

CONFUSION OVER SAFER JUNCTION

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The intersection of East Tremont Avenue at Silver and Overing streets recently received a makeover, but the improvements have caused some confusion for drivers.

Where there was previously a wide-open intersection that was hazardous to drivers and pedestrians, there are now numerous dividers breaking up the intersection and directing traffic flow.

Vehicles travelling south on Silver Street, can no longer make a left turn on to Tremont Avenue.

The changes, completed in November, came after local merchants advocated for improvements to the confusing location.

One of those merchants was Juan Clark of Clark & Sons Signs. His shop has sat at the corner of Overing Street and Tremont Avenue for the past 14 years, and he said he used

to see four or five accidents in front of his shop annually, and he also felt unsafe crossing the street.

"I'd been trying to get this intersection fixed for a long time," said Clarke. "It was treacherous."

Those accidents took a particularly scary turn when in July 2012, a car drove through the front of his shop during the night.

Since the barriers went up and the traffic calming measures were implemented, Clarke said he no longer hears the sound of screeching tires like he often did before.

"From what I've seen, it's working," said Clarke. "It's 100 percent for the better."

For others, the changes at the intersection is taking some getting used to.

A few merchants are frustrated that you can no longer turn left on Tremont Avenue from Silver, said Lisa Sorin of

the Westchester Square Business Improvement District.

"It's a matter of who you speak to," she said.

The concern has been raised that the changes make businesses on the two blocks east of the intersection, before Williamsbridge Road, less accessible.

There is currently a sign at Williamsbridge Road and Silver Street instructing drivers that there is no left turn from Silver, but Sorin said there needs to be more signage until people adjust to the new traffic pattern.

The BID will continue to work with the Department of Transportation to get the additional signage, and will monitor the changes' effect on business.

"Right now there's not a major impact," said Sorin. "It's mostly inconvenience."

The benefits of a safer in-

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Bingo To Benefit Calvary

Ann Graney with her winning Bingo cards at Throggs Neck Memorial Unit #1456's annual Bingo benefit for Calvary Hospital on Sunday, January 18.

First SAGE center opens in boro

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Bronx lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender seniors will now have a place to go for both camaraderie and assistance.

The national organization Services & Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Elders celebrated the opening of its first full-time senior center in the Bronx on Wednesday, January 14.

The opening was part of a \$1.5 million initiative in 2014 to create full-time SAGE centers across the city, funded by the city council and opened with support from the NYC

Department for the Aging.

A Staten Island center opened in December, as well as an expanded center in Harlem. There is also currently centers in both midtown Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The initiative to bring SAGE centers to more New Yorkers was spearheaded by Councilman Ritchie Torres. The new center at Union Community Health Center in Fordham falls within his district.

At the grand opening ceremony of the SAGE Center Bronx, attended by a number of city councilmembers including Speaker Melissa Mark-Vi-

verito, Torres called the event an emotional moment.

"This has tremendous meaning for me as a gay man," he said.

When SAGE approached him, Torres said he was upset to learn that while there are an estimated 100,000 LGBT seniors in the city, there was only one full-time LGBT senior center.

"It's hard to imagine a population that is more invisible, and more tragically underserved than LGBT elders," said Torres.

It was important to the

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A view of the city Department of Transportation pier at the eastern end of Fordham Street used to ferry correction officers and inmates to and from Hart Island.

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CB 10 endorses Hart Island jurisdiction plan

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community Board 10 is supporting an effort calling for the transfer Hart Island, home to the city's Potter's Field, to the Parks Department.

The board endorsed two NYC Council bills sponsored primarily by Queens Councilwoman Elizabeth Crowley that would see Hart Island, located just off the coast of City Island in Long Island Sound, transferred to the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation from the Department of Correction.

One of the bills calls for funding for a ferry service between City Island and Hart Island that would open the island to the public.

The board's vote on Thursday, January 15 was unanimous with one abstention, though several board members expressed their reservations about voting in favor of the transfer because of issues with the Parks Department, including funding concerns. But others believe Park's up to the task.

The vote was a culmination of an intense effort by the City Island Civic Association, whose corresponding secretary John Doyle has been lobbying the Bronx's City Council delegation to support the measure, and the Hart Island Project, an advocacy group that wants more appropriate island access for visitors.

