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Beware of phone scammers

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Phone grifters working the Green Dot MoneyPak scam are at it again in the east Bronx.

The police are once again urging the public to be vigilant against a scheme known as the Green Dot MoneyPak Card Scam, where people are conned out of their money, supposedly to pay bogus debts.

The gist of the scam is that
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FIREWORKS CRACKDOWN

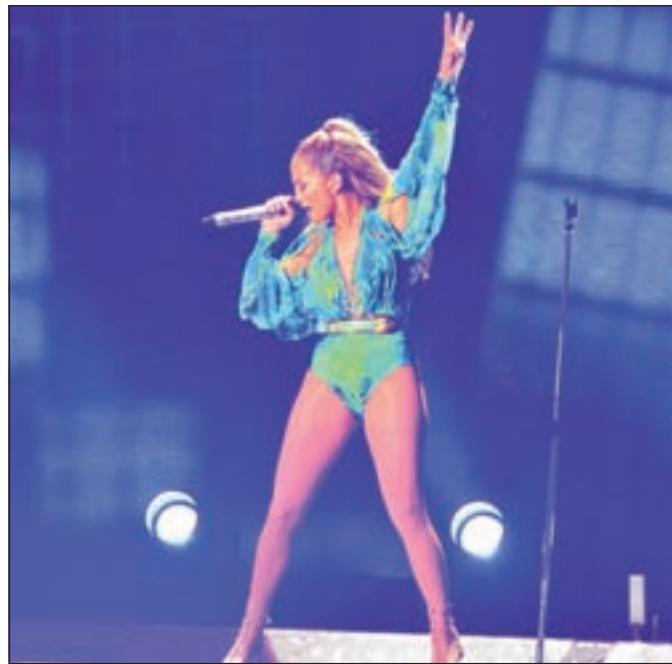


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NYPD issues warning and reward

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Put those bottle rockets, Roman candles, firecrackers and even sparklers down, Bronxites – and leave blowing things up to the pros.

That's the word the NYPD is sending out as it launches its annual crackdown on amateur fireworks in the weeks shortly leading up to the Fourth of July.

Police are offering a cool \$1000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of someone without a state pyrotechnics license caught possessing or selling fireworks.

Cops are also spreading the word that anyone caught with explosives is subject to a \$750 summons and can even be arrested, if the supply is big enough.

East Bx on watch

In the Bronx, the 49th Precinct plans to have vans cruising up and down both sides of Pelham Parkway on July 4, keeping an eye out for illegal firework igniters.

"It really is not worth it to light off fireworks yourself," said Detec-

tive Vic DiPierro, a community affairs officer at the precinct covering Morris Park, Van Nest, Pelham Parkway and Allerton.

East Bronx community leaders said that locals are still prone to setting off their own fireworks, though the explosions have plummeted since Mayor Giuliani engineered a massive crackdown in the Nineties.

"It hasn't been a huge problem since Giuliani, but you will still find fireworks in private homes here," said Joe Thompson, president of the 49th Precinct Community Council.

Police at the 45th Precinct, which covers the easternmost slice of the borough, said they haven't heard many complaints yet about illegal fireworks rocking the neighborhood.

But like always, they're on high alert this time of year.

"If you see your neighbor lighting them, stop them and tell them that it's illegal," advised an officer

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around town

by Patrick Rocchio

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

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Graduation

Veronica Morrison wishes her sincerest congratulations to her niece **Shakina Hawthorne**, who graduated with Cum Laude honors from prestigious Georgetown University in Washington D.C. Shakina, a resident of the Williamsbridge community, accomplished this feat of honors graduation with a *double major* in Psychology and Sociology, and with a minor in English. *Shakina, your family is very proud of you and wishes you the best for the future. Congratulations also go to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hawthorne, for instilling greatness in all*



SHAKINA HAWTHORNE

their children. Love always, Aunt Ronnie.

Jospeh Madia from Morris Park has the following message for his son **Joseph Mario Madia**, who graduated with honors from Salesian High School on Saturday, May 31. Joseph and his 131 classmates were part of Salesian's 90th Commencement Exercises. Joseph Mario, here is a message from your family: *Every test you have made it through, the*

teachers who encouraged you every step along the way, has made you into the fine young man you are today. You have a strong moral center and served your school and community very well. We are very proud of your achievements, and we wish continued success as you embark on college to pursue your professional studies. You have accomplished a lot, and your future is very bright. Always be confident and successfully fulfill all your dreams. God bless you and love always Mom, Dad and your brothers John and Anthony.



JOSEPH MARIO MADIO

Kayleigh Diaz was one of the graduates in St. Raymond's Elementary Pre-K "Moving Up" Ceremony. She will be moving on to Kindergarten at St. Raymond's. Her Godmother Nina Wales sends her a big congratulations!

Birth

Norwood grandma Romanita Soto welcomed the birth of her granddaughter **Kayla Christine Soto**, who was born at White Plains Hospital on May 20, 2014 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. Proud parents are Kasey Demera and Christopher Soto.



KAYLEIGH DIAZ WITH HER GODDAUGHTER NINA WALES

Assemblyman Benedetto hosts lobby visits June 23

As the legislative session in Albany draws to a close, Assemblyman Benedetto is continuing his popular lobby visit that began earlier this year.

Benedetto has been visiting lobbies ever since he was first elected into the State Assembly. "I find it very rewarding to meet and engage in meaningful dis-

cussion with my constituents. In past years, many of my decisions in Albany have been derived as a result of discussions from these lobby visits."

He will be visiting 1950 Hutchinson River Parkway on Monday, June 23, from 5:15 to 7 p.m.

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Boro animal shelter at risk

Rescue group faces \$ crisis

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx's only animal shelter is running out of time and money.

New Beginning Animal Rescue, the only Bronx animal organization with its own facility, is in danger of closing in a matter of months.

Pedro Rosario founded the non-profit rescue group in late 2010 in connection with his for-profit animal boarding company, NYC's Top Dog, south of Westchester Square.

For the first year or two, Rosario said the company was able to support the non-profit rescue group by boarding dogs for other rescue groups, but in the past year business has slowed.

Several months ago the shelter, which has a no-kill policy, ran out of money, and it has been in a precarious situation ever since. Donations have helped keep the shelter afloat until now, and Rosario said there is enough to stay open for two more months.

Beyond that, Rosario doesn't know what the shelter's fate will be. He'd like to see it prosper and continue to serve the community, but he's afraid he'll have to shut his doors.

Long term solution

Rosario said that while all donations are helping in the short term, he is looking to a long term solution through a private sponsorship or public funding. In order to keep the shelter open for the foreseeable future, he said he needs consistent help to cover his \$10,000 a month operating costs.

The shelter has three employees, down from five, and ten volunteers who care for the dozens of animals that Rosario and others rescue and try to place for adoption.

Rosario said the dogs



New Beginning Animal Rescue founder Pedro Rosario with recently abandoned Samantha, a one-year-old pit bull terrier mix. The only shelter in the Bronx is in danger of closing for lack of funds.

Photo by Jaime Williams

they take in are found in the street, are surrendered by owners, or are rescued from NYC Animal Care and Control centers before they are euthanized.

City shelter needed

There is currently no Animal Care and Control center in the Bronx, and Rosario said the presence of one would help the animal situation in the borough. But he feels there also needs to be a private no-kill shelter, which he is struggling to provide.

If it were to close, some animals would be given to other rescue groups, Rosario said, but others would have to go to Animal Care and Control.

And without the shelter's services, "There'd be more animals on the streets," he said.

In addition to saving animals, Rosario's shelter also helps students from local schools who intern there. Rosario said that working at the shelter gives the kids an idea of how to treat animals gives them something productive to do after school.

"It takes kids off the street," he said. "They come here, interact with the animals, get school credit and they learn something."

Rosario, who has worked with animals his entire 19-year career, wants the chance to continue to help both animals and people.

"We're here for the community," he said.

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Jeff Klein is hanging tough, sitting pretty, and apparently intends to stay that way as co-leader of the Senate with Republicans.

While **Gov. Cuomo** has softened his stance about pushing Jeff to return his five-member Independent Democratic Conference to the regular Democratic fold and restore its majority (He now says it *could* be after the November elections), others have been pleading with, cajoling, criticizing and threatening Klein, including the Working Families Party, which is backing former Attorney General **Oliver Koppell** against Klein.

But as Jeff sees it, he can still do more by remaining exactly right where he is, thank you very much.

When we asked him if he's thought about floating his IDC's vote back and forth across the aisle, depending on the issue, he responded

"We do that every day."

"If I turned around and went back tomorrow, the progressive agenda would fail – because there's not enough Democratic votes," he told us. "Nobody counts the numbers."

"The Dream Act (for college aid to immigrant's children) failed because of two Democrats. Campaign finance? Reverend (Ruben Sr.) Diaz adamantly opposed it. He's the 32nd member that could pass it. He won't vote for it."

Klein obviously has no love for the Working Families Party, "once again, trying to take someone out of power that benefits the Bronx – just how they created a City Council Speaker and somehow the Bronx got left out of the mix."

"When you make believe that it's about a progressive agenda, you believe you're on the side of the angels," he

said. "So you can screw anybody. You don't have to keep your word - or keep a deal."

JLOW

Excuse us if we're jaded over **J.Lo**. Maybe the Bronx is too, despite the aging pop tart's long-time-coming efforts to pay back the borough she shrewdly used to give the middle-class, Preston High School grad "street cred."

Turns out that highly publicized concert at Orchard Beach, with 25,000 free tickets given away, was a bit of a bust. A highly placed source tells us the official clicker count at the gate shows only 9,600 folks actually showed up for show, with Daily News rock critic **Jim Farber's** review noting that Lopez "falls far from the rank of great, or even good, singers."

"She's played out. She's old," sayeth one former fan. "People have moved on."

NUMBERS GAME

With the congressional

primary vote Tuesday, June 24, **Jerry Skurnik**, the political numbers wizard at Prime New York, notes that the two Bronx assembly districts in the hot 13th Congressional District race between Charlie Rangel and Adriano Espaillat could be key in the Tuesday, June 24 primary.

We'd call Harlem minister **Michael Walrond** a potential spoiler in this one, since Charlie beat Espaillat in the 2012 primary by only a thousand or so votes.

Skurnik noted that the Bronx turnout of 7,354 voters in that 2012 contest was telling for lack of interest in the congressional race.

While there was a large vote for mayoral candidate **Bill de Blasio**, only 33% of the voters who showed up in the largely white 81st A.D. covering Riverdale/Kingsbridge voted in the congressional primary. About 36%

voted in that contest in the heavily Hispanic 78th A.D. covering Fordham, Kingsbridge Heights, Bedford Park, and Belmont.

"If I were either candidate, I'd be working those districts verrry hard," sayeth Jerry. "The trick is delivering a different message in each district."

IN THE GAME

Kenny Agosto, redistricted out of his current district leader's job in the 80th AD in Morris Park, tells us he's running for state committeeman in the 78th A.D. and supporting local venerable Assemblyman **Jose Rivera** for reelection.

CONGRATS

To **Annie Boller**, finally appointed to Bronx Community Board 10 after being involved with community organizations all over the place for years.

COP CORNER

Happy anniversary.

To the 41st Precinct station-house on Simpson St., opened 100 years ago, weathering the Fort Apache 'Bronx is Burning' years, and now home of Bronx Detective Command. And to the Fort Apache crowd who held their reunion last week, great seeing you guys!

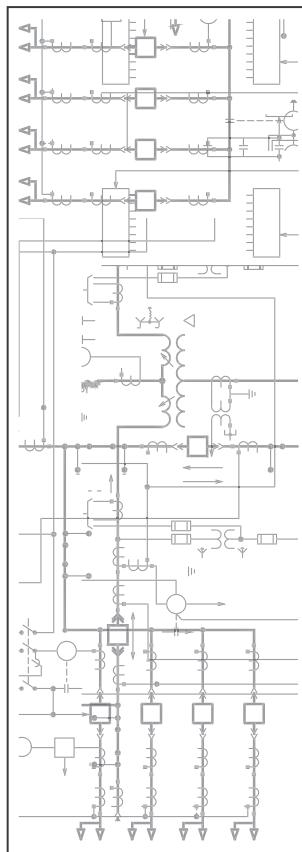
Congrats. To Bronx Borough command's anti-crime unit, the guys and gals that work to get guns off the borough's streets, awarded a unit citation at NYPD Medal Day ceremonies at 1 Police Plaza on Tuesday, June 10.

BRONX BIRTHDAYS

June 14 - Life photographer **Margaret Bourke-White** (1904-1971)

June 16 - **J.C. Polanco**, former Bronx Republican commissioner and head of the City Board of Elections.

June 17 - **Merricka Scott-McFadden**, deputy chief clerk of the Bronx Board of Elections.



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Foreclosure prevention push

Bronxites credit expiring law with saving homes

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Homeowners facing foreclosure may be able to keep some of the tools the state legislature created after the financial crisis for five more years.

With many in the Bronx still not having recovered from the 2008-2009 recession, new legislation in Albany would keep lenders required to provide notice of foreclosure and mandatory settlement conferences for all home loans.

These protections are set to expire in February 2015, and for home owners facing foreclosure, this could mean the death knell for their dreams.

Senator Jeff Klein was joined by Brooklyn Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein Friday, June 6 on the steps of the Bronx County Courthouse to announce legislation to extend the foreclosure protections passed by the

state legislature in 2009.

The state Assembly passed the legislation on June 2, and the Senate on Tuesday, June 10, with it now awaiting Gov. Cuomo's signature.

The legislators also released a report stating that 80% of the neighborhoods most impacted by foreclosures are largely minority communities.

Helping whole communities

"With nearly 30,000 New York City homeowners currently facing foreclosure, the extension of foreclosure notifications and settlement conferences are critical to keeping the vast majority of these homeowners in their homes," said Klein.

He noted that foreclosures "take a toll on entire neighborhoods and can destroy otherwise safe, beautiful areas."

Justin Haines, director

of the foreclosure prevention unit at Legal Services NYC, said that if the past six years showed anything, "it is that banks and non-bank servicers are not interested in approving affordable home-saving solutions like loan modifications."

"In 2013 in the Bronx, more foreclosures were filed than in either 2009 or 2010, what we believed to be the height of the financial crisis," said Haines. "For those who think the foreclosure crisis is over or behind us, it isn't."

Kirsten Keefe, senior attorney at Empire Justice Center, noted that "In the first year of the mandatory settlement conferences, New York's default judgment rate dropped from 90% to 10%, proving that the settlement conferences are a critical measure to ensure justice for New York homeowners."

Voices of the afflicted

"As a homeowner negotiating a loan modification, settlement conferences were absolutely essential to keeping my home," said Williamsbridge homeowner Yvonne Mitchell. "I am thrilled to hear that these critical protections for homeowners

will continue beyond the upcoming expiration date. No homeowner should have to forgo the opportunity to keep their home."

Soundview homeowner Evelyn Rodriguez said her settlement conference and the legal help from Legal

Services NYC - Bronx during that conference made all of the difference. She urged those facing foreclosure to contact Legal Services.

"If it wasn't for them," she noted, "I truly believe that we would not have been able to keep our house."

Back in the Day at Poe Park

Bronx historians, writers, singers, rappers, and dancers will come together to present "Back in the Day at Poe Park: A Bronx Storytelling and Music Festival" on Saturday, June 21st from 2-4:30 p.m. at Poe Park.

Produced by the Five Boro Story Project, the free event at the Grand Concourse near 192nd Street will occur on the

summer solstice as part of Make Music New York, an annual public music extravaganza, and part of the Storytelling Center of New York City's Traveling Storytelling Festival.

Starting with the story of when Edgar Allan Poe came to the Bronx in 1846, moving to true tales of Poe Park's epic concerts in the 50's and dance battles in the 80's, to a reading of a romantic ren-

dezvous in Poe's cottage, to an incredible true account from a former caretaker of the cottage, "Back in the Day" will take attendees on a journey through the Bronx from Edgar Allan Poe's day to our day.

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Construction work warning relief

Nabes will get 72-hour notice from city

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Councilman Jimmy Vacca has gotten a city agency to go along with his proposal that could spell relief and some advance notification for neighborhoods facing major city construction projects.

After speaking with the DDC commissioner Dr. Feniosky Peña-Mora, Vacca was able to convince the agency to add an additional 48-hours to the already 24-hour notification the department provides to local community and businesses.

"At the suggestion of Council Member Vacca, effective immediately city-wide, DDC will provide 72-hour advance notice of water shutoffs, roadway or driveway restrictions, or other community impacts resulting from our infrastructure construction projects," said Peña-Mora. "We will then issue another 24-hour notice to confirm the time and exact location where the work will occur.

The commissioner called

it "a priority for me and for our agency to be good neighbors in every neighborhood where we are working, and to minimize the disruptions that infrastructure construction projects create for residents and businesses."

Major Notifications

"The 72-hour notice will be distributed via e-mail to residents, businesses, elected officials, community boards, and other stakeholders," said the commissioner, who thanked Vacca for working with him to better notify the public about construction improvements and minimizing inconveniences.

"For the 24-hour notice, we will send similar e-mail notices, but also go door-to-door (as was our previous practice) to inform residents and businesses of the upcoming work," he added. Vacca had proposed a bill in May that proposed many of the same remedies that the city agency agreed to initiate.

"Rather than wait for the

bill to become law, the administration was agreeable to do that right away," said Vacca, adding that the idea for a 72-hour notification rose out of complaints from the Country Club sewer reconstruction project in his district.

"The primary goal must always be to limit disruption to the local community," he said.

Vacca had help writing the bill from local attorney, former legislative aide and Country Club Civic Association board member Frank Vernuccio.

Vernuccio had said that, in the past, oftentimes who to contact in case of an emergency would not be clear.

"Frequently, this can happen on the weekend," he had said before DDC's action. "If sometime goes wrong, like a repair that is half-done causing a water-main break or an electrical disruption, there is really no easy way to know who to call or who is responsible."

Bronx contractor fined \$66,600 by OSHA

Kay Waterproofing Corp., a masonry and waterproofing contractor based in the Bronx, has been cited by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 13 serious safety violations—including fall and scaffolding hazards—found at a residential building in Edgewater, N.J. OSHA initiated its December 2013 investigation after an imminent danger complaint was made and has proposed \$66,600 in penalties.

"Falls remain the deadliest hazard in the construction industry. The safety and well-being of employees depends on effective fall protection on all job sites," said Lisa Levy, director of

OSHA's Hasbrouck Heights Area Office. "Employers are responsible for ensuring safe and healthful workplaces and will be held accountable when they fail to do so."

Other cited violations included the failure of the company to provide eye protection for employees chipping and cutting masonry; provide hard hats where overhead hazards existed; ensure equipment had an electrical grounding pin and was properly guarded and protected; and ensure ladders were used for the designed purpose and were not defective. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a

hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.

OSHA will hold a National Safety Stand-Down from June 2-6 to raise awareness among employers and workers about the hazards of falls, which account for the most deaths in the construction industry. The stand-down is part of OSHA's ongoing Fall Prevention Campaign.

Kay Waterproofing Corp. has 15 business days from receipt of its citations and proposed penalties to comply, request a conference with OSHA's area director in Hasbrouck Heights, or contest the findings before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

40th PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 12:45 a.m.

