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## Diaz: No parkland for soccer field

BY DAVID CRUZ

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. may want a soccer stadium for the Bronx, but forget about sacrificing any parkland for it.

"I do not think that using public parkland is such a good idea," said Diaz, who would still love to see an arena built in the borough for the NYC Football Club, a Major League Soccer franchise still vying for a home in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

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Photo by Laura Stone

## HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, KID!

Grrrowwwlll. Gerahdye Marshall of Fordham reflects on his new tiger face he received at Pelham Bay Park's Family Fun Day. Check out more pictures on page 34.

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# CRIME DOWN IN BORO

### Bronx reaping benefits of dramatic crime drop

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

The Bronx is beginning to reap the rewards of dramatic drops in crime, the lowest they've been since the Sixties and after climbing out of the crime-racked crack epidemic of the early 90s.

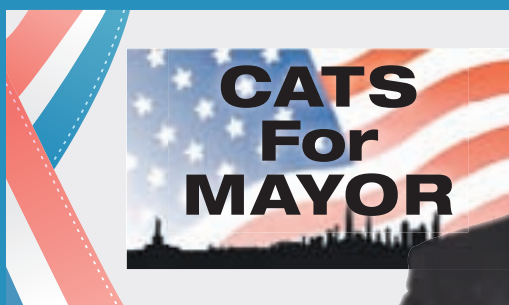
Borough business and other

leaders say the reward has been new growth in small to medium businesses, as well as early signs of an influx of working and middle class singles and families taking advantage of moderate rents in neighborhoods once seen as too

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by David Cruz

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### Birthday

Happy birthday to The Bronx Times Reporter's photojournalist **Aracelis Batista**. *Aracelis, we wish you plenty of happiness!*

*Special birthday wishes go out to our neighbor and friend Ms. Jennifer Ubinius, who will celebrate her birthday on July 22nd. Best wishes Jennifer. Happy birthday. Lots of luck. Your neighbors John and Maria*

Gaffney.

### Condolences

*We are saddened to announce to you all of death of Jack Erickson who passed away on July 14, 2013. I know you will join me in offering his family and friends our sincere condolence during this sad time. The services and burial took place at Sharon Gardens, Valhalla, NY, on July 15th, followed by Shivah at his home. We will all miss Jack as a community activist, colleague, neighbor and friend after his many years of loyal service to the Morris Park Community.*

## Diamond Dolls tryouts

Diamond Dolls Fastpitch tryouts will be held July 22 and 24, - 10u, 12u, 14u; and August 13 and 15 - 14u, 16u, 18u, at Pelham Bay Park Field #2 (corner of Bruckner

Boulevard and Middletown Road). Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. To begin the registration process, visit [www.dollsfastpitch.com](http://www.dollsfastpitch.com) and click on "Registration".

# Benedetto sponsors mammography van

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto, in conjunction with Project Renewal, formerly operating as Women's Outreach Network, will be sponsoring a free Mobile Mammography Screening Van which will be located outside of the Baychester Public Library, 2049 Asch Loop North, on Saturday, Au-

gust 3, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

This program is for women 40 years of age and older who have not had a mammogram in the past year.

All insurance plans are accepted; however, if you do not have insurance, you can still sign up for the program.

An appointment is necessary. Call 1-800-564-6868

This program is funded by Bronx Cancer Services Program Partnership. Screening coordination and Outreach/In-reach funded by the Komen Greater NYC 2008 Community Breast Health Grant.

## Breast cancer support group

SHARE and Jacobi Medical Center announce a new support group for women recently diagnosed with breast cancer, those still undergoing treatment and those who have completed treatment.

Women may join at any

time. Fridays 1 to 2 p.m., July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 29, and December 20.

Call Jacobi Medical Center at (718) 918-4318 or SHARE at (866) 891-2392 for more information.

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the Breast/Oncology Service, 1400 Pelham Parkway South, Building 1, 6th Floor, 6S Conference Room.

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# Probe 911 delay in fatal fire

## Ramon Velez' son critical; wife dead

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER  
AND PATRICK ROCCHIO

As the son of the late South Bronx poverty baron and city councilman Ramon Velez remained in critical condition after an east Bronx home fire, city officials were probing a reported 911 call foul-up that delayed fire engines for five minutes.

Ramon Velez Jr., 58, was in critical condition from burns and smoke inhalation, his wife dead, and mother-in-law and five-year-old granddaughter injured in an early morning fire that swept through their Schuylerville home.

Funeral services for Enriqueta "Ketty" Velez, 55, were held Friday, July 19 at St. Joan of Arc church, with burial in St. Raymond's Cemetery.

She was pronounced dead on arrival at Jacobi Hospital, shortly after fire swept through the family's three-story attached home at 326 Swinton Avenue shortly before 4 a.m.

Firefighters were delayed in responding after a 911 operator allegedly failed to begin entering information electronically and immediately conference the call with an FDNY dispatcher.

By the time firefighters arrived, all four family members were unconscious and in cardiac arrest.

Three of the victims were found in two bedrooms in the home and the fourth was found inside the front doorway, just up the steps from the sidewalk.

Fire officials said the fire appeared to have started near the front door.

Also brought to Jacobi were Velez' mother-in-law, Marta Morales, 74, and a five-year-old granddaughter, both suffering from smoke inhalation.

The girl was treated and later released, while Morales was listed in stable condition, officials said.

Velez was due to be placed



Scene of fatal fire on Swinton Ave.

Photo Patrick Rocchio

in the hospital's hyperbaric chamber, which force feeds high amounts of oxygen to deal with smoke inhalation cases.

Jacobi's Burn Unit is one of just three in New York City, and the eight-patient walk-in Hyperbaric Chamber is unique in its size, and allows patients to be accompanied by clinicians during treatment. Its medical staff and technology at the hospitals are especially well-equipped to treat the most serious burn cases.

Twelve fire rigs and 60 firefighters, as well as city ambulances responded to the scene of the all-hands fire.

"The fire was fast, it was just so quick," said Cleveland Bradley, a neighbor for 15 years. "That fire moved fast, really quickly."

William Velez (no relation), 71, who got to the fire scene later, said his aunt who lives next door said she was awakened at about 4 a.m. "by all the noise from the fire engines."

"She heard a lot of crashing sounds and thought someone was breaking into her house."

He said when she ran outside, "she saw firefighters pulling out the four people

who were in the house and tried to revive them. They were rushed to the hospital."

"The firefighters had a hard time because the fire was in the front of the house."

Velez' father, a former city councilmember representing the south Bronx, was perhaps better known as the head of a chain of social service agencies under the umbrella of the Hunts Point Multi-Service Agency during the 1970's and 80's that serviced a large population of the struggling borough, while enriching himself through a number of government contracts.

At one point when Ed Koch was mayor he labeled the elder Velez "a poverty pimp," though Koch later apologized to Velez.

His son now serves as president of the South Bronx Community Management Company Inc., a nonprofit started by the elder Velez that manages apartment buildings.

The elder Velez was also responsible for grooming a future generation of Bronx electeds, including Congressman Jose Serrano and Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo.

He died in 2008 of complications from Alzheimer's disease.

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# BOROBEAT



by Bob  
"KAPPY"  
Kappstatter



Most of the serious candidates scrambling to fill City Council seats and one assembly seat in the Bronx all got their nominating petitions in under the July 11 midnight deadline at the city Board of Elections.

East Bronx Councilman **Jimmy Vacca** can rest easy (Jimmy rest? Impossible!) with no challengers - and no September primary.

Some challengers submitted close to the bare minimum of petition signatures required, including **Keny (yes, one n) Nunez**, who's backed by disgraced undercover informant/ex-Assemblyman **Nelson (Speak up, please) Castro** to fill his seat in the west Bronx 86th Assembly District.

The free-for-all race in the central Bronx 15th Council District has seven candidates chomping at the bit to replace term-limited **Joel Rivera**, including **Joel R. Rivera**, who's conveniently dropped his middle initial on his flyers \_ with no photo.

This is not to say that all will make it to the Sept. primary, with some court challenges expected to their petitions. And the lawyers get rich....

**CARRION CASH CRASH**  
Could the **Adolfo Carrion** mayoral campaign be sinking?

Published reports say the ex-Boro Prez, ex-Dem who's running on the Independence Party line only added \$61,000 in the last two months for his uphill mayoral run, giving him a total fresh kitty of \$335,000, plus the million bux he had from a previous campaign.

At least he seems to have escaped what earlier reports said was a state Independence Party move to add one of the current mayoral candidates to their ballot line, giving AC an actual primary in September before the Big Show in November.

Eminently quotable political guru and Baruch College prof **Doug Muzzio** believes AC never had a chance.

"My question is, what campaign? Has Carrion ever been a decisive factor in this election? The answer is no. Is his likely to be? The answer is no," sayeth Herr Professor Muzzio.

"The race is going to a Democratic primary, and then it'll be a general election between the Republican and Democratic candidates.

The Independence Party is not going to make a difference, not even as a spoiler."

Don't hold back Doug, tell us how you *really* feel....

**STRINGER FAN**  
We know of two big Bronx fan of Manhattan Boro Prez **Scott Stringer**, who now finds himself in a real race, with **Eliot (Socks) Spitzer** for city Controller - Scott's mom **Arlene Stringer-Cuevas** and stepdad, former City Clerk **Carlos Cuevas** of Riverdale. As well as the Ben Franklin club, which pulled in 4,100 petition signatures for him.

**DUHBATES**  
You'll get your chance to see which candidates have the smarts, or the best argument when BronxTalk host and pal **Gary Axelbank** launches six consecutive weeks of debates on his weekly BronxNet TV show starting July 29.

The program will present the political palaver by the wannabes (at least those who survive petition challenges) in Democratic primaries in the 8th, 11th, 15th, 16th, and 17th, City Council Districts and the Assembly race in the 86th district.

And be warned: we'll take note of those who punk out of appearing on his show.

Here's the debate schedule: July 29 - 11th City Council District; August 5 - 15th City Council District; August 12 - 16th City Council District; August 19 - 17th City Council District; August 26 - 86th Assembly District; September 2 - 8th City Council District.

Candidates can help by emailing [bronxTalk@hotmail.com](mailto:bronxTalk@hotmail.com) to confirm their participation on the show, seen live at 9 pm on Monday nights on BronxNet's channel 67 and Fios 33, and streamed live at [www.BronxNet.org](http://www.BronxNet.org).

**EMPTY SEAT**  
Although the Bronx Republican Party has nominated **Mike Rendino** to fill the vacant commissioner's seat on the city Board of Elections, former board president and Bronx commissioner **J.C. Polanco** says he's still a candidate.

Rendino, a retired firefighter, manages Stan's Sports Bar near Yankee Stadium and has run twice as a sacrificial GOP lamb

against east Bronx Assemblyman **Mike Benedetto**.

"I have nothing to say against the organization," J.C. said, "all I have to speak for is myself."

He said new borough GOP chair **John Greaney** "was concerned with the timing of my nomination, which had been sitting since January 31."

Problem is, Council Minority Leader **James Oddo** of Staten Island and the three other GOP councilmembers seized control of board nominations when the five GOP county leaders failed to file commissioner nominations in December. Oddo's crew ousted two GOP board members, while Polanco resigned in hopes of re-nomination.

Now nothing seems to be moving, including still no choice for new exec director since the 2010 departure under a cloud of **George Gonzalez**.

**COP CORNER**  
An 'Attaboy' from Bronx C.O., Assistant Chief **Carlos Gomez**, to Deputy Inspector **Chris McCormack**, C.O. of the 40th Precinct

in rough and tumble Mott Haven/Melrose, beaten up for leading the Bronx in 2011 with 18,000 stop-and-frisks, but seeing only six murders and a whopping 54% drop in shootings so far this year: "People are alive today because of Chris McCormack," Gomez told us. The precinct recently won a prestigious NYPD unit citation.

**BRONX BIRTHDAYS**  
July 16 - Federal inmate 63107-054 - former City Councilman **Larry Seabrook**.

July 18 - **Buddy Stein**, editor of the Hunts Point Express and Mott Haven Herald.

July 19 - Councilman Jimmy Vacca's hardworking chief of staff and political strategist **Jeff Lynch**.

July 20 - **Patrick Jenkins**, spokesman for Bronx Democratic Party Boss **Carl (The Silent) Heastie**.

July 24 - Former Congresswoman **Bella (Savitzky) Abzug**.

July 24 - **Jennifer Lopez** - or Jenny from the middle-class Castle Hill block - and never to return.

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**40th PCT.**

**WED, JUNE 19th, 1:25 a.m.**  
— Bruckner Blvd. First responders came to the aid of a Hispanic male who was injured in an accident. The 28 year old victim was transported to Lincoln Medical Center and reported to be in stable condition. Officials are looking into the incident.

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 9:50 a.m.**  
— 564 Jackson Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where a child attempted to take his own life. A 12 year old child was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after attempting to commit suicide by hang.

**42nd PCT.**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 2:15 a.m.**  
— 1665 Vyse Ave. An inquiry was started by detectives learning about a shooting. Local police officers arrived on the scene to find a 32 year old male who had been shot one in the head. The Hispanic male victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital in critical condition.

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 10:15 p.m.**  
— 1769 Vyse Ave. A search is underway for two culprits. Police officers already have arrested two suspects after four males forced their way into a laundry mat. The culprits took unknown amount money from a cash register. Two arrests have been made as police look for the other two culprits.

**WED, JUNE 19th, 4:00 p.m.**  
— Boston Rd. and East 169 St. First responders came to the aid of a city crossing guard. The government employee was on duty when struck by a vehicle. The driver fled the scene in the vehicle. First responders assisted the injured worker who was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Local detectives are looking for the motorist.

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 4:10 a.m.**  
— 1290 Hoe Ave. Three persons were taken into custody by police who recovered two weapons. Vouched by the arresting police officers were a 38-caliber revolver in addition to a 22-caliber rifle. Both weapons will be used as evidence the unnamed trio.

**SAT, JUNE 22nd, 10:30 p.m.**  
— 1580 Boston Rd. First responders came to the aid of a 43 year old black male. The man had been stabbed multiple times officials indicated. An ambulance crew transported the crime victim to Bronx Lebanon Hospital. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**43rd PCT.**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 12:30 a.m.**  
— 1970 East Tremont Ave. Another unregistered handgun was taken off of local streets. This time the officer was able to vouch for a loaded 25-caliber pistol.

**MON, JUNE 17th, 1:10 p.m.**  
— 1750 East 172 St. Authorities are looking into an incident where several bullets had been fired. Police officers checking the crime scene determined that five bullets had been fired into vehicles. No inju-



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ries were reported. Investigators recovered additional evidence at the scene.

**MON, JUNE 17th, 4:30 p.m.**  
— Police officers were notified that a ten year old girl had been raped. The accused culprit was reported to be a school teacher at Public School # 386. Police arrested a 40 year old teacher who is assigned to the school. Authorities indicated that the male teacher has multiple charged pending against him based on the 5th grader's complaint.

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 9:00 a.m.**  
— Westchester Ave. and Boynton Ave. Ambulances from the Emergency Medical Service were dispatched to the busy intersection after an accident occurred. The incident involved a school bus which was transporting over a dozen special needs children. The 13 young victims were examined and deemed to be in good medical condition.

**WED, JUNE 19th, 1:40 p.m.**  
— 1515 Metropolitan Ave. Police officers arrested a suspect in the Parkchester community. The unnamed culprit was in possession of a 22-caliber revolver. The handgun was taken away from the culprit and vouched as evidence.

**WED, JUNE 19th, 7:30 p.m.**  
— 875 Taylor Ave. One more person was arrested as police vouched a 9-mm pistol. The suspect could be facing several years in jail for illegal possession of a gun.

**THURS, JUNE 20th, 12:25 a.m.**  
— 1123 Manor Ave. Another person was arrested as police officers removed another unregistered gun off of Bronx streets. This time officials saw a 22-caliber handgun being vouched because its owner failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun in the city.

**SAT, JUNE 22nd, 2:20 a.m.**  
— 1217 St. Lawrence Ave. Authorities looking into a double shooting recovered a major piece of evidence. Police officers arriving on the scene found two teenage male victims of a shooting and also recovered a gun. An 18 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a bullet wound to the lower back which a 19 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the right forearm.

**44th PCT.**

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 3:00 a.m.**  
— 1370 University Ave. Police investigators are looking for five males. The unknown culprits hide their identity by wearing masks officials reported as they pushed a victim into an apartment. The victim was pistol whipped before the culprits fled with an I-hone and some three-hundred dollars in cash.

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 5:00 a.m.**

— 1220 College Ave. An investigation was launched after a one month old baby died. The Hispanic male infant was lying in bed with his mother. There was blood coming from the nose. The infant was transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where doctors indicated that the infant had expired. Detectives are waiting to receive the autopsy report from the Medical Examiner's office.

**SAT, JUNE 22nd, 2:30 a.m.**  
— 951 Woodcrest Ave. Authorities are looking for the person who attacked a man in the southern end of the Highbridge community. A 27 year old black male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a stab wound to the neck that he received during the attack. The victim was reported to be in stable condition.

**SAT, JUNE 22nd, 2:55 p.m.**  
— 50 East 168 St. Officials have launched an inquiry into an incident where a three month old baby could have been a crime victim. First responders came to the aid of a three month old female who had been left in the care of her father. The infant was found in an unconscious state and was transported to Bronx Lebanon Hospital. Officials are trying to determine if there was any criminality connected to this incident.

**45th PCT.**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 5:55 p.m.**  
— Orchard Beach. A search for a missing swimmer concluded with positive results. NYPD's Harbor Unit # 313 found the swimmer on a small island in the area of Orchard Beach. The swimmer was placed aboard the rescue craft and transported to a gas dock at a City Island marina where an EMS ambulance had been dispatched to. The swimmer was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 9:30 p.m.**  
— Pennyfield Ave. and Lawton Ave. An off duty city worker was injured after coming to the aid of an on duty police officer in the Throggs Neck section. The injured government worker is normally employed as a school safety officer, saw a police officer in need of assistance. The school safety officer assisted, but received a punch in the face.

**46th PCT.**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 11:30 a.m.**  
— 120 East 184 St. An investigation was launched after officials learned that a city employee had been struck by a projector fired from a paint gun. The school safety officer was apparently struck in the boot. Authorities were informed that the male culprit

ran into a building. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were called to the scene with the end results of a suspect being taken into custody.

**MON, JUNE 17th, 7:10 p.m.**  
— 365 East 183 St. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a young man had been shot. A 20 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the back upon arriving at St. Barnabas Hospital. Additional police officers from the Bronx Task Force were deployed into the area to assist local officers. Sleuths from the Ryer Ave. Squad are handing the inquiry.

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 2:45 p.m.**  
— Cedar Ave. and Sedgwick Ave. Authorities are looking into an armed robbery that sent the victim to a near-by hospital. Apparently a group of five or more males assaulted the victim. The culprits took his I-phone and fled after stabbing the victim in the left arm and head. The injured person was treated at St. Barnabas Hospital.

**THURS, JUNE 20th, 3:15 p.m.**  
— East Fordham Rd. and Webster Ave. A suspect trying to flee from police was capture with the assistance of an off duty police officer. The off duty officer watched the culprit running from the police officers. As the culprit neared the off duty police officer, the officer sprang into action and nabbed the suspect.

**47th PCT.**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 1:15 p.m.**  
— 2851 Tiemann Ave. A search is underway for five male culprits. The group of culprits at gun point pushed three females inside an apartment during a home invasion. The thieves fled with a gold ring and also a cell phone. None of the victims were injured.

**MON, JUNE 17th, 7:35 p.m.**  
— 1138 East 226 St. Two young males were transported to Jacobi Medical Center both suffering from stab wounds. The older victim, a 20 year old black male, was suffering from wounds to the shoulder and back area. Officials indicated that the victim was in stable condition. The second victim a 16 year old black male also was treated for a stab wound, but afterwards was arrested by authorities.

**WED, JUNE 19th, 10:40 p.m.**  
— 3835 Bronxwood Ave. Police officers took another handgun off of local streets. This time the owner who failed to obtain the required permit to own a gun in New York City saw a 32-caliber handgun being taken by police and vouched as evidence.

**48th PCT.**

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 10:55 p.m.**  
— DeVoe Ave. and East 180 St. Undercover police officers arrested a suspect who was armed with a handgun. The culprit failed to obtain the proper license to own a gun in NYC. Taken away and vouched was a 38-caliber revolver.

**THURS, JUNE 20th, 12:00 p.m.**  
— 1010 East 178 St. A government employee was arrested and charged with assault. An off duty parole officer was charged with assaulting his father's girlfriend. The victim was treated at St. Barnabas Hospital.

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 2:50 a.m.**  
— Third Ave. and Cyrus Pl. A 25 year old black male was arrested as police removed a gun from his possession. Taken away from the culprit was a 45-caliber pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence.

**49th PCT.**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 11:30 a.m.**  
— 808 Adey Ave. An investigation is underway by members of the Critical Investigation Squad from Highway Patrol # 1. An accident between an ambulette and a motorcycle ended up with the motorcycle operator being pinned under the vehicle. The driver once freed was transported in critical condition to Jacobi Medical Center.

**MON, JUNE 17th, 9:25 p.m.**  
— 1800 Hunt Ave. Police are looking into a reported home invasion that was conducted by five male Hispanic culprits. Apparently the group gained entry into the home of the male victim in his upper twenties on the second floor. The thieves removed two televisions from the home, but officials have a question that they are trying to obtain answers for. Was the male occupant pushed out of the window or did he jump on his own. The injured man was transported to Jacobi serious injuries.

**TUES, JUNE 18th, 12:20 a.m.**  
— 815 Pelham Parkway North. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a teenager to a near-by medical facility. The 18 year old male Hispanic was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in stable condition suffering from a wound to the upper leg. Additional police officers were dispatched into the community to assist with various tasks. The inquiry is being handled by local detectives.

**THURS, JUNE 20th, 10:00 p.m.**  
— Ely Ave and Stillwell Ave. Police investigators are looking into an incident where a motorist struck a tree. Police and firefighters worked to free the victim for a while from the mangled vehicle. The motorist was transported to Jacobi Medical Center and was reported to be critical condition. Police officers from the Critical Investigation Squad investigating.

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 6:10 p.m.**  
— 633 Barker Ave. Police officials initiated an inquiry into a shooting incident. Two males were taken to nearby Einstein Medical Center after being shot. Both victims were reported in stable condition. A

search was conducted of the area for the culprit who fled before authorities arrived on the scene. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 7:10 p.m.**  
— 790 Astor Ave. Detectives are looking into an incident where a male had been shot. The victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center as other officers searched for any evidence.

