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## Treatment facility opposed

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Local officials are bracing for a fight over yet another drug treatment program coming to the Westchester Square area.

Community Board 10 has been notified that a health clinic serving mainly individuals with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries is planning to

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Photo by Walter Potelid

## SLIDING INTO WINTER FUN

Alexia Suha skids down this hill by Westchester Ave. and Hutchinson River Parkway Feb. 10 a day after the biggest Bronx blizzard since 2010. Check out all the highlights of Winter Storm Nemo on page 3.

# BRONX SHELTER MIXED

## Comptroller Liu rejects proposed contract

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

City Hall and city Comptroller John Liu were in a war of words last week over Liu rejecting a contract for a controversial proposed homeless shelter at a former Army Reserve center in the north Bronx.

Liu charged "possible fraud" in rejecting a \$91 million, 21-year contract with the Doe Fund for the men's shelter at the former Muller Army Reserve Center in Wakefield.

The local community has long complained that it is already oversaturated with homeless facilities, while Liu and borough officials raised serious questions about the Bloomberg's overall homeless shelter policy.

Liu particularly cited procedural issues, involving whether a

proper vote was taken of the Wakefield contract by the city's Local Re-development Authority.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was seeking approval from the LRA - comprised of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Deputy Mayors Robert Steel and Linda Gibbs - to convert the former reserve center at 555 Ne-reid Ave. into a 200-bed homeless shelter.

The Bloomberg administration has maintained that a legitimate vote of the LRA took place in Nov. 2010, but Diaz has argued that it was only an informal meeting to discuss approving or denying the plan for a homeless shelter.

"Time and again since Mayor Bloomberg took office, serious

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# Bronx borough blizzard a fizzle

BY DAVID CRUZ

What blizzard?

Despite dire warnings from forecasters and the media, the winter storm that blew in to the borough and rest of the city last weekend was pretty much a dud as far as blizzards go.

It dumped about a foot of snow, with a major city response, helped by rain and warm temps, to make it more of a weekend wonderland for kids.

The digout began one day after Winter Storm Nemo roared into the Bronx, with neighbors excavating their cars and driveways, removing mounds of snow.

They certainly hunkered down when Nemo reached maximum strength during the early morning hours of Feb. 8, heeding the warning from Mayor Bloomberg who called Nemo the perfect time to “cook a meal, stay home, read a good book,

watch a movie, just take it easy.”

But the day after, homeowners from Throggs Neck to Kingsbridge began shoveling and plowing their way out of the snow.

Boroughwide, an army of Department of Sanitation crews worked round the clock to clear high-priority streets, utilizing salt spreaders and front-end loaders.

The City’s Strongest was certainly ready this time compared to the blizzard of 2010 when crews were blamed for the slow cleanup process that forced Bronxites to abandon their cars in the middle of streets.

But the timely cleanup this time around allowed kids to get out of the house to bask in the winter wonderland, schlepping to Pelham Bay Park for a day of sledding last weekend.

Crowds of thrillseekers skidded down the hills of Crotona Park where city

Park’s Department staffers doled out warm cocoa. The amount of snow was enough for families to square off in snowball fights, build snowmen, or plop themselves on the ground to create a family of snow angels.

But some young entrepreneurs saw the white stuff as white gold, venturing out with a shovel in hand to dig out their neighbors driveways for some pocket money.

By Feb. 11 the streets were passable thanks to a daylong rainstorm, turning much of the remaining snow into slush.

## Calm before the storm

Hours before the storm made landfall in the Bronx, city agencies prepped for the big storm.

While Metro-North service was scaled back, institutions like the Bronx Zoo and Botanical Garden closed early.

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City Sanitation truck plows through the white stuff in Throggs Neck. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

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**Birthday**  
Happy birthday to our very own **Donna Wilson**, the saint around The Bronx Times Reporter newsroom.

Donna we value you so much as a worker, but value you even more as a person. Happy birth-

day and many happy returns.

Happy 8th birthday to our son **Nicholas Soli** on February 7.

We are so proud of you and love you so much so much!!!

Hope you have a great birthday and weekend!!! Pokemafia in full effect this weekend. Game on! God bless you today and always!!!

Love and kisses, mommy, daddy, grandma, Diesel,

Spanky and Superfish. xoxoxoxoxo

To **Tristan Klett:** We can't believe a year has gone by that you have entered our lives.

You put a smile on our faces every minute of the day.

We are so proud of how you have grown and can't wait to make more memories with you. We love you!

Love always, mommy, daddy and big brother Brandon.

Happy first birthday wishes to **Adriana Bonsignore** on February 17, daughter of Danielle and Joe Bonsignore of Yonkers, NY.

Love and kisses from grandparents Gail and Lou Bonsignore and the late Angela and Arthur Dunnigan, of the Bronx.

To my wife Cathy: Happy Valentine's Day. These last 10 years have been wonderful. I love very much. **Mauro**



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# Fordham Plaza Reconstruction Project Set For Spring

BY DAVID CRUZ

If you think Fordham Road is a traffic mess, you haven't seen anything yet.

The city will start a major reconstruction project next month at the busy thoroughfare prone to risky jaywalkers, speeding taxis and lumbering buses.

The seven-phase project, part of the city's PlaNYC traffic initiative, will first tweak traffic patterns around two square blocks along E. Fordham Rd. comprised of E. 188th and 189th streets and Park, Third and Webster avenues.

By late 2014 new street lighting, sewer systems, traffic signals, modern bus shelters and trees will pepper the Fordham area.

The overall aim of the project by the city Department of Design & Construction is to ease traffic conditions for

people traveling through the zone that is home to Fordham University and the Fordham Plaza marketplace.

"All this is done to improve the traffic flow in and around Fordham plaza," DDC community liaison Jonathan Conte told the Community Board 6 transportation committee Feb. 7.

He added that several heavily used buses, namely the 55, 17, 12 and Special Bus Service 12, will be rerouted around the construction work.

#### Major changes

Permanent roadway changes include:

- Turning 189th St. between Third and Webster avenues into a west-bound one-way street
- Creating a bus loop on Third Ave for the MTA bus depot area by Fordham Plaza
- The demapping of Park Ave. between 188th and 189th streets
- Cars on East Ford-

ham Road and 189th Street will be barred except for buses and emergency vehicles

Initially, much of the work will divert traffic to certain portions of the square block, making it tough to maneuver around the area.

#### "traffic nightmare"

"This is going to be a traffic nightmare," groused neighbor Jose Badilla Jr., worried about Webster Avenue becoming a virtual parking lot for cars forced to pack the road while each phase cuts off traffic.

Traffic agents will be on hand from 7 a.m. 7 p.m. throughout the project as it gets underway.

"There's no traffic at seven in the morning," said Wilma Alonso, head of the Fordham Road Business Improvement District. "That's too early."

To speed up the project, the DDC contractor



The existing Fordham Plaza will experience a major reconstruction project. Photo courtesy of the Department of Design & Construction

filed a 24-hour permit to work round the clock.

Daytime work (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) will be take up less space compared to

nighttime work (9 p.m. to 6 a.m.), which will bring out heavy equipment to a relatively desolate area, said Conte.

He did warn "certain operations will be

noisy."

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# BORO BEAT



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## BORO PREZ ON STAGE

This Tuesday's State of the Borough might have been **Ruben Diaz Jr.**'s swan song as Bronx borough president if the political winds had blown a bit differently in his toe in the water look at running for Public Advocate.

Barring a political earthquake, he'll likely be ensconced in Borough Hall for the next eight years, with his fourth SOB (as it's called) set for 11:30 a.m. at James Monroe High School on Boynton Avenue in Soundview.

It would be nice to hear the city has FINALLY chosen a developer for the Kingsbridge Armory, but don't count on it.

With the city still weighing between a fancy ice skating rink and a retail/entertainment complex, Ruben'll have to be satisfied with listing his accomplishments and outlining his goals for the coming year.

And we DO give him credit for moving the Bronx forward, despite it's overwhelming poverty, high unemployment and major health problems.

## VOTE BOARD CHAOS

As if the city's Board of Elections didn't have enough *tsuris* with voting machines, etc., a takeover coup by the City Council's Republican minority has everyone there shaking in their boots.

**J.C. Polanco**, the Bronx GOP commissioner to the board and its former board president, has already submitted a *pro forma* resignation letter, if it should come to that.

It all stems from possibly up to eight Republican and Democratic county leaders allegedly failing to file on time with the City Council their nominations for commissioners to the equally-divided ten-member board (We're told the Bronx met the deadline).

That technically allows the four Republican councilmembers, headed by Council Minority Leader **James Oddo** of Staten Island, to step in and grab board control by naming their own set of commissioners. - which they already did in Queens and Brooklyn.

We're still trying to wrap our head around all the details and implications - as are a number of savvy political types and board workers- in what could become a BIG TIME shakeup at the patronage-laden board. Creds to Daily Newser **Celeste Katz**, by the way, for breaking the story.

The Queens GOP organization has already gone to court over the issue.

At the moment, Bronx Republican **Dawn Sandow** is holding down the fort at the board as deputy director while Manhattan Dem Boss **Keith Wright** wrangles with his board commissioner **Gregory Soumas** over clearing the way for Bronx Dem Commissioner **Naomi Barrera** to fill the long vacant executive director's \$172,753 job.

"Right now, they're trying to get order restored at the board," said a Democratic insider. "We just have to wait and see what happens with these Republicans."

## "HEAVY LABOR

We forgot to include Assemblyman and Bronx Dem

Party chief **Carl Heastie's** name last week in all those new Albany chairmanships and leadership positions.

Assembly Speaker Shelly Silver made Carl chairman of the heavyweight labor committee. While we're talking unions - and potential campaign contributions - Carl carries some legit *bona fides* for the job, with a Master of Business Administration degree in finance.

## VACCA'S CANDIDATE

We get word **Ritchie Torres**, Councilman **Jimmy Vacca's** young (24), energetic housing director is jumping into the crowded race for term-limited City Councilman **Joel Rivera's** seat in the 15th C.D. in the central Bronx.

Ritchie got his start in Vacca's campaign in 2005, and we'd bet he's learned from Jimmy's hands-on ("THAT'S NOT ACCEPTABLE!") approach to constituent service.

Having lived in public housing most of his life, Ritchie has secured repairs for hundreds

of tenants in both public and private developments, including numerous buildings in the Van Nest and Pelham Parkway North naves within the 15th.

We're told he'll be filing for an official campaign committee shortly, paving the way for a fundraiser in early March headlined by Vacca, Assemblyman **Mike Benedetto** and Assemblyman **Mark Gjonaj**.

## MEA CULPA

Maybe we were just eager to see blood spill, so to speak, over some brawls between Boro Prez Ruben Diaz Jr. and some not-so-cooperative community board members, but we jumped the gun last week. Feb. 18 is the DEADLINE to submit applications for board membership, while members are appointed, re-appointed or NOT re-appointed sometime in late April -May-June. Stay tuned.

## AISLE BE SEEING YOU

It wouldn't be a State of the Union speech if north Bronx Congressman Eliot Engel wasn't hogging an aisle seat to greet

the Prez coming and going. He's been grabbing aisle seats - as often as 12 hours before (using stand-in seat-sitters for bathroom breaks) since 1989. And this is a serious congressman?

## MANGIA

Las Vegas food/restaurant blogger John Curtas reporting chef royalty Mario Batali and Joe Bastianich supposedly planning a restaurant for the Palazzo Hotel there "to be inspired by the red sauce joints along Arthur Avenue in the Bronx."

We figure the master chef and the restaurateur have plenty of experience sampling the culinary delights of the city's REAL Little Italy.

## BRONX BIRTHDAYS

**Feb. 11:** A double hit, with Parkchester/Castle Hill Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda** and son **Julian**. And as Luis wrote on his Facebook, "Today my son Julian turns 21 years old. Today I also turn 21 years old 28 years ago. Happy Birthday son."

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**40th PCT.**

**MON, JAN. 28th, 9:30 a.m.** – 360 East 137 St. Officials are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. Authorities indicated that several bullets were discharged from a gun on the 8th floor hallway. No injuries were reported, but detectives are looking for the culprit.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 12:45 p.m.** – 2923 Third Ave. A search was conducted for a male who attempted to rob a bank. The thief entered the local branch of the Banco Popular and passed a note to a teller. No weapon was shown, but the bank employee refused to provide the would-be thief with any money so the culprit fled before police could arrive.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 6:00 p.m.** – 175 Alexander Ave. Police officers were able to remove another gun from local streets. This time a 9-mm pistol was vouched as evidence. The owner of the pistol was arrested.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 6:05 p.m.** – 475 Willis Ave. Police officials are looking for a Hispanic male believed to be in his mid-twenties. The armed culprit robbed the Papa Jones Restaurant of an unknown amount of money.

**41st PCT.**

**MON, JAN. 28th, 10:45 a.m.** – 830 Hunts Point Ave. Officials are looking into a comment that was made on an Internet social site. It was discovered on "Facebook" that a student threatened to blow up the school.

**42nd PCT.**

**SUN, JAN. 20th, 4:00 P.M.** – 815 East 167 St. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a male to Lincoln Medical Center. Apparently during a robbery, the male victim received a bullet wound to the leg. The male victim lost twenty-dollars to the unknown thief.

**SUN, JAN. 20th, 4:45 p.m.** – 1382 Croton Park South. Police officials are looking into an incident where a teen was attacked. A 17 year old Hispanic male was slashed in the neck area. He received medical care at Bronx Lebonon Hospital's Concourse Division.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 12:55 p.m.** – 1145 Longfellow Ave. Police officers were told that there was an emotionally disturbed person barricaded inside an apartment. Emergency Service personnel were called to the scene, but were unable to establish any form of communications with the person. Police officers were able to gain entry to the apartment only to find it empty. The person then appeared on the scene and voluntary surrender to authorities.

**43rd PCT.**

**WED, JAN. 23rd, 8:25 p.m.** – 1957 Westchester Ave. A search was conducted for a black male who committed a robbery.



# POLICE BLOTTER

The unknown thief, believed to be between thirty and forty years old, fled with one-hundred and fifty dollars which was taken from the cash register. No injuries were reported.

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 10:00 p.m.** – 1122 Manor Ave. An 18 year old black teenager was arrested after he was found with a 32-caliber handgun. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

**FRI, JAN. 25th, 8:00 p.m.** – 1278 Morrison Ave. Police are looking into a shooting that sent a male to Jacobi Medical Center. The Caucasian male victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the knee area.

**SUN, JAN. 27th, 5:25 a.m.** – White Plains Rd. and Wood Ave. A suspect was arrested after being found in possession of a gun in the Parkchester area. Upon checking the owner failed to have the proper license to own a gun in NYC. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

**SUN, JAN. 27th, 7:30 p.m.** – 1201 Leland Ave. Authorities are searching for a black male who robbed a commercial facility. Armed with a gun, the unknown thief fled with one-thousand dollars which was taken from the cash register.

**44th PCT.**

**TUES, JAN. 22nd, 3:45 p.m.** – Webster Ave. and East 166 St. Authorities checking a male who had been previously arrested found the culprit to be in possession of counter-band. Upon checking the suspect who was arrested for driving under the influence officials discovered the culprit was in possession of counterfeit money.

**TUES, JAN. 22nd, 4:00 p.m.** – A suspect was arrested as police investigators looked into a report that a teenage girl had been raped. Arrested by authorities was the 14 year old Hispanic girl's step-father.

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 6:00 p.m.** – 1258 Findlay Ave. A 26 year old black male was found suffering from several stab wounds. The man had been stabbed multiple times officials indicated. He was transported to Lincoln Medical Center and reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SAT, JAN. 26th, 6:00 p.m.** – 2 East 169 St. A 49 year old male was arrested when officials removed a semi-automatic pistol from his possession. Vouched as evidence was a 45-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 3:05 p.m.** – 250 East 156 St. A school near

Concourse Village West went into a lockdown situation because a student stated that they were threatened by a person with a gun. The female student stated that the threat was made inside a school bathroom. Officials reacted and locked the school down. Upon questioning the young student changed the story.

**45th PCT.**

**SUN, JAN. 20th, 10:20 p.m.** – 2444 East Tremont Ave. Two persons were arrested as police officers removed another gun. The weapon, a 9-mm pistol was vouched as evidence since its owner failed to have the proper license to own a gun in NYC.

**TUES, JAN. 22nd, 2:40 p.m.** – 2067 Bartow Ave. Police were alerted that a bank had been robbed in the Co-op City community. A male passed a note to a bank employee. Responding police officers arrested a suspect.

**46th PCT.**

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 12:30 p.m.** – 20 Richman Plaza. First responders were called to the plaza area outside of four high-rise residential buildings near the Major Deegan Expwy. The wind apparently blew down a section, ten feet by fifty feet, of a sidewalk shed. Firefighters searched beneath the wood, but were unable to find any victims.

**47th PCT.**

**MON, JAN. 21st, 6:50 p.m.** **Barnes Ave and East 213 St. With an arrest, police removed another gun from North Bronx streets. This time a 40-caliber weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.**

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 3:05 p.m.** – 2030 Strang Ave. Police arrested another person in the Baychester community who had failed to obtain a license to own a handgun. Taken away from the culprit was a loaded 22-caliber revolver. The gun was vouched as evidence.

**FRI, JAN. 25th, 6:10 a.m.** – 1166 East 215 St. Police investigators are looking into the death of a 13 year old boy. The young teenager apparently had a past medical history of suffering from seizures. His unresponsive body was found lying in bed. The Medical Examiner's Office will determine if the death was suspicious.

**FRI, JAN. 25th, 4:20 p.m.** – 3010 Eastchester Rd. Police recovered another semi-automatic pistol. This time the weapon, a 380-caliber semi-automatic pistol, was taken away from the Bay-

chester community. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

**48th PCT.**

**SUN, JAN. 20th, 1:00 a.m.** – 1834 Webster Ave. Police investigators were alerted that an unknown person did attempt to gain entry to a night club illegally. The culprit used a phony police identification card and a detective type badge to gain entry to the social establishment.

**TUES, JAN. 22nd, 9:30 a.m.** – 730 Oakland Pl. Authorities are looking into an incident where a male had been stabbed. The victim was reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 2:35 p.m.** – 1956 Crotona Pkwy. Another teenager was arrested after being found with a gun. Taken away from the 19 year old Hispanic male was a 9-mm pistol. The handgun was vouched as evidence for the pending court appearance.

**49th PCT.**

**SUN, JAN. 27th, 12:40 a.m.** – 1738 Van Buren St. An inquiry was launched by investigators after learning about a shooting. A male had been found suffering from a bullet wound to the leg. The victim was treated at Jacobi Medical Center.