– 567 Cauldwell Ave. Police recovered another gun off of South Bronx streets. This time with the arrest of a male suspect, who failed to obtain a permit to own the weapon in the city, a 9-mm pistol was taken away from the suspect. The semi-automatic pistol was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

TUES, APRIL 22nd, 5:30 p.m.

– Courtlandt Ave. and East 155 St. Police officers arrived at a reported crime scene, found no victim. The police officers decided to check local hospitals. While at Lincoln Medical Center checking for a possible victim, police officers found a male who had been shot. The male suffering from a bullet wound provides the officers with sufficient information that a police supervisor directed additional police officers to be deployed into the area.

THURS, APRIL 24th, 3:45 a.m.

– 2525 Third Ave. Police were able to remove another gun from streets of the South Bronx. This time a loaded 38-caliber revolver was vouched as evidence after its owner was arrested.

41st PCT.

TUES, APRIL 22nd, 11:30 a.m.

– 950 Aldus St. Police investigators are looking into a serious stabbing. A male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center after being stabbed in the stomach area. Local investigators are handling the inquiry.

THURS, APRIL 24th, 3:45 p.m.

– 1315 Lafayette Ave. Police looking into a shooting quickly found out that there was two persons who had been shot. Officials first found a 21 year old Hispanic male who was suffering from a bullet wound to the right foot. The injured man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Police were alerted that another 21 year old Hispanic man appeared at Jacobi Medical Center seeking assistance for a bullet wound to the right heel. Police officials ordered additional police officers to be deployed into the Hunts Point community. Local detective are handling the inquiry.

42nd PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 11:55 p.m.

– 870 Freeman St. Authorities are looking into a late evening shooting. A 41 year old black male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center on East 149 St. suffering from a bullet wound to the stomach area. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

WED, APRIL 23rd, 2:50 p.m.

– 1128 Vyse Ave. Police were alerted that shots had been fired. Upon investigation it was determined that no one was injured. An inquiry is underway.



POLICE BLOTER

1755 Story Ave. Police started an inquiry after arriving on the scene of a shooting. Authorities found a 20 year old black male suffering from a bullet wound to the left leg. The inquiry is being handled by local detectives.

WED, APRIL 23rd, 11:00 p.m.

– 1030 Boynton Ave. An investigation was launched after officials learned of a stabbing. The male victim was suffering from a stab wound to the left shoulder area. The injured male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center. Officials are looking to question a family member concerning the attack.

44th PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 9:15 p.m.

Teller Ave. and East 172 St. A stabbing came to the attention of local investigators. A 22 year old black male was taken to Bronx Lebanon Hospital's Concourse Division suffering from a stab wound to chest area. Now local detectives have been tasked with finding the culprit.

WED, APRIL 23rd, 1:10 a.m.

– East 172 St. and Grand Concourse. Officials were alerted that a male had been attacked. Police officers found a 26 year old man who was apparently beaten by two males who had fled. Authorities indicated that the male was most likely run over by a vehicle adding to his injuries. Police officers were able to recover a wooden stick at the crime scene that might have been used in the attack. Local detectives are investigating the incident.

45th PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 4:05 p.m.

A male suspect was arrested and charged with rape. The culprit is being charged with sexual attack upon a woman that occurred on a building's rooftop.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 5:45 p.m.

– 2049 Bartow Ave. Officials are looking into an arrest. A suspect was nabbed while in possession of a police type badge, identification card, and parking plaque. The Internal Affairs Bureau is handling the follow-up investigation.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 9:20 p.m.

– 2430 Tratman Ave. Authorities indicated that an emotionally upset person required medical aid in the Westchester Square area. Officials indicated that the violent person was injured as officers tried to gain control of the individual. The injured person was provided with medical care at Jacobi Medical Center.

43rd PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 1:15 a.m.

WED, APRIL 23rd, 3:45 p.m.

LaPorte Pl. and East Tremont Ave. A call for assistance was transmitted over the police radio system by a traffic agent working in the Throggs Neck community. The city worker was in the process of issuing a summons to a vehicle when its owner it is charged pushed the agent and fled. Police officers responded to the incident obtaining information about the culprit and the vehicle. Local detectives are handling the follow-up inquiry.

46th PCT.

MON, APRIL 21st, 4:50 p.m.

– Jerome Ave. and East 184 St. A call for assistance was transmitted over the police radio system. A police supervisor needed assistance after a gun was pulled on the boss who was riding with a police officer when the incident occurred during a vehicle stop. The incident ended a without a bullet being fired, three suspects were arrested as additional police officers arrived on the scene. No injuries were reported.

TUES, APRIL 22nd, 6:30 p.m. – A shooting was reported to local police officers. Upon arriving on the scene, officials indicated that two males had been shot apparently during a large dispute between two groups. One male victim was suffering from a wound to the shoulder while the other male had been shot three separate times. The second victim had been shot in the lower back, right thigh, in addition to the left ankle.

WED, APRIL 23rd, 5:05 p.m.

– 20 Richman Plaza. Authorities are busy reviewing security tapes as they scrutinize the death of a 9 year old boy. The child went to the 43rd floor to his uncle's apartment to run an errand for the man and never returned. A worried mother in her 4th floor apartment summoned help after the boy was missing for over 30 minutes. Officials found the child's body lying on scaffolding located outside the high-rise building. The boy's body was released to the Medical Examiner's office so that an autopsy could be performed.

THURS, APRIL 24th, 2:25 p.m.

– 2225 Webster Ave. Police officials were informed that a student brought a gun to school. School Safety officers removed the 'BB' gun from the student and vouched the weapon as evidence.

47th PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 2:55 p.m.

727 East 235 St. Police Accident

Investigators are looking into an accident in the Wakefield area. A male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where officials indicated that the victim lost his left leg.

MON, APRIL 21st, 12:50 a.m.

– 3925 Baychester Ave. The emergency room staff treated a male who had been shot. The victim was suffering from two separate bullet wounds. One of the bullets ripped into male's right torso while the other entered the right leg. The armed culprit escaped before police officers arrived.

MON, APRIL 21st, 11:05 p.m.

– 4254 Carpenter Ave. Late evening plans were changed for five individuals after police came calling in the Wakefield area. Police officers arrested five persons after spotting a gun in plain view within the home. Vouched as evidence was a 40-caliber pistol pending their court appearances.

TUES, APRIL 22nd, 7:55 p.m.

– 735 Magenta St. An inquiry was started after authorities learned of a shooting. A black male had been shot in the right leg officials reported. The injured male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

TUES, APRIL 22nd, 9:15 p.m.

– Strange Ave. and Ely Ave. Police were able to get another unregistered gun out of the Baychester community. This time with an arrest, police officers were able to voucher a 40-caliber pistol.

48th PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 12:05 a.m.

– 2160 Clinton Ave. Police officers came to the aid of a teenager who had been attacked. The 15 year old black male was attacked by six other teens including a female among the group. The victim was robbed of his shoes in addition to receiving injuries to the head and facial areas. The injured victim was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital and provided with emergency medical care. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 4:30 p.m.

– 746 East 183 St. Additional assistance was needed by local police officers. An emotionally disturbed person was barricaded with in the building holding police at bay. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were requested. These experts needed assistance from members of the Hostage Negotiation Team before they were able to gain control of the person. Once in custody the individual was transported to Jacobi Medical Center and provided with help. No injuries were reported.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 6:00 p.m.

– A suspect was arrested by police officers looking into a reported rape in the West Farms – East Tremont section. The young culprit is charged with taking a pair of sneakers away from another student while traveling on the train system. The 41st Pct. officers worked on the inquiry.

that a 22 year old male had been attacked. The Caucasian victim had been stabbed twice in the back besides another wound to the left torso. Local detectives are handing the inquiry.

52nd PCT.

THURS, APRIL 24th, 10:20 p.m.

– 169 East Gun Hill Rd. Police investigators were called to Montefiore Hospital main section after an injured male arrived seeking help. The Hispanic male was suffering from multiple slash and stab wound about his body including the right wrist and left shoulder. Police gathered information that was turned over to detectives for the follow up inquiry.

Transit

WED, APRIL 23rd, 12:30 p.m.

– 1201 Lafayette Ave. Police officers arrested a student at a neighborhood school in the Hunts Point section. The student was charged with petit larceny that apparently had occurred on the city's transit system. The young culprit is charged with taking a pair of sneakers away from another student while traveling on the train system. The 41st Pct. officers worked on the inquiry.

Fire Log

MON, APRIL 21st, 4:45 p.m.

– 120 Benchley Pl. Smoke-eaters were faced with a fire in the basement of a Co-op City high-rise residential building. Battalion 15 indicated that there was a working fire upon arrival after the blaze was found in the laundry room of the 33-story high structure. Additional fire units were dispatched as the first hose line was being stretched by Engine 66's crew. Within 14 minutes, the fire had been extinguished while ladder crews vented the building and finished the searches. No injuries were reported.

49th PCT.

SUN, APRIL 20th, 3:15 a.m.

– 1216 Burke Ave. Additional police officers were sent into the Eastchester Garden's area after a shooting occurred. A male was found suffering from a bullet wound to the foot. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

THURS, APRIL 24th, 10:35 p.m.

– Williamsbridge Rd and Pelham Pkwy. After responding to Jacobi Medical Center, officials learned



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pelham Parkway Litter

Dear editor,

City projects to restore Pelham Parkway in both its roadways and greenways, both completed and planned, will give a real uplift to our area. Yet, while the City agencies working together with elected officials and civic groups continue to carry forward the restoration and reconstruction, there are those who have no respect for what this about. I'm referring to the parkway being used as an open trash can as a matter of course for some of the many passersby and those in cars along the parkway.

Homeowners, tenants, business people and the general public, who are motivated to keep Pelham Parkway consistent with the cleanliness and beauty of the overall neighborhood, will not be able to impress those who don't care about it without requiring the intervention of law enforcement, including NYPD and Parks rangers as well as DOT and Sanitation inspectors. Having many eyes out there with the ability and determination to issue littering summons would absolutely make a difference. It wouldn't take long before the Parkway would gain a reputation as a place to get ticketed for littering and we would see the problem tail off quickly.

Plain clothes officers with uniform patrol backup, staking out the area would be in order. It would also deter graffiti, yet another element in the stage set for crime. Yes – Litter and graffiti, which run down the appearance of an area, are part of the mix that fosters crime.

In Florida, the highways have signs warning of stiff fines in the thousands of dollars, and even imprisonment, if caught littering. As a result – the highways are immaculate – especially I-95. Just enforcing the existing \$450 littering fine would probably be enough. Greater use of cameras and nighttime surveillance should also be considered as well as the use of auxiliary police to patrol.

The point is something effective must be done as littering is out of control and getting worse. Litter only begets more litter. The roadway shoulders and the service road greenway strip in particular, are a pigsty with breakfast and lunch remains, Styrofoam paraphernalia, cups, plastic bags and disgustarette butts tossed everywhere as though this is the norm. As a community we should push for enforcement on the littering laws and I know we can succeed.

George Zulch

Rapid repair

Dear editor,

My car was recently damaged and needed repair and after getting no where with one auto body shop, for more than two weeks, I had no alternative but to go elsewhere. I was in despair and thought this is never going to get repaired anytime soon.

On a Friday evening before closing, I contacted Dom's Auto Body on Blondell Avenue next to Westchester Square. I explained my situation to his staff and the young lady was up front with me and explained the process of what to expect and what could happen.

They immediately ordered the part for my vehicle, it was delivered the following week, painted and installed all within 4 business days!

As a resident of Westchester Square, I wanted to share my pleasant experience with a local merchant and I think when someone does an outstanding job, and has staff that treats their customer's professionally, deserves the recognition.

A big thank you to Dom, Antionette, Carmella, Sabrina and the entire staff at Dom's Auto Body for a job well done!

Hannah Acampora

School lunches

Dear editor,

In response to a recent letter by Dante Barozzi, who asserts that the Tea Party is against health school lunches - I must point out a recent study that shows school kids have overwhelmingly given the thumbs down to these awful school lunches, tossing them in the trash.

It would seem the the "Republican Tea Party" or whomever you are railing against knows children somewhat better than those who are wasting our tax dollars on food that children will not eat.

Marion M. Cronin

Praise for Vacca

Dear editor,

Emerson and Schurz Avenues (where the new golf course is being built) become a hot spot for teenagers once the weather gets warm. They can get pretty loud and rowdy until the wee hours of the night. This becomes a nuisance for the residents.

One call to Jimmy, and the issue is resolved. NYPD comes to patrol the area and does not allow the teenagers to assemble and engage in under age drinking, trespassing and disturbing the peace. Thank you, Councilman. Keep the patrols coming.

Fabian A. Feliciano

Bicycle Suicide Seat

Dear editor,

As an old timer who has put thousand's of miles on my bikes and never planned on falling off one, I can tell you, putting a baby on the back of one is the craziest thing any parent can do.

Along with large sodas, I can see why we need laws to protect our children from stupid parents.

Dante Barozzi

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Dear editor,

As we enter the summer months, now is the time to think about climate change and clean energy.

The Obama administration's recently announced Clean Power Plan gives states the flexibility of choosing from a set of policy options to reduce carbon pollution from power plants 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030. The White House plan rightly and smartly prepares our nation.

Climate change is real and its effects disproportionately harm the poor and vulnerable low-income communities, here and abroad. We must act now.

SHARE NY, a nonprofit organization that strongly supports the license renewal of the Indian Point Energy Center, supports President Obama and the EPA in implementing this sensible plan that affords states the opportunity to cut emission levels and to develop cleaner sources of healthy, affordable and reliable electricity.

Frank Fraley, President, SHARE NY

Helping students

Dear editor,

In an area plagued by statistics of underachievement, today we have reason to celebrate our Mott Haven families. The first cohort of families graduated from a new, intergenerational education and community service program at East Side House Settlement (ESH), called Toyota Family Learning (TFL).

The project, based on studies that prove that family engagement is the key to student success, sought to empower parents as their child's first and most important teacher.

As our mission states, we believe education and technology are the gateways out of poverty and that educating the family unit can have a reciprocal effect on the entire community.

East Side House is one of the first five organizations in the country to receive a grant to launch TFL, created by the National Center for Families Learning.

Through TFL, ESH is able to address the challenges that our families face to keep their children on track for academic success, whether they've lived in the community for generations or are new, first-generation immigrants.

The strategies that lead to the program's success include the following three techniques:

- Parent and Child Together (PACT) time in at-home and classroom settings
- Learning together through participation in community service projects; and
- Family-to-family mentoring, to build networks that enable graduates to continue learning from each other once the program concludes.

It's important to note that the success of TFL is made possible by a unique relationship between a local organization with experience and community knowledge, a national organization with family literacy expertise, and the support of corporate seed money. This collaboration is bringing a successful family literacy program to scale in a way that will have long-lasting benefits for families, schools and the community.

John A. Sanchez, Executive Director, East Side House Settlement

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Legal feud freezes Armory deal

BY BEN KOCHMAN

Trouble is yet again brewing under the soon-to-be ice at the Kingsbridge Armory.

The plan to turn the long vacant Armory into the world's largest ice rink center has hit a snag in recent weeks, with the project's developers now feuding with each other in dueling lawsuits over who will control and profit from the completed complex.

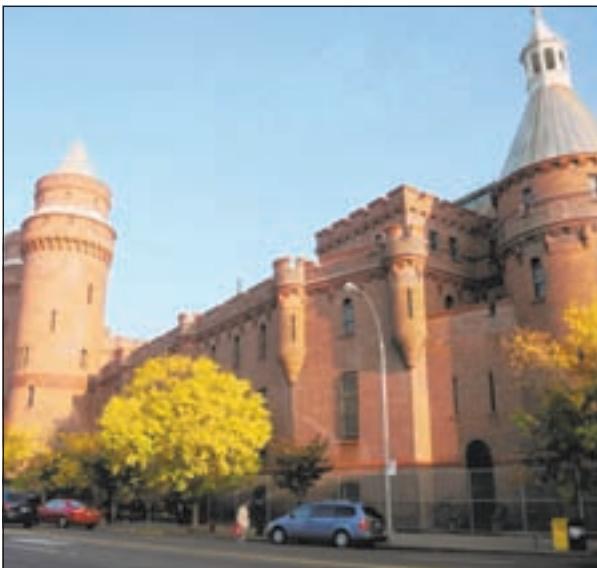
The City Council signed off 48-1 in December on the project, to be called the Kingsbridge National Ice Center. But now the development team has split and is squabbling in a public legal battle, with the city's Economic Development Corporation still yet to finalize the lease on the cavernous Kingsbridge property.

Conflicting stories

Three former members of KNIC – the firm that promised the city it would fund the project with over \$300 million in private money – claim that Kevin Parker, KNIC's founding member, pushed them out after they shouldered the bulk of the work getting the project approved, according to a May 22 suit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court.

The trio – Jonathan Richter, Jeff Spiritos and Marcus Wignell – used their expertise to spearhead the project “only to be wrongfully excluded from the Partnership business,” according to their court papers.

Meanwhile, Parker fired back in his own lawsuit in Bronx Supreme Court on June 5, claiming the former KNIC members have launched a “scheme”



The developers of the City-approved Kingsbridge National Ice Center are tussling with each other in court, as the Kingsbridge Armory itself remains vacant.

File Photo

to sabotage the project and shake down money from Parker after leaving the

development team of their own volition.

The trio of former

KNIC partners even sent an email to EDC, the city's economic development arm, in the midst of negotiations claiming that “you should be aware that Kevin Parker has no authority to act on behalf of KNIC Partners or KNIC Properties,” according to Parker's lawsuit.

History of trouble

This month's squabble is only the latest roadblock for the Armory, which has sat empty for decades as city officials' attempts to redevelop it were stymied.

After two previous plans for the 180,000-square-foot site fell through, Mayor Bloomberg announced in April 2013 that the city had selected KNIC's nine-rink ice center plan.

The project then breezed through the city's land-use process when the developers signed a community

benefits agreement, promising to pay workers a living wage and fund millions of dollars in local programs.

City: All is well

City officials are playing down the legal tussle. EDC spokeswoman Kate Blumm stated in an email that the city is “advancing contract negotiations to move forward with this transformative project, and in our current view, there are no significant delays from the original timeline.”

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr – who championed the project through its approval process – was similarly optimistic.

“My office is confident that this greatly anticipated project will continue to move forward,” said the Beep, “and come to fruition as a definitive component of the ‘New Bronx.’”



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Woman power on hibachi grill

Ohana Restaurant features rare female chef

BY BEN KOCHMAN

This time, it's a lady firing up the "volcano."

One City Island restaurant is featuring some serious woman power on the grill.

Katrin Kamu has sliced and diced for the last month as the first female hibachi chef in the history of City Island Avenue's Ohana Restaurant.

Lady loving locals

She's helmed the large Japanese flattop grill as a rare woman chef in a field dominated by men – surprising some customers who expect to see a man wielding the cutlery rapid-fire on the grill and igniting the classic onion ring "volcano."

"When I walk out, some people say 'What? A girl? I don't believe it,'" said Kamu. "But I know what I am doing."

The steakhouse's customers are taking notice. Kamu first took to the grill a month ago, filling in for an-



Kamu dazzles 10-year-old Guadalupe Alicea with her fiery cooking technique.
Photo by Ben Kochman

other chef on a busy night. Since then, the female flame maestro has been part of the eatery's permanent rotation.