"We were sensitive to the City Island community's request for support, and we were also sensitive to the request for support from the Hart Island Project, and to all of the arguments," said CB 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns after the vote.

Bob Bieder, a board member, said that he was sympathetic to the concerns of people who offered their stories of how difficult it was to visit their deceased loved ones buried on the island.

There are approximately one-million graves on the 100-acre plot of

land.

According to Doyle, the City Island Civic Association supported the concept of transferring Hart Island by a vote of 44 to 2 at a 2014 meeting, and he said he was pleased to have the community board's advisory opinion to further advocate for the legislation.

All members of the Bronx's City Council delegation now support the legislation, said Doyle, as does Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

"It is good now to finally have the community board on the same page as the community and the elected officials," he said. "Any elected official in the Bronx on the city level supports the bill."

Doyle added: "Now we can present a united front when we have to deal with the city agencies at the council."

Doyle believes that transferring the island from DOC to Parks will protect City Island from possibly uses of the Hart Island that the community might not support. He cited a number of proposals made over the years, including building an incinerator and a perceived future need by the DOC for youth correctional facilities.

Councilman James Vacca said he is supporting the legislation because he is supporting the people of City Island.

"Well, the people of City Island want this, their civic association wants it, and I backed the legislation very early on," said Vacca. "I think that this protects the island in perpetuity."

The second bill before the NYC Council, Int. No. 144, turns the island over to the jurisdiction of the Parks Department, except for Potter's Field.

For the burial grounds, the bill calls for "the burial of deceased paupers" to continue under rules and regulations that are established by the Department of Social Services, DOC, and Parks.

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Family and friends of Bharati Kemraj would like to congratulate her as she advances in her career. This from a submission:

The community, family and friends would like to say congratulations to Bharati Kemraj. She is a member of Vishnu Mandir, Hindu Temple, a past employee Community Board 11, and served as treasurer of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and as chairwoman of the youth & education and planning committees at Community Board 9.

Your smile, hard work and

dedication to the youth and community will always be remembered. As you move up in your career and start your new position with the office of the Bronx borough president, we wish you all good luck and success.

Artist gets recognized

Carolyn Smith, a Throggs Neck craft artisan, was recently featured on the Internet site, Markets of New York City. Smith, the author of a tourist guidebook with the same title, described with words and photos the fun and innovations from the crafter's 'Wacky Magnets'. It also highlighted that Smith has developed refrigerator art for nonporous surfaces like glass, plastic and stainless steel refrigerators.

King's dream celebrated

The fourth grade students at Villa Maria Academy recently took part in a celebration Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message. Students read Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech, as the others

listened and considered the significance of his message. Inspired by Martin Luther King, a few students wrote their own speeches on the importance of equality and delivered them to their classmates.

Deputy Chief passes

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Steve Bonano, a native of the Bronx, who rose up through the ranks of the NYPD to become a deputy chief, died after a two-year battle with a rare, lethal cancer that doctors say was a direct result of his work at Ground Zero in the weeks and months after the attacks of September 11, 2001. He was 53 years old. He was waked at Schuylerville Funeral Home.

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Pop-up coffee shop to leave 55 Bruckner Blvd.

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A trial business in the south Bronx will be closing down its current location at the end of the month.

The Mix Cafe, a pop-up coffee shop located in Mott Haven, will be leaving 55 Bruckner Boulevard at the end of the month, after just five weeks of operation.

Originally opened as a three-day experiment at nearby 127 Lincoln Avenue in April 2014, the coffee shop was successful in the little time that it operated there, receiving upwards of 75 customers daily while developing its business model.

This is typical of pop-up coffee shops, which move in and out of locations frequently.

The Mix Cafe returned to Mott Haven in early December, relocating the shop just blocks away to its current space, on the ground floor of a three story, mixed-use building that was completed in August 2014 by Alexander Ave Lofts LLC.

Joshua Weissman, who is the building's landlord, initially reached out to the Mix

Cafe to occupy the ground floor retail space of the building, free of charge, while he sought a permanent tenant.

The pop-up shop, which seated 20 to 25 people, hosted a holiday market in mid-December to introduce themselves to the area and its residents, on a stretch of Bruckner Boulevard that includes various restaurants and bars.

Unfortunately, the Mix Cafe's new location attracted less customers than it's first site, due to the area's limited pedestrian foot traffic in the winter.

