

DERANGED MAN KILLS GRANDMA

New Year's Day murder shakes up quiet community

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN AND
PATRICK ROCCHIO

New Year's Day usually signifies the celebration of a brand new start, but in Throggs Neck, an alleged homicide made the day anything but a joyous occasion.

Erik Perez, 48, from Brooklyn, has been charged with second-degree murder, for allegedly killing his grandmother Alice Durso at her home on the morning of Thursday, January 1.

Police believe that Perez bludgeoned his 87-year-old grandmother, repeatedly hitting her in the head inside her home at 633 Hollywood Avenue.

He also allegedly assaulted his mother and stepfather, and his grandmother's home-health care aide, according to

published reports and police sources.

He has been charged with assault, menacing and criminal possession of a weapon, a police spokesman stated.

After a brief standoff with police, he was taken from the house in his underwear, and as of press time, remains at Jacobi Medical Center undergoing psychiatric evaluation.

"Perez has yet to be arraigned," stated a spokeswoman for Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson on Monday, January 5. "He is still hospitalized."

A spokesman for Jacobi Medical Center, John Doyle, said that the three victims who survived the alleged melee were released within 24 hours of the incidents.

According to a police

spokesman, officers responded to a 911 call at around 7:30 a.m., and found Perez outside of the house behaving erratically.

Perez then retreated back into the house upon seeing the officers, and began to throw household items at the cops, a spokesman stated. The Emergency Service Unit arrived, subdued him, and then placed him into custody shortly thereafter.

A neighbor, Joanne Santos, was shocked to hear about the apparent homicide, saying that the whole neighborhood was in mourning over Durso's death.

"She was well-loved, and we feel bad, even for the grandson," said Santos.

"From what I hear, (Perez) was a very nice gentleman who

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New Home For New Year

Nicole Cirillo gave Lulu a new home for the new year after attending an adoption event hosted by NYC Animal Care & Control and PETCO of Throggs Neck on Saturday, January 3.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Alleged cop shooter caught

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Police arrested a robbery suspect for allegedly shooting two plainclothes police officers in Fordham.

Jason Polanco, 24, of 2639 Decatur Avenue, was charged with counts of attempted murder of a police officer, among other charges, after he allegedly shot two officers, on Sunday, January 4.

The officers have been identified in published reports as Andrew Dossi and Aliro Pellerano.

An accomplice in the alleged robbery of a supermar-

ket 10 minutes before the shootings, Joshua Kemp, 28, of 5 Metropolitan Oval, was also taken into custody on a number of charges, with police announcing the arrests on Tuesday, January 6.

The plainclothes officers were part of a 46th Precinct five-member anti-crime team searching for suspects wanted in connection with the armed robbery of Welcome 2 Yemen Deli and Grocery at 363 E. 180th Street.

The shooting incident occurred at around 10:35 p.m. on East 184th Street and Tiebout

Avenue, according to remarks by police commissioner William Bratton, who spoke at St. Barnabas Hospital shortly after the wounded hero cops were brought there for treatment.

According to police, Polanco allegedly ran into a Chinese restaurant on Tiebout Avenue after the men were found by the cops, while his partner in the earlier robbery, Kemp, waited outside.

As the officers approached, police report, Polanco ran out

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Pastor Ulf Lunow of the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck with the new sign. Officers from the 45th Precinct helped secure a free sign for the church after it was defaced with graffiti before Christmas.
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Police officers replace church's graffitied sign

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A local church was the recipient of a generous Christmas gift this year.

Two officers from the 45th Precinct helped secure a sign for the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck after parishioners woke up on December 19 to find that the church's temporary sign had been tagged with graffiti overnight.

"I was just so upset by it," said parish administrator Deborah Burke about finding the graffiti during the holiday season.

Burke reported the incident to 311, after which two officers from the 45th Precinct arrived to take the report.

But about half an hour after they left, they came back to the church to ask where the canvas sign and design had come from.

During their second visit, they met with children from the pre-K program and handed out toy badges.

"You had to see the look on children's faces, they were so excited," said Burke.

After the visit, the officers told the church that it would have a new sign by the end of the week from Master Graphics, but wouldn't tell Burke how much it had cost.

"They said, 'Don't worry about it, it's taken care of,'" said Burke.

While the officers would not give

any more details about how they secured the sign, Burke said she suspects they paid for the banner themselves.

The church has a great relationship with the precinct, said Pastor Ulf Lenow. Officers had assisted the parish when they had a chronic graffiti problem several years ago.

"The 45th Precinct has always been very helpful to us," said Lenow.

The idea that someone would deface church property, which should be a safe haven, makes him sad.

"The church and its surroundings should look beautiful," he said.

The church is working on designing a new, permanent sign, he said, and they are focusing on materials that are easy to clean.

In the meantime, they appreciate having a unblemished sign to welcome the community with.

"We are very thankful," said Lenow.

The Christmas services were wonderful this year, said Lenow, with a candlelight Mass and special music.

Burke and Lenow both said they were very grateful for the officers' gift on that occasion.

"The officers thought the church shouldn't have graffiti on our big day," said Burke.

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Birth

Proud parents Christine and Junior Ramos, and big brothers Christopher and Nicholas, welcome with love newborn **Olivia Rose Ramos**. She was born on Monday, December 1 at 8:15 a.m. and weighed six pounds, six ounces and was 17.5 inches long.

Birthday



Olivia Rose Ramos



Edith Evans

Edith Evans celebrated her 104th birthday on Saturday, December 27 at Kings Harbor Multicare Center in Pelham Gardens, the nursing facility writes in. The celebration, complete with a big birthday cake and balloons, came as a surprise to Ms. Evans, who was grateful for her unit remembering her on her special day. The quick-witted Evans, when interviewed 2 years ago at 102 for their Kings Harbor Facebook page, closed the interview by stating, "This was fun. Can we do it again in 10 years?"

Obituary

Dr. Claude Errington Williams, 57, passed away at his home on December 26. Born



Robert Zeiss

on September 2, 1957, he was preceded in death by his parents, Claudius and Anna Eula Louis Williams. He is survived by his sister, Louis Astor Doyle, and by his brother-in-law Christopher, and by his nephew Seph. He left behind many friends whom he considered to be his family, as well. In 1975, Errington graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. He was an outstanding athlete in track and field, and in football. He went on to receive his Bachelor's degree from C.W. Post College, where he played football, and from which he graduated 1981 with high honors. He continued his education at the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, earning his Doctoral degree in 1985. Errington took pride in his 30-year medical practice in the Bronx and in Westchester. In addition to his private practice, he worked for the New York Hotel & Restaurant Trade

Union Medical Center, where he tended to the needs of many. In honor of his memory, make a donation to the charity of your choice in his name.

Robert Zeiss

Robert Zeiss, formerly of the Bronx, passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2014, at New York Presbyterian Hospital. He was 54. Bob was actively involved in the community and was an accomplished swimmer. He was dedicated to the D.A. Beach Club, where he served as its long time president. He also served as an organizer of the annual Inter-Club Races: a day-long family event and competition among five beach clubs with members from the Bronx and lower Westchester held in August each year.

He leaves behind his devoted wife Maureen.

Additional survivors include sisters Lorraine Devine and husband Kevin, Maureen Whelan and husband John, Helene Parisi and husband James, a brother Phillip Zeiss, and sister-in-law Regina Pena and husband George. Also surviving are nieces Kerry, Kelly, Brianne, Amanda, Allison and nephews Phillip, Frankie, Kevin, Ryan, Timothy and four grandnieces.

Bob is survived by countless friends and colleagues and, of course, his beloved Great Pyrenees dogs 'Joe' and 'Maggie.'

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NY Rising open house to finalize storm strategy

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Final recommendations by a community panel studying storm resiliency for the east Bronx waterfront are set to be presented at an upcoming open house.

New York Rising, a statewide storm resiliency effort with subcommittees all over the state studying how best to deal with storms like Superstorm Sandy, will see its East Bronx Waterfront planning committee present its findings at Providence Rest on Tuesday, January 13.

The committee making the recommendations is made up of community members representing neighborhoods from a broad swath of east Bronx coastal communities, ranging from Harding Park and Clason Point, Ferry Point, Throggs Neck, Locust Point, Edgewater Park, Country Club, and City Island. The meeting will take place at the nursing facility, located at 3304 Waterbury Avenue, from 6:30. to 8:30 p.m.

Three public open houses were held in 2014 to gather ideas, and now there has been a deliberation period where the committee members finalized plans for projects that will see several million dollars spent on storm mitigation projects and studies.

"Next Tuesday, we will be having our fourth and final public engage-



Above (l-r) Barbara Wilks, Virginia Mikaelian, Frannie Peterson review a NY Rising map, offering recommendations, at a NY Rising open house in November. File Photo

ment meeting; it is an open house," said Alex Zablocki, New York City regional lead for New York Rising.

"That month-long process of public engagement and deliberation has led to that committee coming up with their final plan. That final plan will include the community reconstruction projects that they will propose to use their \$3 million allocation towards implementing," he said.

That plan will be unveiled at the fourth and final meeting, said Zablocki, adding that the project is a

community led effort.

While Zablocki could not reveal the plans being funded prior to the meeting, conversations with several sources on the east Bronx committee indicate that many of the plans will be much like the 12 that were proposed at the last NY Rising Open House in November.

Among some of the possible projects proposed for funding at that time, and discussed with committee members in interviews, were making three coastal street ends more resilient with

new storm protection infrastructure, and fortifying the Edgewater Park firehouse and the Locust Point Civic Center.

NY Rising is backed by Governor Cuomo, and local elected representatives like Senator Jeff Klein, who praised the efforts being undertaken to help recovery in communities affected by Superstorm Sandy and other storms.

"In 2012, in the immediate wake of Superstorm Sandy, I created and co-chaired the Senate Bipartisan Task Force On Hurricane Sandy Recovery, where we focused our efforts on lifting up those communities hit the hardest," said Klein. "Three years later, the work continues and I'm proud I was able to help secure \$3 million in funding for recovery and resiliency efforts here in the Bronx."

East Bronx Planning Committee member John Doyle said that the public should attend the open house because it is important to see how NY Rising will affect the communities they call home.

"This is the most important meeting of the year, bar none," he said, adding "This is about everyone coming to the table to see if (the plan and its budget) connects with them and their communities."



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Vigil at 49th Pct. honors slain officers

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

More than 100 community members gathered outside the 49th Precinct on Monday, January 5 to mourn the two New York Police Department officers killed in December.

The candlelight vigil, organized by the precinct's community council, drew a crowd who huddled in the cold to stand with the officers who protect their neighborhoods and support them in their grief.

On December 20, detectives Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu were assassinated while sitting in their patrol car in Brooklyn.

"The NYPD has very heavy hearts, we lost two of our brothers," said 49th Precinct commander Captain Timothy McCormack.

Ramos and Liu were good officers who worked hard to make this city a better place, said McCormack.

"I thank them for what they did," he said. "I thank them for their service."

Local clergy led the crowd in prayers and a moment of

silence in the candlelight.

"Tonight we come together as a community to honor our fallen heroes," said Pastor Jay Gooding. "Tonight we're praying for the families, for those who have lost their loved ones."

The vigil was also well attended by local representatives: Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Councilman Andy King, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, and Councilman James Vacca

"Though they haven't spoken, their presence means so much to us here in the NYPD," said McCormack. "I thank you for coming out, I thank you for praying with us."

The strong community presence showed an ever important support for the police, said community council president Joe Thompson.

"This kind of outpouring of love and affection makes me so proud," said Thompson.

"It was heartwarming to see so many people come out



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Alex Nilaj of the Morris Park Patrol observe a moment of silence.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

on such a frigid night," said Community Affairs officer Detective Victor DiPierro. "People of all ages braved the cold to stand with us."

The officers are grieving, said DiPierro, but they're grateful for the kind words and actions of community members, as well as from the

fire department.

"We hope for a more peaceful 2015 and beyond," he said.

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40th PCT.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1:28 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of an unconscious female inside an apartment at 700 Morris Avenue, apartment #2D, within the confines of PSA #7. Upon arrival, officers observed a 29-year-old female unconscious and unresponsive with bruising about the neck and head. EMS also responded to the location and pronounced the aided female DOA at the scene. The Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be a homicide.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2:55 a.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of a male shot inside the lobby area of 671 Westchester Avenue at the St. Mary's Houses, within the confines of PSA #7. Upon arrival, officers observed a 26-year-old male, unconscious and unresponsive, with gunshot wounds to the head and torso. EMS also responded to the location and transported the victim to Lincoln Hospital, where he was pronounced DOA.

41st PCT.

Monday, Dec. 29, 6:10 p.m. — A suspect entered the Game Stop Store located at 1030 Westchester Avenue and went to the back of

the store, where he then displayed a black handgun before removing two Game Stop bags containing an X-Box One and a Playstation 4. The suspect then fled to unknown direction. There were no reported injuries.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1:40 p.m. — An attempted robbery occurred at a Rite Aid at 840 Westchester Avenue. The suspect entered the location, approached the 47-year-old manager, demanded money, produced a blade, and slashed the victim across the face, before fleeing empty handed on foot.

Friday, Jan. 2, 6:25 p.m. — A robbery took place inside of a residential building on Fox Street. The suspects approached a 79-year-old male and forcibly removed \$90 from him. There were no injuries reported.

43rd PCT.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 8:05 a.m. — Police responded to a call of a motor vehicle collision near the Cross Bronx Expressway and Rosedale Avenue. Upon arrival, police determined that a 2004 Mercury Marquis, driven by a 54-year-old male, was transporting a 27-year-old female passenger in the back seat. The vehicle was stopped at a red light facing westbound on the Cross Bronx Expressway Service Road at the intersection of

Rosedale Avenue when a 2011 Dodge Charger, driven by a 37-year-old male, traveling westbound on the Cross Bronx Expressway struck it from behind. EMS responded and transported the driver of the Mercury to Einstein Hospital in stable condition. EMS transported the female passenger inside the Mercury to Jacobi Hospital where she was pronounced DOA. The driver of the Dodge was transported to Jacobi Hospital by EMS in stable condition, and two passengers inside the Dodge were transported by EMS to Jacobi Hospital with minor injuries.

45th PCT.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 7:23 a.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of an emotionally disturbed male at 633 Hollywood Avenue. Upon arrival, officers observed a 48-year-old male acting erratic outside the residence. As police approached the individual, he retreated into a room within the residence and barricaded himself. Emergency Service Unit officers also responded to the location and placed the individual in custody without further incident or injury. Upon search of the residence, an 87-year-old female was discovered in another room, unconscious and unresponsive, with trauma about the head. EMS also responded to the location, and pronounced the victim DOA at the scene. Three other occupants of the residence were removed via EMS to Jacobi Hospital in stable condition: A 67-year-old female with an injury to her left arm, a 55-year-old male with trauma about the head and a 56-year-old female with a laceration to her face. The 48-year-old male was taken to Jacobi Hospital, where he remains in police custody at this time.

46th PCT.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 5:13 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of a male stabbed inside of 1750 Davidson Avenue. Upon arrival, responding officers discovered the victim, a 69-year-old male, stabbed multiple times in the torso. EMS also responded to the scene and transported the victim to Bronx Lebanon Hospital where he was pronounced DOA.

47th PCT.

Saturday, Jan. 3, 6:55 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of an unconscious female in an apartment at 3908 Bronx Boulevard. Upon arrival responding officers discovered a 63-year-old female unconscious and unresponsive in the hallway of her apartment. EMS also responded to the scene and pronounced the female DOA.

52nd PCT.