"People love it, especially the women," said Rod Rodriguez, Ohana's owner. "We know it's unusual, but this is America. We're all

about breaking the rules."

Breaking the mold

Kamu, originally from Indonesia, had been working at Ohana for six years as a server, prep chef and sushi chef. She's been cooking professionally for over a decade.

But hibachi, or teppan-

yaki – an originally Japanese style of cooking made famous in America by the Benihana restaurant chain – presented its own set of challenges.

Customers visit not only for the taste, but also to see a show filled with skillful spatula moves, big fires and expert flips.

Traditional gender roles back East, she added, often limit a woman's role in the kitchen.

"I had friends at home who said 'don't do it,'" said Kamu.

Watch out for 'egg roll'

The budding chef said she's relied on her fellow chefs to teach her the proper form – and one month in, she's still working out the kinks.

"With the egg, it's very hard," she said, referring to the customary hibachi maneuver of tossing the egg into the crevice at the top of a chef's hat. "You don't want



Katrin Kamu's hands are a blur slicing and dicing, as a rare female hibachi chef at Ohana restaurant on City Island.

Photo by Ben Kochman

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ing the food taste good. "It's delicious," said 10-year-old Guadalupe Alicea between bites of fried rice during a recent lunch. "I like her cooking better than the male chef's version."



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Charged in \$150G job scam

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

An east Bronx postal worker who claimed she was so traumatized after a brutal attack on her route that it rendered her "a prisoner in her own home" was charged with ripping off \$150,000 in Workers Compensation payments.

Despite her claims that she was suffering from post-traumatic stress, panic disorder, and agoraphobia from the incident, Throggs Neck resident Maria Chmielewski was caught taking two separate holiday cruises, one to Alaska, and another to Canada, on which she was caught on video, said Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson.

Although she claimed she was unable to leave her home or even drive, the D.A. added in a statement that investigators spotted her behind the wheel on numerous occasions.

Her attorney, however, charged the D.A. was being "naive" to think his

client, still under psychiatric care and on medication, could not venture out from her home.

Chmielewski, 38, who worked as a letter carrier out of the Woodlawn post office branch, was arrested and arraigned June 6, charged with grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, insurance fraud and offering a false instrument for filing, based on a joint investigation with the U.S. Postal Service's Office of Inspector General.

Johnson said that under the Workers Compensation payments, Chmielewski collected 75 percent of her salary tax free.

Criminal Court Judge Linda Poust Lopez released her in her own custody.

If convicted of the charges, she faces anywhere from three to 15 years in prison.

According to the complaint, Chmielewski filed for benefits on Aug. 26, 2008 after claiming she

"had been harassed" while working on her route a few days before, on Aug. 22.

She subsequently submitted supporting documentation on her condition on ten occasions, dating through August, 2013.

Her attorney, Peter Telem, said that in the initial incident "she was attacked by several people on her route. She was brutally attacked."

"Essentially, she's been under the care of psychiatrists almost continuously since then. She's on a number of medications. I think her medical records will bear out that this is a legitimate injury. She's completely disabled."

As for the specific allegations, Telem argued that "to expect that going out of her house, and going on a cruise is not part of her treatment in her attempt to get better is somewhat naive."

Chmielewski is due back in court July 15.

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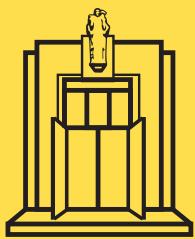
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Fighting Hunts Point flooding

\$20 mil in federal funds for resiliency plan

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A Hunts Point flood protection plan has received a \$20 million federal grant.

The proposal, developed by the University of Pennsylvania School of Design and OLIN, a landscape and urban design group, was a winner of a competition run by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which called for proposals to protect vulnerable coastal areas.

Need

Richard Roark, a landscape architect with OLIN, said Hunts Point was chosen as a location for competition design because it was an answer to the question "What is the most vulnerable and valuable to our region?"

Hunts Point is home to New York City's Food Distribution Center, which creates over 25,000 jobs, \$5 billion in annual economic

activity, and feeds millions of people in the tri-state area, said Paul Lipson.

The market is in a flood zone, he said, and if the markets were ever shut down because of a flood or power failure, the effects could be devastating.

Plan

Roark said that in addition to offering flood protection, the design team also took the neighborhood's environmental concerns and health problems into consideration.

"There's no cookie cutter solution," said Roark about the community's needs.

Lipson said the design team came into the community very willing to listen, and as a result the proposal ended up being a combination of solutions Hunts Point residents have been talking about for years.

"It was as grassroots as possible," said Lipson.



A rendering of the design for a modernized food market at Hunts Point, part of a flood protection plan that recently received \$20 million in federal funding.

Courtesy of Richard Roark, OLIN

Roark said a key component to the flood protection plan are the levees that wrap around the peninsula. But what is unique about the barrier is that it will connect and add usable green-space in the neighborhood, he said, as well as function

as a research lab for living barrier methods.

Another key component is a clean energy micro-grid, Roark said, which in addition to providing backup energy for the markets will also provide energy for refrigerated trucks waiting

to unload, so that they don't need to idle and produce unnecessary exhaust.

"It's about infrastructure that's useful 100 percent of the time," Roark said about the proposal.

Next steps

Winning the grant is

just the first of many steps for the Hunts Point plan.

Roark said that if all the components of the plan are executed, it would cost upwards of \$800 million.

A statement from Department of Housing and Urban Development said the \$20 million is intended "for continued robust planning and study related to the future of the food market and a small pilot/demonstration project (to be selected/identified by the City)."

Roark said the competition win and grant is a great start for the ambitious plan.

"It's enough to ensure this stays active and moves forward," he said.

"What we have now is a road map," Lipson said about the proposal. "Because it's a regional food source, we have to believe city, state, and federal officials will step in."

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Bronx Chamber expo draws biz crowd

Attorney General Schneiderman keynote speaker

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

When neighborhoods deteriorate from foreclosures, local businesses also suffer.

With that in mind, State Attorney Eric Schneiderman brought his office's efforts to help save homeowners from foreclosure to the Bronx Chamber of Commerce's Business Exposition on Wednesday, June 11.

More than a hundred businesses were showcased with a wide range of products and services, along with representation by a number of city agencies at the exposition, held at the Villa Barone in Throggs Neck.

Schneiderman spoke

about his office's Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) which helps save the homes of people who may be facing foreclosure. HOPP works with homeowners to help them understand their finances, connects them to free legal services, and even speaks to banks on their behalf.

"No one in New York is ever going to lose their home because they could not get access to a lawyer to help them understand their rights," the attorney general said.

The program has counseled over 1,000 people in the Bronx alone, he said, and reached over 28,000 in

the state, getting over 9,000 loan modifications.

Schneiderman also spoke of his office's efforts to deal with abandoned homes, as well as zombie properties - those vacated by the mortgage holder but still not in the bank's possession because they have not gone through the foreclosure process.

In addition, the attorney general addressed wage theft, reforming regulations governing non-profits, and funding bullet-proof vests for police officers.

He explained how his office seeks to work with what he called "good actors to make the business environ-

ment fair."

Chamber Chairman Joseph Kelleher in his remarks to the room, expressed optimism that the Bronx would become an even more attractive place for people and investments.

In order for the borough to prosper, Kelleher said it was necessary "to create that environment where people want to work, live, and play."

He cited the area around the Hutchinson Metro Center, which he helped develop as president of Simone Metro Properties, as indicative of the growth and opportunities that the borough offers.



Attorney General Schneiderman speaks to the Bronx Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, June 11.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

Among the new developments he spoke of are Metro North stations and a Marriott Residence Inn Hotel.

The exposition, co-sponsored by the Bronx Times

Reporter, included workshops on topics including social media, technology, healthcare, and Minority/Women-Owned Business certification.

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Mr. Del Greco holds a Master's Degree from St. John's University in Public Administration and was a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Government and Politics. He completed his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Queens College graduating with



honors in Political Science. Mr. Del Greco is also an editorial writer on a regular basis for the New York Real Estate Journal.

Mr. Del Greco is a community leader and fundraiser for a number of char-

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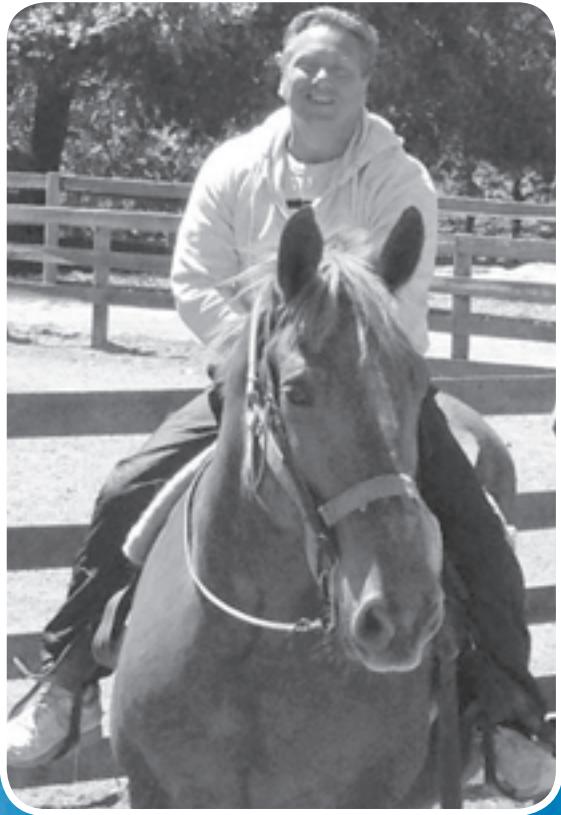
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Refund for 'Field of Dreams'

Kaufman helps Pelham Bay Little League gets \$ back

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The nightmare at a "Field of Dreams" in Pelham Bay may finally be over.

Former Assemblyman and Throggs Neck attorney Steve Kaufman has won a \$9,500 settlement for Pelham Bay Little League after a contractor hired by the city Parks Department badly damaged an underground sprinkler system on one of their fields.

The damage led to a three-month delayed start to the 2013 season at the little league, a staple in the Pelham Bay community since the 1950s, and forced league officials to shell out the repair costs themselves for the underground sprinkler system at Naclerio Field.

"These are not-for-profit corporations," said Kaufman. "You shouldn't take advantage of anyone, but

you should defiantly not take advantage of a little league because they don't have a lot of money."

Kaufman meet with league president Vinny Prestopino at the field on Friday, June 6 to present a check from the contractor's insurance company.

Prestopino said that shelling out about that amount from league fees from players' families and local sponsors proved to be a real hardship.

"We were happy to get the \$9500 for our sprinkler system back," said Prestopino, who added that the check was going straight from his hands to league vendors. "Thank God Mr. Kaufman was kind enough to offer his services free of charge."

Kaufman said he did not hesitate for a moment when league officials asked for his help, and not the first time

he helped settle another similar type of dispute for the league for free.

"I feel good helping," said Kaufman.

Capital Project

The league received a \$200,000 capital grant from Councilman Jimmy Vacca in 2008, and it was left to the Parks Department to find a contractor. But the project remained in limbo for several years until UA Construction was selected.

Sometime during the construction process, the contractor drove heavy equipment onto the field and broke parts of the sprinkler system, located several feet below grass and clay, said Prestopino.

The renovation left a lot to be desired, added Prestopino, who pointed out that \$82,000 was spent on a backstop which was not tall enough and lacked proper



Steve Kaufman, holding \$9,500 check from a settlement he won for Pelham Bay Little League, with league president Vinny Prestopino on his left.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

fencing to prevent some fly balls from leaving the field.

The money obtained was a win, and Kaufman was

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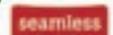
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Throggs Neck group joins smoke-free

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local community group dedicated to stopping youth substance abuse has joined a growing chorus of organizations going smoke-free.

The Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program, based in Throggs Neck, announced on Wednesday, June 4 that it was going smoke-free at its Schurz Avenue headquarters in an effort to bolster awareness about the dangers of smoking and the health of its member partners and workers.

The announcement was made in conjunction with the Bronx Smoke Free Partnership, which is part of a city-wide initiative advocating for smoke-free grounds at community and residential facilities.

"The evidence is clear that secondhand smoke presents an unacceptable level of risk of serious respiratory disease in those

exposed to it," said Frances Maturo, executive director of ADAPP. "We are proud to do our part in providing a more healthful environment for our staff and our community."

ADAPP is an organization dedicated to stopping teen drinking and substance abuse in the Throggs Neck community, and so its goal of achieving a smoke free campus headquarters dovetails with its mission.

Senator Jeff Klein, who supports ADAPP's initiatives in his district, cheered the move.

"I commend ADAPP's decision to make their building and their surrounding area smoke-free and in doing so, sending a message that the health and well-being of their staff and visitors is the priority," said Klein.

Bronx Smoke Free Partnership Lisa Spitzner said that ADAPP, like a lot of other local organizations,



Members of the Throggs Neck community, the Bronx Smoke-Free Partnership, and The Archdiocese of New York Drug Abuse Prevention Program (ADAPP) proudly display a "Tobacco Free Zone" sign at 2789 Schurz Ave., where TNCAP is located.

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should find a ban on smoking beneficial to their organization.

"It is useful not only for health benefits, but also reduces cigarette litter and

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free policy or have designated spaces where smoking is permitted in an otherwise smoke-free campus include the Mary Mitchell Center, Bronx YMCA, Kingsbridge Heights Community Association, Riverdale YM-YWHA, CUNY campuses, and Montefiore Medical Center, she said.

"They find it beneficial because these organizations have missions that are community and quality-of-life focused, so this fits rights into their mission," she said. "Definitely for organizations that have community members frequenting facility, reducing second-hand smoke is a [benefit], with asthma rates in the Bronx high."

When an organization adopts a smoke-free policy, it is often makes it more likely that smokers on their staff might try smoking cessation, which could help them kick the habit, added Spitzner.

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Morningside employs a staff of dedicated, compassionate and supportive individuals who take pride

in their work and whose commitment to those under their care speaks for itself. This recognition by CMS is a testament to the fine work they do every day. Anyone requesting further information may call the Home at 718-409-8200 and ask to speak with the Administrator or Assistant Administrator.

Calvary Hospital announced that beginning in July, the Dawn Greene Hospice will be located at Mary Manning Walsh Home (MMW) in Manhattan. The 10-bed hospice is being made possible by a \$4 million gift from the Jerome L. Greene Foundation to ArchCare, for the benefit of Calvary Hospital. This hospice is a partnership between Calvary and MMW. Both are part of ArchCare, the Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of New York.

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Jewish Home Lifecare has begun welcoming residents to its newest program, University Avenue Assisted Living, in the Kingsbridge section of the Bronx. The latest addition to Jewish Home Lifecare's five-acre Bronx campus, the 72-unit building has been designed for older adults who need help with daily activities such as medication management, dressing, bathing and housekeeping.

Funded by a New York State Department of Health HEAL (Health Care Efficiency and Affordability

Law) grant, University Avenue offers a home to New York State residents who are 65 or older, receive Medicaid, and would benefit from maintaining an independent lifestyle while receiving the care and support they need for daily living.

The brand new five-story elevator building contains 72 handicapped-accessible, furnished studio apartments, each with a kitchenette, a private bathroom with shower, resident-controlled heating and air-conditioning and an emergency-response system. A large dining room, a recreation-and-activity room and a medical suite for nursing services round out the facility, which has 24-hour security and offers easy access to shopping, public transportation and community services.

University Avenue's amenities include on-site physician services, social service assistance, medication management, personal care assistance (help with dressing, bathing and other daily activities), three daily meals (served in the dining room), light housekeeping, and a weekly linen service. Residents can enjoy three beautiful gardens as well therapeutic recreation, social activities, programs such as art and writing classes, and trips to cultural organizations and other places of local interest.

University Avenue Assisted Living is part of Jewish Home Lifecare's Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Bronx Campus. The centerpiece of the five-acre property is a 744-bed long-term nursing care and short-term rehabilitation facility offering special programs for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and for those with vision issues. The campus also has an independent living residence (Kittay House); three HUD 202 residences for low-income seniors; an adult day center; and a hemodialysis center.

49TH PRECINCT COUNCIL BREAKFAST



The 49th Precinct Community Council held its annual breakfast celebration Friday, May 23. And the men and women in blue had much to celebrate, after a year as one of the lowest precincts for crime in the city. Locals welcomed in a new commanding officer, Captain Tim McCormack, while bidding adieu to outgoing C.O. Deputy Inspector Lorenzo Johnson. The community also welcomed the new Bronx Borough Commander, Assistant Chief Inspector Chief Larry Nikunen. Cop of the year went to police officer Steven Glassman, who racked up an impressive array of arrests.

Pictured (l-r) Detective Vic DiPietro, new C.O. McCormack, Silvio Mazzella, State Sen. Jeff Klein, Nikunen, Tom Messina, 49th Precinct Community Council President Joe Thompson, Bronx Chamber of Commerce prez Lenny Caro, Tony Signorile, City Comptroller Scott Stringer, Community Affairs Officer Jay Sturdivant and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj.

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Students from nearby P.S. 83 entertained the crowd.



Joe Thompson accepts honorary plaque from Joseph Colager Simon Group

OPENING OF THE THROGGS NECK DELI & GRILL



Members of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association and local officials celebrated the opening of the Throggs Neck Deli & Grill with the owners on Saturday, May 17. Left to right: Hussein Nouri, tech Director of TNMA; Ash Awad, co-Owner; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Edward Angelino, TNMA vice president; Senator Jeff Klein; co-Owners Alex Awad, Sam Awad, and Ali Awad; and John Cerini, TNMA treasurer.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

RESERVOIR AREA BECOMES PARKLAND



The Jerome Park Reservoir could soon become a community space, under legislation proposed by State Sen. Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz that would make the reservoir available to the public starting January 1, 2019. (Above) Anne Marie Garti, a member of the Jerome Park Conservancy, with a artist's rendition of the future Jerome Reservoir Park.

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103-YEAR-OLD CELEBRATION AT KINGS HARBOR



Kings Harbor Multicare Center helped resident Cordelia Leacock celebrate her 103rd birthday. Leacock, who prefers to be called "Granny," still gets around on her own with a walker and was recently honored along with several other residents by Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. during his Centenarian celebration.

Photo courtesy of Kings Harbor Multicare Center

KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CTR. GALA



Guests at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's annual Summer Soiree on June 4 at the New York Botanical Garden look over items at silent auction. The organization honored outstanding community members Monique Hoeflinger, whose work at Ms. Foundation for Women focused on ending gender-based violence, and Dennis Wallin, an executive with Krasdale Foods.

Photos by Patricio Robayo



ST. RAYMOND MOVING UP CEREMONY

Kindergarteners sing to proud parents at St. Raymond Elementary School's moving up ceremony on Wednesday, June 4.

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Tiana Colon gets a lift during cheerleading tryouts at St. Catharine Academy on Tuesday, June 3.