**50th PCT.**

**WED, JAN. 23rd, 12:00 p.m.** – 161 West 231 St. Officials are looking into an incident where a Hispanic female in her forties received multiple stab wounds to her back near Bailey Ave. A male fled with the woman's pocket book. Police investigators arrested a suspect.

**SUN, JAN. 27th, 9:00 a.m.** – 3440 Ciles Pl. Authorities are looking into the death of a baby girl. The 18 month old infant was found lying dead in her crib by a family member.

**52nd PCT.**

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 2:00 a.m.** – Police looking into a reported burglary learned that more than one store had been broken into. The unknown culprit was able to enter dry cleaners beside a Chinese Fast Food Restaurant. Officials indicated that a small amount of money was taken from each of the stores.

**FRI, JAN. 25th, 9:05 a.m.** – 3578 Jerome Ave. An inquiry was started after authorities learned of a break-in. An unidentified person broke into the neighborhood delicatessen after smashing the glass

front door. The culprit fled with five-hundred dollars.

**FRI, JAN. 25th, 4:30 p.m.** – 2608 Creston Ave. Police investigators are looking for the person who attacked a 20 year old black male. The man had been stabbed repeatedly in the chest area. The young man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital while detectives started an inquiry.

**Housing**

**TUES, JAN. 22nd, 1:40 a.m.** – 350 East 143 St. A 20 year old black male was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 were at the crime scene where the young victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the buttock area. The victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

**FRI, JAN. 25th, 6:30 p.m.** – 3003 Third Ave. An 18 year old black male was arrested by a police officer from Housing's PSA # 7. The teenager was charged with criminal possession of a weapon after a 38-caliber revolver was vouched as evidence.

**SAT, JAN. 26th, 2:35 a.m.** – 2120 Randall Ave. Police officers are looking into an incident where two males had been stabbed. A 22 year old Hispanic male was stabbed in the upper torso while a 22 year old black male was suffering from a stab wound to the abdomen area. Both males were taken to Jacobi Medical Center. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 are working with detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad on this investigation.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 11:45 a.m.** – 2160 Seward Ave. Housing police officers were alerted that a woman had taken a two-way radio away from a city worker. The woman, a black female believed to be in her 30's told the housing employee that she needed money before fleeing. Housing PSA # 8 police officers are looking for the culprit.

**MON, JAN. 28th, 5:45 p.m.** – 580 Castle Hill Ave. A search is underway for the person who stabbed a Hispanic man. The 48 year old Hispanic man was taken to Jacobi Medical Center suffering from a stab wound to the under right arm area. Detectives from the 43rd Pct. Squad are working with Housing PSA # 8 officers on this caper.

**Fire Log**

**MON, JAN. 21st, 1:15 a.m.** – 1711 Mansion St. Firefighters responding to a reported structural fire found the blaze in a two story frame dwelling. While still outside the building a call for additional assistance was made by Battalion 18. Inside the smoke-eaters found another surprise, a marijuana lab was discovered. A call at 1:24 a.m. was made requesting an additional engine company and ladder company to respond. Then at 1:29 a.m., a second alarm was sounded which placed nearly two-dozen units committed to battling the flames. Division 7 reported that there was fire in the cock-

loft. By 1:41 a.m. the main body of the fire was knocked down as searches were underway. At 1:52 a.m. the incident was declared under control.

**MON, JAN. 21st, 2:35 a.m.** – 3560 Bivona St. Firefighters servicing the Baychester community were called upon to extinguish a high-rise residential fire in a NYC Housing Authority complex. Arriving at the scene near Boston Rd. found the blaze to be on the 12th floor of the 13 story dwelling connected to the Secor Houses. Smoke-eaters from the engine crews carried folded lengths of hoses, reconnecting them on a floor below the fire. Ladder crews started searching for trapped residents and the spread of the fire. The fire was located in a bedroom, but flames were already dancing out of a window. The crew from the second arriving ladder company headed to the top floor conducting searches for anyone trapped above the burning apartment. Within minutes progress was being made and the main body of fire was knocked down. Before 3 a.m. the incident was declared under control.

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 7:00 p.m.** – 1258 Hobart Ave. A fire damaged a three story dwelling in the Throggs Neck section near Waterbury Ave. Despite a delay caused by a frozen fire hydrant, engine crews were able to contain the flames and quickly extinguish the flames. Fire Marshals were requested to look into the incident since there was indication of how the fire started.

**THURS, JAN. 24th, 10:30 p.m.** – 640 Mead St. A fire was reported in the Van Nest community. Firefighters from the White Plains station were the first to arrive at the fire which was near Unionport Rd. The blaze was spreading within a two-story frame dwelling. Officials reported that flames were already on the 1st and 2nd floors. At 10:4 Battalion 18 requested an additional engine and ladder company to respond. Firefighters were able to make quick progress as they advanced hose lines on each floor extinguishing all the flames. By 11:15 p.m. the fire was declared under control.

**SAT, JAN. 26th, 2:20 p.m.** – 3255 Parkside Pl. Firefighters from several stations responded to a reported fire in the Norwood community near Webster Ave. The fire was reported in a five story apartment house in an apartment on the 5th floor. As hose lines were being placed into operation, the blaze was already spreading and heading into the cockloft. The incident commander requested an additional engine company and also an additional ladder company. After sizing up the situation, Division 7 ordered the transmission of a second alarm. The chief also requested two additional ladder companies to respond. Four hose lines were stretched by the engine crews with water flowing through three of the hose lines. At 3:20 p.m., the incident commander indicated that the fire was contained.

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## Walls closing in

Dear editor,

Re: your article in January 18-24 issue.

I sympathize with Patty Justiniano completely. I too was victimized by a builder. He built two two-family homes just four inches from my house. I also have a very close view of lovely building blocks. The gutters from that house touch my house. Just to tell you and her how sorry I am for you and wish you good luck. I too used to have a nice sunny house.

Anna Feaster

## Postal solutions

Dear editor,

With last year's \$16 billion dollar loss combined with another increase in the price of stamps to 46 cents for a first class letter, suspension of Saturday delivery starting in August, and now "Sale of Bronx GPO draws anger from pols/union" (David Cruz -- February 7), why not consider untapped revenue sources available to reduce operating deficits and perhaps even turn a small profit?

The US Postal Service could sell advertising space on the sides of mailboxes, inside and outside the post offices along with the small jeeps, regular trucks and heavy-duty long-haul trucks.

Sell off some of the valuable real estate and move to less expensive locations.

Why not join banks and fast-food restaurants that sublet space at Wal-Mart and other big box stores to open smaller post offices?

Generate both revenue and customers by subletting excess capacity at underutilized post offices to other city or state agencies along with private sector businesses.

License corporations to sponsor stamps for a fee. Have Congressman Jose Serrano, other members of Congress, the New York State Legislature, New York City Council, Bronx Boro President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and other elected officials pay the real, full costs for their annoying frequent bulk rate mailings to constituents. They are nothing more than free re-election campaign brochures subsidized by taxpayers. Charge the full price for all junk mail.

Future increases in the price of stamps should be directly tied to inflation. Why not apply free-enterprise solutions to provide a more cost-effective product, reduce deficits and prevent more branches from closing?

Larry Penner

## District Attorney responds

Dear editor,

"Courting backlog," a letter to the editor (issue of 2/1-2/7) from Maryann Brynes-Alvarado about the influx of new judges into the Bronx to reduce the backlog of cases, suggests that since January 15, my office has been "throwing in the towel on a vast number of old cases, [by] ... offering significantly reduced sentences..."

Nothing could be further from the truth. Our plea offers are always governed by all of the circumstances of the case as well as the interests of justice and the community. In fact, I cautioned my staff that although we are very hopeful that just results will come more quickly as a result of

added judicial resources - which I had been requesting for some time - we should stick to our previous recommendations, but remain open in case of changed circumstances, such as no-longer available victims in older cases.

Robert T. Johnson, Bronx District Attorney

## Council pork

Dear editor,

Once again, New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn has removed the veil of her Manhattan liberal independent reformer image to reveal that she is a seasoned Democratic Party machine leader. To the victor goes the spoils is practiced by Quinn just like former Council Speakers Gifford Miller, Peter Vallone Sr. and the late Tom Cuite of Brooklyn.

On January 18, 2010, Speaker Quinn announced her appointments of various Council committee chairpersons. Councilmembers loyal to their respective county organizations (the ones that endorsed her candidacy for Speaker) were rewarded with salary increases known as lulus ranging from \$4,000 to \$28,000 to chair Council committees. These were renewed once again in January 2011. The average salary for a New Yorker is \$41,000 per year. Every councilmember has a base salary of \$112,500 plus bonuses, for a part-time job.

She is never shy around a camera or microphone. This year she will once again quietly issued checks for 50% of each Councilmembers annual awarded lulus of between \$4,000 to \$28,000 per year on top of a \$112,000 base salary to her loyal members for chairing a Council Committee or subcommittee. The base salary plus lulu is three times what an average constituent earns for a job officially classified as part time. Hard working municipal civil servant employees and most ordinary New Yorkers would never see such treats from their respective employers.

Under Speaker Quinn's reign, it continues to be the usual political quid pro quo with councilmembers. Vote as instructed by the Speaker and members will continue to receive the perks of office. These include the salary bonuses for chairing Council committees, extra cash for local district offices, staff and mailings along with your share of several hundred million dollars available for funding local neighborhood pork-barrel projects to grease the wheels of re-election.

Council members have staff to drive them around town and private parking privileges at City Hall. How many ever considered using mass transit for commuting to work like millions of their constituents do daily? Do any Council members have a Metro Card and use it regularly? Check out the City Hall parking lot when the Council is in session and see. Quinn continues the tradition of allocating millions of dollars in member item pork barrel projects to her Council favorites.

With 8% of New Yorkers still out of work, another 7% who have given up looking, along with many others working part time and/or for minimum wage, there are many public minded citizens besides the current 51 Council members with the knowledge and wisdom to perform their jobs at a fraction of the cost.

Many would gladly serve and show up for

work full time without the perks of office for \$112,000 per year minus all the traditional lulus or other benefits ordinary citizens can only dream about. There is a clear appearance of a serious conflict of interest with Quinn running for Mayor in 2013. Will she be rewarding those loyal Councilmembers with lulus in exchange for their support of her Mayoral campaign? Ditto when Quinn will be issuing the remaining 50% balance of lulus in July 2013.

This conflict of interest is even worse when the new City municipal budget is adopted on July 1, 2013. Will Quinn "steer" the bulk of several hundred million dollars worth of member item pork barrel projects she controls to the same loyal Councilmembers and recipients of earmarks who by coincidence will be supporting her in the Democratic Mayoral Primary?

All of these lulus and member item pork barrel projects are paid by your hard earned tax dollars. The five county Democratic political bosses don't care if you are liberal or conservative, gay or straight, man or woman — just play ball like Speaker Quinn and you're welcome to the smoke-filled clubhouse back rooms!

Like past Speakers Miller and Vallone Sr., Quinn believes she is qualified to become Mayor. On Primary Day, the voters may tell Quinn no thanks just like they did for Miller and Vallone.

Larry Penner

## Klein and campaigning reform

Dear editor,

Each issue of the Bronx Times seems to reveal updates about the IDC, the new-to-power Independent Democratic Conference, but so far we have heard little from this group regarding a crucial topic to all of us New Yorkers, Campaign Finance Reform.

The time for fixing our state's campaign finance system has arrived, and its up to state Senator Jeff Klein to act. It's clear that all New Yorkers support the overhaul of the current campaign finance laws. A recent poll by the Public Campaign Action Fund found that residents all across our state, including over 70% of independents and Republicans, want stronger and fairer election laws. This is a real test of Senator Klein's affirmations that his independent coalition will end the stagnation and do-nothingness in the state legislature. If the Senator, who was elected as a Democrat, but aligned himself with Republicans, uses the power he has in the Senate to pass a reform bill that includes public financing, lower limits on campaign contributions, and timely disclosure of contributions over \$500, then many of us in his district will view him as a man of his word.

If we don't see such reform passed and signed into law soon, however, it will be because Senator Klein has chosen to stand with obstructionist Republicans to block the bill or water it down.

This would be a betrayal of voters in the 34th Senate district and more than 70% of New Yorkers who support comprehensive campaign finance reform, and we will know that Senator Klein isn't the kind of leader we New Yorkers deserve.

John Kruger

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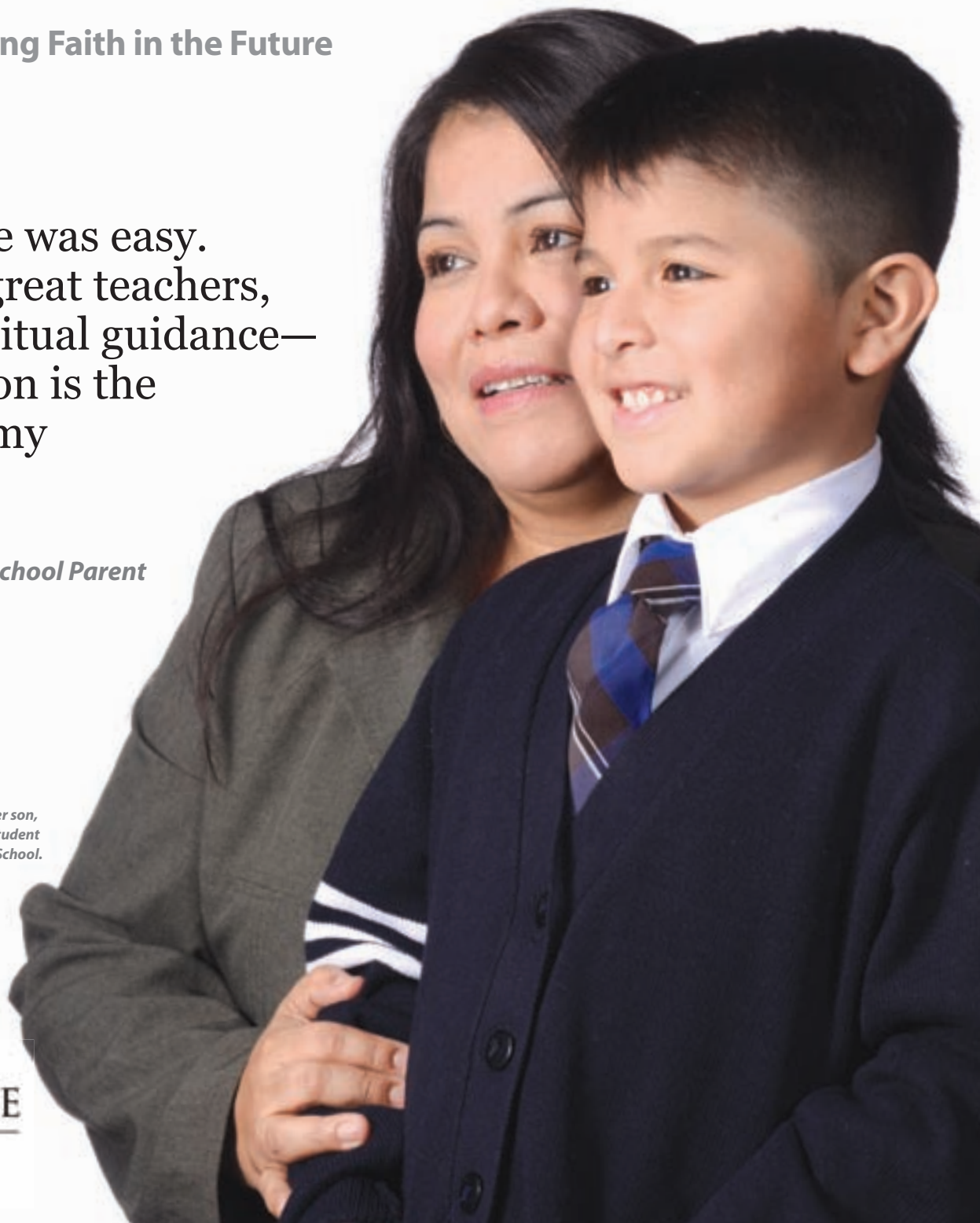
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# Fencing with absentee builder

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

With the national housing market picking up and more buildings likely to be built or finished in his east Bronx district, local City Councilman Jimmy Vacca said he is stepping up his vigilance of inactive worksites.

The biggest recent case in point, a collapsed worksite fence around a home construction site in Throggs Neck that he recently got the city to fix.

"I think we have to be vigilant once again and check all of the building department applications and make sure that the zoning is obeyed," said Vacca.

Neighbors expressed concern to Vacca's office about the fence that collapsed at 817 Hollywood Ave.

The collapse left wooden boards strewn

on the outskirts of a large parcel of land with an unfinished building that had been under construction before work stopped several years ago.

Vacca said he had been monitoring the site prior to the reports of the fence collapse, since the original plans on a two-family house being built there did not comply with the area downzoning's parking requirements.

Vacca and others helped put the requirements in place in the area between 2004 and 2006.

"All the boards have fallen," said Vacca, shortly before he alerted the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, which hired a contractor to complete emergency work in late-January.



Councilman Jimmy Vacca points to the fallen fence at 817 Hollywood Avenue before repairs were made. Photo courtesy of Councilman Jimmy Vacca

"It is a complete mess and I have asked the city to go and restore the boards and give the owner the bill," said Vacca.

Department of Buildings records show more than \$25,000 in unpaid

finances and a stop work order in place because of the fines.

Some of the violations include "lack of protection for the public or property during excavation activities," and a Nov. 26, 2012 complaint

for failure to maintain the collapsed job fence.

According to DOB records, the owner is listed as Joseph Noriega Sr., with only a P.O. Box as a contact for him on several documents. He could not be reached

for comment as of press time.

Community Board 10 chairman John Marano who lives nearby said he was glad to see the property re-secured.

"This has been an eyesore for the longest time," said Marano. "I would like the owner of the property to take responsibility if he ran out of money, or whatever the reason may be."

Marano said that in such cases, the DOB and the banks, who may hold mortgages, must work to make sure fines are paid and that work can proceed.

"If they are not going to rebuild it and not finish it, they should make it safe for the people who live around it," he said.

"Who would want to live next door to an abandoned property?"

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# Future of E. Tremont's Mandeé again unclear

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

East Bronx elected officials and community leaders are keeping a wary eye on Mandeé.

The future of the Throggs Neck clothing retailer appears to be up in the air as its parent company, Big M, recently re-filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Jeff Resnick, who owns the property at 3860 E. Tremont Ave. at the Cross Bronx Expressway, said in an e-mail that the company cited the damage and disruption in commerce caused by Superstorm Sandy as its reason for re-filing.

Mandeé has continued operations for the time being, but Resnick indicated they may be looking to downsize the store, with plans for the location once again "up in the air."