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2:20 p.m. — An attempted robbery occurred at Briggs Avenue and E. 197 Street in the confines of the 52 Precinct. One suspect grabbed the 67-year-old victim from behind, threw him to the ground, attempted to remove the victim's property, but fled on foot empty-handed. The other suspect acted as lookout. The victim was transported to Montefiore Hospital in stable condition.

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Don't forget the pedestrians

Dear editor,

I recently read an article you wrote titled 'White Plains Road traffic is a 'calmed' nightmare.' This report largely focused on those concerned about traffic delays. I failed however to read any responses by those that are satisfied by the latest changes.

I live near the intersection of White Plains Road and Lafayette Avenue and couldn't be happier. Traffic has been dramatically calmed. It feels much safer to cross the street.

Most of the residents in this community do not own automobiles and would have benefited greatly from bus only lanes between Lafayette and Westchester avenues. We do however appreciate the improvements like bulbbed curbs, a slower speed limit and a reduction in the number of moving lanes.

Don't forget about us. We are mostly young and of the lower income strata, yet must deal with slow mass transportation so that a minority of residents can drive a few blocks. At some point everyone is a pedestrian.

Nicholas E. Acabeo

School naming mess

Dear editor,

The recent controversy over the suggestion of P.S. 311's naming has to do with improper protocol. Community boards and local civic groups are held to specific procedures in suggesting a school name. But for some reason, a seasoned community board member took it upon itself to suggest a name directly to an elected official, thereby overriding all protocol!

Local elected officials, with years of protocol knowledge, announce this name suggestion to the family at the deceased's funeral, knowing well in advance that the community had already taken the required steps to have their chosen suggestions heard and voted on?! Shame on you and you know who you are. How can these elected officials 'play dumb' when they have years

of experience. What they did is so wrong.

The Fiorentino family founded the heart of Van Nest – the church, the convent and the school. Benjamin Nolan lived in Van Nest and was a past president of the Van Nest Community Association, commander of the Van Nest branch of the American Legion and founder/president of the Van Nest Little League, in addition to serving the neighborhood churches with pro-bono legal representation. Both Fiorentino and Nolan have long lists of what they did for Van Nest and St. Dominic's!

Not everybody is on board with naming the school for our late councilwoman. As the article states, the school name will be chosen by Community Education Council 11, who will solicit nominations from community groups and locals starting in February.

If you are one of those 'locals' who care, as I do, about our beloved St. Dominic's, then you will make time to submit your nominations of a potential name. Mark your February calendars!

Bernadette Ferrara
Long-time Van Nest
resident, alumni of
St. Dominic's School

Oust PBA president

Dear editor,

Time and again police union president Pat Lynch is exposed as a hypocritical hate mongerer, inciting tension and violence through his using and misusing the NYPD with his malicious venomous rhetoric, harmful to both the people and the police. He is defiant of truth, justice, equal rights, and equal accountability; he is defiant of the law, the Constitution, and all Federal Court rulings unfavorable to him and the NYPD, such as civilians' right to peacefully protest and audio/video record police in action without obstruction or retaliation.

What's worse: he encourages police to join in the defiance. It's long overdue for federal authorities to probe, remove, and prosecute Lynch, to put a stop to his subjecting New York's Finest to such criminal acts and contempt for the law and Constitution!

Both the people and the police deserve better!!

Michael S. Wilbekin

Time to raise gas tax

Dear editor,

Legislation to fund the national Highway Trust Fund continues to be deadlocked in Washington. This vital funding source to cities, states and transportation agencies used to pay for both highway and transit projects is on the verge of running out of money sometime soon. Past presidents and Congress who more interested in wining another term in office have repeatedly kicked this can down the road. The national gasoline tax that is used to support the Highway Trust Fund was last raised to 18.4 cents in 1993. Taking any action to raise this tax by only pennies per gallon years ago would have resulted in a ample robust Highway Trust Fund today. With gasoline at a five year record low of \$2.47 per gallon isn't this a good time to raise both the federal and state gas tax?

Larry Penner

Looking for the Goldenbergs

Dear editor,

The Bill Twomey column on Edward G Robinson in the January 2-8 issue, 2015 made me wonder if there are other EGR family members still living around the NYC area.

I recall in 1944 my dad took me to a dentist in Brooklyn named Dr. Goldenberg, who

had his practice on Flushing Avenue and Broadway. My dad told me he was the brother of actor Edward G, and he did look a lot like him.

I wonder if any of the Goldenberg boys, or the Goldenberg family itself, still live in New York or the Bronx?

Sally Nussbaum

Misplaced criticism

Dear editor,

Once again Carl Cannizaro has misconstrued the meaning of my letter.

Equating my criticism of Charles Koch with "a slap in the face of all immigrants" is simply nonsense, since I criticized Charles Koch, not his immigrant father.

The brothers Koch have attempted through their array of front groups, to gut Social Security, suppress the vote, gut environmental regulation, thwart clean energy and ease limits on industrial pollution. What's not to like, eh Carl?

Pasquale Pelosi

Thank you for moving forward

Dear editor,

I would like to thank the Country Club Civic Association's executive board, et al, for its wonderful Christmas get together. The new board has taken the first steps in moving on to bigger and better things. It was a great turnout of membership and hopefully the beginning of growth for the association.

Tom Colacioppo

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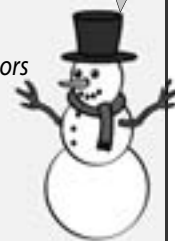
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Pelham Parkway's 'Stonehenge' a mystery

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Mysterious stones on a stretch of Pelham Parkway are puzzling passerbys.

The 20- to 30-pound rocks have been appearing quietly under the cover of darkness along a stretch of the park from Bronx Park East to Boston Road for months.

First around trees and then in random circular presentations throughout the park, said neighbor Marcia Lewis. She believes someone is carting the rocks from outside the park and assembling them there at night.

"I call it mini Stonehenge," said another neighbor, Kay Cardona.

With the impending snow season, Lewis is concerned that the stones pose a safety issue, and she brought attention to the situation by posting on Community Board 11's Facebook Page in late December.

She said she previously approached the Bronx Park East Community Association about the issue.

There is a large number of neighbors who use the park to walk their dogs, and new rocks

appearing overnight makes it difficult for older residents to navigate, said Lewis. The possibility of snow obscuring the stones just increases the dangers.

"It's a tripping hazard," said Lewis.

The numerous stone circles create obstructions in the otherwise level park, which makes it impossible for kids to play sports, like soccer, in the nicer weather.

"Now there's no field," said Lewis.

Other concerns are that the rocks will make it difficult for the grass to be mowed and the park to be maintained, and that they have been catching litter that blows across the park.

"The stones really devalue the neighborhood," said Lewis.

In addition to being a safety hazard, reducing the park's uses and looking unpleasant, Cardona said the rocks form seating arrangements that encourage loitering and deviant behavior. Lewis said she recently found condoms, a box cutter and needles in one of



On Pelham Parkway between Bronx Park East and Boston Road, 'rock circles' are popping up around many trees.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

the areas.

Other neighbors are complaining as well, both Lewis and Cardona said, including residents whose windows overlook the area or who walk their dog in the park.

But they are also concerned that the person who is forming the rock circles—someone once approached Lewis and took credit for the project—is not mentally well, and would like to see the situation dealt with appropriately.

Lewis is not looking to

blame anyone, but just wants her park back to the way it was.

"I'd like to see the rocks removed," she said.

No one from Community Board 11's Parks Committee has had the time to visit the site since the issue was raised a few weeks ago, said chair Joanne Rubino. She feels the situation requires investigation before any action is taken.

She said the committee will likely discuss the issue at their next meeting. If it's true

that someone is carting in rocks from outside the park, that could be a real problem, she said.

"It's concerning if somebody's doing it," said Rubino.

A spokeswoman for NYC Parks said the department is aware of the issue, and recently met on-site with Lewis, who filed a 311 complaint.

She said they will continue to review this matter and hold additional conversations with the community to determine the best resolution.

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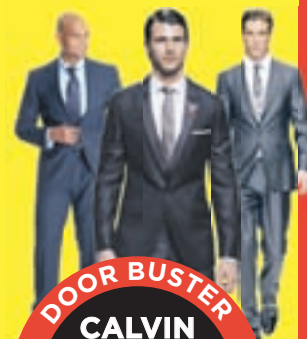
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East Bronx Forum talk links borough to SuperBowls of past

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Playoff season is here, and one local football buff is sharing his wealth of local pigskin lore with Bronxites.

Victor Mastro gives a talk about links between the borough and professional football each year as playoffs pick up steam and the SuperBowl approaches.

He's been speaking about, 'The Bronx, The Superbowl,' for about 20 years, and the event will take place at the Huntington Free Library on Saturday, January 10 at 11 a.m.

Mastro's fascination with professional football and its connections to the Bronx began as a child, when his Uncle Freddie took him to a championship game played in the Bronx at Yankee Stadium on December 28, 1958 between the New York Giants and the Baltimore Colts. That game was later dubbed 'The Greatest Game Ever Played.'

Then in 1979, a curious

friend asked Mastro if there were any good Italian football players, and he started looking into it.

He wrote up what he found and sent it to the NFL, receiving a positive response.

He continued to look into players from different ethnic groups for articles, and during the research, he noticed many different Bronx connections to professional football, like that 1958 game.

"Before you know it, I had a whole bunch of information," he said.

In 1983, he published his knowledge as 'The Bronx, the Birthplace of the NFL Lore and Legend' in the Bronx County Historical Society Journal. He continued to research and write articles over the years, published by the Professional Football Researchers Association and local news outlets, that explore famous players, games and trophies with Bronx connections.

"All football roads lead to

and through the Bronx," he claims.

In addition to compiling lists of great Bronx games and players, Mastro has found Bronx connections to football trophies.

The trophy given to the Super Bowl winner is the Vince Lombardi. Lombardi graduated from Fordham in 1937 and lived on campus.

Years later, Lombardi was assistant coach for the NY Giants while they played at Yankee Stadium, including the 'Greatest Game Ever Played'.

The 'game football' is often given as a trophy to an important player after the game, and the official NFL football is called 'The Duke', the nickname of late New York Giants owner, Wellington Mara. Mara also attended Fordham and was a classmate of Lombardi's.

The Heisman Trophy, given to the top college player each year, was originally modeled

in 1935 after a running back named Ed Smith, who played for NYU while it was based in the Bronx. The trophy was updated with details from a second model, Warren Mulrey, who played for Fordham.

Mastro was also able to find a connection between each 2015 playoff team and the Bronx. For example, the Baltimore Ravens are named after the Raven, a famous poem by Edgar Allan Poe. Poe lived in the Bronx off the Concourse for a time.

Another example is The Dallas Cowboys, whose first coach was Tom Landry, of the NFL Hall of Fame. Landry was the defensive coach of the NY Giants from 1956-1959, when Yankee Stadium was its home.

Famous SuperBowl commercials even have Bronx connections, said Mastro.

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Professor Victor Mastro, who is an expert on Bronx connections to professional football, wears his 'Greatest Game Ever Played' t-shirt. Mastro can be seen in the crowd of that iconic photo, behind one of the players.

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Top Dog, Inc. to host animal shelter event

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Pets are people too! Well, not quite - but just like people - they all deserve to be loved and cared for.

New Beginning Animal Rescue of NYC's Top Dog, Inc., a nonprofit organization committed to helping homeless animals and serving the rescue community, will host an animal adoption event at the organization's location, 2515 Newbold Avenue, on Saturday, January 17, from 1 to 5 p.m.

At the event, which will be the organization's first in house, future and potential pet owners will be given the opportunity to adopt cats and dogs from the shelter, as well as give these pets the family and home that they've been longing for. The animal adoption event will also include a bake sale to benefit the shelter.

Since it's beginning in 2010, NYC's Top Dog, Inc. and New Beginning Animal Rescue have seen many individuals donate their time and effort to these pets and their overall well-being; by walking dogs, cleaning cages and socializing

the pets.

Volunteers have also helped rehabilitate many cats and dogs that were previously in an unhealthy, unsafe and unloving environment, which includes rescuing two dogs who were thrown out a car in City Island and a cat that was trapped in a drain.

"Many of the cats and dogs that have come to this shelter were initially so scared and shy of everything," said Marlena Giga, who has been volunteering at the shelter for over two years and helps out whenever she is off from work.

"It's amazing to see these pets transform from scared and shy into loving, affectionate animals that will eventually find and a family and home of their own."

According to Marlena, some of the dogs and cats have been in the shelter for over two years and are still waiting for someone special to give them a new, permanent home.

This event should help many previously unwanted pets receive that much desired home, as well as raise aware-

ness about the hospitality that animal shelters offer to un-owned pets.

"The main and primary motivation of this organization is finding these pets a home and a family that loves them," said Pedro Rosario, president and founder of NYC's Top Dog, Inc. and New Beginning Animal Rescue.

"Pets living inside cages should only be a temporary situation. We strive on the fact that we are a safe haven for animals and pets in the Bronx, but nothing is more important than finding these pets a home."

Rosario, previously the manager of Animal King Control in Manhattan for 16 years, quit his job to pursue the nonprofit organization, which he started in 2010.

According to a fellow volunteer, Pedro is a warm-hearted individual who treats the animals as if they were his own pets.

"More people need to know about this man's generosity and his organization that has helped so many animals," said Christina L. Abbatiello, a part



Animal lover Pedro Rosario, founder of New Beginning Animal Rescue of NYC's Top Dog, Inc., looks forward to finding homes for his cats and dogs.

Photo courtesy of NYC's Top Dog, Inc.

time volunteer at the shelter. "Pedro is a great resource for animals in the Bronx, and his animals will make great pets."

According to both Abbatiello and Giga, Pedro's service to the community does not just include pets, but also people - individuals who may be pet owners in the near future.

"Pedro is a kind soul that takes in these unwanted animals and also mentors the

youth in the community - teaching them about how to care, train, and be responsible pet owners," said Giga.

"He even welcomes all ages doing community service, whether it's for school, work, etc. Pedro puts his all into helping animals and humans alike, and I have never met anyone more compassionate about helping both animals and people."

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Scarce funds leave language program in jeopardy

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Primavera Italian Language and Culture Program is pushing forward against the odds, trying to stay in operation for another year - getting help from wherever they can find it. Liras, euros and dollars will all be graciously accepted.

The free, comprehensive Saturday-morning program has served the community for 35 years, teaching both the Italian language and Italian culture to students from public and private schools.

The program coordinator Loretta Zaino said that the program, a community tradition, is currently subsisting on funding secured by local elected officials, most notably Congressman Joseph Crowley, and Senator Jeff Klein, who just obtained a \$5,000 grant for the program.

The 12-week learning experience runs from the fall to spring at St. Benedict's School. The money Klein secured through Project Boost, an enrichment program for elementary and middle school students, will go a long way to-

wards paying the costs of the program, said Zaino.

"Right now, we are working on a shoestring," she said of the program.

"No one on the staff has gotten paid, and we have been working for six weeks. This \$5,000 will help see us through the end of the program."

She added: "I have to say Senator Klein always comes through for the program. It may be at the eleventh hour, but he always manages to come through and give the program money."

"The Primavera Italian Language and Culture Program is terrific, I go to the graduation in every year," said Klein, adding that he turned to Project Boost after a funding source from last year, the Generoso Pope Foundation, could not provide a grant this year.

"It is always difficult, but I think it is well worth it," added Klein. "I think it is important that people understand not just another language, but also another culture. I think that is what this program provides. It is not exclusively Italian-American, but any young



The Primavera Program teaches children the Italian language and culture, with funding provided through elected officials. File Photo

person who is interested in learning Italian and the culture that goes with it."

In the past, said Ziano, Councilman James Vacca was able to secure funding through Bronx Council on the Arts. And each year, Congressman Crowley provides the funding to pay for the start up costs, including books and supplies.

