

## JAIL TIME FOR PONZI SCHEMER

### Robert Van Zandt guilty of securities fraud

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Convicted fraudster Robert Van Zandt will serve a prison term for bilking people who invested in his company's Ponzi scheme.

Restitution and the recovery of millions to scores of victims who entrusted their life savings, retirement accounts, and inheritances to Van Zandt will be left to investor civil actions and a state attorney general's civil case seeking \$35 million for over 250 investors.

Van Zandt, 70, pled guilty to a 33-count criminal indictment that includes two counts of securities fraud under the state's Martin Act which regulates securities, as well as 29 counts of felony grand larceny, and two counts of scheme to defraud.

According to the plea,

Van Zandt can receive from \$25,000 to \$900,000.

3 years and 8 months to 11 years when he is sentenced on January 5, 2015. State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office prosecuted Van Zandt.

"Securities fraud is a serious crime which my office will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law," he said. "Mr. Van Zandt stole his victims' life savings, forcing some of them to re-enter the workplace after their retirement. Others will have to rely on government assistance to survive. The perpetrators of this and other Ponzi schemes will face justice."

Van Zandt's criminal charges focused on a period from 2008 to 2012 in which he was collecting money from 29 tax preparation clients, in amounts ranging from

The disgraced local businessman told these clients he would invest their money in real estate, U.S. government backed securities, and other investments, according to the A.G.

Instead he used the money for personal and business expenses (sometimes to other investors) and the funds he collected were not legitimately invested, the A.G.'s office stated.

"Mr. Van Zandt truly regrets the financial harm he caused to investors, many of whom were long-term clients," said Michael Bachner, Van Zandt's attorney. "Regrettably, after the financial collapse in 2008, Mr. Van Zandt unsuccessfully tried to

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## Not 'too thin' after all

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Thin for the win! Construction on a narrow house in Throggs Neck has been given new life.

A temporary Department of Buildings stop-work order for the partially constructed house at 848 Revere Avenue was lifted and construction resumed after a three-month hiatus as of Monday, November 3.

The site had previously been the subject of numerous complaints from elected officials and neighborhood resi-

dents who felt it violated the recently enacted downzoning.

Construction of the house started in 2010, after a two-family, 14-foot wide home on a 22-foot lot with an eight-foot side yard and two on-site parking spaces was approved by the Department of Buildings.

According to the new zoning laws in Throggs Neck, which was a response to the complaints over development, any property being developed in the rezoned portion of the neighborhood must be at least 25-feet wide, with new 2-family

homes requiring at least three parking spaces on site, including a one-car garage and at least two parking spaces on the street.

This particular property did not meet the minimum zoning requirements and the construction was halted in late July for a review.

While the project was on hold, architect Gino Longo met with Community Board 10 and the Department of Buildings to discuss and reevaluate

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### Divine Admiration

Francesca and Quentin Castellano are captivated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan at the Sisters, Servant of Mary 100th anniversary gala awards luncheon benefit and silent auction on Sunday, November 16. See more photos on page 54.

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A group of parishioners at St. Frances de Chantal Church are concerned about the pastor's stewardship of the parish. Community News Group/ Photo by Patrick Rocchio

## Archdiocese hears parishioners' complaints

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Parishioners complaints about the pastor of their parish have been heard downtown.

Towards the end of October, a letter from a faction of concerned parishioners at St. Frances de Chantal church was circulated accusing Father Peter Miqueli, the pastor, of being chronically absent from the house of worship four days a week, of handling cash donations in a manner contrary to Archdiocese of New York mandates and of lacking spirituality.

So far, according to several members of the effort, Miqueli has not personally or publicly responded to any of the allegations directly. An archdiocesan spokesman has been speaking on his behalf.

Finally, according to sources within the group of parishioners, several of whom do not want to be named because of concerns of possible retaliation, the archdiocese has taken notice and its representatives met with leaders of the effort calling for a change in leadership.

"We have people here in the parish here who oppose Fr. Miqueli, but who are afraid to say anything because of his vindictiveness, I know that for a fact," said Jack Lynch, a member of the group responsible for the letter, who confirmed that he and others met recently with archdiocesan officials about the pastor.

"We had a confidential meeting with people from the Bronx part of the archdiocese, but we don't know what is going to transpire from this," said Lynch. "All we know is that we hope the archdiocese will act."

Another one of the members of the group of parishioners opposing Fr. Miqueli said that the biggest concern of archdiocesan officials was not so much the pastor's handling of cash donations, but allegations of a lack of spirituality on his part.

"The people feel completely disconnected," said Lynch. "A malaise has overtaken this parish. There was one lifetime parishioner who told me she was getting out of this parish because she could not take it anymore."

An active parishioner for decades, who declined to give a name, but who is familiar with the workings of the Catholic church, said it is not uncommon for pastors not to be exceptional administrators.

"There are many pastors who are not good administrators, that is not why they became priests, but that is what they have to do to run the parish," she said. "So that sort of thing can be forgiven if the parishioners feel that they have a good shepherd."

"The people of St. Frances do not feel that he has an affection for us as his flock," she said of Fr. Miqueli.

Archdiocese spokesman Joseph Zwilling said that Fr. Miqueli has tried to reach out and speak with the unhappy parishioners.

He also said Bishop John Jenik, a representative for Cardinal Dolan in the Bronx, is the individual meeting with the parishioners.

Zwilling declined to release specific parish finance data to the Bronx Times.

Fr. Miqueli took over the helm of St. Frances about two years ago.

# Fire damages Bruckner Hobby

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A fire tore through the storeroom of a local Throggs Neck hobby shop Tuesday night, but luckily, the fire was contained quickly.

Based on a video shared with the Bronx Times, a lithium polymer battery - a small, high power battery used for model airplanes and cars - exploded into three pieces at Bruckner Hobbies in Throggs Neck.

The fire apparently started in a storeroom at at 3587 E. Tremont Avenue around 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18.

The battery had been charging when it exploded, said Bruckner Hobbies owner Tom Baffer.

"It was a freeky thing that happened," he said of the combustion, adding "what (the fire) did was trigger the sprinklers, and everything in the back of the store was destroyed."

When the battery exploded one of the pieces landed on a chair, which ignited.

According to a fire department spokesman, the fire was first called in to the FDNY at 8:06 p.m., with 12 units and 60 firefighters responding.

The FDNY spokesman said that

two people were removed to Jacobi Medical Center with minor injuries.

As of press time, the official cause of the fire was not determined, the spokesman said.

Bruckner Hobbies shares the building with two second floor apartments and a Radio Shack.

The manager of the Radio Shack, Alan Leon, said that the damage there was from smoke that came in through a shared ventilation system and some wet carpeting.

Leon said that employees called him and said the fire department told them leave the store until it was clear for everyone to go back in.

Leon said that business was not greatly affected by the fire.

"We are opened until 9:30 p.m." he said the next day. "This happened last night towards the end of closing time anyway, so this has not really affected our business. But it is not something you want to hear - that there was a fire next door."

While the stores may have escaped serious damage, the two apartments were not as lucky. From Sullivan Place the apartments appear to have sustained heavy damage.



A view of the damage inside Bruckner Hobbies.

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# Business Pop Up features Bronx Entrepreneurs

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Entrepreneurs from the Bronx and around the city gathered at the Bronx Business Incubator on Wednesday, November 12 for a Pop Up event hosted by the New York City Economic Development Corporation.

The event at the Banknote building in Hunts Point invited “makers and manufacturers” to network and share their innovative ideas with each other.

One such entrepreneur was 13-year-old Shakeena Julio, who was showing off a wooden prototype for a scooter that charges electronic devices as you ride it with a group of her classmates from I.S. 125. The group is working to get a working prototype constructed in fiberglass.

Julio said the students became interested in building something after learning about inventors a few years earlier.

“I find it fascinating,” she said about the entrepreneurial process. “I never thought I could do something like this.”

The young group also started an online company called Makeosity, which has the goals of taking children’s ideas and making them a reality, said Julio. She came out to the pop up in order to spread the word about the project.

Another entrepreneur was David Lee, founder of KD New York, a company that has managed dance and fitness wear in the Bronx since 1987.

Lee was there to talk about the revolutionary yoga mat he is developing out of a knit material, which he said will provide a better grip for superior yoga poses. While the mat was not ready yet, he brought along meditation pillows stuffed with fabric scraps from his apparel, which will be part of his future yoga line to complement the mats.

Lee thought the business

pop up was a great idea.

“It gives entrepreneurs an opportunity to get feedback,” he said.

He also thought the night’s event provide a needed spotlight on the borough.

“People in the Bronx are doing some amazing things,” said Lee.

Other pop up participants included 3DHeights, a 3D printing company from Washington Heights; Wanda Liz Art, a 3D graphic designer from the Bronx; and Vista Wearables, a group of doctoral candidates from City College of N.Y. who are developing an armband for the visually impaired that vibrates as it approaches objects.

The event was part of a five borough series put on by the New York City Economic Development Corporation as part of their Next Top Makers program that encourages innovation and entrepreneurial development.



Shakeena Julio, 13, shows off the prototype she made with her classmates for a scooter that charges electronic devices while you ride it.

Photo courtesy of Andy Zou / Imagination in Space

The pop up is designed to encourage sharing information about resources, said Miquela Craytor, Director of

NYC Industrial & Income Mobility at NYCEDC.

“It’s really about community building,” she said.

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Lou Durante  
Photo courtesy of Rosemarie Tangredi

**Honors for Durante**  
The deceased longtime commander of the American Legion Lawrence F. Keane Post 1498, **Lou Durante**, had his name added to a monument listing names of deceased war veterans on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. The monument is in Pelham Bay's Keane Square Park. His daughter, **Rosemary Tangredi**, reports that among the attendees to witness the honor were Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Durante's wife **Lilly Durante**, and his grandson **Louis Navarro** and cousin **Joseph Durante** who carried the American Legion and United States flags during the ceremony.

**Dart Champs**  
The Throggs Neck Clipper, at 3599 East Tremont Avenue, wants the world to know that it recently won a dart competition. The report they were Summer League Eastern Division Champs. Way to go!



Lou Durante's grandson Louis Navarro (l) and cousin Joseph Durante raise the colors during the event at Keane Square Park  
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## 42nd PCT.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1:55 p.m.** — A suspect entered a Pay-o-Matic check cashing store at 1283 Westchester Avenue, where he handed a note to the cashier demanding money. The cashier handed the note to a store supervisor and the suspect fled the location empty handed.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11, 5:50 p.m.** — Suspects followed an 83-year-old female into her apartment building on Longfellow Avenue and demanded her purse. The victim refused and the suspects knocked her to floor, causing her to hit her head. The suspects then fled the location. The victim was treated at St. Barnabas Hospital and released.

## 43rd PCT.

**Monday, Nov. 10, 8:00 p.m.** — A 45-year-old male was operating a livery vehicle and picked up the two suspects in the vicinity of Castle Hill Avenue and the Cross Bronx Expressway. While driving, the suspects both brandished firearms and pointed them at the driver while demanding his property. The driver complied and handed the suspects \$100, a Boost Mobile cell phone and his wallet. The suspects both fled the vehicle while it was stopped in front of 512 Lacombe Avenue. The victim was uninjured.

## 44th PCT.

**Monday, Nov. 10, 10:49 a.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call for two males shot at 3125 Park Avenue (Morrisania Houses). Upon arrival, officers located a 26-year-old male and a 23-year-old male, each shot once in their heads, unconscious and unresponsive. EMS also



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responded and transported the victims to Lincoln Medical Center, where they were both pronounced deceased. There are no arrests at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

**Saturday, Nov. 15, 1:42 a.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call for an unconscious child inside an apartment on East 163rd Street. Upon arrival, officers observed a 3-year-old-male, unconscious and unresponsive, with apparent trauma to the body. EMS responded and transported the victim to Lincoln Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The investigation is ongoing and the Medical Examiner will determine the cause of death.

## 45th PCT.

**Thursday, Nov. 13, 11:36 p.m.** — At the Hutchinson River Parkway and Pelham Parkway, police responded to a 911 call of a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, police observed a 17-year-old female, unconscious and unresponsive, in the roadway. EMS responded and pronounced the female DOA at the scene. The preliminary investigation has determined that a 21-year-old male, operating a Toyota Camry sedan, was traveling southbound on the Hutchinson River Parkway and struck the side barrier at approximately Exit 3 (Pelham Parkway). The female victim was the front seat occupant of that vehicle. The operator was

transported to Jacobi Hospital and is listed in stable condition. There are no other vehicles or persons involved in this incident. There are no arrests at this time and the collision investigation is ongoing.

## 46th PCT.

**Sunday, Nov. 9, 12:05 a.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call of a pedestrian struck on the northbound Major Deegan Expressway near the West 179 Street exit. Upon arrival, officers observed an unidentified adult female who was un-

conscious and unresponsive, lying on the roadway. EMS also responded to the location and pronounced the female DOA at the scene. Further investigation revealed that a 24-year-old-male, operating a 2-door Honda sedan, was traveling northbound on the Major Deegan Expressway when he struck the female as she was crossing the Major Deegan Expressway from east to west. The vehicle initially left the scene but then reported the incident to Fire Department personnel located nearby. The investigation is ongoing.

**Sunday, Nov. 9, 6:15 a.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call of a male stabbed at 2255 Grand Concourse. Offi-

cers found an unconscious and unresponsive 38-year-old male with a stab wound to the chest. EMS also responded and pronounced the male DOA at the scene. A female in her twenties has been taken into custody as a person of interest and the investigation is ongoing.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12, 4:59 p.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call of a male shot in front of 1538 University Avenue. Officers found a 39-year-old male who had been shot in the torso and the leg. EMS also responded to the scene and transported the victim to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where he was pronounced DOA. There are no arrests and the investigation is ongoing.

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## Governor vetos veterans bill

(Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto, chairman of the State Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee, expressed disappointment with Governor Cuomo's veto of the Expanded Veteran Pension Credit Bill).

Dear editor,

The Expanded Veterans Pension Credit Bill would have allowed all veterans who are now public employees to buy back up to three years of service for pension credit. Currently, only veterans who had served in wars of areas of combat are entitled to the credit.

The legislature believe that all our veterans, whether combat veterans or not, should have been entitled to the pension buy back. These brave men and women were ready

to put their lives on the line for our country -whether they were in a combat zone or not. We should acknowledge that and allow this credit to become law.

I remain hopeful that in the upcoming session, we can bring discussion on a possible compromise and that the bill, in one form or another, can be passed before next Veterans Day.

Assemblyman  
Michael R. Benedetto

## Who is footing the bill?

Dear editor,

Will Governor Andrew Cuomo finally come out of the closet and make public how the state will pay back a major federal loan which financed the majority of \$3.9 billion for replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge?

Cuomo deliberately waited until after being reelected before making public how the state will pay back the loan.

Will he have the state pick up the tab, or pass on the costs to motorists by having them pay higher tolls? Will it double or more over the coming years and decades? Cuomo also has to meet the \$15.2 billion shortfall in the proposed MTA \$32 billion 2015 - 2019 Capital Plan? \$15.2 billion plus \$3.9 billion adds up to \$19.1 billion.

Just how does Cuomo propose finding the \$1 billion or more for transportation improvements he also supports for LaGuardia Airport? This would run Cuomo's tab of unfunded transportation improvements to over \$20 billion!

Cuomo reminds me of the cartoon character Wimpy who famously said. "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today." Voters may have buy-

ers' remorse for giving Cuomo four more years.

Larry Penner

## Not impressed

Dear editor,

I am an art lover, and an artist myself, but the 'art-work' at the Middletown Road IRT train station stop is ridiculous; it just doesn't work. Seeing the art from the inside, all you see are the welded bottoms of things that are barely recognizable, although the 'litter' of floating bottles is unfortunately, recognizable. Seeing it from the outside, there are boats and things sticking out at right angles to the 'waves', and I can't imagine some of them will last very long through the winter.

I thought they must have installed it backwards. Now I see I was mistaken, and this was, uhm, artistic license.

Sandi Lusk

## OPED: by Coleen Jimenez, APRN-RN Teen pregnancy

Dear editor,

As a board certified advance practice registered nurse with over 10 years of nursing experience, I have seen an enormous number of pregnant teenagers.

Everyday, I hear the realities of their lives. One encounter that I am reminded of is a 15-year-old Hispanic female who was forced to drop out of school to care for her grandmother who suffered with diabetes and had a below-the-knee amputation.

She was an honor student and her favorite subject was math. She became pregnant at age 16 hoping to move in with her boyfriend's family to escape her situation.

Other teens have said, "If I have a baby, I will be able to apply for my own apartment and go on welfare."

According to the CDC, teen mothers on public assistance remain on public assistance their entire lives and nearly 60% of all teen mothers and their children live in lifelong poverty, thereby increasing their chances of the children becoming teen parents.

According to the New York State Department of Health, New York City teen pregnancy rates among Blacks and Hispanics are almost three times higher than whites. Most teens that are pregnant do not com-

plete high school. Each high school dropout costs the nation approximately \$260,000 in lost earnings, taxes and productivity. Most infants born to teen mothers are often of low birth weight, born with birth respiratory and lifelong neurological complications, and are at greater risk for child abuse and child safety concerns.

Nationally, the teen pregnancy rate has consistently declined over the past two decades, 42% decline according to the Office of Adolescent Health. New York City reported a decline of 30% however, the south Bronx rates are three times higher than the national average at a rate of 95.9 pregnancies per 1,000 females. Research has shown that poor communities have higher rates of teen pregnancies. The south Bronx is the poorest county in New York State. The Census of 2010, reported the median income of the south Bronx to be \$8,694 with 60% of the population being of Hispanic descent.

In 2010, President Obama launched the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. Approximately \$110 million was allocated to ensure vital programs for teens. The purpose of the initiative was to address and decrease teen pregnancy rates in targeted communities, the south Bronx being one of the

areas. The bill S5897-2013 introduced by Senator Gustavo Rivera, is requesting for such programs to occur.

The bill describes how current research documents that individuals who receive early, comprehensive, age-appropriate, and scientifically accurate education in the health and other benefits of sexual abstinence, family planning, and birth control are more likely to delay sexual activity and engage later in such activity with a higher degree of responsibility and safety.

As a nurse practitioner who has seen and continues to see the negative consequences of poor sexual behaviors, I support this bill to provide early, comprehensive, age-appropriate education and family planning to teens in different settings to assist them in making positive choices.

An amendment I would suggest is to have the educational programs mandatory and conducted by healthcare providers with experience with the adolescent population.

As a nurse practitioner, working with the teen population in underserved communities, it is imperative to deliver non-judgmental care when providing sexual education and birth control to teens. The public cost of teen pregnancy in

New York was \$377 million and 42% of the births were Medicaid-funded.

Teens need a place where they feel safe and a place where services are provided for them to make the right choices. In 2010, the cost of teen pregnancies cost taxpayers \$9.4 billion.

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy estimated that for each \$1 dollar spent on contraception for teens; nearly \$6 dollars is saved on medical care, welfare benefits, and other social services.