"These two blocks are very isolated, especially during this time of the year," said Peter Medina, co-owner of the Mix Cafe. "We had a lot of customers at the old location, but because the holidays are over and it's still winter, the number of our customers has decreased significantly - even though we relocated just a few blocks away."

The Mix Cafe's other problem with this location was its size - 2,000 square feet - way too much space for the pop-up store to operate.

According to its owners,

the Mix Cafe will look for a 450 to 600 square foot space, almost a third of the space, once it leaves its current location.

As a result, the Mix Cafe decided that it will close to the public by the end of the month, while Weissman seeks another tenant.

"I want them to keep the coffee shop open," said Weissman, "However, I am glad that they were able to operate here and I hope that they find another space in the neighborhood suitable for them to operate, because this area lacks and needs a coffee shop like this one."

The Mix Cafe thanked the building's owner for the opportunity it was offered.

"Joshua (Weissman) was very generous to let us operate our business here, and we are very grateful that an opportunity like this was given to us," said Vernicia Colon, co-owner of the Mix Cafe. "This was a positive experience, as it gave us a chance to test our products in a developing neighborhood of the Bronx."

If you're in Mott Haven from now until January 31,



Co-owner of the Mix Cafe Peter Medina plans to leave Mott Haven by the end of January, and hopes the business 'pop-ups' back in the area in the near future.

Steven Goodstein / Community News Group

take a trip to the Mix Cafe, which is open Monday thru Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 11

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New Square Library holds stakeholder meeting

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The New York Public Library is reaching out to the local community to gather feedback about programming for the new Westchester Square branch library.

Even though the scheduled opening of the branch is in 2018, NYPL personnel held an invitation-only stakeholder meeting with key residents in The Square community, business leaders and elected officials, at the present Glebe Avenue branch on Monday, January 12. More public engagement may follow.

Attendees of the meeting included Councilman James Vacca, who said he secured \$12 million in funding for the project to be completed on Lane Avenue in the heart of The Square, and also said that it was a productive, albeit early, meeting to discuss programming at the new branch.

"We were starting to suggest some programming concepts we would like to see the library include," said Vacca. "We spoke about continuing education, GED programs for adults, (and) we spoke about having a library open on Sundays. That was something that I brought up, because

right now we have no east Bronx library branch open on Sundays."

Also discussed was the kind of collection that was expected, said Vacca. The councilman said that the library is one part of a plan to jumpstart Westchester Square, which includes bringing the Bronx Council on the Arts to a former bank building in several years, and the recent renovation of Owen Dolen Park.

He also believed that the meeting may bring about design ideas for the interior of the new building.

"Maybe now that the library people know what we are looking for programmatically, they will keep that in mind when they design the inside of the library," said Vacca.

Sandi Lusk, a meeting attendee and co-founder of the Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization, which runs children's programming at the existing Glebe Avenue branch, said that she came away with the impression that the NYPL will make the library go beyond that of a traditional neighborhood branch and be more of a 'library center' for this



Councilman James Vacca (second from right) met with Westchester Square library manager Kathleen Carrasco, NYPL vice president George Mihaltzes, and associate director for East Bronx Neighborhood Library Network Tiffany Alston. Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca's office

part of the borough.

It could be along the lines of Bronx Library Center on Kingsbridge Road, which is the library center for the whole borough, sources suggested.

"They want to make this one of the chief borough research centers; it is going to have a lot of research capabilities," said Lusk.

The new library should have digital collections and electronic resources, she said, in addition to adult and children's programs. It

could also include legal immigration assistance and English as a second language (ESL) classes, as well as wellness training, which were Vacca's ideas, she said.

Lusk said that her main concern is that the library continue to serve as the local branch for the Westchester Square community even as it is expanded into regional library hub. This is especially important as changing demographics have brought more families with children into the surrounding communities,

she said.

"My main concern is that in the goal to make this overarching plan to serve the entire borough, that the local community does not get overlooked, because it is replacing the branch library, which is part of the community," she said, adding that she is concerned about continuing children's programs at the new building.

Westchester Square is a major transit hub, and the library believes that people will avail themselves to pick up and drop off books in the mornings and evenings, she said, adding that The Square branch also presents the opportunity for the NYPL to create a building with a striking design that can be a beacon in the area.