Primavera holds a holiday party and also a large graduation ceremony each year, Zaino added.

But, more importantly, the educator says it fills a void in the Throggs Neck, Country Club and Pelham Bay communities, where most elementary and middle schools do not offer a language other than Eng-

lish.

This simple fact puts local students at a disadvantage when they reach high school and they must learn a language, said Zaino. The program gives students opportunities they might not otherwise have, and this can help them when they get to high school.



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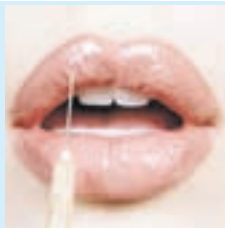
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Shoppers in big-box stores such as Home Depot have reportedly been conned by less-than-legit contractors.
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‘Contractors’ scheme consumers at DIY box stores

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A simple, but serious scenario, is playing out more and more often at local do-it-yourself box stores in the Bronx.

According to sources, Bronxites shopping at stores such as Home Depot and Walmart have been victimized by people claiming to be experienced contractors.

These ‘con contractors’ usually begin their scheme in a store’s parking lot, in a very friendly, harmless fashion - by offering to help customers carry their materials and supplies and help them load them into the vehicles.

Sometimes the customer is actually approached in the store. Once the customers are approached, the false contractors begin to the nosily check out the purchased supplies, claiming that they know exactly how to install or set up any project that the customers happens to be working on.

News flash - they say this to every customer they encounter.

After the so-called contractors convince customers to trust them with the job, they eventually perform a poor job.

So in an attempt to save money, the consumer is really paying double for the work because he now has to hire another contractor to redo the shoddy work the first guy did.

Although this scam mostly occurs in big-box stores, it effects mom-and-pop stores as well.

“It’s important to treat customers

and especially homeowners correctly, and these ‘contractors’ are doing just the opposite,” said Bob Bieder, owner of Westchester Square Plumbing Supply, which has been in business for over 90 years.

“As somebody who has a strong background in home improvement, it hurts to hear that it has been going on and I hate to see it taking place.”

On the contrary, some of the conned customers, although victims, may only have themselves to blame.

Reportedly, there have been instances of customers looking to save money by hiring one of these so-called contractors instead of a well-experienced but more expensive mechanic.

“When it comes to home improvement, some customers look to save \$500 here, \$1,000 there by hiring a false contractor - and they get what they pay for,” said Dave Flannery, owner of Flannery Home Center who has over 30 years of experience in home improvement.

“My advice concerning this situation is for customers to hire a real contractor - especially with a job costing \$5,000 or more. Depend on the old and reliable!”

Bieder had the same advice for customers.

“Plan ahead and hire a reasonable contractor - places such as Castle Hill Electrical Supply, New Eljam Products, Inc. and Pelham Bay Home Center are very reliable,” Bieder said.

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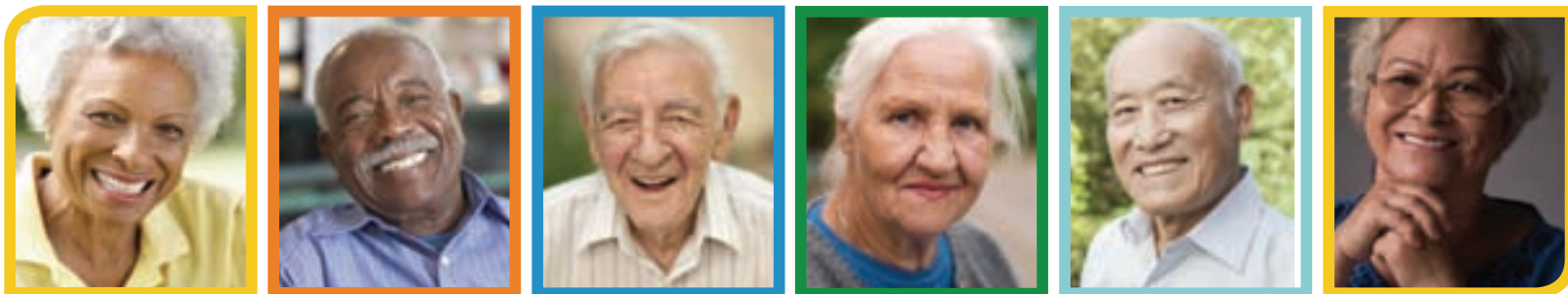
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New Hutch-Metro garage offers more parking options

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Another parking garage is being built within the largest office complex in New York City.

The west parking garage, currently being constructed on Bassett Avenue, just off Eastchester Road and just north of Calvary Hospital, will be the second parking garage within the fast-developing Hutchinson Metro Center upon its completion, which is expected in February or March of this year.

Already included with an abundance of parking spaces, the Hutchinson Metro Center Atrium will only continue to increase parking availability when this parking garage is built.

The garage will also make it more convenient for individuals who wish to be closer to their desired location in the western portion of the complex, as opposed to parking in the north garage - located on

the other side of Hutchinson Metro Center, away from the Atrium.

Already occupied with big name tenants such as LA Fitness and Applebees, among others, the 360,000-square foot Atrium contains just a portion of the Hutchinson Metro Center.

The total complex now boasts a 1.4 million-square foot, 42-acre complex, that includes Montefiore Medical Center and Mercy College, and has created over 8,000 jobs and sees 35,000 visitors daily.

"Once the construction of this garage is completed, it will meet tenants' and visitors' needs, as well as satisfy parking requirements," said Joe Kelleher, president of Simone Development. "It's always important to have an abundance of parking within a major office complex, and that is our mission regarding this garage as it was for the first garage that was built."

Having this second parking garage, which has been under construction for the previous 18 months, will eliminate any shortage of parking within the complex and will welcome future, potential customers and employees to the site.

This is especially true of Marriot Residence Inn, a 125-room residence inn that is expected to open in the first quarter of 2015.

The north garage, which was also completed by Simone Development six months ago, already offers parking for all on site, and even includes exclusive parking for LA Fitness.

However, the location of the north garage is not as convenient to the stores within the atrium as the partially completed west garage.

Now that a second garage is being developed on the other side of the complex, parking in the Hutchinson Metro Center will be more convenient



The west parking garage, located on Bassett Avenue, will be the second parking garage within Hutchinson Metro Center.

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than it's ever been, along with the center's convenience to the rest of the Bronx and neighboring boroughs.

"The proximity of this area to the Hutchinson River Parkway, Yankee Stadium, LaGuardia Airport and other landmarks throughout the city makes this complex a key attraction to many, and this parking garage will help attract even more people," said

Kelleher.

"Once the Metro North constructs a Morris Park station, which will be within walking distance of the center, commuters will be a 21-minute train ride from Penn Station.

"It is safe to say that this complex, along with this borough, is a growing economic development and a booming area on the rise," he concluded.



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“With our winter chamber music series we wanted to provide easily accessible, high-quality classical music to the community at an affordable price,” said Ellen Bruzelius, Executive Director of the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum. “The concerts are a wonderful way to spend an hour listening to baroque, classical, and romantic music of the 17th through 19th centuries, plus a few contemporary treats. It's a great introduction to the genre, as well as to the museum.”

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Classical Guitarist Jay Kauffman, Sunday, January 11, 4:30 p.m. Guitarist Jay Kauffman has performed to critical acclaim on stages from New York to San Francisco to Shanghai, and is a published composer whose works have been featured on National Public Radio. A graduate of Juilliard and the Cincinnati Conservatory Kaufman's program—the first of the series—includes Mozart, Villa-Lobos, Merlin, as well as some of his own compositions.

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nagerie—Valentine's Day Concert, Saturday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. The Musicians of the Crimson Menagerie, an ensemble specializing in instrumental 19th-century salon music, present an evening of romantic pieces by Mozart, Haydn, Boccherini, and Beethoven just in time for St. Valentine's Day.

Sunday, March 15, 4:30 p.m. To celebrate Women's History Month, we conclude the series with SIREN Baroque, an all-female ensemble performing Siren Songs—works by all-female 17th and 18th century composers.

The January 2015 calendar of events for the **Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library**, located on Barnes Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue, includes the following highlights:

* Winter with Bilingual Biridies: Spanish - Music, dancing, and games help children learn new vocabulary with their families. For infants, toddlers, and older children. Every Wednesday in January at 11 a.m.

* College Essay Writing Workshop - Education experts help teens write essays that will get them into college. For teens. Tuesday, January 6 at 3:30 p.m.

* “What Makes Me Happy, What Brings Me Joy” - Local author John Carl Martin reads from his books and does a related craft project. For children aged 3 and older. Wednesday, January 7 at 3:30 p.m.

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More information can be found at: <http://www.nypl.org/locations/pelham-parkway-van-nest>.

Rabbi Harry's Birthday Bash

Temple Hatikva, located at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South, is celebrating with Rabbi Harry on Friday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Cantor Kyle Cherry stated; “We invite the entire community to come out and celebrate Rabbi Harry's birthday with us. We want all of our friends, neighbors and congregants to make this a truly wonderful “simcha” that all of us will remember.”

Sabbath Services will begin at 7:30 p.m., followed by a awesome birthday party! There will be plenty to eat, drink and plenty of music. This is a free event and everyone in the community is welcome.

Temple Hatikva president Scott Da-

vis added: “It is great to have a reason to celebrate and rejoice. Come to Temple Hatikva and be a part of the best birthday party ever!”

The Adult Education program at Temple Hatikva will continue on Sunday, January 25 at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South. At 10 a.m., meet for a free breakfast and a discussion on this year's topic: “Everything You Want to Know About the Sabbath Prayerbook”. The Adult Education program is sponsored through the generosity of Shalom Jewish Funeral Home in Castle Hill.

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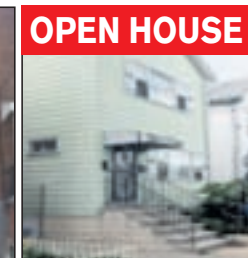
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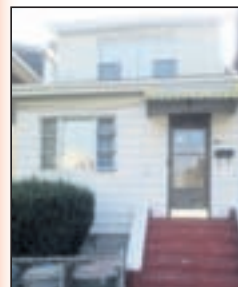


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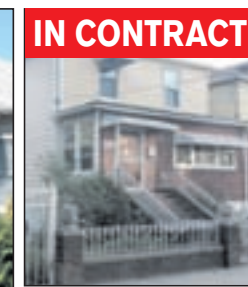
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Assemblyman Michael Benedetto held his annual New Year's Meet and Greet with constituents at the Alley Cat Cafe Traditional BBQ Smokehouse at 3604 E. Tremont Avenue. The event, on Sunday, January 4, included refreshments. The constituents got to discuss issues of concern with the assemblyman.



Enjoying the meet and greet are (back row, l-r) Ira Hershaft, Audrey Iszard, Francis Arico, Gloria Bowles, Ann Disero, (front row, l-r) Evelyn Turner, Assemblyman Benedetto, and Harold Melnichuk.
By Laura Stone

THROGGS NECK CHRISTMAS HOUSE

The Throggs Neck community had its very own 'Christmas House' on Swinton Avenue this year. Homeowners Albert and Millie Stone decorated their home with lights galore to spread holiday cheer throughout their community. The festive holiday extravaganza could be seen at 462 Swinton Avenue, near Dewey Avenue, during the Christmas season.



Albert and Millie Stone in front of the newest 'Christmas House' in the east Bronx.
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VACCA WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

Councilman James Vacca visited the 45th precinct to meet with their new officers on Tuesday, December 30 and welcome them to the neighborhood.



Councilman James Vacca met with the six new officers and Captain McGowen.
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BX POLS & P.S.5 CELEBRATE THREE KINGS DAY

Senator Rev. Rubén Díaz, along with Assemblymen Marcos Crespo, Luis Sepulveda and The New York Hispanic Clergy Organization celebrated the visit of the Three Kings to the Bronx on Saturday, January 3. They hosted a party with musica and entertainment for community kids at P.S. 5, who received a toy and a book bag with school supplies.



Geremia Gilian (center) with with Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Joseph Alejandro.
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Last week, members of the OLA Parenting Center generously donated Christmas gifts to the 14 women and 15 children residing at the Good Counsel Home, located on 1157 Fulton Avenue. The OLA Parenting Center also donated diapers, baby wipes and baby formula, continuing a holiday tradition that the center has carried on for over 20 years.



Women and children residents of the Good Counsel Home received Christmas gifts, generously donated by the OLA Parenting Center last week.

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One of the Kings give a gift to Dylan Ellington.

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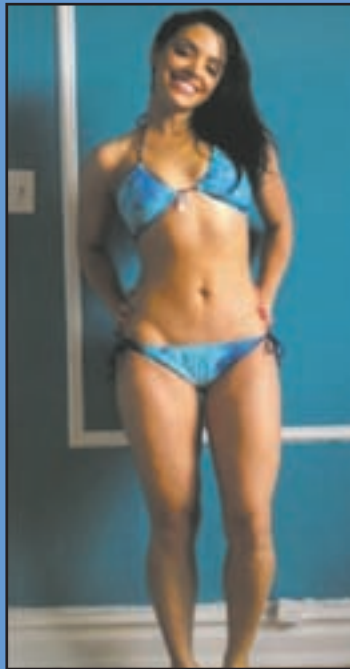
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Eileen Huntington Profiled In *Entrepreneur* Magazine's January 2015 Franchise 500 Issue

Huntington Learning Center announces its co-founder and CEO, Eileen Huntington, named by *Entrepreneur* magazine, as one of three "Women to Watch" in 2015.

The *Entrepreneur* profile documents Huntington Learning Center's rise to the top of the tutoring and test prep industry, and delves into Eileen's leadership style of "positivity and high expectations." Under Eileen's leadership, Huntington Learning Center has climbed ten spots on *Entrepreneur*'s annual Franchise 500 rankings due to the company's financial strength and stability, growth rate, system size, years in business and low start up costs. This is the eighth year ranked as a Franchise 500 company.

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Eileen and Ray Huntington opened the first Huntington Learning Center in 1977 when, as Eileen tells *Entrepreneur* "at the time, there was no real tutoring industry...there was no model to follow...what do we have to lose?" That grit and entrepreneurial spirit are the reasons why she is franchising's woman to watch.

Today, Eileen, Ray and the entire Huntington team lead the #1 producing tutoring franchise, producing 50% more in revenue than their closest competitor. Huntington's financial results are a direct result of student performance. In just three months, on average, Huntington's tutoring students increase 1/2 grade levels in reading and 1 grade level in math. On average, Huntington's test prep students increase 192 points on the SAT and 4.2 points on the ACT in just 21 1/2 months.

Huntington began franchising in 1985 and now has over 260 locations across the United States. In 2013, the company changed its franchise model to lower its initial franchise fees. Now, individuals looking to take control of their

lives and own their own business can become a franchisee for a total upfront investment of less than \$100K. Huntington offers financing options, great flexibility, with part-time start up, and tremendous training and support.

Huntington's mission is to give every student the best education possible. Eileen shares with *Entrepreneur*, "We're working with children. When a child calls up and says, 'I got on the honor roll for the first time,' you are just over the moon for that." This sums up what Huntington does; it changes lives and helps students achieve their academic goals.

Fittingly, *Entrepreneur* rated the "children's businesses" category as the fourth largest sector in its rankings. According to the magazine, "From companies that offer preschoolers a head start to tutoring services that help high-schoolers boost SAT scores, franchises are earning high marks by supplementing the traditional education system." Huntington has been named a Top 20 Children's Services and Education Franchise in *Opportunity World* magazine, an All Star Franchise by All Business, a Top 100 Franchise by the World Franchising Network and a Top 50 Franchise for Minorities by the National Minority Franchising Initiative. Huntington is nationally accredited by Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Read the full 2015 Franchise 500 ranking at Entrepreneur.com/franchise500/index.html.