**50th PCT.**

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 2:00 a.m.**  
— 3225 Johnson Ave. Police were alerted that there was a suspicious package in the Riverdale section. Responding police officers requested police officers from the Emergency Service Squad who examined the possible device. The package was deemed harmless.

**52nd PCT.**

**FRI, JUNE 21ST, 1:30 a.m.**  
— 2284 Sedgwick Ave. Detectives are looking for the person who struck a 47 year old black woman. The woman apparently was struck from behind near West 183 St, but the motorist fled the scene. It's reported that the female victim was entering her vehicle when the moving vehicle sideswiped the woman. She was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. Police officers from Highway 1's Critical Investigation Squad are leading the inquiry.

**SAT, JUNE 22nd, 6:00 p.m.**  
— 2558 Grand Concourse. Police investigators are looking into a reported armed robbery that occurred just north of Fordham Rd. Officials indicated that two males entered the building at gun point and were able to flee with eighteen thousand dollars. Two employees escaped injuries. Local detectives are conducting the inquiry.

**Housing**

**WED, JUNE 19th, 9:45 p.m.**  
— 864 Metcalf Ave. Police officers from PSA # 8 are working with members of the 43rd Pct. Detective Squad as they look into an incident where shots had been fired. Officials indicated that at least a half-a-dozen shots had been fired into a back yard shed. No injuries were reported, but police did discover evident at the scene which could be helpful during the inquiry.

**Fire Log**

**MON, JUNE 17th, 10:10 p.m.**  
— 912 East 214 St. Neighborhood smoke-eaters were faced with another working fire. This one located near Bronxwood Ave. As firefighters arrived the officer from Tower Ladder 51 indicated that they were faced with a working fire on the second floor of a 2 1/2 story private home. The response was increased to four engine companies and three ladder companies. Battalion 15 indicated that "all hands" was being put to work as engine crews deployed the first hose line as ladder crews started to conduct searches for any trapped victims and extension of the fire.

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## Ferry service

Dear editor,

I could not agree more with "Campaign to bring ferry service to boro" (David Cruz -- July 11).

Our waterways are an underutilized natural asset which can offer significant transportation alternatives for thousands of New Yorkers.

Most of our existing public transportation and roadways are already operating at or above capacity.

New ferry services can be implemented far more quickly than construction of new subway, commuter rail or highways.

These can take years or even decades until completion of environmental reviews, planning, design, engineering, real estate acquisition, permits, procurements and actual construction before reaching beneficial use.

Completing all of the above along with finding funding for ferry boats, docks and parking with costs in the millions may be easier than finding the billions of dollars necessary for construction of new or extended subway, commuter rail or highways.

Utilization of ferry boats equipped with modern fuel efficient engines can make a positive contribution to air quality.

Thousands of daily commuters use ferries from Hoboken, New Jersey to the World Financial Center. There are also 66,000 daily patrons of the Staten Island Ferry System which connects St. George, Staten Island with the Whitehall Street, Manhattan Ferry Terminal.

Unlike the other four boroughs, 500,000 Richmond County residents have no direct subway or commuter rail system linking them with the rest of NYC.

Thousands of ferry riders utilize the East River ferry connecting various waterfront neighborhoods from Queens and Brooklyn with stops in Manhattan including Long Island City, East 34th Street, Greenpoint, Williamsburg, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Wall Street and Governors Island.

Who would not want to enjoy the fresh air and breeze that only waterborne transportation can provide.

Riding a ferry can be less stressful than being packed in a subway car like sardines in a can.

Larry Penner

## Abortion rights

Dear editor,

Kudos to Maria Meli and Chrys Napolitano for their stance on womens right to abortion.

I was a nurse long before Roe vs Wade and I can't describe the heartache I felt every time a young girl came into the emergency room who had an abortion by " a back alley butcher " ( what we called them back then ) that used a dirty coat hanger to abort the fetus.

Some made it and some didn't.

Even now, 40 years later, I find myself getting upset when people tell me, "you're

either pro-life or pro-abortion."

I'm very vocal in telling them, "I'm pro choice. How come you keep forgetting that option?"

Arlene Soto

## Abortion debate

Dear editor,

English playwright William Congreve wrote over 400 years ago that hell has no fury like a woman scorned.

And there's probably no better display of such fury in current times than when militant feminists like Maria Meli and Chrys Napolitano are confronted with the truth of the horrors of a form of infanticide that's euphemistically known as abortion.

While I believe Mr. Sweeney chose the wrong forum to express his profound opposition to infanticide, he sure pushed the buttons of the aforementioned wrathful feminists.

I'd love to respond to them at-length here. But as I've stressed before on other issues, this would fall outside the scope of BTR's letters' department.

To respond to a relative Bronx issue, Kappy's column on 2-legged beast Nestor Marrero getting twice released without bail by judges Harold Adler and Efrain Alvarado shows yet again that Bronxites have criminal-court judges who are either incompetent, sympathetic to or supportive of hard-core criminals, or are anti-NYPD, or a combination thereof.

Those judges need to be investigated, by the governor's office if necessary.

That this grossly overweight beast could seriously injure officers the next time he's likely to be arrested ostensibly doesn't concern the likes of judges Adler and Alvarado.

## Let us hear from you

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Thanks to Kappy for informing the readers on yet another threat to the safety and security of Bronxites that's coming not just from dangerous criminals like Marrero, but from dangerous judges too.

Ken Reynolds

## Crowley fallout

Dear editor,

In response to Ken Reynolds letter complaining about Raphael Schweitzer's praise for Joe Crowley for giving his group paint to spruce up their neighborhood:

Someone once said that all politics is local. As a grassroots community activist and event organizer for 23 years, I understand how hard it can be to get any material or financial support, let alone volunteer support.

Mr Schweitzer is doing a great job of organizing and motivating people in his community to accentuate the positive by beautifying and caring about the community.

To focus on bitter political factionalism in the face of something so positive is crass in the extreme, no matter what "side" you are on.

Sandi Lusk

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## Immigration Pork Bill

Dear editor,

The immigration bill is extremely important, but all parties considered this as an opportunity to get pork for their state or pay back to contributors. They allowed open-end actions to be placed in the bill and now they are playing the blame game for not allowing the bill to pass.

Their actions are a disservice to the American people and to those hoping to be a citizen of the United States.

The bill doesn't require the added 20,000 border agents be on board until 2021, which means never.

It allows the head of the Department of Homeland Security, not Congress, the power to stop the boarder fence from being built.

Senator Majority Leader Read (D-NV) and Senator Heller (R-NV) changed the language in the Cooperation Travel Promotion Act and inserted it in the immigration bill, which allows the Secretary of Treasury to spend 100 million a year, indefinitely for casinos and Hotels.

Other state Senators got thousands of cultural visas for interns, visiting scholars, and cheap labors for meat packing, phone/cruise ship repairs, seafood processing, and celebrity waivers of fees and special visas.

Top defense contractors will have an end round from competitive bidding for tens of millions of dollars on certain helicopters and radar equipment to be used along the boarder.

Our elected officials do a great job promoting and selling us on the good parts of the bill and conveniently leave out anything negative until the bill is passed, an example, the affordable healthcare law.

Robert Neglia

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# Mayor's office gets feedback from business owners

## Cure Period meeting on business fines held at Westchester Square

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The city is looking to "cure" gripes from local businesses about fines issued for minor violations.

Under Local Law 35 which the City Council passed and Mayor Bloomberg signed into law in April, they will be given the time to correct some of the issues - often as minor as a missing sticker in their window or a licensing snafu - before a fine is issued.

The law allows for the creation of so-called "cure periods" for violations that are not threats to public health or safety.

The Mayor's Office of Operations held a cure period discussion with local east Bronx business owners and elected officials to gather input about which violations cure periods would be appropriate for.

The Thursday, July 18th meeting at the Chippewa Democratic Club in

Westchester Square, was one of several planned for business owners and community members around the city.

"Cure periods could be appropriate for violations that are not threats to public health or safety, for entities that are licensed and legally operating in New York City, where we might be able to offer a chance to fix a violation before a financial penalty is given," stated an information sheet. "Once our recommendations are enacted, we believe that this exercise will have potential will have to have a positive impact on businesses, individuals, and property owners in the future."

"This is a great first start on the part of the Mayor's office," said meeting attendee, CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, "and hopefully will lead to continued dialogue with the residents and merchants of



Lenny Caro (c), president and CEO of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, speaks during a Cure Period review discussion by the Mayor's Office of Operations. Businesspeople and elected officials gave their input at the meeting held at the Chippewa Democratic Club on Thursday, July 11. Also pictured is Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj.  
by Patrick Rocchio

Community Board 10.

Many local businesspersons feel that inspectors from city agencies should have a bit of discretion over issuing fines, said Kearns.

Beauty Salon owner Rochelle Mandina of Kids Kut

on Middletown Road said a list of licenses and requirements to operate specific kinds of businesses should be given to owners so that they know exactly what to expect when agencies conduct inspections.

"Most of us want to follow the rules. But they come in every year and I don't know what they are going to ask for," she said. "It makes me wonder if they want you to get a violation."

Some restaurant inspec-

tions result in violations for seemingly harmless reasons, said Pat Caruso, CB 10 community liaison.

The cure period will involve the Department of Buildings, Department of Transportation, Department of Consumer Affairs, Fire Department, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Sanitation for New York, and Department of Health.

Caruso is collecting feedback during the review period from local merchants and residents about specific fines and the frequency of visits by city agencies, which he will pass onto the Mayor's office.

The deadline for submitting comments is Wednesday, July 31, and a report should be issued by August.

Caruso can be reached via e-mail at PCaruso@cb.nyc.gov.



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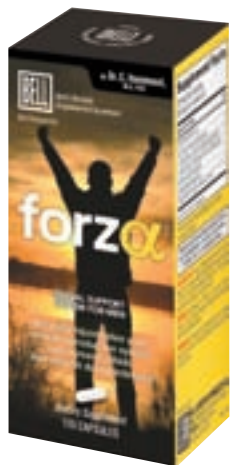
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# City Island Bridge bidder wins

\$102.7 million contract may soon be awarded

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A new City Island Bridge took another major step forward, despite community outcry over its modernist design.

The City has awarded a \$102.7 million contract to lowest bidder Tutor Perini, a California-based construction company, to build the bridge.

City Comptroller John Liu's office is now reviewing the contract.

"While the timeline for the project's start will be determined when registration is complete, construction is scheduled to be completed within three years," said Department of Transportation spokesman Nicholas Mosquera. "As part of this process, a temporary bridge will be constructed next to the existing bridge, allowing for the maintenance of existing traffic capacity throughout construction."

The City Island Civic Association has been a



The current City Island Bridge, see here, opened over 100 years ago at the start of the 20th century.   
by Patrick Rocchio

staunch opponent of the design of the new bridge, a single steel tower cable-stayed span that looks nothing like the existing bridge built at the turn of the 20th century.

"I am not sure if they have ever built a cable-stayed bridge before," CICA vice-president Barbara Dolensek said of Tutor Perini, but a company spokesman

said a subsidiary has built one in Milwaukee.

Dolensek, a vocal opponent of the project as planned, noted that the same firm had been ensnared in some controversy when they did reconstruction work on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge involving the use of Chinese steel in the project.

Tutor Perini spokesman

Jorge Casado said while the company had originally said construction was to have begun this past April, he now believes it will begin by the end of the year.

The project includes demolition of the existing bridge, reconstruction of the approach roadways, rehabilitation of City Island Park's Catherine Scott Promenade, and improvements to Pelham Bay Park's landscaping, according to Tutor Perini.

The company stated that it would be the first cable-stayed bridge in New York State.

It is yet not clear if Comptroller Liu will register the contract. Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Councilman Jimmy Vacca have raised objections to the project, including that since it appeared the bridge reconstruction would require changes to the city map, a Uniform Land-Use Review Process would be



An artist's rendering of the bridge's design is seen here.   
courtesy of city DOT

needed.

Local journalist Roberto Soto who runs a popular news website on City Island - cimages.me - believes it would be wrong for the community to stand in the way of a badly needed project, especially since the current bridge is decaying.

"City Island is going to

stay the same regardless of whether we have a larger or smaller bridge," said Soto. "The fact of the matter is that we need a new bridge, but there is a lot of push back on the upgrading. We are living in 2013 and need to move forward. The older bridge has outlived its usefulness."

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# Residents get street lines FINALLY

## Pennyfield Ave locals win fight to get double yellow street line

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

After a group of Pennyfield Avenue residents called on NYC Department of Transportation to “connect the dots” and change a broken yellow line down the center of the street to a solid one— their pleas are finally being answered - twice.

A double yellow line will finally be painted along the street after much concern was expressed by area residents.

Local residents became concerned last year, after the DOT painted a dashed line down the center of the roadway, from Harding Avenue to SUNY Maritime.

Karin O'Connor, a resident of Glennon Place, just off Pennyfield Avenue, said she finally thought she had made some progress the last time the road was re-paved, when she saw lines being painted on the

street, until she realized they were the wrong lines.

“There has not been painted center lines on Pennyfield for years, and Patrick Caruso (at Community Board 10's office) was able to move this project up and get the lines painted. But they [DOT] painted broken yellow lines instead of two solid lines. This has caused a dangerous situation.”

O'Connor said a single broken yellow line allows traffic to cross the center of the roadway and is most often seen on two-lane rural roadways.

The broken single line also allows for passing on the left hand side, if conditions will allow a driver to do so.

Now, with the new double lines, residents feel the road will be much safer.

Lynn Gerbino, president of the Throggs Neck



Pennyfield Avenue residents will finally get a break from speeders as NYC Department of Transportation will paint a solid double yellow line down the street, allowing for no more passing. Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

Homeowners Association, said the double lines are a step in the right direction

“If Pennyfield Avenue is getting a double line, we will be elated,” she said, especially “as a deterrent for those who pass buses on the road.”

“Some residents have been asking for a long time for these lines to be corrected. Whatever can be done to assure the safety of our children and our homeowners is a plus. We have to stop the speeders who recklessly drive through our community.”

According to DOT, the agency was only authorized to refurbish the markings last year, which reflect a design in place since 2000.

A DOT spokesman said safety is a top priority. Given the narrow street, they said the current yellow “lane line” marking

indicates the street is two ways, but at the same time provide motorists with the ability to legally access the second lane to pass.

Residents have cited numerous accidents, heavy amounts of traffic due to several schools in the area, and speeding.

Gerbino said she hoped that solid lines placed along Pennyfield will help to rectify the situation and “give the police another option for ticketing on this speedway.”

She has previously tried to have Pennyfield to be officially declared a slow zone.

“It does not fit the “slow zone” model,” she said, “but I believe it can be done.”

The new lines will be painted after paving and milling of the road is completed over the next couple of weeks, according to DOT.



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# Klein holds presser on new boat safety bill

## Senators join assemblywoman to urge Gov. Cuomo to sign new boat safety legislation

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

After several tragic boating-related deaths on New York waterways, Senator Jeff Klein is pushing legislation to make boat safety training for teens a crucial part of every New Yorker's motorboat licensing application.

Klein joined Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) and Assemblywoman Galef (D-Westchester/Putnam) on Monday, July 15 at a City Island press conference, to urge Gov. Cuomo to sign the legislation into law.

The bill, requiring everyone 18 years and younger to pass a certified boating safety course before operating motorboats, was championed by the legislators in the recent Albany session.

Joined by the mother and grandmother of Bryan Johnson, who died in a

boating accident last June off of City Island, Klein underlined his support for boating education requirements, citing evidence showing that the Bronx has among the highest rates of boating accidents in the state.

"Here in the Bronx, we have the third highest rate of boating accidents in the state," said Klein. "That's unacceptable, and it demonstrates why we have a duty to do more. That's why I supported legislation that will increase boating safety education, bring our standards in line with neighboring states and, most importantly, save lives."

The proposed legislation would require a number of safety precautions, including:

- No person born on or after May 1, 1996 may operate a mechanically propelled vessel on the navi-



Senators Jeff Klein and David Carlucci join Assemblywoman Sandy Galef at a press conference on City Island to urge Gov. Cuomo to sign legislation that would help prevent boating tragedies Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

gable waters of the state, unless they hold a boating safety certificate.

- A boating safety certificate can only be issued by the Commissioner

of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the U.S. Power Squadrons or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

- A person who is younger than 18 years of age may operate a mechanically propelled vessel without a boating safety certificate, provided they are accompanied by at least one person at least 18 years of age who is either the holder of a boating safety certificate or is not required to hold a boating safety certificate.

The bill provides a grace period of 120 days for people who purchase a boat, and are otherwise required to hold a boating safety certificate, to operate such a vessel without a certificate.

People renting boats will not be required to have a boating safety license, unless they will be renting the boat for a period over 60

days.

Certified boating safety instructors, members of the U.S. Power Squadrons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, holders of public vessel licenses, police officers, fire personnel and peace officers are exempt from the proposed legislation.

"Boating safety should be a top priority, especially given the fact that too many accidents involve younger people who do not know the rules of the waters," said Thomasina Laidley-Brown, grandmother to the late Johnson. "I have fought hard with our state leaders to pass this through the legislature, and now I'm urging the Governor to follow through."

A spokesperson for Klein's office said they expect the governor to sign the legislation into law before the end of the summer.

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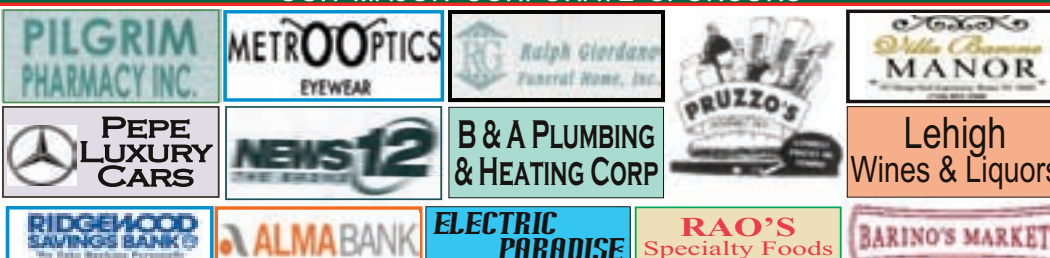
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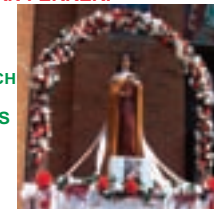
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# City, AT&T launch free WiFi in parks

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

WiFi is going green in Bronx and other parks around the city.

Bronxites will now be able to stay connected with their laptops, smartphones, tablets and other Wi-Fi-enabled devices even while enjoying everything the borough's parks have to offer.

The city this week extended WiFi service to six more Bronx parks, bringing the number of borough recreational spots that now have free or low-cost internet access to eight.

Mayor Bloomberg and AT&T Chairman and CEO Randall Stephenson recently announced, a five-year initiative to provide free Wi-Fi service at 26 locations in 20 New York City parks across the five boroughs.

Wi-Fi provides fast connection to the internet from portable devices. AT&T Wi-Fi at city parks will be free for all users.

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ers will be able to automatically connect and switch seamlessly between Wi-Fi and wireless networks.

Virtually all new smartphones come equipped with Wi-Fi technology, and usage does not count toward customers' smartphone data plans.

As of Monday, new WiFi-equipped parks, scattered along the length of the borough, are Bronx Park (at the sections near Van Nest and Williamsbridge), Gun Hill Playground (Williamsbridge), Owen F. Dolen Park (Westchester Square), Seton Falls Park (Edenwald), St. James Park (Kingsbridge) and St. Mary's Park (Mott Haven). Devoe Park (University Heights) and Joyce Kilmer Park (Concourse) already have unlimited free service, which is provided by AT&T.

Cablevision and Time Warner Cable will provide the service at no cost to their subscribers; other parkgoers can get 30 minutes of

free access each month, and pay 99 cents per day thereafter.

"In May, we laid out a strategy to make New York City the nation's leading digital city, and AT&T's generous initiative to bring Wi-Fi to 20 City parks will help us get there," Bloomberg said. "New York City has the greatest network of public parks in the world, and we've invested heavily to expand and enhance them. Now, thanks to the terrific corporate citizenship of AT&T, they will provide an even better experience for New Yorkers and visitors."

Stephenson said AT&T is "pleased to join Mayor Bloomberg and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to bring the convenience and benefits of Wi-Fi to many of the city's world-renowned parks."

"The addition of Wi-Fi to parks across the city, specifically Thomas Jefferson Park, will give people the

opportunity to experience internet access that they may otherwise not have had, making things like job searching an easier endeavor for many local residents,"

said state Senator Jose M. Serrano. "Providing wireless internet free of charge will also give New Yorkers a fresh incentive to spend more time outdoors this

summer. I commend Mayor Bloomberg and AT&T for launching a program that will surely be embraced and utilized by New Yorkers citywide."

## BLAST FROM THE PAST AT OWEN DOLEN PARK



In yet another celebration of the recent opening of the newly remodeled Owen Dolen Park, the Westchester Square Business Improvement District sponsored "Blast from the Past," as part of its ongoing series, Owen Dolen Days. The event on Saturday, June 29 took advantage of the new performance space in the park. It featured the Just Nuts band singing music from all eras. Some of the tunes were from Dion, The Four Seasons, Barry White, and Huey Lewis & The News. Seen here is the band's singer, Victor Sabatini, performing.

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# Feast of St. Theresa, fun for everyone

## Annual Pelham Bay feast set to begin on Wednesday, July 24

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

One of Pelham Bay's biggest street festivals, the annual Feast of Saint Theresa, will celebrate its 17th year with a five-day extravaganza set to begin on Wednesday, July 24.

Over 10,000 people from the Bronx and surrounding areas are expected to attend the feast, held on St. Theresa Avenue between Westchester Avenue and the Hutchinson River Parkway, and running through Sunday, July 28.

This year's theme, "The Year of Faith—The St. Theresa Feast Embodies Our Faith—Let me show you how", was chosen in recognition of Pope Benedict XVI proclaiming this year as a special year for Catholics to rediscover the gift of faith.

It promises a week of food, fun, and fellowship.

"This is how we bring the St. Theresa community

as well as the outlying community together, to celebrate and have a good time," said feast organizer Lou Aurrichio. "People come from all over to walk to streets, eat, and spend time with their friends. That's pretty much what the feast is all about."

Aurrichio said new additions this year will be a free rock climbing wall provided by the NYPD, as well as CPR training and a Fire Safety Smokehouse provided by the FDNY.

"We're trying to make the feast more family friendly this year," Aurrichio said. "We wanted to have some more things that families can do together."

