989.

**Second Team**

SS Gina Gerone, James Madison

For pure athleticism, there was few better than the

Catawba College-bound star. Gerone, a senior, has been a key player for Madison since she was a freshman and this year led the Knights to the PSAL Class A quarterfinals.

P Nicole Hubert, Mary Louis

The sophomore cemented herself as one of the city's best young players. She was the Hilltoppers unquestioned ace and one of the team's most productive and powerful hitters. Even more will be expected of her next season.

SS Maxine Jasko, Moore Catholic

The senior finally got to show the city what she was capable of after an injury-plagued junior year and she didn't disappoint. Her strong arm and range made her one of the city's best shortstops. Jasko hit over .400, scored 17 runs and drove in 16 in league play.

P Lianna Jordan, St. Joseph by the Sea

Jordan, like her teammate Jackie Cautela, was a double threat. She was the Vikings No. 2 pitcher and second-place hitter. The junior went 4-0 with a perfect ERA and hit .406 with 10 RBIs. She was pivotal in Sea's small ball-style, with her ability to bunt and put the ball in play.

3B Danielle Kibler, Preston

A star was born in this freshman. Kibler hit .500 with 30 RBIs and played a near flawless third base. In Preston's win over Moore Catholic in the CHSAA Archdiocesan semifinals, she went 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI and a run scored.

C Jen Palase, Tottenville

Whatever coach Cathy Morano asked of the senior leader, Palase did with sterling results. The New Haven-bound leadoff hitter could bat lefty, slapping and bunting, or turn around and mash righty while also providing excellent defense behind the plate.

SS Maria Serrantino, Fontbonne Hall

Serrantino was part of the backbone of the Bonnies defense, displaying a strong arm and plenty of range. A dangerous middle-of-the-order bat, the sophomore

was known for her scorching line drives, and enjoyed a big three-hit day in a win over Mary Louis.

P Tiffany Rondon, Cardinal Spellman

The four-year starter saved her best year for last. Rondon showed great poise and effectiveness in the circle, including her first win over rival Preston. First-year coach Brendan McCarrick was rewarded for showing faith in her at the plate as she became an important piece of the batting order.

CF Victoria Slavik, James Madison

A St. Francis Prep transfer, Slavik made a seamless transition to Madison and the PSAL. She was one of the league's best defensive centerfielders and established herself as one of the Knights top hitters. The junior batted .525 with 21 RBI and 29 runs scored, while also picking up two wins in the circle.

P Nicolette Trapani, Fontbonne Hall

Trapani had a breakout season in the circle, putting her name amongst the city's top windmillers. She pitched and hit the Bonnies to an upset of Archbishop Molloy and shutout the Stanners for seven innings in an eventual 1-0 playoff loss.