"They have told me that their current business plan calls for a much smaller store, so I believe

they would like to operate in half the space," stated Resnick. "We are currently trying to find someone who might want to use half the space, or 7,500 square feet. However at this moment uncertainty abounds and they might give up this location."

The entire property, at 15,000 square feet, is now being listed by Welco Realty as being for available for lease.

Mandeé, which has been at the location for about 28 years, recently completed major renovations to the facade and parking lot, said Resnick.

"The renovations at 3860 E. Tremont Avenue have been completed in total... the face of the store looks wonderful and the parking lot is repaired," he said.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca said he was concerned that having any vacant store of its size would

be an eyesore.

"Mandeé has been here for years, and it was only several months ago that they made a commitment to stay in Throggs Neck."

In late 2011, it appeared that the location might close as other Mandeé stores were shuttered, but a spokeswoman for Big M said in June 2012 that they planned to stay at that location and renovate and modernize the building, which had previously been a supermarket.

Whatever the fate of Mandeé, bankruptcy re-organization is often a good thing for many companies, said Steven Kaufman, president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association.

"It is not necessarily a bad thing, because it will allow them to shed their debts and come out clean, and lean and meaner," he said. "We don't know what the final play will be."

## L-O-V-E FOR LJI JEWELER



Naomi Nieves shows off this heart-shaped necklace for Valentine's Day at LJI Jewelers at 3021 Westchester Ave in Pelham Bay. The neighborhood jewelry store was certainly in the Valentine's Day spirit, decorating its store with holiday decorations. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

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## **To the love of my life**

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## **Jennifer**

**To My kids: Matthew, Miguel, Nico, Gabriella, and Gia Bustamante**

I love you and Happy Valentines Day. To my hubby, Miguel-Please be my Valentine. Xoxo

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There is only one happiness in life: to love and be loved.

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## **Munch,**

I love you lots & lots; love seeing the man you're becoming.

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Thank you to **mama and papa** for all the love you've given.

## **Becky & the boys**

# Lehman hearing on Feb. 26; Clinton also on Feb. 21

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

For all parents and community members who are interested in education at Lehman High School, this meeting is for you.

They are being invited to give testimony at a public hearing later this month about the city Department of Education's proposed phase-out, or gradual closure over the next three years, of the large, comprehensive high school.

The hearing will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the school at 3000 E. Tremont Ave.

Department of Education officials will be on hand to listen to feedback from the public on the possible effect the phase-out of Lehman, and the co-location of three new smaller schools in the building, would have on

the school community. Those wishing to speak at the "Joint Public Hearing" need to register online at [savehmanhs.eventbrite.com](http://savehmanhs.eventbrite.com) by Wednesday, Feb. 20, said James Rodriguez, coordinator of student activities at Lehman.

"Essentially we have a revisit to last year," said Rodriguez. "The future of the high school is in doubt, so much so, that we are now going through a series of public hearings."

Rodriguez said he feels the situation is similar to last year's when the DOE proposed a "turnaround" of the school - which could have led to the furloughing half the staff. That move was ultimately defeated, along with similar proposals for 23 other city schools, by legal action

by the United Federation of Teachers and Council of Supervisors and Administrators.

"I want to highlight the achievements of these students," said Rodriguez, who cited examples of Model UN and students competing for prestigious scholarships.

Meanwhile, another hearing will be held at DeWitt Clinton High School at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 on a DOE proposal to open two new district high schools in Clinton's building at 100 West Mosholu Parkway South, and to reduce Clinton's enrollment to roughly 2,210-2,250 students by the 2016-17 academic year.

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# Protests planned against strip club

## Charge the West Farms club has more brass than its pole

BY DAVID CRUZ

Protests are in the works over a West Farms building that's been home to several floozy clubs in recent years.

The latest incarnation is Divas Gentlemen's Lounge, which held its grand opening Jan. 11 and is now in the crosshairs of community leaders intent of driving them out of business.

Several demonstrations will take place during high turnout weekends, said Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda.

"We're going to mobilize the community so much it's going to make them go away," said Sepulveda, living just blocks from the night spot just on the tip of the Sheridan Expressway.

Schools, a post office and several private buildings pepper the area, considered a high-crime area, according to Community Board 6.

The club, opened daily, boasts 25 nightly dancers, a VIP lounge and live music, according to its Facebook page. Latin music station Mega 97.9 is expected to DJ on Thursdays.

MD3 Inc. is the firm behind Divas, once the site of the MD3-operated

Luxury Box, a seedy bar featuring bikini-clad women working the pole. The club closed late last year to open as Divas this month. Ten years before, the nightclub was dubbed Smitty's, which eventually closed after issues with

"If this was in the upper east side they wouldn't allow these kinds of establishments," said Sepulveda.

In November 2010, Luxury Box was granted a liquor license by the State Liquor Authority, a move Community Board 6 and local 48th Precinct strongly opposed. Dissenting letters were sent to SLA, but they went unanswered.

SLA later admitted to overlooking the letters after seeing it wasn't scanned into a file that would have sent the application to a three-member panel weighing the case.

When reports of brawls, illegal parking and pounding music arose, opposition for a license renewal jumped, with CB6 leading the charge.

"They claim that it's a gentleman's club, that it's not going to draw the wrong crowd," said CB6 District Manager Ivine

Galarza. "But it is."

In November last year, CB6 met with owner and his attorney Martin Mehler over the club's plan to renew its license.

"I asked the owner would you want one of these in your community and it was dead silence,"

said Sepulveda, who attended the meeting.

But despite letters from Community Board 6, the Four-Eight and city lawmakers to SLA, owners were granted a license.

Galarza soon sent a letter to SLA, explain-

ing the community was shocked over the license renewal despite "reports of criminal activity in and around the lounge."

Bill Crowley, a spokesman for SLA, said complaints usually do not warrant a license denial. He added it often is eas-

ier for a club to keep its license than if it were to first file for one.

But as demonstrations continue, CB6 promises to keep an eye on any developments.

"Any rule they break we'll use against them," said Galarza.



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# Benedetto helping veterans

## Assemblyman now chair of Veterans' Committee

BY DAVID CRUZ

Assemblyman Mike Benedetto has answered the call of duty.

It was late last month when the Throggs Neck pol got a surprise phone call from his boss, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver.

"He said, 'there's an opening for chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee. Are you interested?'" said Benedetto. "I said 'yes, of course.'"

Benedetto has since settled into his new role, first convening a Feb. 5 sit-down with his 18-member panel.

"They all realize the importance of our veterans," said Benedetto, speaking at his Throggs Neck office, where a book on D-Day rests on his bookshelf.

Sitting on the committee holds a special meaning for Benedetto, who hails from a family of veterans. He also hails from an assembly dis-



Assemblyman Mike Benedetto is now chairman of Veteran's Committee in the state capitol.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

trict that's home to the most veteran's posts than any other part of the borough. It's made holidays like Memorial Day no day at the beach.

"I will literally spend the entire day going from event to event to event," said Benedetto.

In chairing the committee, Benedetto will help shape veteran-related bills before they hit the Assembly floor, vetting their overall benefits to former servicemen and women. Albany already earmarks \$17.5 million to the Department of Veterans Affairs for services such as counseling.

The Bronx is home to 50,000 veterans from wars old and recent. And while some have managed to integrate back into normal life, other veterans have been unable to cope, contributing to a rise in unemployment and homelessness.

Benedetto said he intends to address those issues by convening hearings that can "guide the legislature for new ideas for new bills."

He also plans to publicize all state entitlement benefits for veterans by including a web link to the

Department of Veterans Affairs home page on his own Assembly web page.

He's already thrown his support behind the "Jobs for Heroes" bill by Senator Jeff Klein, giving tax credits to small businesses that hire vets discharged after 9/11.

His chairmanship is already viewed as advantageous for Benedetto's 82nd Assembly District, boasting eight veteran posts from Co-op City to Silver Beach.

Among those glad to hear about Benedetto's new committee chairmanship is Pat Devine, a well known Bronx veterans advocate who chairs the Rehabilitation committee at the Manhattan and Bronx Veterans Hospital.

"This is going to be a big plus knowing we have a friend in Albany," he said, already spreading the word on Benedetto's chairmanship.

# Klein backs veteran jobs bill

## proposal aims to cut veteran jobless rate

BY DAVID CRUZ

Veterans are moving from the frontlines to the unemployment line at an alarming rate in the Bronx.

But a bill, co-sponsored by a Bronx legislator and recently introduced in Albany could inspire small business owners to hire down-on-their-luck veterans.

It's called the "Jobs for Heroes" bill, offering tax credits upwards to \$15,000 to small time merchants who hire veterans from post-9/11 conflicts.

Sen. Jeff Klein co-sponsored the bill, hoping to put a dent on the 10.7% jobless rate among veterans, higher than the national

jobless rate.

The proposed measure also hopes to spur job creation, an incentive Bronx plumbing supply company owner Bob Bieder backs.

"When you're looking to hire someone, hire a veteran," said Bieder, who's now seeking veterans to fill two entry-level posts. "You can't go wrong."

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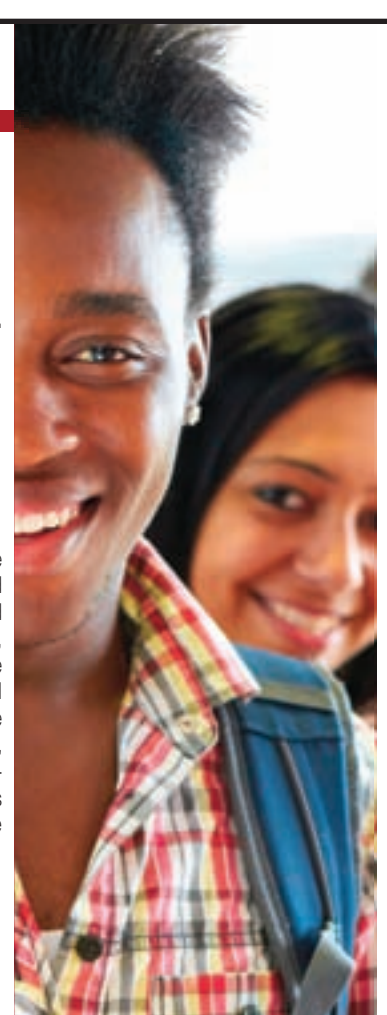
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## DeBlasio and small businesses

Dear editor,

I read with interest Mr. Larry Penner's letter in the February 8 edition (DeBlasio Mayoral Run), noting that the Public Advocate has used his office "as a stepping stone to run for Mayor."

For those of us who take the time to evaluate our elected officials' effectiveness in representation, Mr. DeBlasio's use of public office and taxpayer money for his own benefit is not a surprise.

The more perplexing issue in Mr. DeBlasio's case is actually knowing where he stands on the issues.

Mr. Penner notes DeBlasio's consistent support for union issues without concern for taxpayer welfare. At least we know where he stands in that arena.

For most other issues, he leans whichever way the wind happens to be blowing.

Let's take for example his stand against Mayor Bloomberg's policies of exacting enormous fines on the small businesses of this City.

He not only criticized the Mayor (and rightly so) for stifling job creation, he went so far as to file Freedom of Information demands when the Mayor denied his request for the data about Department of Health inspection policies that are excessive and supported his position.

He even went on a 5-borough tour, meeting with local BID directors and business groups to condemn the Mayor and assure business leaders that he was in their corner.

Shortly thereafter, however, he came out in support of the Earned Sick Pay Bill (while strongly criticizing his opponent Christine Quinn for opposing the bill) when he knew all along that the bill's passing would expand the powers of DOH and allow them to fine even more small businesses.

He knew that, but decided to address only the need to pay sick workers this noteworthy benefit, hoping that no one would notice how he conveniently ignored the truth.

So where does he stand on the issue of small business fines? No one really knows, because he has conveniently straddled the issue.

And, if he's not clear on this issue, will we ever really know where he stands on issues like taxation, homelessness, housing, public safety or economic development?

Leaders take consistent positions, and if DeBlasio wants to lead this great city, he has to do better than this.

John Bonizio

## Sexual violence

Dear editor,

Every two minutes a woman gets sexually assaulted in America. Every 6.2 minutes a woman gets raped. Each year an average 207,754 victims ages 12 and over are raped

and assaulted, plus another 20,000 children less than 11 years of age.

In the first two weeks of 2013, there were 10,800 sexual assault acts and 4,800 domestic violence acts against women.

According to statistics, women who are raped as children are likely to be victimized again as adults. They suffer from depression and post-traumatic stress syndrome, which affects all relational aspects of their lives. And have you noticed there's "a conspiracy of violence from victim blamers to slut shamers" in the air?

How as a society are we healing our women who are denied their dignity and to live safe protective lives in America, "the land of the free?"

Since House Republicans let the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) expire, many acts of violence will go unpunished.

"Rape is a crime of violence, not passion." We're awaiting a resolve to gun violence. What about violence against our daughters, granddaughters, mothers, sisters, grandmothers? The reauthorization of VAWA with its emphasis on updating restraining orders and background check systems, like gun regulations, are in the pursuit of justice and saving lives.

Are women free in America? I, along with many women I speak with, am not free to walk around our neighborhoods at dusk to watch a sunset. Or at night to appreciate full moon starlight or be by our water's edge. The "slut shamers" tell us we shouldn't go out at night, our place is in the home. No! Isn't it up to families and society at large to teach sons to respect women? We've been calling India a misogynist society. America, what are we?

Mari Meli

## Bi-lingual learning

Dear editor:

The Bronx Times Reporter recently carried a large ad for Boricua College, which states the college "focuses on the needs of Puerto Rican and Latino students in New York City...."

The key words here are "focuses on." Is there any other college in this city where "the needs" of one particular ethnicity and one particular race are given special attention, in addition to having 230 bi-lingual faculty and staff?

It's so-called "schools of higher learning" like Boricua College that are encouraging students not to learn English and establish for themselves a separate American identity.

Throughout America's immigration history, non-English-speaking immigrants who came to the USA learned English and had their children learn it.

English became the primary language of their children and they gratefully became Americans.

By placing that ad for the bi-lingual college, the Bronx Times Reporter is encouraging some future college students not to learn English or speak English as their primary language. And the consequences

will be very grave for the Bronx, this city and everywhere else it's practiced. I can see that ad appearing in El Diario. But in English-language Bronx Times Reporter?

Ken Reynolds

## Rev. Wenzell Jackson

Dear editor,

"I was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Rev. Wenzell Jackson, Pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church.

On behalf of the residents of the Sixteenth District of the City Council whom I represent, and on behalf of Christ Church, pastor and former Councilmember Rev. Wendell Foster, we offer our sincerest sympathy. Rev. Jackson was not only the beloved pastor of Mt. Hermon, but he became the pastor of the entire community and to people of all faiths. He served as the vice president of my clergy council and was a very close friend of the entire Foster and Foster-McKay families.

His outgoing warmth and ability to love and be loved was exemplified by his becoming the chairperson of Community Planning Board #4 after just a few years in the community. In that I live across the street from Mt. Hermon, Rev. Jackson soon became a good friend and a trusted advisor.

He will be sorely missed by everyone."

Councilwoman Helen Foster

## Don't end youth football

Dear editor,

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's attempt to end youth football in the State of New York is ill advised, self centered and based on hearsay rather than fact.

After 62 years of coaching youth as a volunteer, I can tell you from experience that the incidence of injury for under 11 year olds is minute.

They just don't get up the speed necessary for bad injuries, nor are they taught to hit with their helmets. There are even limits as to the distance players may be in hitting drills and a time requirement for contact drills.

We all know that if President Obama had a son he wouldn't be playing football. He would be playing tennis or golf. But let us poor people choose the sports we know will provide our youth with a challenge to succeed or fail as a team, build self confidence, camaraderie, discipline, loyalty and physical fitness so that at the end of the day they have more to show than killing "aliens" on Xbox360.

I wish I had a dollar for every Warrior who went on to enjoy high school football and then got a scholarship to college.

What's next on the list? Baseball (didn't a boy get killed with a pitch a few years ago?) - hockey - skating - PAL boxing - basketball?

Jerry Demers, Warriors Football

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# Relics from St. Anthony coming to the Bronx

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

This actually is a tongue-in-cheek story.

Relics believed by Catholic worshippers to be part of the skin from the cheek and two ribs of an Italian saint who founded the Franciscan order are heading to the Bronx.

The relics of St. Anthony of Padua are making the journey from Italy as part of a mission of Franciscan Friars Mario Conte and Ciprian Sava. Conte is the editor of *The Messenger*, a Franciscan magazine. Sava is the editor of the Romanian edition of the same publication.

The friars are coming to the tri-state area in honor of the 750th anniversary of the discovery of St. Anthony's relics by St. Bonaventure. The relics, normally housed in the Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony in Padova, Italy, also include what worshippers be-



Friar Mario Conte

lieve is the tongue of the saint (which will not be making the trip).

They will be on display at a public veneration service in the Bronx at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 inside St. Adalbert Church, next door to St. Crispin Friary, at 420 E. 156 St. in Melrose.

"Relics direct us towards God himself; it is he who, by the power of his grace, grants to weak human beings the courage to bear witness to him before the world,"



This statue holds relics the faithful believe are skin from the cheek of St. Anthony. Photos courtesy of Franciscans

said Pope Benedict XVI. "By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of

the martyrs and saints, the church does not forget that, in the end, these



Friar Ciprian Sava

are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals touched by the living power of God."

St. Adalbert's was chosen to display the relics because it is part of a Franciscan Friary that runs the St. Anthony Shelter, a six-story homeless shelter and soup kitchen, said Tom Miscatello, of the Franciscan Friars of the Athonian Association & Messenger of St. Anthony in Elmhurst, Queens.

"They were greatly pleased to know that they were going to a place where St. Anthony's name was part of homeless shelter," he said of Conte and Sava.

As part of the veneration service, there will be a holy mass, as well as a presentation of a biblical passion play "dialogue" between St. Anthony and a tyrant called Ezzelino, he said.

The cheek skin relic will be in a gold bust of St. Anthony, and the "floating" or upper, front-ribs, should be displayed correctly on the altar. Those in attendance will not only be able to observe but possibly also be able to touch the relics.

"We all know that they are simply a fossilized part of Anthony's body, but at the same time, they are a concrete bridge, a link of love, between you and St. Anthony," said Conte.

## Mercy College honors exceptional advocates

**Community Healthcare Network**, a nonprofit that runs health clinics across New York City is encouraging New Yorkers to give their partners the best gift this Valentine's Day: updated information on their HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C status.

Free testing for couples (and singles) will be available at CHN's Tremont Health Center and Bronx Health Center during Valentine's Day Week. Test results are available in 20 minutes. Consultation is available on site.