About Huntington Learning Center

Huntington Learning Center is a tutoring and test prep leader with certified teachers providing individualized instruction in reading, phonics, writing, study skills, elementary and middle school math, Algebra through Calculus, Chemistry and other sciences. Huntington preps for the SAT and ACT, as well as state and standardized exams. The skills, confidence, and motivation developed by Huntington helps students succeed and meet the needs of Common Core State Standards. Founded in 1977, Huntington's mission is to give every student the best education possible. Learn how Huntington can help at Huntingtonhelps.com. For franchise opportunities please visit Huntingtonfranchise.com.

Elected officials make resolutions for 2015

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx Times asked some of our local representatives to name one issue that will be a priority for them in 2015, and tell us how they plan to address it in the coming year.

Here's what they said:

Senator Jeff Klein

"One key priority of mine is to create good paying jobs," said Klein.

He will do that by continuing his Bronx HIRE program, which matches Bronxites, including veterans and victims of domestic violence, with employers.

He also plans to introduce a 'New Deal for New York' program to the legislature, which would create jobs through infrastructure improvements.

Senator Gustavo Rivera

"There are many issues that will be a priority for our community in 2015, but preserving and expanding rent-regulation laws will be critical for me and the residents I represent. The 33rd Senate District is home to more than 68,000 rent-regulated units, making it one of the areas with the highest concentration of rent-regulated apartments in New York City.

If we do not renew and expand these laws, the Bronxites that rent these apartments will be in danger of being priced out of their homes, further exacerbating our housing crisis. I have been working with fellow elected officials and advocacy organizations to fight against policies in the legislature, like vacancy decontrol, that put our affordable housing stock at risk."

Assemblyman Mike Benedetto

"My number one priority in the 2015 year will be to help make the lives of our military veterans better here in New York State. Those that have served and put their lives on the line for our country must be treated well upon their return to civilian life.

The main bill that I am working on would create 'Veteran Villages' (which would be established in unused and refurbished state buildings and use economic development funds to support their development and operation) to help recently discharged military personnel to rejoin society and deal with many of the problems that they face, such as, job training and interview skills, mental health issues and homelessness."

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj

"My main issue is economic growth and job recreation. It is the single most important necessity for a family to survive.

I plan to address this issue by helping to create a better environment for economic growth by working with small businesses to create an environment that would allow them to flourish and bring growth that will lead to hiring local residents."

Assemblyman Luis Sepúlveda

"Looking forward to the 2015 legisla-

tive session I hope to make progress in reforming our criminal justice system as well as increasing funding for education in New York.

I will continue to work on passing a number of bills with my colleagues in Albany to strengthen relationships between communities and members of the police department. I will also work on ensuring a sufficient amount is allocated to education during budget negotiations."

Councilman James Vacca

"In 2015, I want to focus on getting middle class New Yorkers more tax relief. Given that the city is experiencing a budget surplus and real estate assessments are expected to rise, there is an opportunity to help the bottom-line of families across the five boroughs, especially in the Bronx.

We can seize the opportunity to help homeowners and renters by first developing legislation to bring back the \$400 property tax rebate that had been in place in previous years.

Secondly, I will advocate for an increase in the qualifying income for the Senior Citizen Homeowner's Exemption and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption programs, so that these important abatements can be made available to more households."

Councilman Ritchie Torres

"Creating and preserving affordable housing will be a top priority in 2015. Affordable, livable housing is a crucial component to creating a safe, healthy, and vibrant city.

"But we're facing a housing crisis: public housing, the most effective homelessness prevention program we have, is in disrepair due to years of disinvestment at every level of government; the city's affordable housing stock is dwindling; and residents across the city struggle to hold negligent landlords accountable.

"This year, I will fight hard for reinvestment in public housing, I will advocate for stronger housing code enforcement policies, and I will support the rights of tenants to organize for better, more livable housing conditions."

Councilman Andy King

"Community engagement is one of my top priorities in 2015. It's important for families and organizations to become actively involved in decisions that affect our communities.

"Taking the community empowerment approach, based on a 12-point plan which I will discuss on January 25 at my State of the District Address, community development values will be put into action by involving residents in my district in the issues that affect their lives based on education, housing, employment, citizenship, affection, respect and brotherly and sisterly love. Let's unite our community. And remember, 'People pay attention to people who participate.'"

Community leaders offer their 2015 wish list

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community leaders have a long wish-list for what they would like to see in their neighborhoods and community boards for the new year.

From Co-op City to Ferry Point, and Morris Park to City Island, there are a plethora of issues ranging from building infrastructure to communicating with government agencies that local leaders want to deal with.

Martin Prince: Community Board 10 chairman and Co-op City resident

Prince said that he hopes in the coming year that CB 10 and city agencies, in particular the Department of Homeless Services and Department of City Planning, could have better communication and collaboration with the board.

"I would like to look for the future growth of my board and the Bronx itself," he said "And you cannot do that without coordination."

In Co-op City, he will look to assess the impact of the opening of the Mall at Bay Plaza in terms of traffic, but he added that so far, the impact in Sec-

tion 5 has not appeared to have been as significant as once thought.

Tony Vitaliano: Community Board 11 chairman, from Pelham Gardens

Vitaliano said much the same thing that Martin Prince said when asked about his wishes for the community and CB 11 for 2015. He hoped that he could help ensure that either the proper city commissioners or elected offices address community concerns as they arise.

"Various issues come up throughout the year, and hopefully after we document our case, we are able to make a positive impact at the community board level," he said.

Tony Signorile: president of the Morris Park Community Association

Let's help and support our police, said Signorile.

"I would like to see peace, tranquility, and people trying to get along with everyone," he said. "Support the police department. They are our heart and soul. Just like soldiers, they are on our front lines trying to protect us. And they do



One community leader, when asked about what she would like to see happen in her neighborhood in 2015, said she would like to see this stretch of Brush Avenue in Ferry Point with better paving.

Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

need support from the entire community."

Lisa Sorin: Westchester Square Business Improvement District director

"For Westchester Square, I would love to see a boost in the quality or mix of retail stores," she said, adding that this is especially true in the areas of women's and children's clothing.

"I find that Morris Park needs to market itself better,"

she said, adding she feels it needs to get back a smaller, suburban feeling, and wants to bring back the 'Morris Park' name. She added that the Morris Park community has many good restaurants.

John Doyle: board member of both the City Island Civic Association and the 45th Precinct Community Council

Doyle said his community wish for 2015 is "that the 45th

Precinct Council achieves 501(c)(3) non profit status so we can direct funds to crime prevention efforts in all the communities the council serves."

Dotti Poggi: Ferry Point and environmental activist

Poggi would like to see better a roadway, asphalt over a concrete base, in front of residential homes on Brush Avenue in Ferry Point, along with better street drainage.

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Velocity Track participates in Colgate Women's Games

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Week 2 at the Colgate Women's Game was just as good or better as Week 1 ending 2014.

In Week 1, Velocity Track Club had 3 girls earn medals and in Week 2, we had four girls earn medals.

As the competition got harder, we were able to have Nariah Mathis medal in the middle school 55 meter dash, Dominick Jackson medal in the high school 200 meter dash, Pearl Webster in the high school shot put and River Sampson to elementary 55 meter dash.

Plus our elementary girls may not have medal or earn points, but they improved so much in the last 3½ months, it put a smile on their parents' faces and mine.

Aysya Allen, Allyson Wright, Lauren Murrell and Desiree King all performed well and are showing good improvement from the work they are doing. You will be reading a lot about all of these young ladies.

While the girls were participating in the Colgate Women's Games, the boys were at the lovely YMCA Brooklyn Armory.

The competition was fierce with a limited amount of sprint events.

They had the 200 meters, 800 meters, 1500 meters, 3000 meters, 4 x 200 meter relay, long jump and high jump.

Most of New York top boys athletes participated and a lot of girls too.

Medals were given to the top five athletes in the event/division and gender.

In the 9 & 10 Boys Division, Dontae Lindo won a silver medal in the 200 meters race and won the gold medal in the 1500 meter race.

Julian Caldwell showed interest in long jump and took the silver medal and his team mate Christopher Ruiz, who is multi-talented, won a bronze medal.

In the 15 & 16 Boys Division, Darius Gordon muscled out a bronze medal in the long jump. Good job to all. Just practicing hard and competing makes all of you winners.

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Velocity Track girls who participated in the Colgate Women's Games.



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NYBG Flora Illustrata

Through January 19, a visually stunning, colorful display of books, manuscripts, maps, private letters, and art works will mark the publication of the new book, *Flora Illustrata: Great Works from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library of The New York Botanical Garden* in the Mertz Library's 6th floor Rondina and LoFaro Gallery. The library is located at The New York Botanical Garden at 2900 Southern Boulevard..

The book *Flora Illustrata* edited by Susan M. Fraser and Vanessa Bezemer Sellers (The New York Botanical Garden/Yale University Press, November 2014; \$50.00 hardcover) explores the Mertz Library's extraordinary collections which include some of the most important botanical and horticultural works ever created. The exhibition, also called *Flora Illustrata*, will allow visitors to see an impressive selection of

these works, some on view for the first time.

Among the more than 50 books and objects in the exhibition will be an edition of Carolus Linnaeus' *Systema Naturae*, representing the defining moment in botanical history when the eminent Swedish botanist introduced his new, simplified classification system that ushered in the modern era for the plant sciences.

Other memorable works include:

- Denis Dodart's *Recueil des plantes*, the first project of the Académie des Sciences commissioned in 1667 by Louis XIV, illustrated by the miniature painter Nicolas Robert and intended as royal gifts;

- the highly inventive *Herbarium vivum* with surprisingly life-like images that are the result of nature prints, published by Johann Kniphof, an 18th-century German botanist;

- The magnificent *Temple of Flora*, the production cost of which resulted in the financial ruin of its author, Robert Thornton; and

- *La Théorie et la pratique du jardinage*, published in 1709 in Paris, the first do-it-yourself garden book, offering models for gardens in French classical style, which might still prove useful today.

Of the numerous Floras displayed, three 19th-century masterpieces stand out, namely:

- John Sibthorp's *Flora Graeca*, a celebrated survey of the flowers of ancient Greece;

- Aimé Bonpland's *Description des plantes rares*, exquisitely illustrated by Pierre-Joseph Redouté; and

- *Flora Brasiliensis*, the culmination of two centuries of plant collecting in Brazil.

The exhibition also includes a series of engravings depicting grand Baroque lay-

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Flora Illustrata: Great Works from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library of The New York Botanical Garden in the Mertz Library.

outs, pastoral scenes in English estates, and picturesque designs for The New York Botanical Garden.

Both the book and the exhibition are meant to raise awareness of the continued availability of the Mertz Li-

brary as a key resource for the study of the plant world, which has played a central role in the arts, sciences, and humanities throughout history.

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This is the first of an extensive two-year production of ten exhibitions that will run through 2016, collectively called Food Systems, Surroundings & Sensibilities.

The Food Design Show addresses the content, or "container," of our sensory experiences and the act of food consumption through the eyes of artists.

The exhibit seeks to break the boundaries of past limitations of how food is thought of (its culinary science) by addressing it through the lens of the visual arts and curatorial practice.

Here, food is designed as molecular gastronomy, artifact and bio-sensory experience.

The exhibition will run through January 31, and will be accompanied by the following special events.

Opening Reception, Friday, January 9, 6 to 9 p.m.

Free M(y)Crobe Workshop with Stefani Bardin and Dr. Toby Heys,

January 12, 5-6:30pm

Lecture by Brett Littman, Executive Director at The Drawing Center, on Ferran Adrià, Notes on Creativity, January 22, 7 to 8 p.m.

Curated by Karine Duteil, the exhibition will feature the work of Master Chef

Ferran Adrià (curated by Brett Littman, Executive Director of The Drawing Center); Emilie Baltz; The Cotard Syndicate (Dr. Siddharth Ramakrishnan, Stefani Bardin, Dr. Toby Heys + engineer Eric Rosenthal); and visual artist Maggie Nelson.

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Upcoming **Wave Hill** events:

Saturday, January 17; Sunday, January 18: Family Art Project: Freedom Quilts: In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, we explore symbols of peace related to nature.

Discover some of the techniques used in African American quilts, and then make your own tapestry design, using cloth, yarn and felt to embellish your own personal dream of freedom.

Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Saturday, January 17: Tai Chi Chuan:

In this hour-long class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits. Sessions are held indoors in winter.

Saturday, January 17: Behind-The-Scenes Greenhouse Tour: Venture through closed doors for a behind-the-scenes tour of Wave Hill's horticulture facilities.

Peek inside the potting shed, preview the South African bulbs getting ready for their dazzling Palm House debut and chat with a Wave Hill gardener to learn first-hand about their plans for the 2015 gardening season.

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Sunday, January 18: Hatha Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss Director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors, and last for an hour and a quarter.

Sunday, January 18: Meditation: Led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors. Sessions are held indoors. All levels welcome.

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Learn how Winter Workspace artist Fay Ku uses this style in her artwork and then explore introductory Gongbi techniques in the studio.

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Sunday, January 18: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

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Union Reformed Church, 1888

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Nick DiBrino and I stopped to look more closely at a marvelous old Romanesque-style stone church in Highbridge in late November. It looked so stoic and majestic with its arched stained glass windows and the circular turret, called a tourelle, connecting the church to the much taller bell tower. It was locked up when we visited but we vowed to get back and try to get a look at the inside.

We did get back there on December 3rd while in the neighborhood with Tom Casey and the three of us took a number of photographs but the gates were locked once again. I've since found out that they hold a service there on Sundays at 10 a.m.

The old house of worship was renamed the Highbridge Community Church on January 1, 2006 and it is an offshoot of the Fordham Manor Church. Before that it was called the Union Reformed Church of Highbridge. It is located at 1272 Ogden Avenue below West 169th Street and was designed by architect Alfred E. Barlow. Construction began in December of 1887 by

builder DeWitt Clinton Weeks & Son and it was completed and officially dedicated on December 6, 1888 by the pastor, Reverend Daniel Hoffman Martin, with a host of clergymen present including Reverend Dr. T. W. Chambers who read the prayer of dedication. Among the other clergymen present were those representing the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, and the Reformed churches. The Tiffany stained glass rose window over the altar was added in 1889. The church is one of the most significant structures in the borough and was declared a landmark this past November.

The church was built for \$18,000 and the gneiss façade is highlighted by the red sandstone trim. The steep pitch of the roof is characteristic of the era of its construction. The cornerstone dated 1888 can be found at the base of the bell tower which houses the 1866

bell from the original wooden chapel that was moved further east in 1887 to allow for the construction of the current church building which is accessed through the south side of the bell tower. There is, of course, another entrance to the church on the north side of the building.

The bluestone steps to the entranceway appear original and add something to the overall effect of the structure. It is a grand old building and a remnant of the past and it would be difficult to find a similar example of the architecture anywhere else in the Bronx. It's well worth a visit.

(Right) I took this photograph of the Highbridge Community Church on December 3. It is located at 1272 Ogden Avenue below West 169th Street and was built between 1887 and 1888 by DeWitt Clinton Weeks & Son in the Romanesque style.



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Hispanic Heritage Foundation honors students

The Bronx High School of Science senior, Sophia Kioulaphides, received a gold award from The Hispanic Heritage Foundation. She was one of 21 award recipients at the New York regional Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards ceremony on Dec. 16. As the

gold medalist in the engineering and mathematics category, sponsored by ExxonMobil, Kioulaphides was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to support her plans to pursue a degree in engineering.