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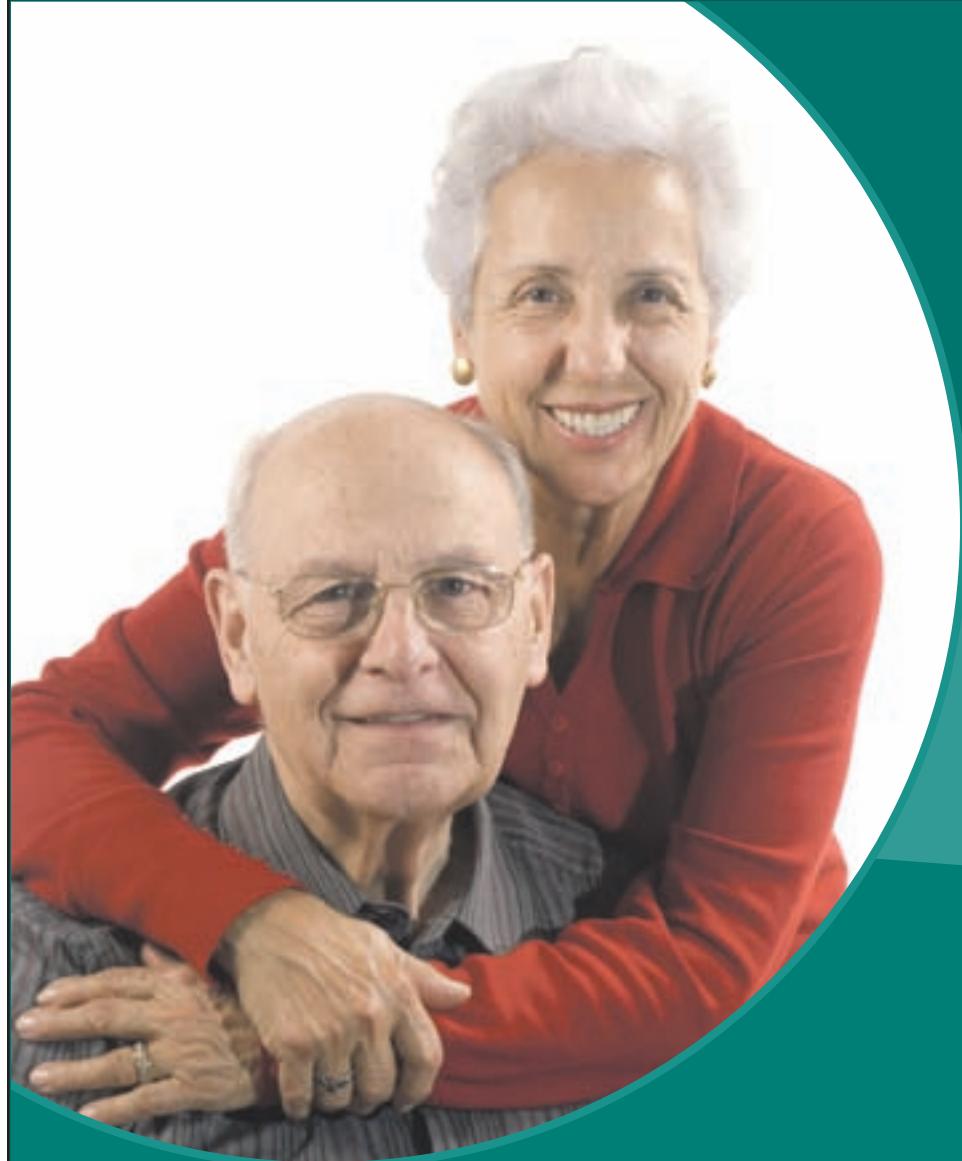
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Avid reader sets high summer goal

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

One local library-goer has ambitious goals for the summer.

Gideon Asumeng, 10, plans to read over 600 books as part of the New York Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge.

The soon-to-be 6th grader at P.S. 89 in Allerton, is pretty confident he can reach his goal. Last summer he read 487 books.

Love of reading

Asumeng said his love of reading started when his mother read to him when he was three. She realized he was enjoying the books and started to bring more and more home.

"My love of reading just grew and grew," he said.

Nowadays, Asumeng often spends time after school at the Van Nest Library Branch in Pelham Parkway. He said he loves

being surrounded by books, and he also likes seeing the younger kids at the library reading.

In addition to tearing through book after book – he said he often reads more than one book at a time, – he enjoys reading out loud to his 3-year-old cousin.

"He reminds me of myself," said Asumeng. "I'm playing a role like my mom did, and it make me feel special."

Asumeng said he keeps track of the books he reads in a red journal, and for the summer reading challenge he logs the books online. Last year he earned a T-shirt with lots of badges, each for reading different types of books.

This year, he's already on his way to his goal. He's read about 50 books in the last few weeks.

Summer challenge



Gideon Asumeng, 10, often reads after school at the Van Nest Library branch in Pelham Parkway. He's aiming to read 600 books this summer for the NYPL's Summer Reading Challenge.

Photo by Jaime Williams

Asumeng isn't alone in reading hundreds of books over the summer.

Last year, the top summer reader for the NYPL challenge was Michael Pineda from the Van Cortland branch, who read 1,021

books.

Adenike Olanrewaju, a spokeswoman for the NYPL, said that this year the top readers from Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx get to go to a Yankee game. She said that the

individual branches also have smaller prizes for their top readers throughout the summer.

Olanrewaju said the goal of the challenge (which kids can sign up for online or at their local branch),

is to encourage kids to keep reading and learning throughout the summer, so they don't lose their skills during the warmer months. Each year tens of thousands of kids participate, she said.

"It's our response to summer slide," she said about the program. "We try to spread the message far and wide that reading is great, reading is fun."

In addition to the Summer Reading Challenge, the branches offer lots of programming for kids in the summer time, she added. This year's summer theme is science, with programs ranging from coding classes for teens by Codecademy to insect education classes for younger kids.

"It's to help keep them engaged until school starts up again," said Olanrewaju.



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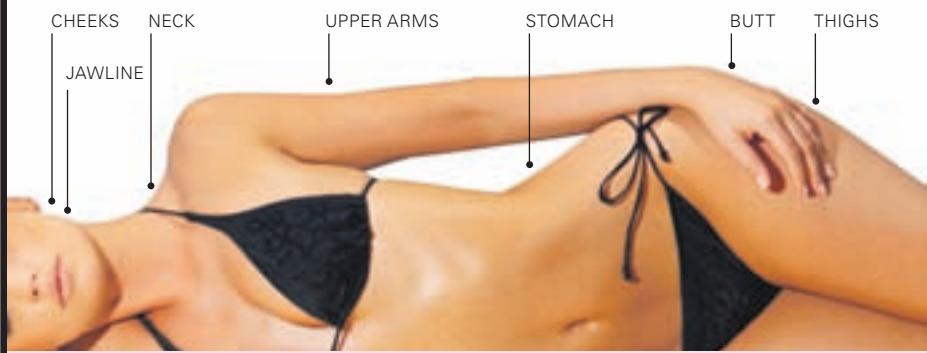
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Bronx city workers honored

Civil servants showing 'commitment to the public good'

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Two Bronx workers were recently honored with city government's highest public service award.

Janice A. Halloran, the Network Senior Associate Director of the Department of Emergency Medicine at North Bronx Healthcare Network and Arnaldo Bernabe, Director of Public Safety at Hostos Community College were two of six winners of the Sloan Public Service Award, presented on June 4.

Award

The 41-year-old award, which comes with a \$10,000 prize, is given each year by the Fund of the City of New York to civil servants at all levels of city government.

"Our civil servants not only make New York City function efficiently day to day, they spark the innovations and drive the achievements that make our city a

global leader," said Dr. Paul L. Joskow, president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. "This year's Sloan Award winners have embodied this excellence throughout their careers with their unparalleled commitment to the public good."

The six award recipients were nominated by their colleagues, peers and friends and selected from more than 250,000 eligible city workers.

Janice Halloran

Janice Halloran has 24-hour operational responsibility for the emergency rooms at both Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx hospitals. These emergency rooms, including Jacobi's Level I Trauma Center, receive 175,000 visits annually.

She has helped to manage numerous Bronx emergencies included the 2011 bus accident on I-95,



Bronx workers Janice Halloran and Arnaldo Bernabe were among the winners of the 41st annual Sloan Public Service Awards on June 4, presented by the Fund for the City of New York. Halloran oversees the emergency departments at Jacobi and North Central Bronx hospitals, and Bernabe is director of public safety at Hostos Community College.

Photo by Sarah Shatz

the Metro-North crash in Spuyten Duyvil last year, and Hurricane Sandy. Dur-

ing the hurricane, she spent 96 hours at Jacobi Hospital. She is the chairperson for

Network Emergency Preparedness and the Bronx Emergency Preparedness Coalition.

"She is completely devoted to delivering better health care, her colleagues respect and admire her, and she thrives under pressure," said Health and Hospitals Corporation President Dr. Ram Raju. "She is also an extraordinary emergency planner and manager, and constantly seeks ways to improve the hospitals where she works."

"I didn't know anything when I first started in 1991, but when I landed here I immediately found my niche," said Halloran about her 23-year career with NYC HHC.

Arnaldo Bernabe

Bernabe leads the Hostos Community College campus security force, which serves nearly 7,000 students who attend classes at the

Mott Haven Campus.

He is credited with carefully developing his staff and creating a positive environment for the student body, many of whom speak English as a second language. He has also gone above and beyond the duties of a security officer by finding help for students who face homelessness.

"Chief Bernabe is not only a safety officer at Hostos; he is an educator, a role model, a person of true wisdom, and the one person absolutely everyone calls upon," said one Hostos faculty member.

"We need to be more than security officers," said Bernabe. "We have to understand the difficulties students face on a daily basis and act as colleagues working together to create a safe and rewarding educational community."

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are as follows:

Friday, June 20th, 8:30 p.m. - "Frozen"; Friday, September 12th, 7:30 p.m. - "The Lego Movie".

There will be police presence at both of these events to ensure safety. Bring a chair, a blanket and some popcorn and enjoy the shows!

The BID's partners and

sponsors include Affinity Health Plan, Citibank, Healthfirst, NYC Councilman Fernando Cabrera, NYC Councilman Ritchie Torres and Verizon FiOS.

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

Summer Shabbat at Bronx House

The warm weather is finally here and Temple Hatikva invites the entire community to a "Summer Shabbat" on Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Following the Services, there will be a sumptuous "Make Your Own Sundae" Buffet to "officially" welcome the Summer. You'll be able to invent your own ice cream creation and enjoy eating it at the same time. This is a completely free event - so bring children,

friends and neighbors.

Temple Hatikva would like to thank Bronx House and its Chief Executive Officer, Howard Martin, for their generosity in co-sponsoring the "Summer Shabbat".

There are only 10 tickets remaining for "Jewish Heritage Night" with the Brooklyn Cyclones at MCU Park in Coney Island at 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 6. Temple Hatikva is sponsoring this annual outing to the ballpark. The cost is \$75 per person and includes admis-

sion into our luxury suite along with a buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and soft drinks. Every person will also receive a very special Brooklyn Cyclones souvenir along with a game program.

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She's still 'Jenny from the Block!' The Bronx welcomed J.Lo with a free concert on Wednesday, June 11 at Orchard Beach for 25,000 ticketholders. J.Lo, Jennifer Lopez, wore an outfit similar to an iconic Versace dress that she wore to the 2000 Grammy Awards. Ticketholders got to see one of their favorite stage and screen stars, with fireworks welcoming J.Lo's appearance on stage and thousands of smartphones recording her every action. A less than expected crowd nevertheless took part in what was an enjoyable and memorable evening. Lopez grew up in Castle Hill, so the concert was something of a homecoming.



Shannon Lepre and Jonathan Suazo share a moment before the concert
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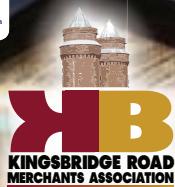
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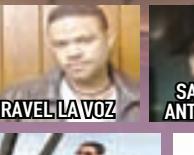
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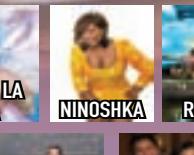
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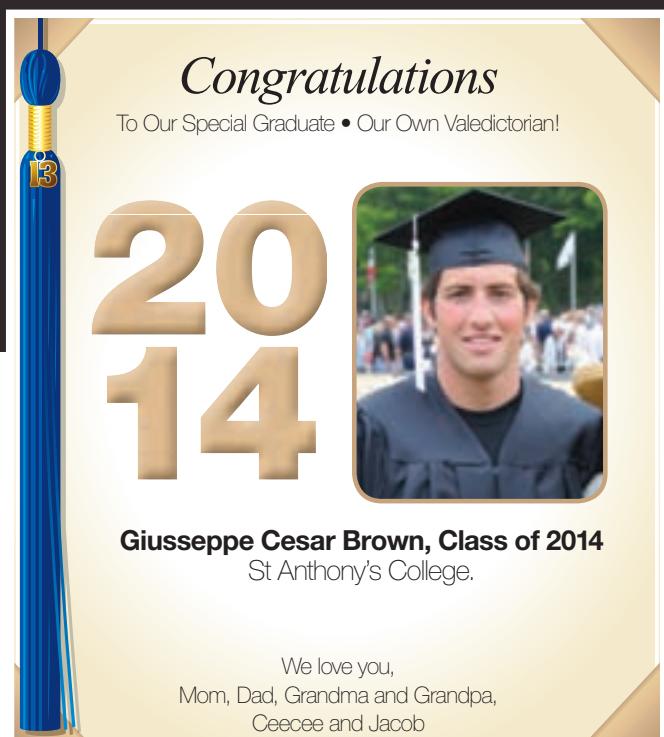
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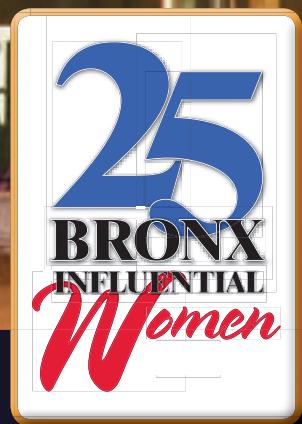
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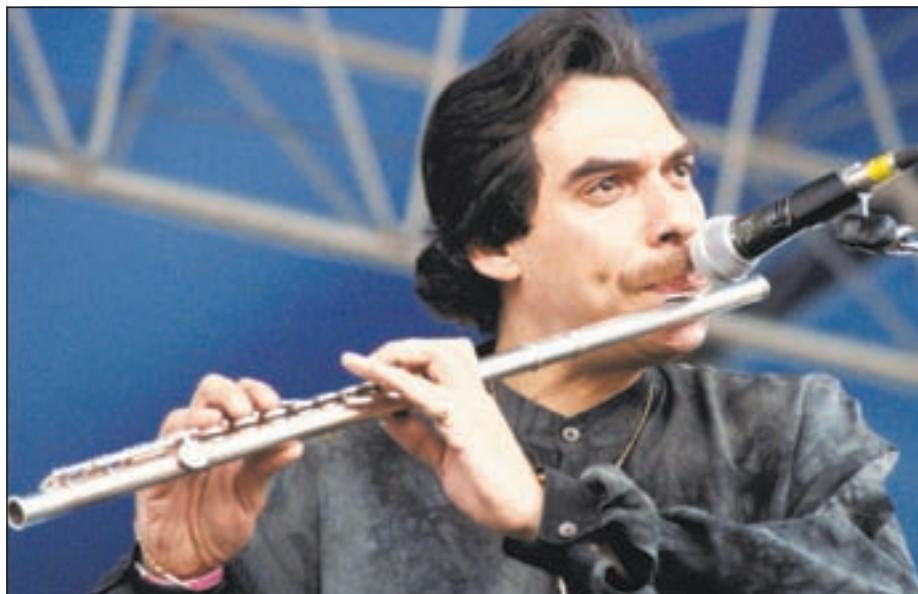
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Benefit show for Dave Valentin

Friends of Grammy Award-winning Latin jazz flutist Dave Valentin – and we mean some BIG friends – will present a benefit concert for the Valentine on Tuesday, July 1 at Hostos Center for the Performing Arts.

Entitled “Para Ti” (For You), and under the musical direction of Valentin’s music director, pianist Bill O’Connell, assisted by tres guitar master Nelson González, the concert will feature a trove of Latin jazz artists including ten-time Grammy winner and pianist Eddie Palmieri along with pianist and Afro-Latin Jazz Orchestra leader Arturo O’Farrill, renowned percussionist and



Catch a benefit concert for famed Bronx Latin jazz musician July 1 at Hostos College.

arranger Bobby Sanabria, renowned Bronx-based pianist Valerie Capers, legendary Latin jazz bassists Rubén Rodríguez and Andy González, trombonist and band leader Papo Vázquez, and flutist Eddy Zervigón of the popular Charanga group Orquesta Broadway.

Along with longtime Valentin drummer Robby Ameen, the percussion section will include Fania All-Star and timbalist Nicky Marrero, Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra conga player Roland Guerrero, and Anthony Carrillo on bongos, whose musical credits include recordings with Palmieri and Paul Simon.

A life-long resident of the Bronx, Valentin, who

was known for donating his talents to many worthwhile causes and community organizations, suffered a stroke in March 2012 and has been unable to perform.

Through the support of sponsors including the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, Hostos Community College, Manhattan Parking Group and WBGO Jazz 88.3 FM, all the costs of the concert, which will help Valentin with medical and living expenses, have been covered.

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Alley Cat Cafe opens with extensive menu

The Alley Cat Cafe recently opened in Throggs Neck offering an extensive menu of tastefully-prepared comfort food.

The cafe, located at 3604 E. Tremont Avenue, is tucked away 75 feet from the bustling thoroughfare. It also offers a large secluded and tranquil outdoor eating area.

Lunch and dinner is available seven days a week. On weekends the cafe presents entertainment. Louie 'Scoops' Vanaria and Boomerang launch the season's first two shows on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14 respectively.

The following week features Gene DiNapoli's oldies show, with special guest Joey Dee of the Starlighters on Friday, June 20 and The Many Voices Of Dennis Dell on Saturday, June 21.

Then the popular Belaires perform on Saturday, June 28 and on Friday, July 4 the cafe presents a backyard BBQ with the explosive voices of Twin Gold.

All shows start at 8 pm and include a minimum food and beverage requirement. Call (718) 824-0168 for reservations and more details.

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BBQ is held from 6 pm to 10pm for \$14.95 per person featuring the sound of DJ Bobby 'Flowers' in the cafe's backyard. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday free live music is provided from 9 pm to midnight. A Sunday Brunch will start in late July.

The Alley Cat Cafe, formerly Scott Place Cafe, is operated by the co-founder and former publisher of the Bronx Times Reporter, John Collazzi. Check out its daily postings on Facebook at Scottplacelive@aol.com and find the cafe's full menu on its website Alley-Cat-Cafe.com.

Additional Universal Pre-K spaces

The Archdiocese of New York announces that it has been awarded additional free Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) seats at 33 of its schools in the New York region, adding 1,300 new seats to both existing and new programs at elementary schools in Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, as well as Westchester, Rockland, Ulster, Sullivan, and Orange Counties for the 2014-2015 academic year.

For a list of schools, and to download an application, visit <http://www.buildboldfutures.com/upk.html>. Places will be filled at each school on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no financial requirements for free UPK, and all families are encouraged to apply.

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gardless of the location of the program with a maximum of 18-20 children in each class. In the Archdiocese of New York, sessions are offered Monday-Friday, with halfday and full day programs available. Children registered for a half-day but in need of a full-day session can take advantage of a Wrap-Around Program and/or before and after school programs at many schools, available at a reasonable cost.