**Honorable Mention**

CF Keyana Brown Wiggins, Stevenson

P Sarah D'Amico, Lab Museum United

3B Stephanie DeMartino, Moore Catholic

3B Bianca Concepcion, Francis Lewis

P Mia Farinelli, Horace Mann

SS Gabrielle Faustino, Bryant

P Maguette Fofana, Clinton

P Heidi Gomez, Bayside

1B Jennifer Greenberg, Susan Wagner

P Morgan Higgins, Stuyvesant

P Blayse Halvorsen, McKee/Staten Island Tech

C Jacquie Kennedy, Poly Prep

CF Tara O'Rourke, St. Francis Prep

3B Victoria Quinones, Cardinal Spellman

P Shelby Yacovone, Cardozo

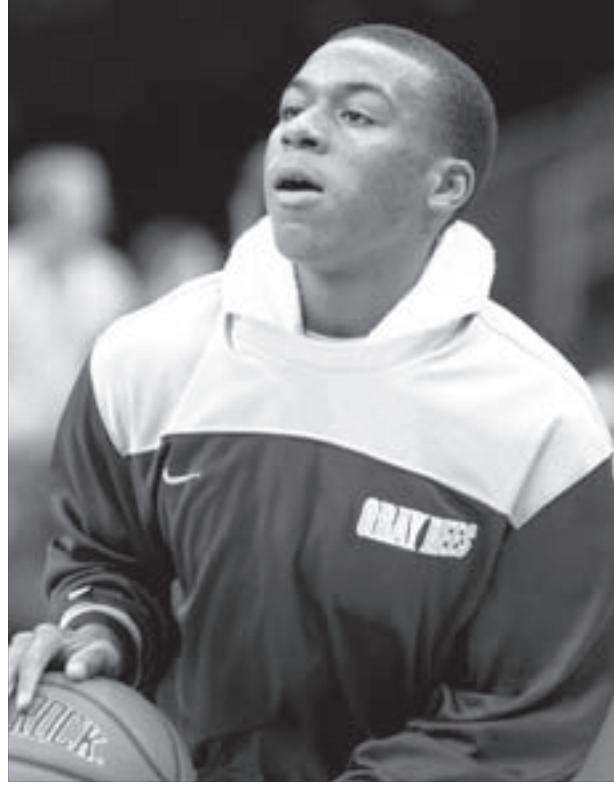


Photo by An Rong Xu

Former St. Benedict's Prep star Melvin Johnson was given his release by Miami on Wednesday.

## Exiting Miami

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Former St. Benedict's Prep star and Bronx native Melvin Johnson has asked and received his release from his National Letter of Intent with Miami, The Post has learned.

One the nation's top shooters, the 6-foot-2 Johnson parted ways with Miami, "for mutual reasons," his mother Kizzy Gladden said.

"It was because of circumstances beyond our control," she told The Post, declining to elaborate. He has been cleared by the NCAA's Clearinghouse, Gladden said.

Johnson, she said, has two remaining official visits left, which he plans to take. In September, the former Rice standout picked Miami over Virginia Tech, Georgetown, South Florida, Dayton and the College of Charleston. A four-star recruit by Scout.com ranked as the No. 14 shooting guard in the Class of 2013, he led St. Benedict's to a 35-3 season and it finished 15th in the USA Today national rankings.

"We want it [done] as soon as possible," Gladden said. "Classes start in a

month. I'm hoping the next week, week and a half. We don't want to make a circus out of it."

"I didn't want to go through the process again," she added. "It's rough. It's hard for me and him. But I see everything happens for a reason."

BY WINSTON DINKINS

On Saturday, June 23, the Zodiacs competed in the USATF New York District Championship and Regional Qualifier in Staten Island. Most of the best athletes through-out New York competed for an opportunity to qualify for regional meet and then hopefully qualify for the national meet. 90% of our team who competed, qualified. This is an outstanding accomplishment.

The following athletes qualified for the USATF Regional 1 track and field meet: Adaria Reaves 100m, 200m, LJ - Samantha Archer 100m, 200m, SP - Tamara Rodrigues 200m, 400m, 800m - Kendra Todd 100m,

## Pipe Dreams: Wimbledon talk; new FIFA reg

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for the postseason, so you're done by the end of September. Wa-lah!"

### Wimbledon Talk Doesn't Do It

I've never been into tennis- except to watch McEnroe.

What would happen if someone tried to stretch a net across a street-HA!

Tennis was never a city game. Oh, there WERE paddleboard courts but they were always being used by old guys wearing knotted kerchiefs on their heads.

We stuck to softball, basketball, and touch-football where the rule-of-thumb was "No blood, No foul."

### Exceptions

There are so many exceptions that can be used toward an NBA team's salary cap, you'd have to be a "Wall Street Lawyer" to be able to understand them and properly use them. You have the "Early Bird" that sounds more like dinner time for seniors, the "Larry Bird," and the "Full Bird"- I'd get in trouble for using that one.

### Max Contract Offer

The Sports Curmudgeon was puzzled by some of the financial wastefulness and frivolity being put out by some NBA owners who claim the league is losing money. "When I hear the words "max contract offer", I usually think of players who

are difference makers on the court and who are players that will draw folks to the arenas just to see them in action. I suspect that is a degree of financial prudence that makes me ineligible to ever own or run an NBA team. For the record, I do like Roy Hibbert as a player; he is not a stumblebum or a malingerer. However, he is nowhere near what I would call a player worthy of a "max contract offer". Eric Gordon is in the same situation. Gordon for his career averages 18 points per game with 3 assists and 3 rebounds per game. He was injured this year so he only got to play in 9 games. He too has a "max contract offer". Landry Fields reportedly will get \$20M from the Raptors over 3 years. Why?