(L-r) Jennefer Montaleza, Benjamin N. Cardozo High School; Dominick Peluso, Ramapo Senior High School; Sophia Kioulaphides, The Bronx High School of Science; and Santiago Melli-Huber, Hispanic Heritage Foundation; at the New York Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards.

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(L-r) Roberto, Minaya and Samuel.

St. Ray's completes MSG Classroom

St. Raymond High School for Boys continues to create great opportunities for their students. The latest accomplishment is from its seniors Christian Minaya, Samuel Montes and Roberto Rivera who just completed the MSG Classroom, which is an innovative eight-week after school program sponsored by The Madison Square Garden Company in partnership with the Garden of Dreams Foundation and the Children's Aid Society.

MSG classroom teaches the skills that are needed for careers in television. Over the eight-week program St. Ray students and seven other high school students worked with various departments from MSG Networks. MSG volunteers from the production, promotions, marketing, sales and public relation departments provided practical experience on what is involved in producing a television program. They focused on taping the New York Knicks

and the New York Rangers.

The program culminated with the students applying the skills they learned to produce a sports news program called, "Slap Shot". Christian M. had the opportunity of a lifetime to be able to experience real life experience behind the scenes in the control room.

Christian had the opportunity to be the Technical Director who called different camera angles and shots to be broadcasted live on TV. At the conclusion of the program, the sports news program developed by the students titled Slap Shot, was screened in a private presentation to MSG Network executives and their friends and families.

After this experience, Christian, Samuel and Roberto said, "It was one of a kind experience. This is what we want to do for our future careers. We loved it."

Preston art competition

The Preston High School Admissions Office hosted their annual Art Competition and Exhibition for 7th grade students on Wednesday, December 3. Themed "Winter Wonderland", the event recognized the work of 25 young women representing 7 area elementary and junior high schools. During the reception, the winners of the competition were announced as follows:

1st place: "Home Sweet Home" - Jolee Caro, St Margaret of Cortona School; 2nd place: "Winter Woods" Samantha Cruz, Our Lady of Assumption School; 3rd place: "On a Snowy Day" Leilany Perez, Van Nest Academy; Best use of color: "Snowflake Galaxy" Cedris Foster, Holy Rosary

School; Honorable Mentions: "Frost" - Dallas Dent, Van Nest Academy and "Winter's Apprentice" - Rianne Phillips, St. Theresa School.

"Each year we look forward to this special event as it provides a great opportunity for the rising young women of the Bronx to share their talent with the Preston Community," said Cristina Fragale, director of Admissions for Preston High School.

Preston High School is a private, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls located in Throggs Neck For more information about Preston High School, contact Gianna Dell'Olio at gdellolio@prestonhs.org or (718) 863-9134, ext. 195.



Winners of the Art Show displaying their work.

Photo courtesy of Preston High School

Cardinal Spellman Graduate Signs with NFL



Christopher Manhertz, Spellman class of 2010, has signed with the Buffalo Bills. As a stand-out athlete at Spellman, Chris won the Athlete of the Year Award his senior year. He then went on to attend Canisius College on an athletic scholarship where he excelled in the classroom and on the basketball court. He graduated with a degree in Health and Wellness and a master's degree in Sports Administration. Everyone at Cardinal Spellman is extremely proud of Chris and wishes him much success in the NFL. Chris relayed by email that he looks forward to visiting Spellman when his schedule allows and he thanks everyone, "the support is overwhelming."

Notably, Samson Brown, Spellman class of 1998, is currently the Assistant Defensive Backs Coach for the Buffalo Bills. They have yet to meet each other in person, but look forward to igniting the Spellman connection.



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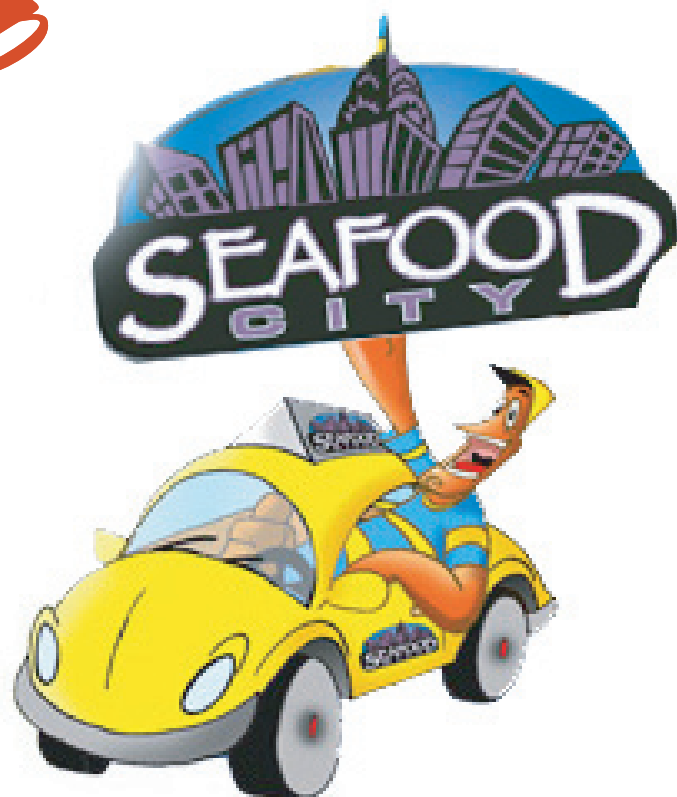
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Mario: A passionate liberal with a capital 'I' by Tom Allon



TOM ALLON

New York lost one of its native-born jewels recently: Mario Cuomo, a larger-than-life leader whose words inspired a nation and spoke truth to power, has passed. And with him goes an era of passionate liberalism, a credo he embraced while others ran from it.

Three decades ago Mario Cuomo spoke about a “tale of two cities” in America, lashing out at the trickle down economics and social Darwinism of the Ronald Reagan era, when this country began its slide towards the gilded era of today. Many lauded his eloquence and his passion, but few heeded his warnings that too many Americans were being left behind and that President Reagan’s “shining city on the hill” only applied to the upper class.

Mario Cuomo was ahead of the curve and his social analysis was prophetic. His thunderous speech at the Democratic convention in 1984 could have catapulted him to the White House in the same way that Barack Obama’s inspiring words

did just 24 years later.

His left-of-center leanings—including his principled stance against the death penalty and his belief in robust social programs—branded him a liberal, at a time when that philosophy had not yet been neutered by people who preferred to refer to themselves as progressives. Cuomo was endorsed in every one of his campaigns by New York State’s Liberal Party and, in return, he was one of its most popular stalwarts.

Mario Cuomo’s impressive career in public service defined New York State in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, when he gave voice to the voiceless, spoke for the dispossessed, and believed in a government that could provide a hand up for those left behind. He was a proud Liberal, and carried the banner of that once-powerful party for more than a decade.

Cuomo was dubbed “Hamlet on the Hudson” because many believed he would see eight sides to each issue and engage in an interior monologue about each that made his decision-making worthy of trea-

tises, not twitter. His scholarly speeches and style of governing made him more of a man of the cloth or an academic, not a rapid-fire straight talker like his nemesis downstate in Gracie Mansion—Edward I. Koch, of whom many said the middle initial was more pronoun than abbreviation.

Cuomo was a complex but pragmatic man who could at once be the leading voice against the death penalty but then go on to build many new prisons in upstate New York. He could prune the New York State budget in a lean economy but still speak eloquently for the need to do more to help our under class. He was a pious Catholic, but he famously defended a women’s right to choose.

Cuomo once said rather poignantly: “In politics, we campaign in poetry and govern in prose.” This statement is true for many politicians, most recently our current president Barack Obama, whose 2008 campaign rhetoric inspired a nation while his next six years of governing lulled many into

a less exalted state.

But much of politics and leadership is about inspiration, moving society to heed its better angels and about articulating a moral map during an era that sorely needs ethical representation. Mario Cuomo was of politician from a bygone era: a child of immigrants who through the sheer force of his intellect and his oratorical skills stood at the precipice of the highest office in the land. He talked about lifting the weak and the poor and he never wavered from his core principles.

May we see more of his ilk in the coming years and may his words of wisdom from the

1984 Democratic convention inspire all of us to end our nation’s “tale of two cities.”

How ironic it is that when his son Andrew made his first foray into elective politics in 2002, his incomplete campaign resulted in the Liberal Party losing its ballot status after more than six decades.

Wouldn’t it be a great tribute to his father’s brand of liberalism if Andrew became its standard bearer in the next decade?

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was the Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

This past fall and winter have not been as cold or snowy as they could have been. But the real chill that has beset some of us is not the chill that comes from a cold wintery day. No, the chill that confronts us is the bitter chilling news that one more of our respected leaders, a leader of high moral integrity has passed away.

On New Year’s Day, as his son Andrew was taking his oath of office as governor, Governor Mario Cuomo completed his journey upon this earth. He was 82.

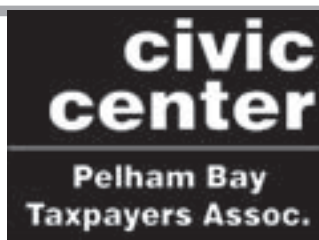
I believe that if I could ask him what during his life time has been his greatest achievement. He would answer: “That’s an easy one. My family is my greatest

achievement”.

Mario Cuomo was a very committed husband, dad and grandfather. He, like many Italian parents, would always be concerned about the welfare of his family first and above all else. But his concern did not start and end with his immediate family. No, he had great concern for all who were in need. It was as if all New Yorkers and their welfare were always of importance to him. For Mario Cuomo we New Yorkers were his extended family.

He cared about all of us. Republican, Democrats and non-voters, we were all his and he cared.

On behalf of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers, I wish to share the following statement issued by the Colum-



bus Citizens Foundation on the passing of Governor Mario Cuomo as it appeared on their web site:

“The Columbus Citizens Foundation is deeply saddened by the passing of former Governor Mario M. Cuomo. The governor was an extraordinary Italian American and a powerful voice for the community he served as well as the American people. He was not only a major force in the political arena but a true representative of integrity, respectability and

exemplified sheer brilliance, compassion and an ability to communicate with all people.

“The governor was an accomplished son of Italian immigrants, raised from humble beginnings in a family owned store in South Jamaica, Queens, who rose to prominence through education and his convictions. He would pursue his studies in law; achieving the better life every family wishes for their child, to eventually become a champion of his community and a politician for the people”.

On behalf of the board of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers and the Pelham Bay community, I wish to extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Mario (Matilda) Cuomo, Gov.

Andrew Cuomo and the entire Cuomo family especially the governor’s grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Mario Cuomo, our governor, may you rest in peace!

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association does not meet during the months of January and December. Please keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for special announcements.

Please note our new mailing address. Please mail your membership dues of \$10 to Maryann Maiorana, attention Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association, 1720 Mayflower Avenue, apt. 9H, Bronx, NY. 10461. Please feel free to come to our meetings. Our meetings are open to all!

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation H.B. Heating Controls LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on October 10, 2014. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 647 St. Lawrence Avenue, Apt 2, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 113 ROD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 733 Grand St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2279 ROD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 733 Grand St., Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 3463 Juices for Life, LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on September 12, 2014. NY Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 3463 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of TRINITY PARK AVE MIXED USE MT LLC
Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/14. Office location: Bronx County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/24/14. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Fruit Market of Kings, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State New York on December 4, 2014. Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 31-26 Perry Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gladys Quinones LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 11/10/2014. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O Gladelyn Quinones, 810 E 152nd St Apt 416, Bronx NY 10455. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: (Sapor General Services LLC) Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (11/18/2014). Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, (Sapor General Services LLC), (2404 Barnes Avenue Bronx, NY 10467). Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Research, Analysis and Development in Education Associates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Ms. Mabel Payne, 150 Dreiser Loop, #12E, Bronx, NY 10475. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Rising Development – 45 Main, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 945 Summit Ave., Bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice is hereby given that a license number 1281551 for liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at a Restaurant Wine under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 216 E 170th Street, Bronx, NY 10456 for on premises consumption.
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court - Probate and Family Court Department SUFFOLK Division
Docket No. SU13D0917DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Claribel Virtude Colon vs. Edgardo Luis Colon Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 To the Defendant: Edgardo Luis Colon The Plaintiff has filed a complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage under G.L.c 208, Sec 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jeffrey B. Rubin, Esq. Rubin Pomerleau, P.C. One Center Plaza, Suite 230, Boston, MA 02108, your answer, if any, on or before 01/22/2015. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness. Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court November 7, 2014
Ann Marie Passanisi, Register of Probate Court

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff, against WILLIS MOORE, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/22/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 01/26/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 738 EAST 234TH STREET, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4997, LOT: 83. Approximate amount of judgment \$635,211.68 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380431/09. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1123765

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER FOR DOWNEY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, F.A.; Plaintiff(s)
vs. ISBEL GONZALEZ; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, NY 12524 (845) 897-1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 19, 2012, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse in Room 600 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY 10451.

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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 as Lot No. 438 on a certain map entitled "Map of Minnieford Park, property of City Island Homes, Inc." surveyed by George C. Hollerith, 176 Broadway, New York City, and filed in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx, New York as Map No. 115.
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.
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INDEX NO. 382131/09
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-3, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff, against SEAN IBITOYE, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/30/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 01/26/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1069 INTERVAL AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10459 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 2700, LOT: 151. Approximate amount of judgment \$666,178.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381354/10. Henry Max Adler, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1123539

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Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1283054, has been applied for by Alge & Deluca LLC, to sell liquor, wine and beer at retail in a bar under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 357 East 204th Street, Bronx, NY 10467 for on-premises consumption.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1283167 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a restaurant bar under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3648 Bailey Ave., Bronx, NY 10463 for on-premises consumption;
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF BEAR STERNS HOME LOAN OWNER TRUST 2001-A, Pltf. vs. BEATRICE SHAFIDIYA, et al, Defts. Index #35254/13. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 10, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 1801 McGraw Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3881, Lot 8. Said property located at the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of McGraw Ave. 60 ft. wide and the Easterly side of Beach Ave. 60 ft. wide; Running thence Easterly along the Northerly side of McGraw Ave. 03 ft. to a point; Thence Northerly at right angles to the Northerly side of McGraw Ave. 100 ft.; Thence Westerly at right angles to last mentioned course a distance of 29.44 ft. to the Easterly side of Beach Ave.; Thence Southerly along the Easterly side of Beach Ave. 6.74 ft. to a point; Thence continuing along the Easterly side of Beach Ave. 93.27 ft. to the corner, the point or place of beginning. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$37,915.02 plus costs and interest. Said sale shall be subject to a First Mortgage held by M&T Mortgage Corporation, dated Jan. 27, 2000 in the original principal balance of \$215,050.00 an recorded on Mar. 29, 2000 in Reel 1758, Page 470 together with accrued interest, taxes and advances. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. CESAR A. FERNANDEZ, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Mineola, NY. #85343

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

On behalf of Commander Mike and staff we wish everyone a Happy New Year filled with prosperity and good health! We have a lot of great projects coming up and we hope you will get on board and join in with an active post helping veterans and the community.

We'll start out the new year with our 3rd Sunday meeting on Sunday, January 18 at the Turner Club at 748 Clarence Avenue. There is additional parking available in their lot around the corner at Philip Avenue. As usual it's 10:30 a.m. for coffee, 11 a.m. meeting and at noon,

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some complimentary chow and cash bar.

We are looking into the Legion tradition of the Mass of the Four Chaplins, popular in other areas, to be started in our area. Date and location to be announced.

Until next time: More info next time, see you around the computer. Did you break any New Year Resolutions yet?

BY LYNN GERBINO

Happy New Year to all of our members and all Throggs Neckers! Our executive board wishes everyone health and happiness in the new year!