While HIV and AIDS rates have declined over the years, certain populations - namely women and young gay men - are seeing increased rates of infection. Individuals who are positive and know their status can take great steps in protecting their partners from getting infected.

Tests will take place at Tremont Health Center, at 4215 Third Avenue 2nd Fl., Bronx NY 10457; Bronx Health Center, 975 Westchester Avenue, on Feb. 11 - 15. Tests will be available at clinics during clinic hours.

Luke Barlow, 18 years old, of Yonkers, New York has been honored for his exemplary volunteer service with a state-level Certificate of Excellence from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Luke Barlow was nominated for this award by **Mount Saint Michael Academy** in the Bronx, where he is a 12th grade student.

Presented annually by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people across America for outstanding community service activities.

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On Thursday, February 7, **Mercy College** honored exceptional community advocates during the Annual Bronx Leadership Awards Dinner at Marina del Rey, 1 Marina Drive in Throgs Neck. Each year, the event recognizes outstanding individuals working together to strengthen the Bronx Community through service and leadership.

This year's honorees include: Joseph Deglomini, Jr., principal, Simone Development Companies; Louis P. Grasso, Jr., - LEED AP, managing partner, Kingston Block & Masonry Supply, LLP; Ray Negron, special advisor, New York Yankees; and Kathy Zamechansky, president, KZA Realty Group, Inc.

A portion of the funds raised at this year's dinner will help fund the newly endowed Hutchinson Metro Center Bronx Leadership Scholarship.

The scholarship, which was announced at the 2012 Bronx Leadership Awards Dinner, was created by Simone Development Companies and Hutch Management, LLC in order provide financial assistance to high school students who have demonstrated their potential to succeed in college but do not have the financial means to attend.

The scholarship will be awarded to Bronx high school students who possess a record of excellence in academic study and have provided outstanding service to their community.

## AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Tuesday, February 19, 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.

This 6-hour course will refresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips.

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Please join us in recognizing the 25 Bronx Influential Women of 2013!

## *The 25 Bronx Influential Women for 2013*

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| Deidra Scott<br><b>Bronx Council of the Arts</b>             | Jackie Kyle Kall<br><b>Port of Kall Realty</b>                  | Dolores Batista<br><b>Allstate</b>                                      |
| Sharlene Brown<br><b>Bronx YMCA</b>                          | Krystal Serrano<br><b>Health First</b>                          | Sandi Lusk<br><b>Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization</b> |
| Bailey Provetto<br><b>St. Benedict's Playhouse</b>           | Mirian Moses<br><b>Lincoln Hospital</b>                         | Hope Harley<br><b>Bronx Children's Museum</b>                           |
| Karin O'Connor<br><b>Throggs Neck Benevolent Association</b> | Deborah Tymon<br><b>NY Yankees</b>                              | Roberta Greenberg<br><b>Monroe College</b>                              |
| Terri Dambinskas<br><b>Ice House</b>                         | Sr. Diane Prusinski<br><b>Rosalie Hall</b>                      | Joanne Russo-Rubino<br><b>FIAME</b>                                     |
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# Bronx beat

## TNCAP sponsors Alcohol Awareness Training Program

TNCAP is sponsoring a NYS Liquor Authority approved Alcohol Awareness Training Program, free of charge, on Wednesday, March 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The 2½-hour training program will be held at 2789 Schurz Avenue for all businesses that sell or serve al-

cohol.

Using this program can bring immediate payback and benefits:

- Improved Customer Service
- Preserve the health, safety and welfare of communities
- Comply with the Alcohol Beverage Control Laws

- Stop underage drinking and sales to intoxicated persons
- Decreased penalties for alcohol violations

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call Joanne Timmins at 718-904-1333 ext: 28 or e-mail [jtimmins@adapp.org](mailto:jtimmins@adapp.org).

## Shake It Up For Purim at Temple Hatikva

Purim is the happiest event of the Jewish year, so join us as we "Shake It Up For Purim" on Friday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. Temple Hatikva will be sponsoring our annual reading of "Megillah Esther" to be followed by a fabulous Purim Party. The Megillah Reading and Purim Party are FREE events co-sponsored by the Bronx Jewish Community Council.

Traditionally, when

reading the Megillah, participants utilize noisemakers to drown out the name of the villain, Haman. In keeping with that tradition, the temple is requesting that all those attending the Megillah Reading bring an unopened box of pasta so that all can "shake" that box and make lots of noise to drown out Haman's name. And, at the end of the Megillah Reading, donate all of the pasta to a food bank so

that Purim truly becomes a holiday for all to enjoy!

Make your plans now and be prepared to "Shake It Up For Purim" as Cantor Kyle Cherry chants the Megillah Esther. Bring family, friends, neighbors and children! And don't forget to wear your costume!

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade. For information, call (718) 792-1109 or e-mail [TempleHatikva@aol.com](mailto:TempleHatikva@aol.com)

## Bronx Parks Speak Up Feb. 23

It's time to speak up!

The 19th annual Bronx Parks Speak Up will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Lehman College Faculty Dining Room, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's theme is History, Parks, and Culture: Using Open Spaces to Bridge Cultural Gaps.

There will be presentations on the history of the creation of Bronx parks and discovering the Bronx River's African-American heritage.

Workshops include the history of hip-hop in Bronx parks, identifying new open spaces and uses, and the Bronx as an urban forest.

There will also be a panel discussion of mayoral candidates and one about cultural diversity.

Resource information will be available for community groups, educators, and volunteers.

For more information, visit [bronxparsspeakup.org](http://bronxparsspeakup.org).

## Community Education Council applications

This is your chance have your voice heard on the future of public education.

The city Department of Education is accepting applications until Saturday, March 23 for

parents who want to serve on Community Education Councils. CECs are education policy advisory boards covering each city school district.

For more information on applying, visit [\[parentleaders.org\]\(http://parentleaders.org\).](http://www.ny-</a></p>
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The DOE will hold candidate forums from Monday, April 8 to Thursday, April 25, with a final selectors vote from Wednesday, May 1 to Tuesday, May 14.

## FREE THROW COMPETITION AT PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL



The Guiding Star Knights of Columbus hosted a free throw competition at Preston High School's gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 26 for children ages of 10 to 14. Youth from area schools were invited to participate, and had 15 chances to get the ball into the hoop. The free throw competition is sponsored annually with local winners progressing through district and state competitions. The top winners there will be honored as the international champions for the Knights.

(Above) A good crowd of youngsters were on hand to participate.  
(Right) Anthony Picarulli sets up for free throw.



Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## HUNTS POINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCH FOR ALBANY POLS

The Greater Hunts Point Chamber of Commerce and Hunts Point Economic Development Corp. held a luncheon recently highlighting state lawmakers and how critical they are to the Bronx. The event, called "Effective Leadership in Albany and New Development with Visionary Future" was held at Tosca on E. Tremont Avenue in Throggs Neck on Wednesday, Jan. 30. Guests of honor included Senator Jeff Klein who represents the Hunts Point markets; Assemblyman Marcos Crespo; the district manager of Community Board 2 Rafael Salamanca; Steven Smith of the New York State Regional Council, and the vice-president of On Force Solar Teloyd Richards.



Assemblyman Marcos Crespo addresses the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation.

Photo by Aracelis Diamantis



Marcia Cameron of the Bronx Women's Business Resource Center (l) and George Diaz enjoy the luncheon.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL GOOD BOOK DAY

St. Francis Xavier Catholic school students know it's never too early to curl up to a good book. That was on display Jan. 30 for Lounge with a Good Book Day. Part of National Catholic Schools Week, the Morris Park students paired with older ones in reading kids books. Adding to the laid back vibe were kids decked in their pajamas, with teacher's permission of course.



Eighth grader Michael Booth and kindergartener Christian Falaglia sink their teeth into, "CHOMP! A Book About Sharks."



(Top) The books that bond. Eighth grader Jasmine Valera spends time with kindergartener Trisha Tinawin as the pair pour over the kids book "Babybug."

(Above) Kindergartener Sianna Garcia (far left) listens to the story of "The Gingerbread Girl" read by Julie Caserta. Meanwhile, kindergartener Christina Marreno listens to eighth grader Amanda Maldonado read "Bedtime Stories for Girls." Photo by Josiane Bauke

## KLEIN AND FORMER RANGER HOLD HOCKEY WORKSHOP



Former New York Rangers hockey player Brian Mullen launched the third season of free indoor youth hockey instruction at Boys & Girls Club Kips Bay Throggs Neck Unit on Balcom Avenue on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Senator Jeff Klein joined Mullen and the children in launching this year's program. The hockey clinic program is offered through a partnership between Madison Square Garden's New York Rangers, Coca-Cola, NYC Department of Parks, the Boys and Girls Club and local YMCA sites.

(Above) Senator Klein (l) answers questions from the children about healthy living during the event.

(Right) Former New York Ranger All-Star Brian Mullen met with some of the kids.



Photo by Alexander Belisle



# Let It



(Background) Orchard Beach becomes a winter wonderland as a coat of sparkling snow settles on the borough's oasis. Photo by Alex Belisle

(Top left) Madison Dela Vega tubes down the popular hill at Westchester Ave. near the Hutchinson River Parkway. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Middle left) These Co-op City cars have no place to go without a shovel job first. Photo by Alex Belisle

(Middle right) In Claremont Park Tyle Santos (l) careens down this slippery slope while Olga Hernandez just holds on to dear life. Photo by Edwin Soto

(Bottom right) All hands on deck. Cashiers at the Bonavita Key Food in Pelham Bay ring a mountain of groceries for Bronx residents prepping for Nemo. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(Bottom left) Throggs Neck neighbor Mark Felpa loads up on gas hours before Nemo packed its punch. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(Right page left photo) Chris Delgato has no problem getting around the snowy landscape, touring Throggs Neck streets on his 4x4. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Right page right photo) By Friday night, areas like Co-op City were blanketed with the white stuff. Photo by Alex Belisle



# Snow



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Meanwhile, residents headed to their local supermarkets for some essentials.

They mobbed the Bonavita Key Food Supermarket in Pelham Bay just before noon Feb. 8, stocking up on dairy, canned foods and water.

"We've had all registered open since 8 this morning," said co-owner Ralph Bonvita, calling in extra workers for the expected rush.

The supermarket had already been slammed the day before in anticipation of the blizzard. But Bonavita was already prepared, ordering more inventory ahead of time.

And the frenzy had touched down on every aisle. In the dairy section, Martin Cortijo looked over the Key Food circular for any deals. He already

loaded up his cart with bottled water, Bumble Bee Tuna and clementine. "One thing I learned a long time ago is you don't mess with Mother Nature," he said.

Along the meat aisle, Jackie D'Onofrio intends to hunker down by Friday evening, but not before loading up on meats.

"I'm pleasantly pleased it's not as bad as I expected," said D'Onofrio, deciding whether she would go with Sabrett or Nathan's hotdogs for the family. She picked Nathan's.

But a well-stocked grocery store was little comfort for Anna Rodriguez, devastated Mother Nature's fury would trump her son's church wedding on Saturday.

"We'll probably do the church and not the reception," she said. "We'll party some other time if we can't do it tomorrow."

## MELISSA MANCHESTER REHEARSES WITH CELIA CRUZ BRONX HS CHOIR

Grand Central Terminal celebrated its 100th birthday on Fri. Feb. 1 with more than a dozen performances by well-known names and faces, including Bronx native and Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and actress Melissa Manchester. Manchester visited Lehman College on Thursday, Jan. 31 to rehearse with the Celia Cruz Bronx High School Show Choir, whom she sang with the following day. The group rehearsed a song from the musical "Orphan Train."



Melissa Manchester shares a moment with students at Lehman College.  
Photo by Alex Belisle



Students "feel" the music while rehearsing with Manchester. Photo by Alex Belisle



Chorus ready to sing out. Photo by Alex Belisle

## BRONX RIVER ARTS CENTER SHOWS "BRONX RIVER!" EXHIBIT

The Bronx River Art Center showcased Bronx River! on Friday, February 1. Its past, present and future were on display through the work of artists and the Bronx River Alliance. The exhibit took place in the center's temporary gallery at 305 E. 140th Street.



Curators Elizabeth Hamby and Hatuey Romos Fermin show off the "Bronx River" exhibit. Photo by Edwin Soto



Kelly Moltzen and Patricia Royall take in photos at the Bronx River Art Center's exhibit celebrating its past and present. Photo by Edwin Soto

## JIMMY VACCA SPONSORS METROCARD BUSES IN DISTRICT



Councilmember Jimmy Vacca recently joined constituents at three locations where he sponsored MTA MetroCard Buses in his district.

Residents were able to apply for or refill a Reduced-Fare MetroCard, buy or refill a regular MetroCard, or have any MetroCard-related questions answered by representatives on-hand.

The locations chosen are the Morris Park Library at 985 Morris Park Avenue, the TD Bank at 3755 East Tremont Avenue, and the Key Food Supermarket at 751 Lydig Avenue. Photo courtesy of Councilman Jimmy Vacca's office

## BRONX LEADERSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION



Take me to your leader. The Bronx honored four captains of industry in the real estate and community service fields. They were honored Feb. 7 by Mercy College for the annual Bronx Leadership Awards. Ray Negron of the New York Yankees, Louis Grasso of Kingston Block, Kathy Zamechansky of KZA Realty Group, and Joseph Deglomini Jr. with Simone Development picked up plaques for service to the borough.

Here are your Bronx leaders: (l-r) Ray Negron, Louis Grasso, Kathy Zamechansky, and Joseph Deglomini.

Photo by Alex Belisle



Shhhh! Auctioneers bid on this autographed New York Jets helmet at the ceremony's silent auction at Marina Del Rey.



Kathy Zamechansky, of KZA Realty Group, accepts her plaque from Edie Magnus.

BY FATHER  
RICHARD F. GORMAN

Amidst all of the bad news as of late concerning the passing of the great, three-term, one hundred fifth Mayor of the City of New York, Edward Irving Koch; the wrath of an epic snowstorm and the dire conditions that remained in its wake; and this morning's news from the Vatican that Pope Benedict XVI has decided to become the first Pope to resign from office in nearly six centuries, it is somewhat understandable that perhaps a bit of very important good news would appear to have gone unnoticed and by the boards. Overlooked and disregarded as it might have been, though, this information was as profound in its effect as its announcement was greeted with enthusiasm. In a decisive action that rapped the knuckles of the Bloomberg Administration and encouraged the residents of Community Board 12, the Comptroller of the City of New York, The Honorable John C. Liu, announced on Thursday morning, February 7 that his office was rejecting a contract in the amount of some ninety-one million dollars to operate a homeless shelter for 200 men in the now shuttered Sargeant Joseph E. Muller United States Army Reserve Center (M.U.S.A.R.C.) located at 555 East 238TH Street/Nereid Avenue in Bronx Community District #12. The homeless facility was slated to be operated by THE DOE FUND, INCORPORATED, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization headquartered in Manhattan, whose Founder and President, Mr. George A. McDonald, is a candidate in the upcoming Republican Primary for Mayor.

In refusing to certify the contract between the New York City Department of Homeless Services (N.Y.C.D.H.S.) and Mr. McDonald's outfit, Comptroller Liu cited as his rationale for so acting the failure of the City of New York to adhere to the process delineated in Federal Law governing the transfer of closing United States military bases to local jurisdictions for projects designed to assist homeless persons. In other words, the Comptroller was upholding and agreeing with the longstanding assertion of The Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr.,

Borough President of The Bronx, that no properly and legitimately convoked meeting of the Local Redevelopment Authority (L.R.A.), the body constituted and empowered by Federal legislation to determine the future use of decommissioned bases, ever took place. Borough President Diaz, along with Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Linda I. Gibbs and Mr. Tokumbo Shobowale, the Chief of Staff to Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Robert K. Steel, comprised the L.R.A., whose meetings required a quorum of all three (3) aforesaid members in order to meet and to take action. The Bloomberg Administration's two (2) L.R.A. appointees maintained that a duly-constituted meeting did take place at which it was voted to turn the Muller Center over to THE DOE FUND. Borough President Diaz vehemently denied this, having specifically stated that any gathering with Deputy Mayor Gibbs and Mr. Shobowale was informal in nature only and solely for the purpose of airing differences on the disposition of the M.U.S.A.R.C. Indeed, no agenda was formulated for this gathering and no minutes were either recorded or printed. Moreover, it was months after the three (3) public officials unofficially met off the record that the Bloomberg folks curiously and abruptly came up with the claim that a bona fide meeting and decision had taken place. Comptroller Liu's investigation of this matter failed to produce any solid evidence to support the City's contention.

Community Board 12 and its Wakefield neighborhood specifically have been threatened in the past year with a homeless colony consisting of four (4) facilities in close proximity to each other. If all four (4) facilities were to be opened, Wakefield would be burdened with several hundred homeless individuals, many of whom are afflicted with alcohol and chemical dependencies and/or mental health issues. Fortunately, a few months ago, after negotiation with Community Board 12, Department of Homeless Services Commissioner Seth Diamond announced that he would not open a shelter on White Plains Road at East 240TH

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Street in an apartment complex constructed and owned by developer Mark Stagg and his STAGG GROUP. Comptroller Liu's action, taken at the behest and in support of the Borough President of The Bronx, holds open the prospect, even if at least temporarily, that only two facilities housing the homeless will be

opened in Wakefield. The Comptroller's refusal to certify the contract with THE DOE FUND can, and will most probably, be brought by Mayor Bloomberg and his Corporation Counsel to court, where Mr. Liu's can either be upheld in his determination or ordered by the Judiciary to certify the contract. Let us hope that the Judge who hears the case is as forthright as our Borough President in standing for the truth and as courageous as Comptroller Liu in standing up to the Bloomberg Administration for its perfidious

and fraudulent manner of undertaking what is supposed to be the PEOPLE'S business.

Our accolades and appreciation go wholeheartedly to Messrs. Diaz and Liu for coming together as an effective and valiant tag-team for the hard-working, honest taxpayers of Community Board #12 (The Bronx). If legal action is to be initiated at this juncture, perhaps it should be to uncover whether or not any Federal statutes were violated by the knowingly bogus and patently counterfeit claims made by officials of

the Bloomberg Administration in order to secure possession of the Muller Center for the City of New York in breach of a process required by Federal law. Such would be a much more pertinent and apropos recourse to the courts on this topic. Perhaps prior to leaving office at the conclusion of this year, Mayor Bloomberg and friends need to learn that not telling the truth is not only disreputable and dishonest, but also unlawful and illegal.