(Coleen Jimenez, APRN-RN is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner who works in underserved communities.)

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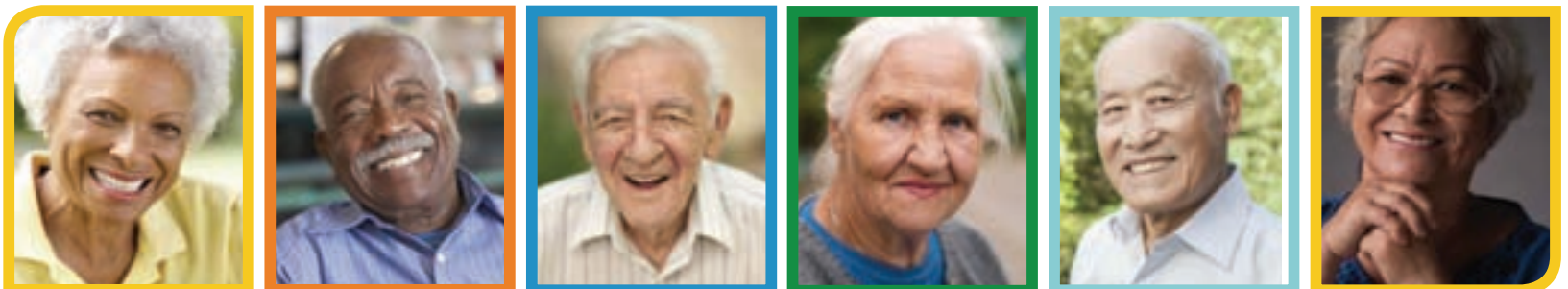
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# ILCHS hosts inaugural Student Health Fair

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One of the top high schools in New York City has shown that it cares about its students' physical and mental health just as much as their academic success.

The International Leadership Charter High School (ILCHS), located at 2900 Exterior Street, hosted its inaugural Student Health Fair on Wednesday, November 12 to increase and promote health awareness amongst its students.

Focusing primarily on college fairs, ILCHS held its first ever health fair to tackle issues that are most common among high school students in the Bronx.

Health practitioners and educators increased the students' awareness of these health issues by holding various activities, distributing materials and demonstrations.

The school was recently ranked in the top 1% of high schools in NYC, along with being the recipient of the 2013 and 2014 bronze awards from U.S. News and World Report as the one of the best high schools in the country, graduating between 95% - 97% of its students annually.

By hosting this health fair ILCHS proves that they are highly dedicated to helping their students live a healthy lifestyle, which they believe should result in greater academic achievements.

Common health issues relating to



Students from the International Leadership Charter High School enjoy the school's inaugural Student Health Fair.

Photo courtesy of ILCHS

Bronx high school students included asthma, diabetes, nutrition and mental health.

"This health fair was very relevant for our students and their communities," said special projects manager Nick Cox. "The act of spreading this awareness helped those in attendance become more educated on particular issues, and will hopefully change their lives for the better."

The Student Health Fair also aimed to create awareness of local, state and national health service and resource options for their students, at an event

which welcomed nine of these health-based organizations including Montefiore Medical Center, Child Mind Institute, The Alison Gertz Foundation, Revolution Foods, South Bronx Asthma Partnership, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center, Bronx Community Health Network, Urban Health Plan, Inc. and Centers for Disease Control.

According to the Dr. Elaine Ruiz Lopez, the CEO and founder of ILCHS, the importance of spreading this awareness to her students cannot be overstated, and will be the key to long-term success in their lives, not just in high

school and college.

"International Leadership Charter School recognizes how important good physical and mental health is for students to learn and thrive," said Dr. Lopez, who has been the school since 2006.

"Since the health of young people is strongly linked to their academic success, our school cannot achieve our primary mission of preparing our students for the demands of higher education, but also for leading lives of meaning, if our students are not in their best health."

For high school students, having the awareness of these health issues may be the difference between being named to the honor role or repeating a grade. Without this awareness or knowledge, high school students have the potential to be consistently distracted in an academic setting because of these health issues.

"We are confident that this health fair motivated our students to look after their health and access health services, which will help them to keep achieving at school," said Dr. Lopez.

A brand new, larger school facility is currently being built to house ILCHS. The new building, which will include an Adolescent Health Clinic, a library/media center and two science labs, is expected to open in fall 2015.

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# Meeting with DEC on dredging Cove

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A state agency, a local elected official and community activists are brainstorming to push for a project that been on the Throggs Neck community's wish list for years.

Sources have confirmed that representatives from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Senator Jeff Klein's office, and the community met with the DEC dredging unit recently to discuss possible solutions to having the cove dredged.

Long a top Community Board 10 capital budget request, the need for dredging at Hammond Cove is something understood by those who have boats docked there, and others who see the area as a vital resource for Fire Department rescue boats, sources confirmed.

The dredging requests have languished, mired in a bureaucracy that has, at different times, called on city, state, and federal authorities to take action so boats can enter and exit it at low tide.

In May, the FDNY sent a letter to the Locust Point Yacht Club, where its boats dock during rescue operations,

stating that the area around the marina is not sufficient at low or 'moon' tides for many fireboats.

"There may be times that our vessels will not be able to enter the cove to operate in this area," stated the FDNY in the letter from May. "Considering the number and density of structures and vessels in Locust Point, it is recommended that the depth of the water in Hammond Cove be improved to ensure (fire department) access."

Citing the safety concerns, local activist and LPYC member Pat Devine, who himself had the hull torn out of a boat in Hammond Cove due to the low tide conditions, reached out to Senator Klein's office.

DEC is not necessarily the agency that will be responsible for the dredging, but was willing to sit down with representatives from the senator's office and the community to discuss a possible project, according to attendees and a written summary of the meeting.

Also, yet to be determined, is what the cost will be, with estimates ranging widely from \$576,000 to \$5 million.

"The first step is figuring out what



More options are being explored for the dredging of Hammond Cove near Locust Point and the Throggs Neck Bridge. Community News Group/Photo by Patrick Rocchio

the agency is responsible for, and the second step is figuring out what the potential cost will be," said Dana Carotenuto, deputy chief of staff for Klein. "However, these conversations have re-focused our efforts and are a good step in the right direction in terms of ensuring the safety and the economic viability of the marina and the cove."

At the end of the meeting, which was hosted by DEC dredging unit leader Katie Axt in Long Island City, Queens, it was decided that two tracks would be followed going forward, according to meeting minutes.

The first is that DEC will continue to work with local community and business leaders to gather more information

about the cove.

The second is that both DEC and Klein would "continue to move forward in formulating a mechanism to finance the dredging of Hammond Cove."

Among possible ways of obtaining funding would be to have a city or state agency take on the project directly, citing wider community need and the fire hazard posed by the undredged cove; explore options in funding the project in the new upcoming state budget due on April 1, 2015; and exploring the option of applying for storm recovery and resiliency money to pay for an initial testing costs of the soil before any dredging can begin.

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# Westchester Square to host Holiday Celebration

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Santa Claus is coming to Westchester Square!

The Westchester Square Business Improvement District Holiday Celebration will be held on Thursday, December, 11, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Owen Dolen Park.

The second annual event is sponsored by Healthfirst.

This edition's festivities include a chance to meet and take pictures with Santa at his village as well as enjoy a special visit from two of Old Saint Nick's reindeer.

Toys will be available for distribution to children ages 1 to 12, while supplies. Attendees will also be treated to beautiful renditions of timeless Christmas classics sung by yuletide carolers who will travel around the Square and into the local stores.

Councilman James Vacca will be presiding over the yuletide celebration and will be joined by Santa Claus for the tree lighting ceremony.

"I'm very excited about it and we've been doing a lot of work with the BID and I am very impressed with all of their work," expressed the councilman.

"The holidays are upon us and the Square is doing something through the BID which is bringing people back there and I want to be in support of this effort. Christmas holds a very special place within children's hearts and this event brings families together," he added.

Westchester Square BID was established two years ago after the Westchester Square Merchant Association, Vacca, and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. saw the potential of transforming the area into a popular destination for shoppers and residents. The overall mission of BIDs have always been to encourage the revitalization of neighborhoods while also fostering economic development throughout New York City.

"This Holiday Celebration is great for the community because it brings people to Westchester Square for a holiday event and presents an opportunity to help get people back into those stores within the area," explained the councilman.

Last month, Vacca and WSBID hosted a successful first annual Halloween event in the Square and they are looking to exceed these previously impressive results.

Lisa Sorin has served as WSBID's executive director since its inception and revealed the significance behind this year's holiday celebration.

"This year has become a celebration and we have so many successes to celebrate," divulged Sorin. "We decided if we're going to go big, let's go huge! We have a beautiful 20-foot tree we call the 'Rockefeller Center Tree



Bronx children will get their chance to meet Santa Claus at the upcoming Westchester Square BID's Holiday Celebration. Photo courtesy of Westchester Square BID

of the Bronx' and the truly real Santa will be there for the children to meet inside his village.

"It's also about bringing the real reindeer here for the children and having them witness something they don't normally see here in the Bronx. This year's huge event is about celebrating and reaching out to the entire community. It's through Councilman Vacca's generosity along with the borough president that we have the park for the celebration. We want people to come here."

According to Sorin, last year's holiday celebration drew over 100 people, but its main focus was the tree lighting ceremony. Instead of dividing these events into separate days, they will be brought together.

"It was a really huge celebration last December and people got a real kick out of the carolers," Sorin explained. "Last year was a very emotional time for us because it was our first holiday celebration. This year is all about giving back to the community and it will combine all of these events into one day."

For further information, call (718) 597-4629 or visit [www.wsbid.org](http://www.wsbid.org).

"It's going to be fun, creative, and full of surprises that aren't found anywhere else and we're privileged to be hosting this," she expressed. "The councilman and the BID really outdid themselves this year and we want people to come here expecting the best."

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BY ROBERT WIRSING

The New York State Department of Transportation is paving the way for the complete revitalization of three Bronx overpasses as part of an infrastructure restoration project.

The three overpasses include the Lafayette Avenue Bridge over the Throgs Neck Expressway, the Pennyfield Avenue Bridge, and the Castle Hill Avenue Bridge overlooking Bruckner Boulevard.

Each are undergoing restoration efforts and are being worked on by the contractor group, DeFoe Corp of Mount Vernon, New York.

"We're replacing the existing concrete decks of the bridges on Lafayette Avenue, Pennyfield Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue and also installing new lighting above and below the decks," explained Diane Park, NYSDOT - Region 11 public information officer.

"The key element for this project is about improving the infrastructure and it will have a positive impact for motorists within these communities. The new bridge decks



Lafayette Avenue Bridge is one of three local area overpasses undergoing renovations. Community News Group / Robert Wirsing

will provide a smooth riding surface and they will remain within a great state of repair for the many years to come."

According to Park, the investment for this project totals approximately \$12.5 million.

In addition to the overpass reconstruction efforts, a new traffic signal adjunct to Pennyfield Avenue will be installed at the intersection of Lawton and Prentiss avenues.

The project was awarded to the contractors this past January and is set for a projected completion date of spring 2016.

DeFoe Corp was established in 1946 and since then has garnered a respected reputation for their timeliness and craftsmanship.

Their extensive resume includes such successful major borough projects as the Cross Bronx-Bruckner Interchange,

the Throgs Neck Bridge, the Whitestone Bridge, the West Fordham Road Bridge over the Major Deegan Expressway and Metro North Railroad, and the Deegan Expressway entrance ramp at West Fordham Road.

NYSDOT also noted the Major Deegan Expressway is slated for rehabilitation.

The \$125 million project will focus on the reconstruction of the elevated highway structure from East 138th Street to the Macombs Dam Bridge, near Yankee Stadium.

According to NYSDOT, the reconstruction includes improving seven ramps along the expressway, replacing 330,000 square feet of concrete deck and installing a new center median.

New energy efficient LED lighting systems will be installed to enhance visibility and safety on the elevated roadway, better illuminated lane markings on the mainline I-87 roadway, replacing the outermost steel and making substructural repairs, upgrading and repairing the drainage system, installing

seven single-span sign structures with new signage, and adding a new permanent Variable Message Sign on the southbound lane to provide real-time traffic information as well as general information to motorists.

These improvements will also enhance the environment along Exterior Street, which runs alongside the highway.

Corrective maintenance to 62 bridges in the Bronx and New York counties was awarded to Kiska Construction, Inc of Long Island, New York on Saturday, November 15. This project's anticipated completion date has been established for early 2018.

Kiska Construction Corporation-USA was formed in 1987 and is well-known for constructing water and transportation system shafts and tunnels in addition to restoring bridges, industrial facilities, and highway overpasses.

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# Car burglaries rattle Pelham Gardens residents

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Park your car at your own risk.

The ongoing occurrences of vehicle theft is taking place in Pelham Gardens, leaving many of its residents scared in what they feel is a “primarily safe neighborhood.”

According to reports, the cases of petty larceny and occasional grand larceny auto have been happening since late August on at least a weekly basis. When residents walk to their car they find their vehicles wheel-less and propped up on concrete blocks.

These thefts, which include stolen rims, tires and money, as well as broken windshields, has residents scared and on high alert.

Unfortunately, this isn't the whole situation, or the worst of it.

According to residents, NYPD officers from the 49th Precinct are downplaying these thefts and encouraging victims to minimize their losses.

“The way the NYPD is handling this situation is both concerning and disturbing,” said Pelham Gardens resident



A car parked in a driveway on Eastchester Road and Waring Avenue had its tires and rims stolen on August 31. Photo courtesy of John Johnson

John Johnson, who has lived in the neighborhood for almost 20 years.

“What kind of society do we live in where people are asked to turn the other cheek when their valuable belongings have been stolen from them?”

“After seeing this take place over and over for an extended period of time, I would think that there's some kind of management issue amongst the NYPD, at least at the

49th.”

The 49th Precinct hasn't exactly stood still, as they have made many good arrests in response to these thefts.

According to the precinct, many of these thieves leave jail soon after being apprehended and go right back to work.

There are entire crews dedicated to stealing parts from one particular type of vehicle, the 49th added.

“I'm sure it's very frustrating to walk outside and see one's own vehicle after it was robbed,” said Detective Victor DiPierro of the 49th Precinct Community Affairs office. “However, at our precinct meetings we specifically encourage neighborhood residents to not keep any valuables inside the car and to purchase wheel locks, which are very hard to break, to prevent these instances.”

DiPierro went on to state that most of the vehicles involved in tire theft did not have wheel locks.

Despite this, residents claim that the 49th Precinct has delayed following up on these thefts, if they choose to follow up at all.

Reportedly, calls have been placed to the 49th while car thefts were in progress, but the slow response allowed the thieves to get away with the goods.

Residents believe that the precinct has been focusing primarily on the low-income housing units, such as the Pelham Parkway Houses, which has likely contributed to this situation getting so out of

hand.

“We have to draw the line,” said Johnson. “Neighbors' valuables are being stolen, their safety is being jeopardized and they are being asked by the top law enforcement to forget about it. What's next?”

According to Pelham Gardens resident Alvaro Torres, this is an re-occurring problem that always takes place at the end of the summer, and that the car thieves show no mercy.

“It doesn't matter if the rims are locked or not, they are still taken,” claims Torres, who had his rims stolen in October. “Pelham Gardens is being hit often, so managing this situation should be a top priority for law enforcement.”

Torres also explained the frustrating process of following up on the burglary, when similar instances have proved to be quite common in the neighborhood.

“A lot of rims and tires have been stolen, so I can't go to court yet. Once the NYPD builds a case on the person or the people involved, then I will go to court.”

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Last year's holiday lights on Morris Park Avenue.

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# MPCA urges local merchants to light up

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Holiday lights are going up in Morris Park, but the effort to pay for them is just beginning.

The Morris Park Community Association has recently started its annual canvassing for contributions to the holiday light fund, which has gotten increasingly difficult over the years.

**T**he money is only to benefit the community. It gives the neighborhood a festive atmosphere.

Al D'Angelo

Although the lights will go up about a week before Thanksgiving, MPCA president Tony Signorile said the fundraising still has a long way to go.

The lights, which are placed at about two strands per block, for a 1.5 miles from Williamsbridge Road and Pelham Parkway to Morris Park Avenue, then down Morris Park Avenue to White Plains Road, will cost the community association between \$15,000 and \$17,000 this year, said Signorile.

Fundraising up and down the avenues is a big project for the MPCA volunteers, who will be visiting shops in the coming weeks, soliciting contributions, said MPCA vice president Al D'Angelo.

A good portion of neighborhood

stores are happy to contribute to the decorations that light up the avenues.

"Our merchants for the most part are eager to give," said D'Angelo.

But for some of the merchants, getting them to contribute is like pulling teeth, he said.

It's been getting progressively more difficult to fundraise the past several years, said Signorile. The association understands that a lot of businesses are struggling, but the merchants are not being asked for large contributions.

"We need the merchant's help," he said.

Merchants who contribute get a 'thank-you' poster to place in their window, said Signorile, which he said indicates to customers that the business gives back to the neighborhood.

D'Angelo pointed out the money goes directly to the lights, and not to the association for any other use.

"The money is only to benefit the community," he said. "It gives the neighborhood a festive atmosphere."

The association feels it's important to keep the tradition of the lights going, which they've been doing for around 35 years, said Signorile. The lights make the neighborhood look special, he said.

"When people see holiday lights, they say 'wow,'" said Signorile.

The decorations create a warmth as the harsh winds blow in, said D'Angelo.

"When you see the lights go up, it gives you a happy feeling," said D'Angelo.

# Commercial Real Estate Investors Bullish on the Bronx



**BY SCOT HIRSCHFIELD**  
Vice President  
Ariel Property Advisors

Robust job growth, new retail and residential projects, and pro-business local officials are among the reasons investors are finding the Bronx an attractive place for their investment dollars.

In the first half of the year the Bronx saw \$1.15 billion in investment property sales, according to Ariel Property Advisors' Bronx 2014 Mid-Year Sales Report, and the borough is expected to end the year with investment property sales exceeding \$2 billion. Of the deals in the borough, the multifamily asset class dominated investment sales and institutional investors were among the new players entering the market.

Investors are attracted to the Bronx because they are finding higher returns relative to the rest of New York City, but property prices are rising. Average yields for multifamily buildings at mid-year were around 6.6 percent, but in some deals cap rates have fallen below 6 percent and sometimes below 5 percent. The price per square foot for commercial properties also is rising from \$213 per square foot in 2010 to \$396 per square foot in the first half of 2014.

Four major retail projects have opened in the Bronx in recent months including the Mall at Bay Plaza, Riverdale Crossing, Throggs Neck Shopping Center, and Broadway Plaza. Dozens of other residential, retail, and recreational projects are under construction or are in the planning stages. If the four proposed Metro North stations are approved, the eastern section of the Bronx will open up to jobs and development. In addition, zoning changes approved by

the city are already spurring many new developments.