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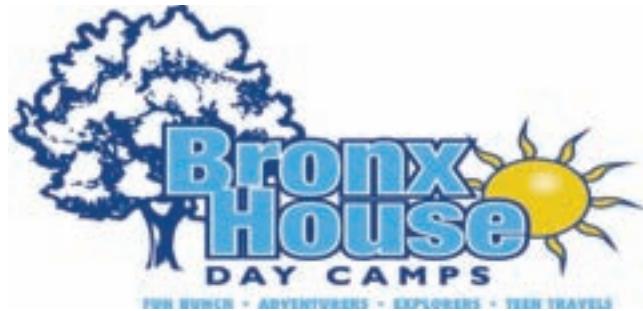
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The debate will be pre-recorded in the BronxNet studios on Friday, June 13 at noon and televised on

BronxNet channel 67-Cablevision and 33-Verizon, and MNN channel 34-TWC and 82-RCN and 33-Verizon on Monday, June 16 at 9 p.m. This special 13th CD Debate Edition of BronxTalk will also be available after the broadcast as video-on-demand at www.bronxnet.org.

"This important debate is being shared so that voters in our community can stay informed and find out

where candidates stand on important issues of concern to our borough and beyond, particularly in this district which spans Manhattan and the Bronx," said BronxNet Executive Director Michael Max Knobbe.

BronxTalk host Gary Axelbank will be the moderator. Since its inception in 1994, Mr. Axelbank has moderated more than forty debates on BronxTalk.

YMCA kicks off summer with renovated outdoor pool

On June 7, the Bronx YMCA opened its renovated outdoor pool to members and guests for the summer. The restored pool complements their large outdoor space that already has a park, picnic areas, grilling stations, baseball and soccer fields.

Although a newly renovated pool is bringing a lot of traffic to the only YMCA in the Bronx, this facility has much more to of-

fer for the community; from swimming lessons, to salsa classes, to sports programs, there is something there for everyone in the family.

The Bronx Y is currently running a Summer Membership Special at \$200 for an adult, and \$275 for a family that could include up to two adults and children under the age of eighteen all living in the same household. This membership includes: a cardio fitness cen-

ter, strength training and free-weight rooms, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, free fitness classes, free child watch, and free Y Personal Fitness Coaching. This special is being offered until June 30 and members would have access to utilize the facility from the date of registration through August 31.

Enjoy a happy and healthy summer with your family at the Bronx YMCA!



The Bronx YMCA kicks off the summer season with their newly renovated outdoor pool.

**rock on
the bronx**
by Fish Altieri

Choosing the proper venue for a band's first gig is as important as the songs they choose to play. A friendly environment is best.

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tum for the even more important sophomore gig. Too many bands take weeks off from rehearsing (and booking more gigs) directly after their first gig.

The bands that meet directly after a first gig and discuss and fix whatever problems they encountered usually discover professionalism amongst themselves previously not there.

This brings the band stronger into the next phase.

See you next week.
Rock on. Rock out.

Our Lady of Mercy School grew with Fordham population

Our Lady of Mercy parish on Marion Avenue south of Fordham Road was officially established in 1907 but was actually in existence at St. John's College (later known as Fordham University) as early as 1852 according to a Fordham archivist.

The church moved out of the college in 1892 and Fr. James Rigney was re-assigned from his parish in Staten Island and appointed pastor. He purchased the Keary property on Marion Avenue where he established his church and school with the church opening in 1910.

I checked a 1912 Bromley map and found the rectory, church, and school on the east side of Marion Avenue south of Fordham Road. The school building was the only wooden structure and after its purchase served as both a rectory and school with the classrooms upstairs. Fr. Rigney passed away on September 25, 1898 and Fr. Michael J. McEvoy was appointed to take his

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

place. He purchased additional property on Marion Avenue and is largely responsible for much of its development. He died on May 13, 1907 and Fr. Patrick N. Breslin (1867- 1938) was named as the third pastor.

He extended the school building and rectory in 1913 and a survey taken the following year indicated that there were 132 boys and 193 girls in the school with seven Ursuline nuns and two lay teachers. The student body was growing at an alarming rate and a new school was opened in 1916. The nuns needed help to manage the growing student body. The Dominican Sisters were called in and arrived in 1917 to teach the boys and the Ursulines remained to instruct the girls.

The baby-boom after

World War II created another need for teachers as a survey undertaken by Fr. Joseph Schuyler in the mid-1950s showed that there were one thousand students in the school and 8350 registered parishioners. The tide has changed, however, and many private schools now find themselves downsizing for a number of reasons including economics and the lower birthrate for Catholics. Families with four, five or more children, once the norm, are a thing of the past (my father was one of 12).

Today many couples have one or two children. Our Lady of Mercy School currently has about 300 students with Denise O'Connell as principal and Fr. Ambiorix Rodriguez as pastor. I love their motto: "I can, I care, I count."



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St. Catharine's ACE Award winner

Megan Rodriguez, graduating senior at St. Catharine Academy, was awarded first prize, a \$40,000 scholarship and a coveted four-year internship, from the ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentoring Program. Part of an ACE team which designed solutions for the Columbia University's East Building Project, Megan's solo contribution was in mechanical engineering for "heating and air conditioning for ventilation and air systems".

Megan Rodriguez will study mechanical engineering at the Grove School of Engineering, CCNY. She



MEGAN RODRIGUEZ

has accepted an internship with Cerami Associates, a highly regarded New York City engineering firm specializing in acoustics. At SCA, Megan studied Advanced Placement Physics and Calculus as well as Robotics.

ACE is a not-for-profit organization that helps prepare high school students for careers in the fields of design and construction. Megan joined the after school program after eighth grade. Sheree Petrignani, an SCA science and math teacher served as her ACE mentor. Said Petrignani, "Megan is a determined young lady. She has broken uncharted waters working among the top and most diverse New York City students, most of whom are male. Her four years of hard academic work and commitment to ACE have paid off. I am very proud of her."

S4 Study Skills at Mount St. Michael

For the first time in the Bronx, Mount St. Michael Academy is proud to host two summer sessions of the evidence-based Successful Study Skills 4 Students (S4) program; one workshop for middle school students, the other for high school students. The workshops foster academic achievement by teaching students key study strategies that help them learn and achieve better academic success.

Both the middle and high school workshops will be held on Tuesday, August 26 through Thursday, August 28 at Mount St. Michael Academy, 4300 Murdock Ave, Bronx, NY 10466.

"We are thrilled to offer this program for the first time at Mount St. Michael," said Dr. Anthony Miserandino, President of Mount St. Michael Academy. "Study skills are critical and a necessary foundation for academic success. We are excited to host this successful program for the first time at our school so that students in our neighboring communities can take advan-

tage of these important tools—right before the start of school."

The S4 program is founded on educational research and evidence-based studies. Its highly interactive approach is designed to clearly demonstrate how to apply students' own curriculum and course material to the taught methodologies and systems. The workshops are taught by accredited teachers and each class is limited to 15 students.

Michelle Sagalyn, president of S4 said, "We are excited to offer the S4 workshops at Mount St. Michael Academy. Whether students are facing a transition into middle or high school, or just looking to improve their overall academic experience, we offer tools that can help them succeed. Implementing even a single new skill has been shown to boost students' motivation and academic performance."

The S4 program is designed to bolster academic confidence, motivation and preparation as academic workload and expectations increase rise.

Skills taught include: note-taking, active learning strategies, understanding main ideas and important details, time management, organization, and quiz, test, and long-term project preparation strategies.

The dates and times for the S4 workshops at Mount St. Michael Academy are as follows:

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The 7.5 hour 3-session workshop is \$395, with a 10% sibling discount offered. The workshops include all in-class materials, original S4 Teach Sheets for each skill taught, and post-parent emails after each session. Class size limited to 15.

Further information may be obtained by calling S4 at 203-30-S-K-I-L-L (203-307-5455) or by emailing info@S4StudySkills.com.

Aquinas High School graduates excel

Friday evening, June 6 witnessed a shining event for the Aquinas High School Class of 2014. Welcomed by Salutatorian Kayla Sanchez, the audience cheered for 131 blue-robed and smiling young women who have achieved extraordinary success during their high school years. Valedictorian Soyini Nibbs reminded her classmates to "...connect the dots in life, looking back occasionally in order to go forward, and in the end you will see the big picture."

The Address to the Graduates was given by Dr. Mary Anne Evangelist who graduated from Aquinas in

1964. She reflected on the parallels between her own high school experience and that of the current graduates.

Dr. Evangelist said, "Then, as now, your teachers did not allow you to be satisfied with mediocrity. Each time you met their expectations, perhaps with just baby steps at first, your confidence, your work ethic, and your voice as a capable, talented young woman grew. You have faced struggles and found success with the support of your families and the Aquinas community which celebrates your diverse talents.

Be grateful, and remember to pay it forward."

The awarding of diplomas was followed by a tribute to parents delivered by Melina Valencia and acknowledgement of the faculty by Leslie Torres 2014. The Commencement Exercises mark the beginning of a bright future for the Class of 2014 who go on to higher education with over \$15 million in scholarships and grants. Their next four years will be at colleges and universities near and far including Columbia, Notre Dame, NYU, and the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education.



Aquinas High School graduates tip their hats to the journey ahead.

VILLA MARIA'S JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES



The 20th Induction Ceremony of the Saint Marguerite Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society was held on May 22.

The following students were inducted into the Society: Grade 8 - Kaitlyn Alvarez, Camryn Anderson, Jasmine Billings, Sarah Brown, Thalia Colon, Olivia Diaz, Ayanna Figueira, Kori Marrow, Amanda Miele, Alessandra Rodriguez, Michael Vera, and Destinee White-Foster. Grade 7 - Adriana Bracco, Charly-Ann Casali, Anthony Cocomello, William Kendrick-Holmes, Andi Kodra, Sean Maldonado, Ashley Medina, Alisa Mejia, Alexa Nohavicka, Sarah O'Keefe, Steven Piparo, Joseph Rao, Angelica Salamone, Joseph Salamone, Bryana Thompson, Joseph Trocchio, and Eleana Ventura.



Spellman student athletes with their awards at the Block S dinner.

Block "S" Awards at Spellman

Cardinal Spellman High School recognized the contributions of over 350 student athletes at the Block "S" awards dinner recently held at the school. President of Cardinal Spellman, Rev. Trevor Nicholls, and Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Principal, welcomed everyone in attendance, and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the coaches in developing the athletic talents of the students. Mr. O'Keefe praised the athletes for developing concepts of self-discipline, motivation, and responsibility as Spellman "Pilots."

The evening included the induction into the Spellman Hall of Fame of two longtime supporters of Spellman athletics: Rita (Pastore) Piliero of the Science Department, and Curtis C. Johnson, Jr. from the Class of 1971. Rita Piliero, a Bronx native, has been at Spellman for over twenty-five years, initially in the Physical Education Department, and more recently, teaching Biology to freshmen and sophomores. For sixteen years, she was also Coach for the Cross Country, Indoor, and Outdoor Track teams. Rita has led recycling efforts at Spellman, earning for the school the Citywide Award in 2013 from the New York City Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling. Rita's husband, Paul, was inducted into the Spellman Hall of Fame in 2010.

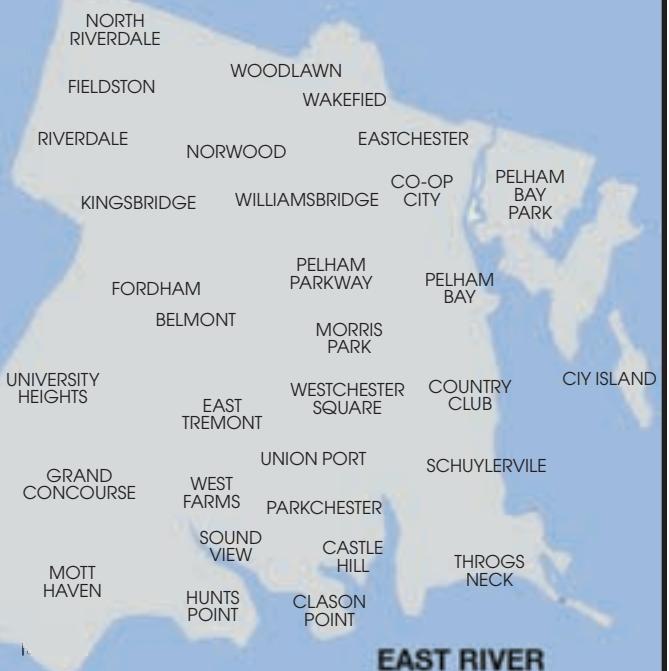
Curtis Johnson Jr. grew up in Harlem and played basketball at Spellman. In his senior year, he was selected to the Catholic School All Star Team, and continued to play basketball at the University of Connecticut. After college, Curtis began a thirty-five year career in the Financial Services Industry, currently holding the position of Bank Examiner (Compliance) in Large Bank Supervision at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Prior to this, he was a senior manager at Deloitte, and an Examining Officer at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Curtis resides with his wife Donna in Stamford, Connecticut.

The night also featured the presentation of the Schiazza "S", which is given to students who have received eight or more varsity letters over their four year high school career. It is named in honor of the late Salvatore Schiazza, who served at the school as Athletic Director, Moderator of the Alumni Association, and member of the Board of Trustees. Seniors Anthony D'Ancona, Bria Hernandez, Andy Kurti, Lizette Medina, and Michael Wickes

were recipients of the 2014 Schiazza "S."

Scholar-Athletes, recognized for their excellence in both athletics and academics, were Brittany Stanley, attending Cornell in September, and Premier Orion who will be heading to Hofstra. Athletes of the Year were Maria Backman and Michael Wickes. The following received the Most Valuable Player award in their respective sports: Baseball: Jason Polgano and Anthony Criscione; Boys' Basketball: Dominic Arena and John Liccise; Girls' Basketball: Maria Backman, Danelle Gibson and Teresa Tartarone; Bowling: Robert Cantine; Football: Paget Bramble; Boys' Soccer: Jose Lacayo and Tonin Tonaj; Girls' Soccer: Danae Dookhie; Cheerleading: Gisela Diaz; Softball: Lizette Medina; Boys' Indoor Track: Daniel Mota; Boys' Outdoor Track: Daniel Mota; Girls' Indoor Track: Luana Bowers; Girls' Outdoor Track: Leah Anderson; Boys' Cross-Country: Danny Mota; Girls' Cross-Country: Rebecca Mota; Boys' Volleyball: Lloydell McCalla; Girls' Volleyball: Taylor Robinson, Marisa Gabriele and Khulia Zefi; Girls' Lacrosse: Natalie Butler and Kathleen O'Donnell, and Boys' Lacrosse: Michael Wickes and Tyler Smyth.

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East Bronx History Forum

BY THOMAS X. CASEY

The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room is pleased to announce The East Bronx History Forum will hold its 5th Annual Bronx Antique Road Show on Wednesday, June 18th, 2014.

The East Bronx History Forum meets to discuss Bronx History and held its first meeting on June 16, 2005. The 5th Annual Bronx Antique Road Show will be the Forum's 92nd meeting. All meetings are

free and open to the public at The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, located at 9 Westchester Square, Bronx, NY.

Members and guests that participate in the Antique Road Show will have one or two items from their Bronx collections available for exhibit and discussion. The members will talk about how they acquired the item, its age and its Bronx connection to history. Participants may bring an object or provide documents, newspaper articles and photo-

graphs for display.

This will be the last monthly meeting of the season, with the East Bronx History Forum returning on September 17, 2014. The EBHF will lead a walking tour of Westchester Square on Saturday August 2nd at 10am. Please view the East Bronx History Forum web page at BronxNYC.com for details and follow us on Facebook.

Please join us at 7:30 pm Wednesday June 18th at the Huntington Free Library, next to Apple Bank.

Thanks to the NYFD for attending our last meeting and for the great pointers on fire prevention. We would also like to thank former NYC Comptroller John Liu for stopping by to thank us for allowing him to visit us last year.

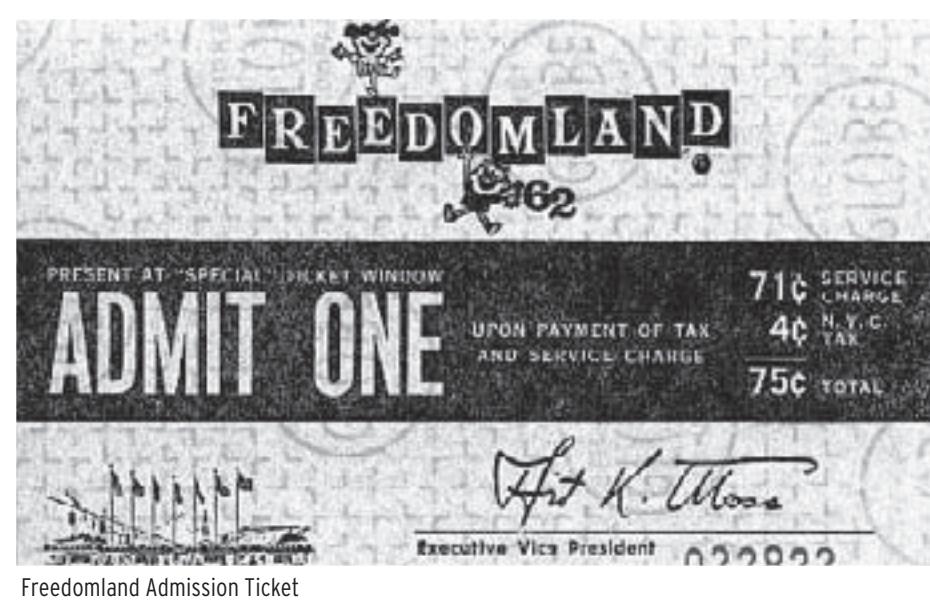
Our last meeting before the summer break will be held on Tuesday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Villa Barone Manor. Our guest speaker will be Assemblyman Michael Benedetto who is the chair of the Veterans Com-

mittee in the New York State Assembly, so he will give us an update on veterans issues in New York State. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We have received some warnings from the 45th Precinct:

The 45th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer Erin Rabbit has sent a warning out about tire and rim thefts in the community, so please keep your eyes open. Officer Rabbit also reminds us to keep our vehicles locked

as most of the car "break ins" occur due to unlocked doors. There are many free programs to help safeguard your car, so call Officer Rabbit at 718-822-5487 to find out what you can do. Here are some safety tips from the 45th Precinct:



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• Park in a well-lighted area

• Close all windows and lock all doors

• Activate any theft deterrent device you may have

• Put packages or valuables out of sight

• Do not keep your license, registration or title in car

• If you have a garage, use it. Lock both vehicle and the garage.

• Invest in wheel locks: this device replaces one lug

nut on each tire and is key operated.

• If you see suspicious activity towards vehicles in your neighborhood call 911.

Also, we received another warning from the

45th Precinct Community Affairs Officers PO Anne Marie Morrison and PO John Souhrada regarding skimming devices on ATM machines. Before you use an ATM, give the card reader a tug. If it feels loose or out of place, do not use it. Inspect all ATMs, gas

pumps or credit card readers before you use them. Skimming devices can also be affixed to the card reader at the entrance door to the ATM.

If you happen to find any skimming devices, report it to your financial institution and the NYPD by calling 911.