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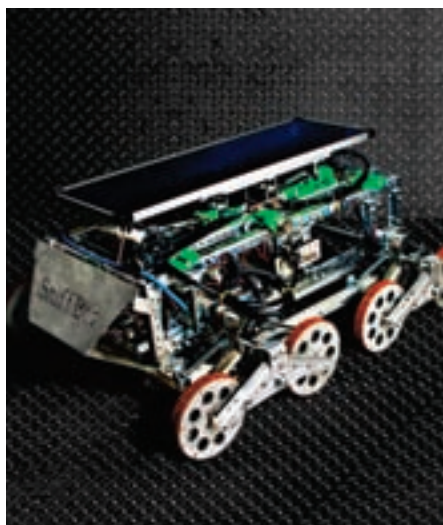
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## New York Botanical Garden Orchid Show

Beginning March 2, The Orchid Show dramatically transforms The New York Botanical Garden's landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory into a lush rain forest. Each year, the eagerly anticipated exhibition displays thousands of orchids in the country's largest curated show featuring orchids. This year, the exhibition is designed by the Botanical Garden's own Francisca Coelho, Vivian and Edward Merrin Vice President for Glasshouses and Exhibitions.

In a local nod to how many orchids grow in the wild, trees that fell in the Garden's Thain Family Forest during Hurricane Sandy will be incorporated

into the show as a design element. Nearly 300 of the Garden's specimen trees were either uprooted or otherwise destroyed. Some will be recycled to be used as replicas for tropical rain forest trees that will be laden with epiphytic orchids and other tree-dwelling plants. (Epiphytic plants grow upon other plants, using the stems and branches of these plants solely for support.)

Upon entering the Seasonal Exhibition Galleries in the Garden's Victorian-style glasshouse—the largest of its kind in the country—visitors first encounter a stand of giant bamboos immersed in a sea of mist that camouflages the entrance to this exotic world. Tall canopy palms, ferns,

and tropical trees support woody vines that crisscross from trunk to trunk, arching downward with their precious burden of fascinating flora. Orchids, aroids, ferns, bromeliads, and epiphytic cacti are among the species that hang nonchalantly overhead. Costus, Calathea (prayer plants), Cymbidium (Asian corsage orchids), Philodendron, and bananas, with their impressive foliage and inflorescences, grapple across the forest floor competing for every available inch of space.

In the main feature of the display, rocky outcroppings dominate, large palms protrude, and orchids thrive alongside ferns and aroids. A large pool in the center

is fed by waterfalls. Two large canopy trees barren of leaves, dripping with Spanish moss and full of epiphytes, hang over the pool. Natural arbors saturated with vandas (rainbow orchids) and dendrobiums (cane orchids) nestled between Davallia and Asplenium ferns line the far path. The most lasting impression is one of astonishing greenery interspersed with strong bursts of vivid color.

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# 5th Annual Bronx Zoo Run for the Wild Apr. 27

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Run for their lives!

The Bronx Zoo is celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Run for the Wild this spring.

The 2013 run will take place Saturday, April 27 and will be dedicated to saving elephants, their habitat, and other wildlife.

Wildlife supporters, runners, and walkers are invited to participate in the annual 5k run and family fun run at the zoo.

Participants can choose from two different events. The 5k run for individual runners will begin at 8 a.m.; casual runners and walkers can take part in the Family Fun Run/Walk at 8:45 a.m.

New this year is WCS Run for the Wild: World – allowing people who cannot be in New York for the zoo event to participate and fundraise from anywhere in the world.

The new WCS Run for the Wild: World allows participants world wide to make tracks for elephants from wherever they are.

“Virtual” participants can run on their own, start their own team, support teams or participants at the event, or even create their own fundraising event to contribute to WCS's work to save the elephants. Since its start in 2009, more than 23,000 people have participated and \$2.6 million has been raised through donations, registration, and sponsorship.

“Each year we dedicate the WCS Run for the Wild to a different animal species in need of conservation,” said John Calvelli, WCS executive vice president of public affairs. “The decision to dedicate this year's event to elephants was made out of necessity. The illegal wildlife trade is now a multi-billion dollar industry that threat-

ens thousands of species around the world. Elephants have been particularly hard hit, with 2011 considered the worst year since 1989 for the illegal poaching of elephants for their ivory.”

WCS's Run for the Wild registration is now open at [www.wcsrunchforthewild.org](http://www.wcsrunchforthewild.org).

Registration for the run is \$35 for adults, \$25 for children (3-15), and \$25 for seniors (65+). Participants are encouraged to find individual sponsors for their run, and all adult (and senior) participants are required to raise a minimum of at least \$30 in order to participate.

Registration includes parking and general admission to the Bronx Zoo following the event.

Those unable to attend can visit [www.crowdrise.com/WCSRunchfortheWild](http://www.crowdrise.com/WCSRunchfortheWild) to start a team, organize a run, fundraising event, or donate to help WCS save elephants.

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At the workshop, DEP and DEC staff will review the Watershed/Landside and Hydrodynamic/Water Quality models and the proposed baseline assumptions for evaluating the benefits of CSO control alternatives. Also, DEP and DEC staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

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BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association does not meet during the month of February. Our next meeting will be in March. The time, place and guest speaker will be announced in next week's article.

This week is a week that finds many of us in Pelham Bay with snow removal issues on our minds. Here are a few tips that might be helpful to you.

First, do not attempt anything that can cause you to suffer a heart attack or irritate a back problem. If you have any doubts about your health ask your doctor if you are health enough to shovel snow.

Second, when shoveling snow do not attempt to raise a shovel load of snow above the level of your heart. Studies show that doing so places extreme stress upon your heart and greatly increases your chances of having a heart attack.

Third, size up the task before you and reduce it into smaller manageable chores. You can divide the sidewalk

in half.

When pushing snow towards the curb you can cut down on the mass, volume and weight of each shovel load by starting not at the building line but at the mid point of the sidewalk.

This way instead of lets say having to push a 40 lb. shovel load you will be pushing a 20 lb. load.

Doing it this way you reduce the amount of stress which you may face at any one time. But it will take you a little longer to finish the job. When you are finished with the curb side/half of the sidewalk you will want to go back and clean off the side of the side walk that is adjacent to the building line.

Doing this will prevent any snow melt from running towards the curb and eventually freezing on you'r freshly shoveled sidewalk.

Fourth, before you start to shovel check the shovel make sure it is in good condition.

When using a metal shovel I will spray the metal with WD 40 lubricating oil. This helps to keep the snow from sticking to your

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shovel and it also facilitates a smoother pass of the shovel over the cement sidewalk. It does make life a little easier.

Fifth, and, the most important point dress for the task at hand. Wear 2,3,4 layers of clothing to protect you from the cold but not to the point where the clothing weighs you down and interferes with your ability to move around and breath effortlessly.

Also invest in a great pair of wool socks. You can't beat them for keep your feet dry and cold free.

So good luck with the rest of our snow season and hopefully since we are ready for it chances are we may not get any more heavy snow falls. I hope I just did not jinx us.

If you have any storm related problems with snow removal Councilman Vacca is the person to call. If you are having problems with Con Ed utilities Senator Jeff

Klein is the person to call.

Assemblyman Benedetto is the person to call with problems concerning Education. On February 26, at 6 p.m., the NYC Department of Education will be holding a joint hearing on the closing of Lehman High School.

Assemblyman Benedetto has been work to keep Lehman open. It is time that we show up in force to support our sssemblymen, the students and their parents in this battle to keep Lehman

open.

We encourage you to attend this hearing. In order to do so you must register before February 19. If you wish to speak at the hearing you must also register for that. The person to speak with is James Rodriguez, student activities coordinator at Lehman. His number is 718-904-4200. Call him, register to attend, and let them know that you wish ( demand ) to keep Lehman open.

You can also call Assem-

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Well, I hope you all are shoveled out.

The Throgg's Neck Memorial Post 1456 has temporarily canceled it's Kitchen Fundraiser. A new date will be announced shortly, so stay tuned to this column.

Don't forget, Saturday, February 23 at 4 p.m., the 2013 Blues and Jazz Benefit BBQ will be here at 620.

The Veterans History Project records the personal accounts of American War Veterans so that future generations may hear di-

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BY LYNN GERBINO

I hope you have all recovered from the latest snow storm! I guess we were very lucky in relation to Connecticut and the rest of New England. Here is hoping they get on their feet as soon as possible.

So far we have one guest confirmed for our March 26th meeting. The illustrious editor of the Bronx Times Reporter, Bob Kapstatter, will visit us and deliver his witty and right-on take on many subjects. Can't wait!!

We also are working on few other speakers, but I will let you know as things firm up.

Here are some interesting and informational things going on in the community:

The Council of Senior Centers and Services (CSCS) Bill Payer Program offers a free service in the Bronx to help low-income

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Regional Aid Interim Needs (RAIN), a senior-serving non-profit organization, coordinates the Friendly Visiting Volunteer Program, which matches homebound seniors with volunteers who provide them with companionship. These volunteers offer se-

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niors the human contact that they may or may not have on a regular basis. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, feel free to contact the program coordinator Olivia Scala at 718-231-7246 or by email at olivia.scala@raininc.org.

On Sunday, February 17th at 3 PM, CenterStage Playhouse will be presenting a staged reading of "A Night in the Theater" by Lawrence Casler at Bronx House at 990 Pelham Parkway South. Margaret and Stanley Locker and their friends, Donna and Walter Pace, will be present for their "weekly dose of culture," which will incorporate Shakespeare's famous

play Hamlet. The play consists of their incessant and hilarious chatter about themselves, their children, a dead friend and, even occasionally, portions of Hamlet. The play encourages viewer participation and you may even recognize these rude playgoers come into the audience! There is a suggested donation of \$5 and reservations can be made by calling (347) 789-7184.

Parents are invited to Herbert H. Lehman High School to offer testimony about the proposed closure of the school. New York City Department of Education officials will be on hand to listen to feedback from the public about the impact of the closure of Herbert H. Lehman High School.

Please complete the registration form-<<http://savelehmanhs.eventbrite.com/>> to participate in the Joint Public Hearing by

Wednesday, February 20th.

Registrants will be contacted with further instruction about signing up to speak at the Joint Public Hearing or contact information to send testimony via email.

Register here to attend.<<http://savelehmanhs.eventbrite.com/>>

On behalf of Montefiore Medical Center's Office of Community Relations - Governmental Relations, we would like to invite you to a forum on The Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (ACA) a.k.a; ObamaCare.

In collaboration with Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, Congressman José E. Serrano, and Hostos Community College and other key partners, this forum will discuss how changes to health care through the Affordable Care Act will impact you, your family, business,

and community. Montefiore President and CEO Steven M. Safyer, M.D. will give remarks on Health Care Institutions role in implementing the ACA.

Attendees will be able to participate in a discussion with a panel of experts in the health care field and obtain information from Bronx health care organizations and professionals.

Please share this information with your colleagues, constituents, friends, and family about this significant forum.

Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 10:00 am

CUNY - Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse 149th Street, MJB Cafeteria- C Building, 3rd Floor. To RSVP and for more information, contact Lilliam Pérez at (212) 416-8754 or email at Lilliam.perez@ag.ny.gov. Continental Breakfast will be served.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

We hope everyone survived the snow and maybe had a little fun with it too. Service to the Community, State and Nation requires us to respond in times of emergency and keep an eye on those who may need help.

For the last two Sundays, we met at Joe's Bronx

Military Veterans Museum, sponsored by the American Legion & Dormi and Sons Funeral Home, to get a good start on identifying and documenting, both in pictures and spread sheet, all of the items Joe either purchased or had donated to him. Thanks to Jeremy, our member and NYC CB 11 manager; Gene and Christine, newer

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### Korony American Legion Post 253

Korony Post members; Veronica and friends, and JP and Chris. Remaning coffee and doughnuts provided by

the wife and I last week were transported to the Annual Superbowl Party at New Era Veterans and we hope they had a great afternoon.

Our next regular post meeting will be Feb. 17th at 10 at the Turner Club. We'll view a continuing series of Legion Lessons from Commander Joe, meeting with coffee and buns and then

adjourning at noon, to the American Turners clubroom for complimentary appetizers, cash bar and many 'off topic' discussions!

The Throggs Neck Memorial Post 1456 will have their fundraiser, re-scheduled to Saturday, March 2nd from 5 to 9, please stop by and help out a great post.

Until Next Time: I under-

stand some 'revisionist' historians want WW2 history removed from school texts or spinned to claim those who fought were murderers and greedy colonialists trying to take over poor little countries! Remember our mission to "remember our associations in the great wars" and the possibility that my fist may meet up with their

BY MARCIA PAVLICA

"The times they are a changing!" And now the burden shifts from... to the individual- Mr. Average Citizen. It used to be that the lists of "to do's" turned in by civic and homeowner associations were received by the local NYC community board and included in their capital and expense budget items.

Community Board 10 was always supportive of our requests. Now, if the City agency (as in Department of Environmental Protection) has no 311 complaint calls regarding that location, they do not consider there to be a need to even investigate the item. So, if you need a catchbasin installed because of a heavy water flow on your block, start a weekly call to 311 to describe the need- "the street water overflows the curb in front of my house and now my property is being flooded. I need a catch basin." (Catch basin is defined

as the slit and grate next to the curb which directs the unwanted street water into the existing sewer line) But that won't help if the City has never given you a curb to begin with, even though they have faithfully collected sewer taxes...the problem on numerous blocks in our community and in others, where there has never been a capital project and the streets, curbs, sidewalks etc. are non-conforming. Maybe your existing sidewalk is being undermined by the street water run-off and yet because there is no track record of calls to 311, the agency doesn't consider the catchbasin as a need. So start the 311 calls, get a complaint number. Keep track of the complaint number and when you called. They will say that the agency will respond to your complaint in x number of days. After X number of days, call 311 back. If you have no satisfaction/ or if it

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has not been fixed, give 311 the complaint # and when you called and ask what the agency has found with regard to your complaint.

Then, call CB 10 with the complaint number and the resolution or the lack thereof, and CB 10 will contact the agency to find out why there has been no resolution. (also please give the information and complaint # to the local civic association, so that CB 10 and CCCA can discuss the problem]. Some catchbasin requests have been on the CB list for litterly years.

By this time, if you are still paying your taxes and if you still own the house, you probably have become

totally jaded and turned off by the whole 311 system. But then again, maybe you'll be lucky! Use 311 for a stop sign that had been hit by a car, for a parking sign that is needed, a street name sign that is dangling or swinging in the wind, a street light that has burned out or which is flashing and of course for that catch basin that you need or the pot hole that is collecting hub caps as cars drive by and hit it, for the street tree that has snapped off and is half blocking the sidewalk and half on your car.

If a crime is happening at that very moment or has just happened, then call 911. If a neighbor's dog gets loose and has jumped your fence, and is having his way with your dear little Fifi, I honestly don't know who you call! But keep a list of your 311 calls, their complaint number and the the number of days they have to respond. If the date goes by and your haven't re-

activated the complaint with a call, you have to start from scratch.

Breathe deeply, now, and go on with life. Another hole in the street is about to be dug- the sewer excavation for SEX 20045. Due to start February 4th, 2013, or so the City said. As we write, it is now Feb. 11th!... Years ago, a young Mayor Koch came to Stadium Avenue for the shovel in the ground for our very first sewer project. We presented him with a bouquet of balloons that said "thank you" and he said we were so like a country town that he could almost smell the hay growing! We have fond memories of this dear man who shared the day with us and our first capital project. How proudly we wore our NYC DEP hard hats as the ground was broken! (P.S. the NYC mounted police rode down Stadium Ave. from their stable in Pelham Bay Park. That was the

hay the Mayor smelled!)

Most of the civic associations keep in touch with each other, and when their school is on the "about to close" list or a community is fighting the threat of 3 homeless shelters within blocks of each other, just knowing that someone is out there who understands and shows they care makes a difference. It's that unexpected call from Wakefield, Van Nest, Morris Park, Pelham Bay or Ferry Point that makes us feel that the daily efforts are worthwhile. It is sitting together in the peanut gallery at CB committee meetings with those striving to improve their communities just as we are. It is a strange fraternity to which we belong, but the primary criteria for membership is to never use the word "I" but instead "we" or "the community".

As always, your home extends beyond your property line. Take pride in your community.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Once again, Bronx County possesses the dubious distinction having the highest unemployment rate in the entire State of New York, coming in at 11.9 percent. The state average is 8.2 percent, which itself is above the national average of 7.9 percent. Nationwide, long term unemployment represents a startling 38.1% of all those without jobs, a number unprecedented in the post-World War II era.

Even those terrible numbers are far below the real rate. If those who have run out of benefits, stopped looking for work out of frustration, or who have found minimal part-time employment are included, the percentage will easily increase by at least 10%.

Unemployment is higher now than when President

Obama first took office in January of 2009. Even more worrisome, the number of long term unemployed has skyrocketed from 2.6 million at the time of his first inauguration to the current 4.7 million.

It is deeply troubling that there has been relatively little reaction to the latest worsening of America's unemployment crisis. Neither the general media nor the politicians seem particularly upset over this unprecedented and prolonged crisis.

The disastrous state of the economy is more than just unemployment, and it cannot be blamed on the aftermath of the most recent recession. The American economy is failing on many levels, in a manner never before seen. Consider these factors:

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- America slipped into recession at the end of 2012. According to the U.S. Commerce Department, real GDP (gross domestic product -- the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States --) decreased at an annual rate of 0.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012. Economists had expected an increase of 1%.
- Americans are becoming poorer. The 2013 Assets & Opportunity Scorecard reveals that 44% of American households are liquid asset poor; one in three has no

savings account, and 56% of consumers have subprime credit scores.

• Taxes hikes have hit Americans hard. Despite widespread statements from the White House that the fiscal cliff deal meant no new taxes for middle income Americans, a rise in the payroll tax from 4.2 to 6.2% has taken a sharp bite from over 70% of all workers.

• Gas prices are up. According to a recent AAA survey the national average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is \$3.35. This price is four cents more expensive than the prior week and six cents more than the prior month. Despite significant supplies of gas, the cost per year to the average American family has risen sharply during the past four years, from

\$2,816.40 in 2009 to \$4,112.40 currently.

• Food prices are rising. According to the U.S.D.A, the inflation forecast for both all food and food-at-home (grocery store) prices in 2013 is an increase of 3 to 4 percent. This forecast represents an annual increase that is above the historical average for both indexes. Inflation is expected to remain strong, especially in the first half of 2013, for most animal-based food products due to higher feed prices. Furthermore, inflation is expected to be above the historical average for food categories such as cereals and bakery products as well as other foods.

• Exports are down. During the 4th quarter of 2012, exports plummeted 5.7%.

• The U.S. national debt now exceeds 100 percent of the

Gross Domestic Product. In the past four years, the debt has increased by 4.939 trillion dollars, a hike that is more than the entire previous eight years. Spending more than doubled, without any discernable gain for all those taxpayer dollars spent. Never before has federal spending been as wasteful and ill-conceived. It is wholly legitimate to demand that the White House explain their thinking. There must be an accounting.