The NYPL will have discussions with the community about materials, and what should be inside the library in terms of furniture and lighting, and work with their own staff, in order to have architects design the best building interior possible.

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Seniors fleeced by Greendot scammers

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The 45th Precinct has seen an uptick this year in 'Greendot' scams, which often targets seniors.

One Throggs Neck senior found herself the victim of the scam just before Thanksgiving.

"I never thought it would happen to me," said Carmela Ianiello.

Ianiello had received a call from someone claiming to be one of her grandsons. He said he had gone with a friend to the Dominican Republic on a last minute trip and had gotten in a car accident the night before, breaking his nose.

"His voice sounded just like him," said Ianiello.

A 'policeman' then got on the phone, and explained her grandson would need to appear before a judge with \$3,000.

After offering up his name and badge number, he told her to go buy GreenDot MoneyPak prepaid debit cards for that amount, and come back and read him the numbers on the back of the card to get the money.

He told her not to tell anyone, and she didn't want to worry her family about her grandson's condition.

She withdrew the cash and bought the cards at a local drugstore, and provided the policeman with the cards' numbers. Later that day, the

'policeman' called back and said her grandson had gone before the judge and now had to pay a fine of \$2,500 additionally.

When she went to the bank to withdraw the second amount, two employees who knew her as a long-time customer inquired about the need for the large sum of cash.

When she started to explain the situation, they stopped her and told her it was a scam, and helped her contact her grandson at work.

Ianiello said she was extremely upset when she realized she had been scammed, but was grateful for the bank employees who stopped her from losing even more money.

She had believed the callers because they triggered an emotional response about her grandson and spoke in a very convincing manner.

Although Ianiello filed a report with the 45th Precinct, she understood she wouldn't see that \$3,000 again, and had to cancel her vacation plans this winter.

"I'm never going to get my money back," said Ianiello. "That's a very big hardship for me."

Ianiello had never heard of Greendot cards or the scam before, and she hopes other people become aware of the issue and avoid her fate.

The 45th Precinct has seen an in-

crease in overall reported scams this year. These reports were up 300 percent in 2014, said Captain James McGeown, with 28 cases reported year compared to 7 in 2013.

Cases like Ianiello's are not uncommon, said Community Affairs officer Anne Marie Morrison. The scammers often prey on seniors and tap into their emotions by convincing them that family members, especially grandchildren, have been in accidents, are in jail, or have been kidnapped.

If you get a call like that, Morrison recommends telling them you'll call back, and then reach out to your family members. Be especially wary when callers tell you not to tell anyone about the situation.

Another guise that scammers use is pretending to be from Con Edison calling about an electric bill, said Morrison. These scams can target businesses who rely on refrigeration. Other scams may target immigrants who fear legal repercussions.

While the GreenDot MoneyPak cards are often associated with these scams, other brands of prepaid debit cards are used as well, said Morrison.

The scammers access the money through the number on the back of the card, and then transfer it to an-



Prepaid debit cards are sometimes used by telephone scammers.

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other prepaid card, neither of which are linked to any accounts. This makes the money nearly impossible to trace or recover.

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POLICE BLOTTER

40th PCT.

Monday, Jan. 12, 10:13 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of a person shot in front of 835 E. 152nd Street. Upon arrival, officers observed a 21 year-old male with gunshot wounds to his legs and to his back. EMS also responded to the location and transported the victim Lincoln Hospital, where he was pronounced DOA.

45th PCT.

Jan. 13 — A suspect entered a building at 3120 Wilkinson Avenue removed money from the laundry room machines. The individual is wanted for two similar burglaries in October at 1110 Stadium Avenue and 2025 Continental Avenue.

46th PCT.

Friday, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m. — Officers on patrol were advised of a male who was in front of 108 E. 182nd Street and who had been stabbed. The officers discovered an unidentified male who had

been stabbed in the torso and had a laceration to his head. One officer began CPR on the victim while the other called for an ambulance. EMS responded to the scene and transported the victim to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Two suspects have been arrested and charged in connection with the incident, and police are searching for a third.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 7:00 a.m. — At 1926 Walton Avenue, a suspect shot a 32-year-old male in the left leg. The victim was removed to St. Barnabas Hospital in stable condition and the suspect fled on foot.