Have a wonderful week and see you at the next meeting!

Happy Father's Day to all you wonderful dad out there!!

Community Action civic Association

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tration, Mr. Obama has used executive orders to implement policies specifically rejected by Congress.

The President's use of his authority to implement environmental measures has been a particular source of criticism. The Congressional newspaper The Hill noted that Attorneys general in 17 states have contended that "the Environmental Protection Agency has overreached in pursuit of President Obama's plan to counter the effects of climate change via federal regulation." They

maintain that the "EPA, if unchecked, will continue to implement regulations which far exceed its statutory authority to the detriment of the States, in whom Congress has vested authority under the Clean Air Act, and whose citizenry and industries will ultimately pay the price of these costly and ineffective regulations..."

The dueling sides for and against the President's carbon emissions plan will disagree on the specific merits of the proposal. The far more important debate, however,

will have nothing to do with the details of this program and everything to do with whether the United States will continue to be governed by Constitutional provisions clearly calling for a series of checks and balances on the authority of the chief executive.

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spot and check out pre-film festivities with Bronx Terminal Market tenants and local Bronx organizations starting at 7 p.m. Movies begin at sunset (around 8:30 p.m.).

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The White House move will have a major impact on the economy, costing approximately \$50 billion dollars annually. It will have a direct impact on you, one that will hit home every time you pump gas into your car or pay your utility bills. It may well strengthen the newly aggres-

sive and militarized Russian government by raising the price of energy, thereby providing more funds to the energy-rich Kremlin which finances its military through gas sales.

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BY ANDREW CHIRICO

I thought I should put down on paper some thoughts about the congestion in and around our community. To begin with this will take more than a few painted lines and arrows on the ground. The Bronx has long been neglected when it comes to our roads and the volume of traffic we are faced with. At present, we have two issues: The first is the local roads in and around the three new shopping centers and second is a much larger problem; the volume of traffic already on I-95 and the Hutchinson River Parkway.

At Bay Plaza there is only one exit off of I-95 to get into the shopping center and it is inadequate to say the least. Once you are in Bay Plaza there is no easy way out. On I-95 we will need a separate double traffic lane for traffic leaving I-95 going into Bay Plaza stretching from Gun Hill Road all the way to the present exit. Past history at this location tells us traffic at this location can back up I-95 all the way to the Throggs Neck Bridge just with volume. If there is an accident, forget it. Traffic just stops.

On to the Hutchinson River Parkway we need an entrance and exit leading to the existing service road which will bring traffic into and out of the new part of the shopping center.

The Hutch Metro Center and Bronx State Hospital are growing. There has been an addition of a new office tower, a Hotel and the new 911 emergency backup facility and several new building added to the State Hospital. Two new entrance and exits are needed here, one exiting near the 911 facility leading to Pelham Parkway and another leading both on and off of the Hutchinson River parkway from the parking lot of the Hutch Metro Center.

The former site of the Whiteside Drive-in will also become a shopping mall with outlet stores. This is a very small location in a very badly congested area sitting under the Bruckner Expressway with only one entrance for local traffic. There is no direct connection to any highway or even to local streets. A new exit on to the Hutchinson River parkway maybe needed and a new drawbridge over Westchester creek may be needed. Next there is a new Target mall on Brush Avenue and Lafayette Avenue, again it is a congested location now without the draw of these new stores.

Once they open we will have local grid lock like you have never seen before. People will not be able to travel to work in the

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Waterbury LaSalle Community Assoc.

morning or get home in the evening as they do now. Not to mention the new and long awaited Golf Course in Ferry Point.

The North East Bronx is becoming extremely overdeveloped all at once with no time for new traffic patterns to be tried and adjusted for the volume of traffic we will be hit with.

Our older local shopping districts in Throggs Neck and Pelham Bay already have a number of empty stores and will now suffer even more. Not only will people by pass the local shopping, all the new traffic will tie up and kill the entire area.

One way to save the older shopping district is to provide the much needed parking that we lost years ago. Remember back Fifty years ago when the old Eastern Boulevard became the new Bruckner Boulevard we lost a major amount of parking between East Tremont Avenue and Crosby Avenue.

Bruckner Boulevard and Interstate 95 cut through and took away parking and houses in this shopping district, and even restricted the local Fire Department from pulling out of its building and going in any direction it needed to respond to an emergency. Since 1964 the Fire Trucks can only make a right turn and must go to the corner of Logan Ave before they could respond to an emergency. In order to revitalize and restore the parking and the entire shopping area, we need to deck over I-95 from Revere Avenue to Crosby Avenue to make the necessary parking and restore the flexibility for the fire department to go in any direction it needs to go quickly.

Similarly, at the Pelham Bay train station where I-95 also cut through the neighborhood we have no commuter parking and no shopper parking at all, it is necessary to deck over I-95 and create commuter parking and a more improved Bus and Train hub for the area.

After looking over the local parking and congestion issues, we must look at the much larger regional problem; both the Interstate 95 and the Hutchinson River parkway can no longer keep up with the volume of traffic passing through the Bronx. First you must realize that the only road between New Jersey and New

England is through the North East Bronx. For cars, trucks and all interstate commerce when you cross the George Washington Bridge with its 8 lanes you are faced with the 3 lanes of the Cross Bronx Expressway. We all know 8 lanes does not go into 3; what do you do with the extra 5 lanes? You wait in traffic all day. This raises the cost of all products shipped by truck over the interstate. The Cross Bronx part of I-95 must be made wider at least 2 more lanes must be added. Remember back in the 1960's when they built the Bruckner expressway homes and business between Zerga Ave and Hunts Pointe were taken down to make way for the new road. In order to make the Cross Bronx wider it may be essential to do much the same thing from Zerga Ave to Rosedale Ave houses may have to be displaced to make the road wider to handle the volume of cars and truck going through the Cross Bronx Expressway to New England.

Finally, the Hutchinson River parkway must be widened and some overpasses will need to be reconstructed along the way. To handle the Bronx traffic, the Hutch will have to be widened from Pelham NY to exit 13 in Mount Vernon where it connects to the Cross County parkway in order to handle the Bronx traffic volume and keep it moving.

The bigger problem today in the North East Bronx is that all of this overdevelopment is happening all at one time. It has gotten out of control because of something in our local zoning called "built as of right". As of right must be abolished and replaced with "Build for Need" in other words, with any new development whether; for a house of a shopping mall or a skyscraper, the developer should have to show that there is a need in the community for the new building and show this to the community in a public hearing.

If the new development is then deemed needed the developer should also have to include in their proposal the impact on the locality as far as roads or road changes and the developer should have to provide not only solutions but they should have to finance part of the cost if road changes are needed. As of Right allows a developer to build anything on a plot of land as long as it fits the zoning regulations even if it does not fit the neighborhood or is not needed and even if it changes the area in a negative way. As of right is always wrong.

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BY MARCIA ANNE PAVLICA

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The next part of the crew comes on Monday- the restoration crew for the curbs, sidewalks and blacktopping of the streets, for all the streets south of Waterbury Avenue.

Seven months have passed with NO work at all done on Waterbury Avenue, and all those side streets will dump into Waterbury Avenue and then on to Stadium Avenue. The big auger which was to drill underground and install the new sewer lines, we understand, will never happen- not as previously planned- too many large boulders in the way. So

we wait.....

While sewer life goes on all around us, a special order manhole is waiting to be delivered, as we understand, and a 28 foot deep by 7 foot diameter receiving bed will be placed in the intersection of Stadium Avenue and Waterbury Avenue to allow the storm water lines and the sanitary water lines each to enter the proper sewer lines in Stadium Avenue.

Once in place, another crew will come in to open a 15 foot wide open trench up Waterbury Avenue, 451 feet long, into which each of the waters from the side streets will flow.

Yesterday, ConEd started replacing the utility poles on the opposite side of the street so that all of the services could be moved.(telephone, electric, cable, etc.) to allow for the open trench. (again no parking for us)

Although we see all the activity happening around us, NYC DDC (Department of Design and Construction) still has not taken the time or given us the courtesy to "speak" to the homeowner, of their continuing changing plans.

Thursday, June 12th

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Country Club Civic Association

there is a meeting of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 and our elected officials and DDC held at the Villa Maria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully, it will be a meeting with "meat", not just a public relations effort, to placate an anxious and fatigued bunch of homeowners and taxpayers (after all it is election year). We will let you know.

Meanwhile, the dust collects and the cracks in the wall grow, despite the fact that a noise monitor was supposedly on site.

We feel that these monitors should be on site and USED daily.

Traffic problems continue on I 95 and increase. The Inter-Associations group (Traffic Mitigation Initiative group) met again on June 2nd to come to grips with what some associations feel is tantamount to a nail being driven into our collec-

tive coffins.

Representatives of Throggs Neck, Spencer Estate, Waterbury LaSalle, Pelham Bay, City Island, Locust Point and Country Club met once again. A traffic study for the Paragon Outlets (formerly the Whitestone Tenplex) was not available and NYC City Planning is now proposing to make a presentation to a "select" few of their answer to the I 95 traffic corridor problems.

Senator Klein's staff member suggested that we wait to hear the City Planning presentation, but as we all know, changing anything developed by City Planning is an exercise in futility. The presentation by City Planning will be made on Tuesday, June 17th, to be held in the Bronx Community Board #10 Office, 3165 East Tremont Avenue, a small store front for something so important.

So, we homeowners and civic associations sat on June 2nd in the Villa Maria Library and munched on coffee and muchkins and wondered how so much development overnight could have been allowed by the City without taking the time to anticipate

and develop answers to the growth and problems. No emergency exit roads.

Why did Target on Brush Avenue change from being designed as a store with offices above, to a two story mall with restaurants and a discount liquor store. Was it just another example of "as of right", never having to come before the public for approval???

Target and the Outlets were supposed to have helped the Tremont Avenue Commercial area survive, not deep six them. The Inter-Associations Group was asked by Senator Klein's staff to come up with possible solutions, to existing development and that of the future. Talking about transparency and letting the public in on all of these dark secrets, if there are things that impact us, shouldn't we at least know before it is front page in the Bronx Times Reporter??

Could someone tell us why, the Pop Star Jennifer Lopez was permitted to impact on so many of us, with her concert at Orchard Beach, with road closings, causing of 45th Precinct to be severely stretched to

its limits??? City Islanders were hand delivered notices by their civic association, warning them not to try and leave the island because of the concert. Traffic and over-development are affecting us all. We don't want to be locked in; nor do we want to be locked out of our homes, and of our Community.

We've enjoyed chatting with you. As small communities, we have much in common, divided not by water or by highways. The geographic contours of "our" Bronx are, in reality, that which binds us together. We have much in common and much of which we can be proud. We should have no regrets of the honest efforts we make to improve our lives and our communities.

The next meeting of the County Club Civic Association, Inc. will be held on Wednesday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Maria Academy, 3335 Country Club Road, 3335 Country Club Road. (the one story building on the left as you enter the campus). And as always, your home extends beyond your property line. Take pride in your Community.

BY AL BELFIORE

Well, our Comedy Night on Saturday, June 7th, was a resounding success. There was about one hundred people in attendance. We all had a great time and the weather was just perfect.

The atmosphere was unbelievable, with the new stage and our repaired tiki bar (thanks to Nick Virella from Sealtite Construc-

tion), the mosquito-repellent flames surrounding us and the lighting (thanks to Jerry Landi).

Sound provided by yours truly and The Just Nuts Band. It was a night that will not be soon forgotten.

Also, the new front gate and fence was installed prior to the event and it looks great. Improvements that we waited so long for are fi-

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Locust Point Civic Association

nally coming to fruition at a very fast pace.

The next improvement will be the installation of a key-card entry system.

On another note, our

next clean up day will be this Saturday, June 14th. Any one interested in helping us build and install raised beds for a "Children's Garden" is most certainly invited.

We'll also be working on the Coastal Meadow Preservation Garden by adding top soil, compost and mulch in new areas along the shoreline. This day should bring about significant changes to

the appearance of the beach. Again, we will be providing breakfast and lunch for all our volunteers. So please come down and lend a hand!

Last, but certainly, not least, is our next major event on Saturday, July 5th. This will be our 3rd annual "Dancing Under The Stars". Entertainment will be provided by The Just Nuts Band and Dennis "Dion" Nardone

(Popular DJ from WVOX-1460 AM Radio). His show is every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., playing the greatest hits of the 50's and 60's. Admission is \$10 donation and Hamburgers and Frankfurters along with beer, wine, soda and water will be available for an additional fee. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for reading!

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!
I'm writing this column on D+2, you should receive it on D+6.

I explained this last week.

Our Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at the Post on Saturday, June 14, which is Flag Day. It'll kick off at 1PM.

There will be a Post BBQ on Friday, July 4. That's Independence Day. More details to follow.

This will be a short column this week.

I'll let you in on the re-

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

sults of the Bronx County's new Commander next week.

Remember the VA BBQ on June 29 at Noon. We will Grill and serve the shut-ins. Volunteers are needed.

Trivia Time!!

Robert Kennedy Died on June 6, 1968.

Vatican City became a State on June 7, 1929.

Donald Duck made his screen debut on June 8, 1934.

On the same date in 1973, Secretariat won the Triple Crown at Belmont.

A.A. was founded on June 10, 1935 in Akron, Ohio.

On the same date in 1940, Mussolini declares war on the U.K. and France. What nerve!

Keep the troops in your prayers, hug a Vet and God Bless.



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Bronx Jewish Community Council's Breakfast of Champions

The Bronx Jewish Community Council will be celebrating its Fifth Annual Breakfast of Champions on Friday, June 20, at 8 a.m. at Riverdale Jewish Center (3700 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463). Notable Breakfast chairs include Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Honorable Fernando Ferrer, NYS Senator Jeff Klein, NYS Senator Ruben Diaz, Rabbi Israel Greenberg, Arlene Salman, David Kapelman, Mark Engel, and Matt Engel. The past Bronx Borough Presidents from 1970 to present have just been confirmed!!! This year's event is selling out quickly, so please reserve your tickets as soon as possible by calling (718) 652-5500 or emailing events@bjcconline.org

This year's impressive line-up of honorees are:

- Kathy Zamechansky, KZA Realty (Humanitarian Award)
- Honorable Robert Abrams, Former NYS At-

torney General and Bronx Borough President (Bronx Champion Award)

- Honorable Mark Gjonaj, NYS Assembly (Public Service Award)
- Nike Minkove, BJCC Director of Volunteers (Chesed Award)

"We can look with pride at what Bronx Jewish Community Council has accomplished, at the number of lives that are positively impacted by BJCC outreach and service. Funds raised at this Breakfast allow BJCC to keep up with the ever increasing demands for vital services that give hope to Bronxites in need," states Arlene Salman, chairwoman of the annual breakfast.

The annual Breakfast is the Council's principal fundraising event and an opportunity for the community to gather and share in a memorable day. The Bronx Jewish Community Council, which is a community-based social service

agency, serves thousands of low-income individuals and families of every creed, race, and religion. While specializing in addressing seniors' needs, particularly those of seniors aging in place, BJCC provides a wide range of services across the Bronx. In addition to home attendants, emergency assistance, and connections to benefits and entitlements, the Council offers care management, mental health outreach and other life-sustaining services. Notably, the Food Pantry is the only one in the Bronx accessible five days a week that regularly stocks kosher food and serves 2400 food packages monthly. BJCC also offers transportation and housing assistance. fed more than 31,000 residents approximately one-third were children. Additionally, more than 1,500 constituents annually receive housing assistance or eviction prevention services.

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LEGAL NOTICE

EL SEGUNDO REALTY LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 03/13/2014. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. Thomas Goldberg designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 482 East 181st St, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Conversion of IRVSAN REALTY CO., a partnership, to IRVSAN REALTY, LLC. Cert. filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/24/14. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Michael Baiser, 130 Gale Place, Apt. 10A, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1420 GC Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/14. 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 Rosenberg Realty Group, Inc., 1919 Williamsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY 10046. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 810 River Parking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/19/14. 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, 225 Willow Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bani Restaurant LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on November 6, 2013. NY Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C.O 1430 Watson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Damaris Design Studio LLC. Arts. of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/17/2014. Office location: BRONX County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 1430 Thieriot Avenue #2F Bronx, New York 10460. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DOUBLE S FARM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the NY Dept. of State on 3/10/14. Office location: Bronx County, NY Sec. of State (NYSS) designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to 5410 Sylvan Ave., Bronx, NY 10471, the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of High Hawk Managers LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/17/14. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o PWB Management Corp., 3092 Hull Ave, Bronx, NY 10467, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of High Hawk Owners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 4/17/14. Office location: Bronx County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o PWB Management Corp., 3092 Hull Ave., Bronx, NY 10467, principal business address. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Jae Satori Media LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 4/3/2014. 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 Jae Satori Media, 309 Alexander Avenue, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Minority Rules Entertainment LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/25/2014. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Minority Rules Entertainment LLC, 1322 Thieriot Ave., Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Overing LLC. Arts. of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2014. Office location: BRONX. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: Carmen Priore & Micheal Cortese. Purpose: any lawful act.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SDSP PLAZA 163 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/07. 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, 456 E. 173rd St., Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

QUONSET BROTHERS, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 05/08/2014. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 2419 Crotona Ave., Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Provision Care Services, LLC Articles of orig. filed with SSNY on 2/6/2014. Office in Bronx county SSNY designated agent LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 786 Bronx River Road, Suite B62, Bronxville, NY 10768. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 4653 White Plains Road, Suite 2 Bronx, NY 10470 Professional experienced nurses conducting quality UAS assessments in Westchester and the tri-state area. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

TRIFECTOR HEATING AND COOLING LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 3/12/2014. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 839 East 232nd Street, Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that license # 1277846 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer & wine at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic beverage control law at 400 East 167th Street Bronx, NY 10456 for on-premises consumption. TEO RESTAURANTS CORP. d/b/a El Molino Restaurant

LEGAL NOTICE

ORO BAR RESTAURANT CORP. has applied for on premise liquor license to N.Y.S. Liquor Authority.
950 Prospect Avenue
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on May 28, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000189-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Brel (Middle) Octavius (Last) Parris. My present name is (First) Male (Last) Sullivan AKA Brel Octavius Parris AKA Brel O. Parris AKA Brel Parris. My present address is 2390 Second Avenue, Apt 11H, New York, NY 10035. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is April 04, 1988.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on May 15, 2014, bearing Index Number NC-000196-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Selma (Middle) Ritzayanna (Last) Francisco Santos. My present name is (First) Selma (Middle) Ritzayanna (Last) Colon Santos (infant). My present address is 525 Rosedale Avenue, Apt 1A, Bronx, NY 10473. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is November 27, 2012.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, New York County on 04/04/2014, bearing Index Number NC-000703-14/NY, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 111 Centre Street, New York, NY 10013, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Fuguan (Middle) Marquise (Last) Powell. My present name is (First) Fuguan (Middle) Marquise (Last) Powell AKA Fuguan Marquise Powell AKA Fuguan Powell. My present address is 86 West 119th St., Apt 4D, New York, NY 10026. My place of birth is New York, NY. My date of birth is December 10, 1985.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-FM2, Pltf. vs. DAWN ALLWOOD, et al. Defts. Index #300978/2007. Pursuant to judgment of

foreclosure and sale dated April 7, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 931 Tilden St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4683, Lot 90 f/k/a 190. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANIEL P. ROMANO, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP, Atty. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. - File No. 23279 - #84128

Audrey M. Sellers; Aaron Weitz, Co-Administrator of the Estate of Audrey M. Sellers; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 15, 2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July 14, 2014 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2804 Pond Place, 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 NY, Block 3289 Lot 21. Approximate amount of judgment \$136,636.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381943-2008. Veronica Guerrero, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 12, 2014 1093835 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 07/04/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JENNY VEGA, ETAL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 31, 2005, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2150 East Tremont Avenue, Unit 5A, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3944 and Lot 3077. Approximate amount of judgment is \$5,024.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2041/04.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, vs. DAVID N. COOPER, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 20, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2712 Tenbroeck Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4524 and Lot 3. Approximate amount of judgment is \$242,108.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380085/10.