Helping to draw a crowd will be amusement park rides, games of chance, balloon twisting, face painting and photo-ops with costumed characters for the kids.

Festival goers will have a chance to sample all types of traditional Italian fare from sausage and peppers to sweet fried zeppoli.

As in previous years' feasts, there will also be musical entertainment.

Live music opens Thursday night with the sounds of A Moments Worth, Brian Keith, The Scene, and Blues Brotherhood; Friday evening will see DJ Tony and Antonio Guarna; while on Saturday "The Legends" starring Dennis Dell will play.

The feast will end on Sunday with some Italian/American music by Gina and Gino Gentile.

Throughout the feast, community magician John Turdo of Simply Magic will wow all those in attendance with his illusions.

Tickets for the much-anticipated grand raffle are limited to the first 1,000

sold, and are available for a \$100 donation. This year's grand prize winner will have a choice of a 2013 Mercedes Benz C300 or \$30,000.

As always, religious services will be held each

night, starting at 7:30 p.m., with the remaining open all night. A procession through the streets with the statue of St. Theresa will held starting at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The feast will run from

5 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday. For more information, call the rectory at (718) 892-1900.

## CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY AT BRONX ZOO



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) honored 33 children at a special citizenship ceremony at the Bronx Zoo on Friday, July 12. Photo by Josiane Bauke

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# Report: Bronx making strides

## Economic snapshot improving, though issues persist

BY DAVID CRUZ

A new state report has found both economic progress and persistent problems in the Bronx.

In the "Economic Snapshot of the Bronx" report released July 11, state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's office reviewed 16 economic indicators that included economic development and the borough's housing stock.

But in a trolley tour of the borough with DiNapoli, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. put a positive spin on it.

"What the report reflects is that the Bronx's tough days are behind us," said Diaz.

Overall, the Bronx withstood lesser damage to 2007's Great Recession, far better than the country and New York City, according to the report.

Other key findings in-

cluded:

- A 26% jump in the number of businesses in the Bronx between 1990 and 2011.

- A 75% drop in major crime since 1990.

- An 18% increase in the number of Bronx residents, contributing to its 1.4 million population.

- More big chain stores headed to the Bronx.

- Average private sector salary of \$43,610, better than Brooklyn and Staten Island.

- A gain of 15,300 jobs, with private-sector jobs growing 7.7% between 2007-12

### One Step Forward Two Steps Back

But even as the borough continues its rebranding campaign by luring big businesses, their success is countered by what the report featured as a lack



Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. personally gives a tour to State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, highlighting the Bronx's strengths during the period of construction. Photo courtesy of the Bronx Borough President's Office

of cheaper housing, more folks on public assistance, and high number of shelters scattered about the borough.

To bring those numbers down, Diaz Jr. said he wants

to convince big businesses to offer higher salaries.

But he especially took umbrage to the Bloomberg administration's homeless policy, which has crammed more shelters into the

Bronx with virtually zero notice to Bronx officials. There are now 142 shelters in the Bronx, the most in the city.

"We think it's totally disrespectful," said Diaz.

"What they wind up doing is rarely notify community boards or elected officials."

Diaz suggested a more equitable approach to fixing the issue: evenly distributing shelters instead of placing them in predominantly poorer neighbors.

But the poverty trend is also seen in the borough's unemployment figures, which have remained in double-digit territory for the past several years.

"We're not saying life is perfect and the job is done," said Diaz. "We're saying please look at the Bronx for what it is today and stop reporting the negative."

DiNapoli agreed, seeing the borough's constant work to improvement as ongoing.

"There is still work to be done," said DiNapoli. "But the Bronx is moving in a positive direction."

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# Overall crime down in 45th

## Precinct shows a 1.3% decline in major crime

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Crime is down once again in the 45th Precinct, with declines in five of the seven "major" felony categories.

The precinct saw its already low crime rates drop even further for the first half of this year, with decreases in murder, rape, felony assault, robbery and burglary compared to the same period last year. Averaged out, it saw a modest one percent drop in over all crime.

Grand larceny and grand larceny auto remain stubborn problems, up by 13% and 27.7% respectively, according to NYPD CompStat data.

Precinct commanding officer, Captain James McGeown, said those spikes, as well as a 21% rise petit larceny, are mostly a result of thefts of items like credit cards

from purses left inside parked cars.

"Auto related is driving many of our increases," said McGeown, referring to thieves known to cops as "creepers" who check vehicle door handles, and then steal valuables from inside.

The increase also looks a lot bigger because of "historic lows" in terms of crime in the 45th Precinct in the past few years, said McGeown.

Burglaries declined by 27.4% from 106 to 77, felony assault down 14.1% from 92 to 79, and robbery down 1.1% to 86 from 87, through June 30, 2013.

Aggressive monitoring of pawn shops for pilfered goods has helped drive the burglaries down, he said.

With the loss of the

precincts own narcotics module, the precinct is now using its conditions unit, special operations lieutenant, and the field intelligence sergeant to take on a bigger role in the fight against illegal drugs, he said, along with narcotics cops who do most of the heavy lifting in investigating complaints.

McGeown praised the cooperation of the community, community leaders and elected officials like Community Board 10 chairman John Marano, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Senator Jeff Klein.

Bob Bieder, the 45th Precinct Community Council president, said the precinct's 37th ranking out 76 city precincts in terms of total change in crime should be taken with a grain of salt because the precinct was

# 45th CRIME STAT'S

| Crime              | Mid-year 2012 | Mid-year 2013 | Percent +/- |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Murder             | 2             | 1             | -50%        |
| Rape               | 10            | 5             | -50%        |
| Robbery            | 87            | 86            | -1%         |
| Felony Assault     | 92            | 79            | -14%        |
| Burglary           | 106           | 77            | -27%        |
| Grand Larceny      | 185           | 209           | +13%        |
| Grand Larceny Auto | 65            | 83            | +28%        |
| Shooting Victims   | 4             | 5             | +25%        |
| Shooting Incidents | 3             | 4             | +33%        |

starting with very low crime to begin with. At the 2012 year end crime stats, the precinct had the second highest decline in crime from 2011.

"With such a low crime rate to begin with, having the 1.3 percent reduction is actually a big deal, because we started lower than all the others

at the year end," said Bieder.

Grand Larceny Auto has always been an issue for the 45th Precinct because the area is relatively more affluent than some of the other Bronx precincts, and the cars tend to be nicer, he said.

"The violent crimes are always of the great-

est concern," said Bieder. "The property crimes, we of course want to see reduced, but they are nowhere as important as the violent crimes. When you compare those with other precincts, we are living in a great neighborhood, a very safe area, and that is what is important."

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# 49th Pct. city's safest

## Major crime plummets nearly 30%

BY DAVID CRUZ

Consider the 49th Precinct the safest in the city.

Serving Pelham Parkway, Van Nest, Allerton and Morris Park, the Four-Nine saw major crime plummet 27.97% in the first six months of this year compared to last year, according to NYPD stats.

In all, percentage figures showed triple and double-digit drops in all of its seven major categories, ranging from murder to grand larceny auto, a feat Captain Lorenzo Johnson credited solely to his crimefighters.

"It's not me, it's the guys," said Johnson, who arrived to the precinct 13 months ago, replacing Deputy Inspector Kevin Nicholson.

And while the crime drop is well celebrated in a precinct longtime locals nicknamed a "country club precinct," it still had to deal with a jump

in shooting incidents and victims, which increased from eight and five respectively over the same period last year to 13 and 12 respectively this year.

"The spike in shootings is concerning," said Johnson. "But I expect a lot of arrests to be made."

A number of those shootings were at the Pelham Houses off Pelham Parkway and Parkside Houses by E. Gun Hill Rd., bordering the 47th Precinct. Van Nest, at the south end of the precinct was also a shooting hotspot.

Still, Johnson has brought crime figures down by honing in on "criminals who commit serious crime" while use of the NYPD's controversial stop-question-and-frisk tactic is "down drastically."

### Technology

One surprising increase is arrests for driv-

ing with a suspended license, up nearly 100%, from 181 at the same time last year to 356. That was thanks in large part to aggressive traffic stops and use of a high-tech license plate reader.

"That LPR can run a thousand license plates in one second," said Johnson.

Social media tools like Facebook have also helped officers identify known crews, which post their tags - and often their criminal exploits.

### Community Policing

Johnson credits the cornerstone of the precinct's successes to strong ties with community residents, many of whom regularly attend the monthly precinct community council meetings.

Involved residents have become the precinct's extra set of eyes and ears, he said, supplying tips to officers.

# 49th CRIME STAT'S

| Crime              | Mid-year 2012 | Mid-year 2013 | Percent +/- |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Murder             | 5             | 1             | -80%        |
| Rape               | 10            | 7             | -30%        |
| Robbery            | 165           | 100           | -39%        |
| Felony Assault     | 142           | 104           | -27%        |
| Burglary           | 170           | 107           | -37%        |
| Grand Larceny      | 193           | 167           | -14%        |
| Grand Larceny Auto | 80            | 65            | -19%        |
| Shooting Victims   | 8             | 13            | +63%        |
| Shooting Incidents | 5             | 12            | +140%       |

"The 49th Precinct is very lucky we have a community that cares," said Johnson, who is a regular attendee at a number of community group meetings.

"It's no longer a country club precinct," said Edith Blitzer, head of Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association. "Cap-

tain Johnson makes them work their butts off."

Keith Ramsey, head of the tenants association at the troubled Parkside Houses, has noticed precinct community affairs officers heavily involved with tenants.

"It's not just about arrests," said Ramsey. "It's more like social work."

### Looking Ahead

Maintaining quality of life will continue to be high on his agenda as the Four-Nine enters the second half of 2013, said Johnson, who believes in handling low-level offenses to prevent larger infractions.

"If you keep a pristine house," he noted, "you won't have any garbage."

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# Bronx beat

## Donation drive for school supplies

Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Staples are teaming up this summer with teen actor Jake T. Austin, for the 6th annual Staples for Students national school supply drive, to help kids get the tools they need to build great futures.

From June 30 to September 28, Staples customers can donate \$1 or more at their local Staples store with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting local students at:

- \* Madison Square Boys & Girls Club
- \* Boys & Girls Club of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center
- \* Boys & Girls Club of Harlem, Inc.

\* Children's Aid Society  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The Staples for Students school supply drive supports this mission by helping young people return to school prepared to learn and succeed.

The local Staples stores to make a donation are located at:

- \* 2040 White Plains Road
- \* 5680 Broadway and W. 234th St
- \* 330-340 Baychester Ave.
- \* 700 Exterior Street Bldg A
- \* 2488 Grand Concourse

"I'm so excited to team up with Staples and Boys & Girls Clubs of America for

this great cause," said Jake T. Austin. "I can't imagine starting school without the right supplies, so I'm rallying fellow teens to help make a difference in their communities by making sure students have the essential supplies they need to succeed."

To kick-start the campaign, Staples will donate \$125,000 worth of school supplies to the program this year. Staples and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America will ensure that all of the donations get to the local Boys & Girls Clubs in time for the new school year. Since 2008, the campaign has raised nearly \$3 million for hundreds of thousands of students in need throughout the country. Past celebrity influencers have included Jordin Sparks, Ciara, Nikki Reed, the cast of *Pretty Little Liars* and Bella Thorne.

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The North Bronx Healthcare Network (NBHN) has joined the "Shape Up NYC" program to promote fitness and wellness among all Bronx residents.

Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital are now two participating sites in the program, created by the NYC Parks Department.

The program offers free fitness classes every week at dozens of locations across the five boroughs. Taught by expert fitness instructors the classes feature exercise such as aerobics, yoga, Pilates and

Zumba.

"Keeping a physically fit and active lifestyle is a personal responsibility for each of us," said NBHN Vice President William P. Walsh. "In Bronx County, obesity rates are among the highest in the nation and there is still much work to do. As a part of that effort Jacobi and North Central Bronx Hospital are doing what we can to promote a healthy lifestyle for the community we serve."

Classes will be offered at both facilities on a weekly basis on the following schedule:

\* Cross Training: Jacobi Medical Center (1400 Pelham Parkway South, Bronx, NY) in the Atrium (Building 8). Starts July 15th and continuing every Monday from 7-8 p.m.

\* Aerobics: Jacobi Medical Center in the Atrium (Building 8) Starts July 16th and continuing every Tuesday from 7-8 p.m.

\* Cardio-Sculpting Class offered at North Central Bronx Hospital (3424 Kossuth Ave, Bronx, NY) on the 17th floor private dining room. Starts July 18th and continuing every Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Classes are expected to run for several months. No registration is required and participants are free to show up to the classes. Participants are urged to bring their own water bottle and workout mat. Music will be provided. All classes are open to the general public.

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## P.S. 109 HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL ART SHOW



On Wednesday, June 19 PS 109 held its first annual art show. About 1000 pieces of art, made by Pre-K through 5th grade students, were on hung on display at Popham Avenue the school. Guests were also treated to live music and entertainment. Above, fifth graders Madison Abreu and Jasmine Estrella proudly show off their artwork. Photo by Josiane Bauke



## FORDHAM FEVER FRIDAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY BBQ

It was a plague sweeping Fordham--the Fordham Fever Friday! Affinity Health Plan was one of the lead sponsors for the family-friendly venue on July 5th, that included food, music, face painting, rock climbing and more! The event was hosted by the Fordham Business Improvement District.

It's a little too much sun for Grace Bernstein, 7, Shirley Ortiz, 18 and Nicole Lopez, 8, taking shade as they check out a free children's book.

Mayelin Salcedo (l) and Sandy Jacquez man the Affinity Health Plan booth, distributing flyers and trinkets for the kids while hiding from a beaming sun.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



## CASTLE HILL UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



Dancers from Lorenz Latin Dance Studio in Castle Hill performed at the 2nd annual Unity in the Community Festival. The Kingsbridge Armory is seen in the background. Photo by Patricio Robayo



William Sanchez (l) and Sally Sanchez (r) are seen with Mr. Puerto Rico Daniel Guzman at the festival. Photo by Patricio Robayo

## HOPE WEEK, SPONSORED BY THE NEW YORK YANKEES, ENCOURAGES ANTI-BULLYING

The New York Yankees capped its HOPE Week 2013 (Helping Others Persevere & Excel) series with an anti-bullying message by Kirk Smalley, head of "Stand for the Silent". Smalley recounted how his 11-year-old son Ty committed suicide after dealing with countless bullying for years.



Before 500 guests, mostly kids, Smalley gives an impassioned anti-bullying speech at the House that Ruth (Re)Built. Smalley has given the speech to nearly 700,000 children and adults around the world.



Smalley comforts a young audience member touched by the power of the anti-bullying message. Photo courtesy of The New York Yankees

## LASALLE AVENUE ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY



The residents of LaSalle Avenue refused to let a heat wave dampen their fun on July 4th. It's first ever block party was a great success given the happy faces around the neighborhood.

(Above) Say hello to the tight-knit neighbors of Lasalle Avenue, enjoying their first block party on Independence Day.

(Right) (l-r) Pool time turned to fun time for Gabriella Gierum, Michael Gierum, Charlize Bonfiglio, Domenic Cozzi and Jayden Adamiszyn at the Lasalle Avenue block party. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



## ORDINATION OF APOSTLE



It was a deeply religious day for Reverend Ruth Ortiz, a Westchester Square clergy leader bestowed the title of Apostle at the Congregation in Prayer Church on Sunday, July 7th. The faithful gathered at 1332 Commerce Avenue to usher in Ortiz as a new apostle, enabling her to organize churches from the ground up.

(Left) Reverend Dr. David Travero bestows the title of "Apostle" on the Rev. Ruth Ortiz.

The Rev. Ruth Ortiz stands at the center as she's encircled by (l-r) Rev. Dr. David Travero, Rev. Sandy Kalling, Rev. Lee Delei, and Rev. Inez Desong reciting a prayer for success. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## RANDOLPH PLACE CELEBRATES JULY 4TH HOLIDAY



Family, food and fun headlined the Randolph Avenue block party in Country Club on July 4th. While families kicked back on lounge chairs, the kids took advantage of the enormous water slide. The party's been a neighborhood tradition for several years.

(Above) The block party drew generations of Country Clubbers decked in their summer best.

"PJ" is the afternoon grillman for some hungry neighbors at the block party.

Photo by Alex Belisle



## U.S. ARMY & CB 10 CELEBRATE FLAG DAY

The US Army Recruiting station in Westchester Square held a flag day celebration on Friday, June 14. Community Board 10 joined in the festivities celebrating "old glory." Seen here at the celebration are (l-r) Sergeant Hawkins, Gloria Castellano, Captain Donhau with a cake proclaiming "Go Army."

Photo courtesy of Patrick Caruso

## VAN CORTLANDT TRACK CLUB WALK/RUN FOR CANCER



The Van Cortlandt Track Club held a walk/run for cancer research, its 3rd Annual Cancer Challenge fundraiser, at the Van Cortlandt Track Stadium on Sunday, June 28. All of the proceeds from the event went to the American Cancer Society of the Bronx Region. The event included a 5k run and a two-mile walk.

(Above) Runners and walkers in the fundraiser showcase their muscle power in a moment of levity.

Seen here is run/walk organizer Wendy Corsino.

Photo by Alexander Belisle



## PELHAM BAY PARK TWILIGHT CONCERT



The Bronx Arts Ensemble's Mosholu Crash band opened Pelham Bay Park's Twilight Concert Series with popular hits from the 1960s and 70s on Friday, July 12. The event moved indoors to International Caterers at 3243 Ampere Avenue because of rain. The band performed hits from The Beatles, The Carpenters, Stevie Wonder, Johnny Cash and Ray Charles. The concerts are sponsored by BAE and Councilman Jimmy Vacca.

(Above) BAE band members (l-r) Andrei Matorin, Johnny Mantra, Nicole Zuraitis, Rozhan Razman, and Dan Pugach are seen here performing hits from the Beatles and classic artists.

Christine Giblin, of Spencer Estate, and Kevin Callahan dance to "Hey Jude."

Photo by Laura Stone



## SUMMERSTAGE KIDS ANNUAL BRONX FAMILY DAY



The City Parks Foundation hosted SummerStage Kids Annual Bronx Family Day on Saturday, June 30 in Mott Haven's St. Mary's Park. Families had the opportunity to enjoy performances, including "The Red Trousers Show" by juggling and comedy duo of David Graham and Tobin Renwick; the Bindlestiff Family Circus; and a dance party experience by Little Club Heads. Families also had the opportunity to get sports lessons, and enjoy fun that included face painting.



Interactive magic, juggling, and comedy by "Lucky Bob" was one of many performances.



Double Dutch Dreamz are seen performing here.

Photo by Edwin Soto



## TN GIRLS SOFTBALL OPENING DAY

The Throggs Neck Girls Softball League held its 38th opening day on Saturday, June 29. The league paraded through the streets of Throggs Neck to their field at Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park. An opening day ceremony was held there. Assemblyman Michael Benedetto was the grand marshal. Benedetto led the parade and threw out the first pitch.

(Above) Benedetto (c) waves to the crowd as he marches with league president Rachel Mazza (r) and children in the league.

Nicolette McPartland is seen here pitching for Schuyler Hill Funeral Home's team on opening day.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## FAMILY FUN DAY IN PELHAM BAY PARK



Westchester Square/Zerega Improvement Organization and NYC Parks Department held their annual Family Fun Day at Pelham Bay Park on Saturday, July 13.

Puppeteer Fred Greenspan performs for a crowd.

Photo by Laura Stone



## CITY ISLAND'S BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The City Island Sail and Power Squadron and Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post held their annual "Blessing of the Fleet" on Sunday, June 23 from the dock of Fenton Marine, at 225 Fordham St. on City Island.

Commander Kevin Keane of City Island Yacht Club gives a salute during the ceremony.

Photo by Laura Stone

# “The Promise” an inspiration

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

One of the Bronx Times' most influential women is saluting another.

Local Throggs Neck author Nan Clark has penned a book about the life of

Distinction annual awards

The book tells the life story of Beatrice “Bea” Castiglia-Catullo, 96, who founded RAIN, the largest not-for-profit, non-sectarian, multi-service organi-

always impressed me as an extraordinary person.”

Clark said that the life story about Castiglia-Catullo's humble origins, and her founding of an organization with that now has a \$32 million annual budget serving 540,000 meals a year to the home-bound elderly and many more at 20-plus senior centers around the borough, is truly inspiring.

All the more telling, Clark said, was that Castiglia-Catullo never drew a salary for herself at RAIN.

The crux of the book tells the story about a difficult time in the subject's life when she was a young mother living in Parkchester. She was dealing with a sick husband, a full-time nursing job at Westchester Square Medical Center, a crowded apartment in Parkchester that had far too many people in too small a space, and other pressures.

She made a promise to God that if she got through that difficult period in her life, she would go on to do good for other people. She then went on to found RAIN.

“Truly, ‘The Promise’ which Bea made 55 years ago is still being fulfilled,” wrote Clark in a note at the start of the book.

The book tells the story of the subject's personal development and that of her organization through interviews with Bea herself and testimonials from people who shared her journey.

“The Promise's” suggested retail price is \$19.99. For more information, visit Amazon.com.

zation for senior citizens in the borough. Castiglia-Catullo's RAIN is an institution in the Bronx. “I met Bea about 20 or 25 years ago, and I was always impressed by the work she was doing,” said Clark. “She



“The Promise,” by Nan Clark, tells the story of Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo, the founder of RAIN.

Regional Aid for Interim Needs' founder Beatrice “Bea” Castiglia-Catullo. The book titled, “The Promise,” is available at Amazon.com.

Both women have achieved recognition in the Bronx Times' 25 Women of

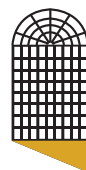
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## Schuyler Hill Civic Association summer events

### 50's Party

The Schuyler Hill Civic Association, Inc., invites you to attend its 50's Party, at the association, to hear Twin Gold and their four piece band sing and play many of your favorite oldies on Saturday, July 27, beginning at 7 p.m.

Party donations are \$30 per adult, \$10 children ages 7 to 12, \$5 children 3 to 6, and free for children under 3, which includes White Castle hamburgers, hot dogs, six foot heros, salads, beverages, soda fountain treats, dessert, coffee, etc. (BYOB).

There will be several contests: Hoola Hoop, Bubble Gum Blowing,

Best 50's Dress. This event is very popular and there are a limited number of tickets left.

Make checks payable to Schuyler Hill Civic Association and mail to Bob Kurz, 3079 Fearn Place, Bronx, N.Y. 10465. No tickets sold at the door.