49th PCT.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 4:51 p.m. — Police responded to a report of a dispute in the lobby of 2819 Barker Avenue. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 34 year-old male unconscious and unresponsive with a stab wound to the neck and a 22 year-old male with slash wounds to the head. EMS responded to the scene and transported the 34 year-old male to Ja-

cobi Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The 22 year-old male was removed to Montefiore Medical Center for treatment under police custody.

52nd PCT.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 13:59 p.m. —

Police responded to East 211th Street and Tryon Avenue. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 24 year-old male unconscious and unresponsive in the trunk of a black 2013 BMW. EMS responded to the scene where they declared the male deceased.



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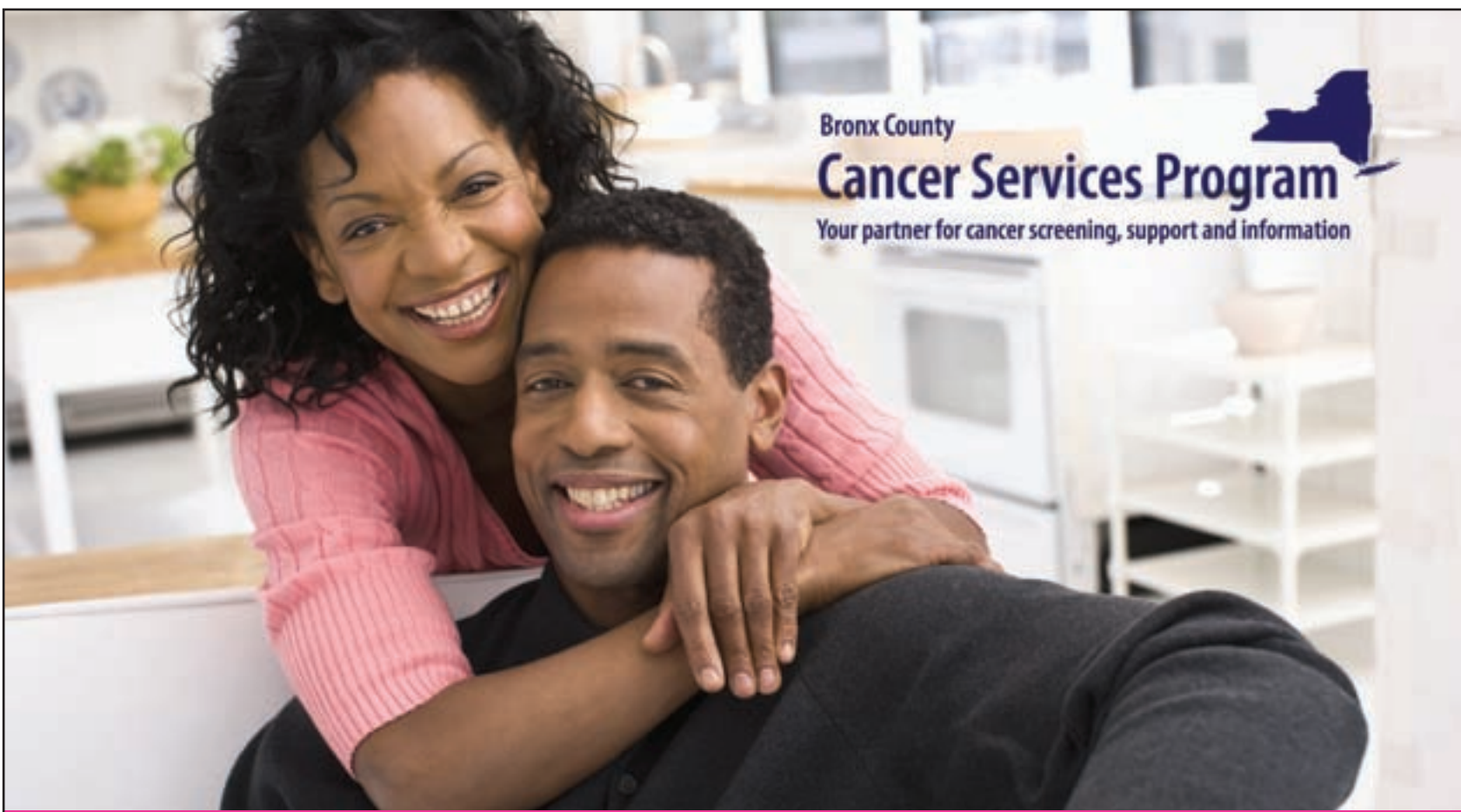
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Highway Trust Fund

Dear editor,

Larry Penner's letter to the editor is correct when he states legislation to fund the Highway Trust Fund is deadlocked in Congress; good for taxpayers!