Ariel Property Advisors recently shared its research during "The Bronx is Booming," a program and panel discussion at the Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors' 13th Annual Trade Show at the Bronx YMCA. Shimon Shkury, president of Ariel Property Advisors, provided an overview of the Bronx investment property sales market and moderated a panel discussion with industry leaders who are investing in the Bronx including Robert Frost, managing member of Signature Urban Properties and president of Signature Partners; Seble Tareke-Williams, managing director of Emmes Asset Management Company; and Mark Stagg, president & founder of the Stagg Group.

A 2011 zoning change from manufacturing to residential in the Crotona Park East/West Farms section of the Bronx is enabling Signature Urban Properties to develop 10 residential buildings with 1,300 affordable units, Mr. Frost said. Two of the buildings with 237 units are currently under construction and should be online by the end of 2015. The firm is hoping to break ground on two additional buildings in June of 2015 and another building at the end of 2015, which will leave five more buildings to build.

"We're bullish on the Bronx," Mr. Frost said. "There is a huge amount of infrastructure here that doesn't exist in other places. ...the subways are already here, the parks are already here...and there are some real institutions in the Bronx that help support it such as Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the Zoo, Fordham, and the Botanical Garden. We believe in the Bronx and within our investing in New York City it is really our primary focus."

Mr. Frost observed that the changes in the Bronx in recent decades have been remarkable and that the borough is becoming a tourist destination. The Opera House Hotel on 149th Street is 100 percent occupied and Mr. Frost said that his firm is planning to build a Hampton Inn near Yankee Stadium. New projects like the planned re-development of the

Bronx Post Office also have the potential to attract tourists.

Mr. Stagg said in the last 12 years, the Stagg Group has built 2,500 units of housing and currently has six projects with 600 units under construction.

"I'm committed to bringing Manhattan to the Bronx," Mr. Stagg said. "Housing is housing and people deserve a quality home, hard wood floor, granite counter top, sufficient light, and appliances that are user friendly."

The Stagg Group builds ground up apartments for all income levels including homes for market rate tenants, Section 8 tenants, and veterans, and also owns and manages 1,200 units in all neighborhoods of the Bronx.

"We see great opportunity and great values in the Bronx after what's happened in the last few years," said Mr. Stagg. "I never could identify with the prices in Manhattan. I kept this niche and I fell in love with this borough."

Ms. Williams said that Emmes began investing in properties in the Bronx in the 1990s as part of a 100-plus distressed portfolio across all boroughs. "If you look at the value that was achieved in that portfolio, most of it was because of the neighborhoods improving and the growth of the neighborhoods where these properties were located," she said. "So we recognize the unrealized value of the outer boroughs."

Last year Emmes launched the Emmes Interborough Fund, a \$160 million fund that targets retail, multifamily, and office investments across New York City's outer boroughs, Ms. Williams said. The Fund recently purchased a portfolio of five buildings with 80,000 square feet of retail in the Bronx on primary retail corridors such as Westchester Avenue, Burnside Avenue, Grand Concourse, and Fordham, all locations near transportation hubs. The properties, which are 86 percent occupied with

a mix of national retailers and small, local businesses, were considered a "core plus play."

Ms. Williams said her firm sees opportunity in the Bronx because there is a \$9 billion demand annually for retail in the borough, but a third of the market isn't being served. As a result, the borough is experiencing "retail leakage," meaning that residents are spending their dollars in other boroughs and in other states instead of the Bronx. She said she also sees value on the Bronx waterfront.

For a copy of Ariel Property Advisors' Bronx 2014 Mid-Year Sales Report, please see <http://arielpa.com/newsroom/report-APA-Bronx-mid2014-Sales-Report>.

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# Open choice for new Van Nest elementary school

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The former St. Dominic school building will open as a public elementary school in fall 2015.

But after a contentious discussion between local residents and Community Education Council 11, the school will not be zoned and will open as a choice school.

The small elementary school, named X311, will open at 1684 White Plains Road with two kindergarten classes. The CEC discussed and voted on the Department of Education's proposed zoning for the school at the November 18 calendar meeting.

The purpose of the new school's zoning was to alleviate overcrowding at P.S. 83 in Morris Park. The small zone for X311 would have included the blocks of the president streets between Van Nest and Tremont avenues, as well as the blocks of Hunt, Holland, Wallace and Barnes avenues south of Morris Park Avenue.

But P.S. 83 principal Brandon Muccino opposed breaking up the zoning for his combined elementary and middle school.



The former St. Dominic School at 1684 White Plains Road is set to be the site of a new public elementary school, P.S. 311, slated to open for the 2015-2016 school year. File Photo

His middle school classes are more crowded than his elementary classes, he said, and he expects that the middle school seats will be full again by the time the X311 students graduate fifth grade and look to attend P.S. 83 for sixth grade.

"They're not going to be able to come back here," he said.

He felt it's important that families that were originally zoned for P.S. 83 retain the right to send their kids to an

elementary school where they are then guaranteed middle school seats.

Several community members in attendance also voiced their opposition to the zoning plan.

One common complaint was that the Van Nest neighborhood is already divided by zoning; part goes to P.S. 83 while part travels to P.S. 105 in Pelham Parkway.

A zoned X311 would not be a

true neighborhood school, they said, because it would not serve all the kids from the neighborhood.

Making X311 a choice school could mean more students would have the option to go to a school in their immediate area.

"Wouldn't it make sense for you to choose to walk five blocks to school instead of busing up to P.S. 105?" Muccino asked.

The community members, including Community Board 11 vice chair and former educator Al D'Angelo, repeatedly urged the CEC to consider school choice.

"Let the parents make the decision where they're going to send your children," said D'Angelo.

On the other side, the superintendent urged the community to look at the long term needs of P.S. 83, which at 108% utilization could benefit from extra space.

CEC president Pam Johnson raised the concern that a choice school would not necessarily be filled with students from the immediate neighbor-

hood.

"If it's zoned, the kids in your area will be served," said Johnson.

The principal of nearby Van Nest Academy, Carol Ann Gilligan, suggested the solution was to go the route of her school, which operated as a choice school with a tiered enrollment system, giving priority to students zoned for nearby schools.

Many community members, as well as Muccino, voiced strong support for this idea, but the CEC was only voting on whether to approve the DOE's recommended zoning or not.

In the end, three members voted to approve the zoning while five abstained, and the zoning did not pass. The announcement was met with applause from those in attendance.

At the same November meeting, the CEC also voted on rezoning in Wakefield for a new public school in the former St. Anthony school building, which will alleviate overcrowding in P.S. 16 and allow for the removal of transportable classrooms. The proposed zoning passed without objection.



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# Lead By Example spreads message to Hunts Point

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Three years ago in Baltimore's Chesapeake Detention Facility, Lead By Example & Reverse The Trend a self-improvement program started. It was designed to rehabilitate individuals and societies marred by violence.

Interestingly enough, its founder, an Evangelical minister, was not always so righteous.

"I had my first incarceration with the federal government when I was young, I was about 25 years old at the time," revealed Hendrickson, LBE&RTT founder and leader. "I went to trial for a drug conspiracy charge and I was sentenced to 22 years."

While serving time, Hendrickson's eyes were opened to a much bigger problem than his own.

"In that environment, I began to see a lot of young men coming in without any redeeming skills," he said. "I wanted to pay it forward and help the youth. I went up to the warden and asked if there could be a self-improvement program created for the young men here

and he allowed it. I got permission to teach the program and the change soon become evident."

The youth started to take everything he was saying to heart.

"My experience being on the opposite side of the law, going through the incarceration and rehabilitation process made me more creditable to them," he explained. "It became a lesson for them and revealed that I could be trusted."

Hendrickson became a minister eight months ago. His experience not only taught the father of two an important lesson in self re-evaluation, but became the driving force behind establishing these two community outreach programs. LBE&RTT's core values were based on ones originally instilled into Hendrickson by his grandmother.

They include character building, honesty and integrity, parenting skills, respect for everyone, building and maintaining healthy relationships, rejecting peer pressure and violence, quality education, establishing goals and purposes, and faith. The end

result is for individuals to 'reverse the trend' of self-destructive behavior and become law abiding citizens and productive members of society.

"I'm completely committed to changing and improving the conditions of the community through self-improvement because it is the basis of community development," he said. "We have to develop the people and they will develop it. The main objective of these programs is to prevent violence in at-risk, violent societies and it can help guide our youth to a better tomorrow."

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"Our programs are about enhancing the human being and making him or her better," explained Hendrickson. "We try to help people in every aspect of their lives."

The program recently conducted a Candlelight Peace Walk on the corner of 167th Street and Interval Avenue before concluding at 163rd Street and Simpson Street for the Anti-Gun, Anti-Violence Ceasefire Rally on the evening of Sat-

urday, November 15, in Hunts Point.

The event was meant to send a message and prevent any instances of violence within the area.

"It was a great turnout," expressed Hendrickson. "We had over 100 participants and what was really inspiring were the young people, because their voices were being heard. We garnered a lot of support from the Bronx and they tell us to keep going with these programs. I received a lot of help for the programs and it was a team effort."

Hendrickson and LBE&RTT would like to extend their fullest gratitude to the Comptroller's Office; Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson; 41st Precinct's Community Affairs Department; Guns Down, Life Up; Save Our Streets; Viveca White; Sarah Delany, outreach coordinator; John Bradley; Pastor Staci Ramos, Garden of Gethsemane Ministries; Sarah Murray; Kevin Hently; Cedric Scott; Garnett Smith; Reverend Vernon Williams, Perfect Peace Ministry; and Pastor Roslyn Willis, Accepted Minis-



Pastor Antonio Hendrickson (r), Lead By Example & Reverse The Trend founder/leader with Detective Aida Haddock-Sanchez, 41st Precinct Community Affairs officer at Saturday's event.

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# Grenada-born, Bronxite creates 'Gritty Spanish' language program

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Si! A Bronx resident has come up with a new, effective way to learn Spanish.

Eldon Mirjah, originally a native of Grenada who has lived in the borough since 2001, has started a website that helps those who are interested in learning Spanish.

The program, Gritty Spanish, features MP3 formatted conversations along with PDF formatted transcripts of the conversations made by real, colorful Spanish-speaking actors and actresses in everyday life. The website's motto: Real People, Real Spanish, Real Gritty sums up the learning experience that Gritty Spanish offers.

The Gritty Spanish package includes 31 real-life conversations that include emotions such as arguments and frustrations, for example, and was created to train its listeners to distinguish tone and pitch, so Spanish-speaking learners can apply it in whichever Spanish speaking nation that they visit.

"I've always wanted to create something like this because I am a Spanish learner and was continuously frustrated because I couldn't

find any down-to-earth content - the content was just 'too nice,'" said Mirjah.

"I just wanted to give the intermediate-advanced learners of Spanish a fun and more interesting way to learn the language by listening to real everyday and sometimes over the top conversations, so it's easier to remember. I also wanted to create a learning option that was affordable."

Eldon's journey creating this program began about two years, when he started studying Spanish and felt like he wasn't making much progress, stuck at the intermediate level.

Eldon began taking time to look for alternate ways to learn the language, but the resources didn't match his standards, as he was looking for a program that sounded more authentic and realistic.

Eldon realized he should take it upon himself to write stories and get in touch with Spanish-speaking actors and actresses to help him dramatically act out the dialogues to help him improve his proficiency.

In the middle of creating this program for himself, Eldon realized that others just like him, who

were not fluent in Spanish, could also benefit from this program as well, especially in the Bronx, where a large portion of the community is Latino and Spanish-speaking.

"It's always a benefit when one has the ability to understand and communicate with more people and learn more about them and their wonderful culture," said Lorita Clarke-Scott, who is handling public relations for Eldon's program and website. "It not only benefits individuals in the Bronx, but a person anywhere else in the world who will be able to use Gritty Spanish as a resource and benefit since it will give them a better understanding of the language and how real people speak."

Due to its conversational intensity and potentially violent themes, Gritty Spanish is deemed not suitable for children. However, these violent themes are not intended to be taken seriously and are meant to further one's knowledge.

These dialogues and transcripts are currently available for \$59.99, and are user friendly with all iPad, iPhone and Galaxy devices. A Kindle eBook was also released due to



Eldon Mirjah, the creator of Gritty Spanish.  
Photo courtesy of Eldon Mirjah

the overwhelming response from the MP3 and PDF versions

Downloading samples of the conversations and transcripts is also available on the website at [www.grittyspanish.com](http://www.grittyspanish.com).

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# 49th Precinct, P.S. 83 hold holiday food drive

BY ROBERT WIRSING

As Thanksgiving approaches, one Bronx community will be giving back to those less fortunate.

Starting the week after Thanksgiving, P.S. 83 will work in conjunction with the 49th Precinct for its annual holiday food drive event.

Started nine years ago, the drive was designed to feed many in the community who go hungry during the holiday season. The program was organized by Joseph Thompson, 49th Precinct Community Council president.

"We realized that people were giving away toys for the holiday season and those are plentiful, however they weren't giving away food which is more scarce," explained Thompson. "Some people don't have food for the holidays and they're hungry."

According to Thompson, last year's drive collected between 7,000 through 8,000 pounds of food for the needy and less fortunate in the community.

Approximately 1,600 to 1,700 pounds of dry goods were



P.S. 108 and the 49th Precinct will be conducting their annual holiday food drive in two weeks. File Photo

also contributed to last year's drive.

"Our philosophy is this, we don't do the city program," he said. "We have a lot of people in the Community Board 11 area and we have so many hungry people here."

P.S. 83 has been involved with this worthy cause for these past years and their involvement as well as commitment to this drive is certainly

visible.

"It's been a very positive experience and everyone participates," explained Brandon Muccino, principal at P.S. 83. "The Holiday Food Drive is done in partnership with the 49th Precinct's Community Affairs Department and we get the whole community involved. We have 'van loads' of food leaving this building."

"The kids love to give back

to the community and they give as much as you would expect them to," revealed Thompson. "Everyone works with it and they are pleased by how successful it is in helping people."

Thompson divulged that many businesses within the area donate 15 turkeys each which are sent to different senior centers throughout the area.

Thompson shared one example of the community giving back to those in need.

The Cub Scout Pack 162 set up a donation area outside of a local supermarket. The group spent a total of four hours in the cold autumn weather and collected 1,500 pounds of food throughout the entire duration.

"The students and community are amazed by the amounts we raise for this annual drive and it makes them understand how important we are in raising donations that go towards those in need in the community," expressed Muccino. "It makes us realize just how fortunate we really are."

The drive goes for three weeks, officially beginning the week after Thanksgiving and continuing until the week before Christmas. Everyone is invited to contribute whatever non-perishable food they can to this effort.

"In the hallway of both of our school buildings, there are baskets that any community member can place a donation for the drive," said Muccino. "Everyone is welcome to make a contribution to this worthy cause."

Thompson added that any non-perishable as well as non-expired food items can be delivered to the 49th Precinct after Thanksgiving and it will be set aside for the upcoming annual food drive.

"I love this program and it really serves its intended purpose of giving back to those in the community who do not have as much as the rest," said Thompson. "It's been a pleasure to work with everyone and it's gratifying to witness the joy people show when receiving these donations for their holiday."

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The New York Botanical Garden.  
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The arch at Washington Square Park.  
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Calvary led a workshop entitled -- Visiting with Someone at the End of Life: "What do I say?" "What if they can't speak?" "Can I make a difference?" Christopher P. Comfort, MD, Medical Director, Calvary Hospital; Rabbi Rachmiel Rothberger, Jewish Pastoral Care Provider and Jewish Communal Outreach Liaison, Calvary Hospital and Home Hospice; and Judy Pollack, LCSW, a social worker affiliated with Calvary@Home led the 32 participants in an lively, interactive discussion.

The hospital's goal was to help educate the attendees on: 1) how to understand their unique role, 2) handle their own fears, and 3) increase their comfort as they offer valuable support to those who are seriously ill. The real-life anecdotes from Calvary's three presenters were very effective in helping to maximize the value of this workshop.

Two years ago this month, Calvary and Yeshiva University/RIETS announced a collaboration to provide the observant Jewish community with information and options for end-of-life care in accordance with Jewish law or Halakha. Jewish patients and families at Calvary can look forward to a compre-

hensive range of services such as: End-of-life counseling by the hospital's three rabbis in accordance with Jewish tradition; Kosher Hospitality Room stocked weekly with delicious glatt kosher food; Shabbat lounge; and inclusion in the Einstein and Pelham Parkway eruv.

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**The Bronx Council on the Arts** (has announced the release of Bronx Memoir Project - Volume 1, the culmination of over 50 stories and artworks produced at twenty-five free memoir-writing workshops created by BCA in spring of 2014. These workshops were facilitated by professional writers of various disciplines and generated over fifty submissions of memoir penned by mostly unpublished Bronxites.

The official book launch will occur on Wednesday, December 3rd, at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, from 5:00-8:00pm. The public is welcome to attend and copies of the book will be available for purchase. Some contributors will read from their selections.

This riveting first-of-its-kind collection of personal memoirs includes stories written by dozens of native Bronxites, as well as by those who've arrived from the Dominican Republic, Maryland, USA, and Italy. This is the first title to be released by the Bronx Council on the Arts' BCA Media publishing platform

## St. Barnabas skin protection tips

The colder months bring with them a slew of new and not-so-new health conditions that New Yorkers need to be aware of. Prevention is always the policy when the focus is on the body's largest organ - the skin.

"Cold weather means turning on the heat and closing doors and windows," said Dr. Ernest Patti, a senior emergency medicine physician at SBH Health System (St. Barnabas Hospital) in the Bronx. "This can cause your skin and mucus membranes to become dry, making you feel congested, and giving you headaches, rashes, and the 'winter itch' (dry, flaky, and itchy skin)."

Dr. Patti offers these ways to combat these symptoms:

- Drink more water daily.
- Moisturize your skin (including your hands and feet) frequently, especially after a bath or shower.
- Limit your bathing time and use cool water (hot water dries out the skin quicker). Apply moisturizers while your skin is still damp to capture more moisture.
- Take a cool oatmeal bath (Aveeno or generic brand) every couple of days.

The oatmeal coats and soothes your skin, leaving it slippery and silky.

• Use humidifiers, or if you prefer, place metal baking pans with clean water in them on your radiators. The water will evaporate and help to increase the humidity in the air in your homes. Check the water level daily, and remember to turn your thermostat down slightly.

• Apply a very small amount of petroleum jelly, Aquaphor, or Bacitracin to the inside of your nostrils with a Q-tip every morning and night to moisturize your mucus membranes. You can also use a saline nasal spray. This will decrease nose bleeds and sinus congestion.

• Change your clothes often. Some people are sensitive to wool and synthetic materials.

• Pay attention to proper nutrition. The holiday season, in particular, can lead to irregular eating and more alcohol.

"Another cold and bitter winter can wreak havoc on your skin," said Dr. Patti. "Taking good care of your skin will provide you with an important first line of defense for your health."