For reservations or information call Bob Kurz at (646) 302-1744.

### NY Harbor Cruise

Schuyler Hill Civic Association invites you aboard the Riptide III, Friday, August 10, for a fun-filled evening of dancing and cruising New York Harbor, leaving City Island at 7 p.m. and returning at midnight.

Included will be music from the 50's to the present provided by Dennis Nar-done Rock & Roll Show,

### Club Dennis, Go Vinnie.

There is a \$55 donation per person; \$60 after August 1, which includes free parking, five-hour cruise, delicious buffet and beverages (BYOB). This cruise is very popular and there are a limited number of tickets left.

Make checks payable to the Schuyler Hill Civic Association and mail to Reservation Chairperson Barbara Romeo, 3076 Harding Avenue, Brronx, NY 10465.

Reservation deadline is July 31.

For reservations or information call Barbara at (718) 892-6291 or Bob Kurz at (646) 302-1744.

# U.S. Census Bureau to hire temporary reps

This fall the U.S. Census Bureau will hire over 500 temporary Field Representatives to conduct the New York City Housing & Vacancy Survey (NYC-HVS).

This survey is conducted every three years to comply with the City's rent regulation laws. The Census Bureau has conducted the survey for the City since 1965.

Applicants who wish to take the Census test for the NYC-HVS must reside within Brooklyn, Queens,

Staten Island, Manhattan or the Bronx. The pay rate for Field Representatives in these areas is \$16.92 per hour. Employment will last about four to six months. Training is paid and employees are reimbursed for travel expenses. All interested applicants must be over the age of 18, pass a background check, be a U.S. Citizen, and pass a written test and two interviews.

All applicants outside of Manhattan are required to

have a valid driver's license and regular access to an insured vehicle.

To learn more about job requirements and qualifications call us toll free at 1-800-991-2520 (Select option 2 for recruiting) or send an e-mail with your complete address and phone number to: [new.york.recruit@census.gov](mailto:new.york.recruit@census.gov).

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## City Island Library programs

The City Island Library, 320 City Island Avenue, will present the following programs for July:

### Children's Programs

Special Programs: Bilingual Birdies is back!!! A foreign language and live music program for children ages newborn to 5 years old with parents or caregiver.

The bilingual musicians teach through live music, movement, puppetry and games. Each session ends with a lively bubble dance party! Children learn basic vocabulary and short phrases while playing with instruments and fun props. Monday, August 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Make Art with Pop Artist Michael Albert Michael Albert is the author of "An Artists America" a picture book retrospective of his art collection. Mr. Albert will talk about his book, his art and will teach the children his trademark style of art, "Cerealism", a technique of collage work made from cereal boxes. Children ages 5-12. Friday July 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Program Begin your summer off right with suggested readings for children age. Come in and pick up a copy of the Summer Reading Program for 2013.

### Teen Programs

July Teen Programs: Wii Break: It's hot outside! Summertime is here. Come inside to our air conditioned library and all are welcome to read a book at our tables, check out a laptop for library use or have a quick snack and play some video games in our conference room. Daily afternoons.

Summer Reading Program for Teens We have many of the best suggested book readings for teens. What we don't have, we can order to have delivered to you here. Come in a pick up a copy today.

### Adult Programs

Introduction to the Internet: This workshop is designed to introduce anyone who has never been on the internet before. Gain proficiency in using e-mail, utilizing social media and finding resources on the NYPL web site. Every Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Tuesday July 23, 30.

Resumé Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Staff will be here to help you look for employment and get your resume into top form for the competitive job market. Pre-registration is encouraged but drop ins are fine. It is recommended you bring along a flash drive to save your work. Every Wednesday morning from 10:00

a.m. to noon. Wednesday July 24, 31.

Weekly Movies: Please check our flyers in the library or call for Saturday movies or lecture programs. All events begin at 1:00 p.m. Something is happening at the library on Saturday.

Spanish Study Group: We are gathering in the Community Room on Fridays starting July 12th, to help one another learn Spanish using library resources from books to Mango, the interactive language database that is free through NYPL.org. Come on in and we will teach one another. July 26 at 11 a.m.

Call the branch at 718-885-1703 for any unscheduled changes, additions or cancelations. You can visit us at [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org) for more details and for programs in other branches throughout the city.

Check out their fliers for any last minute additional programs, cancelations, or unscheduled changes.

All programs are free. For more information about any of the programs above and hours, call the City Island Library at 718-885-1703. You may also check their website at [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org) for more information.

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## Free outdoor summer movie series hosted at Fordham Plaza

The Fordham Road Business Improvement District (BID) kicked off its first ever series of outdoor movie nights at Fordham Plaza in the Bronx with two showings: on Friday, April 26th over 75 attendees enjoyed *The Amazing Spider-Man* and on Friday, June 28th over 150 people watched *Despicable Me*. Both events were great successes. Free movies continue this summer as follows:

Saturday, July 27th, 8:30 p.m.: *Megamind*

Friday, September 6th, 7:30 p.m.: *Up, Brave or Oz: The Great Powerful* (online social media vote), visit [www.facebook.com/fordhamroadbusinessim](http://www.facebook.com/fordhamroadbusinessim)

provementdistrict, like the BID and place your vote!

Fordham Plaza is located at 189th Street at Third Avenue and Park Avenue.

This is part of a larger BID initiative to expand the BID's boundaries into Fordham Plaza and neighboring commercial properties. There will be police presence at all of these events to ensure safety. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the shows!

The Fordham Road BID is a non-profit corporation under contract with the City of New York to provide supplementary services to the community. The BID focuses on sanitation, beautification, promotion and overall advocacy of the Fordham Road area – striving to make the district a

more attractive and dynamic locale in which to shop, work, and visit.

The BID boundaries extend from Third to Jerome Avenues along East Fordham Road and also includes the commercial areas on select side streets. The district is comprised of approximately 80 buildings and almost 300 businesses ranging from nationwide chains to locally owned independent shops.

For more information about this program or any of our other services, contact the BID office at (718) 562-2104 or visit the BID website at [www.fordhamroadbid.org](http://www.fordhamroadbid.org).

# Monte ranked Best Hospital

Montefiore Medical Center has been ranked as one of the best hospitals for 2013-2014 in Cardiology & Heart Surgery, Diabetes & Endocrinology, and Neurology & Neurosurgery by U.S. News & World Report. Montefiore also is ranked in the top ten best hospitals in New York and the New York City metro area. The Children's Hospital at Montefiore was nationally ranked for the 2013-14 Best Children's Hospitals in Cardiology & Heart Surgery, Nephrology and Neurology & Neurosurgery. The annual rankings recognize hospitals that excel in treating the most challenging patients.

"Montefiore is proud,

once again, to be nationally recognized for our clinical excellence," said Steven M. Safyer, M.D., president and chief executive officer at Montefiore Medical Center. "Our growing recognition by U.S. News & World Report is a reflection of the exceptional care provided by our physicians, nurses and the entire team as well as our commitment to making a difference in the lives of our patients."

Montefiore received additional recognition of its high-performance in nine adult specialty areas – Cancer, Ear, Nose & Throat, Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Gynecology, Nephrology, Ortho-

pedics, Pulmonology and Urology.

"A hospital that emerges from our analysis as one of the best has much to be proud of," said Avery Comarow, U.S. News Health Rankings Editor. "Just 3 percent of all hospitals earn a national ranking in any specialty, and only about 15 percent of hospitals are recognized for their high performance as among their region's best."

The rankings have been published at <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals> and will appear in print in the U.S. News Best Hospitals 2014 guidebook, available in bookstores and on newsstands August 27.

## Care for elderly while on vacation

Your vacation is only weeks away. It's something you planned on for the entire year, only now that it's approaching, you're suddenly feeling guilty about leaving your elderly parent(s) without anyone nearby in case of an emergency.

That's the dilemma faced by many Baby Boomers. Even if mom or dad may still be fairly healthy and living independently, such a concern is certainly justified.

"We typically find that many people, long after they've booked their tickets and made their reservations, suddenly feel a pang of guilt about going away and leaving the elderly loved ones alone," said Phil Waga, president of The Perfect Home Care, which offers non-medical home care to families in Manhattan, the Bronx, Westchester and Putnam counties. "They suddenly fear that mom or dad will fall or have a health issue, and they won't be around to help."

To protect against such concerns, Waga offers the following advice:

Consider respite care. For those family caregivers who have a legitimate reason to worry – such as in cases where they are the primary

caregiver and mom or dad has a health issue – he says it's probably a good idea to find a reputable home care agency that will provide a licensed aide for respite care while you're away. This can run from several hours a day to live-in care for the time you're on vacation. The aide provides help with dressing, bathing and grooming as well as meal preparation, light housekeeping and transportation to and from doctors' offices.

Look into a senior day care program. This can be a good way for seniors to stay busy, particularly those who normally depend on you for much of their daily activities.

Give out important contact information. Even if mom or dad has a clean bill of health, Waga recommends that a neighbor or friend be given your travel itinerary, contact information for you during all times of your vacation and any emergency phone numbers (of doctors, other family members, etc.).

List medications. Prepare a list of medications taken by your parent and make sure it's provided to both your parent and a neighbor or friend (should there be a need to know this while

you're gone).

Buy an emergency pendant. If you haven't gotten one in the past, now may be a good time to invest in a two-way emergency pendant that should be worn at all times. These devices provide two-way communication between the individual and an emergency responder or police station should the senior fall or face an emergency situation.

Decide on a time, method and frequency of your communications while you're away. "Before you leave, you should sit down with mom and tell her, for example, that you'll call or text her at 9 p.m. every other night and will then expect her to contact you right back," said Waga. "Just make sure you take different time zones into effect, and that you remind her after each call or text when you'll next be calling." This, he said, is a good way to stay in touch and pick up on any issues before they become problematic. "More and more Baby Boomers travel with trepidation because they fear that they're parent will pick this time to get sick or fall," said Waga. "It's understandable. But there are several things that you do to put your mind at rest."

## BCA's Community Arts Tuesdays

The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) invites you to join in for July 30th's Community Arts Tuesday, from 6 to 8 p.m., at BCA, 2700 East Tremont Avenue, in Westchester Square.

Community Arts Tuesdays is a networking opportunity to gather with Westchester Square neighbors and friends, introduce the BCA staff and rub elbows with members of the newly formed Westchester Square BID. This evening will feature a civil rights dialogue with artist Howard T. Cash. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free

and open to the public.

Opening Doors explores the impact of the Civil Rights Movement in the US of the 1950s and 1960s and measures its relevance and presence in today's society. Mr. Cash will facilitate an intergenerational dialogue among those who were present during the Movement with the younger generation of today. One of the most crucial topics to be explored in this dialogue includes: What are some of the freedoms, rights and opportunities sought after, secured and realized based on actions of the Civil Rights Movement?

Cash was born in 1953 in New York City, raised between Harlem and the Bronx. He studied photography at Los Angeles City College in California and lived and created work in Nigeria and other African countries. His primary focus is on people of color, in particular, the humanity of Africans worldwide. "How our families, friends and communities are living, relating, praising and loving is important, educational and fun -- a sort of Visual Wellness Art." Mr. Cash has exhibited in solo and group shows in New York and nationally.



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## Sunset Wednesdays at Wave Hill

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**BY TONY**

When is this heat wave going to end? For me, the best way to escape this heat is to visit your nearest tavern. Seriously, an ice cold glass of Glenlivet and the air conditioning cranked up to 60, that's my idea of relaxing and beating the heat.

Area 98 had a comedy

night last Sunday, sorry I received this information a little late I would have enjoyed going there, a good friend of mine Peter Love gave me an invite and I heard it was great the place was jumping. For those of you who don't know where area 98 is, it's right on Westchester Av. The old Shannon View Bar.

**just about taverns**

Vivienne's Bar is hosting karaoke/DJ every Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun. always a fun night at Vivs.

The benefit for the Ceruto Family went off without a hitch. On Sunday, July

14th at Bridges it appeared that all of Throggs Neck got together for this wonderful event.

There were tons of gifts, raffles, 50/50s, auctions, plenty of food and of course some honest booze. The highlight of the evening was the reunion of Private Stock, after one set I told drummer Al Nics that if Private Stock wanted to make this reunion a weekly gig I'll make it happen. Give me a call guys.

Once again I remind everyone. Party in the Bronx!

More and more of our Taverns are providing entertainment, XBX bar has weekend DJ, as does Legends on Tremont Av. Down by the water on Pennyfield, Paddy's on The Bay is providing entertainment by the sound.

My good pal Gene DiNapoli will be at Scott Place Café this Sat. bringing his oldies and pop show, the fun starts at 8pm.

This is a cool show, you must call for reservations. Angelo and Roy have their show every Fri. at the Café

and the fun starts at 8pm... lots of fun. And remember the shows go on rain or shine.

Now for a couple of shout outs...Susan from Paddy's on the Bay. Debbie from McGee's. Phyllis from the American Turners Club. Miranda from Scotts Place Café. Dana from area 98. Viv and Tammy from Vivienne's. Mustang Sally from the Clipper. Thanks for pouring

Happy Birthday to my son Joseph.

See ya next week.

This is it! Rock on the Bronx is here! Read on friends.

ITEM: No Stringz Attached will be performing at Glenrowan Sports Bar and Grill Saturday July 27th at 9pm. Glenrowan is located at 840 Midland Ave Yonkers, NY.

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**rock on the bronx**

by Fish Altieri

and every single permutation of those laws. The Super Computer is then double checked by everyday jurors. Once everyone agrees that the Super Computer is programmed and ready to go each case has a short meeting to establish the facts of that case. Only the facts, minus fervently charged rhetoric, are fed into the Super Computer which renders a verdict in seconds based on law minus human emotions. Whatever the verdict is we

all agree on it because we all had a hand in programming the Super Computer. Jury summations are done away with because the computer has no use for any last minute emotional pleas. Nor does the computer need to be reminded of the law or how to apply it. I know...I know...I'm dreaming again because the news channels would lose ratings without long trials to broadcast, there would be less judges hired for the bench and lawyers would lose tons of billable hours. My little fantasy can never happen! Oh well then there's only one thing we could all agree to do: Keep reading Rock on the Bronx! Rock on! Rock out!



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# It's opera in Crotona Park Tuesday

The Metropolitan Opera Summer Recital Series is coming to Crotona Park.

It will be a free evening of favorite opera arias and duets by up-and-coming Met artists Ying Fang (soprano), Mario Chang (tenor), and Brandon Cedel (bass-baritone), accompanied by pianist Bradley Moore, from 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 23.

The evening is part of The City Parks Foundation's SummerStage program.

Mario Chang, from Guatemala City, Guatemala, is entering his third year in the Met's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program. This past season, he made his company debut as the Fourth Sentry in Parsifal as well as his Israeli debut as Chevalier de la Force in Dialogues des Carmélites with the International Vocal Arts Institute.

Ying Fang from Ningbo, China, will enter her first year in the Met's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program in the

opment Program in the 2013-14 season and make her Met stage debut as Madame Podtochina's Daughter in Shostakovich's The Nose. Past performances include Pamina in The Magic Flute, Zerlina in Don Giovanni, the title role of Mozart's Zaide, Bellezza in Handel's Il Trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno, and Fanny in Rossini's La Cambiale di Matrimonio.

Brandon Cedel will enter his first year in the Met's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program in the 2013-14 season and will make his Met stage debut as a Watchman in Strauss's Die Frau ohne Schatten. He has performed with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, Gotham Chamber Opera, Music Academy of the West, and the Chautauqua Institution.

Bradley Moore is a graduate of the Met's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program and has been an assistant conductor



Metropolitan Opera soprano Ying Fang joins other members for opera in Crotona Park on Tuesday, July 23.

at the Met since the 2001-02 season.

He has also worked as assistant conductor, coach, and recitative accompanist at the Salzburg Festival,

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## Protecting your pet in summer

With RealFeel temperatures soaring during the summer, The Alliance for NYC's Animals urges all pet owners to take special precautions to keep their four-legged friends safe and healthy in the sizzling heat.

"Dogs and cats are particularly vulnerable in high heat and humidity," said Jane Hoffman, President of the Alliance for NYC's Animals. "Following a few common sense tips will keep your pet safe, healthy and comfortable in this week's dangerous weather conditions."

- Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car, even for a "minute." Even with a window cracked open, a parked car can heat up dramatically and pose an immediate danger to an animal. If you see a pet in a

parked car, seek out a police officer or call 911 for help.

- Don't take your dog out during the hottest time of the day. This will help protect her from overheating and sunburn. Yes! Your dog can get sunburn. Also, remember that asphalt, blacktop and concrete get HOT! Dogs - little ones especially - are very close to the ground. The radiating heat can contribute to your dog overheating - and burn their paws.

- If you take your dog for a walk in hot, humid conditions, wet his coat thoroughly - including the paws and outside of the ears - before you leave the house. Bring water!

- Limit your dog's exercise. A dog's temperature can soar to 106-degrees in a flash. If your dog begins to exhibit signs of distress - heavy panting, difficulty breathing, bright red

tongue, vomiting, and/or unsteadiness - get him to a cool place and call your veterinarian.

- Make sure your cats and dogs have access to clean, fresh water.

- Check that your window screens are secure to protect your pets from falling out.

Hoffman added that no matter what time of year it is, make sure your pets are spayed or neutered, microchipped, licensed (dogs) and protected against fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes.

The Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity that works with more than 150 partner rescue groups and no-kill shelters to offer important programs and services to save the lives of NYC's homeless animals.

# Eddie L. Grant, former NY Giant, soldier and scholar

The Edward L. Grant Highway veers northwest off Jerome Avenue at approximately Shakespeare Avenue and further on merges with University Avenue as it passes over the Cross Bronx Expressway. The roadway had been known as Boscobel Avenue but the name was changed in 1945 to honor the New York Giants baseball player of that name who died in 1918 in the Meuse-Argonne offensive of World War I. He had been trying to rescue Wittlesey's "Lost Battalion" when he was wounded by incoming artillery fire on October 5th. He died from his wounds four days later on October 9, 1918.

Grant was one of the most interesting of the early major league baseball players in that he was also a lawyer and a Harvard University graduate who simply loved playing ball. He played in 992 major league games including the 1913 World Series. Between 1905 and 1915 he served as an infielder with the Cleveland Indians,

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Philadelphia Phillies, Cincinnati Reds and New York Giants. He retired from baseball in 1915 and worked as a lawyer until World War I was declared in 1917. He enlisted and served as a captain in the 307th Infantry of the 77th Division. After his death, he was interred in the American Cemetery in the Argonne Forest in France.

Several years thereafter, in 1921, a 5-foot high monument with a 100 pound bronze plaque was erected in center field of the Polo Grounds. It was dedicated by his family, the New York Giants and members of the Armed Forces on Memorial Day, May 29, 1921. Each year thereafter Memorial Day ceremonies would be held at the monument. Oddly, they installed it in a fair play area so players had to maneuver around the obstacle during

games.

Then disaster struck. After the New York Giants last game at the Polo Grounds in 1957, the plaque disappeared.

Some said it was taken by a group of teenagers who were ransacking the grounds looking for souvenirs and it may well have been them who pried it off the monument.

It ended up in the attic of a policeman who was stationed at the Polo Grounds. I understand that it was destined for safe keeping at the Edward L. Grant American Legion Post 1225 in the Bronx but it never got there.

Many years later when Officer Gaetano Bucca passed away and his home in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey was sold, the new owners found the plaque hidden away in the attic. That was in July of

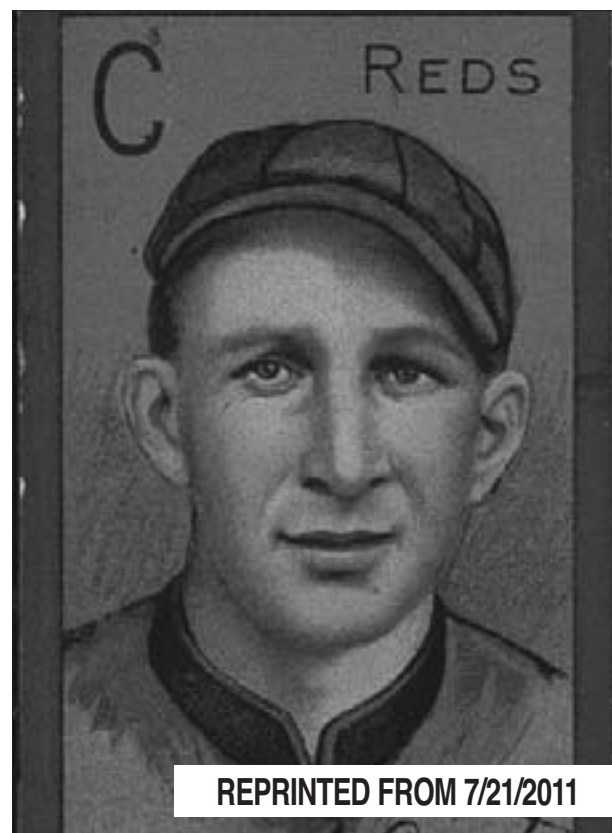
1999 and the new owners of the Bucca home, Brian and Deborah Lamb, contacted a member of the Baseball Reliquary Board and arranged for the plaques return.

The San Francisco Giants have replicated the plaque, but the original is in the safe keeping of the Baseball Reliquary.

Should you view the plaque in person or online, please remember that the date of Edward L. Grant's death is not October 5th but October 9, 1918 and he was wounded in action, not killed, and died four days later.

The wording on the plaque reads:

In memory of Capt. Edward Leslie Grant, 307th Infantry - 77th Division A.E.F., Soldier - Scholar - Athlete, Killed in action / Argonne Forest / October 5, 1918, Philadelphia Nationals 1907 - 1908 - 1909 - 1910, Cincinnati Reds 1911 - 1912 1913, New York Giants 1913 - 1914 -1915, Erected By Friends In Baseball Journalism And The Service.



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The Edward L. Grant Highway was named after the major league baseball player who was also a Harvard graduate, lawyer and a captain in the U. S. Army during World War I.

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BY FATHER  
RICHARD F. GORMAN  
Driving Issues

The only Fourth of July phenomenon hotter than MACY'S fireworks on the Hudson River was the weather, which continues to blister us this week. Our Independence Day celebration brought with it the usual traffic headaches, barbecues, trips to the beach, and department store sales. However, I trust that, in some way, all of us took more than just a moment to give thanks for the great Nation in which we live, still young and beautiful in so many ways despite all of its warts and shortcomings. Moreover, we all hopefully took the time to honor those who protect us and preserve our uniquely blessed American way of life. I speak of our veterans, both those living and those who have returned to God, and all who proudly wear the uniform of our Armed Services of the United States. If, perchance, this slipped our mind, it is never too late to give thanks for those who have either sacrificed their life or who currently walk

the wall in our defense. As a matter of fact, it would be a great thing if we all remembered to show due gratitude for our freedom and its defenders all year round.