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Increasing the gas tax would simply allow Congress to increase spending on often-frivolous projects that do nothing for highway travelers, with no guarantee that it would keep spending below revenues. Do you really think Congress will spend only what they receive in gas tax revenue?

Carl J. Cannizzaro

Council paid too much

Dear editor,

The average salary for a New Yorker is \$41,000 per year. A NYC council members' base salary is \$112,500 plus bonuses, for what is officially designated as a part-time job. Virtually every member receives an additional lulu ranging from \$4,000

to \$28,500 for chairing council committees. In exchange, all should show up for work full time. Those holding down a second outside job should either give up their bonus or outside work. Donate one day's salary to your favorite private charity for each day you fail to show up for work.

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Larry Penner

OPED: by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. Why I am visiting Israel

The people of the United States have stood strong with the people of Israel from the day that country was founded in 1947. As the only democracy in the Middle East, and as our key ally in the fight against terrorism, Israel holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans. This is especially true in New York City, which has shared a unique and significant relationship with the Jewish people and the state of Israel for decades.

Tomorrow, I will travel to Israel with the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, leading a delegation of our city's growing Latino population. This group, which includes business, civic and non-profit leaders, will spend a week discovering what Israel has to offer, learning about why Israel's continued strength is so important, and exploring the growing relationship between the people of the Promised Land and Latinos across the world.

This is of critical importance, given not only the continued vitality of the Jewish

population at home, but the longstanding history of Jewish acceptance in countries like the Dominican Republic and growing Jewish population in places like Argentina, Brazil and Panama, as well. On this trip, I will lead a discussion about the future of Jewish/Latino relations, both here and abroad, and take the first steps toward cementing a lifetime bond between these two communities.

I have been to Israel before. I have seen, firsthand, the attacks the Israeli people face every single day. But the people of Israel persevere. Now, more than ever, their example deserves our praise and our support.

The horror of the attacks on the French newspaper Charlie Hebdo and the kosher supermarket—and the subsequent exodus of Jews from Paris—show us just how critical our support of Israel is right now. As Martin Niemöller wrote, reflecting on the Nazi atrocities of World War II, "First they came for the Jews..."

Following these acts of terror, the Paris Grand Syna-

gogue closed for the first time on Shabbos since World War II. The meaning behind such imagery cannot be understated. Israel is one of our strongest allies. Israelis and all Jews must know that our Latino community, and in fact the American people, are on their side during these troublesome times. As we saw world leaders standing arm-in-arm in solidarity following these attacks, we too stand arm-in-arm with Israel and the world's Jewish population.

Does a borough president have an interest in promoting Israel? Of course. At one point more Jews lived in the Bronx than in Israel, and our Jewish community remains vibrant and strong. Across the entire city, Jews and Latinos are already working hand-in-hand on the issues that unite us, be it economic development, housing, education and more.

Israel has produced and continues to work on some of the most amazing technological and scientific advancements the world has ever seen. Israel is a partner in our se-

curity, and what keeps their country secure helps keep our borough and our city secure. Israel is worthy of not only our respect, but our support.

As we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. next week, we must also remember his message that we are all God's children, including the people of Israel. "Peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity," said Dr. King. "Peace for Israel means security and that security must be a reality."

Both the nation of Israel and Jews everywhere around the world are under perpetual attack. Their peace today, as Dr. King so eloquently put it, requires our commitment to their continued security. I will work to join the Latino and Jewish communities together in new bonds of strength, and I will help create new friendships during difficult times.

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Vigil mourns victims of Paris attacks

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Dozens of local residents and community leaders gathered on Pelham Parkway last week to remember those who died in the recent Paris terrorist attacks.

On January 7, terrorists attacked the office of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, killing 12. The suspects and affiliates later took hostages in a printing plant and a Jewish grocery store, where an additional four were killed.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj organized the interfaith vigil on Friday, January 19 to honor the victims.

"We are gathered here today to mourn and pray for peace," said Gjonaj.