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## ST. RAYS HONORS FRIENDS AND ALUMNI

St. Raymond High School for Girls in Parkchester honored alumni and friends at their fifth annual awards on Saturday, November 8. The ceremony and awards dinner held at Marina del Rey honored Joseph Hagan, Larry Galbo, Daniela Adames, Sarah Hocter Gallagher, Kathleen Roche Piccoli, Barbara Gstalder, Herbert Gstalder and the late Mary Reidy Ciaffa.



Honorees (l-r) Kathleen Roche Piccoli; Herbert and Barbara Gstalder of the HUMANAS Foundation which helps inner-city students; Sara Hocter Gallagher; Daniela Adames; faculty member Joseph Hogan and Larry Galbo of Pepsi Cola. Picasa

## VACCA BRINGS HONORARY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO CITY HALL



Councilman James Vacca and Council District 13 hosted an office event at City Hall on Thursday, October 23. As part of the honor, 'City Council Member for the Day' Joshua Adams, a Marine veteran and Fordham University student, sat in on the debating and voting of two bills, attended a committee hearing, visited the press room and met other city council members.

Councilman James Vacca poses with Marine veteran, Fordham University student and 'City Council Member for the Day' Joshua Adams at a District 13 office event/initiative at City Hall on Thursday, October 23. Photo courtesy of James Vacca's office

## YOUTH LEADERS HOLD BREAKFAST

Youth Leaders on the Move, a student and parent-led organization that helps young people set high goals and attain them, held a community breakfast at the Christopher Columbus Educational Campus on Monday, October 27. The five schools on the educational campus and Youth Leaders on the Move held the breakfast in a call for unity, to get acquainted, thank the community for their support and encourage the students. Among the attendees were dignitaries from the political and educational scene in the borough. These included District Attorney Robert Johnson, Senator Gustavo Rivera, Assemblyman Victor Pichardo, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Assemblyman-elect Michael Blake, borough Department of Education High School Superintendent for Districts 8,9, and 11 Carron Staple, and the principals from schools located on the campus.



Student leaders from Astor Collegiate Academy (r to l) Stephanie Nandal, Ariana Rivers, Nando Toro dressed as the school mascot, Moon Ki Hwang, Fatima Khan, and community associate Omawahie Toolsee. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## SALVATION ARMY THRIFT STORE OPENS

On Thursday, November 6, the Salvation Army's brand new 9,000-square foot Family Thrift Store and Donation Center celebrated its grand opening ceremony in Melrose. The new store, located on 356 E. 149th Street, is designed to improve customer's shopping experience with help from a friendly staff in addition to providing shoppers with affordably-priced clothing, electronics, furniture, and household items. Proceeds from these stores are utilized to support the charity's local residential rehabilitation center. All services are free of charge.



The very first customers to shop at the newly opened Family Thrift Store and Donation Center. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r, seated) Patricia Williams from Youth Leaders on the Move; Gerome Quinn; commanding officer Bronx East command, NYPD School Safety; Barbera Gamino, New Visions Network Leader. Back: (l-r, standing) Aleatha Williams, president Youth Leaders on the Move; Carolyne Quintan, principal Bronxdale High School; Bronx D.A. Robert Johnson; Susan Lin, a student at Pelham Preparatory Academy; Julie Nariman, principal of Language and Innovation H.S.; Justice Darcel Clark; Haydee Maranda, student at Pelham Preparatory Academy; and District Schools superintendent Carron Staple. Silvio J. Pacifico



## What to do when faced with an **AUTO RECALL**

New cars are purchased or leased to provide a reliable mode of transportation. But some vehicles malfunction even when they are fresh off of the dealership lot. Other times manufacturers or safety watchdog groups determine that certain cars and trucks have an issue that requires a recall to keep roadways safe. Vehicle recall statistics are difficult to pin down. That's because there is no standard rate of recalls per year, as recalls depend on safety statistics for particular makes and models. For example, in 2009 more than 40 million Toyota vehicles were recalled due to a faulty gas pedal.

An automotive recall is how manufacturers inform drivers that there could be something about their cars or trucks that presents a risk of injury or property damage. The recall may be independently conducted by the manufacturer or ordered by a safety group, such as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The recall involves the man-

ufacturer providing a free, safe and effective remedy for the faulty component.

When a recall is announced, drivers may not have to immediately visit a dealership to have the problem corrected. Owners should wait for an official letter. The letter will narrow down which vehicles are affected. There should be a specific window of time presented in which the vehicle can be repaired. Vehicle owners are urged to pay attention to the performance of their cars or trucks to see if they are exhibiting any problems. If so, schedule an appointment for repair according to the recall instructions provided.

The notification letter should include the risk of hazard posed by the problem as well as the free remedy and how long the repair should take. There also should be a description of what an owner can do if he or she is unable to have the problem remedied within a reasonable amount of time and without charge.

If repair work has been done on a vehicle prior to knowledge of the recall, owners may be eligible for reimbursement for their expenses, provided they kept their receipts. While reimbursement for damages that the defect may have caused are not covered by recalls, owners may be able to solicit reimbursement privately.

The following are steps to take when informed of a recall:

1. Contact the dealer service manager and explain that you are inquiring about work required as part of a recall.
2. If the manager has not remedied the situation and provided the next steps, contact the manufacturer, which should be able to handle the situation.
3. If all else fails, Americans can contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at [www.recalls.gov](http://www.recalls.gov). Canadians can contact Transport Canada at [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca).



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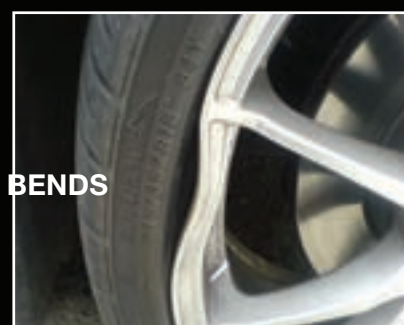
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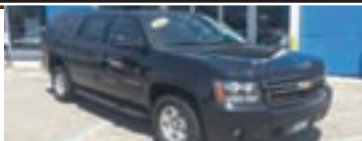
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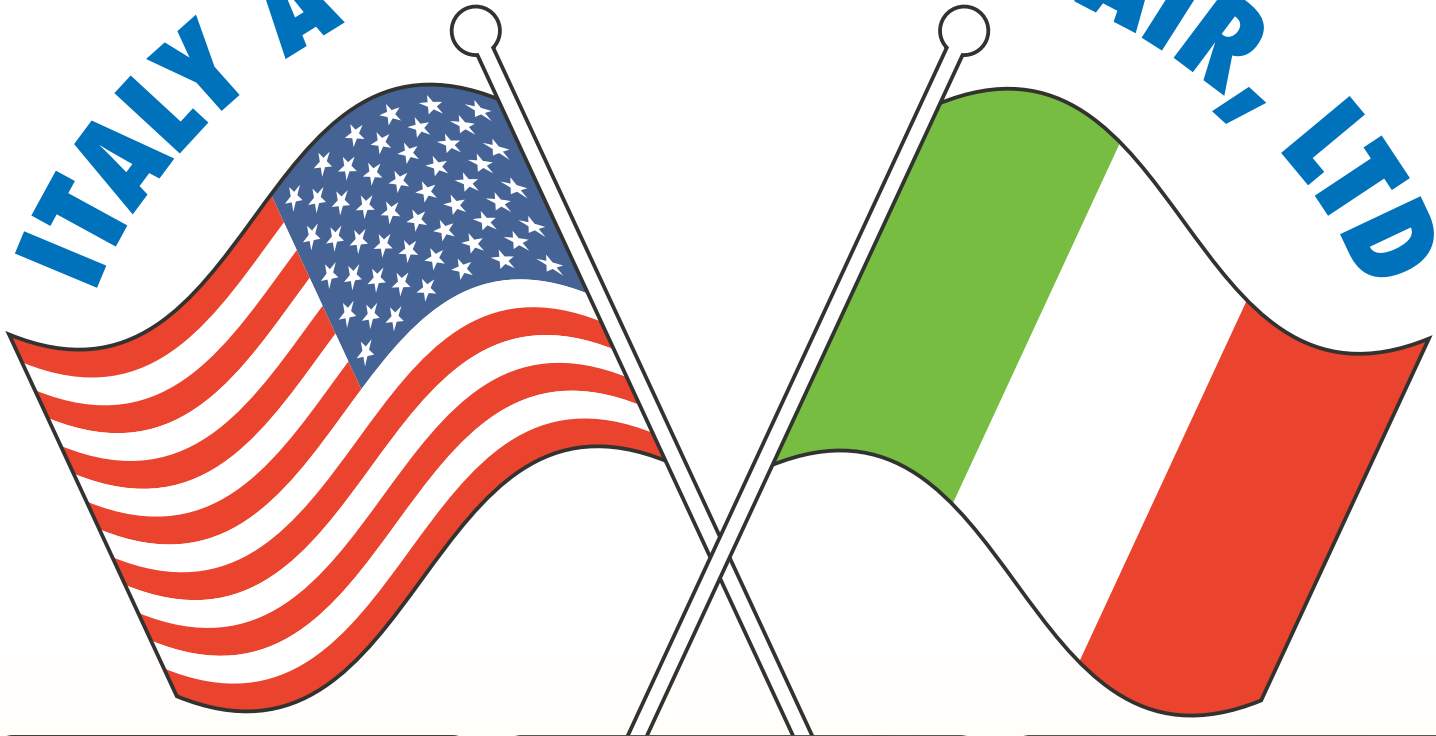
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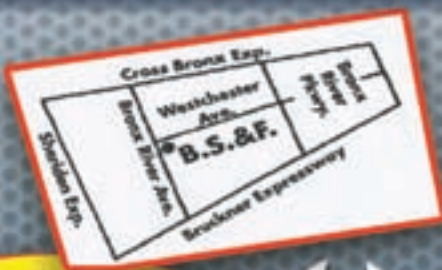
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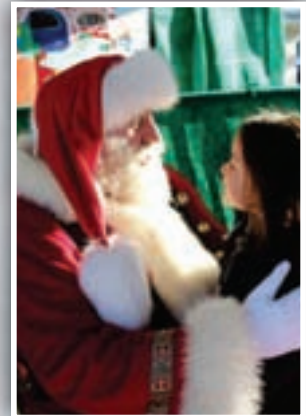
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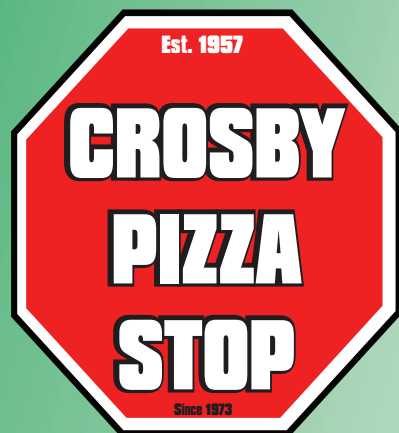


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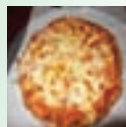
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## BOLD HOSTS FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

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(Above, l-r) Muhammad Diakite, Natalie Lozano, Yaydara Green, Leialynn Manuel and Jahziel Aquino enjoy the festivities of BOLD's second annual Fall Harvest Festival.

Photo courtesy of the Bronx Organization for Learning Differences



(Right) Matthew Trinidad-Moreta sits next to a scarecrow at BOLD's second annual Fall Harvest Festival on Friday, October 31.

Photo courtesy of the Bronx Organization for Learning Differences

## WELLMAN AVENUE HAUNTED HOUSE

The homeowner at 2885 Wellman Avenue, Frank Williams, created a Halloween display at his house that was the toast of his community on Friday, October 31. The ghoulish display included monsters, creepy crawling spiders, and jack-o-lanterns galore.



(Right) Some of the decorations on display are seen here.

Photo courtesy of Annie Boller

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR BAZAAR

On Saturday, November 15, the Little Sisters of the Poor held their annual Christmas Bazaar at the Jeanne Jugan Residence located at 2999 Schurz Avenue. It included several items such as handcrafted works, homemade goods, gift baskets as well as raffles, delicious food, and 50/50 chances.



Ann Bizinkiewicz (c), Adam Bizinkiewicz, and Michaline Ungaro get some early holiday shopping done at the Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Bazaar.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## CITY ISLAND CHAMBER AWARDS

The City Island Chamber of Commerce held its 104th Annual Dinner Dance and Awards at the Pelham and Split Rock Golf Courses on Saturday, November 15. The event honored city Department of Transportation commissioner Polly Trottenberg, Edwin Gonzales, Virginia Gallagher, Maria Caruso, Ron Terner, and Barbara Dolensek. A new business recognition award was given to Don Coqui Restaurant and Amanda Bear. Music was provided by the Lickey Split Band.



Chamber vice-president Paul Klein, Chamber president Gerarad "Skip" Giacco, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and honoree Polly Trottenberg, Department of Transportation commissioner. She was a big help when the chamber was advocating for a new design of the City Island Bridge.

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The City Island Chamber of Commerce honorees are seen here with the chamber president.

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## SISTERS, SERVANTS OF MARY HOST GALA

The Sisters, Servants of Mary hosted a gala, luncheon benefit and silent auction on Sunday, November 16 at Marina del Rey. The sisters celebrated a century of ministry in the United States and were visited by honored guest, Cardinal Timothy Dolan.



The Sisters, Servants of Mary celebrated the order's 100 years serving this country's bed ridden.  
Photo by Laura Stone



Sister Herminia with Cardinal Dolan.  
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Cardinal Dolan shows Sophia Short his crucifix.  
Photo by Laura Stone

## MANHEM CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY

The Manhem Club, one of several private, waterfront beach clubs in Throggs Neck, held a 90th anniversary gala party on Saturday, November 8. As part of the festive celebration, two World War II veterans who both joined Manhem in 1946, Gustan "Gus" Johnson and Carl Johnson, were honored. Members of other nearby clubs took part in the celebration. Among the officials sending proclamations to celebrate the anniversary was Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.



(l-r) The Manhem Club's Ron Watson, and honorees Gustan Johnson and Carl Johnson with a proclamation at the gala.  
Photo by Aracelis Batista



(l-r) Ron Watson, Linn Johnson, Gustan Johnson, Carl Johnson, Lillian Johnson and Susan Wener with proclamations during the party. The night's honorees received medals.  
Photo by Aracelis Batista

## AMERICAN LEGION HEALTH CARE TALKS

The American Legion held a Town Hall meeting at Samuel Young Post #620 on Saturday, November 15 to discuss veterans' health care benefits. It is part of a nation-wide effort to help veterans understand and learn how to apply for benefits, as well teaching those who served our country how to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs.



(l-r) Joseph Goonan, American Legion Bronx County adjutant; Robert Corrigan, legion district commander; Daniel Morea, legion district service officer, and Robert Feliciano, legion Bronx county commander conduct the meeting.  
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## PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS MARKET

Preston High School hosted a flea market on Saturday, November 15 to raise funds for the school. The market featured a variety of local vendors.



Preston sophomores Lauren Schneps and Nadalie Pompei stopped by Frances Civita's table to purchase spices.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## 'ELEVENTH HOUR' HONORS VETERANS

An 'Eleventh Hour' Veteran's Day Ceremony was held in honor of veterans at the Pelham Bay Park Winged Victory Memorial on Tuesday, November 11. This event included a veteran salute to the flag and the playing of taps, and was held to honor both Remembrance Day and Veteran's Day and to pay tribute to all of the veterans who fought in previous wars and defended our country.



Raymond De Phillis performs taps at the 'Eleventh Hour' Veterans' Day Ceremony.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(In no particular order) Vietnam Navy Veteran Jack O'Roarke, Francine O'Roarke, Christine Lange, Addison Lange, E.J. Lange and Reese Lange were present at the 'Eleventh Hour' Veterans' Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## BRONX ARTS ENSEMBLE, VACCA SPONSOR COMEDIC MUSICAL

'The Emperor's New Clothes', a musical comedy based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, was sponsored by the Bronx Arts Ensemble and Councilman James Vacca, and performed at the Knights of Columbus on 3243 Ampere Avenue on Sunday, November 16.



The cast of the 'Emperor's New Clothes' (L-r) Henry Ovalles (Needle), Shaunice Chapman (May), Eddie Torres (Thread) and Felix Otero (Emperor) who performed on Sunday, November 16.

Photo by Laura Stone

## CUB SCOUTS CHEER ON PRIVATEERS

A local cub scout pack attended a basketball game at SUNY Maritime on Sunday, November 16 to cheer on the team.



Cub Pack 304, based at P.S. 304.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Eric Esquire brought his dog Sassy to ASPCA's 'Pet Party' on Sunday, November 15.

Photo by Alex Belisle

## ASPCA, 49TH PRECINCT HOST PET PARTY

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), along with the 49th Precinct, hosted a Pet Party at Bronx Park East and Lydig Avenue on Saturday, November 15. At the event, the ASPCA provided free vaccinations and microchips for cats and dogs and gave away pet food and blankets to those who attended.



Steve Kelly brought his dog Scottie to ASPCA's 'Pet Party' on Saturday, November 15.

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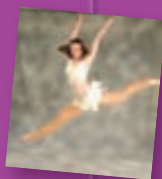


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**BY AL BELFIORE**

Greetings everyone! First of all, I would like to thank my neighbor and friend, Jerry Landi, for the most heartfelt and sincere article that he wrote for the Bronx Times Reporter. Those of us that live in Locust Point know what a truly special place this is and to lose someone whose family has been here forever, especially at such a young age is so sad! Our deepest condolences go out to the Macchia family!

Latin night was held on Friday, Nov. 7th and was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Sam Torres and his family and Sandy Justus, who did all the cooking for this event. There was music, dancing and laughter and a fun time was had by all!

On Tuesday, November 11 the LPCA hosted a trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA. Cathy Collins ran this event, and we all had such a great time. She made the bus ride so

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enjoyable by playing Bingo and holding a 50/50 raffle. We had such a beautiful day at the casino, we decided to do it again soon. So Cathy, consider yourself forewarned. LOL!

Our next event will be held on Friday, November 28 at 6 p.m. We are having our first post-Thanksgiving Dinner. Admission is free to LPCA members and their families. Just bring any dish, including appetizers, side dishes, desserts and, of course, turkey and we will provide beverages!

I have been asked a few times "what happened to our Locust Point sign"? Well, about a week ago, a tractor trailer driver decided that he wanted

to change the position of the sign and the post and smacked into it in the early hours of the morning. Actually, there was no damage to the post or the sign, it just has to be straightened and re-cemented. I, personally, removed the sign so that no one would come along and vandalize it. Nick Virella, from Sealrite Construction, has assured me that he would take care of the new base. Thank you for reading!

**BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO**

Hello all!

Again, a reminder that the Christmas Party at the VA is Sunday, December 14 at noon.

I have a bunch of thank you's to pass out to the parade marshals that came from the Young Post Sons of the Legion and Boosters. So thank you Liam Hiney, Rich Cruz, Carol Cruz, Anthony James, Dana Delgado, Pat Mahon, Marit Donovan, Marty Carroll,

Nicholas Hiney, John Rutter and Victor Sedoruk.