There has rarely been such a clear picture of an utter failure of economic policy as has been seen in the past four years.

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"Back Yard" by Artist William P. Folchi, 1957

## East Bronx History Forum

The Huntington Free Library and The East Bronx History Forum announce the forum's 78th meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The East Bronx History Forum will host its first ever art exhibit and lecture. The art exhibit is titled "William P. Folchi, Bronx Scenes 1955 - 1965". The exhibit will include over 20 pieces of Morris Park, Williamsbridge, City Island and other Bronx scenes by Bronx artist William P. Folchi, 1922-1992.

Artist William P. Folchi was a Bronx resident all his life. About 30 of the 100 painting collection will be featured in the William P.

Folchi: Bronx Scenes 1955-1965 exhibit. The exhibit represents his vision of the borough, particularly of Morris Park. Folchi, who was a mechanic by trade, painted all of the scenes on site. Some of his works, he did from his attic window at his Yates Avenue home. For current and past Bronx residents, the paintings reveal how many blocks have changed over the years, along with a few that remain the same.

The guest presenter is Bronx resident Bill Folchi, the son of the artist William P. Folchi. Bill Folchi has spent the past few years restoring many of his father's 100 paintings, which were

discovered in the basement of his parents' home. This will be the third formal exhibit of the Folchi collection. Recently, the exhibit was featured at Lehman College in the Bronx and at the Cultural Association of the Molise Region in Long Island City, NY

This special art exhibit will be display for a limited time through to March 31 by appointment only, but join in at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 20 at the Huntington Free Library.

All meetings are free and open to the public at The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, located at 9 Westchester Square.

View the East Bronx

## Notice of CB 10 Public Hearing

On Wednesday, February 20, Community Board 10 will be conducting a Public Hearing with respect to the board's Response to the

Mayors Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2014.

The Public Hearing will take place at Community Board 10, 3165 East Tremont

Avenue. The Public Hearing will commence at 7:30 pm. Contact the board office at 718 892-1161 with any questions.

## Weekly Health Update by David Kaseman, D.C.

*"Poor health is not caused by something you don't have; it's caused by disturbing something that you already have. Health is not something you need to get, it's something you have already if you don't disturb it." ~ Dean Ornish*

**Mental Attitude: Depression Risk.** People who drank more than 4 sodas (sugar-sweetened or diet) per day were 30% more likely to be diagnosed with depression than those who consumed none. Those who drank 4 cans of fruit punch per day (sugar-sweetened or diet) were 38% more likely to become depressed. Consuming diet versions of soda and fruit punches was associated with a greater risk for depression than consuming versions sweetened with regular sugar. Interestingly, those who drank 4 cups of coffee per day were 10% less likely to develop depression than those who drank none. - *National Institutes of Health, January 2013*

**Health Alert: Prescription Drug Abuse.** Prescription drug abuse is just be-

hind marijuana as the United States' most widespread drug issue, with 22 million people beginning use of non-medically prescribed pain alleviating drugs since 2002. Rates of abuse span from 3.6% in Iowa to 6.4% in Oregon. Addressing prescription drug misuse remains a top public health priority. The key is educating the public on the serious health risks involved. - *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, January 2013*

**Exercise:** Exercise reduces blood viscosity, enhances your muscles' abilities to extract oxygen from your blood, and increases your productivity. - *Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, 1996*

**Chiropractic: Macro vs. Micro Trauma?** Macro-trauma is an accident such as a car accident or falling down. Many people think this is the only way injury occurs. Micro-trauma is a cumulative effect from simple acts of daily living over a long period of time (weeks, months, or years)

that ultimately leads to pain and dysfunction. These activities may be just one thing (like excessive computer use with bad posture) or multiple things you do throughout the day.

**Wellness/Prevention: Drowsy Drivers.** 4% of United States adults have fallen asleep or dozed off while behind the wheel. Sleepy driving is more common among adults who sleep less than six hours per night, snore, or fall asleep randomly during the day, compared with people who do not. Ways used to stay awake while driving, such as opening the window, turning up the AC and radio, are usually unsuccessful. Warning signs of sleepiness include hitting a rumble strip, drifting from one's lane, missing exits, yawning or blinking, and trouble remembering driving the last few miles. - *CDC, January 2013*

David Kaseman, D.C. is located at 3505 East Tremont Avenue. For information call (718) 597-6400.

# Bronx schools

## St. Ray's March for

St. Raymond High School for Boys campaigned for a cause on Friday, January 25, 2013 at the 40th anniversary of the largest human rights demonstration in the world, the national March For Life on the National Mall. Four groups gathered from the St. Raymond Parish in Parkchester, including students from the St. Raymond Academy for Girls, St. Raymond High School for Boys, St. Raymond Elementary School and St. Ray's Life Team Group, joining forces with Sacred Heart Elementary School in Highbridge, Bronx.

Together, they rallied to raise awareness on the 55 million lives that have been lost to abortion and to commemorate

the 40th anniversary of Roe V Wade.

"We have gathered our boys at St. Raymond together to peacefully demonstrate that Pro-Life practices must be upheld in order to protect our fellow human beings," explained Brother Rich Galvin, Campus Minister at the St. Raymond High School for Boys. "It is our duty to protect the lives of the children that have yet to be born and give them a voice that is heard."

Prior to the demonstration, the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass housed young hopefuls of peace and change. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Cardinal Wuerl of Washington, D.C. and was

concelebrated by local priests and Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Along with other Lasallian schools, the group took to the Mall behind the banner "Lasallians for Life" and walked with compassion and resilience for the US Supreme Court decision that was made 40 years ago. Hundreds of high school and college groups were scattered throughout the crowd as well and linked arms for pro-life awareness with the children of the St. Raymond Parish.

St. Raymond High School for Boys also made it a priority to show respect and allegiance to the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and the Martin Luther King Memorial to honor those great individuals who



Students from St. Raymond High for boys partipated in the Marck For Life.

helped shape our nation. Additionally, the group gathered for a prayer at The

White House and the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier, in hopes of thanking those who came before them and asking for their courage and strength

to have the same enthusiasm to end the abortions of innocent children.

## Preston students challenge each other to Speak

Preston High School's student anti-bullying committee presented a challenge to their fellow students during a presentation last week - compliment each other! The committee created a simple way for the PHS student body to accom-

plish this; a Speak Now Box. The concept of the Speak Now Box is simple - take a piece of paper, write a nice comment on it about your fellow classmate, put their name on it and drop it in the box. Every Friday the box will be emptied and the

notes will be distributed anonymously.

Preston's anti-bullying program, OLWEUS was implemented school-wide last year. The program promotes the anti-bullying philosophy of Dan Olweus. Each month the students

meet with their OLWEUS mentors and review different situations and scenarios that arise in association with bullying. This program and anti-bullying culture is truly embraced by the student body. Students are coming up with unique solutions and ideas to raise the culture and combat bullying. The inspi-

ration for the Speak Now Box came from music artist Taylor Swift's quote, "Saying the right thing at the right time is beyond crucial." Senior Angela Fragale, member of the student Olweus committee went on to say, "I hope the Speak Now Box will be a new way that the students of PHS will be able to change the

climate around them to a more positive and powerful one." Faculty, staff and students all agree that The Speak Now Box will be a welcomed edition to the OLWEUS group's ongoing efforts in reminding the Preston community that continuing to raise the awareness against bullying is important.



Preston High School's student OLWEUS group.

## Touring Tuesdays for Catholic schools

Catholic elementary schools in the northwest/south Bronx will once again offer universal open house days to provide opportunities for parents interested in learning more about Catholic schools in the region. Launched in October, the Touring Tuesday program was an overwhelming success and has become a permanent initiative for the Archdiocese of New York. This year's program comes at a key time for parents and students as this is typically when education decisions are made for the

next school year.

With the recent announcement of plans to close 22 schools, Touring Tuesdays are of critical importance, not only for prospective students, but for those students who might have been displaced. The Archdiocese of New York is committed to retaining as many students as possible in the Catholic school community and to that end has secured the services of Placement Counselors to personally assist every family displaced by school closures in locating an al-

ternative Catholic school for their child. Touring Tuesdays will provide an ideal way to gain first-hand knowledge of a school and see it in action.

On March 5 and May 21, 23 Catholic elementary schools in the northwest/south Bronx will be open for visitors from 9 to 11 a.m. for Touring Tuesday open houses.

Pre-registration is required, and evening appointments will be made on an individual call 646-794-2885 or visit [www.buildboldfutures.org](http://www.buildboldfutures.org).

# National Children's Dental Health Month at St. Barnabas

National Children's Dental Health Month, celebrated in February, was established to further awareness about the importance of children's dental health.

This includes such elements of preventive dental care as twice-daily brushing and flossing, regular dental care, wise food choices, and the use of fluoride in the prevention of cavities.

Many middle class parents of young children are well aware of the importance of dental care.

However, according to Dr. Paul Chu, director of

pediatric dentistry at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, that's not necessarily the case among parents living in the city's poorer areas and among the Latino population, where the percentage of untreated cavities has been found to be nearly double the average among children 6 - 19 years old.

"Not surprisingly, economic status has been shown to have a great deal to do with preventive dental care," Dr. Chu said.

"This is troubling because practicing poor dental care can set a child up for a lifetime of health-

related problems," continued Dr. Chu.

In addition to speaking regularly to children at local elementary schools and to parents at WIC (Women Infant and Children) centers in the Bronx, Dr. Chu and his team will present on February 27 at St. Barnabas Hospital to local Bronx community health centers on the importance of integrating oral health care into their center's activities and will provide free screenings and serve popcorn on that day to community children at its clinic.

## St. Francis Xavier Lenten Mission

St. Francis Xavier at 1703 Lurting Avenue in Morris Park will hold a Lenten Mission next month, preached by Rev. Patrick Angelucci, president of Salesian High

School.

Different topics will be addressed during the series, starting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Mar. 4, Tuesday, Mar. 5 and Wednesday,

Mar. 6. Those interested are encouraged to bring friends and family members.

For more information, call the rectory at (718) 892-3330.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS FROM MONSIGNOR SCANLAN



(Above) Felicia Conte, Joseph Taormina and Edward Osbourne are Monsignor Scanlan High school students who are of Italian-American heritage who were recently awarded scholarships to continue their Catholic educations. The scholarships were sponsored by members of the Tri-State Italian-American Congress; and the awards were named for Cardinal Egan, whose love for both Italian culture and Catholic education is well known. During the Jan. 4 ceremony, 220 families from across the Archdiocese received scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each for the current academic year, totaling \$275,000. Cardinal Egan, along with members of the Italian-American Congress, and Dr. Timothy McNiff, superintendent of schools, presented the awards.

## American Turners cultural talk

A cutting edge scientific presentation on Mind and Body by Dr. Patricia A. Broderick, medical professor, The

Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education and NYU Langone Medical Center, will be held on Sunday, Feb-

ruary 17, 2 p.m., at American Turners New York, 748 Clarence Avenue (between Randall and Philip avenues).

## St. Barnabas High School concludes Life-Skills course



St. Barnabas High School Life-Skills participants.

The first-ever Life Skills course at St. Barnabas High School concluded its introductory semester in January and has already started its second semester with a new group of students. In this exclusive and original class, the students

not only learn to cook and sew, but also learn healthy ways of eating and how to make the right nutritional choices. Additionally, the young women learn how to manage a household as well as the protocols of business etiquette. For

example, students were taught how to set a proper table, the importance of proper table manners and how to conduct themselves in a business setting.

One particular student, Vivian Louriero, stressed the importance of this unique course when she

was asked to speak at the recent Accepted Students' Night. She stated that "Life Skills has taught me so much about the finer points of the real world and how to be a healthy, successful and independent woman. Life Skills helps students make the transition from high school to becoming more of a young adult."

One of the great benefits of this class is that the teacher, Ms. Lamanna is a native Italian. Ms. Lamanna came from Italy a number of years ago and has been working at St. Barnabas High School for

the past six years in the Foreign Language Department. She is able to offer the girls a variety of foods that are specialties from her particular region of Italy, Calabria. The last class of the first semester was devoted to cooking skills, especially making pizza. Another cooking class that Ms. Lamanna conducted during the semester was teaching the students how to cook Spaghetti alla Carbonara and tiramisu (one of the class's favorites). The students gain an advantage from this type of class because they learn

how to make food from scratch, which is one of the best ways to lead a healthy lifestyle. Most schools have done away with their home economics programs but at St. Barnabas High School this revival shows the importance of life skills in today's world and demonstrates the significance of comportment and propriety that can lead to success. The young ladies at St. Barnabas are fortunate to have such a great opportunity in a small school setting since it will truly be an asset in the future.

## Preston presents Legally Blonde

The Preston Players will present their production of Legally Blonde on Thursday, February 28, Friday, March 1, and Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. For more

information, call (718) 863-9134 ext. 600.

Preston is also offering an Alumnae Special. Join in for the Saturday night performance for a special reception in the mansion from 6 to 7 p.m. Tickets are

\$20. Call the Advancement Office for reservations, (718) 863-9134 x.195.

The Production will take place at the Preston High School Gymnasium, 2780 Schurz Avenue,.

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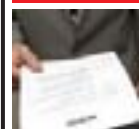
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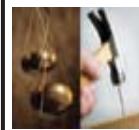
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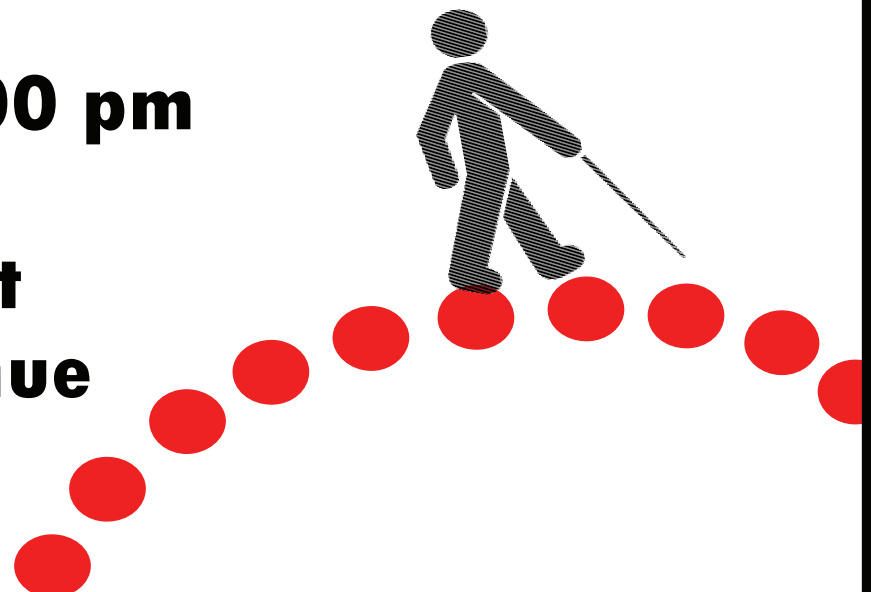
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Notice of Formation of I Am God LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/12. Office location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to princ. bus. loc.: The LLC, 675 Walton Ave., #4G, Bronx, NY 10451, Attn: Edward DeLaRosa. Purpose: any lawful act permitted by applicable law.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of LW Plover LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/21/12. Office location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Lemle & Wolff, 5925 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: any lawful activities.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Plover Apartments LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/29/12. Office location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Lemle & Wolff, 5925 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: any lawful activities.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Shine Cleaning Services LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State on January 3, 2013. NYS Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her C/O Lida Castillo, 279 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of SKYLER 2011, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/24/13. Office location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 120 Erskine Place, Apt. 17A, Bronx, NY 10475. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Vilchez LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 1/24/2013 NY Office location: BRONX County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon her to C/O Vilchez LLC 500 East 165st Suite 3P Bronx NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Qualification of DMARC 2007-CD5 GARDEN STREET, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 11/30/12. Office location: Bronx County, LLC formed in DE on 6/16/09. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on December 28, 2012, bearing Index Number NC-000522-12/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) Leslieann (Last) De La Cruz Almanzar. My present name is (First) Leslie (Middle) Ann (Last) De La Cruz Almanzar (infant). My present address is 1175 East 229th Street, Apt 6F, Bronx, NY 10466. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is July 20, 2010.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on February 4, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000033-13/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) Daniel (Last) Paula. My present name is (First) Ramon (Middle) Manuel (Last) Paula Guzman AKA Ramon M. Paula-Guzman. My present address is 1 West Farm Square, Apt 6K, Bronx, NY 10460. My place of birth is San Francisco De Macoris, Dominican Republic. My date of birth is November 06, 1972.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on January 25, 2013, bearing Index Number NC-000027-13/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) Mahamadu (Last) Sumareh. My present name is (First) Sumaren (Last) Mahamadu (infant). My present address is 1358 Washington Avenue, Apt 18E, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is April 12, 2005.

Assume the name of (First) Aisha (Last) Sumareh. My present name is (First) NO GIVEN NAME (Last) Gundo (infant). My present address is 1358 Washington Avenue, Apt 18E, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is December 05, 2011.

Assume the name of (First) Abubacarr (Last) Sumareh. My present name is (First) Sumareh (Middle) Ebou (Last) Bbakari (infant). My present address is 1358 Washington Avenue, Apt 18E, Bronx, NY 10456. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is January 29, 2003.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE**  
 SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX  
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
 , Plaintiff,  
 Against  
 GEORGIANA MARTINEZ, et al.  
 , Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 11/29/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/25/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 1256 Findlay Ave., Bronx, NY

10456. 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 2436 Lot 58

Approximate amount of lien \$ 570,700.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381307/08

Original sale date 2/4/2013, same time at the same location.