After the attacks, three million Parisians and supporters responded by peacefully assembling in the streets, said Rabbi Shmuel Zuckerman of the Young Israel on Pelham Parkway.

"We want to echo that today," he said at the vigil.

Father Salvatore DeStefano of St. Clare's of Assisi extended condolences on behalf

of the neighborhood's Catholic community, and thanked the community for coming together.

"Times of tragedy bring unity," said Fr. DeStefano.

Although the terrorists called themselves Muslim, their values are not those of the true religion, said Imam Hamud Al-Silwil of the Bronx Muslim Center.

"There is no room for violence anywhere," said Al-Silwil. "We reject it completely."

"The Muslim community I know is a generous community," said Gjonaj. "They are our neighbors and friends, and they help make this neighborhood a better place."

Local teens Sana Naeem and Hira Choudhry attended the vigil with signs that called for peace, and said they wanted to provide a positive representation of their religion.

"People need to understand that Islam is literally a religion of peace," said Choudhry.

Edith Blitzer of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, said the news of the attacks on the Jewish community and others in Paris was



The vigil on Pelham Parkway for the victims of recent terrorist attacks in Paris was attended by local residents of all ages and religions. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

devastating.

"These are all human beings, we have the same blood," said Blitzer.

In trying times, it's impor-

tant for members of the community to stand as one, she said.

Another member of the PPNA, Steven Glosser,

agreed.

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Councilmen fund Morris Park Avenue cleanup

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Call them the 'clean team.'

Councilman Ritchie Torres and Councilman James Vacca, whose adjoining districts contain portions of Morris Park and Van Nest, have banded together to bring The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing, and Able work crews to clean Morris Park Avenue from East 180 Street to Williamsbridge Road.

The joint effort was announced at a press conference at the East 180th Street IRT #2 and #5 train station on Friday, January 16 that included the councilmen, Doe Fund founder and president George McDonald, Community Board 6 district manager Irvine Galarza, Community Board 11 chairman Tony Vitaliano, and leaders from the Morris Park Community Association and Van Nest Neighborhood Association.

The cleanliness of a neighborhood is a reflection of its character, and if we fail to keep our commercial corridors and residential streets clean, it sends a message that we do not care, said Torres.

"Local residents and entre-

preneurs deserve clean, livable conditions where their families and businesses can thrive," said Torres. "I am proud that we were able to secure funding to partner with the Doe Fund to bring additional sanitation services to Van Nest and Morris Park."

Torres spoke first and then introduced Vacca, who he said Vacca was called 'Mr. Clean.' in a 1994 news article. Before becoming a councilman, Torres worked as a Vacca aide.

Vacca stressed that clean streets are a community effort, adding that he is often distressed when he sees someone throw a wrapper on the ground. He called having the Doe Fund cleaning crews on the street a "win-win."

"The cleanliness of our streets speaks to how residents and visitors view the community," said Vacca. "I was able to allocate money this year so that street cleaners from The Doe Fund could join the effort to keep our streets litter free. If you see Doe Fund workers sweeping or bagging garbage, let it be a reminder that we all must do our part to keep the community clean."



Councilman Ritchie Torres (c) and Councilman James Vacca held a press conference at the IRT 2 and 5 180th Street station on Friday, January 16 to announce that the Doe Fund will help keep Morris Park Avenue clean.

Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Both councilmen allocated \$68,000 each for the Doe Fund crews, and a spokesman for Councilman Torres said that about a dozen other council members also brought the program to their district.

Tony Signorile, president of the Morris Park Community Association, stressed that having clean streets can attract new residents and businesses; Bob Nolan of the VNNA said that having cleaner streets is one of several developments in the community including the opening of a new public school

in the fall; and Bernadette Ferrara, also of VNNA, said she stops to thank the work crews for helping keep Van Nest clean.

The Doe Fund provides work opportunities to people who were formerly homeless.

One of the Ready, Willing, and Able cleaners working on the six-days-a-week cleanup, is Eugene Samuels, who said he was assigned to remove litter and debris on Morris Park Avenue from the train station at East 180th Street to Holland Avenue.

"I started with Doe in October, and as soon as I got here, I started to feel better," he said. "People are coming off the train saying 'you are doing a great job' and 'keep up the good work.'"

More blocks along East 180th Street from Morris Park Avenue leading to Boston Road, that are only in Torres' district only, are also being cleaned. In total, 29 blocks total will be street cleaned by the 'men in blue,' as the crews are called because of their blue work-suits.