A special thanks to Joanne our Saturday and Sunday Bartendress for putting out the food and drinks.

We would also like to thank The Westchester Mechanics, Local 3 for once again supporting us by making sure our electricity is safe and our outdoor flags are illuminated at night.

Here's a special thank you

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to Ms. D'Ambrosio's and Mrs. Marino's first grade classes of the Villa Maria Academy for sending over home-made cupcakes and a hand-drawn card

signed by all the kids.

I'll be back behind the stick at the Post Pub on Friday, November 28 from noon - 6 p.m. I would like to thank Jeanette for filling in for me while I healed.

Therefore, I will be there to accept the non-perishables going to the needy.

Trivia Time!!

The Ft. Hood Massacre took place on November 5, 2009 with 13 dead and 30 wounded.

Ellis Island closed on November 12, 1954.

The Holland Tunnel opener November 13, 1927.

On the same date in 1942, The USS Juneau was sunk claiming the lives of the 5 Sullivan rothers. This led to the military's separation of family members while in the service.

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

**BY MARK SAPLICKI AND VINCENT PREZIOSI**

What is Thanksgiving? Obviously it is the act of giving thanks or showing gratitude. To us at NEBA it is the time of year to give thanks to God for what we have and to participate in the act of giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

As the holiday season is almost upon us, we appeal to everyone to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. As we do each year, NEBA will be delivering fresh turkeys and coordinating a collection of non-perishable foods for the needy. If you are disabled and cannot deliver the goods yourself, call us at (718) 519-1723 and we will send a member of our civilian patrol to pick up the food from you. Please be generous in sharing a part of what God has graced you with!

**St. Lucy's Food Pantry**

Once again this year Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Joe Ferrer of BS&F Auto Parts and the Liberty Democratic Association, including our long-time friend Joe McManus, have contributed to feed the needy, by donating fresh turkeys this Thanksgiving.

We wish to express our appreciation to the executive board and ex-officio officers of the Liberty Democratic Association: Ritchie Torres, Zena Twyman, Ray Unger, Monica Major, Rev Charles Gorelick, Harry Hertzberg, Kenny Agosto, Miriam Schwartz, Maria Gonzalez and Joseph A. McManus. And not the least of all is our friend Frank Restagno who delivers the turkeys to the food pantries. May God bless all these wonderful people and their families!

Please be aware that St. Lucy's parish runs a food pantry for the needy all year long, and your donations of non-perishable items are always welcomed! St. Lucy's is located at 833 Mace Avenue,

at Bronxwood Avenue, (718) 882-0710.

**Franciscan Sisters Of The Renewal**

Again this year NEBA has partnered with the men of the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Holy Rosary and provided non-perishable food items for the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. The sisters' apostolic mission is work with the poor and homeless and evangelization; and their organization has two convents in the northeast Bronx. Many thanks to Frank Martinez who assisted in picking up the food from our seniors' group and delivering to the Franciscan Sisters. However, the backbone of this effort is our own seniors' brigade, headed by Carmen Rivera made Janice Shapiro. They give generously every year to this cause. NEBA was also able to provide turkeys to the Franciscan Sisters for distribution to needy families. Again we are thankful to Frank Restagno for delivering the goods. NEBA is grateful and humbled by the charity shown by all involved in this project.

Please be aware that donations of non-perishable items are collected regularly for the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at the Church of the Holy Rosary, located at 1510 Adeo Avenue, off Eastchester Road, (718) 379-4432.

**Toys for Tots**

The Northeast Bronx Association and Einstein Hospital will again be sponsoring Toys For Tots to benefit the Einstein Children's Evaluation & Rehabilitation Center and the Department of Psychiatry's Wellness Center.

We appeal to everyone to donate unwrapped toys for children ages infant to 12 years old, who might not otherwise receive such gifts. NEBA will be collect-

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ing unwrapped toys on Tuesday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 16 from our seniors group between 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2407 Eastchester Road. If you are unable to drop off toys, call Vinny at (718) 519-1723 and he will arrange for someone to pick up the toys before December 16.

Based upon your wonderful response last year, Einstein has expanded the program, and we are confident we

can do even better this year, especially due to the extraordinary generosity of our seniors, headed by Carmen Rivera and Janice Shapiro. The children are our future so please be generous and teach them about caring for others. You can make a difference in a child's life.

Next meeting: Monday November 24, 7:30 p.m., Kings Harbor MultiCare Center, E. Gun Hill Road at Stillwell Avenue - use main entrance. Reps from the 49th Precinct; Senator Jeff Klein; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; and Councilman James Vacca will be present.

Reminder: No meeting in December.

**BY TONY SALIMBENE**

This just in: there will be a display honoring Native Americans, on Friday, November 21 at the Jacobi Hospital Building 8 Atrium, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Post 19 will have a table set up for the American Legion, please stop by and say "Hi" and help out if you can.

Our regular meeting for December, followed by our Annual Christmas Party will not be on the 21st. It will be on the December 28, at the Turner Club. Meeting at 11 followed by our party starting around 12:30.

On December 7 we have our holiday party at the VA Hospital Nursing Home at noon, volunteer elves always needed. The 7th is Pearl Harbor Day. There will be a wreath ceremony at Bicentennial Memorial Park sponsored by the Silver Beach Memorial Post, on that day, at 1 p.m. We will always Remember Pearl Harbor! Please fly your Flag at home too.

On December 13 there will be a performance review at the Bronx VA

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Hospital. Fortunately, the worst problem seems to be staffing related delays? Well, heads up folks the boss is coming! Also on the 13th, our buddies from the 'Nam Knights Motorcycle Club will be at the VA from noon to 3 p.m. spreading some cheer.

Congrats to Gene Defrancis (and Ms. V) on the completion of the Gen. Colin Powell Mural for the Allerton Avenue community. That was a major production project, well worth it for honoring a Bronx kid who 'dove good'.

How many times is our Color Guard in the BXTR! Again, a big thanks, fun but a big commitment, proving we are alive and well and a powerhouse in the Bronx. That's JP, Guy, Christene and McGee.

Coming attractions: a Sock Drive for the troops, Flag Education Lessons for local schools, and more.

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## St. Barnabas honor societies induction

On November 4, St. Barnabas High School welcomed 21 new members to the Blamid Stewart Chapter of the National Honor Society. These students were chosen on their ability to demonstrate the four qualifications of the society - scholarship, character, leadership and service. Senior member and president of the 2014-2015 National Honor Society Romana Vukaj stated "If national honor is a prized possession, then personal honor is the cornerstone for all of our activities throughout our lives. Personal honor is made of the four qualifications of this society." During the ceremony four candles were lit as the qualifications were explained to the new NHS members.

The following students were inducted into the 2014-2015 Blandid Stewart Chapter of the National Honor Society: Mya Augustin, Brittany Bess,

Shannon Biggs, Cailin Courtney, Diana DiPietro, Erysa Gayle, Jessica Jordaens, Sasha Mazarally, Kourtney-Ann McTyson, Natalie Mirabile, Shanieza Mohamed, Tara Nizamov, Stephanie Olivo, Sarah Owusu, Ileana Palesis, Ayanna Punter, Jeimmy Reyes, Caileigh Schafer, Liane Sousa, Caitlin Thompson and Elyssa Vasquez.

Following the National Honor Society, the St. Barnabas High School Virginia Woolf Chapter of the National English Honor Society and the Luis Ponce de Leon Chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society also had the pleasure of welcoming new inductees.

Samantha Smith, President of the 2014-2015 National English Society welcomed the following 12 new inductees: Mya Augustin, Ashley Hunt, Ileana Palesi, Shanieza Mohammed, Caitlin Thompson, Tara Nizamov, Eryssa Gayle, Stephanie Olivo, Liane Sousa,



: Newly inducted members of the St. Barnabas High School Blamid Stewart Chapter of the National Honor Society, Virginia Woolf Chapter of the National English Honor Society and Luis Ponce de Leon Chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society.

Natalie Mirabile, Elyssa Vasquez and Kourney-Ann McTyson. The new inductees accepted their candidacy by signing their names into the roll book and reciting the NEHS pledge.

Rohana Sosa, President of the 2014-2015 Luis Ponce de Leon Chapter of the National Hispanic Honor Society, welcomed the following 18 new inductees: Amanda Alvarez, Mya Augustin, Chelsea Bellamy, Sarah Brennan, Sarah Brewster, Djurha Dume, Erysa Gayle, Monee Johnson, Natalie Mirabile, Tara Nizamov, Jessica Olivo, Brandy Quinones, Kaelah Sanders,

Liane Sousa, Caileigh Schafer, Caitlin Thompson, Jessica Torres and Elissa Vasquez. The new inductees completed their candidacy by reciting the NHHS pledge.

St. Barnabas High School is an all-girls Catholic high school located in the Woodlawn section of the Northeastern Bronx, adjoining the city of Yonkers. For more information about St. Barnabas High School, contact Jennifer Geideman at (718) 325-8800 x11, or email [jgeideman@stbarnabashigh.com](mailto:jgeideman@stbarnabashigh.com).

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# Benedetto hosts book drive with JMC

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto is teaming with the Jacobi Medical Center Auxiliary to host a book drive for the young patients at Jacobi Medical Center. Jacobi Medical Center, located on Pelham Parkway, is the primary municipal hospital serving the east Bronx.

Last year the Jacobi Auxiliary started collecting donations of children's books that they would place in the hospital's Pediatric emergency

room, as well as, the in-patient and the out-patient waiting areas for the children to read. The children were also allowed to take the books home with them.

As it turned out many of these children had never enjoyed the pleasure of owning a book, a book they can treasure and read over and over again. However, right now its supply is totally depleted.

When Assemblyman Benedetto

heard of the program and the fact that they were out of books he decided to join forces with the Auxiliary and help.

The assemblyman is requesting the assistance of anyone who has gently-used or new children's books that they would be willing to donate to the Jacobi children collection to drop them off at either of his offices (Dreiser Community Center, Room 12 or 3602 E. Tremont Avenue, Suite 201).

The assemblyman will see that they are delivered to the hospital.

"Reading is great fun and a wonderful way to spur the imagination, discover different lands, different people, the wonders of science, learn about history and famous people and so much more. Reading should start early and never end. I encourage everyone who can to join in and help this worthy cause", stated Assemblyman Benedetto.

## Con Edison receives Reliability One Award

Con Edison has been named winner of the 2014 Outstanding System Reliability Award by PA Consulting Group.

The award recognizes the PA Consulting Group ReliabilityOne™ regional award recipient that demonstrated superior annual system-wide reliability performance for its customers.

Con Edison was also named best in the Northeast Region.

"Our top priority is meeting the energy requirements of New Yorkers safely and reliably," said Robert Schimmenti, Con Edison senior vice president, Electric Operations.

"Earning national recognition is a tribute to the Con Edison women and men who deliver electricity to the world's greatest city, as well as to nearby Westchester County. This honor is a testament to their efforts, and I'm proud to accept this award on their behalf."

Con Edison is in the middle of its four-year \$1billion storm hardening program in the wake of 2012's Superstorm Sandy.

Some of the investments already have paid dividends, including the installation of 3,000 devices that isolate and clear temporary faults on overhead electric systems, and more

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cies, processes and systems used to collect, analyze and report a company's reliability results.

"Utilities are on the doorstep of a technological leap that will set new expectations for how companies handle reliability, and really, all aspects of their business," said Jeff Lewis, PA's ReliabilityOne™ program director. "Con Edison has shown a commitment to reliability that will serve as a cornerstone for its customers as new advances are adopted to further improve response and restoration time."

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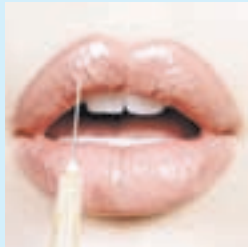


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## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GCC REALTY GROUP LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 4/18/14. 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 GCC Realty Group LLC 2181 White Plains Road Bronx NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

This month we commemorated Veterans Day. It's an appropriate time to remember that for at least the past one hundred years, the greatest force for good on this planet has been the United States military. The men and women of our armed forces have rescued more people from tyranny, liberated more captive nations, freed more women from oppression, and provided more assistance to victims of natural disaster than any other entity that has ever existed throughout humanity's long history. It is our veterans, not our politicians or pundits that offered up their lives for the cause of American freedom and safety.

The peace at any price crowd, the self-important academics, the pandering elected officials who try to buy votes by transferring funds out of military budgets and veterans' benefits and into give-away programs that are little more than thinly disguised bribes for support in the next election should also remember that these heroes are human. The dangerous and frankly idiotic cuts to our defense spending over the past several years have meant that our active, reserve, and national guard soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines must serve repeated tours facing danger and being away from their families. These cuts have been so significant that by next year America may have a smaller

army than North Korea.

Honor our veterans. But put real substance behind the words by making life easier for the heroes who today stand as the only barrier between freedom and the growing forces that would destroy America.

The 2014 elections are finally over, and the work of actually resolving America's many crises must begin.

There is a temptation for the public, the pundits and the politicians alike to say that the nation's enormous challenges can't be resolved before the 2016 presidential election, and to accept only minor revisions to the strategies that have resulted in the country's diminished fortunes over the past several years. But the dire impact of erroneous policies is so significant that delay is unacceptable. Congress must act rapidly, and the President must find the courage and honesty to change course.

The essential linchpin of the American economy is a healthy middle class. A combination of the expiration of the Bush tax cuts, the increased costs to businesses and consumers alike of Obamacare, heightened fuel prices, and the loss of steady jobs has wreaked havoc with this vital group.

Before the next federal budget is passed, action must be taken to lower taxes on middle income families. Similarly, the various regulations, including Obamacare mandates that have discouraged businesses from growing and

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expanding their employment rolls must be repealed. This should also include reducing America's absurdly high corporate tax rate, which encourages businesses to leave the U.S. and take jobs with them.

The U.S. balance of trade continues to see far too many dollars going overseas. It is time to keep those funds at home, where they can be used to spark the domestic economy. The most rapid way of doing that is making the nation truly energy independent. Lands under federal control must finally be opened for energy exploitation. Also, attempts to limit other energy sources, including coal, must stop. This will also have two other beneficial effects: it will lower the cost of energy, reducing may other consumer and business expenses, and will also limit the enormous funds Russia and ISIS take in from energy sales that are funneled to their militaries.

It is also time to review American trade policies. Unfair advantages have been given to foreign competitors, who, not subject to a variety of rigorous federal rules, can manufacture far more cheaply than U.S. companies. Goods

imported from abroad for sale in the U.S. should be subjected to similar mandates, or be subjected to fees that level the playing field. Further, nations that restrict imports from America should have reciprocal limitations placed on their exports.

The most imminent threat, one that has reached a level that constitutes a clear, present and immediate danger to the safety of all Americans, is the dramatic deterioration of America's defense posture during the past several years. The U.S. military had already been slashed to the bone, best symbolized by the Navy's reduction from 600 ships to 284. Under the severe cuts of the past several years, America has seen force drops reducing our services to levels not seen since before the First World War. Under current plans, even North Korea will have a larger army than ours. These reductions have taken place at the same time that Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran have dramatically built up both the size and sophistication of their forces.

Further, in an era when nuclear proliferation is a disturbing reality, and when regimes such as Iran and North Korea are on the verge of having both nuclear weapons and the ICBMs with which to use them to attack America, it is irresponsible to not deploy a comprehensive anti-missile policy.

These threats must be addressed in the next federal

budget.

The legislative branch must reassert its role as a check on the executive branch far more vigorously. During the era of the Obama presidency, federal agencies such as the IRS, the Federal Communications Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Education, and most ominously the Department of Justice have all been used for partisan political gain. This must cease, and it is within the authority and capability of the newly elected Congress to viably and rapidly address that threat to the American Constitution.

These are crises whose solutions cannot be postponed.

The peace at any price crowd, the self-important academics, the pandering elected officials who try to buy votes by transferring funds out of military budgets and veterans programs and into give-away programs that are little more than thinly disguised bribes for support in the next election should also remember that these heroes are human.

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BY KEN KEARNS

In our last article, the board had discussed the presence of the ASC/NYC organization occupying the Pelham Grand property, at 1870 Pelham Parkway South. Every facility of this nature should have a Community Advisory Committee made up of residents of the host community for that facility. In other words, the sponsoring organization ASC\ NYC has the basic responsibility for the establishment of such a committee, consisting of Pelham Bay residents. Community Board 10 believes that the establishment of this committee is the best way for the neighborhood to interact with the building's management to ensure that the facility, not only meets the needs of its residents, but that it is also a good neighbor. The Citizens Advisory Committee for the Pelham Grand is interested in having new members join

the CAC. Anyone interested in joining can contact ASC/NYC at (212) 645-0815, ext. 752.

As many of you now know, as of November 7, the speed limit on all city streets will be 25 MPH, unless otherwise noted. The speed limits on the highways will remain as they currently are. Some streets were designed to have traffic move faster, these streets will have different speed limit signs installed. Others, especially near schools may have slower speed limit signs posted. Our board urges everyone to respect these new regulations. They were put into place to save lives and to make our streets safer. Additional information can be obtained by contacting nyc.gov/vision zero.

One of the many great things about Community Board 10, are the many civic and community organizations that are within its

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boundaries. One such organization is the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This all-volunteer, neighborhood resident-staffed organization, is always there to serve you and your family in your time of need with life saving ambulance services. Additional information on this wonderful community resource can be obtained by contacting TNVAC at (718) 430-9500.

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teers. Their only motivation is to serve their communities. CB10 recently lost one of its members, Bill Heaney. He will be remembered for his service to the board, the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps and many other community groups. We will always remember him in our thoughts.

The board office is available to anyone who requires assistance in obtaining Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Property Tax Exemptions. Anyone needing such assistance should call our office for an appointment at (718) 892-1161.

We also have a member of the city's Human Resource Administration visiting our office to assist people in applying for SNAP (food stamps) on first Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. No appointment is necessary. On Thursday,

November 20, the New York Yankees will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Food Voucher Give-a-Way. Twenty-five hundred vouchers will be given to Bronx residents at 10 a.m. at Yankee Stadium.

The vouchers can be redeemed at local Bronx-based C-Town and Bravo supermarkets.

Many of us are truly fortunate in having four-legged friends; please remember to clean up after your dog. It is very important for the health of your dog and your neighbors. Besides, there is a \$250 fine for failing to clean up after your pet and violating the pooper-scooper law.

CB10 is available to assist you with your concerns, feel free to contact us at (718) 892-1161 or BX10@cb.nyc.gov. Please feel free to visit our office at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue. We are open five days a week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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## Holiday preview at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum

With the holidays almost upon us, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum (BPMM) is gearing up for its best season yet. The museum's highly-popular Storybook Christmas Trees are back with nine trees—the largest number to date—inspired by children's books and decorated by New York City and Westchester interior designers.