Omar Asik is looking at a 4-year contract offer worth \$25M from the Rockets. Asik scores 3 points per game and collects 4 rebounds per game as a sub in Chicago. Catching the ball in the low-post, he looks like Edward Scissorhands; making what passes for an offensive move in the low-post, he has all the grace of a bear on stilts.

You can count on both hands and feet the number of NBA fans who will buy a ticket they would not have purchased in the first place just to go see Hibbert or Gordon or Fields or Asik play. The owners seem to be bent

on digging themselves into a deeper hole than ever under this new CBA.

### Time On Your Hands

The Sports Curmudgeon reported that the WBF (World Burping Federation) held their World Championships in June and, "The WBF is also environmentally conscious. When animals belch, they release greenhouse gases but the WBF does not want to be on Al Gore's black list, so they have come up with something they call the "Green Burp". [Aside: They really do need a better name here; "green burp" might conjure up images of a "three-dimensional burp" and that would be disgusting.] In WBF events, green burping happens because the contestants ingest warm carbonated beverages resulting in a burp that injects no new greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than would be there without the belching. Doesn't that make you feel better about these good folks? The winner of the First World Burping Championship produced a burp that lasted for 18.1 seconds. His mother must be awfully proud of him..."

### More Time

Norman Chad talked about Floyd Mayweather's sentence for domestic violence at the Clark County (Nev) Detention Center. Chad said Mayweather was there for about 8.7 minutes before

he wanted his lawyer to appeal the stay (the judge rejected the appeal). Mayweather might be writing things like,

"2:48: How much "good behavior" does it take to get out of here? 2:49: Besides, I'm alone all day — who even notices I'm on good behavior?"

### New FIFA Reg

Soccer approved new goal-line technology. FIFA is going to use Hawk-Eye and GoalRef systems at January's Club World Cup in Japan and decide which system has a 150% success rate for use next season in the English Premier League. This will carry a cost of \$250K/Stadium. MLB will be following this test very closely.

### Perry's Postings

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote that, "It took three police officers to subdue Vikings running back Adrian Peterson after he allegedly became belligerent when asked to leave a Houston nightclub at closing. Peterson has been charged with resisting arrest and impersonating a Cincinnati Bengal.

"Rufus, Wimbledon's trained hawk that flies over the courts to keep pesky pigeons away, got kidnapped but was found in time to finish out the tournament. Veteran Wimby watchers reported an immediate decrease in drop shots."

## Zodiacs Track Club competes in Staten Island qualifier

200m, 4x100 - Lisha Mckenzie 100m, 200m, 4x100 - Jalianna Robinson 200m, 4x100 - Jacqueline Kendall 1500m, LJ, 4x100 - Jodi Powell 200m - Deja Coleman 400m - Jaelah Eargle 80H - Giovanna Tolbert 3000m - Pearl Webster SP, Javelin - Reina Chen 200H - Aaliyah Wajid 800, 3000, 2000 Steeplechase - Andrea Amoroso SP, Discus, Javelin - Boys - Joshua Nickens 100m, 200m, 400m, - Adrian Gentles 200m, 400m - Joseph Webster 100m, 200m, 4x100 - Jordan Samuels 100, 4x100 - Kendal Todd 200m, 400m, 4x100 - Julian Coley 4x100 - Micheal Rogers 400m - Adrian Swift-Henry 400m, 800m, LJ - Alix Scott 100m, 4x100 - Shafik Cintron

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I would like to give special thanks to Coach Cherry, ataff members Alisha Woods, Diana Kendall and parent George Samuels for taking care of the chil-

dren at the meet so Coach Francis and I can take do other things.

The meet didn't end to approximately 10:00 pm. They stayed to the end to ensure the children received their awards and proper credit for their events. Great job, we appreciate your.

They gave me an opportunity to host the track meets for section 2 block party. I believe this was the first block party in Co-op City. I must give a special thanks to the block party committee. It was well organized with a lot of activities, food, drinks and great entertainment. I hope that this is the beginning of many more in Co-op

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# Good oral hygiene is important in preventing illness

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

Good oral hygiene is important, not only for looks, but for general health as well. Poor oral hygiene can lead to a variety of dental and medical problems such as gum disease, infection, bone loss, heart disease, strokes and more. Regular check ups and cleanings can prevent these problems as well as provide you with good oral hygiene.