Joyce A Brown, Esq., Referee.  
 Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 2/4/2013 File Number: 219710923 JVR

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION I, INC., Pltf. vs. JOSEPHAT E. NWOSU, et al, Defts. Index #381422/10. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Dec. 19, 2012, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Mar. 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 117 White Plains Rd., Bronx, NY. Said property located at a point on the westerly side of White Plains Rd. distant 246.09 ft. northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of White Plains Rd. (100 ft. wide) with the northerly side of Cornell Ave. (68 ft. wide); Running thence northerly along the westerly side of White Plains Rd. 19.83 ft. to a point; Thence westerly at right angles to the last mentioned course 80.17 ft. to a point; Thence southerly at right angles to the last mentioned course, 198.83 ft. to a point; Thence easterly at right angles to the last mentioned course 8.17 ft. to the westerly side of White Plains Rd. the point or place of beginning. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$1,938.10 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANIEL A. PADERNACHT, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW , Attys. for Pltf., 1400 Old Country Rd., Ste. 309, Westbury, NY. #82306

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## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A NATIONAL BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF WAMU COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SL2 COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES 2007-SL2, Pltf. vs. HAVILAND ESTATES LLC., et al, Index #380700/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 20, 2011, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, March 4th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2250 Haviland Ave., Bronx, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of Haviland Ave., 254.71 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of Haviland Ave. with the westerly side of Havemeyer Ave., as the same are legally open, being a plot 103.06 ft. x 35 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$999,714.07 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Hon. JOHN PERONE, Referee. JASPAN SCHLESINGER LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 300 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY. #82225

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - YVETTE FANNELL, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated September 13, 2012, and Order dated December 17, 2012, I will sell at public auction on February 25, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 4D, in the building known as N-4 a/k/a 97, and by street address 1938 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 1949, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0214 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$10,277.63, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of America, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$96,900.00 with interest. Index No. 382344/09, FRANK LOMBARDI, ESQ., Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591. (914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

## REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-BC5, 14523 S.W. Millickan Way, Suite 200, Beaverton, OR 97005, Plaintiff against ANGEL CEPEDA, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 28, 2010.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 18th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Premises known as 1548 White Plains Road, Bronx, N.Y. 10462.

(Block: 3937, Lot: 121).  
Approximate amount of lien \$ 512,418.59 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380393/08. James U. Notice, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700  
Rochester, New York 14614  
(585) 760-8218

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 305021-12 NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. GIRDHARRY KISTOO; ROY M. WHITE; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through LILLIAN WHITE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiff; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, F/K/A JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK F/K/A CHEMICAL BANK; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE AND "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on the plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises.

Dated: November 27, 2012 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Stanley Green, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated January 8, 2013, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx

County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 1250 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, New York and being a parcel of land designated as Block 3777 and Lot 26. The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$10,286.77, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the property. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address  
1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX

Notice of Sale in Foreclosure  
Index No. 382905-09  
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,  
Plaintiff,  
-vs-  
INNER-CITY REALTY, LLC;  
GEORGEA. HENRY;  
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
FINANCE;  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW  
YORK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TAXATION AND FINANCE;  
DISCOUNT BEAUTY & SUPPLY;  
ALYERA CARTER AND  
TOMMY LIRIANO,  
Defendants.  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action, dated October 25, 2012, and entered in the Bronx Clerk's Office on November 9, 2012, Marc E. Elliott, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on March 18, 2013 at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx County, New York, at 2:00 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto, Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Bronx County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.

Said premises is commonly known as 2630 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York 10454.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$519,692.09, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,510.00 and attorney fees in the amount of \$2,482.00, all with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment.

DATED: January 29, 2013  
Marc E. Elliott, Referee  
HISCOCK & BARCLAY, LLP  
Jennifer M.S. Byrne  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Office and Post Office Address  
One Park Place  
300 South State Street  
Syracuse, New York 13202-2078  
Direct all inquiries to:  
Deborah J. Little, Paralegal  
Phone no. (315) 425-2848

## SCHEDULE A

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the 23rd Ward, Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known as Lot No. 3 in Block 12 on a map of Section A and B of North New York, and on file in the office of the Register of Westchester County, August

10, 1863, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of Third Avenue, opposite the division line between lots Nos. 3 and 4 on said map and distant 27 feet 4-5/8 inches northeasterly measured along said avenue from the northeasterly corner of Third Avenue and 141st Street; thence northeasterly along the said southeasterly side of Third Avenue, 28 feet 1/8 of an inch to a point opposite the division line between lots nos. 2 and 3 on said map; thence easterly along said division line and parallel with 141st Street, 67 feet 9-7/8 inches to the rear line of lot no. 6 on said map; thence southerly along said rear line of lot no. 6 on said map, parallel with Alexander Avenue and distant 100 feet westerly therefrom 25 feet to lot no. 5 on said map; thence westerly along said lot no. 4 on said map and parallel with 141st Street, 80 feet 5-1/8 inches to the pint or place of beginning.

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX FIRST AMERICAN CAPITAL LLC., Plaintiff against CALVIN HILL, VERICA HILL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 3, 2008, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY

on the 4th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises lying and being in the Borough of Bronx. In the Condominium known as "The Parkchester South Condominium". Together with an undivided .0137 percent interest in the common elements assigned to Unit Number 8C. Said premises known as 28 METROPOLITAN OVAL, UNIT 8C, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 55,419.13 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 24211/04.

KIM RAMOS, ESQ., Referee. McGovern & Amodio Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 2 William Street, Suite 306 White Plains, NY 10601

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX MJA FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff against 2700 JEROME AVE. REALTY CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 8, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 11th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Jerome Avenue, distance 273.55 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Jerome Avenue with the southerly side of 196th Street; being a plot 150 feet by 130 feet by 150 feet by 130 feet. Block 3317 Lot 17. Said premises known as 2700 JEROME AVENUE, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,064,559.41 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380892/11.

MARK F. BERNSTEIN, ESQ., Referee.  
Lazarus Lazarus & Winston Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 3699 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, NY 10467-1168

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF BRONX  
NOTICE OF SALE  
Index No. 13289/06

JET 219 LLC, Plaintiff,  
against

Luis Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Board of Managers of the Parkchester South Condominium, United States of America, New York City Criminal Court-Bronx, Carol Crooks, Coupon Express Inc, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Child Support Enforcement Bureau, Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York, People of the State of New York, Providian National Bank, Commissioner of Jurors, Progressive Milk Co, Capital One Bank, Municipal Credit Union, Hygrade Milk & Cream Co, Inc, Amalgamated Bank of New York, Bronx Supreme Court, Cablevision Systems of NYC Corp, Pitilli Associates II LLC, New York City Department of Finance, MKM Acquisitions LLC, Park Auto Sales, Daimler Chrysler Services North America, Diane Durant, Diamond Finance Co, Inc, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Environmental Control Board, Lincoln Medical Center, Hunts Point HDFC, 1199 SEIU Federal Credit Union, 23 Realty Associates Inc, Torres Apts. HDFC, Sears Roebuck & Co, Russell Faibisch, Defendants

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered June 22, 2007, I ROBERT I. GARDNER, ESQ., will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on March 18, 2013 at 2:00 P.M., the premises described in said judgment premises known as 1491 West Avenue, Unit 6-E Bronx, New York as one parcel.

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City and State of New York, Borough and County of Bronx, and known on the official tax map of said municipality as Block 3937, Lot 3984.

Approximate amount of lien is \$33,990.07, plus interest, real estate tax advances and other costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 13289/06  
Dated: February 1, 2013  
Robert I. Gardner, Esq., Referee  
Robinowitz Cohan Dubow & Doherty LLP  
199 Main Street, White Plains, NY 10601  
914-949-2826

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX RICHARD BAILEY; ANNETTE BAILEY Plaintiffs against TIMMIE BENNETT, BETTY BENNETT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Interlocutory Judgment Directing Sale entered herein and dated November 15, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 11th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York being described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the east side of Garfield Street, 370.05 feet south Morris Park Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet. Said premises known as 1718 GARFIELD STREET, BRONX, NY Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 0303358/10.

LORRAINE COYLE, ESQ., Referee.  
Higgins & Trippett LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1120 Avenue Of The Americas, Fourth Floor New York, NY 10036

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# Drug treatment facility opposed

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below the elevated subway stop at the Square.

The program, run by Access Community Health Center, is relocating from 1500 Pelham Parkway South.

The board is taking issue with the clinic also providing chemical addiction treatment for about 40 people with the same type of disabilities and injuries, said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns. Access now runs that program at its Manhattan headquarters.

"I think – and I don't know this yet for a fact – that the community might be willing to accept the medical program component of a program if they would just not bring in the substance abuse aspect of it," said Kearns.

Kearns said, however, that he plans to oppose the program outright

- clinic and all - because Westchester Square is already overburdened with social service programs. A number of similar types of programs have come and gone – or remained – over the past three decades or so near the Square area.

The decision is all the more difficult, he said, because Access is affiliated with the Association for the Help of Retarded Children (AHRC). That organization operates a group home and a program on Mayflower Avenue in Pelham Bay, in the board's service area, and has been a good neighbor for the past 20 years, he said.

"The problem is the Westchester Square community is a community that is on the comeback," said Kearns, noting a multi-million renovation of Owen Dolan Park and its community center, as well as local businesses recently form-

ing a city Business Improvement District.

He is concerned that the population being treated for addiction may congregate in the Square.

"The last thing we need is 40 people walking around, caching cigarettes and asking for money to support their habit," said Kearns.

The new associate director for the Access program, Victor Delgado, said the program for substance abuse issues will help many in the Bronx who currently have to travel to Manhattan for treatment.

Access will lease the space from AHRC, he said.

"AHRC's clients are the ones who typically come to our clinic," said Delgado. "We can see anybody, but we have a large amount of developmentally disabled folks who come to get medical care. And we'll address any addiction issues, medication abuses, and things



Access Community Health Center on Ferris Place (l) is being made ready for opening. It sits only about half a block from the Westchester Square IRT#6 station.

of that sort at the clinic as well."

The clinic that treats chemical dependency will not prescribe substances such as methadone, he said. In addition to medical and dental care, the clinic will

provide occupational, physical, and speech therapies, as well as podiatry, psychiatric services and screenings.

According to the letter that Access sent CB 10, the program will be the only

one of its kind in the Bronx.

An Access representative is scheduled to appear before Board 10's municipal service committee on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

# Liu rejects proposed shelter contract

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questions have arisen about whether the administration has broken the rules protecting the rights of neighborhood residents and homeless people," said Liu in rejecting the contract.

"City Hall's failed record on homeless policy cannot and should not become the excuse for skirting rules in this Wakefield siting or for the many emergency shelter contracts proliferating in certain neighborhoods."

Borough and local officials, as well as residents in the area have expressed overwhelming opposition to the plan. Shortly after a June 2011 town hall meeting, the city announced that an approval vote had indeed taken place.

"This administration has worked to force this contract to completion," said Diaz, "and has used fraudulent means to reach that goal, blatantly ignoring the input of the community and its representatives."

Diaz noted that he has said all along that the site was inappropriate for use as a homeless shelter.

"I hope that we can now

move forward on a better, military use for this site," a pointed reference to the possible transfer there of a National Guard unit now housed in a building next to the Kingsbridge Armory. Kingsbridge residents have long advocated for new – and much needed – schools to be built in the space now occupied by the National Guard unit.

Community opposition on the homeless issue also piqued in adjacent Woodlawn because a homeless shelter in Muller would be the fourth one within walking distance of the others.

Homeless housing is also being readied in a former warehouse and factory diagonally across the street from the Muller Center.

"I think one of the things that you have to look at any contract is, was the contract made under legal and proper circumstances," said Community Board 12 chairman Father Richard Gorman, also a lawyer, who has expressed strong opposition to the Muller homeless facility since it was first proposed.

"Since there are questions about whether the

contract is proceeding under legal and proper circumstances, it is not only prudent, it is correct for the Comptroller to not certify it," said Gorman.

Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs issued a sharp rebuke of the comptroller's decision.

"The comptroller purports to have rejected the contract based on questions about the 'legitimacy' of the process by which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved the project," stated Gibbs. "However, as the comptroller knows, HUD has been deeply involved in the review of this project since as early as June 2011; after nearly two years of engagement with the federal government his summary announcement, without any communication with the city, defies credibility."

Gibbs cited a letter Mayor Bloomberg received from HUD in June 2012 that stated that the federal agency had determined that the homeless housing plan at Muller balanced the needs of the city in regard to economic and other development with the needs of the homeless population.

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File No. 2011-1825/A CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of TOYE BRAITHWAITE, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on March 27, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of TOYE BRAITHWAITE, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 1118E 221st Street; Bronx, New York 10469, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$2,227.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,113.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,113.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 7, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk. This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2012-1352/A CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Barbara Anne Aggouras; Richard Manners; Peter J. Manners; Thomas E. Manners; Ruth M. Brogan; John Mangiameli; Salvatore J. Mangiameli; John J. Mangiameli; Leonard A. Mangiameli; Midge Park; Henry J. Sodaro; Janette Austin; Carol Petricci; Leonora C. Claps; Francis G. Mellon; Sal C. Mellon; Richard J. Marsh; NYC Department of Social

Services; Elliot S. Small, Esq.; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of JOANNE MANNERS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on March 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of JOANNE MANNERS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 3155 Grace Avenue; Bronx, New York 10469, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$22,390.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$11,195.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$11,195.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$15,252.44 be allowed; that the possible claim of Elliot S. Small, Esq. be disallowed in its entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 29, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2012-2786

Citation  
Surrogate's Court, Bronx County  
The People Of The State Of New York,  
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TO: THEA MARIANNE FERGUSON, also known as THEA MARIANNE ARNOUL an alleged absentee whose last known address was 2492 Elm Place, Bronx, NY 10458.

A petition having been duly filed by JOAN A. SALAS & MICHELLE STURGILL who is/are domiciled at 35 Central Avenue, Hillsdale, NJ 07642 & 2013 Palm Terrace, Sarasota, FL 34231, respectively.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, BRONX County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Rm 406, Bronx, New York, on March 20, 2013, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of THEA MARIANNE FERGUSON, NEE ARNOUL lately domiciled at 2492 Elm Place, Bronx, NY 10458 in the County of BRONX, New York, granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to JOAN A. SALAS & MICHELLE STURGILL or to such other person as may be entitled thereto.

Further relief sought (if any):  
Judicial Declaration Of Death Pursuant To EPTL 2-1.7(a)

Dated, Attested and Sealed,  
January 20, 2013

HON. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez  
Surrogate

Michael Hausler  
Chief Clerk

Janet Alvarez, Esq.

(Name of Attorney)

(212) 269-3747

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Supplemental Citation

The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, and The Attorney General of the State of New York

TO: LUIS M. QUINTANA, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, being a distributee of the estate of EMMANUEL LUIS QUINTANA, who at the time of his death resided at 795 Garden Street, Bronx, NY 10460, a petition having been duly filed by HELEN OBREGON, who is domiciled at 795 Garden Street, Bronx, NY 10460.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York on MARCH 27, 2013, AT 9:30 A.M.,

WHY the \$7,241.39 net proceeds of the \$12,500 settlement in the wrongful death lawsuit in Estate of Emmanuel Luis Quintana v. Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center (Supreme Court, Bronx County Index # 7635/06) should not be allocated 100% to the cause of action for wrongful death and distributed as requested in the petition as follows:

100% of the net balance to HELEN OBREGON, mother of the decedent; in the amount of \$7,241.39, AND WHY Luis M. Quintana should not be barred from sharing in the settlement proceeds pursuant to E.P.T.L 4-1-4, resulting with the -0% of the balance to LUIS M. QUINTANA, father of the decedent; in the amount of \$0.00; and

WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with.

Dated, attested and sealed, January 31, 2013, Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez  
Surrogate, County of Bronx.

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No.: 382909/09

Date of Filing: August 27, 2012

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

-against-

SARAH ANN GREENAWAY, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said SARAH ANN GREENAWAY, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, of all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; USA O/B/O SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED

DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Betty Owen Stinson of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on October 18, 2010, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, State of New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by SARAH ANN GREENAWAY to BNY MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC in the principal amount of \$290,319.00, which mortgage was recorded in Bronx County, State of New York, on October 28, 2005, as CRFN 2005000605374. Said mortgage was thereafter assigned to SEATTLE MORTGAGE by assignment of mortgage recorded October 28, 2005 as CRFN: 2005000605376. Thereafter, said mortgage was further assigned to Plaintiff by assignment of mortgage dated December 21, 2009 and recorded on March 18, 2010 as CRFN: 2010000092713.

Said premises being known as and by 1766 LACOMBE AVE, BRONX, NY 10473.

Date: August 23, 2012

Batavia, New York

Virginia C. Grapensteter, Esq.

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P.C.

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

# Get It Right!

The 'Niners staged a huge comeback in the Super Bowl, but its overall success was stifled by, what appeared to be, a pre-ordained wish, by the network, for the Ravens to win the game.

OK, I'm a sore loser but SF was the first team in SB history to have a 300-yard passer, a 100-yard runner, and TWO 100-yard receivers in a single game but not win.

I always thought that the existence of re-play technology was in place to be able to correct incorrect calls but that play in the final minutes of the game was clearly wrong and was a game changer.

SF had 4th and goal to go on the Ravens 5. Kaepernick lofted a pass to Crabtree who was interfered with on the 2, then was held in the end zone- BUT NO CALL FOR ANYTHING. If it was called it would have given SF the ball on the Baltimore 1-yard line with a first down.

The network seemed more interested in celebrating an undeserved win than getting it right.

### POOF- It's Gone

Is A-Rod positioning himself (or is he being positioned) to be retired due to medical condition caused by an injury. The degeneration of his hip could be the vehicle that would allow the Yankees to make a claim so they

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# Scanlon soars to top

## Former Rice coach Mitchell takes team from worst to first

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

John Dewey didn't hesitate when asked what it's been like playing for first-year coach Dwayne Mitchell.

"It's rough," Monsignor Scanlan senior guard said.

That is by no means a bad thing, but a complement to the new attitude around the boys basketball team.

Mitchell, who spent the 2010-11 season running the varsity program at now closed Rice after several years as an assistant, has brought a new accountability and energy to Scanlan. He demanded his kids play team ball and commit to defense.

"He takes practice seriously," Dewey said. "First coach [here] that takes practice to the next level."

Mitchell is beginning to do the same thing with the program as well. The Crusaders, who were 0-12 in the CHSAA Class B division last season, are unbeaten in league play and have clinched the regular season title. Mitchell had to change the player's thinking and expectations after taking over for Andrew Ayers. The school, which is looking to improve its athletic department, is fully behind him.

"It was bringing a certain type of mentality, getting us to play at a high level" Mitchell said. "There is a certain energy, a certain attitude you play with and a level of confidence. They bought in."

Scanlan (12-5) put that on display in a 56-49 win over host Sacred Heart of Yonkers on Monday afternoon. The backcourt of Dewey, Naje Greene, Greg Williams pow-



First-year Monsignor Scanlan coach Dwayne Mitchell talks to his team

By Joseph Staszewski

ered the Crusaders attack on both sides of the ball by forcing turnovers and allowing Scanlan to get out in transition.

Dewey, who scored 16 points, provided the biggest spark. He had eight straight points during a 13-0 run over the second and third quarters that helped give the Crusaders a 32-20 lead early in the second half. Mitchell described him

as a high-energy player. Greene, who added 12 points, said you just got to get out of Dewey's way when he gets on one of those grooves.

"I just try to get him the ball so he can keep on going, keep him hot," Greene said.