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

Fordham Fever Fridays during June

The Fordham Road Business Improvement District (BID) continues its Fordham Fever Friday's series this Friday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Muller Park and Plaza (East Ford-

ham Road & Creston Avenue).

Join in for a unique day of culturally diverse, fun-filled activities, giving shoppers and families a pleasant experience while

visiting one of the busiest shopping districts in the Bronx.

Shoppers can take a break from bargain hunting and bring the family for fun kid's activities, live

music, t-shirt giveaways, food and much more!

DJ music from noon to 4 p.m. Following, Bronx Healing will be offering a yoga Class from 11:35 to 12:05 p.m. Further events

will include: Massage Techniques 1:30 to 1:45 p.m., Get fit -Bollywood and performance by Bharati Dance Academy 2 to 2:30 p.m., and Health Screenings by Bronx Lebanon Hospital. A

mammography screenings will also be provided.

For further information regarding Fordham Fever Fridays, call (718) 562-2104 or visit www.fordhamroad-bid.org

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

I missed the deadline for last week's issue, I have to admit it - the weather was so nice I just kept staying out in the garden, weeding, watering and generally futzing around. Mother Nature is complying and after the brutal winter in which everyone lost a fig tree or a rosemary bush, the weather has been gorgeous. I still haven't needed to water with a hose, our rain barrels are always filled and when they start getting empty, we get a rainy day to replenish the supply.

My asparagus beds, although only in their second year, yielded enough spears that we enjoyed them in about a half a dozen meals. One night it was risotto, another night it was with fresh pasta. A couple of times we gave them a toss in olive oil and then a scant two minutes on the grill. One night we made Chicken Marsala with them and one morning it was a frittata with eggs from our neighbor's chickens. The spears are starting to come in spindly, so it looks like it's time to just let them spend the rest of the season sprouting delicate greenery that will help the roots and the plant get even more established so that next year will yield even more.

This bed of perennial vegetables is part of the concept of permaculture...or at least, my personal concept of it. With access to the CSA

and the many farmers markets in the Bronx (see end of column or more information), I realized a few years ago that I don't have to grow as many annual vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, eggplant. I have been reducing the amount of seeds I start and I have been slowly introducing more and more perennial crops, some intentionally, some by happy accident and most by a combination of the two. For example, an oregano plant I purchased at a Sisters Servants of Mary Plant Sale ten years ago has spread all over my backyard. So have the three original Echinacea plants I ordered from a catalog twelve years ago when I moved back into my childhood home in Locust Point. You can't eat Echinacea, but it attracts pollinators like butterflies and honey bees. About four years ago, I planted some Wild Arugula seeds that I purchased on Arthur Avenue. Later in the day, a strong rain shower washed the whole bed away, down a gentle slope on the side of my house and into my backyard. Since then, I have had arugula growing all over the backyard.

This year, I added three artichoke plants to a raised bed in a very sunny spot. During the first summer gardening here in Locust Point, I started two artichoke plants from seed. They grew into a cactus like plant, the spiky edged

food for thought

leaves looking like cardoons, each plant about 30 inches in diameter and 36 inches tall. They were a marvel, but they never produced a flower. And so, in the fall when cleaning up the garden, I chopped them down and added them to the compost pile. Now, I think of myself as a pretty savvy gardener, so imagine my chagrin when I read that artichokes are a perennial vegetable. Had I buried those original two plants in manure, compost and mulch over the winter 12 years ago, I'd have some fresh artichokes by now. And of course, every year I have tried to start seeds and every year the seedlings either don't make it into the ground or they don't survive the summer. This year I got three to get established and they have been in the ground for over two weeks and there has been healthy looking new growth. And so I am eternally hopeful.

Speaking of being eternally hopeful, I'm happy to say that we have 30 full shares sold for our Locust Point Stoneledge Farm CSA. The first distribution was on Monday, June 9 from 6pm to 8pm. The farm gives us 1 vegetable share for free for every 10 vegetable shares

we sell. We use the extra vegetables for our cooking demos. Our members that sign up and volunteer get to select something extra at the end of the night for their hard work. But most of the 3 shares that we will be receiving will go to the Sisters Servants of Mary. I spoke to Sr. Puri on Saturday to let her know and she said that the sisters, who have been the recipients of our extra veggies since we started our CSA in 2012, are really looking forward to the season. Giving and volunteering is part of the CSA model and being able to reward our volunteers and help out the sisters is one of the wonderful parts of being in a CSA.

Eating seasonally and locally from farms that raise food without chemicals is a simple way to help change the world. It has a ripple effect that is far reaching. Organic farming, which is increasing its share of the market every year, improves soil health and healthy soil helps to reduce greenhouse gases. So whether you "believe in global warming" or not, no matter what your political affiliation, all of us can benefit from making changes to the way we eat. Simply avoiding processed foods made by faceless corporations is a great way to get started. Buying produce at a farmers market or at a local store that sells produce from local farms is becom-

ing easier and easier to do.

If you missed the May 31 deadline to join, I encourage you to take advantage of the many farmers markets that are operating in the Bronx, some new and some very established. Many of these markets are connected with community gardens that are growing some of the produce themselves and are staffed with people that are the forefront of the local food movement. Lots of options and some are open on weekends. Many of these gardens are looking for volunteers - another great way to connect. In the meantime, instead of living our lives somewhere between ignorance and righteous indignation, let's remember

that we are all equal and all worthy of love. Make love, not war. Make food, not lawns.

EAST TREMONT/CROTONEA

• La Familia Verde Farmers Market • Tuesdays, 8am-3pm / July 9 to Nov 11 • East Tremont Avenue between LaFontaine and Arthur avenues. Contact: Karen Washington • 917.861.2783 • linkore2@gmail.com • lafamiliaverde.org

HIGHBRIDGE

• Taqwa Community Farmers Market • SAT 9am-4pm / June 28 to November 15 • Ogden Avenue and 164th Street. Contact: Bobby Watson • 646.358.9254 sonnyataqwa@yahoo.com

KINGSBRIDGE/RIVERDALE

• Kingsbridge-Riverdale Farmers Market • Thursday and Sunday 9am-5pm / June 22 to Nov 30 • West 231st Street at Kingsbridge Avenue. Contact: Consuelo Hernandez • 917.801.7660 • krfarmersmarket@gmail.com • facebook.com/KingsbridgeRiverdaleFarmersMarket

MORRIS HEIGHTS/UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

• The Heights Community Farmers Market • THU 9am-3pm / July 10 to Nov 13 • University Avenue and West 181st Street. Contact: Kim Wong • 718.933.5300 • kwong@bronxworks.org • www.facebook.com/heightscommunityfarmersmarket

MOTT HAVEN

• South Bronx Farmers Market • Saturdays, 10am-4pm / June 14 to November 22 • 138th Street between Alexander and Willis avenues. Contact: Lily Kesselman • 917.532.7884 • lily@lilykesselman.com

• Mott Haven Farmers Market • Wednesdays, 9am-5pm / July 9 to November 12 • 139th Street and St. Ann's Avenue. Contact: Mike Young • 718.877.7113 • hwork24@aol.com

WAKEFIELD

• The Market at Bissel Gardens • Wednesdays, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 9am-6pm / July 12 to Nov 22 • Baychester Avenue and 241st Street. Contact: Heather Warren-Dombrowa • 347.427.2547 • ThemarketBG@gmail.com

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Here's our calendar of Legion events.

June 14th is the Flag Day Ceremony at Sam Young Post 620; June 28th at 12:30pm there is the Sea Cadet Annual Review at Holy Family School, Castle Hill (2161 Blackrock Av). All legionnaires and past Sea Cadets are invited.

On June 29th our post

will have swearing in of post officers at TN Post 1456 instead of our 3rd Sunday meeting. Regular time for coffee, meeting at 11 and Annual Start of Summer BBQ around 12:30 - 1pm. Members may bring a guest and hopefully a new member. Congratulations to Robert Feliciano of Post 1871, Co-Op City on his election as our new Bronx

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County Commander. I was selected as one of his officers, County Vice Commander as was James Hex-

ner of Post 19 and of Legion Oratorical Contest fame. Thanks Jim and all county past officers for their efforts and projects. Take a break but we still need you!

Around the Community: Waterbury LaSalle Community Assn. will be hosting an Agency Meet & Greet at PS 14, on June 12th at 7pm. Over 28 organizations will be available to answer your

questions and hear your concerns. Besides 2nd and 4th Wednesday night Bingo, The Bronx Shore Club will be hosting a Play Group at the little red house, for kids 3 to 6, starting in July. Music, arts and crafts, reading and numbers - maybe I'll go myself! Please call Jessica at 917-742-0795 for price and registration info.

Until Next Time: Thanks

for the birthday shout-out Dr. Paul of 620. Putting out the flag the other day I noticed the little kids watching me and I realized I have become the old guy who puts out the flag and salutes it, like the neighbor I watched when I was a kid! Sometimes Dr. Paul spells my name wrong but sometimes I mispronounce his, so we're even.

LEGAL NOTICES

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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 - ANDREA LOGAN, et. al.,
Defendant

Pursuant to a Judgment dated April 29, 2014, I will sell at public auction on July 14, 2014, 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 TC, in the building known as N-7 a/k/a 110, and by street address 2130 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2646, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0261 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$8,895.60, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by BAC Home Loans Servicing LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, in the original principal sum of \$136,000.00 with interest. Index No. 380168/10.

STEVEN LUBOWITZ, ESQ., Referee
ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA &
RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
828 South Broadway, Suite 100
Tarrytown, NY 10591
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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 MARIO SALGADO, 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 January 10, 2014, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 30th
day of June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises
situate, lying and being in the Borough of
Bronx, City and State of New York, known
and designated as Block 2423 Lot 38 on the
Bronx County Land and Tax Map as it
presently exists. Said premises known as
947 COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$ 6,873.02 plus
interest & costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed judgment and
terms of sale, Index Number 309025/10.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

NYCTL 2012-A TRUST, and THE BANK
OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Collateral
Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2012-A
Trust, Plaintiff against G.L.V. REALTY LLC,
et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein
and dated March 17, 2014, I, the

undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse,
Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
on the 7th day of July, 2014 at 2:00 PM
premises situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Bronx, City and State
of New York, known and designated as Block
3045 Lot 36 on the Tax Map of the City of
New York. Said premises known as 4367
3RD AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 236,276.03
plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed judgment
and terms of sale, Index Number 302436/13.

ORLANDO A. CAVALLO, JR., ESQ.,
Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102,
156 W. 56 ST. NEW YORK, NY 10019

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 STEFANIE SKERRITT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated February 4, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY

on the 30th day of June, 2014 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: Block: 3595 Lot: 45 Said premises
known as 741 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,
BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$
59,133.47 plus interest & costs. Premises will
be sold subject to provisions of filed
judgment and terms of sale, Index Number
309028/10.

DENNIS E. KROLIAN, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102,
156 W. 56 ST. NEW YORK, NY 10019

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 MARIO SALGADO, 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 January
10, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the Bronx Supreme
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 30th day of
June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City
and State of New York, known and
designated as Block 2423 Lot 38 on the
Bronx County Land and Tax Map as it
presently exists.

Said premises known as 947 COLLEGE
AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of
lien \$ 6,873.02 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed judgment and terms of
sale, Index Number 309025/10.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

NYCTL 2012-A TRUST, and THE BANK
OF NEW YORK MELLON as Collateral
Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2012-A
Trust, Plaintiff against RAYMOND LAGUNA,
RAFAEL LOPEZ, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered herein and dated January
28, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the Bronx Supreme
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 23rd day of
June, 2014 at 2:00 PM premises situate,
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New York,
known and designated as Block 2675 Lot 19
on the Tax Map of the City of New York. Said
premises known as 701 PROSPECT
AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of
lien \$ 11,089.54 plus interest & costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of
filed judgment and terms of sale, Index
Number 260238/13.

KIM RAMOS, ESQ., Referee.
Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102,
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against
JOSEFINA M. ANGELES A/K/A
JOSEPHINE M. ANGELES, DONALD
ANGELES, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale entered on March 25, 2014.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room
600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 23rd day of June,
2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 1074 Pierce
Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10461.

Tax account number: SBL #: 4066-1.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 635,208.33
plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380227-12. William F. Mackey,
Jr., Esq., Referee.
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Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210
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LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF
NEW YORK COUNTY OF THE BRONX
SUMMONS Docket No B-825-14 In the
Matter of the Guardianship of the Person
and Custody of AMINATA NAYA BARRY

Pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social
Services Law of the State of New York and/or
Article 6 of the Family Court Act
TO:COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SERVICES
MAMADOU BARRY & ANY INDIVIDUAL
WHO MAY BE OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO BE
THE FATHER OF THE ABOVE-NAMED
CHILD OR WHO MAY, PURSUANT TO THE
LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BE
ENTITLED TO SERVICE OR NOTICE OR
AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, WHOSE
PRESENT IDENTITY IS UNKNOWN SEND
GREETING: A Verified Petition for the child
has been filed in this Court, alleging that the

above-named child in the care of GOOD
SHEPHERD SERVICES, the Petitioner, is
permanently neglected and/or abandoned
child, as defined by Article 6, Part 1 of the
Family Court Act and/or Section 384-b of the
Social Services Law. Copy of the Petition
attached to this Summons. YOU ARE
HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the
Family Court at 900 SHERIDAN AVE.,
BRONX, NY 10451 Part 9 before the Judge
Cooper, on the 3rd day of July, 2014 at 11:00
am of that day to show cause why the court
should not enter an Order depriving you of all
the rights of custody and guardianship of the
above-named child and awarding custody
and guardianship of this child to the
Petitioner and the Commissioner of Social
Services as a permanently neglected child
as provided by law. UPON YOUR FAILURE TO
APPEAR ALL OF YOUR PARENTAL
RIGHTS IN THE CHILD ABOVE-
MENTIONED MAY BE TERMINATED AND
THE COURT WILL HEAR AND DETERMINE
THE PETITION AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

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FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN OUT-OF-
WEDLOCK PURSUANT TO SECTION 384-
C OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND/OR
SECTION 111-A OF THE DOMESTIC
RELATIONS LAW TO BE HEARD AS TO
THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD.
Dated: May 29, 2014 BRONX, NEW YORK
By Order of the Court
/s/

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF
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A/K/A NO GIVEN NAME CRAWFORD
Docket Number B-19540/13
SUMMONS

Pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social
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and/or Article 6 of the Family Court Act
TO: COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SERVICES

NELL CRAWFORD
BENJAMIN COLLINS &
ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY BE OR WHO
MAY CLAIM TO BE THE FATHER OF THE
ABOVE-NAMED CHILD OR WHO MAY,
PURSUANT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF
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SEND GREETING: A Verified Petition for
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PURSUANT TO SECTION 384-C OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES AND/OR SECTION
111-A OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS
LAW TO BE HEARD AS TO THE BEST
INTEREST OF THE CHILD.

Dated: June 2, 2014
BRONX, NEW YORK
By Order of the Court
/s/

CLERK, FAMILY COURT
BRONX COUNTY

“Shop and Drop” Lenten fundraiser surpasses all others

As the Catholic Church concludes its celebration of the Easter season, the results of the fifth annual Lenten “Shop and Drop” fundraiser have been announced. Miguel Garcia, owner of Big Deal Supermarket on the southwest corner of Morris Park and Paulding avenues, presented two checks for \$3556.00 to the parishes of St. Clare of Assisi and St. Francis Xavier. Rev. Robert Aufieri, Pastor of St. Clare of Assisi and Rev. Matthew Furey, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier accepted the donation with thanks.

The total of \$7112.00 raised this year was the

largest donation since the annual fundraiser started in 2010.

“Even in tough economic times, people find a way to come through. I noticed that from the time we started the fundraiser at the beginning of Lent through Easter business really picked up,” said Mr. Garcia. The Holy Name Societies of both parishes, led by their presidents, James J. Curran (St. Clare) and Thomas Tronconi (St. Francis Xavier), did a great job promoting the event. Martin Dolgow of St. Francis Xavier worked particularly hard to publicize the event.

In reality, though, it was the generosity of the members of both parishes and other members of the Morris Park community who made this event work by faithfully shopping at Big Deal and leaving a copy of their receipts in the jar. That effort, along with the willingness of Mr. Garcia and the team at Big Deal to share their profits, provided some much needed funding for two local churches.

Since the fundraiser started in 2010, the management at Big Deal Supermarket has raised over \$27,000.00 to support the two parishes.



(L-r) Rev. Matthew Furey, Mike Stawniczy (Manager), Miguel Garcia, and Rev. Robert Aufieri.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminders: Please note our new mailing address. You can find it in our last paragraph. We will no longer be using a mailbox address. Please mail your membership dues of \$10 to our new address.

Our June 10 meeting which just past was our last meeting before our summer break. We will meet again this coming September. So please enjoy your summer and keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for updates on the traffic improvement plans for our communities.

The Crosby Avenue/Buhre Avenue stop is scheduled to be closed for repairs in July.

We will have more information for you on this important improvement to our community in future articles.

The end of this year's legislative session is quickly approaching. Unhappy about the way government is functioning? This is your opportunity to become part of an effort to make your government better and more responsive to your visions and needs.

You can become a part of this effort to improve your government by doing one or all of the following suggestions:

tions.

Our communities are all represented by community organizations. In Pelham Bay you can join the Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association. We meet on a monthly basis for most of the year. All are welcomed to come to our meetings and bring your questions and suggestions. Keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for meeting dates, times and place.

In addition to joining our organization we encourage all registered political party members to vote, vote, and VOTE in your respective party primaries. Why is this important? Just remember that when you are voting in the general election and all you care to do is mumble about the lousy choice of candidates, these candidates were chosen by the voters of the primary that you choose to not be a part of. Want better election day candidates to consider for your vote? Start by voting in your primary. Tired of extremists vote in your primary.

So you voted in your primary. That's good, very good, but you're not finished yet. The General Election is when and where our government leaders are chosen. So, this is a must! We all, party

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members or not, must vote. You won't vote. They're all whatever. That's nice but you still have to vote. You don't vote you really give up your right to be crabby about our government. And then by not voting we all end up with the government you the non-voter deserves.

Oh, so you're one of those who is not crabby about our government. Things are ok. No need for you to come out. Especially, since that reality show that you love so much is on. No need for you to participate when you are happy that there are civic mind types who do go out to vote, and attend community meetings. Sorry the only constitutional requirement imposed upon us all by our Founding Fathers is our obligation to vote. Unless we all vote our government can't be reflective of who we are as a people.