## 1. To Prevent Oral Cancer

According to The Oral Cancer Foundation, someone dies from oral cancer, every hour of every day in the United States alone. When you have your dental cleaning, your dentist is also screening you for oral cancer, which is highly curable if diagnosed early.

## 2. To Prevent Gum Disease

Gum disease is an infection in the gum tissues and bone that keep your teeth in place and is one of the leading causes of adult tooth loss. If diagnosed early, it can be treated and reversed. If treatment is not received, a more serious and advanced stage of gum disease may follow. Regular dental cleanings and check ups, flossing daily and brushing twice a day are key factors in preventing gum disease.

## 3. To Help Maintain

## Dental Diary

### Good Physical Health

Recent studies have linked heart attacks and strokes to gum disease, resulting from poor oral hygiene. A dental cleaning every 6 months helps to keep your teeth and gums healthy and could possibly reduce your risk of heart disease and strokes.

### 4. To Keep Your Teeth

Since gum disease is one of the leading causes of tooth loss in adults, regular dental check ups and cleanings, brushing and flossing are vital to keeping as many teeth as you can. Keeping your teeth means better chewing function and ultimately, better health.

### 5. To Detect Dental Problems Early

Your dentist and hygienist will be able to detect any early signs of problems with your teeth or gums. Early detection of cavities, broken fillings and gum disease are easily treatable. If these problems go untreated, root canals, gum surgery and removal of teeth could become the only treatment

options available.

### 6. To Use Your Dental Insurance Plan

Dental insurance plans usually pay for all or most of the cost of dental cleanings and check ups every six months. Take advantage of this and save a lot of money in the long run by avoiding costly dental procedures that can result from poor oral hygiene.

### 7 To Create a Treat-

### ment Plan

If your dentist diagnoses any problems in your mouth, he /she will most likely give you a treatment plan. This treatment plan should have the cost of each procedure that you will need, so that you can discuss financial arrangements with the front office.

### 8. To Have a Bright and White Smile

Your dental hygienist

can remove most tobacco, coffee and tea stains. During your cleaning, your hygienist will also polish your teeth to a beautiful shine. The result? A whiter and brighter smile!

### 9. To Prevent Bad Breath

Dental studies show that about 85 percent of people with persistent bad breath, also known as halitosis have a dental problem

that is to blame. Good oral hygiene is essential in preventing bad breath. Regular check ups and cleanings are the best way to make sure that you are maintaining good oral hygiene.

Just mention this article.

Dr. William Wolfson is the director of Morris Park Dental Associates, located at 960 Morris Park Ave. Just dial (718) D-R-S-M-I-L-E or 718-377-6453 to schedule an appointment.

## Councilman Vacca sets music/movie nights

It'll be a choice between a music show in Pelham Bay Park or a movie Friday, July 27 at Bronx Park East.

Councilman James Vacca, in conjunction with the Bronx Arts Ensemble and the Parks Department, will present a free concert, entitled "Magical Mystery Tour: Music of the 1960s" featuring BAE's Electronic Moshulu Crash, starting at 6 p.m. on the lawn at Pelham Bay Park.

Enter at Middletown Road and Stadium Avenue, and bring your beach chair or blanket.

The rain site is the

Knights of Columbus Hall located at 3243 Ampere Ave.

For more information, contact Vacca's office at (718) 931-1721 or the Bronx Arts Ensemble at (718) 601-7399.

Meanwhile, Vacca and the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation will present "Captain America: The First Avenger" at 8:15 p.m. at Bronx Park East and Waring Ave. Bring a blanket or chair.

For more information, call NIDC at (718) 231-9800 or Vacca's office at (718) 931-1721.

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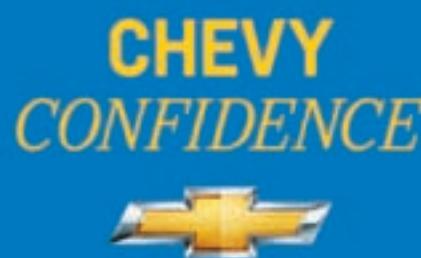
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**\$229\***  
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Per Month

YOU OWN IT FOR  
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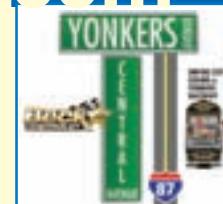
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