The week before the Fourth of July, "YOURS TRULY," accompanied by Community Board #12 District Manager Carmen L. Rosa, had the occasion to meet with two (2) separate groups of neighborhood residents on diametrically opposite sides of Bronx Community District #12. While each group had its particular concerns, it is noteworthy that, in large part, what caused these meetings to convene was local residents' tremendous concern and great annoyance at driving practices and behavior in our area. It brought to mind what a friend recently visiting me said upon arriving at my residence at Cardinal Spellman High School. Thankful that he had reached his destination safe and sound with his motor vehicle unscathed, he remarked to me with great exasperation: YOUR NEIGHBORS SEEM TO HAVE SOME REAL DRIVING IS-

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SUES!" It apparently took my observant visitor only a single trip to our neighborhood to recognize one of its foremost and most precarious problems -- viz., too many of those operating motor vehicles, who live with us or who drive through our area, either do not merit having a driver's license or believe that a driver's license imparts license to drive as one pleases.

The speed limit for motor vehicles on a residential street in the City of New York is thirty miles per hour (30 m.p.h.). At this speed, a pedestrian who has the misfortune to be struck by a motor vehicle has approximately an eighty percent (80%) chance of surviving. For every mile per hour that a motorist exceeds this speed limit, a struck pedestrian's probability of living decreases by one percent (1%). I doubt that all

drivers in our City are aware of this fact. I know for a fact that far too many drivers on the streets of Community Board #12 (The Bronx) definitely do not know this -- or if they do, do not care. I further suspect that ours is not the only Community Board in the Borough of The Bronx to be burdened by such a perilous plight!

Motor vehicles careening past our homes, Churches, schools, and businesses at excessive speeds are far from the only hazards lurking on the roadways of Community Board #12. A driver should stop at a red light and at a "STOP" sign, correct? Too many in our area fail to realize that this rule applies to them while driving as well as to the rest of us. Common sense tells a driver to turn on a vehicle's headlights after dusk. The law mandates doing so when a vehicle's windshield wipers are in use during a storm. A whole bunch of folks in our locale and our Borough apparently pay little or no attention either to common sense or to the law. Properly signaling a turn either with a vehicle's blinkers or with hand signals by the driver evidently is beyond the cognition, comprehension, or convenience of a good number of drivers with whom we share our streets. The only right of which I am aware while driving is the "right of way," which is precisely the right which way too many motorists in our District and our Borough deny to each other and to pedestrians. While keeping one's mind and attention on the road -- and one's hand on the steering wheel -- should take priority, a goodly number of our fellow citizens are of the opinion that the world

is hankering breathlessly to know their latest words of wisdom, either spoken or texted. So what if the law and the rest of us see it differently.

It makes no difference whether one lives on Grace Avenue in Baychester or in the confines of Woodlawn Heights. Traffic safety -- or more precisely, the lack of it -- leads to inconvenience, annoyance, apprehension, alarm, disquiet, damage, and -- as in the recent tragedy befalling Kevin Bell, a mere twenty-six (26) years of age -- death.

What is the solution? From the east side of Bronx Community District #12 to its west, strident calls for greater and stricter traffic enforcement by our Police Department were heard at the gatherings I attended. I have no problem with such. However, is a tough response by the N.Y.P.D. a band-aid or a cure? Certainly, more traffic signals, additional signage, and speed bumps would be useful. So, too, would be the placement of red light and speeding cameras. However, will any or all of these forever eradicate traffic safety issues in our neighborhood? I seriously doubt it. Why? Well, because if these responses were the ultimate solutions to our difficulties, the problem on our streets and roadways would already have disappeared. All of the aforementioned have been undertaken and utilized.

Is there a perfect or, at least, a credible solution to our driving predicament? I believe so and I propose the following "TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD DRIVING:"

1. A driver's license is the permission to drive

lawfully and responsibly, not with license or juvenile behavior.

2. Remember that driving is a privilege I share with others who also have the right to drive in safety.

3. The streets and roadways are not mine, but belong to everybody.

4. A motor vehicle is a blessing in the hands of the responsible and the prudent but a weapon in those of the negligent, the foolish, and the immature.

5. The rules of the road are not only to tell me how to drive but, just as importantly, to tell me how everyone else is driving.

6. If one does not have the money to hire a personal chauffeur, than one surely lacks the funds to pay for more costly auto insurance premiums.

7. The time that it takes to drive more slowly and safely is always less than the time it takes to have one's motor vehicle sitting in the repair shop or one's body lying in a hospital bed.

8. If all drivers operated a motor vehicle like I do, would even I dare to venture out on the road?

9. One only has one life to live.

10. A dangerous driver is a fool for embarking on a journey that (s)he may never complete.

Safe driving requires safe drivers. Only you and I can make ourselves such. This Summer is an excellent time to do so. The next time that I have guests, I hope to hear these words: "YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE OUTSTANDING DRIVERS!"

Until next time, that is it for this time!

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In the modern world, swimming pools have had many faces — from above-ground to in-ground; from those in legendary, family destinations such as Palisades Amusement Park in New Jersey where a salt-water swimming pool was added in 1912, to those luxurious pools and spas found in world-famous resort settings. Current trends in residential swimming pools point to more intimate and natural settings that combine the backyard swimming experi-



ence with a host of other outdoor lifestyle activities. The goal of today’s landscape architects, designers and contractors is to combine all this into an ambience that rivals a vacation resort.

Here’s where hardscape materials such as pavers and manufactured wall systems can play an important role as an alternative to other materials in achieving maximum, natural effects, often with considerable cost savings and added convenience. For instance, pool coping, which separates the pool itself from the adjoining pool deck, is usually can-

tilevered over the edge of the pool. It can be built from matching paver materials as opposed to a coping made of fiberglass, plastic, concrete, stamped concrete or travertine. The pavers offer various surface and edge designs ranging from a bull-nosed (rounded) edge that faces the pool to a factory edge that more closely resembles the surrounding pavers. Surfaces range from smooth to shapes with a natural bluestone-like texture. Unlimited patterns and bordering treatments can be created with the myriad of shapes in the

marketplace. Cambridge is one of many manufacturers offering these and other shapes and textures. Look for those that are also specially configured to follow the curves of a freestyle pool — such as a boomerang shape or serpentine design. Offered in design kits, they can keep cutting of pavers to a minimum. These shapes are also conducive to coping around a circular spa or pond.

Overall, the surface of your pool deck is important. Did you know that an interlocking system of concrete pavers is, by its nature, slip and skid

resistant? And because they set in sand — without mortar — access to underground utilities does not require breaking into the pavement, which is the only viable solution with poured and stamped concrete.

Just as you would insist on a warranty and/or guarantee from your pool installer, expect the same from the manufacturer of the pavers used around the pool. It should be reassuring to know that pavingstones from Cambridge, a leading-edge manufacturer, come with a fully transferable lifetime warranty and a

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nized worldwide as an expert in his field and is a frequent speaker on the proper installation of pavingstones, wallstones and many outdoor living products.

# Mayoral Spin Cycle by Tom Allon

Imagine that for more than a decade you've been plotting to become mayor of New York City and you have been blocked from that path by the wealthiest man in town.

You are a reasonably well-known congressman, but your name probably won't resonate in Staten Island or with voters in Riverdale, Astoria or Bedford-Stuyvesant.

You have limited campaign dollars to spend to reach 8.2 million potential voters and you need to do something that will get your name recognition sky-high.

Then, one day it comes to you in an epiphany. What if you commit a sexless, high-profile indiscretion that will surely create a feeding frenzy on social media and in the tabloids?

Sure, it could lead to a year or two in the political wilderness seeking penance, but everyone knows that Americans — and New Yorkers — are suckers for a penitent comeback story.

Heck, even Bill Clinton became known as the Comeback Kid, and his sexual peccadilloes — much more egregious than a planned social media tweeting of private parts — did not get in the way of his ascent to the presidency.

"Wow," Anthony Weiner thinks to himself, "this is a bold and risky move, but it just might work. I'll achieve universal name recognition, skip that boring and tedious run-up campaign in 2012 and, as an extra bonus, get to spend real quality time with my newborn son."

While the above conspiracy theory seems far-



TOM ALLON

fetched, I have recently wondered whether this whole rollout by Weiner was all carefully planned two years ago.

Because so far, with Weiner vaulting past longtime New York pols Christine Quinn and Bill Thompson in the polls, the Twittergate scandal has given Weiner millions of dollars worth of free, well, exposure.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent a hundred million dollars on each campaign, give or take, to win in 2001, 2005 and 2009. Mark Green, who has run so many times for office in New York that I've lost count, said to me in 2009 when he was planning one last electoral stab at public advocate: "My name recognition is 90 percent. Do you know how much money you have to spend to get that high name recognition? Bloomberg-type money."

Well, not if you're Weiner circa 2013. Every move of his "reality show" campaign seems to draw media attention, even the color of his pants at the Gay Pride Parade.

When I was running

for mayor last year, I used to jokingly say I probably had to announce that I was going to light myself on fire in Times Square to get throngs of media to listen to my policy ideas.

Not so with the crafty and media-savvy Weiner.

But while universal name recognition may get you into the top tier in the July polls and maybe even into the mayoral run-off in September, it is no guarantee of victory.

Just ask Green, the once "almost mayor" of 2001 and the 90 percent name recognition guy in 2009 who lost to Bill de Blasio for public advocate.

Not all name recognition is positive.

Weiner could learn that the hard way this fall, but wouldn't it be a stroke of cynical genius if the Weiner circus was all a planned mayoral strategy?

Tom Allon, president of *City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.*

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

"He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything." ~ Thomas Carlyle

**Mental Attitude:** Brain Health. A recent study recommends that doctors treating patients for type 2 diabetes also take cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors into consideration. The combination of type 2 diabetes and CVD can put patients at a higher risk for long-term cognitive dysfunction, even with CVD at subclinical levels. - *Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications, June 2013*

**Health Alert:** Summer Heat! Extreme heat causes 658 deaths a year in the United States. That's more than tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, and lightning combined. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urges Americans to take measures to stay cool, remain hydrated, and to keep informed. When the weather gets extremely hot, body temperatures can rise, causing brain damage, organ damage, and even death. When the human body cannot compensate and cool itself properly, it is more susceptible to heat-re-

lated illness. 69% of deaths from heat exposure occur at home, and in 91% of these homes there is no air-conditioning. Most of the victims live alone or are unmarried and 72% of them are male. - *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, June 2013*

**Diet:** Cholesterol-Lowering Diet. People who ate a Nordic diet had lower levels of harmful LDL cholesterol, higher levels of "good" HDL cholesterol, fewer fat particles in the blood, and therefore, had a decreased risk of cardiovascular disease. The healthy 'Nordic diet' contains berries, root vegetables, legumes, cabbage, nuts, game, poultry, fish, whole grains, rapeseed oil, and low-fat dairy products. - *Lund University, June 2013*

**Exercise:** 12 Minutes?

Only 20% of American adults get enough exercise. Just 12 minutes of exercise each week is enough to stay fit! Four minute bursts of vigorous physical activity three times each week can elevate oxygen intake levels, lower blood pressure, and decrease glucose levels. - *PLOS One, June 2013*

**Chiropractic:** Neck Pain Relief. Three groups

received either spinal manipulative therapy from a chiropractor, pain medication (over-the-counter pain relievers, narcotics and muscle relaxants), or exercise recommendations. After 12 weeks, 57% of those who met with a chiropractor and 48% who exercised reported at least a 75% reduction in pain, compared to 33% of the people in the medication group. - *Annals of Internal Medicine, January 2012*

**Wellness/Prevention:** Lifestyle Changes. The four lifestyle factors that lead to a healthy heart are regular exercise, eating a Mediterranean-style diet, maintaining a normal weight, and not smoking. Adopting these four lifestyle behaviors protected against coronary heart disease as well as the early buildup of calcium deposits in heart arteries, and reduced the chance of death from all causes by 80 percent over an eight-year period. - *American Journal of Epidemiology, June 2013*

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## Con Ed launches Facebook contest

Con Edison announced the launch of a summer Facebook contest called "Plug into Summer Fun".

The contest will raise awareness of energy efficiency issues and the work being done by Con Ed's nonprofit partners, and will provide residents with opportunities to win unique NY "experiences" from organizations such as the Bronx Zoo, Big Apple Circus, American Museum of Natural History, New York Botanical Garden, Vineyard Theatre and many more.

From July 15 through August 23, participants will have a chance to win a daily prize Monday - Friday and a grand prize once per week. In total, participants will have an opportunity to win up to thirty-six prizes. Prizes range from "Behind the Scenes" tours, theater tickets and sports events to dining experiences, family memberships and concert packages all over New York City and

Westchester County.

"The 'Plug into Summer Fun' Facebook contest is a great way for New Yorkers to learn more about their city and the nonprofits that support the community here, as well as win coveted prizes from well-known organizations," says Frances A. Resheske, Con Edison's senior vice president of Public Affairs. "We are proud to support our partners through our Power of Giving program, and are thrilled to work with them on this contest to give participants the chance to explore New York in a new way."

To enter, participants must visit the Con Edison <<http://www.facebook.com/conedison>>, The Power of Giving <<https://www.facebook.com/ConEdPowerofGiving?ref=ts&fref=ts>> or the Power of Green <<https://www.facebook.com/powerofgreen?fref=ts>> Facebook pages and click on

the contest tab. Each day Con Edison will post a new multiple-choice trivia question pertaining to its Power of Giving program, nonprofit partners or energy efficiency initiatives. With each trivia question, participants can earn up to three entries into the contest: one for answering the trivia question, one for answering the question correctly and another for sharing the promotion via a social channel. Winners for the daily prize will be drawn randomly on each weekday, and winners for the grand prize will be drawn each Monday.

For a full list of contest terms and conditions, see <https://apps.facebook.com/plugintosummerfun/enter>.

Participants can also follow @ConEdison <<https://twitter.com/ConEdison>> and @ConEdLiz <<https://twitter.com/ConEdLiz>> for contest updates and hints to the trivia questions.

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BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello All!

The VANY Harbor Homeless Summit will convene on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 9:00 AM until 12 Noon. There will be employment programs, grantees and other items presented. This will be at Manhattan VA Atrium

(ground floor) Call 718-439-4337 for further info.

The update of our Post is coming along famously. The Bar has been painted in a softer color, the black ceiling is gone, the floor has been washed, sealed and waxed. Can't wait to see you all. So come on in. I'll tell

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**Samuel Young  
Legion Post 620**

you all who were involved next week.

Another short column this week, not too much going on.

Trivia Time!!

Congress authorized the Medal Of Honor on July 12, 1862.

The second blackout happened on July 13, 1977 in New York City. It ended

on July 16.

The first parking meter debuts in Oklahoma City on July 16, 1935.

On the same date in 1945, the first atomic bomb went off in New Mexico at 5:29 AM.

Again on the same date in 1999, John Kennedy Jr.

crashed his plane.

Joe Di Maggio's 56 game hitting streak ended on July 17, 1941.

On the same date in 1996, The TWA flight 800 crashed on Long Island.

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

BY LYNN GERBINO

I was remiss last week not to thank the representative from the Throggs Neck Post Office who attended our meeting to answer some questions our members had regarding some postal problems. She was very forthright and we

hope that we will have some of our issues addressed in the near future.

I also want to mention that Center Stage, which formerly used to be housed at St. Peter's on Westchester Avenue, will be performing "Stop Kiss" at its new location at First Lutheran Church at

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**Throggs Neck  
Home Owners Assoc.**

Throggs Neck this month. The dates and times and

other important information is listed below:

First Lutheran Church at Throggs Neck, 3075 Baisley Avenue on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, at 8 p.m.; Saturday July 20 and Sunday, July 21, at 3 p.m.

General Admission- is \$18, student/senior, \$15. For

tickets, visit the web site, call, or email us!, [www.centerstageplayhouse.org](http://www.centerstageplayhouse.org), or call (347) 789-7184, [info@centerstageplayhouse.org](mailto:info@centerstageplayhouse.org)

Center Stage has been a wonderful addition to our community, so I hope you can take the time to support this great group!

The executive board

and the members of Throggs Neck Homeowners Association would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Danny and Karin O'Connor on the passing of Danny's mom, Florence. You will all be in our prayers! Have a wonderful week and. If you need us, call(718) 823-0327.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Here's some communication reminders for you; we have [Korony253@yahoo.com](mailto:Korony253@yahoo.com) (a talk 'group' on Yahoo, mostly members info and discussion); friends of Theo.Korony Post 253 (on facebook - photos, events, other vets); @KoronyPost 253 and @

SAL Squad 253 (on Twitter - veteran's news feed, not 'chat'). I'm currently at [Tonysalmail@gmail.com](mailto:Tonysalmail@gmail.com).

Speaking of communicating, I should have mentioned The All American Flag Act is HR 2355 of 6/28/2013, was reintroduced by Rep Bruce Braley (D- IA). US Senator Sher-

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**Korony American  
Legion Post 253**

rod Brown (D- OH) introduced this bill to the Senate and it passed unanimously

so there's something going on in the House!

On August 3rd, there will be an S.A.L. Appreciation function at TN Memorial Post 1456, contact Bobby Stokes for more info. For those needing assistance at the VA Hospital, they can stop by the 4th floor and ask for Bren-

dan Devine, Volunteer Services.

And some more Money Watch; The US will leave behind over 7 Billion dollars worth of equipment when the military leaves this current conflict. Contractors already completed a state of the art command center, knowing it will

never be utilized!

Best wishes to the dad of Chris from Dormi for a speedy recovery.

Until Next Time: You can have all the Security you want in prison, food, clothes, everything - except Freedom! -Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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## Big crowd at Azodeh Bar Mitzvah

A capacity crowd was on hand at Temple Hatikva to celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Emmanuel "Emmy" Azodeh last Friday, July 12.

With the synagogue filled to the brim, Emmy was called up to the Torah and took his place among the adult members of the Jewish community. What made this Bar Mitzvah so unique was that Emmy was recently converted, taking lessons from Temple Hatikva Rabbi Harry Hertzberg. He completed his course of study just two weeks ago and his conversion was made official by a trip to the ritual bath (mikva).

Moreover, Emmy is deaf, and he completed his conversion studies with the aid of an interpreter, his fiancée, Fara Schuller. At his Bar Mitzvah, there was a Hebrew/English interpreter who was able to "sign" the prayers. The interpreter also provided a "voice" for Emmy as he made his Bar Mitzvah speech.



Emmanuel "Emmy" Azodeh, at his Bar Mitzvah

Temple Hatikva president Scott Davis presented Emmy with a "Certificate of Bar Mitzvah", signed by Rabbi Harry Hertzberg and Cantor Kyle Cherry.

For more information

about Temple Hatikva, call (718) 792-1109 or e-mail [TempleHatikva@aol.com](mailto:TempleHatikva@aol.com)

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade, Bronx, 10469.

# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

## This is Beaut Camp!

That's right, who needs boot camp to show our kids respect and discipline? Instead, B-PECA's doing "Beaut" Camp!

The first 2 weeks of our Summer-long journey through the vast, varied blocks and neighborhoods of Bronx Community Board 11 has turned out pretty darn fun with at least 10-15 children (and even some teenagers) participating in the painting, karaoke and tree-frame building. Or as I'd like to call, barn raising! I can just hear the uplifting, pastoral Aaron Copland music in the background.

On Sunday June 30th and Thursday, July 4th, it was the quaint, hilly neighborhood in Allerton on Barnes between Adea Avenue and the long, winding Williams-bridge Road. Big thanks to Rahmell and his wonderful kids!

On Sunday, July 7th it was back to Olinville to augment our 3-month long "Love Your Block" efforts and complete the 7th and 8th (yes, eight!) Tree-Frames on that block.

Then, on Tuesday July 9th it was a massive cleanup near the abandoned lot (and hopefully a Community Garden in the near future) on Astor Avenue and Cruger Avenue. And good news, as of this writing, the formerly dog waste-strewn area is still pristine with the help of mulch, a tree-frame and TWO "Enough is Enough: Pick It Up. Our Sidewalks Shouldn't Be a Minefield" signs.

On Thursday, July 11th we ventured to the Southside a few hours before our monthly meeting and had one of the most rewarding

events yet with over 15 children participating in the building and painting of "The Reading Bench" outside of the Van Nest/Pelham Parkway Library Branch. All I can say is that Muni is one of the most adorable children you can ever meet. And she's good with a drill!

Then we gave some love to Allerton Avenue alongside Gene DeFrancis, Christine Ryall and Cristina "Tree-Queen" L'iantonio of the Allerton International Merchants Association. Graffiti and decades old asphalt around tree roots was no match for me and "Beaut" Camp Associate, Anais!

Finally, on the day of this column's composition, Joey "Teamwork" Smartschan, the newest Camp "Counselor", Bernadette Ferrara of the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance, and myself came to Van Nest Park to build one of our most beautiful Tree-Frames yet. Look at the picture next to this column: Don't you agree? It's Art!

This is indeed Art. And more importantly, it's about instilling Community Pride among our youth and people of all ages. It's not just about the trees. Though, we love them too.

### Upcoming

#### Beaut Camp Days

Join B-PECA and the spontaneous gatherings of neighbors and friends during this weeks upcoming activities:

1. Sunday, July 21st: Susan and the MillionTrees NYC TreeLC Truck come to B-PECA Executive Council Member Norma's block to help build two more Tree-Frame masterpieces, paint fire boxes, remove graffiti and more. Meet on Cruger Avenue between Boston Road and Mace Avenue be-

tween 1 and 8pm.

2. Thursday, July 25th: Join Historian Morgan Powell for a FREE tree appreciation walk that will include community history and tree identification. He will walk both Bronx Park and nearby streets. Meet at Waring & Olinville Avenue at 7:30pm, and from 1-7:30pm to build 2 lovely Waring tree-frames.

For a full list of events and activities, including Sidewalk Astronomy with Jupiter Joe, Free Community Boat Rowing and NIDC Movies under the Stars, email [BxParkEast@gmail.com](mailto:BxParkEast@gmail.com) or call (347) 654-7044 for the full "Summer Beautification Camp" brochure listing all of July and August's events.

Oh, and look out for Autumn Beautification Camp in September and October.