The season kicks off on Friday, December 5th with the Holiday Luncheon. Guests will enjoy fine food and friends, browsing for gifts and home-baked goods at the holiday shop (stocked, once again, with the help of Bronxville's Kensington Paper), and the first glimpses of the Storybook Christmas Trees. That evening the merriment continues with the Holiday First Friday!



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Music and the Bronx Trolley. The holiday spirit grows the next morning at the Annual Holiday Family Day, Saturday, December 6th when children and parents alike will

delight in holiday storytelling and crafts, shopping for gifts, and of course, the much-anticipated meeting with Santa. For those who made the "nice" list, professional photographs with

Mr. Claus himself will once again be offered (for an additional fee). Caroling by the Morrisania Glee Club rounds out the morning's festivities.

At Saturday night's Holiday Party, it's time to celebrate the season in style—and support the museum—with the mansion in all its holiday splendor. Guests will enjoy cocktails and caroling, a delicious buffet dinner, live auction, a raffle with sumptuous prizes, and more. This year's live auction items include a week-long stay at a beautiful condo on South Carolina's picturesque Fripp Island, an exquisite house on Martha's Vineyard, a one-of-a-kind dinner for twelve in the mansion's dining room, and more.

Through it all, the nine Storybook Christmas Trees

will delight visitors from entry hall to double parlors to the Lannuier bedchamber. This year's decorators are an impressive group of interior designers based in Manhattan, Westchester, and the Bronx. The books are a charming mix of nature-oriented stories, some by well-known authors such as Eric Carle, Jan Brett, and Caldecott Medal winner Ezra Jack Keats. The books will be included in the storytelling and for sale in the shop.

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**SAT, NOVEMBER 29;** **SUN, NOVEMBER 30:** **FAMILY ART PROJECT: HARVEST TIME HANGINGS:** Gather fall leaves, cones, pods and seed

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**SAT, NOVEMBER 29:** **TAI CHI CHUAN:** In this beginner-level class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai

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## AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Monday, November 24, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be taken prior to that time!

To reserve a seat, call Assemblyman Benedetto's

office at (718) 892-2235.

This 6-hour course will refresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips. Those who complete the course will receive a reduction of approximately 10 percent from the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

The course will be held at Fort Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway.

## Albanian Independence Day Nov. 22nd

The Albanian-American Society Foundation, Inc. and the Sons & Daughters of Albania in America, Inc., in conjunction with Rubin Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President, Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President and Ritchie Torres, New York City Council Member District 15, invite you to celebrate Albanian Independence Day on Saturday, November 22.

The celebration will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at

Monroe College's King Hall, 2501 Jerome Avenue.

The freedom fighters that fought for Albanian independence will be honored including Bekim Berisha, Riz Zymer Muriqi, Azem Bejta, Agim Ramadani, and Prek Cali. Beqir Sina, a well-known Albanian journalist will also be honored for his 20 years of service in Albanian community.

Ambassadors from both Albania and Kosova as well as Rubin Diaz, Jr., Gale A.

Brewer and Ritchie Torres will speak about the history of Albania, how independence was gained from the Ottoman Empire and Serbia and how Albanian Americans are making a positive impact in New York today.

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# Rockefeller Fountain restored

BY BILL TWOMEY

Today, Como, Italy is a popular tourist locale in the Lombardy region due to its proximity to the southern area of the Alps and its beautiful lake. Few people seem to realize that back in 1859 there was no Italy; it was an assemblage of city-states. Then Giuseppe Garibaldi came along and freed Como from the Austrians and the Kingdom of Italy was established in 1861. This was the setting in 1860 when the city of Como began reclaiming an unused harbor area to create Piazza Cavour. A decade later, a wealthy trader named Sebastiano Mondolfo hired sculptor Biagio Catella to design a fountain to beautify the area. Biagio completed the commission in only six months and the three-tiered fountain of Bianco Pi Italian marble with varied floral and wildlife motifs was unveiled on September 23, 1872.

The fountain also served a very practical purpose as the townspeople now had a plentiful and close supply of water fed by Mount Olimpino. There were, however, a few

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by Bill Twomey

naysayers in the city who objected to the nudity in the design and thought that Catella didn't properly configure the swan motif. The objections became rather mute as it later turned out. Because of serious fiscal problems in the city, it became financially too difficult to maintain the fountain which was using quite a bit of water. It was finally decided to dismantle the sculpture and place it in storage in 1891.

William Rockefeller found out about the fountain and decided to purchase it. That was in 1902 and the cost was only about \$637 but the cost of moving it to the Bronx was another \$25,000. This was no great problem for Rockefeller and the following year it was installed in the Bronx Zoo where it can be seen to this very day. The setting was altered to the design of architects Heins and La Farge and moved to Astor Court near Rainey Gate in 1910. It stands 28' high and 33' wide and was

declared a New York City landmark in 1968.

The Italian Fountain, also known as the Rockefeller Fountain, was fully restored by the A. Ottavino Corporation and the Building Conservation Associates, Inc. and unveiled in a special ceremony on September 14, 2008. Representatives from Como, Italy were on hand for the celebration and opera star Michael Amante sang for the occasion. Bronx Zoo officials and local political figures were also on hand for the unveiling. The next time you happen to be in the zoo, make it a point to stop by the restored fountain and think back to how it all started in Como, Italy in 1872.

(Right) The Rockefeller Fountain at the Bronx Zoo is also called the Italian Fountain and was sculpted by Biagio Catella in 1872 and purchased for the zoo by William Rockefeller in 1902.



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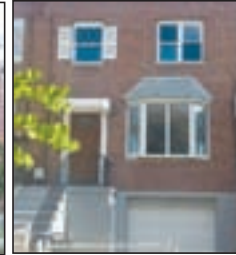
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### Homeless In New York City: It's More Than Not Having A Place to Live

The issue of homeless in the City of New York is as perplexing as it is profuse, as complex as it is copious. It is not my intention in this column to layout a complex as it is copious. It is not my intent in this column to define an all-encompassing or comprehensive analysis of the homeless issue and the steps needed to solve it. It is my objective, though, to put forward some observations and suggestions that might assist in leading us out of the seemingly intractable morass that this problem has become.

To give you an idea of how colossal and complicated homelessness in the City of New York is, I share these ten "BASIC FACTS" about it, courtesy of our friends in The New York City Coalition for the Homeless:

1. In recent years, homelessness in New York City has reached the highest levels since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

2. As of September 2014,

there were an all-time record 58,056 homeless people, including 13,922 homeless families with 24,631 homeless children, sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families comprise nearly four-fifths of the homeless shelter population.

3. Over the course of last year, more than 111,000 different homeless men, women, and children slept in the New York City Municipal Shelter System. This includes more than 40,000 different homeless New York City children.

4. The number of homeless New Yorkers sleeping each night in municipal shelters is now 87% higher than in January 2002, when former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg initially took office.

5. Research shows that the primary cause of homelessness, particularly among families, is lack of affordable housing. Surveys of homeless families have identified the following major immediate, triggering causes of homelessness: eviction; doubled-up or severely overcrowded housing; domestic violence; job loss; and hazardous housing conditions.

6. Research shows that,

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compared to homeless families, homeless single adults have much higher rates of serious mental illness, addiction disorders, and other severe health problems.

7. Each night thousands of unsheltered homeless people sleep on New York City streets, in the subway system, and in other public spaces. There is no accurate measurement of New York City's unsheltered homeless population, and recent municipal surveys significantly underestimate the number of unsheltered homeless New Yorkers.

8. Studies show that the large majority of street homeless New Yorkers are people living with mental illness or other severe health problems. Four out of five street homeless New Yorkers are men.

9. As in other American cities, New York City's unsheltered homeless population is concentrated in the central business district -- i.e., Midtown Manhattan. Surveys show that nearly 60% of New York City's unsheltered homeless population is in the Borough of Manhattan.

10. African-American and Latino New Yorkers are disproportionately affected by homelessness. Approximately 57% of New York City homeless shelter residents are African-American, 31% are Latino, 8% are white, approximately 1% are Asian-American, and 4% are of unknown race/ethnicity.

This above-mentioned statistics coalesce into a portrait more disturbing than any forbidding painting by William Blake, Francis Bacon, or Francisco Goya. Such is not the case because our homeless sisters and brothers are scary, but because the escalating dimensions, perplexing complexity, and obdurate persistence of their plight is daunting, to say the least. Something has to be done, if not out of moral conviction and love of neighbor, than in trepidation of legal prosecution and judicial decree. So what is an allegedly humane, tolerant, open-minded, compassionate and civil society supposed to do for those without homes and shelter? Such is the query that will be addressed in a subsequent column.

Until next time, that is it for this time!



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**SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN CONDOMINIUM II, Ptf. vs. OLGA L. SANTANA, et al, Defts.** Index #380720/12. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 6, 2014, I will sell at public auction in the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on Dec. 15th, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 142 Mermaid Lane, Bronx, NY. Said property situate and being a part of a condominium in the Borough and County of Bronx, State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 284, together with an undivided 1.0870% interest in the common elements defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled "Harbour Pointe at Shorehaven Condominium II", establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the land and the buildings thereon erected, made by Grantor pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 31st day of July, 2007 in CRFN 2007000392546. Said Declaration being further amended by Correction Declaration dated 6/19/07 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 1st day of August in CRFN 2007000396163. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$4,512.96 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. HARRY M. FORMAN, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW, Attys. for Ptf., 1400 Old Country Rd., Ste. 309, Westbury, NY. #85052

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC. ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AMC1, Ptf. vs. ROBERTO ARGUDIN, et al, Defts.** Index #380582/2010. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 6, 2014, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Dec. 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 99 Metropolitan Oval, Unit 8B, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3937, Lot 2322. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$113,394.48 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. EDMOND J. PRYOR, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Ptf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 34268- #85071

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX.**  
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE

C/O Litton Loan Servicing, LP  
4828 Loop Central Drive  
Houston, TX 77081  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
Index No.: 11763/07  
PAUL LOPEZ, et al.,  
Defendant(s),

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 6/29/2010, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 600 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on 12/8/2014, at 2:00 pm premises known as 2869 Schley Ave., Bronx, NY 10465, described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 5562 and Lot 170.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$237,870.79 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 17763/07.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee.  
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556  
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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY  
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC;  
Plaintiff(s)

vs. EUSEBIO MARTINEZ; GLORIA Y. SANCHEZ; et al; Defendant(s)  
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 25, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

On December 1, 2014 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 1108 EAST 213TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10469  
Block: 4707 Lot: 59

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

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$356,203.28 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380773/11  
CARL LUCAS, ESQ.; REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF9; Plaintiff(s)

vs. WAYNE ERIC GONZALEZ; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 18, 2013, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at on the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On December 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 278 ROBINSON AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10465  
Block: 5599 Lot: 140

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated on the Map for the City of New York, County of Bronx, as Block 5599, Lot 140.

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$731,762.49 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381828/09  
Carl Lucas, Esq., REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff(s), vs. THE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT TO KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS-IN-INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS, HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH DORIS M. DAVIS, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, AND ALL CREDITORS THEREOF, AND THE RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, OR WIDOWERS OF HEIRS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFFS; AND THE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTUTES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS-IN-INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH SARAH E. DAVIS, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, AND ALL CREDITORS THEREOF, AND THE RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, OR WIDOWERS OF HERS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOSE NAMES AND ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFFS, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 03, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on December 08, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 932 East 221st Street, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4691 and Lot 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$8,792.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 260083-11.

Susan Starr, Esq, Referee  
Phillips Lytle LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX  
THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - BRENDA GONZALEZ, et al.

Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 21, 2013, I will sell at public auction on December 8, 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 South Condominium known as apartment MD, in the building known as E-10 a/k/a 76, and by street address 1610 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New

York, and designated as Tax Lot 4729 in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0093 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$5,781.96, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by HSBC Mortgage Corporation (USA), in the original principal sum of \$109,250.00 with interest.

Index No. 380715/2011. HENRY M. ADLER, ESQ., Referee. ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 260110-14  
Borough: Bronx Block: 5366 Lot: 26  
NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. GREG MASKARA; NICOLE MASKARA A/K/A NICOLE G. MASKARA; SLOMIN'S INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION S/B/M TO FLEET NATIONAL BANK; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through JOHN CARDINALE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on plaintiffs attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be

taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: May 19, 2014

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable John A. Barone, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated September 23, 2014, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 3058 Coddington Avenue, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 5366, Lot 26 (the Tax Parcel). The relief sought is the sale of the subject property at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$29,834.37, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX  
THE BANK, Plaintiff against ENCORE FLORIST & PALM HOUSE, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated October 8, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 1st day of December, 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: BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side of Bailey Avenue, distant 734.43 feet Southerly from the Southerly tangent point in the curve at the Southeasterly corner of Bailey Avenue and Kingsbridge Road; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet.

Block: 3239 Lot: 29  
Said premises known as 2678 BAILEY AVENUE, BRONX, NY  
Approximate amount of lien \$ 410,147.31 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 382326/09.

WILLIAM F. MACKAY, JR., ESQ., Referee. Goldberg Weprin Finkel Goldstein LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1501 Broadway, 22nd Flr New York, NY 10036

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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 JIAN MEI YANG, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated October 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 15th day of December, 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 2881 Lot 11 on the Tax Map of the City of New York. Said premises known as 1826 CEDAR AVENUE, BRONX, NY  
Approximate amount of lien \$ 11,830.03 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 302056/13.

JOSEPH MARRA, 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 8th day of December, 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. CAVALLLO, 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

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# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEISER

Last column, Bronx Park East Community Association introduced our new 'Inside Scoop', which brings to light little-known, but very important details about why some city services are the way they are.

Last week we spoke about 'rated parks' and why Pelham Parkway is cleaner lately. This week, it's time to speak about traffic control agents.

Traffic control agents, are uniformed traffic officers under the direction of the NYPD.

These agents are sent to heavily-used, congested roadway intersections all over the city to direct drivers and ensure safe, smooth passage of vehicles and pedestrians through the area. This way, drivers get to work on time and fewer accidents occur.

As you may know, there are two intersections in the northeast Bronx that become very congested during the AM and PM rush hours, a literal traffic nightmare from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Bronx River Parkway entrance at Allerton Avenue and Bronx Park East, and the Fordham Road entrance where the Pelham Parkway westbound main road intersects Boston Road, are two areas that are always in need of agents to maintain order.

Over the past year, there has been a constant back-and-forth between Allerton/Pelham Parkway residents, B-PECA board members and elected officials questioning the consistency and timing of the placement of these agents.

There's one week where one intersection has agents, but the other doesn't and vice-versa.

But another troubling issue, and the subject of this week's Inside Scoop is why the agents arrive at 7:30 a.m., after there's already been thirty minutes of traffic mayhem and congestion.

After all, if the AM rush hour starts at 7 a.m., shouldn't the agents arrive, well, at 7 a.m.?

I'm sure they do in Manhattan.

Well, after some basic, simple investigating (you know, actually talking to the agents) there's a simple answer to this '30-minutes late' problem.

## There's No Bronx "Dispatch" Area

Every borough, except the Bronx and Staten Island, has

an NYPD traffic agent dispatch area. In these dispatch areas in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, the agents clock-in to work and are sent to their post at the intersections most in-need.

The agents don't have a steady weekly schedule of locations (which I would've presumed), so they have to report to the dispatch area first, where they are given their designated posts by the higher-ups. In the case of the two northeast Bronx troubled intersections, those agents are dispatched from Queens.

That's right, Queens.

So, the traffic agents have to sit in traffic for 30-45 minutes before directing traffic at their designated post.

Bizarre, eh?

The agents get in a van as a group from Queens and drive to their designated posts, where in the case of our two problem areas, they arrive at 7:30 a.m. after 30 minutes of mayhem has already transpired.

## Bronx Dispatch Area Please

So, the next question is why doesn't the Bronx have its own dispatch area for the agents to clock-in to work at?

Well, information is power. So I hope the community leaders and elected officials reading this column can use this knowledge and rationale to press the NYPD to have a Bronx dispatch area for traffic control agents.

This way the agents can clock in at 6:30 and arrive at 7 a.m. to Allerton/Bronx Park East, Pelham Parkway/Boston Road, and hopefully soon, Boston Road/Thwaites Place.

After all, traffic congestion affects our stress-level, safety and quality of life. Every minute of unsafe, disorderly traffic tie-ups is a minute too many.

Now, let's get these traffic agents at their posts at 7 a.m.!

## Thank You, C.O. McCormack!

Bronx Park East Community Association would like to extend a warm thank you to 49th Precinct Commander Officer Timothy McCormack for heeding our concerns and indeed requesting a traffic agent for the congested intersection of Boston Road and Thwaites Place.

You may have seen B-PECA chair Raphael standing there from 7 to 9 a.m. taking photo/video footage the past few weeks. Well, that footage



On November 13, B-PECA supported Councilman Ritchie Torres' Toiletries Drive for Survivors of Domestic Violence!

was sent to the 49th, which led Capt. McCormack to send an officer there last Friday to see for himself.

And it was bad: Numerous instances of cars, buses, and even tractor trailers, 'blocking the box', preventing the passage of vehicles from Thwaites Place onto Boston Road and White Plains Road; cars driving over crosswalks and nearly onto sidewalks; loud, obnoxious honking; and pedestrians including parents

and school children heading to P.S. 96 and M.S. 135 being put in danger by everything mentioned above.

A traffic agent has been needed at this location for over four years, but now an official request has been made to finally, as they say, "git 'r done".

Thank you to Capt. McCormack for being approachable, detail-oriented and communicable since arriving at the 4-9. It's actually nice and refresh-

ing to have a down-to-earth person in charge of our area's police precinct.

## Contact B-PECA 24/7

As always contact us 24/7 by texting/calling (347) 654-7044, emailing [bxparkeast@gmail.com](mailto:bxparkeast@gmail.com) or going to our facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast).

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 11 from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at 2401 White Plains Road.

Hasta Luego!

## Temple Hatikva presents award

Tonight, Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m., Temple Hatikva will be presenting the "Righteous Gentile Award" to Kevin Mahoney, general manager of the Brooklyn Cyclones (New York Mets minor league affiliate in Coney Island). The award will be given as part of the Sabbath services this evening and a very special celebratory "Oneg Shabbat" in honor of Kevin Mahoney will be held directly after the services. The services and award ceremony will take place at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

The concept of the "Righteous Gentile Award" was begun in Jerusalem, Israel at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial. Israel was seeking a way to honor those non-Jews that went "above and beyond" in assisting Jews during the Holocaust. Their names are commemorated in a "Garden of the Righteous" at the Yad

Vashem Memorial.

In keeping with this tradition, Temple Hatikva seeks to honor those non-Jews that have gone "above and beyond" in helping our synagogue and our community. Kevin has been a prime motivator behind our annual "Jewish Heritage Day" fundraiser at MCU Park in Coney Island. More importantly, Kevin also played a central role in assisting Rabbi Harry Hertzberg in distributing Cyclones souvenirs to combat-wounded soldiers in Israel.