Many times during the last twenty years, foreigners have shared with me we have nothing against Americans. It is your government

that we have many issues with. Want a better world? Vote for one.

Student debt is horrendous. We tell our children want a better life go to college. They do! They excel! They graduate with a degree and poor job prospects but they have a debt which prevents them from getting married, having children, or buying a house. Don't like this picture? Do something about it. Go vote!

All to often we hear about income inequality. Yes, it is a problem for our society. Economists from liberal and conservative think tanks worry about the negative effect it is having on us all. But to just redistribute income from the one percent to the ninety-nine percent is not the answer. Training, academic and vocational is an answer to income inequality. But only if this training comes at a very low cost. Or, as in the time when New York was truly blessed with opportunities in every field.

A college education could be gotten FREE of charge. Yes, let's bring back a tuition free City University and this time let's also have a tuition free State University System. A tuition free City And State system would give our children the fighting chance

they need in order to have a better life.

The only way, I can think off, bring this to fruition is if you all get out and VOTE. If we do not vote we are actually. Voting for the status quo, stagnation, regression, a lack of opportunities and above all a government that we all do not relate too. More to come in future Bronx Times Reporter editions.

Pss...between just you and I the following announcement I stole from a Councilmen Vacca release.

Our councilman is in search of interns. These are very worthwhile opportunities and great resume builders. So share this information with your friends and family members,

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This summer might be a little tight for some of us. And, for all of us kids being kids most of the time they want to be with their friends. Kids are amazing all to often they won't eat healthy foods at our table but when they are with their friends eating healthy is never a problem. Some of them have even been known to brag about eating healthy, but only with their friends.

Well, Chelsea Clinton is offering our communities the opportunity to find locations that will provide free summer meals for kids and teens.

Follow her advice: Families can find free Summer Meals for kids or teens by texting FOOD to 877-877-#NoKidHungry.

And, please remember for Seniors and the home bound there is Meals on Wheels. You may call or visit the Community Board 10 office for the latest information on how to sign up for the Meals on Wheels program that can best serve your needs.

Our new mailing address is Maryann Maiorana, attention Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association, 1720 Mayflower Ave. Apt. 9H, Bronx, NY. 10461. Annual dues are \$10. Meetings are open to all.

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QUALIFICATIONS

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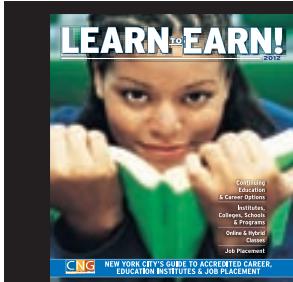


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NYPD's crackdown on fireworks

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in the precinct's Community Affairs bureau.

Sparkler danger!

Even the most innocuous looking firework – the handheld wire sparklers – is illegal under state law, after Gov. Cuomo vetoed a law in 2013 that would have made them legal for adults over 18.

"Anything you can put a match to can get you in trouble," said DiPietro.

Fireworks may look fun – who are we kidding, they are definitely fun – but medical experts warn that amateur shows often lead to serious injuries.

Children and teenagers are especially vulnerable to burns and ruptured eardrums, said Dr. Ernest Patti, senior emergency room physician at St. Barnabas Hospital in Belmont.

Particles can blow into the eyes and face, while fingers are especially open to injury, said the doctor. Sparklers are especially dangerous

ous, he said, because adults often give them to children without realizing the risks.

"The problem is that people don't realize how hot sparklers are," said Patti. "Those

People don't realize how hot sparklers are. Those things can heat up to over 1000 degrees.

Dr. Ernest Patti

things can heat up to over 1000 degrees Fahrenheit."

Patti said the ER sees victims of firework injuries every summer – though some of the victims claim that the burns happened in other, less illegal ways.

"Sometimes people come in and say 'I was in an acci-

dent' but don't say how," said Dr. Patti. "They are real hesitant to say it was because of fireworks."

Besides the scorching hot sparklers, the doctor warned against so-called "M-80" firecrackers, small round fireworks packed with gunpowder and which have a very short fuse.

Bronxites seeking a safer experience can celebrate legally at a fireworks show June 27 at Orchard Beach, co-sponsored by Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and State Senator Jeff Klein.

There are no fireworks planned in the borough on Independence Day itself, with the city's big Macy's show shooting off on the East River by the Brooklyn Bridge.

"Go to a legal fireworks show," advised DiPietro, the community affairs detective at the Four-Nine. "Celebrate with your family, have a nice cookout, but please: Leave the fireworks out of it."

Beware of recent telephone scam

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someone calls you claiming to be from a utility company or the IRS, and demands immediate payment of a debt using Green Dot MoneyPak pre-paid debit cards, according to the NYPD.

Or someone pretends to be a family member who has been in a car accident, or threatens physical violence to a family member unless a debt is paid immediately through the use of Green Dot MoneyPak cards.

The scam became prevalent in the local area in the past year, and examples of mostly elderly victims can be found across the country. The cards are not linked to any bank account, making it easier for the con-artists to launder the plundered money.

Cops warn public

As reports were surfacing from Pelham Bay and Locust Point of attempted crimes on at least two potential victims, 45th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer Erin Rabbitt urged the public to be alert.

"No federal, state, or city agency is going to ask you

to open a bill using Green Dot cards," she said. "If they are calling and asking you to do that, it should be a red flag."

A NYPD bulletin urges the public to be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason, to never give out personal or financial information, never wire money or provide debit cards like Green Dot, and to know that utility companies and government agencies will never contact you demanding immediate payment using GreenDot money cards.

Local victims

For recent victim Margaret Annunziata of Pelham Bay, the scam was particularly disturbing because the caller pretended to be her grandson who supposedly was in a car accident.

"The phone rang and a young man's voice said "grandma?" she said. "It may have been power of suggestion, but I said yes, Jimmy, (her grandson's name.)"

The caller asked her to please not tell anyone else in the family that he had been in a car accident in the

Dominican Republic with a friend. He said he needed to money to pay restitution. When the caller tripped up in his pronunciation, she realized that it was not her grandson, but continued to play along. She wonders how the caller even knew she was a grandmother.

"I just think it is a shame that they do this to people," said Annunziata. "I could see where people could fall for it. The initial reaction was panic...but I always said I would never fall for a scam and now I am proud of myself."

Locust Point residents Frank and Cathy Faccente were also nearly victims on Wednesday, June 4 when a caller demanded immediate payment of a bogus tax bill on behalf of the IRS.

In the beginning, they sounded legitimate, but then Cathy got on the phone and asked for her husband's Social Security number. At that point, the caller hung up the phone.

"I am sure it must work for every so many callers to make it worth their while," she said.

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Local Author Spotlight

Thursday, June 19, 7:30 p.m.

Susan Deland discusses her recent book Spectacular Bond: Reaching the Child with Autism. After her daughter, Diane, was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at the age of three, Ms. Deland met Dr. Marion Blank of Columbia University, whose Spectacular Bond program has transformed the lives of autistic children and their families.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Disgraceful

A news report said that 47% of the eligible UFT voters approved the new contract that calls for 18% raises- but ZERO back pay for recently retired members.

This sounds like, "I got mine- I don't care about you."

Time Issues

Bob Molinaro (HamptonRoads.com) wrote, "In a story by Sports Illustrated baseball writer extraordinaire Tom Verducci on how to combat the glacial pace of big league games, he cites a half-inning of a recent Dodgers-Mets game in which there were no runs, no hits, and just three balls put into play that took 21 minutes and 44 seconds.

It's not just that games are taking longer. The problem is that so little is happening when pitchers and batters conspire to go deep into every count. Is anybody old enough to remember when hitters went after the first pitch?"

Alain Vigneault

Compared to Joe Torre

Ian O'Connor (ESPN.com) spoke with Brian Cashman who said, "A player's coach doesn't need to care more about soothing a player's ego than he does about winning a title."

"It's probably a very stressful time for the Rangers," Cashman said, "but they've got to focus on the fact that being up 3-2 is the position you want to be in. When a team like Montreal has nothing to lose in a series

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Masiello officially reinstated as Manhattan's b-ball coach



Manhattan coach Steve Masiello (r.), who was recently reinstated by the school, sits next to Rhamel Brown (l.) this March as the Jaspers are selected as a No. 13 seed in the NCAA tournament.

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Steve Masiello is officially the men's basketball coach at Manhattan College again.

The school reinstated the embattled headman on June 6 after Masiello officially completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Kentucky. Masiello, who will be entering his fourth season with the Jaspers, has been on leave without pay since late March after it was revealed he lied on his résumé about graduating from Kentucky, where he was on the basketball team from 1996-2000. The coach again expressed his appreciation of a second chance.

"I am extremely grateful to

Manhattan for the opportunity to return as its men's basketball coach," Masiello said in a statement. "I also am happy to have completed the requirements for my degree."

He was ready to leave Riverdale and set to sign a five-year, \$5 million contract to take over as coach of the University of South Florida before all of this occurred. A standard background check by South Florida discovered the discrepancy in his résumé. The job has since been given to Orlando Antigua, a former Kentucky assistant and St. Raymond hoops stand out.

Masiello is coming off leading the Jaspers to their first MAAC

"It's a little different. Obviously we'd like to be at home. We just come out here and we know we have to play some baseball."

PITCHER CHUCK LIPPOLIS.....PAGE 66

The Jaspers improved in Masiello's absence. Assistant coach Rasheen Davis was instrumental in bringing 6-foot-9 Cincinnati transfer and former Benjamin Cardozo forward Jermaine Lawrence to Riverdale next season, according to reports. He chose to transfer upon learning his father is battling cancer. Lawrence is expected to file a hardship waiver in hopes of playing right away.

He joins a strong returning core that includes senior forwards Emmy Andujar and Ashton Pankey and guard Shane Richards and RaShawn Stores. The Jaspers expect to again contend for the conference title.

Travel posed new challenges for Fordham Prep during playoff run

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It wasn't your traditional post season for Fordham Prep and the rest of the CHSAA baseball league.

Playoff games from the best of three series through the championship game were traditionally played at Fordham University and St. John's University. Both sites were doing work to their fields, causing the league to have to find neutral sites for games almost on a daily basis.

"We wake up in the morning, 'where are we playing today?' Rams shortstop Sebastian Santorelli said was a popular question.

After staving off elimination with a 4-1 victory over St. Francis Prep at Manhattanville College on May 30, Fordham had its season ended 10-5 by Kennedy Catholic the next day in the losers bracket of the CHSAA double-elimination intersectional championship tournament. The Rams beat the Gaels in their first three meetings. Fordham, unlike other teams during the seeding round, were unable to play a true home game. The league used fields at Salesian, Iona Prep and Stepinac for the Bronx/Westchester schools.

Fordham used to be able to walk a few feet from their school for playoff games at Fordham unless they made the short trip to St. John's to keep playing every game at home. For this post season they would do their pre-game prep work before games at that the school before traveling to their destination.

"It's tough, but the kids love playing on these grass fields," Rams coach Pat Dean said. "It turns into a grind a little bit, but the kids like it. We have kids driving all over the place, sharing rides. It was easier when it was at Fordham, but guys [in the league] were complaining about that too."

Fordham didn't use the tricky logistics as an excuse because all the other teams throughout the league were making the same travel sacrifices. It just put a new wrinkle into a usually familiar process.

"It's a little different," said pitcher Chuck Lippolis,



Fordham Prep's Sebastian Santorelli watches the flight of the ball against St. Francis Prep.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski



Fordham Prep's Charles Lippolis tossed a complete game in a win over St. Francis Prep.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

who earned the win against SFP. "Obviously we'd like to be at home. We just come out here and we know we have to play some baseball."

The Rams will return a strong core next season starting with Santorelli. He showed off his speed, got two hits and drove in three runs in the win over St. Francis Prep. Santorelli is also a smooth fielder at short. Santorelli will lead a group that will include re-

turning starters in catcher Gaetano Annunziata, left fielder Christian Greco, first baseman Conor McNamara and designated hitter Thomas Huvane.

"He's been doing it all year," Lippolis said of Santorelli. "That's why we got him in the lineup there. He's been doing it since he was a sophomore last year. He is going to keep getting those big hits and we are going to keep rallying behind him."

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Bronx Science's wild 12-11 victory

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Ben Kravitz felt helpless in centerfield as East Harlem Pride rallied to erase Bronx Science's seven-run lead in the top of the seventh inning.

Bronx Science's dream of reaching the city championship game appeared on hold, at least for the moment. Things felt better with teammate David King on third and Michael McLaughlin on first with one out in the bottom of the frame. Kravitz ensured things stayed that way.

"I just felt in the moment that I really wanted to be the hero," the junior said. "I really wanted to get that big hit. I wanted to be aggressive in the at bat and it ended up working out."

Kravitz lined a walk-off single to left centerfield to

give No. 5 Bronx Science a wild 12-11 victory over No. 24 East Harlem Pride in the PSAL Class B baseball semifinals on June 1 at Lafayette. It earned the Wolverines their first championship game appearance against No. 10 Beach Channel on June 12 at Yankee Stadium.

"This is the big stage," Kravitz said. "A lot of people who end up playing professionally in the minor leagues, even high level don't get to play at Yankee Stadium. For us in high school to get that opportunity is amazing. It's a dream."

There was a buzz around the school all week leading up to the game. Bronx Science coach Michael McGrath said around a 1,000 people responded on social

media to try to attend the final. News about the contest has been broadcast all over school's Wolverine TV.

"I have students coming up to me in the hall saying, 'Good luck Glen we will be that the game' and I don't even know them," junior ace Glen Price said.

Getting this far was goal this group was itching to fulfill after losing in the semifinals last season to eventual champion A.P. Randolph at Lafayette. This team was deeper and more experienced. They wanted to make the field it lost on its own this time around.

"All the stuff they learned from this year and the year before, it's all carried down," McGrath said.

Price, the Bronx Science starter in the title game, allowed two runs on six hits



The Bronx Science baseball team celebrates reaching the PSAL Class B final. Bronx Science Baseball

over five innings of work in the semifinals before reaching the maximum pitch count. It took three relievers to get through the next two innings. The Wolverines had the upmost confidence with Price on the hill. His performance could be the difference against Beach Channel.

"He's pretty incredible," Kravitz said. "It's great to have a real ace for the team to build around. A lot of teams don't have that. He's really led the team with his

pitching this year.

Daniel Bonfiglio, Kyle Shultz and King were the hitting stars in the semifinals. They went a combined 8 for 10 with seven RBI and six runs score. Bonfiglio added a home run and Rodrigo Duluc had two hits, two runs score and an RBI. Sawyer Stettin and Alex Grun have also been keys to the offense. A balanced attack was indicative of the type of production Bronx Science has received all season.

"It's not all one guy trying to put all the weight on his back," McGrath said. "Everyone is confident. They have a lot of innings under their belt."

He expects his kids to need some time to settle into the big stage at Yankees Stadium. It's an experience he knows this group has earned.

"It's going to take a few innings to realize how luck we are," McGrath said. "We are looking forward to it."

Pipe Dreams: Watch For It; Derek Fisher; Pardon My French; Game 5

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the public and the fans already believed was over, you have to match that level on the other end. It's a hard thing to create, but I think Vigneault already showed he's coaching like there's no tomorrow by pulling his goalie. And that's a good thing." Over the phone Wednesday, Cashman started reading from the Bill Walsh book, "Finding the Winning Edge," in which the hall of fame coach revisited his decision to bench Joe Montana in favor of Steve Young in a January 1988 playoff loss to Minnesota. Montana had already won two of his four Super Bowls, and yet Walsh wasn't afraid to sacrifice him in the middle of his prime to give his team a jolt.

Alain Vigneault isn't Bill Walsh or Joe Torre, not yet, anyway. But he's shown the nerve of a potential champ by twice pulling his own franchise

player, Lundqvist, in these playoffs. If it means giving the Rangers a better chance at winning the Cup for the first time since 1994, you bet he'll go for the hat trick.

Quoted By Dwight Perry (Seattle Times)

"Greg Cote (Miami Herald): U.S. Coach Jurgen Klinsman surprisingly left Landon Donovan off the World Cup roster.

It's an outrage according to quadrennial American soccer experts who have not watched a match since 2010 and could not name another U.S. player."

New Titans backup QB Charlie Whitehurst lost his bid to get his usual uniform number when he lost an arm-wrestling contest with the incumbent wearer of jersey No. 6, Brett Keisel.

Keisel is the punter."

"Lemurs are the world's most endangered mammals, according to one study.

Coming in a close second: Chicago Cubs."

"Norman Chad on NBCSN: "Nothing But Costas and Soccer Network."

Dwight wondered, "Shouldn't hitting a single, a double, a triple, and an inside-the-park home run in one game be known as a motor cycle?"

Watch For It

Tampa pitcher David Price is getting a reputation for being a "Head-hunter". He hit both, Red Sox David Ortiz and Mike Carp in one week and used the usual excuse that he was trying to claim the inside part of the plate.

Modern hitters don't remember pitchers like Sal Maglie, Don Drysdale, or Bob Gibson who had hitters look for a soft spot to fall down when they got in the batter's box.

Perhaps we'll see one of the offended hitters drop a bunt down the first base line so they could run over the fielding pitcher.

Remember, NL pitchers

have to bat and are targets themselves.

Oh, BTW- David Ortiz homered twice off Price in last season's ALDS.

More To Watch

So the former CEO at Microsoft Steve Ballmer agrees to pay \$2billion for an NBA team valued at \$550million (that was the value of the Milwaukee Bucks when they were sold in May).

So after dropping this much and living in Seattle as he does, what are the chances that the Clippers will stay in LA? I wonder if any though was given to the history of Seattle's poor attendance record for basketball.

Derek Fisher

I hope Phil Jackson isn't taken in by Fisher's glib tongue. He was once head of the NBAPA (but was bounced) and accused the owners of being disingenuous and being dishonest. This was after several requested contract releases were granted in or-

der for him to tend family business.

Brad Rock (Deseret News) said, "I won't say Fisher is a fake, à la Lance Armstrong. As far as I know he hasn't taken performance-enhancing drugs. But his moves have certainly enhanced his resume, at the expense of some teams. Now he stands to become a head coach, without a day of experience.

I stopped taking everything he says at face value when he left Dallas. All I really know about the 39-year-old Fisher is he'll never be an All-Star, but his career as a politician has already taken flight."

Pardon My French

Brad Rock (Deseret News) wrote, "Following Nicholas Mahut's first-round loss in the French Open, a reporter began the press conference by saying, "Congratulations."

"Congratulations?"

Mahut said. "I lost."

Reporter: "You lost?"

OK. So what happened out there?"

Mahut: "Are you serious? Did you watch the match?"

Reporter: "No, I didn't. I was told that you won. I'm sorry."

Mahut (awkward pause): "Questions in French, please."

Brad suggested that the reporter skip Greg Popovich's pressers- at least for his own safety.

Game 5

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) criticized the Heat-Pacers, "Game 5 of the Heat-Pacers series became a dreary spectacle when James, picking up five fouls in just 13 minutes, played only 24 minutes. We'll say it again, echoing Pete Newell's suggestion from long ago: Eliminate the foul-out rule. From the sixth foul on, it's two shots and the ball for the opposition. Superstars are the attraction - and this would take a tremendous amount of pressure off the refs."

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