It is time to collect our dues for 2015. Please send a check for \$15 to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465. Thanks! If you mail it in now, we will be able to save on postage.

The NYC Parks Department is sponsoring a Shape Up NYC low impact exercise class for community members 50 and up at I.S. 192 on Hollywood Avenue on Saturdays starting Saturday, January 10 from 11 a.m. to noon. The classes are free and you do not have to register...just show up and sign in!

Myself and a few other board members were privileged to represent you at the Candlelight Ceremony honor-

Christmas tree recycling

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia announced that the DSNY will begin its annual Christmas tree curbside collection and recycling program on Monday, January 5. The program will run through Friday, January 16.

City residents should remove all tree stands, tinsel, lights, and ornaments from trees before they are put out at for curbside collection. Clean, non-bagged Christmas trees that are left on the

curb between Monday, January 5 and Friday, January 16, 2015 will be collected, chipped, and made into compost. The compost will be processed and subsequently spread upon parks, ball fields, and community gardens throughout the city.

The Department of Parks & Recreation will be hosting Mulchfest 2015 on Saturday and Sunday, January 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at sites throughout the city. To find citywide locations, visit

the Parks & Recreation website at www.nyc.gov/parks. The event allows New Yorkers to drop off their Christmas trees at designated parks for mulching and event attendees can pick up free mulch at some selected locations. All lights, ornaments, decorations and netting must be removed from trees prior to drop-off.

For more information visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation or www.nyc.gov/parks or call 311.

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ing detectives Liu and Ramos last week. It was a beautiful ceremony that brought us together as a community. We love the NYPD and thank them for

the hard job they do! Thanks to all who put the ceremony together.

At one of our meetings last year, we were privileged to have the training simulator brought to our meeting from Rodman's Neck so our members could use it and see how the police are trained. You had to decide in a split second whether to shoot the assailants or hold steady. I would have been killed as a man with a ma-

chete was after me and he had a baby in his arms and I failed to shoot. The decision not to shoot would have caused my demise. This simulator showed how split second decisions have to be made and they are not easy. We support our police and all of the work they do to keep us safe!

Our next meeting will not be held until March, but if you need us, call us at (718) 823-0327.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

In the last few weeks, I have met a number of people at various community events, at the local store, etc, who have taken the time to mention to me how much they enjoy my column. I want to thank everyone of you for continuing to encourage me. It's so nice when people 'get' me.

My sister in law, for example. I mentioned in my last column that we were spending Christmas eve with my brother and his wife and that since she was Swiss, we would not be enjoying the traditional Italian 'Seven Fishes' dinner. That's not to say it's not a wonderful meal, she always makes a beautiful prime rib and her glazed carrots are delicious.

After dinner, we all pitched in to clear the table, load the dishwasher, etc. I made a comment that the bone from the prime rib would be great for stock. When we got home, the bone was in my bag of leftovers. See, she gets me.

That very same bone got thawed out last night and is sitting in a pot on my stove with a mixed bean blend. It will cook for a few hours and when I get dinner ready tonight, I will use the beans in a Beef Barley and Bean Soup. I'll use the last of my beef stock

from May 2014, so perhaps tomorrow or the next day, I'll throw the bone in with the other 2 bags of assorted beef and pork bones currently in my freezer and make a new batch of beef stock.

We've been trying really hard to utilize the items in our pantry, which is why I'm attempting the use of barley. We're unapologetic carnivores, buying grass fed meat and dairy directly from the people who raise the food is certainly more expensive than conventional grocery store meat. It's difficult to promote the idea of spending more money on your groceries and it is definitely something I have often been asked by people. Spending more money on these products and not having it be a huge burden on your food budget requires some sacrifice and planning.

For example, in exchange for spending more money on our groceries, we don't spend money on things like soda, bottled water, juice and energy drinks. We purchase less expensive cuts of meat. We eat smaller portions of the more expensive cuts when we want a treat. We utilize the meat and the bones as much as possible, eliminating as much waste as we can. Menu planning and a well stocked

food for thought

pantry are essential.

I love to buy pork neck and braise it with stock and pureed tomatoes. Once it's cooked and the meat is falling off the bone, I take the meat out of the sauce.

When the bone is cooled enough to handle, I pick all the meat off and add it back to the sauce, creating a Pork Neck Ragu that I like to serve over polenta. The bone goes into the bag in my freezer for beef and pork bones and eventually becomes stock.

Eye round steaks are 3 or 4 ounce steaks that look like a filet mignon but are less expensive. The steaks are over an inch thick and we like to grill them up outside or inside with a cast iron fry pan. A little salt and pepper to season and they are delicious...if you plan ahead.

The problem most people have with conventional beef and therefore can overcook pretty quickly. You have got to tenderize the meat before you eat it and the way we

were told (by a friend who is raising grass fed cattle in Vermont), is to take the frozen shrink wrapped steaks out of the freezer, wrap the package in a dishtowel and put it in the refrigerator to slowly thaw and wet age for a week before you cook it. You should also make sure the meat is at room temperature before you cook it, so take it out an hour before dinner. Would I do this with conventional grocery store meat? No, I would not. The meat we get from Lewis Waite Farm comes frozen and shrink wrapped, making it perfect for this method.

Last weekend, I took a frozen smoked ham steak out. Not the typical 1/4" bright pink slice you see in the grocery stores, these ham steaks are almost an inch thick with a smokey brown edge of fat encircling a piece of pork that is so much more delicious. I never liked ham steaks, my dad did and I remember my mom cooking those things up on a Sunday morning for him. Instead of salty pink meat, these ham steaks are complex, porky goodness with smoke and saltiness. But they are huge, usually a slab about 12" x 8". We made at least four meals from pieces of that ham steak.

We chopped up a piece and added it with some syrup and added it to a Green Pea Soup. I did the same thing and added it to some peppers I stuffed with potato, fried corn and cheese. We grilled two sections and had it for breakfast one morning with a fried egg. I ate the marrow from the bone in the center of the steak, spread it on a piece of toast one morning. The big ring of fat was added to the bag of pork fat in my freezer, perfect for rendering or for adding to a homemade sausage.

So in answer to those who wonder how to incorporate more expensive meat and

dairy into your diet, I say it takes work. Joining a CSA takes work. You have to set aside time every weekend to process whatever vegetables you still have left before the next delivery or you take the chance of wasting food. But it is so worth it.

My hope is that in 2015, I can help inspire you to spend a little more time thinking and planning and making changes so that you can eat more delicious food. Life is too short to eat food that comes out of a box or through a drive thru window.

Be the change you want to see in the world.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s)
vs. MARIE E.C. ANYANECHI; 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 19, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On February 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 1821 ANDREWS AVE, BRONX, NY 10453
Block: 2879 Lot: 308

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

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$476,123.91 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380164/12
DINORAH FIGUEROA, ESQ., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s)

vs. MILEDY GONZALEZ VASQUEZ A/K/A MILEDY ESPINAL; MARCELINO A PEREZ; 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 October 15, 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 February 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 476 EAST 146TH ST, BRONX, NY 10455
Block: 2290 Lot: 138

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

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

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

Approximate amount of judgment \$545,964.27 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380163/13
CESAR A. FERNANDEZ, ESQ., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
BANK OF AMERICA N.A.; Plaintiff(s)
vs. SHARON LAUDAT; SONIA MOORE; 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 October 15, 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 January 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 1562 UNIONPORT RD, BRONX, NY 10462
Block: 3944 Lot: 1447

THE Unit known as Apartment No. 5A (hereinafter called "The Unit") in the Building known as Number N-2 and by the Street Number 1562 Unionport Road in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, designated and described as Unit No. 5A in the Declaration establishing The Parkchester North Condominium (hereinafter called the "Property"), made by the Grantor under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), dated December 7, 1972, recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, in the County of Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972 in Reel 198 at Page 65 (hereinafter called the "Declaration") and designated as Tax Lot No. 1447 in Block No. 3944 of Section 15 of the Borough of the Bronx on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York, and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by Edward J. Hurley, Architect, on the 10th day of February, 1972 and filed in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, County of Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972 as Condominium Plan No. 2. TOGETHER with an undivided 0.290 percent interest in the Common Elements of the property, (hereinafter called the "Common Elements")

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 \$153,080.00 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380063/10
Ola M. Azeez, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-19CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-19CB; Plaintiff(s)

vs. ARTIN POWELL; 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

May 14, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451.

On January 26, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 647 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK 10473
Block: 3555 Lot: 45

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 as Lot No. 380 on a certain map entitled "Map of Sound View Academy Property, etc" made by H.B. Lowell, dated January 4, 1927 and filed in Bronx County April 4, 1927 as Map No. 1080.

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 \$354,698.02 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380208-12
REGINALD D. ASIEDU, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff(s)

Against
Index No: 380991/11
JOYCE BINGHAM, JANET LOUISE BINGHAM, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 10/9/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, Room 600 on 1/26/2015 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1016 E. 223rd Street, Bronx, NY 10466, and 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4869 and Lot 41.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$434,718.24 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380991/11.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee.
STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 187 East Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743

Dated: 12/19/2014 File Number: 201101003 PB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

Index # 07-18570

Fremont Investment and Loan, Plaintiff(s),

Against
Joseph O. Akomodi, Fatai A. Amolaja, Mary A. Akomodi, et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered 10/01/2009, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/9/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 752 East 216th Street, Bronx, NY 10467, 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 of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4663 and Lot 42.

The approximate amount of the Judgment lien is \$620,552.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 07-18570.

Bianka Perez, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES, Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 12/12/2014 File Number: 27438 CN

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF FNF SERVICING, INC.

Plaintiff
-Against-
OMAR MOTA, OMAURIS MOTA ET. AL.

Defendants
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about 10/24/2014, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse Bronx N.Y. 10451, on January 26, 2015, at 2:00 pm premises known as:

889 East 169th St.
Bronx, New York 10459
Block: 2973 Lot: 153

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of The Bronx, City and State of New York, as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$ 586,889.52 plus interest and costs.

Index No.: 380858-2012
Youngik Yoon, Esq. REFEREE
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff

145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
Dated: November 28, 2014

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. LUDWIG JAMES PETERLA A/K/A LUDWIG PETERLA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 20, 2012, and the Order filed December 02, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the

Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 02, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 3134 Ampere Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 5411 and Lot 227. Approximate amount of judgment is \$36,630.74 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380464/09.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against CHARMAINE A. BARRETT, ADLIN MCZORN, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/11/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx on 02/02/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 3303 GUNTHER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 4750, Lot: 36. Approximate amount of judgment \$496,733.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382404/09. Lorraine Vivian Coyle, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1122333

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 - JOSE FERNANDEZ, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 1, 2014, I will sell at public auction on January 26, 2015, 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 4B, 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 4759 in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0163 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$10,547.72, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of America, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$190,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 381112-2012. OLAM AZEEZ, Esq., Referee

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

Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged seeks donations

Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged, located at 2999 Schurz Avenue, is always in need of brand new or near

new items that can be sold in its gift shop and annual Christmas Sale.

These items include jew-

elry, gift sets, electronic items, toys, specialty items, new tagged clothing, accessories, and collectibles.

If there are any other items you think might benefit the home and skilled nursing unit, contact Joanne at

thelhome with any questions you might have regarding donations at (347) 329-1800.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

With so many native-born Americans still out of work, why are union leaders continuing to support President Obama's plans to legalize large numbers of illegals who compete with U.S. citizens for jobs?

For workers born in the USA, the last several years have been little short of disastrous. According to the Center for Immigration Studies, (CIS) in 2014, 1.5 million fewer native born workers had jobs than they did at the start of the 2007 recession.

CIS notes: "The Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that all of the net gain in employment since 2007 has gone to immigrants (legal and illegal)...Native employment has still not returned to pre-recession levels, while immigrant employment already exceeds pre-recession levels. Furthermore, even with recent job growth, the number of natives not in the labor force (neither working nor looking for work) continues to increase.

Additional findings:

- "The BLS reports that 23.1 million adult (16-plus) immigrants (legal and illegal) were

working in November 2007 and 25.1 million were working in November of this year — a two million increase. For natives, 124.01 million were working in November 2007 compared to 122.56 million in November 2014 — a 1.46 million decrease.

- "Although all of the employment growth has gone to immigrants, natives accounted for 69 percent of the growth in the 16 and older population from 2007 to 2014.

- "The number of immigrants working returned to pre-recession levels by the middle of 2012, and has continued to climb. But the number of natives working remains almost 1.5 million below the November 2007 level.

- "More recently, natives have done somewhat better. However, even with job growth in the last two years (November 2012 to November 2014), 45 percent of employment growth has gone to immigrants, though they comprise only 17 percent of the labor force.

- "The number of officially unemployed (looking for work in the prior four weeks) adult

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natives has declined in recent years. But the number of natives not in the labor force (neither working nor looking for work) continues to grow.

- "The number of adult natives 16-plus not in the labor force actually increased by 693,000 over the last year, November 2013 to November of 2014.

- "Compared to November 2007, the number of adult natives not in the labor force is 11.1 million larger in November of this year.

- "In total, there were 79.1 million adult natives and 13.5 million adult immigrants not in the labor force in November 2014. There were an additional 8.6 million immigrant and native adults officially unemployed.

- "The percentage of adult natives in the labor force (the participation rate) did not improve at all in the last year.

- "All of the information in

BLS Table A-7 indicates there is no labor shortage in the United States, even as many members of Congress and the president continue to support efforts to increase the level of immigration, such as S.744, which passed in the Senate last year. That bill would have roughly doubled the number of immigrants allowed into the country from one million annually to two million.

- "It will take many years of sustained job growth just to absorb the enormous number of people, primarily native-born, who are currently not working and return the country to the labor force participation rate of 2007.

If we continue to allow in new immigration at the current pace or choose to increase the immigration level, it will be even more difficult for the native-born to make back the ground they have lost in the labor market."

The position of union leadership appears counterintuitive. With unemployment still such a significant factor, it would seem that the obvious position would be to oppose vast new numbers of people

who would compete for jobs.

The answer may have more to do with union politics than the interests of union members. The Mackinac Institute reported that in 2012, union membership hit its lowest percentage since 1916. Without the dues and campaign volunteers members provide, unions would lose their ability to lobby and influence elections.

A recent Fox News report found that unions are seeking to regain their momentum by launching recruiting drives aimed at the approximately four million illegal immigrants that could benefit from Mr. Obama's actions.

Major unions, including the ASL-CIO and SEIU, are heavily involved in the drive to use illegals to replace the 1.2 million drop in membership since 2003.

The sharp divide between the interests of union members and their leaders continues to grow.

Contact COMACTA at nycommunityaction@gmail.com; tune into our radio broadcasts at amfm247.com, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

The Throgg's Neck Memorial Post 1456 on Shore Drive is holding its annual Bingo game with proceeds going to cancer research. Cost is \$5 per person which includes one Bingo card, coffee, cake and door prize. Additional cards are \$1 each.

Come on out and join in the fun. This all happens on Sunday, January 18. Doors open at

1 p.m. with the gaming beginning at 2.

Here's a goodie from Ed Mc Carthey of our pipe and drum crowd. The Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, located at 175 Huguenot Street in New Rochelle offers a 10% discount on meals for Veterans. Don't embarrass me, bring the proper Vet ID. We've been over this before: Retirement ID, Current Military ID if still active, VA

civic center Samuel Young Legion Post 620

ID and service organization membership card. Of course a DD-214 is always accepted. These people were so nice that they offered to supply food-

stuffs for our VA BBQ's.

Post 620 meetings will recommence on the first Saturday in February. This year it's on the 7th. Show up because your complaints will not be paid attention to at any other time.

Trivia Time!!

The first subway strike happened on January 1, 1966.