#### Thanks Eddie!

A special Thank You to Morris Park resident Eddie Palmintieri (hope I spelled it right) for his generous donations of paint to our Astor Avenue and Van Nest beautification outings!

What's most impressive is that he doesn't just go out and buy it from the hardware store. He does it grassroots-style and asks his friends and neighbors.

The red he donated was used for the hearts in the picture near this column. Thanks Eddie! We can't do it without caring people like you.

#### Astor Avenue Car Accident

On the night of July 10th at approximately 9:30pm, a 61 year-old resident of our neighborhood was hit by a vehicle turning from Astor Avenue. Unfortunately, Mr. Elezaj passed away soon after the accident. Prayers and condolences go out to the



On Sunday, July 14 the Bronx Park East Community Association and the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance teamed up to achieve a Victory in improving the Van Nest Community. As seen here (l-r), Mia, Lanikqua, Aishlyn, Ayanna, as well as Xavier and dozens more, helped build a work of art on Victor Street and Van Nest Avenue. And then we had a contest of who can jump the farthest from that bench to the ground! This is "Beaut" Camp, baby, anything's possible! Email [BxParkEast@gmail.com](mailto:BxParkEast@gmail.com) to attend an activity and help make this the Summer of Peace & Art

family of the victim and all affected.

Furthermore, the next morning the Bronx Park East Community Association contacted Bronx DOT Commissioner Connie Moran and urged for traffic lights and more "stop" signs on the wide expanse of Astor Avenue where the accident occurred.

One of the reasons for this fatality is the free-for-all atmosphere on the wide roadway of Astor between Bronxwood Avenue and Boston Road. People race down the wide road and go from parking spots to the driving lanes in a blink of an eye.

And a blink can meet life or death.

As a result of a prompt, caring response from Ms. Moran, DOT will indeed initiate traffic signal studies at Astor Avenue and Holland Avenue and at Astor Avenue at Wallace Avenue, as well as have their Traffic Planning Unit review the corridor for other improvements.

One suggestion of mine

is to install above-ground pedestrian islands instead of the painted yellow fire/police lanes, as a physical barrier preventing cars from speeding up and down the hilly Avenue. Similar to the island on Boston Road and Thwaites, and on Eastchester Road and Allerton Avenue.

DOT studies do take time (60-90 days), but B-PECA will work with our elected officials to make SURE that at least one traffic light is installed within the business-district area of Astor, between Cruger and Wallace Avenues, where most pedestrians cross.

Remember: Pedestrians first. Slow down, drivers!

#### DOT Updates

Finally, as a result of B-PECA's May Pedestrian Safety Meeting with Connie Moran, Boston Road and Thwaites has received a countdown clock to tell pedestrians how much time they have to cross on that precarious crossing. In addition, while delayed from

its originally-scheduled date, the Thwaites-Olinville speed bump will be put in place within the next month, along with many other speed bumps being installed around the Bronx, including Pelham Parkway South and Van Nest.

We're still awaiting word on the studies pertaining to Cruger Avenue & Boston Road, Arnow & Olinville and many other problematic areas. But we'll keep you updated.

Until next time, keep in touch with B-PECA via email at [BxParkEast@gmail.com](mailto:BxParkEast@gmail.com), by phone at (347) 654-7044 or on our bustling Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/BxParkEast>

No Community Meeting in August, but feel free to drop by the only open-to-the-public Allerton International Merchants Association meeting on Tuesday, August 13 at 7:30pm at "The Sanz" at 815 Allerton Avenue, between Barnes and Matthews.

See you on the streets!

BY RUTH ORTIZ

On 4th of July we hung flags made in the USA to celebrate our Independence Day.

I like the way the community all chipped in to clean up after the celebration.

Westchester Square Civic is expanding our cleaning all the way to Frisby and Glebe. We



want to thank the Sanitation Dept. for enforcing clean up in our neighborhoods.

We would like to thank

Lucy Rubino NYC Parks & Recreation on the great job she has done on keeping our trees and pits beautiful. Were now waiting for the tree guards for Montefioe Hospital.

Westchester Square Civic enjoyed celebrating with Apostle Ruth Ortiz her recognition and ordination service over the weekend. A woman that

loves to empower youth and children.

Coming events, for

Westchester Square Civic Ass. We will be having a block party on July 20th

from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Come join us have fun in our summer months.

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BY FRANK VERNUCCIO

You need to calm yourself, find a comfortable chair to sit in before you faint, and maybe take a stiff drink. You are about to hear heresy committed.

That alleged hot story all the networks, big newspapers and 24 hour news programs keep reporting is a complete waste of your time. The continuous coverage of it is an utter insult to your intelligence, and it has provoked unnecessary unrest.

There's been more air time devoted to the Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case than almost any other major issue. It's a crime story, not unlike tens of thousands of others that unfortunately happen every day. A kid that may have acted menacingly and harmfully, a guy may have acted precipitously and excessively, and that's it. There are no—repeat no—racial overtones, no overarching themes. Anytime a life is lost it's tragic, but that doesn't make it real news.

An irresponsible media is desperately trying to portray this incident as a white vs. black affair, in order to turn the incident into a major ratings booster, and shame on them for it. The network nitwits who are doing this should turn in their journalism degrees, or at least their laptops.

Perhaps they try to create news about tragedies like this because they are

too lazy to research genuine but complicated stories like America's dying economy, our vanishing military, or the Middle East's descent into chaos.

Shame on them.

The June jobs report continued the bad news for working Americans, as the tragic 7.6% unemployment rate continues. Relief does not appear to be coming anytime soon, as the Federal Reserve predicts high unemployment for the next two years. A more intensive reading of the economic tea leaves reveals even worse information. A far more accurate way of looking at the jobs picture is a statistic called the "U-6," which includes those unemployed, plus those marginally attached to the labor force, plus those employed only part time for economic reasons, as a percent of the civilian labor force.

That statistic has risen on a seasonally adjusted basis from 13.8 in March to the current 14.3. For some parts of the population, the crisis is extreme. Teenagers are unemployed at a 20.4% rate; black teenagers at the stunning percentage of 43.6%.

Since the recession officially ended in June 2009, four years ago, why are so many Americans still suffering?

The answer lies in the extraordinary damage and uncertainty added to the economy by a number of

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White House policies. The looming burden of Obamacare costs has frightened business owners away from additional hires or even retaining the same size staff. Cumbersome and intrusive Environmental Protection Agency dissuades economic expansion. Tax and labor policies clearly take a toll.

For the first time in the history of U.S. recessions, an administration has inadvertently taken steps that appear to prolong, rather than shorten, the duration of high unemployment.

Hundreds of thousands of defense industry workers are getting furloughed this month, a move that will mean a 20% pay cut for the next three months. As the U.S. economy flounders, this will be another serious bump in the road.

To many of the long term unemployed, as well as those who have had to take major pay cuts or work only part time, this may not seem so bad, but for the nation as a whole, it has serious consequences.

Once again, our federal government, led by the White House, has targeted our military strength to take the brunt of all the excess spend-

ing Washington has engaged in. The maintenance of our ships, planes, and other vital equipment will suffer tremendously.

This type of lame-brained idea has been tried before. Back in the 1970s, New York City's leaders slashed the personnel hours for infrastructure maintenance. This resulted in billions of dollars of damage to bridges, tunnels, subways and buses.

This couldn't come at a worse time, either for our national security or our national economy. Way back during the Great Depression of the 1930's, it was the expansion of the defense industry that began the process of reviving the economy. We need that kind of revitalization today. Even more importantly, with increasing dangers from opponents across the globe, further weakening our defense is a suicidal act.

Two discredited politicians, former Governor Eliot Spitzer and former Congressman Anthony Weiner, are serious primary contenders for, respectively, Comptroller and Mayor of New York City.

Spitzer resigned when it was revealed he was—pardon the pun—and ardent patron of an expensive call girl ring. Weiner resigned after discovery of his transmitted inappropriate sexual comments and pictures.

Both darlings of the left

have weird personalities. Weiner is abrupt and abrasive; Spitzer made threats to those he targeted, and misused public agencies to combat rivals.

How did these guys gain electoral success, and why, following their fall, they have been able to consider comebacks?

Part of the answer lies in New York's unusual political environment. Both are passionate about their liberalism as they are about their sex lives, and this gives them extraordinary support in the leftist media.

Both also had key contacts within their party leadership. In New York's boss-driven politics, this is crucial, since complying with a dizzying array of petition requirements and campaign finance regulations renders it difficult for those without those connections to successfully navigate the legal minefield that awaits less well-connected candidates.

Unlike many other American communities where elected officials are judged by how well they govern or how much "bacon" they bring home, New York politicians are primarily judged by their leftist ideology. Both Weiner and Spitzer, with their liberal extremism, score high in that criteria.

American laws are supposed to be enacted and enforced for the benefit of the people, not politicians.

The new healthcare law, known as Obamacare, was voted on by Congress several years ago when the President had a commanding lead in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. It never received the debate it deserved, and neither the legislators nor the American people even knew what was in the bill. Former speaker Pelosi famously said that we wouldn't know what was in the measure until it passed.

It now appears that Obamacare will cost far more and achieve far less than advertised, to a degree that it could prompt a major defeat for the president's party in the next election.

Because of that, the White House has said it will not enforce portions of the law that they introduced until after the next election. Not only is that incredibly cynical, it is also illegal. The President has no such discretion to simply not enforce laws it finds inconvenient. Our founding fathers intelligently withheld this authority from the Chief Executive because it would have turned our nation into one ruled not by laws but by men.

America still needs health care reform. Unfortunately, it has become apparent that Obamacare is not the way to do it. Rather than hide that from the voters, it's time to scrap that mistake and start over.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association does not meet during the months of July and August. Our next meeting will be held this coming September. The Date, Time, location, and speakers will be announced in our future articles. So please keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter and stay informed.

If a friend, family member, coworker, or a tourist were to ask you what is it like to spend the month of July in the Bronx, how would you answer them. Need some help?

Well, I think almost all of us would say it is sometimes, ah okay, most of the time very humid and HOT. Some people like the humidity and some people don't. But what most people cannot argue is

that July is a Hot month. And in the Bronx it is exceptionally Hot.

The month starts off with an event that can't be missed and that is Senator's Jeff Klien's and Borough President's Ruben Diaz fireworks spectacular at Orchard Beach. Next Rubin Diaz rattles the Borough and some say he even wakes up the dead with his weekend Salsa Nights at Orchard Beach. But it doesn't end there. At the end of the month from July 24 to the 28th Father Grippo and his band of merry makers wrap up the month with the Saint Theresa Festival, four nights of food, games, rides and song. Psss. If your smooth about it you can slip off with your spouse, friend, etc., find a little room and dance to the music that fills the air.

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The Festival also holds a great raffle. It is to good a deal to write about it in the press. So for more information about the festival and instructions on how to purchase a raffle ticket you can call the rectory 718-892-1900. Okay, so you all want to know what is being raffled off. The Grand Prize is a Merced's Benz plus a slew of other great prizes.

Attending the Festival with your family and friends is a great way to have some fun, leave your worries behind, get the kids ( or spouse ) away from the computer

and have them actually talk to you while at the same time supporting a great parish and community institution.

Yes, the anticipated move of Serve The Under Served from their temporary quarters in the Pelham Grand back to their permanent location in Far Rockaway is still on schedule. As reported two weeks ago the contractors for Serve The Under Served are on schedule to complete their renovations during the month of August. That is this August 2013.

Our local highways are a mess. This past thursday while waiting for the MTA express bus back to the Bronx some of my fellow riders were discussing the previous day's nightmare. A ride that should have taken no longer than one hour and fifteen minutes actually took

close to three hours to complete. Why you ask? Because the highways are overloaded with trucks and cars. These road conditions are choking the life out of our communities.

Last friday, I was having lunch with a friend who also happens to be a community leader. In discussing the highway fiasco he said that in trying to fix our highway problems he feels that we are going to encounter resistance from Westchester County. He believes that any improvement in our traffic conditions will serve to exasperate Westchester County's congestion along route 287. I agree with him. But I also feel that our highways are regional highways. The tens of thousands who daily drive through our communities do not consists solely of our next

door neighbors. The persons that sit and sit and sit on our highways come from far and wide. So by definition I believe the fix to our highway problems must be addressed on a regional scale. Simply put we cannot remedy our traffic problems if we do not also support a remedy for the traffic problems of Westchester County. We are all in this together.

As for the Metro Center and the 911 call center, solutions to those problems are still being evaluated. The goal is to create an entrance and an exit from the Hutchinson River Parkway so that the both centers can be accessed with a minimum of impact upon the surrounding communities.

On that note we wish you a pleasant and healthy summer. See you in September.

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Developer LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy.  
of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/13. Office  
location: Bronx County, SSNY designated as  
agent of LLC upon whom process against it  
may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:  
c/o Bronx Pro, 1605 Dr. Martin Luther King  
Jr. Blvd., Bronx, NY 10453. Purpose: any  
lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of All In One  
Maintenance, LLC, a domestic or foreign  
Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of  
Organization filed with the Secretary of State  
on June 20, 2013. NYS Office location:  
BRONX County, Secretary of State is  
designated as agent upon whom process  
against the LLC may be served. Secretary of  
State shall mail a copy of any process  
against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O  
2163 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457.  
Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of ATM Solutions  
LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability  
Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed  
with the Secretary of State on May 13, 2013.  
NYS Office location: BRONX County,  
Secretary of State is designated as agent  
upon whom process against the LLC may be  
served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy  
of any process against the LLC service upon  
him/her to C/O 1018 E. 232nd Street, Apt 1,  
Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: Any lawful  
activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of El Banilejo Food  
Wholesaler LLC, a domestic or foreign  
Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of  
Organization filed with the Secretary of State  
on April 16, 2013. NYS Office location:  
BRONX County, Secretary of State is  
designated as agent upon whom process  
against the LLC may be served. Secretary of  
State shall mail a copy of any process  
against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O  
2199 Morris Avenue, Apt 1C, Bronx, NY  
10453. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of El Patio Deli &  
Grocery LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited  
Liability Company (LLC). Articles of  
Organization filed with the Secretary of State  
on February 6, 2013, NYS Office location:  
BRONX County, Secretary of State is  
designated as agent upon whom process  
against the LLC may be served. Secretary of  
State shall mail a copy of any process  
against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O  
766 E. 152nd Street, Bronx, NY 10455.  
Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Hope And Victory  
Evolves (H.A.V.E.), LLC, a domestic or  
foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC).  
Articles of Organization filed with Secretary  
of State on June 11, 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 him/her to C/O  
H.A.V.E., P.O. Box 1239, Bronx, NY 10459.  
Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Lamont &  
Haughton Property Development LLC, a  
domestic or foreign Limited Liability  
Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed  
with Secretary of State on 05/03/2013. 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  
him/her to C/O Lamont & Haughton Property  
Development LLC, 4643 Matilda Avenue,  
Bronx, NY 10470. Purpose: Any lawful  
activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited  
liability company (LLC). Name: CLARKIE'S  
LLC Under Assumed Name PRO CUTS  
BARBER AND BEAUTY SALON. Articles of  
Organization filed with Secretary of State of  
New York (SSNY) on 03/06/2013. 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: Michael Francis, 1450 Hammersley  
Avenue #2L, Bronx, NY 10469. Purpose: any  
lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Sabor de Tiquicia  
LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Company  
(LLC). Articles of Organization filed with  
Secretary of State on 4/18/13. 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 him/her to C/O  
Kenry Sterling, 721 Tilden St., Apt 2F, Bronx,  
NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of SD Musik LLC.  
Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State  
(SSNY) on 03/26/2013. Office location: Bronx  
County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC  
upon whom process against it may be  
served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC,  
Jackson M. Infante, 1665 Macombs Rd.,  
#6A, Bronx, NY 10453. Purpose: Any lawful  
activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a license,  
number (PENDING) for beer and wine has  
been applied for by the undersigned to sell  
beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under  
the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at  
2376-2378 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458  
for on-premises consumption.  
Too Delicious, Inc. D/B/A John's Pizzeria

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF  
NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH  
CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit  
owners of the Parkchester South  
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - GEORGE  
R. RYAN, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a  
Judgment dated November 20, 2012, I will  
sell at public auction on August 12, 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 South Condominium known as  
apartment 4H, in the building known as E-6  
a/k/a 62, and by street address 2125 St.  
Raymond Avenue, Bronx, New York, and  
designated as Tax Lot 3736, in Block 3943 of  
Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough  
of Bronx, together with an undivided .0098  
percent interest in the common elements of  
the Parkchester South Condominium. The  
amount due under the Judgment is  
\$8,542.32, with interest, costs, etc. Sale  
subject to terms of sale and provisions of the  
Judgment herein, including being subject to a  
mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank,  
N.A., in the original principal sum of  
\$84,000.00 with interest. Index No.  
382167/10.

MELISSA LUCAS, ESQ., Referee, ROY,  
MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO,  
ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South  
Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Sale  
On August 15 2013 at 1:00pm, West  
Farms Secure Self Storage located at 1725  
West Farms Rd, Bronx NY 10460, will hold a  
lien sale. The contents of the storage units

**LEGAL NOTICE**

listed below will be sold for cash to the  
highest bidder. For more information please  
call (718) 991-9010. Unit #s and Names:

- 1045 Keitt, Sheena 1127 Plummer, Kirk
- 1155 Kesheena Cardona
- 1163 Reynoso, Yudith 1195 Green,
- Sabrina 1203 Baez Jr, Hector
- 1213 Concepcion, Jenyfer 1294
- Camacho, Hector
- 1312 Griffin, Sierra 1326 Vargas, Cesar
- 1328 Martinez, Vivian 1331 Soriano, Luis
- 1376 Roman, Anthony 1532 Bethel,
- Shane R. 1563 Navarro, Angel 1586 Clark,
- Barbara
- 1700 Cain, Henry Hampton 1723
- Duprey, Yesenia 1757 Watson, Patrick,G
- 1831 Halley Jr., Aramis 1839 Burns,
- David N 1864 Roland-, Charles F 1875
- Roland-, Charles F
- 1884 Hernandez, Thomas 1899
- Cuevas, Moises 1934 Guzman, Vanessa
- 2025 Bennett, Ernest
- 2106 Rodriguez, Cristina 2127 Rios,
- Kathy 2135 Massey, Charles 2143 Diaz,
- Flora
- 2151 Lopez, Ricardo 2170 Cabrera,
- Edward 2232 Gonzalez, Steven 2290
- Young, Nakia
- 2291 Cobarrubia, Jorge 2309 Estrada,
- Norma 2314 McFarland, Shameka
- 2315 Beck, Nakima Y 2386 Mcneil,
- Tedra G 2393 Twyman, Dihann
- 2508 Hernandez, Hellen 2522 Alvarez,
- Samuel S 2583 White-Grier, Cheryl
- 2585 Nannan, Michelle 2588 Cruz,
- Cecelia M

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.  
THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE  
HOLDERS, CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-8, Pltf. vs.  
TONDALAYA STEED, et al, Defts. Index  
#381090/07. Pursuant to judgment of  
foreclosure and sale dated Mar. 25, 2010, I  
will sell at public auction at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Aug. 5,  
2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 3734 Barnes  
Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4676, Lot 42.  
Said property located on the easterly side of  
Barnes Ave. (as dedicated 50 ft. wide) distant  
92 ft. northerly from the corner formed by the  
intersection of the easterly side of said  
Barnes Ave. with the northerly side of East  
217th St., being a plot 105.22 ft. x 22.31 ft.  
Approx. amt. of judgment is \$607,932.96 plus  
costs and interest. This is a First Mortgage.  
Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed  
judgment and terms of sale. YOUNGIK  
YOON, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW  
GROUP, PLLC, Attys. For Pltf., 242 Drexel  
Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 18201 -  
#82854

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
EVERHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY;  
Plaintiff(s) vs. RUKMINIE D. RAMLALL,  
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT  
TENANT OF BAMAN RAMLALL;  
KAMALCHAND KUTAYIAH, INDIVIDUALLY  
AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF  
BAMAN RAMLALL; et al; Defendant(s)  
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI,  
ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit  
Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524,  
845.897.1600  
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and

sale granted herein on or about July 6, 2010,  
I will sell at Public Auction to the highest  
bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851  
Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY  
10451.

On August 19, 2013 at 2:00 PM  
Block: 3774 Lot: 29  
Premises known as 1246 BOYNTON  
AVE, BRONX, NY 10472

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

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

Sold subject to all of the terms and  
conditions contained in said judgment and  
terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment  
\$210,317.97 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380290/09  
Lorraine C. Corsa, Esq., REFEREE

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

U.S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED  
HOLDERS OF ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST  
ASSET BACKED FUNDING  
CORPORATION ASSET BACKED  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1,

Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
LIONEL T. HOLMAN; et al,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and  
sale duly entered 5/21/2013, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at public  
auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851  
Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on  
8/5/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as  
2755 Briggs Avenue Bronx, NY 10458. 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 3301 Lot 103

Approximate amount of lien \$558,232.43  
plus interest and costs; premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed judgment Index  
# 380431/2011

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the  
Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to  
a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser  
shall have to further recourse against the  
Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagees  
attorney.

Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee  
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80  
Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY  
10504 Dated: 6/4/2013 File Number:  
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# “6 Wild” Bronx gang charged with robbery

Bridget G. Brennan, New York City's Special Narcotics Prosecutor, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson announced the arrest and indictment of 11 leaders and members of a violent, drug dealing street gang, “6 Wild,” which amassed large quantities of narcotics and cash through violent home invasion robberies, in which victims were severely beaten. The 58-count indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy to commit attempted murder, robbery, assault, narcotics and weapons possession and sales, and substantive counts of robbery, burglary, assault, menacing, strangulation and drug possession. Three firearms were seized in the course of the probe.

The long-term investigation, conducted by the Special Narcotics Gang Prosecution Unit, the NYPD's 44th Precinct Field Intelligence Sergeant, Assistant Field Intelligence Officers and Strategic Enforcement Team, and the Bronx District Attorney's Office, linked members of 6 Wild to a pattern of home invasion robberies spanning two years between June 2011 and June 2013. The gang targeted individuals whom they believed to be drug dealers, in part because these victims would be unlikely to report robberies to law enforcement. However, in at least three instances, the gang members robbed innocent people instead. These three robberies were reported to the NYPD.

Gang leader Jameekga Joseph, his brother Wakimi Joseph, Dashawn Hill, and Lionel Johnson face charges of robbery, burglary and menacing, as well as drug charges in connection with these three reported robberies of innocent victims, as well as conspiracy charges in connection with other robberies. Jameekga Joseph, Dashawn Hill and Lionel Johnson face charges ad-

ditional charges of assault and strangulation stemming from violent attacks on the innocent robbery victims, who were threatened with firearms, beaten with heavy objects and choked. In all three instances, the gang utilized a female juvenile to gain entry into target locations.