On a personal level, when it became clear that Rabbi Harry would be in need of a life-saving kidney transplant, Kevin Mahoney was among the first to volunteer to be tested to see if he was a compatible match for Rabbi Harry and has been willing to donate a kidney.

Commenting on the award, Rabbi Harry noted: "There are some very special people in our world who give of them-

selves above and beyond everyone else. Kevin is one of those rare individuals who embody the meaning of giving and sharing. It is entirely fitting and appropriate that we honor Kevin in this manner and we invite everyone to join us in bestowing this honor"

This is a free event and the community is invited.

The community is also invited to Temple Hatikva's free Adult Education program continuing this Sunday, November 23 at 10 A.M. at Bronx House. The topic of this year's program is "Understanding the Sabbath Prayerbook" and is taught by Rabbi Harry and Cantor Kyle. All materials are provided as well as a free breakfast. This program is sponsored through the generosity of the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home in Castle Hill.

For more information call (917) 453-7557 or go to [www.TempleHatikva.com](http://www.TempleHatikva.com).

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX  
ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff  
against

ESTATE OF LOUIS R. TEXIDOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS R. TEXIDOR; SAMUEL TEXIDOR; GABRIEL TEXIDOR; CARMEN TEXIDOR, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Ratifying and Amending Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 2, 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 9th day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 4026 Rombouts Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL # : 4971-45.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 504,804.36 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382674-09. David Lesch, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103  
Westbury, N.Y. 11590

"If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney."

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TO: Joel Fishman, Nanette Bonom, Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator Bronx County and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Andrew Kahan, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors and Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by Benjamin Robinson, an Attorney at law, whose business address is 25 West 43rd Street, Suite 711, New York, New York 10036.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, on December 9, 2014, at 9:30 o'clock in the Fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Andrew Kahan lately domiciled at 3801 Hudson Manor Terrace, Bronx, New York admitting to probate a Will dated January 9, 2013. A copy of which is attached, as the Will of Andrew Kahan deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letter Testamentary issue to: Benjamin Robinson

Dated, Attested and Sealed  
October 27, 2014  
HON. Neilda Malave-Gonzalez  
Surrogate  
Michael Hausler  
Chief Clerk  
Benjamin Robinson of Ziegler and Robinson  
(212)213-0030

Telephone Number  
Attorney for Petitioner  
25 West 43rd Street, Suite 711, New York, New York 10036  
Address of Attorney  
(NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.)

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 260891-13 NYCTL 2012-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through HAROLD E. BERGSTEN, DECEASED, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; THE GRAMATAN INVESTORS CORP., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE GRAMATAN HOME INVESTORS CORP.; JOSEPH SAPORITO; SHERILYN SAPORITO; MATTHEW SAPORITO; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD and "JOHN DOE #1" THROUGH "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve

a copy of your answer on plaintiffs attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: April 28, 2014 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable John A. Barone, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated September 23, 2014, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the properties known as Blackrock Avenue, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 3798, Lot 36 (the Tax Parcel). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$2,023.14, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX SOUTH POINT, INC. 14523 S.W. Millican Way Suite 200 Beaverton, OR 97005 SUMMONS Original Filed With The Clerk On 3/11/08 INDEX NO: 380447/08 Mortgaged Premises: 769 East 218th Street, Bronx, NY 10467 SBL# BLOCK: 4666 LOT: 13 Plaintiff, vs. Franca Manning, Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Kings & Junior Construction & Management, Inc., Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. As Nominee For Fremont Investment and Loan, Nelson Perez, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Wilcot Transfer Bail Finders, Inc. JOHN DOE (Said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s) \_\_\_\_\_X TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after

completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

BRONX County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises foreclosed herein.

DATED: March 10, 2008  
Steven J. Baum, P.C.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX NO. 35040/2012 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX** Date Filed: 9/24/2014 Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, -against- Joseph Valdivieso a/k/a J. Valdivieso, if living and if he be dead, any and all persons who are

spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, Commissioner of Social Services of The City of New York Social Services District, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, United States of America-Internal Revenue Service, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Victorina Aguilar, Luis Martinez, Juanita Aguilar, Mercedes Marquez, Francisca Rosa, Michael Rosa, Hector Ramirez, Victor Abundez and Rodrigo Abundez, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$470,960.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on August 24, 2006, in CRFN 2006000479432, covering premises known as 1372 Leland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: Williamsville, New York, August 12, 2013 BY: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq. FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-052118-F00

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# Jail time for Robert Van Zandt

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recapture investor losses by selling securities not registered in New York State.”

son, who committed suicide shortly after the scheme collapsed. He said that people involved in this theft have

business was seeking their money for what seemed like legitimate investment purposes.

“They had fliers on the desk saying to invest in these things and you would get nine percent,” said victim Stan Pliny in 2011.

Jenice Malecki, a securities attorney, said she represents about 100 of Van Zandt’s former clients.

“Certainly the guilty plea helps provide some comfort and closure to these investors,” she said. “I think a lot of them would be distressed if he only got 3.8 years.”



Robert Van Zandt has pled guilty.

**C**ertainly the guilty plea helps provide some comfort and closure to these investors.

**Jenice Malecki**

Bachner added that Van Zandt’s losses were aggravated by theft from employees, including Van Zandt’s

not been prosecuted. Several years ago, Van Zandt clients told the Bronx Times that Van Zandt’s tax

## Thin house construction resumes

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the project.

“This is just part of the business,” said Longo, who submitted an amended plan with minor construction changes to the Department of Building after clarifying the site’s inadequacies. “Sometimes, you have to go back to the drawing board, especially when the Department of Buildings, the property owner as well as myself wanted to avoid any burden on homeowners in the neighborhood.”

Longo claimed that the bulk of the problem was the small parking area, not necessarily the narrow structure.

However, he is relieved that the house is back to being constructed.

“It’s unfortunate that the construction was put on hold, but now that it’s back on I am very happy for the property owner and land developer.”

On the contrary, there are still individuals in Throggs Neck who are outraged that construction of the thin

house has started up again.

“I find the construction unacceptable and I do not agree with the Department of Buildings and their determination to go through with this project despite community opposition,” said Councilman James Vacca, who played a major part in the construction’s temporary halt, which he claims did not stem on the limited parking area, but the home’s overall structure.

“I had the construction stopped for months - mainly because this neighborhood’s zoning laws require homes to be contextual, meaning that the houses must stay in context with the other houses on the block,” said Vacca.

“This house goes against multiple zoning laws, and it is because of the home’s inability to comply with these zoning laws and requirements that I do not support the decision of the Department of Buildings to resume construction.”



The thin house on 848 Revere Avenue, resumed construction on Monday, November 3, after it was halted for over three months by the NYC Buildings Department.

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF BRONX**

INDEX # 381224/13 FILED: 10/03/2014 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff(s), against MONIQUE LIPSCOMB, EVA SMITH, unknown heirs at law of VAUGHNEA SMITH, if living, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of who and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within

(60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage dated June 14, 2010, executed by VAUGHNEA SMITH to RESIDENTIAL HOME FUNDING CORP., A NEW YORK CORPORATION to secure the sum of \$498,289.00 and recorded in City Register File Number 2010000205467, in the Office of the CLERK of the County of BRONX on June 21, 2010, which mortgage was assigned to BANK OF AMERICA N.A., by assignment of mortgage which is dated June 18, 2013, covering premises known as 2141 Norton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473, (Block 3509 Lot 4). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Ben R. Barbato, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx on September 22, 2014. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Block 3509 Lot 4 said premises known as 2141 Norton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: Entire unpaid principal balance of \$476,143.51 to be immediately due and payable under the mortgage herein foreclosed, plus interest at the rate calculated in accordance with the provisions of the note from March 1, 2013, together with unpaid late charges in the amount of \$0.00 that have accrued prior to this action as of August 19, 2013. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New

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East and Westchester County, New York" made by Henry B. Miller, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, dated May 1854, and filed in the Office of the Clerk (now Register) of Westchester County, by Lot No. 478. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$520,599.05 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. BIANKA PEREZ A/K/A BIANCA VEGA, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #85162

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX**

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In the Matter of the Application of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES for the Custody and Guardianship of the person MOCHANINGS LING  
A minor under the age of 18 years of age  
pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York.  
-----X  
Docket No. B-7080/14  
**SUMMONS**  
In the Name of the People of the State of New York:  
**TO: CHRISTINA LING a/k/a/ CHRISTINA TERESE LING**  
Whereabouts Unknown  
A petition having been filed in the

Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, an authorized agency;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue in the County of Bronx, City and State of New York, on the 9th day of February, 2015 at 3:00 PM of said day, before the

Honorable Judge Lupuloff at Part 10, to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the Petitioner, as provided by law.

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
Hon. Karen I. Lupuloff, J.F.C.  
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

### WEEK 11

Frisco (6-4) 16

Giants (3-7) 10

The Giants held the 'Niners to 330yards but still lost because Eli threw 5 Interceptions. A couple of those picks had me yelling at the TV, "Where the heck was he looking," or words to that effect. They still gave up 148 net yards rushing and 185 net yards passing The D had 1 sack, no int's, a 2 fumble recoveries. Overall not a good week!

#### The Circle Of Stink

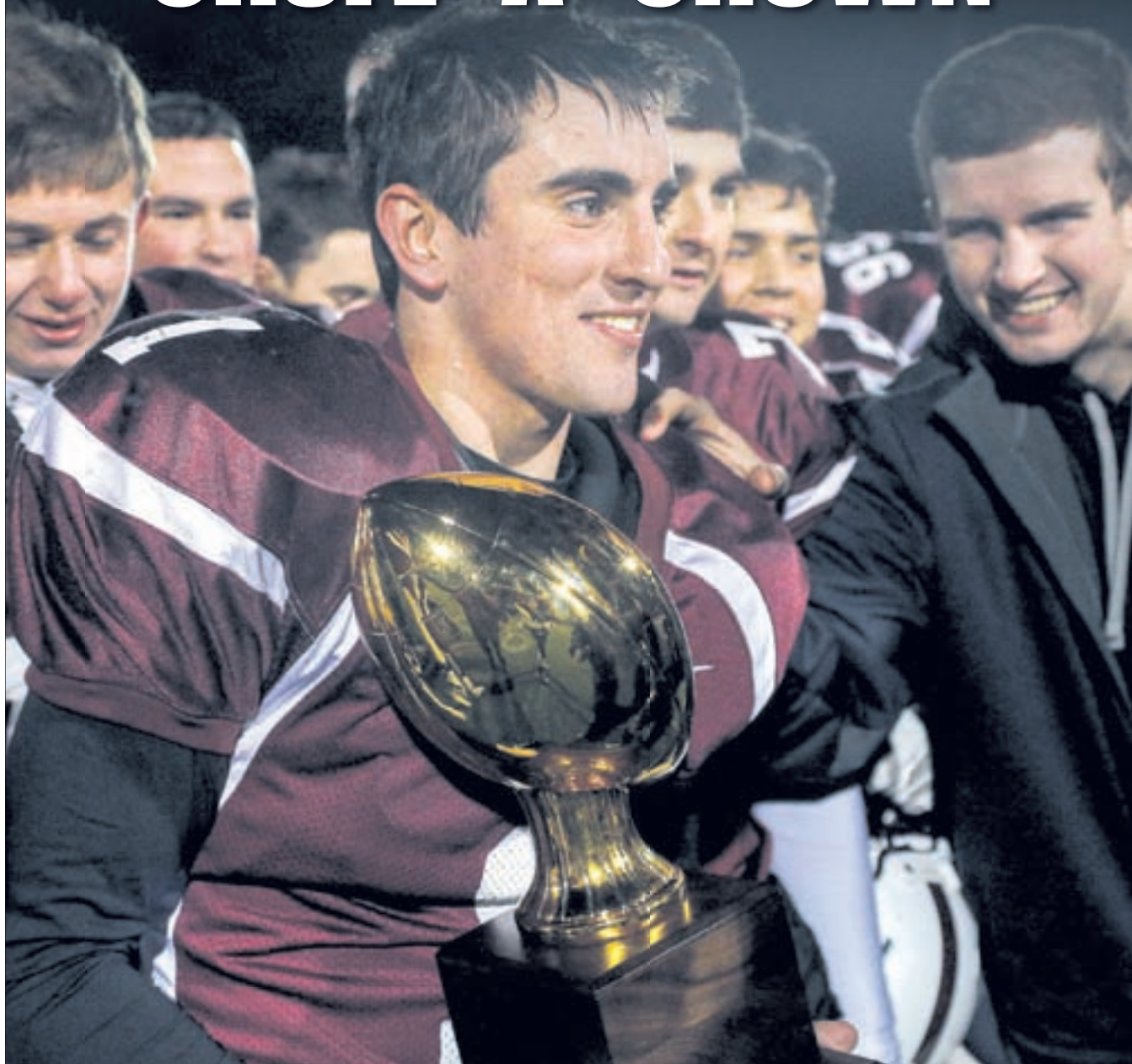
A lot of sportsters list the best NFL teams but the Sports Curmudgeon looked at the other end of the scale for the four worst teams-Tampa, J'ville, Oakland, "Last on the list are the NY J-E-T-S, Jets Jets Jets who have a 1-8 record as of today. Because they are in NYC, the Jets get more scrutiny and national attention than the other three teams on my list so even casual NFL fans probably know about the QB fiasco there and the poor play of the secondary. However, let me offer two points to try to show how ineffective the Jets' defense is:

In 9 games, the Jets' defense has created 3 turnovers; the last one was on October 5 - more than a month ago. Only 1 of those turnovers was an interception.

The defense has allowed 24 TD passes in 9 games.

The problem for the Jets is simple. They have talent on  
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# DYNAMIC BRONZO, FORDHAM PREP CLAIM CHSFL 'A' CROWN



Fordham Prep's Micheal Bronzo holds the championship trophy after winning the CHSFL Class A title against Xavierian.

Photo by Robert Cole

#### BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Michael Bronzo nearly found the end zone returning the opening the kick of the second half, running 69 yards to the Xaverian 23-yard line. The Fordham Prep senior defensive back got it

right the second time

He highlighted a huge day with 61-yard punt return for a touchdown that swung the momentum to the Rams in an Teventual 34-14 victory in the CHSFL Class A title game last

Friday night at Coffey Field. The score pushed the Fordham lead to 20-7. Bronzo, who was singled out by Rams coach Pete Gorynski as the game's star, also collecting two interceptions and recovering a fumble.

"He played off the charts," Fordham freshman quarterback Matt Valecce said of Bronzo. "He was electric. He is the quickest kid on the football team. He helped us and gave us  
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# Dynamic Bronzo, Fordham Prep claim CHSFL 'A' crown

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so many breaks.”

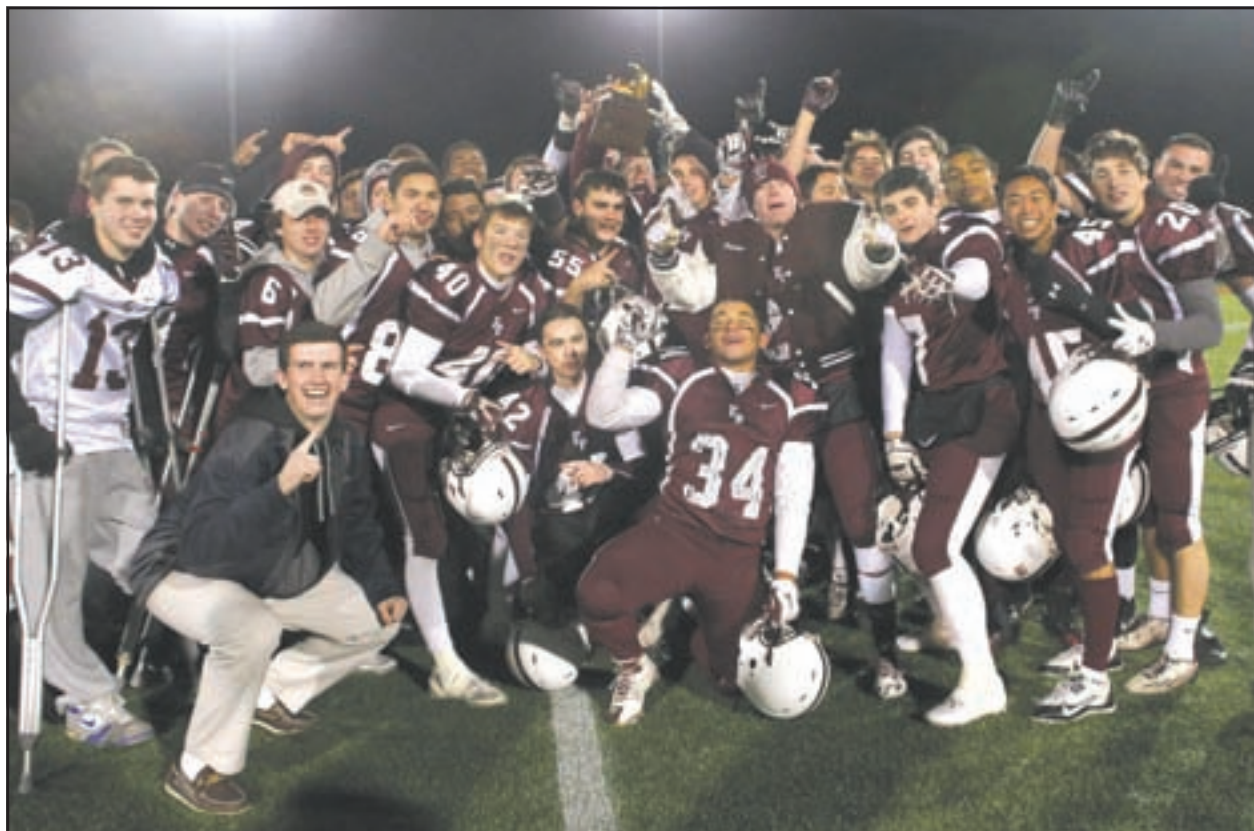
Valecce also did his part helping the Rams earn just the second CHSFL title in program history. Fordham Prep (10-2) won the AA crown in 2011.

In just his second start of his career, Valecce showed both he and the program's future is bright. He went 12 of 24 passing for 240 yards and three touchdown passes. Valecce shrugged off a slow start to the second half to toss two fourth quarter touchdowns to put the game away. a

“It's crazy,” Bronzo said of Valecce's play the last two weeks. “What he is doing is shocking all of us, not the we don't think he was capable. To come in here as a freshman and do what he's been doing is amazing.”

Xaverian was able to hang with the Rams early behind workhorse running back Brandon Peterson. The Clippers answered a 23-yard touchdown pass from Valecce to Baeli Polanco with a 44-yard scoring run from Peterson to but the Rams lead to 7-6 with 9:59 to go in the first quarter. Just before halftime Valecce put together a 16-play, 95-yard drive that as capped by a 7-yard touchdown run by Joshua Johnson. The Rams took a 12-7 lead into the break.