On the same date in 2006, Medicare drug coverage be-

gan.

On January 2, 1905, Russia surrendered to Japan.

On the same date in 1945, the disgrace of internment of Japanese Americans ended.

Babe Ruth was sold to the Yankees on January 3, 1920.

On the same date in 1959, Alaska became the 49th State.

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

BY AL BELFIORE

Well, the holidays are over and I hope that the year 2015 will usher in a new wave of prosperity for all. I'm sure most Locust Point residents, by now, have seen the return of our sign at the entrance to the Point. A special 'Thank You' goes out to good friend and fellow board member Nick Virella and Sealite Construction for overseeing that operation. Nick is always there for

us whenever we need him and his work is second to none. On Friday, January 23, LPCA will be hosting our first Octoberfest complete with authentic German food and beverages. The next article will have more details on this event.

I have been informed that the next meeting of Community Board 10 that will deal with the issue of the proposed construction of five new homes on Longstreet between Hatting

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and Glennon will be held at their headquarters at 3165 East Tremont Avenue on Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. I strongly urge all homeowners in Locust Point to attend this meeting.

This assault on our community will affect all of us.

We have an already overburdened sewer system that did not hold up well in the last torrential rainstorm about a month ago. Several residents have complained about flooding during that time. Imagine what it would be like adding 10 new families, possibly 40 people, to our neighborhood. The time to fight is now, not later, when construction

begins! Please come to this meeting and voice your concerns.

This may be my last article as president of LPCA. My term is up and after three years of serving as president. I will continue to remain on the board, handing the gavel over to my very capable friend and fellow board member Joe Donovan. We all wish him the best of luck in his new position. Thank you for reading!

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff, against CARMEN REYNOLDS, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/7/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 02/02/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 29 EAST 169TH STREET, Bronx, NY 10452 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 2839 LOT 35. Approximate amount of judgment \$629,690.11 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381336/09. Anne M. Littwin, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1124810

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-15, Plaintiff, against RITA D. MARKS, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/27/2012 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 01/26/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 4155 WILDER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10466 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 5021, Lot: 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$478,443.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382903/09. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1122850

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff, against Gulam Zilani; Baharul Islam; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 1, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on January 26, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1940 and 1942 Paulding Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4269 Lot 53 and 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$688,819.87 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381411/09. Bianka Perez, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff

175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835
Dated: November 26, 2014 1121823
12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 01/16/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 03, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 26, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1903 Harrison Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2868 and Lot 163. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380928/07.

Albert W. Cornachio, Referee
Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

**R E F E R E E ' S
NOTICE OF SALE IN
FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW YORK**

SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF BRONX

HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL REALTY CORPORATION OF NEW YORK, Plaintiff against PAUL CONRAD, MARIA CONRAD, et al. Defendants. Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale executed by the Honorable, Kenneth L. Thompson, Jr., J.S.C. on February 22, 2013 and filed with the Bronx County Clerk on March 4, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, in the City of Bronx, Bronx County, New York on (date) at (time). Premises, commonly known as 1948 Cruger Avenue, Bronx, New York. ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Bronx, County of Bronx and State of New York. Section: 2 Block: 4258 Lot: 4. Approximate amount of lien \$387,768.12 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #381228/08.

Dated: October 2, 2014 LEE HUTTNER, Esq., Referee Jonathan D. Pincus, Attorney at Law Attorney for Plaintiff 1387 Fairport Road Building 700 Suite 710 Fairport, NY 14450 Telephone: 585-256-8000

LEGAL NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - IBELKA POLANCO, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 3, 2014. I, the undersigned Referee will

sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York on the 9th Day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City of New York.

Premises known as 1353 Clay Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY 10456.

(Block: 2782, Lot: 122).

Approximate amount of lien \$589,267.04 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381145-11. Richard Tolchin, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700
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Dated: November 15, 2014

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

Index No. 381219-12
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON,

Plaintiff,

-vs- MELVIN WILLIAMS;

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON;

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE 720-724 EAST 217TH STREET CONDOMINIUM;

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;

MIDLAND FUNDING LLC;
FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC;

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

BRONX SUPREME COURT;
CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK;

JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE,

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on December 12, 2014, Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on February 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale as set forth in Schedule A annexed hereto,

Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Bronx County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.

Said premises is commonly known as 722 East 217th Street, Bronx, New York.

JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$251,080.43, with interest thereon, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,685.00 and attorney's fees in the

amount of \$2,094.50, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment.

DATED: December 31, 2014

Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee
HISCOCK & BARCLAY, LLP
Jennifer M.S. Byrne
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SCHEDULE "A"

ALL THAT certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City of New York, in the County of the Bronx and State of New York, being part of lot number 651 on Map entitled, "Map of the Village of Wakefield, in the Towns of East and West Chester, Westchester County, New York," made by Henry B. Miller, C.E. & S., dated May 1854, and filed in the Westchester County Register's Office as Map Number 143, and bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of East 217th street, 230.31 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of East 217th Street with the easterly side of White Plains Road; RUNNING THENCE southerly, parallel with White Plains Road, 114.27 feet; THENCE easterly parallel with East 217th Street, 25.03 feet; THENCE northerly again and parallel with White Plains Road, 114.27 feet to the southerly side of East 217th Street; and THENCE westerly along the southerly side of East 217th Street, 25.03 feet to the point or place of beginning.

ALSO, ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Bourough of the Bronx, in the County of Bronx, in the City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of East 217th Street, 255.34 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of 217th Street and the easterly side of White Plains Road; THENCE southerly parallel with the easterly side of White Plains Road, 114.27 feet; THENCE easterly parallel with the southerly side of East 217th Street, 25.03 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with the easterly side of White Plains Road, 114.27 feet to the southerly side of East 217th Street; and THENCE westerly along the southerly side of East 217th Street, 25.03 feet to the point or place of Beginning.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., V.

MOHAMMAD R. ISLAM, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 7/2/10, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B. is the Plaintiff and MOHAMMAD R. ISLAM, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on 2/2/15 AT 2:00 PM, premises known as 1243 COLLEGE AVENUE, BRONX, NY

10456: BLOCK: 2439 LOT: 67

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.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380751/2008. JOSEPH MARIA, ESQ. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

JEANETTE GLASSMAN, Plaintiff against TERRI POWER a/k/a TERRI D. POWER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 3, 2014 and entered October 27, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on January 26, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Carpenter Avenue 50 feet wide, distant 150 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of East 234th Street, and the said easterly side of Carpenter Avenue; being a plot 102.00 feet by 25 feet by 102.00 feet by 25 feet.

Said premises known as 4236 CARPENTER AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien 72,541.10 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 35033/2013E.

HEDDYEH P. BROUMAND, ESQ., Referee Maizes & Maizes LLP

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998 2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against RAYMOND FARQUHARSON; et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on October 22, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 9, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2708 and Lot 6 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 956 EAST 156TH STREET, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien 6,720.77 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 304469/2011.

GARRY SHARON BOUCHER, ESQ., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP
Attorney(s) for plaintiffs

1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester NY 14614

Deranged man kills grandma

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totally loved her,” she added.

This was not the first time that tragedy struck the Durso family.

In 2010, the grandmother’s husband Vincent mysteriously disappeared while collecting rent at a building he owned in Morrisania. Although his car was found in Crotona Park, Durso’s body was never recovered.

At the time, Alice Durso was distraught about her husband’s disappearance.

“I don’t know what to think anymore,” she said in a Bronx Times article from 2010. “Something has got to show up. When that will happen, I don’t know.”

More than five years after her husband’s disappearance, Alice Durso never got that closure.

Perez’ case is adjointed to February 5.

(Right) Erik Perez is escorted by the Emergency Service Unit to an ambulance that took him to Jacobi Hospital for evaluation and treatment, where he is being held in police custody.

Photo courtesy of Alex Caymon



Alleged cop shooter caught

From page 1

of the restaurant and opened fire, with the anti-crime unit returning fire.

The suspects then car-jacked a Chevrolet Camaro on Marion Avenue, and fled, said the commissioner.

Mayor de Blasio joined Bratton at St. Barnabas around midnight on Monday, January 6, according to published reports.

“Thank God these officers are doing well and will recover,” said the mayor. “We care obviously at this moment not just for these officers, but for their families – we want to support them at this difficult time. And as always, the city of New York and the NYPD will be

with them through this challenge and as these officers recover.”

From Borough President Diaz to Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, elected officials who represent Bronx communities condemned the attack and wished the officers a speedy recovery.

“Reports indicate that their injuries are not life threatening, and for that we are incredibly grateful,” said Diaz. “My thoughts and prayers are with them and their families as they recover.”

Mark-Viverito said: “Violence against our police officers is a horrible and deplorable crime that is an assault against all New Yorkers, and those who are responsible should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.”

“Those responsible for the shootings deserve no mercy at all: they should be prosecuted aggressively to the fullest extent of the law,” said Councilman Ritchie Torres, who represents the effected community.

One of the officers suffered gunshot wounds to the left arm and the lower back, the other was shot in the chest and left arm, said Bratton.

In addition to attempted murder of a police officer, Polanco is charged with attempted murder, robbery, criminal possession of a weapon, and assault, according to the NYPD.

Kemp is charged with robbery, grand larceny, criminal possession of a weapon, and criminal possession of stolen property.



A .44 caliber Ruger gun was recovered at the scene where two police officers were shot on Monday, January 5.

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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, Plaintiffs against A.J.P. REALTY, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on October 22, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 2, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 3216 and Lot 66 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 1967 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., BOULEVARD, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien 57,700.90 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 303025/2013.

DAVID LESCH, ESQ., Referee
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION File No. 2014-34/C SURROGATE'S COURT, BRONX COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Bivian Melendez, Marcelino Melendez, Antonio Martinez, Mary Melendez a/k/a Mary Eileen Pollaci, Armando Melendez, Linda Melendez, Emerito Santos, Alexander Melendez, Alberto Melendez, Luis Melendez, Attorney General of The State of New York and George Melendez, whose whereabouts are unknown, and if deceased, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained. A petition having been duly filed by Roberto Melendez, domiciled at 215 Sunset Boulevard, Bronx, New York, as Preliminary Executor of the Estate of EUGENE MELENDEZ (the "Decedent"), late of Bronx, New York, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York, on February 10, 2015 at 9:30 o'clock, why an order should not be made: (1) Determining that the Prenuptial Agreement acknowledged on or about March 20, 2004 between Bivian Melendez and the Decedent is valid to waive Bivian Melendez's right to take an elective share of Decedent's estate, whether testate or intestate; (2) Determining that the election filed by Bivian Melendez to take an elective share of Decedent's estate, whether testate or interstate, is invalid; (3) Granting such other and further relief as to this Court may seem just and proper. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have cause the seal of the Surrogate's Court of our said County of Bronx to be hereunto affixed. Dated, Attested and Sealed December 9, 2014 Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez, Chief Clerk Michael P. Hausler. Attorneys for Petitioner: GREENFIELD STEIN & SENIOR, LLP 600 Third

Avenue New York, NY 10016 (212) 818-9600 Att: Charles T. Scott. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear, it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written verified objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Proof of Service shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court at least two (2) days before the return date (207.7c).

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O F N O S I G N I F I C A N T I M P A C T A N D I N T E N T T O R E Q U E S T R E L E A S E O F F U N D S** January 9, 2015 New York State Homes & Community Renewal

New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation 38-40 State Street Albany, New York 12207 (518) 486-3379

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements. REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about January 27, 2015, the New York State Homes & Community Renewal, through the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Project-Based Vouchers under section 8(o)(13) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.1437f(o)(13)), in accordance with section 288 (42 U.S.C. 12838), to undertake a project known as 1561 Walton Avenue, for purposes of new construction of 60 units of low-income housing at 1561 Walton Avenue, City of New York, Bronx County. FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT HTFC has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 1512 Townsend Avenue, 1st Floor Bronx, NY and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. The ERR can also be obtained by emailing heather.spitzberg@nyshcr.org. PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Heather Spitzberg, either by mail to Environmental Analysis Unit, NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York, 12207 or by Email to heather.spitzberg@nyshcr.org. All comments received by January 26, 2015 will be considered by HTFC prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Those wishing to comment should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing. ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION HTFC certifies to HUD that Ms. Heather Spitzberg, Esq. in her capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows HTFC to use Program funds. OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and HTFC's certification received by February 11, 2015 or for a period of fifteen days following its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of HTFC; (b) HTFC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD

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regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: NY Office of Public Housing Attn: Luigi D'Ancona, Director U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 26 Federal Plaza - Room 32-116 New York, New York 10278-0068 Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Ms. Heather Spitzberg, Esq. Certifying Officer January 9, 2015

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S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S Filed 12-15-2014 INDEX NO.260122/14 Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of real property in the Bronx County. Plaintiff's principal office is located at 1970 East Tremont Ave. County of Bronx SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - YUNESH PATEL, his respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant, who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right, title or interest in the real property described in the complaint herein, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SHEILA BIRTH, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within 20 days after 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), 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 served herewith. Dated: June 23, 2014 ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff 828 South Broadway, Suite 100 Tarrytown, New York 10591

(914) 591-7722 This is an action for the foreclosure of a condominium lien for common charges on premises known as 1651 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 5F, Bronx, NY under Block 3944 Lot 3795 owned by Yunesh Patel. The amount due upon the lien is the sum of \$8,435.31 computed through June 30, 2014, which charges continue to accrue monthly.

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S U P P L E M E N T A L S U M M O N S INDEX NO. 35129/2014E SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Date Filed: 12/22/2014 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, N.A., as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-WCW1, Plaintiff, -against- Deborah Gibbons if living and if any 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, Board of Managers of the Parkchester North Condominium, 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, Carlos Antunez and Vilma Rodriguez, 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 \$67,500.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York on 08/05/2004 in Book CRFN 2004000481053, covering premises known as 1725 Purdy Street, Apt. 2H, Bronx, NY 10462. 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 07, 2014 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.: 01-050132-F02

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

"Black Monday" Reactions

The Giants from Dan Graziano (ESPN.com) - "The Giants should be looking at absolutely everything and everyone with a critical eye. It makes no sense that the job status of GM Jerry Reese, with his draft record, isn't even questioned. It shouldn't be automatic that Coughlin, who has won playoff games in only two of his 11 Giants seasons, returns just because the Giants don't want to be a team that fires coaches. And if performance dictates otherwise, it shouldn't be a slam-dunk that Fowell or special-teams coordinator Tom Quinn comes back just because Coughlin likes coaching with them. Huge decisions loom about player personnel, of course, at the end of all of this. They can't get lulled to sleep by the fact that the offensive line was a bit better in December than it was in September. All offensive lines are. The Giants' line still needs better players. They need to overhaul the pass rush -- the Giants' sack total was inflated by a strong finish -- either around a re-signed Jason Pierre-Paul or around a viable playmaking replacement. They need to address safety and linebacker, look honestly at the run game and decide what the best thing is to do about Manning and his

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SEVERE, RAMS FALL TO VCU

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jon Severe made his return to the Fordham lineup after more than a month long leave of absence, but it wasn't enough to get the Rams a win over VCU.