6 Wild operates in the Morrisania section of the Bronx, from around Clay Avenue to College Avenue and from East 165th Street to East 167th Street. During the course of the conspiracy, members of 6 Wild were involved in at least a dozen retaliatory shootings stemming from turf battles with rival groups. The gang used two adjacent buildings at 1041 Findlay Ave. and 1055 Findlay Ave. as their base of operations, and as stash locations for narcotics and firearms respectively.

A total of 11 gang members ranging in age from 19 to 24 were arrested beginning yesterday morning, including two who were already in custody on prior charges. Police seized one firearm during a court authorized search of a residence at 1009 Morris Avenue in the Bronx, and drug packaging materials in a second search at 1106 Morris Avenue. The defendants are expected to be arraigned today before Manhattan Supreme Court Justice Arlene D. Goldberg in Part 56, 111 Centre Street.

Jahmeekga Joseph, aka “Fresh,” and his brother Waikimi Joseph, aka “Problem” were already in custody on prior charges filed by the Bronx District Attorney's Office. Jahmeekga Joseph was arrested on Oct. 4, 2012 at 1041 Findlay Ave., which is used by the gang as a stash location for drugs. Police seized two ounces of cocaine at the time of the arrest. During the course of the investigation, police seized another two firearms from juveniles associated with 6 Wild.

## Home Invasion Robberies

Members of 6 Wild are

believed to have carried out approximately two home invasion robberies each month during the course of the two-year conspiracy. The indictment charges 6 Wild members with conspiracy charges for these robberies, as well as substantive counts to three robberies that took place in February 2012. Jameekga Joseph is charged in all of the three robberies of innocent victims that took place in February 2012. Dashawn Hill, Lionel Johnson and Wakimi Joseph are charged in two.

In plotting these robberies, gang leaders attempted to collect information about suspected stash locations used by cocaine and heroin dealers. Female juveniles associated with 6 Wild assisted in this process. Under gang leaders' direction, a female would befriend the intended victim in advance of the planned robberies and learn what she could about drugs, money and the best time to strike. Then, on the day of a robbery, the same female associate helped the robbers gain entry, in some cases texting the robbers from inside the target location. The robbers carried stolen bags by designers Gucci and Louis Vuitton to the robbery locations in order to transport the loot.

Once inside the location, members of 6 Wild typically held a gun to the victim's head and threatened to shoot if their demands for drugs and cash were not met. In each of the three February 2012 robberies, the victim was

beaten and in some cases choked. The robbers stole cash, jewelry, cell phones and other valuables.

In one robbery of an innocent victim on Feb. 7, 2012 in the Bronx, Jameekga Joseph and other gang members set out to rob a drug dealer, but encountered the man's brother instead. The brother was not involved in the drug trade and there were no narcotics in the residence. Nevertheless, the robbers held a gun to the brother's head and then beat him unconscious with a heavy frying pan and a door ripped from an entertainment center. They stole bags, jewelry, clothing and money.

The robberies of innocent victims were reported to the police. In addition to witness testimony, private security cameras recorded activity in two of the robbery locations. Video surveillance shows the robbers going in and out at the time of the crime. Facebook messages and text messages from participants' phones corroborate this evidence.

When drug dealers were targeted, members of 6 Wild stole large quantities of narcotics, in addition to cash and other valuables. One of the larger hauls consisted of three kilos (6.6 lbs.) of cocaine. Following the robberies, members of 6 Wild would re-package the narcotics and distribute the drugs among members of the gang for resale. Other stolen property, such as cash, jewelry, cellphones and computers, was either

distributed among gang members or sold.

## Retaliatory Shootings

Members of 6 Wild held regular meetings at 1041 and 1055 Findlay Ave., where they discussed making money, the purchasing of weapons and disputes with rival groups. 6 Wild was engaged in at least a dozen violent confrontations with rival groups during the course of the conspiracy, including a gang known as “280” and associated groups “Clay Avenue Boyz” and “Morris Avenue Gunners” during the course of the investigation. The majority of the retaliatory shootings took place in the Bronx, while at least one took place in Harlem.

Communal firearms were controlled by gang leaders, who directed juveniles and female associates to transport the weapons from place to place. Police seized two firearms from juvenile associates of 6 Wild during the investigation. Weapons were also stored at 1055 Findlay Ave., the home of defendant Dontae Sheard. During the investigation, police learned of a drive-by shooting at this location. Jameekga Joseph was shot on or around the same day as this drive-by shooting.

## Social Media

Members of the gang made extensive use of social media and developed a distinctive “lingo,” or system of code words and phrases, to communicate with one another about their criminal activity in exchanges on Facebook and YouTube. Social media was instrumental in

recruiting new members and inciting violence against rival gangs. Code words for criminal activity included terms such as “Grip,” “Glocc,” “Tool,” and “Bike” for firearm, and “Krills,” “Grams,” “Yams,” and “Grizz” for narcotics.

During the investigation, Special Narcotics prosecutors and analysts, and members of the NYPD, reviewed of hundreds of Facebook photographs and messages obtained through court authorized search warrants. Scores of photos the defendants posted on the site show large quantities of cash. In some photos, 6 Wild members posing with money, while others show shoeboxes or suitcases stuffed with cash, stolen jewelry and watches. Often photos of cash were posted on the same day as robberies or soon after.

On February 14, 2012, the day of a robbery, defendant Waikimi Joseph posted a photo of cash formed in the shape of a heart on Facebook along with the message “Happy V-Day.” The following day, another photo of a large amount of money was accompanied by the caption, “I Burry The Most Cash Nd Burning The Rest!”

Defendant Branden Cullins, who began his association with 6 Wild as a juvenile, posted a photo on Facebook showing money spelling out the word “Wild,” and wrote a caption “\$\$\$\$\$\$ WILD DDD DDDDD.” Cullins was in possession of a firearm at the time of his arrest this morning.

## Safer patient care at Jacobi Medical Center

Committed to continually raising the bar for patient safety, Jacobi Medical Center joined with Montefiore Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital in hosting a conference of respected leaders in safer patient care.

The June 10 conference, named after former Jacobi Executive Director Lorraine C. Tregde, celebrated its sixth year with speakers focused on ways to improve communication within medical teams as well as between these teams and the patients and families they

serve.

Keynote speaker Dr. David Feldman of the Hospitals Insurance Company discussed steps that can improve safety by promoting a safety culture within operating rooms. He told the audience that simple steps such as checklists,

pre-surgery huddles, the ability of any member of the medical team to pause proceedings to settle concerns, as well as proper debriefings, can have a big impact on safety in surgical situations.

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSMPS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-4, Plaintiff, against David Canton a/k/a David A. Canton, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/10/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 08/12/2013 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4243 Gunther Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 5007 Lot: 35. Approximate amount of judgment \$191,249.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381895/09. Dominic Calderoni, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: June 10, 2013 1044570

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2005-HE3, Plaintiff, against HAYDEE VELOZ, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/8/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 07/29/2013 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2297 Crotona Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3103 LOT: 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$565,008.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381479/09. Jeffrey Abraham Asher, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: June 7, 2013 1043155

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 2011-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff(s), vs. SOCIETE D'EXPLOITATION AGRICOLE-CI, LLC, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 23, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July 29, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 334 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2345 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$114,381.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index

Number 304516/12.  
Lorraine C. Corsa, Referee  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WACHOVIA MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AMN1, Plaintiff, against Elvi Casado, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/24/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 08/12/2013 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1114 Metcalf Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City and State of New York, County of The Bronx, BLOCK 3747 - LOT 96. Approximate amount of judgment \$654,275.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380495/10. Michael H. Maizes, Esq., Referee Gross, Polowy & Orans, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 Dated: July 1, 2013 1047879

## 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 - EDUARDO J. CAZORLA, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated April 5, 2013, I will sell at public auction on August 5, 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 12B, in the building known as N-6 a/k/a 106, and by street address 1507 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2638, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0311 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$15,719.87, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank National Association f/k/a Washington Mutual Bank, FA, in the original principal sum of \$104,280.00 with interest. Index No. 380073/12. MARY V. ROSADO, ESQ., Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT 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 - JEAN PAUL SANCHEZ, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 8, 2013, I will sell at public auction on August 19, 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 1G, in the building known as N-9 a/k/a 116, and by street address 2240 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3192, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0272 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$11,532.52, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for HSBC Corporation (USA), in the original principal sum of \$163,900.00 with interest.

Index No. 380631/11. SANFORD B. GLATZER, ESQ., Referee  
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS., Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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## 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 - BONNIE GOULD, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF BRONX COUNTY, ADMINISTRATRIX FOR THE ESTATE OF JACQUELINE RICE LEWIS, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated March 4, 2013, I will sell at public auction on August 12, 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 3A, in the building known as N-1 a/k/a 86, and by street address 1 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 1057, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0279 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$29,350.75, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, in the original principal sum of \$162,000.00 with interest. Index No. 380405/11. MELISSA LUCAS, ESQ., Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - SALIMATA N. DIA, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated April 25, 2013, I will sell at public auction on August 5, 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 South Condominium known

as apartment 7C, in the building known as E-11 a/k/a 80, and by street address 1580 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 5087, in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0103 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$8,774.43, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$98,100.00 with interest. Index No. 380175/12.

LAURA CHRISTINA BROWNE, ESQ., Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - BONNIE GOULD, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR BRONX COUNTY as Administratrix of the Estate of James G. Cooper a/k/a James G. Cooper, Sr., et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated May 8, 2013, I will sell at public auction on July 29, 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 South Condominium known as apartment 5A, in the building known as S-5 a/k/a 28, and by street address 1935 McGraw Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4013, in Block 3938 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0132 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$25,008.46, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein. Index No. 381420/11. ROBERT ALLEN HORNE, ESQ., Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS., Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE Wells Fargo Bank NA, in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 347 shares of stock of 3311 GILES PLACE OWNERS, INC. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 3311 GILES PLACE, Apt. 5C, BRONX, NY 10463-4314. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on July 29, 2013 at 01:00 PM on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein. The sale is subject to any conditions of

transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356

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Attorneys for Secured Party  
Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court, Suite 301  
Fishkill, NY 12524  
845-897-1600

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against LEDWIN ENTERPRISES, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 31, 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 29th day of July, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, said premises being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Newman Avenue and the northeasterly side of Soundview Avenue; being a plot 33.30 feet by 106.27 feet by 100 feet by 49.02 feet. Block: 3445 Lot: 35 Said premises known as 170 SOUNDVIEW AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 677,422.17 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381067/09. SERGIO MARQUEZ, ESQ., Referee. Sankel, Skurman & McCartin, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 477 Madison Avenue, Suite 530 New York, NY 10022

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against JOSE A. LOPEZ, if living and if he/she be dead, etc..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 29, 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 29th day of July, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Taylor Avenue, distant 300.17 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of McGraw Avenue and the easterly side of Taylor Avenue; being a plot 95 feet by 49.83 feet by 95 feet by 49.83 feet. Block: 3878 Lot: 20 Said premises known as 1332 TAYLOR AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 30,852.83 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381157/09. ELIOT L. KAPLAN, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

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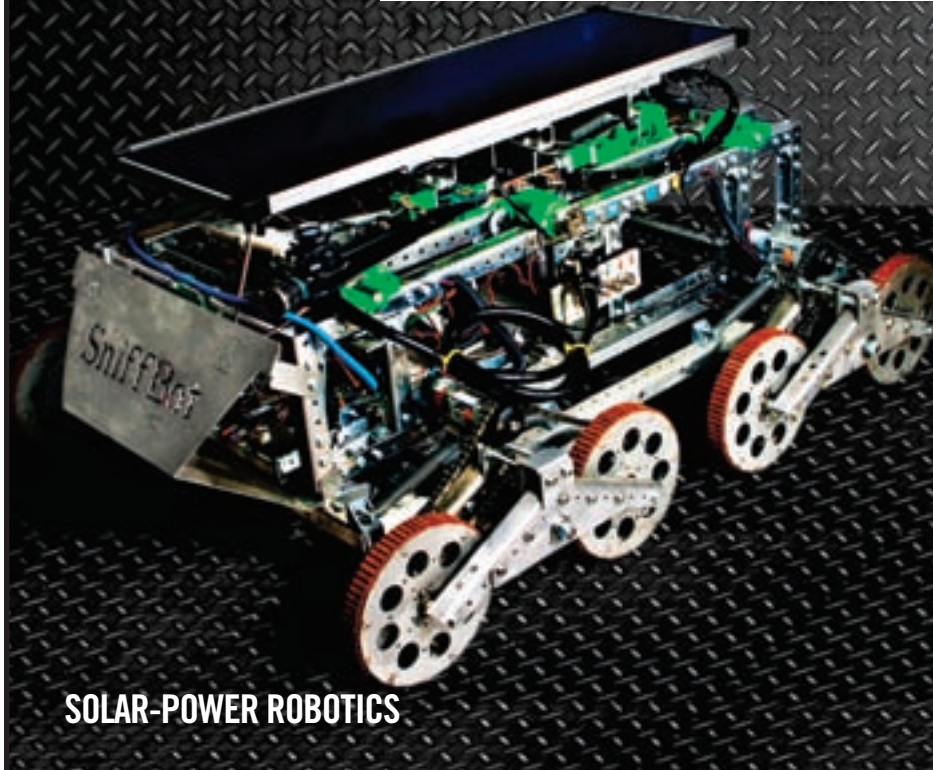


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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2008-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2008-A Trust,

Plaintiff against ESTATE OF LUDWIG PETERLA A/K/A LUDWIG GEORGE PETERLA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 8, 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 29th day of July, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Ampere Avenue, distant 58 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Ampere Avenue and the westerly side of Dwight Place; being a plot 100 feet by 28 feet by 100 feet by 28 feet. Block: 5411 Lot: 227

Said premises known as 3134 AMPERE AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 36,630.74 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380464/09.

JOSEPH JEDNAK, ESQ., Referee.  
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

PONCE DE LEON FEDERAL BANK, Plaintiff against

HARPER HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT LLC, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 2, 2013,

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 12th day of August, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York bounded and described as follows; Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Harper Avenue, distant 165 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Harper Avenue with the northerly side of East 233rd Street; Running thence westerly at right angles to the westerly side of Harper Avenue, 171.84 feet; Thence northerly on a line forming an interior angle of 80 degrees 45 minutes 00 seconds with the last mentioned course 46.06 feet to a point; Thence still northerly on a line forming an interior angle of 185 degrees 26 minutes 49 seconds with the last mentioned course 15.54 feet; Thence easterly at right angles to the westerly side of Harper Avenue, 163.47 feet to the westerly side of Harper Avenue; Thence southerly along the westerly side of Harper Avenue, 60 feet to the point or place of beginning.

Said premises known as 3925 Harper Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

(Section: 17, Block: 4964, Lot: 52).  
Approximate amount of lien \$548,972.92 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380888-11. Dennis Krolian,

Esq., Referee.  
DeRose & Surico  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
213-44 38th Avenue  
Bayside, N.Y. 11361

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

THE STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against MAYRA SERGRANES, if living, and if deceased, etc., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 30, 2013, and entered on June 7, 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 5th day of August, 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 the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Bronx River Avenue and the westerly side of Bolton Avenue; being a plot 70.25 feet by 72.09 feet by 56.57 feet by 72.17 feet.  
Block: 3430 Lot: 22

Said premises known as 623 HARDING PARK, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 130,860.06 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 304959/09.

MARK S. GOLDSTEIN, ESQ., Referee.  
Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 270 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX  
VELOCITY COMMERCIAL CAPITAL LLC,

Plaintiff,  
- against -

BIG KAT ACQUISITION CORP.; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; GERONIMO MENDEZ; MARCELO MENDEZ; NORVI DEAN; YEHELY FERNANDEZ; JUANA ALMANZAR; YOCASTA FERNANDEZ; EMILIA ALVAREZ; GUILLERMO CINTRON; JOSE COLON; LOUIS SIMONO; BELKINS SIMONO; JACQUELINE SIMONO; JULIO MELO; MATHILDA SIMONO,

Defendants.  
..Index No.: 381730/2008  
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated June 20, 2013, I will sell at public auction, in Room 600 of Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx New York 10451, on August 5, 2013, at 2:00 P.M., premises commonly known as 943 East 179th Street, Block 3127, Lot 35 in Bronx County, New York, described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying in 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 Northerly side of East 179th Street, distant 195.68 feet (deed), 195.62 feet (tax map) Easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 179th Street with the

Easterly side of Daly Avenue;

RUNNING THENCE northerly at right angles with East 179th Street and part of the distance through a party wall, 97.13 feet;

THENCE Easterly parallel with East 179th Street, 37.50 feet;

THENCE Southerly again at right angles with East 179th Street, 97.13 feet to the Northerly Side of East 179th Street;

THENCE Westerly along the Northerly side of East 179th Street, 37.50 feet to eh point or place of BEGINNING.

Property will be sold subject to provisions of Final Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, under Index No. 381730/2008.

Heddyeh P. Broumand, Referee  
Dated: New York, New York  
June 27, 2013  
KILPATRICK TOWNSEND & STOCKTON LLP  
By:

Keith M. Brandofino, Esq.  
Stephanie Lampf, Esq.  
Attorneys for  
Velocity Commercial Capital LLC  
1114 Avenue of the Americas, 21st Floor  
New York, New York 10036  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

File No. 2011-2708/A  
CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Linda F. Katz, as attorney-in-fact for Maria Ivicova and Terezia Quis; Medicare Premium Collection Center; FDNY/EMS; Cablevision; Consolidated Edison; Verizon; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of MARGITA FARAGO, 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 September 10, 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 MARGITA FARAGO, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 2265 Edsall Avenue, PH; Bronx, New York 10463, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$23,288.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$11,644.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$11,644.00 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 possible claims of Medicare Premium Collection Center, FDNY/EMS, Cablevision, Consolidated Edison and Verizon all be disallowed in their 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, June 20, 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

Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

**LEGAL NOTICE**

File No. 2012-1768/A CITATION  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Nina M. Bonito;

Joseph A. Spinella; Maryann Murphy; Carmella Calabrese; Frank Meo; Anne Marie Moschello; Thomas Moschello; NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ANTONIO T. MUSARRA also known as ANTONIO MUSARRA, 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 September 17, 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 ANTONIO T. MUSARRA also known as ANTONIO MUSARRA, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 660 E. 183rd Street; Bronx, New York 10458, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$5,607.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$2,803.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$2,803.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the possible claims of Medicare Premium Collection Center, FDNY/EMS, Cablevision, Consolidated Edison and Verizon all be disallowed in their 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

1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$118,837.55 be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; 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, July 11, 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.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK  
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

Estate of Giacomo Mazzeo by Joy D. Mazzeo, Executor, Petitioner,  
vs.

Marie R. Sullivan, Respondent.  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
Index No. 260151/2013

Upon reading and filing the annexed Verified Petition of the Estate of Giacomo Mazzeo, by Joy D. Mazzeo, sworn to on the 28th day of January, 2013, together with the exhibits attached thereto in support of the request to discharge an ancient mortgage pursuant to RPAPL 1931, the Affirmation of Charles D. Krieg Pursuant to CPLR §2217(b) dated June 17, 2013, and all other papers and pleadings heretofore filed in the within action,

LET, EDMUND SULLIVAN, GLORIA S. WINKLEY, EILEEN SULLIVAN STODDARD (OR HER HEIRS), RANDOL STODDARD, and GARY STODDARD, SHOW CAUSE before the Hon. Mary Ann Brigantini-Hughes J.S.C. at a Term of this Court to be held in an IAS Part 15, Room 702, in the County of Bronx at the Supreme Court, 851 Concourse, Bronx 10451 on the 5th day of August, 2013 at 9:30am o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, why an Order should not be made and entered:

A. Discharging the ancient mortgage encumbering premises known as 1220 East 233rd Street, Bronx, New York; and

B. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just, necessary and proper.

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# Boro crime continues downward plunge

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dangerous.

Despite large remaining stubborn areas of poverty, with inevitable crime, murders and shootings are down in the low numbers and double digit percentages. Rapes and robberies have tumbled also.

Only felony assaults show an uptick, with some opinions that better medical treatment is saving shooting victims from becoming a murder statistic, while police take domestic violence more seriously these days than in the past.

Even some once high-crime precincts, such as the 44th in Highbridge and the 42nd in Morrisania ranked 45th and 61st respectively for crime reduction among the city's 76 precincts. The 49th Precinct in Morris Park/Allerton area ranked dead last, with a 28% crime drop.

The crime reduction has not been without controversy, as the NYPD's Stop-Question-and Frisk program has come under fire including a federal



Bronx Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Carlos Gomez, leading the drive on Bronx crime reduction.

lawsuit, while the City Council recently passed a bill that would severely limit so-called profiling of suspects by cops.

Unfortunately, as sympathetic critics of the program have pointed out, rookies were flooded into Operation Impact zones in precinct hot spots without proper training and a sharp reminder of the department's motto of Courtesy, Professionalism and

Respect.

Bronx Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Carlos Gomez, emphasized that "Stop and frisk will always be a valuable tool for us - where used appropriately. We instill it at precinct roll calls - 'Do it right!'"

He also credits a focus by cops and local and federal prosecutors on street gangs and crews - "responsible for over 30% of the shootings in the Bronx" - for the dramatic crime decreases.

While some have expressed concern the crime reduction has gone as low as it can go across the city, especially with a reduced number of cops through budget cuts and attrition, Gomez said he's optimistic cops can drive those numbers even lower.

"We can always improve, and that is our goal," he said. "My mission is to continue that trend."

The borough's business and civic leaders are cheering cops on for the rewards they are seeing in more sales and new resi-

## BRONX CRIME STATS

| Crime              | Mid-year 2012 | Mid-year 2013 | Percent +/- |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Murder             | 51            | 32            | -37%        |
| Rape               | 145           | 134           | -8%         |
| Robbery            | 2,168         | 1,973         | -9%         |
| Felony Assault     | 2,343         | 2,528         | +8%         |
| Burglary           | 1,462         | 1,281         | -12%        |
| Grand Larceny      | 2,567         | 2,718         | +6%         |
| Grand Larceny Auto | 748           | 764           | +2%         |
| Shooting Victims   | 238           | 146           | -39%        |
| Shooting Incidents | 187           | 132           | -29%        |

dents moving in, caused by a safer feeling in the borough.