Bronzo put the game out of reach when he zig and zagged his way through the Xaverian defense for the punt return score with 8:24 to go in the third quarter. Phil DePaulis connected on a 17-yard touchdown pass to Garrett Murnan with 6:12 remaining in the frame, but Xaverian (6-5) never got closer. Valecce, who



Fordham Prep celebrates winning the CHSFL Class A Championship over Xaverian.

Photo by Robert Cole

also threw and interception, hooked up with Michael Wagner and Will Randell for scores in the fourth quarter.

“I think I bounced back well,” Valecce said. “The team really helped me with that.”

Fordham's season is far from over. The Rams have another trophy to win when it faces rival Xaver 10 a.m. at Coffey Field on Thanksgiving Day in their annual Turkey Bowl meeting. They plan on taking plenty of confidence into

that contest, trying to end the year on a high note.

“We are excited to win the championship,” Bronzo said “But we have a lot of momentum going into Thanksgiving now.”

## Stepinac HS senior signs letter of intent to attend Manhattan College

Archbishop Stepinac High School senior Dylan DeMuro recently became the first lacrosse player in school history to sign a National Letter of Intent to play NCAA Division 1 lacrosse. He signed with Manhattan College where he plans to major in business. The college competes out of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

Joining DeMuro in the signing ceremony were his parents, Manhattan College lacrosse coach Steve Manitta and James Goldmann, Stepinac's head lacrosse coach as well as a Stepinac alumnus (Class of '04).

DeMuro is a three-sport athlete at Stepinac, starting at outside linebacker on the school's undefeated football team, as well as a starting forward on the varsity basketball team.

As a member of Stepinac's varsity lacrosse program DeMuro has been a four-year starter for the Crusaders team, having started a total 66 games at long stick midfield and close defense. He has been a first team, all-league selection in his first three seasons, while also being awarded CHSAA “A” long stick midfielder of the year after his junior season. He has helped Stepinac amass a league record of 32 wins and 2 losses during his tenure, while also being a key component in Stepinac's 2013 CHSAA “A” Intersectional Championship and 2014 CHSAA “A” City Championship.

In addition to athletics, DeMuro is a member of Stepinac's Travel Club and Ambassador Club while also assisting in the school's Admissions Office.



Dylan DeMuro (seated) signs letter of intent while looking on are (l-r): Stepinac High School's lacrosse head Coach James Goldmann and Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeMuro, Dylan's parents.

# Manhattan looking to repeat as MAAC champions

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Manhattan College understands there are big shoes to fill if it is going to repeat as MAAC tournament champions and reach a second straight NCAA tournament.

The Jaspers graduated cornerstone players George Beamon, Rhamel Brown and Michael Alvarado. Manhattan coach Steve Masiello put them on the program's Mount Rushmore of players over the last 15 years. He wants a similar ending to their careers for this year's seniors, who were part of Masiello's first recruiting class. Emmy Andujar is a preseason All-MAAC second team selection. Donovan Kates and RaShawn Stores both played key roles last season and will continue to be contributors this season.

"You want your seniors to go out on top and in the right way, unfortunately only one [MAAC] team can get that," Masiello said on a conference call. "I want this group to go out the way they envision when they first came to and committed to Manhattan. That's very important to me."

In order to do so the Jasper will rely heavily on the size and skill of 6-foot-10 junior forward Ashton Pankey, an All-MAAC third team selection and 6-foot-10 Arizona



Forward Emmy Andujar will try to lead Manhattan to a second straight MAAC title and NCAA tournament berth.

Photo courtesy of Manhattan Athletics

transfer Jermaine Lawrence. Andujar is 6-foot-6 and freshman forward Zane Waterman is 6-foot-9. It gives Manhattan formidable size. Point

guard Tyler Wilson and shooter Shane Richard's will also be key components of a squad that was picked to finish third in the MAAC

by the conference's coaches in the preseason.

"We want to keep the momentum going and try to build off that," Masiello said. "The MAAC race is going to be very competitive this year."

In order for the Jaspers to raise the trophy again and pace their way into the NCAA tournament they will have to win three MAAC tournament games at the Times Union Center, Sienna College's home court. The tournament moved from the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Mass. Masiello hasn't won a game there during his three seasons on the bench. He believes if you are good enough it can be done, even at an area known for its home court advantage.

"Three, I've just trying to win one game there, never mind three," he said.

The Jaspers opened the season with an 81-66 round loss to Florida State last Saturday. The Seminoles went on a 19-0 over the first and second quarters to grab a 14-point advantage and control of the game. Richards led the way with 17 points and Pankey chipped 14 points and seven rebounds. Manhattan plays eight of its first nine games on the road.

## Pipe Dreams: Michael Cuddyer; Mets Focus; ROY; Perry Patter

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the DL and at LB; other than that, they are deficient and like the Raiders, the fix is not going to be quick. However, the impatience of NY fans and the NY media will likely put pressure on the Jets to make some quick-fix moves. I do not think that will help...

A group of Jets' fans has raised money to buy a billboard ad near MetLife Stadium that will say "Fire John Idzik". A pilot flew a small plane over the Jets' practice field towing a sign that said the same thing. These folks have issued public statements to the effect that they represent the body of Jets' fans who are disgusted and whose voices will now be heard. A coach - I cannot remember which one - once said that if you start listening to the fans in the stands you are likely going to join them as fans in the stands. GM John Idzik might want to take heed here...

Finally, here is a snarky comment about the NY Jets. As I said, they are in NYC so they get more attention than the other three teams on my

list:

"The Jets are starting Michael Vick because of Geno Smith's interceptions. Looking to Vick as a solution to your turnover problem is like hiring an obese chain smoker as your personal trainer." [Greg Cote, Miami Herald]

### Michael Cuddyer

The Mets made a big hoo-ha about trading for Michael Cuddyer. I don't think this is that big of a deal. He is on the DL quite a bit and has only played in 62% of his games over 14 years. He'll be 36 years old this spring and carries an .813 career OPS, with a 10HR average away from Colorado. Let's wait on him.

### Mets Focus

Adam Rubin (ESPNNY.com) wrote about the Phoenix meetings, "Daniel Murphy's future with the Mets heavily depends on how the Mets address shortstop. Murphy, who is due to make roughly \$8.1 million in his final season before free agency, likely will remain a Met in 2015 if the team is unable to acquire a shortstop and uses Wilmer Flores at the position, or if the Mets acquire

a defensive-oriented shortstop (think Arizona's Didi Gregorius). If the Mets are able to land a shortstop with a more potent bat (think the White Sox's Alexei Ramirez) (bc. I think Alexei would be a good move), then it is more likely they deal Murphy.

Of course, that requires getting a quality offer for Murphy, which has been an issue in the past. (but that would mean Alderson would be thinking ahead)

### ROY

The Sports Curmudgeon passed along his thinking on the NL Rookie of the Year, "MLB named the Rookies of the Year earlier this week. Jose Abreu won the American League award with a unanimous vote; I cannot think of any good argument in favor of anyone else for that award. In the National League, it is somewhat different. Mets' pitcher, Jacob deGrom, is the Rookie of the Year. My reaction to hearing that news fell somewhere on the spectrum between: "Really? Are you sure?"

Then I saw who finished be-

hind deGrom in the voting:

Billy Hamilton  
Kolten Wong  
Ken Giles

The bottom line here is that it was not a bumper crop of rookies in the National League last year.

### Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) gave us, "NFL headlines-

At SportsPickle.com: "Report: Cowboys deciding if getting Tony Romo paralyzed is better than playing Brandon Weeden.";

At TheOnion.com: "Philadelphia-area sports psychologist already clearing schedule for Mark Sanchez."

"Malasia's Lee Chong Wei, the world's top-ranked badminton player, has tested positive for the corticosteroid dexamethasone.

Which certainly explains why all his birdies suddenly started flying south to Australia."

"Forward Alandise Harris, to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, on his clashes with Razorbacks basketball coach Mike Anderson last season:

"He didn't like the answers I was giving him. We solved that when I got suspended."

Steven LoBue, the world's third-ranked cliff diver, once put his talents to work doing leaps from 89 feet at an amusement park in Shenzhen, China.

"It was a flaming dive in a fire suit," LoBue, 29, told The Miami Herald. "It was about as safe as it can be, considering you're lighting yourself on fire."

"Taima, the Seahawks' live mascot, went off-course on his latest pregame flight and landed on a fan.

It could have been worse," pointed out OtherCrap.com. "It might have been a Lions game." Times reader Bill Littlejohn, on Taima the Seahawk mascot landing on a Seattle fan's head: "Personal fowl."

"Bud Shaw of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, on Steelers safety Mike Mitchell launching himself over the line into the Jets' victory formation: "In Mitchell's defense, who knew the Jets had a victory formation?"

# Inexperienced Fordham falls in season opener to Iona

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fordham got a quick and emphatic reminder that its conference championship season has come and gone along with key players that made it happen.

The Rams women's basketball team's inexperience showed early and often in a 72-51 season opening loss to Iona College last Friday afternoon at Rose Hill. Fordham committed 12 of its 19 turnovers in the first half and watched Iona score 26 points on giveaways during the contest. The players and coaches see it as a chance for an early wake up call about how much better they need to take care of the ball. Turnovers have been prevalent in practice.

"I'm glad this happened the first game and not midway through the season," senior forward Emily Tapio said. "It's going to take a lot of patience. This is really good wake up call."

What bothered Fordham coach Stephanie Gaitley even more than the turnovers was how it affected them mentally. The Rams' early struggles on offense dealing with Iona's multiple defensive looks caused them to lose focus on defense.

She said they worked all week on making it tough for Gaels stars Damika Martinez and Joy Adams to touch the ball and get good looks, but

that didn't happen on Friday afternoon. Martinez scored 20 of her 27 points in the first half and grabbed seven rebounds and Adams tallied 23 points and 12 boards. Iona led by as many as 26 late in the second half.

"When you let them do what they want to do there is a breakdown," Gaitley said. "They did whatever they wanted. We let our ineptness on offense affect our focus and attention on defense"

Fordham appeared to refocus in the second half. It forced turnovers of its own to spark a quick 7-0 run that cut the Gaels lead to 49-37 on a 3-pointer from Asnate Fomina with 13:40 to play in the game. Two straight turnovers from Tapio and a lack of rebounding led to consecutive baskets from former South Shore standout Aurelia Cammock and Iona never looked back. Tapio, who led the Rams with 19 points and five rebounds, knows she has to be better.

"We are going to face those situations," she said. "Learning from them every single time is what is really going to help us."

The veterans and Gaitley understand there will need to be some measure of patience needed with this group, which was picked to finish fifth in the Atlantic 10. It lost its top two scorers in Abigail Corning and Erin Rooney from a club that won the con-



Emily Tapio paced Fordham with 19 points and five rebounds in a season opening loss to Iona College. Fordham Athletics

ference title and reach the NCAA tournament a year ago. Sophomore guard Hannah Missry is still day to day after foot surgery in the offseason.

Tapio and fellow center Samantha Clarke are back, but the Rams started freshman forward G'mrice Davis, sophomore Alina Gjerkes and grad-

uate student Tiffany Ruffin around them. Losing to Iona shows Fordham exactly how much better it need to be.

"It's a marathon not a sprint," Gaitley said. "It's hard to lose your opener at home, but maybe it is a great wake up call for us."

## Velocity Track Club New York highlights

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York shined at the USA Track & Field New York Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 8th at Van Cortlandt Park. USATF New York territory comprised of the State of New York south of and including Sullivan, Orange and Dutchess counties, with the exception of Suffolk and Nassau Counties. This covers a large territory of some of the best XC athletes. The competition was fierce and awards were hard to come by. Plus this was a qualifier for the regional championship in Maine. The top 30 athletes in their event / age group & gender will qualify for the regional championship. The top 15 athletes will receive medals and the top 10 will receive medals and lovely USA Track & Field hats. In one event, there were as many as 70 athletes participating. 7 VTC student athletes competed for an opportunity to participate in the Regional Championship. I'm please to say that 6 out of the 7 athletes qualified for the regional championship, 5 out of the 7 won medals and 3 out of the 7 earned lovely USATF hats.

To start it off was Tiara Jackson in the 8 & under girls 2K (1.5 mile race). She qualified and earned a bronze

medal (15th place). Next was the 9 & 10 boys 3K (1.8 miles) race. The top VTC Athlete was 9 years old Dontae Lindo, he ran his personal best and took 3rd place, to earn a medal and hat. 9 years old Jordan Ingram (13th place) ran his personal best to earn a medal & qualify for the regional championship. 1st year running XC, 9 year old Julian Caldwell, ran his personal best and just miss qualifying. These young men will be on top of this 9 & 10 years old division next year. I just can't imagine how good they can be. Next was 12 years old Jacqueline Kendall who ran her personal best to qualify for the regional championship. Then 13 years old girl, Giovanna Tolbert in the 13 & 14 age group, ran her personal best (8th place) to earn a medal and lovely hat. She will also be in this division next year, when all of the 14 years old girls move up. Then we had 15 years Darius Gordon in the boys 15 & 16 age division. He ran his personal best to earn a medal and lovely hat (4th place). He will also be in the same division next year. This was impressive, 6 out of the 7 student athletes ran their personal best on this hard course! Great job, athletes, parents and coaching staff!

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Handshakes between the Warriors Giants and Chiefs. The winner was the Giants.

# Warriors Football championship highlights

BY JEFF ORTIZ  
Week #8

## Championship Weekend

Flag Football season ended last week so we would like to take this time to thank our sponsors which help keep our Warrior Football League strong.

### Flag Division

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On Saturday, November 15th there were two consolation playoff games. In the first game the Junior Pee Wee O'Connor Carpet Bears beat the North Bronx & Paint Hardware Jets 26-0. The Bears O exploded today led by 2 TD's from Logan Arroyo and 2xp's from Cristian Rodriguez. Logan Ortiz also had a TD and Logan Arroyo scored his 3rd TD on a fumble recovery. Rocco Gutierrez and the O line had an outstanding game. The Bears D was amazing as

Jayden Diaz, John Diaz and Cristian Rodriguez all had sacks. Logan Arroyo and Logan Ortiz had forced fumbles. Outstanding containment by Adam Hernandez and Kris Musacchio. Great D by Adonis Rawls, Daniel Ortiz, William Lappe, Cyrus Alston and Jayden Orozco.

In the last game of the day the Pee Wee Ridgewood Savings Bank Black Knights edged the McNulty Funeral Home Rams 7-6. The Knights winning TD was scored on a Nathaniel Colon 55 yd pass to Mike Powers, and Jary Hernandez scored the very important xp. The O was led by Jary Hernandez, Nathaniel Colon, Mike Powers and Christopher Davis. The Knights D were led by Mike Powers who had a sack and Nathaniel Colon who made the key tackle to stop the Rams xp try and a game saving sack.

On Sunday, November 16th, the two Championship games were played at Cardinal Spellman High School.

The first game was for the Junior Pee Wee Division Championship and the Jimmy Ryan's Giants defeated the Middletown Animal Clinic Chiefs 14-6. In the 1st quarter the Giants jumped out in front 7-0 when Jason Campbell scored on a 25 yd TD run, the xp was scored by Peter Defabbia. The Giants made it 14-0 before the half ended when Peter Defabbia scored on a 6 yd run, the xp was

scored by Jason Campbell. The 3rd quarter was scoreless and in the 4th quarter the Chiefs began their comeback. Caesar Roman scored on a 79 yd TD run and the xp was no good. The Chiefs almost scored again but their comeback fell just short. The Giants had excellent blocking from Mark Serratore, Ryan Regova, Rich Salonia, Anad Dao and Soloman Smith. The Giants D was led by a Peter Defabbia fumble recovery on a kickoff that led to the 2nd TD. Joseph Calle and Peter Defabbia had 6 tackles each. Jayden Hernandez, Hunter Burgos, Daniel Ovaitte, Jayden Villa and Andre Segovia all played great. The Chiefs O was led by Caesar Roman who had 133 yds rushing and 1 TD. The Chiefs D was led by Jacob Ortega who had 4 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries, Aaron Thomas who had 4 tackles and by Donovan Beauvoir who also had 4 tackles. Congrats to both teams who played well enough to win. We appreciate the jobs done by Giants Coach Robert Defabbia and Chiefs Coach Anthony Piri as well as their assistant coaches and fans. Special thanks to Bruce Ellison who every week emailed me a detailed report for both teams that played.

In our last game of the season the Ralph Giordano's Funeral Home Saints defeated the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home Javelins 28-27 in an ESPN Instant Classic. This game was a see-saw battle

all day with each team regaining the lead numerous times. The Saints trailing 27-22 with 2 minutes to go started their Instant Classic comeback. A long run by Noah Moreno brought the ball down to the Javelins 5 yd line and on the next play Jamar Simmons scored the Championship winning TD. The Javelins were led by Sal Maida's 3 Td's and 2 xp's. Odalis Perez scored the other TD for the Javelins and Aston Evans scored the xp. The Javelin's D was led by interceptions by Ryan Kucera and Gabriel Ciman. The Saints highlights were qb Carlo Volpe's pass to Michael Benzinger for a key 1st down. Jamar Simmons 30 yd run. Noah Moreno had Td's of 5 yds and 25 yds. Jamar Simmons had a 10 yd TD run as well as his game winning TD run. Novell Jordan kicked 2 all important xp's. The Saints D had a clutch on-side kick off recovery with 50 seconds remaining in the game which kept the Javelins offense off the field to seal their victory. This game was an exciting way to end our season with both teams leaving it all on the field. Congrats to Saints Coach Carlo Volpe and Javelins Coach Mike Monserrate and to all the coaches and fans for displaying outstanding sportsmanship. Also thanks to all our referees who were also outstanding. Next week will be our All-Star games for the Junior Pee Wee and Pee Wee Divisions.



The handshake between the Warriors Saints and the Javelins. The winner was the Saints.

# Thanksgiving

## At The Pine

### Individual Or Family Style Pre Fixe Menu

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#### Pine's Harvest Salad

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Stuffed Mushrooms  
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Seating Times: 1:00PM | 3:00PM | 5:00PM | 7:00PM

#### Entrée

Slow Roasted Turkey Braast with House Made Stuffing. Trimmings Include Carolina Yams, String Beans Almondine, Gravy & Cranberry Relish  
*Complimentary Side Of Pasta (Choice of One)*  
Rigatoni Marinara / Drecchiette Broccoli Rabe & Sausage / Farfalle Alla Vodka / Mac & Four Cheeses

#### Dessert

Pumpkin Cheese Cake  
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Small \$20 Large \$35  
**Asparagus**  
Small \$20 Large \$45  
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**Creamed Spinach**  
Small \$12  
**Green Peas & Pearl Onions**  
Small \$12  
**Cinnamon Apples**  
Small \$10

**Coen Niblets**  
Small \$10  
**Eggplant Rollatini**  
Small \$25 Large \$35  
**Macaroni & Four Cheeses**  
Small \$25 Large \$35  
**Cheese Manicotti**  
Small \$25 Large \$35  
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