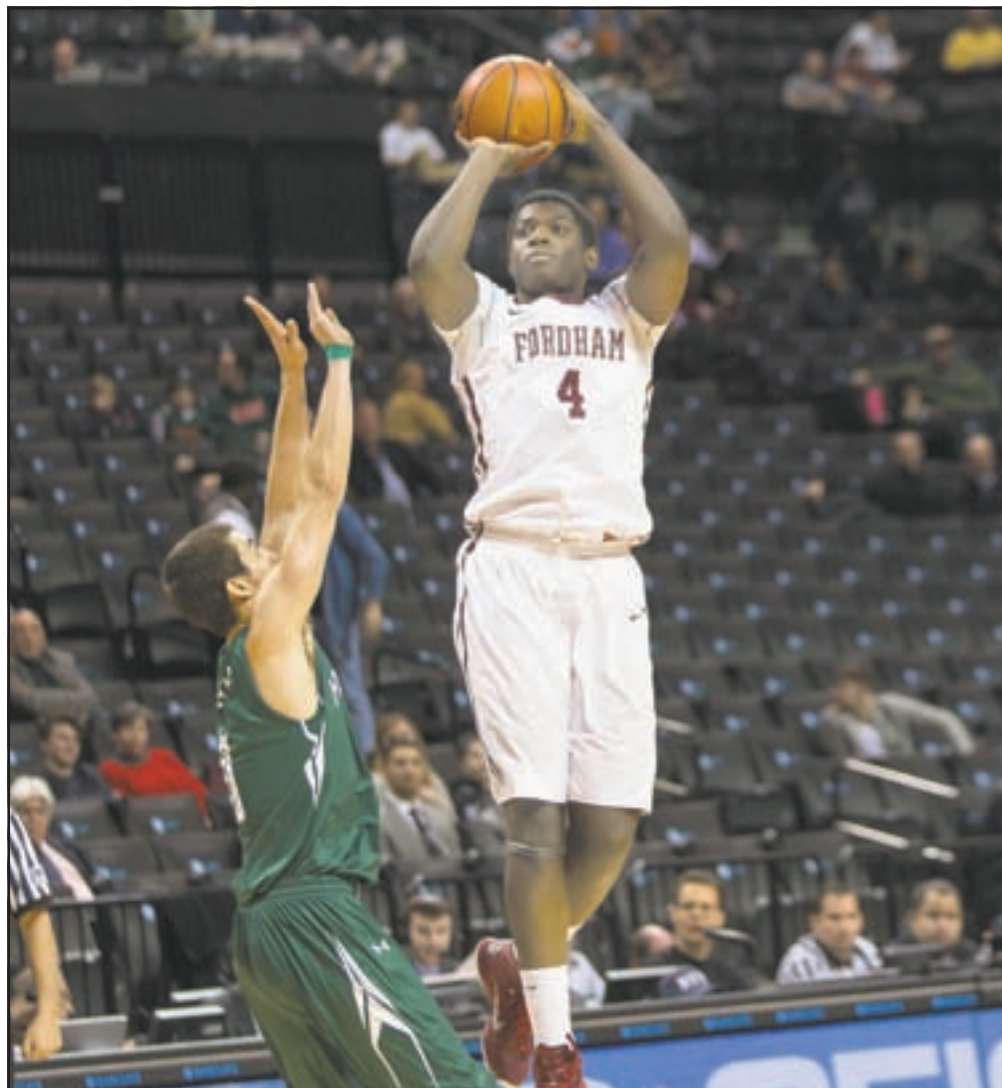
The star sophomore guard score nine points off the bench in Fordham's 75-58 loss to VCU in Atlantic-10 men's basketball last Sunday at Rose Hill. It was both club's conference opener. Freshman Eric Paschall paced Fordham (5-7) with 15 points and six rebounds and Mandel Thomas added 14 points and 10 boards. Severe's return will only bolster the struggling squad moving forward.

"I was happy to see him on the floor and I was obviously happy to see him make a couple of shots," Fordham coach Tom Pecora said at the post-game press conference.

Severe left the team on Nov. 29 to "address personal issues" He averaged 17.3 points per game as a freshman, but is scoring just 3.5 points per content in four games this season. The former Christ the King standout was also suspended for a week in early November for a violation of team rules.

Severe returned to Fordham practice on Friday and still had some rust against VCU (11-2), the preseson conference favorite. He committed five turnovers and took just seven shots in 20 minutes of action. There is still a learning curve for the team with him back and Severe's playing time will depend on how quickly that and he improves.

"He had three good practices," Pecora said. "Look, I'm excited about him being back, the team is excited about him being back. We're all rooting for Jon Severe, that's a given,



Eric Paschall scored 15 points for Fordham in a loss to VCU last Sunday.

Photo by Robert Cole

and then his role will be defined by his performance, as everyone else's will be." Fordham certainly played well with Severe back. It trailed VCU just 63-53 after a Bryan Smith layup with five minutes to go in the game despite 28 turnovers trying to handle VCU's "Havoc defense". Briante Weber and Trveon Gra-

ham led VCU with 14 points apiece.

"They get 36 points off of turnovers and we get 11," Pecora said. "Hopefully a lesson to be learned by some of our young guys, and by our veterans"

Fordham women win A-10 opener in overtime: The defending conference champion

Rams down Richmond 65-64 in overtime thanks to a 3-pointer by Danielle Padovano with 1.7 second remaining. Fordham trailed 62-56 with 44 seconds left in the extra session Tiffany Ruffin led the Rams with 17 points and nine rebounds and Emily Tapio had 16 points and eight boards. Samantha Clark chipped in 14 rebounds.

Hayes outlast Stepinac for second straight win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

What may have seemed like a sensational effort to most, was just another day at the office for Cardinal Hayes' Jeff Hayden.

The 6-foot-4 junior forward put his stamp all over an 85-70 win against host Archbishop Stepinac in CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball on Jan. 3. Hayden dropped in a team-high 26 points, was all over the offensive glass and scored seemingly at will inside during the second half.

"He never cheats us with his effort," Cardinal Hayes coach Joe Lods said. "He plays as hard as anyone I've seen and he's really a grinder. If we get him the ball in position to score he scores. He does his job."

Hayden scored 11 of his points in the third quarter, including the Cardinals first five. Clive Allen scored 25 points and Baron Goodridge added eight for Hayes (5-3, 3-1).

The Cardinals, which led 39-32 at the half and 62-53 after three, took a 66-56 advantage on a bucket from Hayden



Cardinal Hayes coach Joe Lods saw his team pick up a road win over Stepinac last Saturday.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

in the post with 5:47 to go in the game. Lods said they made a conscious effort to get him the ball in the paint. Hayden just did what's asked of him after that.

"I do whatever to win," he said. "I just play to win. I don't mind any role."

Hayes finally got going in the third quarter. Stepinac (5-4, 1-4) tried to push the pace of the game and it ended up back firing. It allowed Allen, the team's unquestioned leader, to start being more aggressive offensively. He attacked the basket and made a top of

the key three to put the Cardinals up 61-50 with 58 seconds left to play in the frame. Allen didn't think it was a good strategy to try to out run the Cardinals.

"We like to run the floor a lot," Allen said. "So I don't think you want to go in a run-

ning contest with us. We don't get tired."

Kylan Guerra paced Stepinac with 30 points. Tyrin Miller had 14 points and highly recruited wing Jordan Tucker chipped in 12.

The game is Hayes' second straight victory after being handled by Christ the King on Dec. 10 in Middle Village. Allen, who was in contestant foul trouble, didn't play well in that game. The performance only motivated him and his teammates to improve. Hayes is asking a lot of guys to play increases minutes in increased role after losing a strong class of seniors.

"I don't like losing," Allen said. "I don't take it well."

The Cardinals certainly found a recipe to succeed moving forward with Allen dominating on the perimeter and Hayden having his way inside. Despite his team's recent strong play, Lods there is plenty of basketball left.

"It's a marathon," Lods said. "We will judge our team at the end instead of one third of the way."

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contract."

The Jets from Rich Cimini (ESPN.com) - "Owner Woody Johnson is rebooting, and not a moment too soon. Not only did the Jets miss the playoffs for the fourth straight season, but there also was dysfunction within the organization. There were conflicting agendas and clashing philosophies -- coaching staff versus management, offense versus defense and run versus pass. The franchise needs a fresh start and a strong leader who can galvanize it."

Ryan never had a chance this season. He was handed a poorly constructed roster by Idzik, who failed to supply his head coach with the necessary tools to win. Isn't that the GM's job? Ryan coached most of the season with third-rate cornerbacks, hampering his ability to run his style of defense. It was gross mismanagement by Idzik."

Doug Marrone

Doug Marrone is reportedly a candidate for the Head Coaching position with the NY Jets and is a neighborhood guy-not

just a local guy. As such he has a lot going for him in my eyes but I'm still concerned with his career coaching record of 40-42 with Syracuse and Buffalo.

Hopefully, Woody Johnson will bring in Rich Mueller from Philly as GM and be a good personnel guy in the draft.

A Bobby Layne Tale

I wonder how today's conduct police would have liked to write about Layne. I don't think Bobby would have cared a lick.

Dan Daly wrote about a game in 1958 between the Steelers, with Bobby Layne and the Chicago Cardinals. "Bobby Layne and Co. racked up 683 yards that frigid December day - 472 passing, 211 rushing. It was so ridiculous that a running back, Tom 'The Bomb' Tracy, threw a 72-yard touchdown pass. But here's the best part, the part no one remembers: Layne played with a wicked hangover. World class. On national television, no less."

"Bobby drank, no doubt about that," Art Rooney says in Ray Didinger's book, Pittsburgh Steelers.

"The greatest day Layne

ever had with the Steelers came the last day of one season at Pitt Stadium against the Cardinals. It was snowing like crazy. There couldn't have been more than 5,000 people at the game because you had to be an athlete to get up the hill to that park on a dry day, let alone in snow and ice.

"A local sportswriter, Bob Drum said, 'I'm telling you, I was with him last night, and there's no way he'll even make it to the ballpark, let alone play.'"

"This was unusual for Bobby, but it was the last game of the season, and he was blowing off steam. Bobby showed up at the stadium, and he looked awful. Well, Bobby went out and had himself a day you had to see to believe. The footing on the field was so bad everybody on both sides was falling down except Bobby. He was staggering all over the field and picking up unbelievable yardage. I never saw him have another day like it."

Layne never did have another.

Back To School

Dan Daly saw Harbaugh

return to coach Michigan, his alma mater and wrote: "Even in the '40s, when there was no free agency, no scouting combine, no drug testing (and its accompanying surprises) — not to mention minicamps and OTAs — you had NFL coaches saying, 'Who needs it?' and going back to college ball. One of the more notable examples is Adam Walsh, who guided the Rams to the 1945 championship and, two years later, was so sick of owner Dan Reeves' intrusiveness that he decided to reclaim his old job at Bowdoin College in Maine. (Yes, the Division III Bowdoin Polar Bears.)"

Wha-D-Say?

Carmelo Anthony was asked about his injury and he answered, "I've had multiple conversations with multiple people. Regular people, people who have had similar situations as me, and everybody has their own opinion. I take everything in stride and when that time comes, I'll take it into consideration."

Did he just say, "I feel a lot more like I do now than I did before?"

Melo also said that Coach Fisher is keeping the team from crumbling. Dwight Perry added-

Apparently Anthony's working definition of "crumbling" is something worse than 5-29."

Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote, "Derek Jeter's magic lives!"

Penn State kicker Sam Ficken — assigned the just-retired legend's Yankee Stadium locker for last Saturday's Pinstripe Bowl — booted the game-winning PAT, snapping a 30-30 tie with Boston College in overtime."

Marcus Thompson of the San Jose Mercury News, after the 49ers' Frank Gore had 15 pizzas delivered to the team's media room Monday: "From now on, every local writer will refer to him as 'Hall of Fame-bound running back Frank Gore...'"

Brad Dickson of the Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald, after some rocketeers in Michigan launched a porta-potty high into the sky: "If the Redneck Games had a space program, this is what it'd look like."

All-Bronx Football Honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx was again a football rich borough with familiar faces leading the way.

DeWitt Clinton had one of its best seasons be finishing in the top four in the PSAL during the regular season and reached the quarterfinals. Cardinal Hayes represented itself well in its move up into the 'AAA', reaching the playoffs in the highest level of the CHSFL Fordham Prep brought a championship back by winning the CHSFL 'A' crown and Horace Mann put together and undefeated season. In another banner year here are the players who made it happen:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Chauncey Murray

DeWitt Clinton

Clinton's success was very much predicated on it ground and pound and ball control offense. No one personified it more than Murray. The junior ran for 435 yards at 8.21 yards per carry, scored eight touchdowns and chipped in four two-point conversions. Murray also got it done defense at safety. He made 33 tackles, had three interceptions and two sacks to help Clinton to the No. 4 seed and a trip to quarterfinals.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Matt Russo

Horace Mann

It was just five years ago that Horace Mann was a struggling program at 1-7. Those days seem to be over under Russo's guidance. The second-year head coach finished off the Lions' climb with a perfect 9-0 season this year and a Hudson Valley Football league championship after beating Dalton 34-0 in the title game.

FIRST TEAM

LB Tyshawn Boykins,

Kennedy

The senior was one of the most feared defensive players in the PSAL for good reason. Boykins made 64 tackles, including 13 sacks. He also four interceptions and four fumble recoveries. Add in 262 yards receiving and a score and it was quite a year.

RB/LB Jaire Blackwell

Kennedy

Blackwell was a versatile force for the Knights on offense. He compiled 860 yards of total offense and averaged 19.7 yards per grab. The senior scored 11 touchdowns, including a kick return for a score.

DB Michael Bronzo

Fordham Prep

Bronzo was a big play machine and delivered in one of the season's most important games. He had a 61-



Fordham Prep wide receiver Will Randell is a member of the All-Bronx Football first team.

Photo by Robert Cole

yard punt return for a score in the CHSFL Class A title game victory. Add in collecting two interceptions and recovering a fumble recovery to propel his team to the win.

RB Justin Covington

Cardinal Hayes

The sophomore running back announced himself to the New York City football landscape. Covington carried the load early with Tim Poindexter injured. Covington posted 896 yards of total offense and six touchdowns to help Hayes to a 4-3 CHSFL record.

SS Ataa Gordon

Dewitt Clinton

Gordon was the unquestioned leader of the Governors' defense and he played like it. The senior made 39 tackles and had a defensive score. He

added three sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recovers to his excellent passion and energy.

QB/LB Mike Lighten

Horace Mann

It is hard to have a perfect season without a dominant player on the field. Lighten was the guy. Multiple touchdown games were the norm for the 6-foot, 210-pound Lighten. The junior was tough to bring down and was a tremendous run-stopper on defense.

OL/DL Lindsay Malcom

Mount St. Michael

The Mountaineers are team built around the run game and that's not possible without a good offensive line. The senior was the staple of that unit for Mount. He chipped in on defense also with 26 tackles.

QB Henry Miller

Fieldston

The signal caller was the driving force behind the Eagles offense. Miller threw for 1,263 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also run for 209 yards and score. His play helped propel Fieldston to a 5-3 record, including a win over Christ the King.

WR Will Randell

Fordham Prep

Everyone knew the senior was the Rams top receiver and arguably its best offensive player. Still they couldn't stop him. Randell had 61 catches for 1,110 yards and 10 touchdowns. He was the model of consistency, averaging 100 receiving yards per game.

SS Tim Poindexter

Cardinal Hayes

It wasn't a stellar season rushing the ball for Poindexter, but the junior excelled as a two-way play. He was second on the team in tackles with 48 and collected two interceptions. Hayes doesn't have a strong second half of the year without him.

OL/DL Jaelen Vazquez

Cardinal Hayes

The Old Dominion-bound lineman played both ways, but really excelled on the offense. Vazquez is one of the most technically sound players at his position and help Hayes have one of the league's best rushing attacks.

HONORABLE MENTION

RB/LB Samuel Appiah

Mott Haven

RB Steve Boland

Horace Mann

DB John Gavins

Truman

OL Charlie Garcia

Kennedy

LB Cory Giordano

Fordham Prep

QB/DB Donovan Jackson

Truman

RB/LB Woodley Jea Louis

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