"Although the NYPD draws a lot of criticism for the stop and frisk, we are fortunate to have one of the best police departments in the country," said John Small, a retired NYPD sergeant and now professor at the borough's Monroe College School of Criminal Justice. "The fact that the murder stats are down 37% in the Bronx is an indicator that other crime categories are down, which also brings more confidence

to the people who want to live and do business in the communities."

"No ifs, ands or buts about it, we already have amazing size apartments, great parks, but we needed that last crime number to let young people know they could move to the Bronx," said Marlene Cintron, head of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp.

"I've got hipsters in my building," said Cintron, who lives on the lower Grand Concourse.

"Local businesses are

also coming into the neighborhoods because they can make money," she added. "I've been pulling out these great crime numbers and letting them talk to other businesses to see for themselves."

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. seconded her thoughts.

"The Bronx is making great progress. Crime is down and at its lowest since 1963. Our streets are cleaner, our infrastructure is amazing and our economy is growing," he said.

## BP Diaz: Push for soccer stadium

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But talks have stalled between Queens officials and NYCFC brass, with the BP and Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. lobbying to find a home for a stadium similar to the 13 acre, 25,000-seat arena proposed there.

BOEDC head Marlene Cintron said NYCFC is vetting space "with access to highways and also access to public transportation."

But with 25% of the Bronx composed of green-space, the BP has put himself in a position that narrows the already squeezed playing field.

Longtime Bronx-based commercial real estate broker Kathy Zamechansky said options are fairly limited in the borough for a stadium needing that much acreage, though she pointed to a possible site in the north Bronx.

"There's a Request for Proposals out by the MTA for its unused bus facility

on E. Gun Hill Road," she said.

The site sits across from Co-op City, near the I-95 Interstate and less than a half mile from the subway. "I'm sure a developer could discuss having a stadium there as part of their plan," she noted.

In ruling out parkland, the BP sidesteps a hurdle that former Borough President Adolfo Carrion faced when he secured land for the new Yankee Stadium in 2007. The plan tore up three acres of parks, angering advocates and Community Board 4, which voted down the proposal.

This time around, NYC Park Advocates president Geoffrey Croft backed the deal so long as Diaz keeps to his word. "That can be an exciting thing for the borough," said Croft.

**Getting The Ball Rolling**

The BP penned a letter to MLS stating soccer matches temporarily held

at Yankee Stadium can draw "tens of thousands of visitors."

"While here, these soccer fans spent money in local businesses and restaurants," wrote Diaz "Bringing tremendous economic activity to the 161st Street corridor."

The New York Yankees is part owner of NYCFC, investing \$100 million into the franchise.

But NYCFC is still keeping its options open. Queens park advocates groups are particularly concerned the \$340 million project would uproot 13 acres of parkland at Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

"NYCFC is looking for a home, not simply a place to play," said NYCFC spokeswoman Risa Heller. She dismissed a claim by Diaz that NYCFC "walked away" from talks with Queens officials.

"As we said from the start, we will continue to pursue Flushing Meadows



Staffers prep the new Yankee Stadium for a soccer match. Could a real stadium be on its way? Photo courtesy of The New York Yankees

while we also review other sites around the city."

For now, the team will keep hosting home games at Yankee Stadium until 2015, when it's expected to

have found a permanent place.

But even if the Bronx were to succeed in luring NYCFC to a House that Ruth (Re)Built, building

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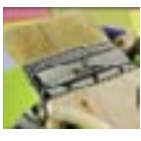
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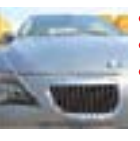
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WHEREAS, the following petition has been made to the Probate Court for the District of Windsor: Petition to Open Decedent's Estates has been filed by John Hikory, requesting an estate to be opened for Frank V. Homer, deceased, An instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament dated May 3, 2012 of the deceased was presented with the petition. The Petition asks that the Will be allowed and that John Hikory be appointed Executor;

WHEREAS, the Court has assigned the 5th day of August, 2013, at the Probate Office in Woodstock, Vermont, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to hear and decide upon said petition, and ordered that notice thereof be given by publishing this notice for one week in Long Island Newsday and The Bronx Times. Service by publication to be complete 14 days prior to the day assigned for hearing;

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place assigned, to make objections, if you have cause. You are advised that the will may be allowed if no interested person appears to object to this action at this hearing. This is the first action in this proceeding. If you wish to receive notice of future events in this matter you must formally enter your appearance with the court.

Date this 10th day of July, 2013.  
Joanne M. Ertel, Probate Judge

**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
GORDON COUNTY - STATE OF GEORGIA  
Civil Action File No. 13-10  
William Squires, Petitioner  
In Re: Alexa Williams  
DOB: November 3, 1995  
Maxwell Williams  
DOB: November 7, 2001

Adriana Williams  
DOB: December 12, 2002  
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION  
TO: Marvin Williams, 820 Jackson Avenue, Apt 1-A, Bronx, New York 10456-7753;

By Order of the Court for notice by publication dated July 2, 2013, you are hereby notified that on April 19, 2013, William Squires filed a Petition to Adopt minor children, to-wit: Alexa Williams, Maxwell Williams, and Adriana Williams, the children of Margarita Squires and Marvin Williams, in the Superior Court of Gordon County, Georgia.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to law of any interested or affected party to appear in said Court and file with said Court within (30) days of the filing of publication.

This 2nd day of July, 2013.  
Grant Walraven  
Clerk, Gordon County Superior Court  
Cherokee Judicial Circuit  
Prepared by:  
Leslie Vaughan Simmons  
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

### Rose Colored Glasses

I don't look at all of the "hoo-hah" going on about PED usage with my head in the clouds. But that being said, I would rather save my thoughts and ink covering those athletes who do the right things and don't try to increase their stats for "thirty pieces of silver." I DO look at the sports pages as the toy department.

#### Selection

I feel that the MLB All-Star Game is the last area where the fans, whose money supports the game, have any kind of influence on a game. I think that any changes to that set up that diminishes that privilege ignores the millions of dollars that fans spend on tickets, memorabilia, and gear.

#### BRRR!

Norman Chad wrote (as the "couch slouch") from the Las Vegas Poker World Series, "I'm feeling quite a chill within our own borders lately: President Obama essentially says no to online poker and yes to online snooping. Geez. Poker would seem to be exercising our freedoms and surveillance would seem to be eroding our freedoms, unless Couch Slouch is missing something here."

#### Knick Cap

When Donnie Walsh was the Knick GM he worked hard to get the team's spending under the "luxury tax" ceiling. The pres-

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# Bronx native Corela bringing Jordan Brand to NYC's streetball circuit

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Antonio "Mousey" Carela went from unsure and apprehensive to energized and ecstatic with Nike making his Tri-State Classic streetball tournament the first to be sponsored by its Jordan Brand.

Carela, a Bronx native, didn't know what to make of the initial move when he was informed of it four months ago. From 2010-2011 he was dropped by Nike, which sponsors the top six tournaments in New York City. It made him wonder why he was picked. There are more high profile tournaments in his mind.

"After they picked me back up and they moved me over to Jordan Brand, that's what I didn't understand," Carela said. "I was like, 'Dam am I getting dropped again?'"

In reality he was getting built up instead.

Nike saw a chance to do something special with one of streetball's legendary figures and give his court and infrastructure a makeover. Carela has been involved in street



Bronx native Antonio "Mousey" Carela is the commissioner of the Tri-State Classic streetball tournament, the first sponsored by Jordan Brand in New York City.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

basketball for 27 years, the first 20 as a coach, highlighted by leading the famed Terror Squad to numerous Rucker Park titles. He couldn't be happier with the results.

"I have the best court in New York City," Carela said.

Nike and Jordan Brand put

down a brand new black and gold black top at Colonel Young Park, the tournaments home, at 145th Street and Lennox Ave in Harlem. They added new fiberglass backboards, extra security, and added bleachers. All the uniforms are Jordan Brand. Carela's 11-year-old daughter Chyna can be seen walking around selling drinks to fans It's created a first-class feeling that was once sponsored by up and coming clothing brand Ball'N and suffered from overcrowding.

"It's a real different feel from Dyckman," said famed streetball coach and Bronx native Bingo Cole. "You have to go in there and you have to be worried and people are on top of you. Here it's more of a family orientated."

The players and coaches have been wowed by what they've seen and feel it's a big step for Jordan Brand to do something like this in Harlem. Former Georgetown star Jessie Sapp said it was fitting Carela got this chance and loved the new feel around the tournament.

"This is sort of like how the Rucker use to be," Sapp said. "You come to the park and you get the fierce [competitive] atmosphere. "You have to bring your 'A' game to this place."

Carela sees it has a opportunity to grow more than his tournament, which features and high school and unlimited college/pro division that plays Friday through Sunday. He plans on doing a high school basketball all-star game and Jordan is looking to host clinics and camps there for the community down the road," he said.

When Carela talks about his union with Jordan Brand and their generosity now there is a great sense of pride and appreciation. He also feels a responsibility to uphold the standard and expectation that come with Jordan Brand, but feels up to the task.

"What better combination to make," Carela said. "The best streetball coach to ever was and now I'm with the greatest brand. It kind of fit us."



The Tri-State Classic streetball tournament is now sponsored by Jordan Brand.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

# The Bronx Times' Top 10 High School teams of 2012-13

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Bronx teams brought home plenty of hardware during the 2012-13 high school sports season, but which were the best of the best?

Bronx Times Sports Editor Joseph Staszewski decides by ranking the top 10 Bronx high school teams regardless of sports. The squads are selected keeping in mind their level of dominance in their sport, the level and difficulty of any title won, the historic nature of its season and quality of their overall year. Here is how the list shaped up:

## 1. St. Raymond Baseball (16-7)

The Ravens sat atop the CHSAA baseball world and will do the same in this list. St. Ray's near perfect playoff run earned it the school's first CHSAA Class AA intersection crown since 1998. It came from a team that started with low expectation and proved at of people wrong with the help of Steven Figueroa and Adam DeLaCruz.

## 2. Fieldston Softball (18-1)

Fieldston came out of nowhere to claim its first NYSAISAA crown since 2005. Freshman ace Temma Levis filled the void left by graduated star Kate Miller and pitched her team to a 4-3 win over Rye Country Day in the final. Annie Fernandez, Savannah Stern and Caroline Susman also helped the Eagles to an unbeaten Ivy League title.

## 3. Bronx Science

### Girls Soccer (13-3)

An injury plagued regular season left many doubting the Wolverines elite nature. As players came back No. 10-seeded Bronx Science grew stronger and rode its building momentum to its second city title in last four years. Alexandra Scheman, Liz Schaeffer and Co. avenged regular season losses and a defeat in last season's championship game against rival Beacon with a 2-1 win in this year's final.

## 4. Horace Mann Girls Soccer (11-5-1)

Injuries were the story early for Horace Mann as well, leading to an up and down season. Things came together in time for the playoffs and the Lions went on to win the school's first ever NYSAISAA title. Star Sarah Heintz scored the lone goal in a 1-0 win over Columbia Prep in the final.

## 5. Cardinal Hayes Basketball (22-8)

The uber-talented Cardinals were enigmatic at times and lost a few heart breakers in the regular season. They put it all together in

the city playoffs where Shavar Newkirk and Tyler Wilson led Hayes back to the CHSAA 'AA' semifinals, where it gave eventual champion Christ the King all it could handle.

## 6. Monsignor Scanlan Boys Basketball (23-5)

Scanlan scripted the kind of worst to first story they makes movies about. After not winning a game a year ago, first-year coach Dwayne Mitchell led the Crusaders to the school's first ever State Federation Class B title. They beating fellow Bronx school Fannie Lou Hamer in the final behind John Dewey and Naje Greene.

## 7. Fordham Prep Boy's Lacrosse (13-8)

Fordham Prep coach Len DeLucia knew good things would come in time for his young team. It lost two heart breakers to rival Iona Pre during the regular season, but saved its best for last. The Rams offense clicked and Mike Dugan recorded a hat track in a 8-4 win over the Gaels that gave Fordham its second CHSAA Class AA title in the last three years.

## 8. Fordham Prep Baseball (19-5)

The Rams failed to bring home a CHSAA city title, but you can't question their accomplishments. Fordham won 17 straight games and earned the top-seed in the playoffs behind ace Sean McNamara and catcher Zach Leone. It fell a game short of the final losing only to champion St. Ray's and runner up Farrell.

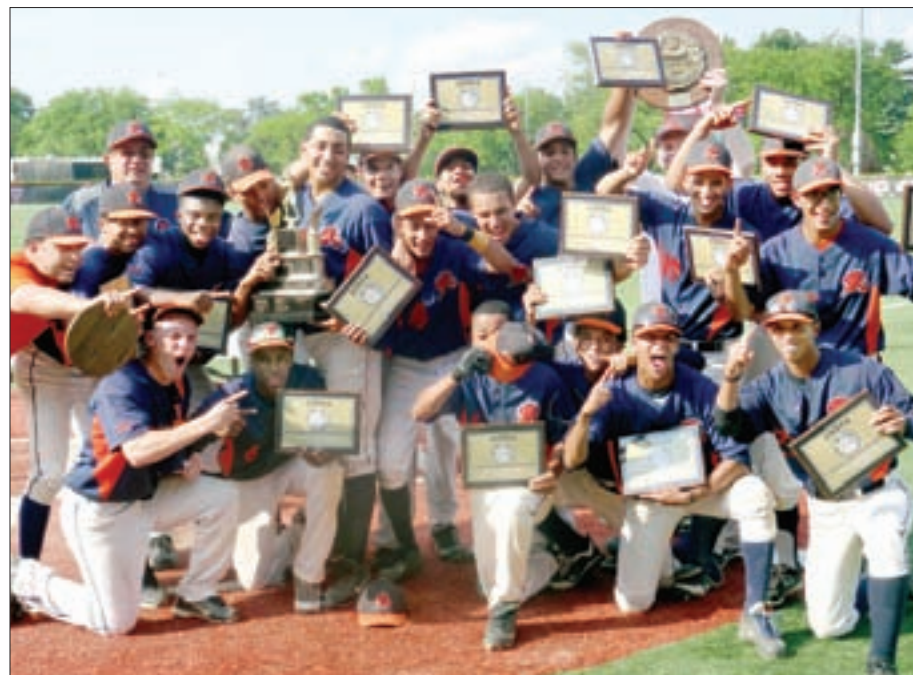
## 9. Preston Girls Volleyball (15-0)

Preston has puts its name among the elite programs in New York City. A second straight CHSAA Class 'A' city title certainly helps. Seniors Victoria Sorrell and Jasmina Dzurlic and coach Jay Sanchez leave knowing they brought Preston to a new level, one it hopes to stay at.

## 10. Dewitt Clinton Softball (19-1)

This year's Governors squad was the best in the history of the program. Behind senior hurler Maguette Fofana and Kim Martinez Clinton went unbeaten in the regular season and reached the PSAL Class A semifinals for the first time. There its suffered its only defeat of the season to eventual champion Construction

Honorable mention: St. Raymond boys basketball, Monsignor Scanlan baseball, Bronx Science girls volleyball, Preston softball, Fannie Lou Hamer boys basketball, Bronx Studio girls Rugby



The St. Raymond baseball team was ranked as the top high school team in the Bronx for the 2012-13 season.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski



Tyler Wilson and Cardinal Hayes were ranked fifth among Bronx high school teams by the Bronx Times.

Photo by Stevne Schnibbe

# Bronx-native McLaughlin prepares for another title run

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Ashanae McLaughlin will be asked to be more than just a dynamic scorer at Murry Bergtraum next season.

The Bronx native and rising junior guard will be pushed into a leadership role for coach Ed Grezinsky's club. Two years ago it was Shequana Harris' team, last season McLaughlin was just a sophomore playing under upper-classmen Jasmine Nwajei and Joella Gibson. Now the team is hers in her third year on the varsity as the Lady Blazers look to claim their unprecedented 16th straight PSAL Class AA girls basketball title.

She feels she is ready for the challenge.

"I have to show more leadership for my team," McLaughlin said.

Gaicho's travel team coach Tyrone Moultrie as already seen her game and her demeanor mature. In her younger days McLaughlin was a raw, sometime unpredictable talent. Since then her understanding of game situations as grown and she had learned how to better balance scoring and managing a game when she has a talented team around her.

"She wasn't as poised as she is now," Moultrie said.

The 5-foot-7 McLaughlin already knows a thing or two about putting her team on her back and carrying them. She put on a shooting

display of the ages and scored 17 of her 22 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Lady Blazers to a win over a game Curtis team in the PSAL Class AA semifinals last year and she dropped in 15 points in the title game.

"She's not really vocal as a point guard, but see can lead," Moultrie said.

This summer marks her full entry in the college recruiting process and she already had interest from St. John's Seton Hall and Maryland among others. McLaughlin showed off her ability to score and run a team with the Bronx-based Gauchos at the Blue Chip USA Invitational two weeks ago. Her body control, ability

to breakdown a defender off the dribble and the passion with which he plays makes her an impressive package.

"There are going to be more [schools] to come," she said. "I just have to choose the right school."

She is preparing herself to deal with the expectations that come with playing at Bergtraum, which she said grows with each season. The responsibility of keeping the streak alive will fall more and more her. She's just fine with that.

"It's a lot of pressure because everyone is doubting us," McLaughlin said. "We won 15 in a row. We have to keep it going."



Murry Bergtraum's Ashanae McLaughlin, a Bronx native, has interest from St. John's Seton Hall and Maryland.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Pipe Dreams: More On Bargnani; Urban Blight

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ent GM, Glen Grunwald just traded for Bargnani who has missed over 60% of his team's games in the last two years. He carries a \$23m salary plus \$.5m bonus. This won't be too bad if the team wins-but we'll have to wait and see how many games he plays.

### More On Bargnani

I'm not on board with Andrea Bargnani yet. Jhonnate Howard (ESPN.com) said he was a 7-footer who played like a 6-3 swing guard, who's not that willing to play in the paint. She said he was a one-trick pony who carried a big price tag and wasn't in shape most of the time. I thought he was supposed to be a relief to Chandler.

### NFL Escrow

I wonder if there's any way to put an NFL Rookie's salary into escrow and have it be payable, with interest, to the player after an arrest-free period

of time. Nothing seems to have worked up to this time.

### Tulsa Olympics

Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoads.com) talked about Neil Mavis, the Tulsa dreamer. "Do we even bother to point out, as the New York Times has, that while the International Olympic Committee requires a host city to have a minimum of 45,000 hotel rooms, Tulsa comes up 30,000 short? And that the \$5 billion price tag for hosting the Olympics is more than half the Oklahoma state budget? Mavis, an electrical engineer and teacher at a local technology college, has been working on the Tulsa Olympic bid for the past five years. He was living in Atlanta when its bid for the 1996 Summer Games was accepted, a scenario that many in the U.S. and abroad thought was far-fetched at the time . There's

always been a suspicion that Coca-Cola bought the Olympics for Atlanta. Maybe Tulsa, which was built on oil, could sway IOC officials with the gift of a few active wells. The fantasy also takes into account that Tulsa's suspect infrastructure, much smaller than Atlanta's, couldn't handle the demands of the Summer Games. Not a problem, according to Mavis, who envisions the Olympics encompassing Oklahoma City and Norman. His quixotic effort is a private movement for now. After a recent story in the Times created national attention for the city, Tulsa's mayor and sports commission held a news conference Tuesday to announce that an Olympic bid was no longer official city business. As late as this May, though, local politicians designated Mavis as their representative in a letter to the U.S. Olympic Com-

mittee asking that Tulsa be invited to make a bid.

Cities won't officially bid for the 2024 Games for a few more years, so it's possible Mavis and the city could link arms again. In the meantime, this story has produced a lot of free - if not entirely favorable - publicity for Tulsa.

### Urban Blight

During Urban Meyer's 6 years as the football coach for Florida, the Gators had 25 players involved in 31 arrests- including Aaron Hernandez. Where did Meyer do his recruiting- the Department of Corrections? I'm sure it wasn't at the library.

Now Meyer is coaching at Ohio State. What can he teach them that they haven't done yet?

### Fore!!

Norman Chad had a reader ask him: "When a pro golfer is laid to rest, is there typically an idiot wearing a sun visor yell-

ing, 'Get in the hole!'"

### Cote's Random Evidence

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) writes a column he calls "Random Evidence of a Cluttered Mind" every so often.

"The Panthers made Finnish center Aleksander Barkov the number 2 overall pick in the hockey draft. He is 17 but said to be ready for the NHL. At 17, I wasn't ready to decide between a Whopper and as Big Mac.

The opening weekend of sailing's America's Cup off San Francisco has been a debacle with strong winds cancelling time trials and the New Zealand and Italian teams protesting new safety rules. Sports fans across America reacted with indifference."

### Molinaro Marinara

Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoad.com) wrote: "Bobby Bonilla, who is 50 and hasn't played since

2001, receives \$1.2 million annually from the Mets until his contract expires in... wait for it... 2035. What the Mets were thinking is anybody's guess, but it takes a lot of foresight and patience for a player and his agent to work a deal that pays off for more than three decades. July 2 marked the 50th anniversary of the marathon game in which the Giants' Juan Marichal outdueled 42-year-old Braves pitcher Warren Spahn for a 1-0, 16-inning Giants win. In this battle of iron men, Marichal threw 227 pitches to Spahn's 201. Pitch count? What pitch count?"

### Food For Thought

Dwight Perry wrote, "Hostess Twinkees- out of production for 1 ½ years- are slated to return to store shelves this month.

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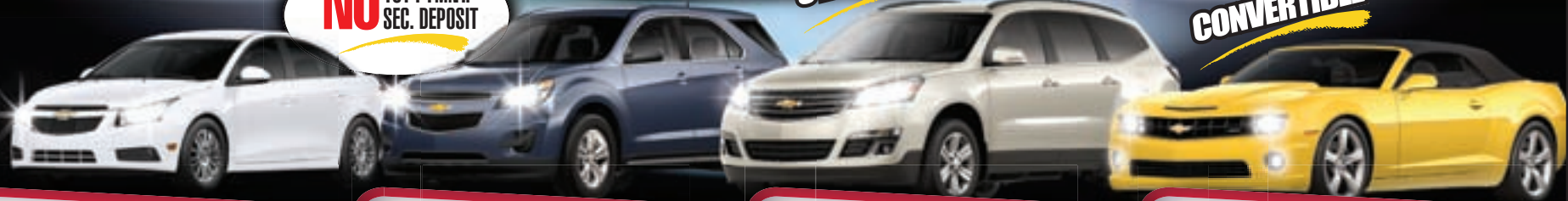
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