The Crusaders, who close the regular season with tough non-league games against Archbishop Stepinac and St. Edmund, are

looking to stay hot as well. They have biggest goals than just a regular season title in mine. Scanlan has its eyes on a city championship and earning themselves a trip to the state Federation tournament in Albany.

"Our focus has got to be the city championship," Mitchell said. "First we've got to get that first playoff game."

# Cardinal Hayes receiver Dawson signs with Fordham

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

George Dawson found the college hat fit who he is best – the perfect combination of athletics and academics.

The Cardinal Hayes receiver signed a National Letter

of Intent last Wednesday to play football at Fordham University. He chose the Rams over Sacred Heart, Wagner, Stony Brook and Trinity. Dawson also had interest from Princeton, Bryant and Boston College. He will

join a Fordham team that was 6-5 in the Patriot League last season.

"The team was headed in a positive direction and I already knew Fordham was a great academic school," he said. "The

combination of he two made it more appealing me."

Dawson isn't your stereotypical football player. The 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior is taking four advanced place-

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# Coach Oppen wins 300th game leading first-place Spellman



Cardinal Spellman coach Fred Oppen has his team in first place.

BY MIKE MORTON

Cardinal Spellman head coach Fred Oppen has a lot to smile about these days. His Pilots boys basketball team currently sit atop the New York Archdiocesan division A standings and he collected his 300th career victory at Spellman on Jan. 21st with a win over Blessed Sacrament.

"It was just a great feeling to get to that milestone," Oppen said.

Oppen, who was presented with a game ball signed by all the members of his team following the victory, has been with the school for twenty-seven years. In all of his years, however, he has never coached a team quite like this one, he said.

Spellman (16-4, 7-1) is an interesting team. Last year it struggled, finishing with a 10-14 record. Things are very different this year however, as the Pilots have rocketed into first place behind the

leadership of six seniors.

The team is also bolstered by the addition of talented players that were a part of Cardinal Spellman's junior varsity city championship a year ago.

"They've just blended together really well since day one," Oppen said.

Senior captain Anthony Williams has led the charge as the leader of this experienced team. Williams is a three-year starter and is second on the team with 10.6 points per game.

It isn't Williams scoring that makes him a great player, according to Oppen. It's his defense and basketball IQ.

Oppen referenced Spellman's last game against Xavier when trying to demonstrate Williams' value to the team. In a 59-37 win, Williams did not score a single point until the fourth quarter. However, he shut down

Xavier's leading scorer and played smart offensively until having a massive fourth quarter where he hit four 3-pointers,

"He's a good shooter and a great leader," Oppen said.

Another difference in this year's Cardinal Spellman squad is the addition of junior guard Dominic Arena. The Iona Prep transfer leads the Pilots in scoring with 15.1 points-per game.

"He's been terrific all year," Oppen said. "He runs the offense real well, and just does a number of things real well. He just leads us."

Being in first place has the team feeling confident, as they get closer to the playoffs. Oppen and his team believe they have what it takes to go far in the playoffs and possibly capture the city title.

"It feels nice [to be playing this well]," Arena said. "Our hard work is paying off for us."

# The New York Institute for Special Education Participating in National Fitness Challenge

The New York Institute for Special Education is pleased to announce its second year participating in the National Fitness Challenge sponsored by The United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA) and Empire BlueCross BlueShield Foundation, who provided a generous \$150,000 grant to make this program possible. There are more than 20 agencies from across the United States participating in the National Fitness Challenge, which will provide more than 700 teenagers who are blind and visually impaired with an opportunity to increase their physical fitness levels and live a healthier and more active lifestyle.

"We are extremely pleased and excited to host a second year of the National Fitness Challenge. With the renewal of this grant we will be able to reach more youth with the ultimate goal of helping each participating teen become more active and fit by using fun and challenging physical activities," said Mark Lucas, executive director of USABA. In order to keep track of each participants success, every agency submits baseline data and monthly updates that are used to create achievable fitness and weight loss goals for the teens to help them decrease their body mass in-

dex.

Middle and high school students at The New York Institute for Special Education are participating in various activities to improve their physical fitness levels. In their adapted physical education classes, the students participate in health-related activities to improve their cardiovascular health, muscular strength, endurance and flexibility. These activities include running, walking, biking and using an elliptical machine to improve aerobic fitness. The students participate in group and individual sports and activities, as well as weight training to improve their muscular strength and endurance. To improve their flexibility, each student has a specific warm-up and stretching exercise to do before and after each activity. The students also are screened monthly on their body mass index and the majority have shown an improvement during the USABA and Empire BlueCross BlueShield Foundation National Fitness Challenge. The New York Institute for Special Education received grant money for participating in the program, which was used to purchase an elliptical machine for the physical fitness room.

Research has consistently shown that individu-

als who participate in regular physical activity have higher energy levels, a lower risk of health-related diseases, improved psychological health, and have lower rates of depression and anxiety. Unfortunately, because of the many barriers and misconceptions about their abilities, approximately 70 percent of the nearly 56,000 children and youth who are blind and visually impaired in the United States do not participate in even a limited physical education curriculum. USABA and the Empire BlueCross BlueShield Foundation are working to eliminate these barriers.

"The Empire BlueCross BlueShield Foundation helps us continue meeting the company's commitment to helping children and adults live active lives and avoid the health risks associated with sedentary lifestyles and obesity," said Bill Smith, president and general manager of Empire's Disability and Life business. "We believe no one should be denied the right to enjoy the physical and emotional benefits associated with exercise; therefore, we are very proud to once again partner with the USABA to ensure that vision impairments do not limit the recreational opportunities afforded to teenagers across the country."

## Preston HS Cheerleading Invited to Nationals for the Second Year

History repeats itself! For the second year in a row, The Preston High School Cheerleading Team will attend the National High School Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, FL. On Thursday, February 7, the team boarded their plane bound for sunnier skies looking for a win.

Over the last few months the Cheerleading team has been working hard to raise funds for the trip to Orlando. They held a special game night and Penny Social in the fall and countless bake sales since. The team left the school on Thursday excited and eager to get to the tournament. The Preston community wishes them the best of luck!



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# Pipe Dreams: Fact of the day; Bad ads; Bronx guy

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wouldn't be saddled with the remaining \$114 million on A-Rod's contract on their payroll, reducing their luxury tax liability.

The Orioles were able to do this with Albert Belle's contract. MLB and its commissioner "Uncle Bud" Selig would like the PED black cloud to be swallowed up by this possibility.

## Fact Of The Day

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) gave us this fascinating information, "The past four Super Bowl winners — the Ravens, Giants, Packers and Saints — were the visiting team for the Eagles' home opener those seasons, but the trend might face the ultimate test.

Among Philly's still-unannounced home slate for 2013: the Chiefs (2-14), Lions (4-12) and Cardinals (5-11).

## Spin

Now it's Bob Molinaro's (HamptonRoads.com) turn to pass long something I

missed. "Except for some low-scoring eyesores, college basketball hasn't had much to offer in the way of memorable moments this season, but nothing tops (or bottoms) Northern Illinois scoring four points - 4! - in the first half of last Saturday's game against Eastern Michigan. After NIU's 42-25 defeat, Northern Virginia blogger Jack Finarelli (The Sports Curmudgeon) discovered this capsule summary on the school's website: 'Northern Illinois posted its best defensive effort in seven seasons, allowing just 42 points on Saturday afternoon, but it came in a losing effort as the Huskies fell to Eastern Michigan, 42-25.' Says Jack: 'Whoever did that has a future as a Presidential press secretary.'" (BTW- the current Presidential Press Secretary, Jay Carney is pretty quick on his feet answering all of those probing press questions with poise, confidence, and conviction)

"Is any sport safe from the scourge of performance-enhancing drugs? "Olympic gold medalist Jim Armstrong of Canada will be suspended for 18 months after testing positive for tamoxifen, a breast-cancer drug that serves as an estrogen-blocker.

"Who's Jim Armstrong, you ask? He's a Paralympic curler."

## Scouting Reports

Whenever I read a scouting report for a MLB player and I see that it is thought the player was "injury prone," I wonder what type of injuries they suffered.

Were they torn muscles and cartilages that might have been caused by muscle composition that might have overgrown supportive connections? Or, were they from broken bones caused by efforts to successfully complete plays?

## Speaking Of

### Being Injury Prone

Jim Litke (Boston Herald) talked about Lindsey

Vonn and her competitive drive- as opposed to some highly paid pros, who log quite a lot of time in the trainers where they to moan and groan over hang nails. Her injuries wouldn't allow her to just bear the pain and get out there this time. "Reconstructive knee surgeries are an occupational hazard in the sport, and more than a few skiers have come back from shredded ligaments and broken bones in less than a year. Besides, Vonn is no stranger to playing with pain. She went straight from the hospital to the starting gate at the 2006 Turin Olympics, just two days after flying off the training course going well over 50 mph, and competed in four of her five planned events. T

Three years later, after winning a World Cup downhill, she grabbed a champagne bottle during what was supposed to be a celebratory photo-op without realizing the friend

who opened it used a ski to chop off the top. The jagged glass nearly cut clean through the flexor tendon in her thumb." Olympic hockey players admired Vonn

## I Was Thinking

I know, I know- this is always hazardous to my health.

This time I was thinking about some new computing developments and wondered how many new applications Dragon.com could add. I also wondered when computing will be thought controlled.

## For Brendan

Mike Bianci (Orlando Sentinel) passed along this quote from "The Tooz" John Matuzak, the one time, hard-partying defensive tackle, of the Oakland Raiders, "On why he stayed out all night partying in New Orleans after he forbade his teammates to do so: 'That's why I was out in the streets. To make sure no one else was.'"

## Bad Ads

I don't want to give any mentions to those TV commercials that lacked in creativity, humor, taste, or valuable information.

The originality and humor displayed in previous years was sadly absent. The \$3.5million/30 seconds price tag made some of those spots unwatchable, distasteful, and wastes of money.

## Bronx Guy

The U. of Miami basketball coach, Jim Larranaga is from Parkchester and began playing organized BB while at St. Helena's Grammar School. It seemed as though there was always a Connolly and a Larranaga in school together.

It's nice to see him clean-up the UM program and have them currently ranked 8th in the country.

Larranaga has a team whose top six scorers are seniors- SENIORS, 4th year players, at a time when a lot of top programs are filled with one-and-done players.

## Cardinal Hayes receiver George Dawson signs with Fordham

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ment classes at Hayes and has a 90 average. Those hours of homework are in addition to his time in the weight room and the football field.

"It was pretty difficult," Dawson said. "I had a lot of sleepless nights, but I got the job done."

Fordham was the best place for Dawson to grow both as a student and a football player. When he went on his visit to Fordham he was impressed with home integrated the football team was with the rest of the student body

"It helped me see myself going there for four years because of how friendly the kids were when I was there," Dawson.

Cardinal coach C.J. O'Neill believes the Ram as getting a steal. Dawson was nursing a heel injury he suffered while running track last spring. It set him back during

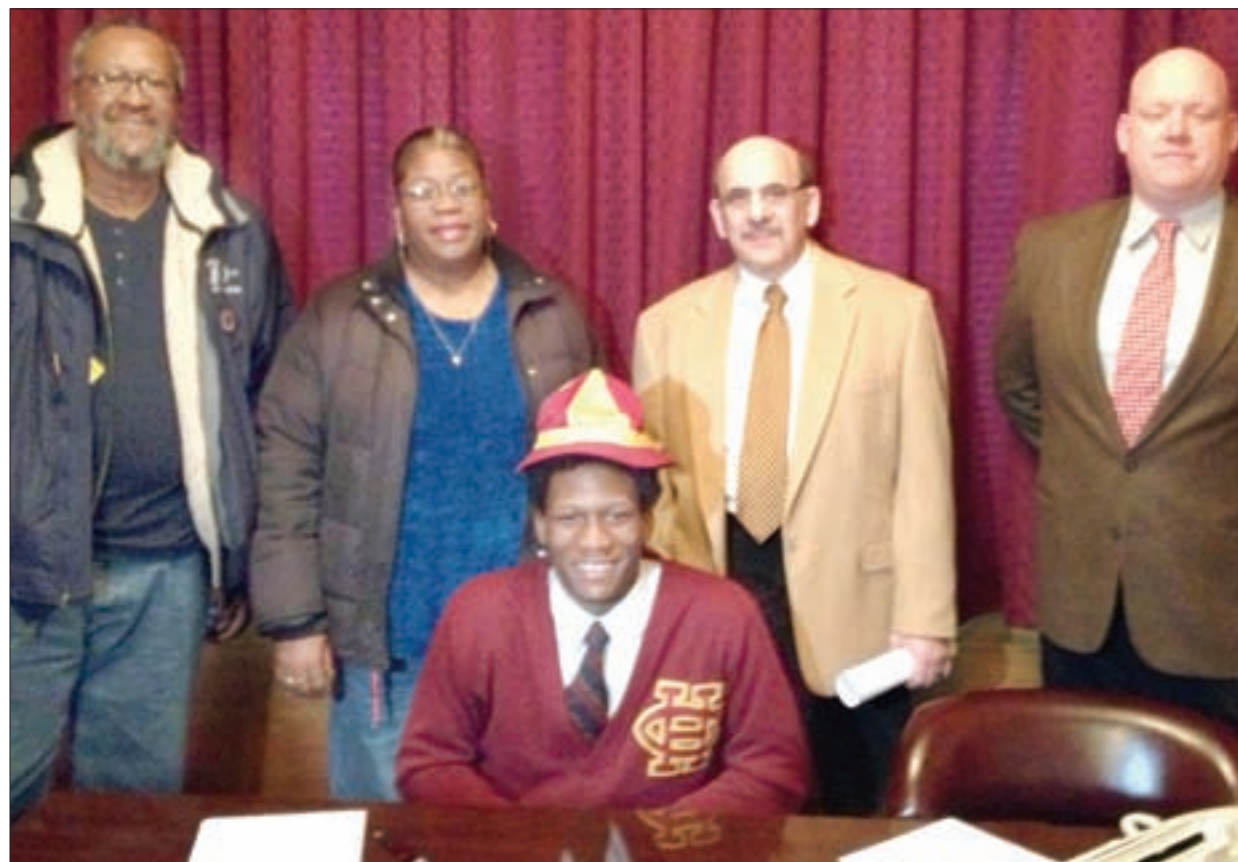
a camp in a Boston College over the summer and was never playing at 100 percent during the season. He felt like he didn't have the year he wanted to have as senior.

Still Dawson caught 36 passes for 662 yards and seven touchdowns. He knows he will need to get bigger and strong at the next level. O'Neill believe he may still have a growth spurt in him and we have only seen a glimpse of the player he can be.

"College guys look at numbers a lot of times and don't evaluate film and how he is in games," O'Neill said. "I think they blew it on this one. Time will well."

Dawson shares his coach's sentiments about what is ahead for him.

"Getting to the weight program in college that's just going to make my talent and ability go right through the roof," Dawson said. "I'm looking forward to getting started."



Cardinal Hayes senior George Dawson (c.) signs to play football at Fordham University.



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BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

*What is Family Dentistry? How is it different from General Dentistry?*

The practice of family dentistry is similar to general dentistry, with a few key exceptions. Both types of dentistry handle oral hygiene and tooth health. Family dentists, however, usually accept patients of all ages, making a family dentistry office a more convenient choice if you have young children in your home. Family dentists care for your child's baby teeth as well as permanent teeth. In addition, the general dentist can not prevent all the complications that may occur in your mouth. Once gum disease or nerve death occur, or if your teen requires braces, the general dentist will refer you to a specialist.

A true Family Practice with specialists on staff, can cater to all of your family's dental needs without referrals. Lets face it, family members come in all ages and all degrees of dental health. Scheduling a growing family with a pediatric dentist for the small children, an orthodontist for the pre-teen and teen set, a periodontist for the Mom to be, an oral surgeon for wisdom tooth removal,

or a root canal specialist for that midnight toothache, can be worse than the average soccer mom's schedule. Finding all these specialists, driving to separate appointments at different times and all around town can be more stressful than the dental visit itself. The modern family looks for ways to save time, save gas and save energy. The family practice becomes one facility can treat all family members, and all their issues, from exams and cleanings to whitening for the prom and adjusting braces on the way home from school. If we add one more convenience, the on site dental laboratory, then the sports mouth guards, temporary tooth replacements due to accidents, and same day repairs of dentures can all be managed at the same family practice.

*How can I find a true Family Practice?*

Finding a family dentistry practice that your whole family is comfortable with can take a lot of stress out of making and keeping your regularly scheduled appointments. Ask friends, colleagues, and extended family members for recommendations when seeking a family dentist. You can also find a local office through

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your insurance carrier or a dentist matching service. If it makes you more comfortable, you can usually meet the dentist and see the office before making your initial appointment. It is especially important that children are as comfortable with the family dentist as possible, because visiting

a dentist can be a nerve-racking experience for young children. A dental office which encompasses a pediatric practice is a must for families with young children. Checking out the local pediatric practices and determining if the pediatric dentist is affiliated with a general dental office can be helpful. Another way to keep the family comfortable involves searching locally for your family dentist. By finding a local dentist you can be sure that your family's visits to the dentist's office don't involve a long

commute. When you choose a local dentist you make it easier for your family to keep up with regular visits. When the Orthodontist is close to your child's school, monthly adjustments can be done on the way home from school, saving a separate trip to the office.

*What if I don't need a specialist?*

If you see your dentist every six months, you might never have to seek additional dental services. Your family dentist is trained to help you keep your teeth healthy and can

even provide teeth whitening services to keep your smile bright. Your dentist will give you tips and recommendations for brushing, flossing and rinsing to prevent plaque and tooth decay between appointments. Finding a family dentistry practice that your whole family is comfortable with can take a lot of stress out of making and keeping your regularly scheduled appointments.

*Dr. Wolfson is director of Morris Park Dental Associates, 960 Morris Park Ave. Call 718-377-6453 for info.*

## Providence Rest names new medical director

Providence Rest to announced the appointment of Nikolaos A. Migias, M.D., CMD., to the position of Medical Director. Dr. Migias has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine since 2003. He has held a qualification in Geriatric Medicine since 2004. He has also been certified as a medical director by the American Medical Directors Association since 2010.



NIKOLAOS A. MIGIAS

A physician at Westchester Medical Center, Northern Westchester Hospital and St. Joseph's Medical Center, Dr. Migias also serves as Medical Director for the Hebrew Hospital Home of Westchester in Valhalla, New York. He is also responsible for the care of retired Catholic

Clergy at the John Cardinal O'Connor Residence and Our lady of Consolation Residence in the Bronx and Riverdale. He is currently a Group Associate of Geriatric Services, P.C. in Yonkers.

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