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Lynches named St Patrick's Day parade grand marshals

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It is time to break out your green scarf and get ready for a wave of St. Patrick's Day revellers who will walk their way down Throggs Neck's main thoroughfare.

The 17th annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade will pay homage to community leaders Anges and Patrick Lynch, who will be the parade's grand marshals, and Honored Clergy Monsignor John Graham, when it steps off at noon on Sunday, March 15.

The parade, which runs on East Tremont Avenue from Lafayette to Harding avenues, will also honor more than 20 outstanding community residents and a former elected official, all of whom passed away recently.

"We are very proud of our honorees this year and we look forward to having our 17th annual parade," said Lynn Gerbino, a member of the parade committee. "We are anticipating a wonderful event and are so happy to recognize these honorees, who have served the community, in this way."

The Lynches were married in 1959 and raised their family in Throggs

Neck, according to the parade committee.

They are active members of St. Frances de Chantal Parish, and their involvement includes the church's Legion of Mary and Holy Name Society, as well as serving as eucharistic ministers and taking part in church campaigns.

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Agnes has been an ardent supporter of the Gaelic League of the Bronx and serves on the blood drive committee at her church, while Patrick has been president of the St. Frances de Chantal

Nocturnal Adoration Society for over 38 years.

Monsignor John Graham is the pastor of St. Raymond Church and was named the East Bronx Vicar for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York in 2012.

The honorary grand marshals who will be posthumously honored at the parade are: Laura Casey D'Atto, Mary Finnegan, Theresa Flood, John 'Onions' Gregory, John Halpin, Bill Heaney, Thomas Hines, John 'Jack' Hepburn, Jerry Macchia, Dan Moloney, Donald McDonnell, Ron McKeegan, Edward O'Connor, Michael 'Mick' O'Donnell, Maurice 'Mickey' Powers, Madeline Provenzano, John Scully, Grace Sullivan, Kitty Tarsnane, Martin Tighe, Bill Twomey, Cornelius Wallace, Eileen Walpole and Robert Zeiss.

One of the notables in the group of honorary grand marshals is Provenzano, who served as the councilwoman for the 13th district, including Throggs Neck and many nearby communities, from 1997 to 2005.

Another of the honorary grand marshals, Twomey, was the author of several books about Bronx history and



Monsignor John Graham, the pastor of the St. Raymond Church, has been named Honored Clergy for the 2015 Bronx St. Patrick's Parade. File Photo

was a Bronx Times Reporter columnist. Also of note is Heaney, who was a leader at the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

All of the grand marshals and honorary grand marshals have, in their own way, contributed to the fabric of civic and Irish-American life in the Bronx the parade committee indicated.

"Our 2015 grand marshals, honored clergy member and honorary grand marshals represent community service, spiritual dedication and Bronx Irish pride, and we are very proud to have them lead the 2015 Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade," the committee stated.

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Community School District 11 launches mobile app

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Parents in Community School District 11 can now have more information about their child's school right at their fingertips.

The district superintendent, Maria Lopez, just launched a mobile application to bring school communication to parents' smartphones.

The app, designed by WhizFish Innovations and available for both Apple and Android phones and tablets, is the first district-wide app implemented in the New York City Department of Education.

Features include contact information for schools and administrators who can be reached email or a voice recording, as well as school news and schedules.

The goal of the app is to increase opportunities for communication between the administrators and parents, and get parents more engaged in the schools. Parent engage-

ment is one of the DOE chancellor's Four Pillars of education, and Lopez agrees that when parents are involved in the schools, everyone benefits.

"I strongly believe parents are our best partners," said Lopez.

Lopez first introduced the use of an app for school communication while she was principal of I.S. 318, and through its use saw an increase in parents reaching out to her.

"I know that it works," said Lopez.

It works because while the app offers a large amount of information about the schools, it's simple to navigate.

"It's easy to handle and parent-friendly," she said.

Most importantly, it facilitates direct communication with administrators, said Lopez, including herself. She hopes to see a large number of parents downloading the application and an increase in

parents connecting with her and the district's principals.

That direct line to the superintendent is something that is new for the district and is very welcomed, said Community Education Council president Pamela Johnson.

"This kind of communication we've never had before," said Johnson.

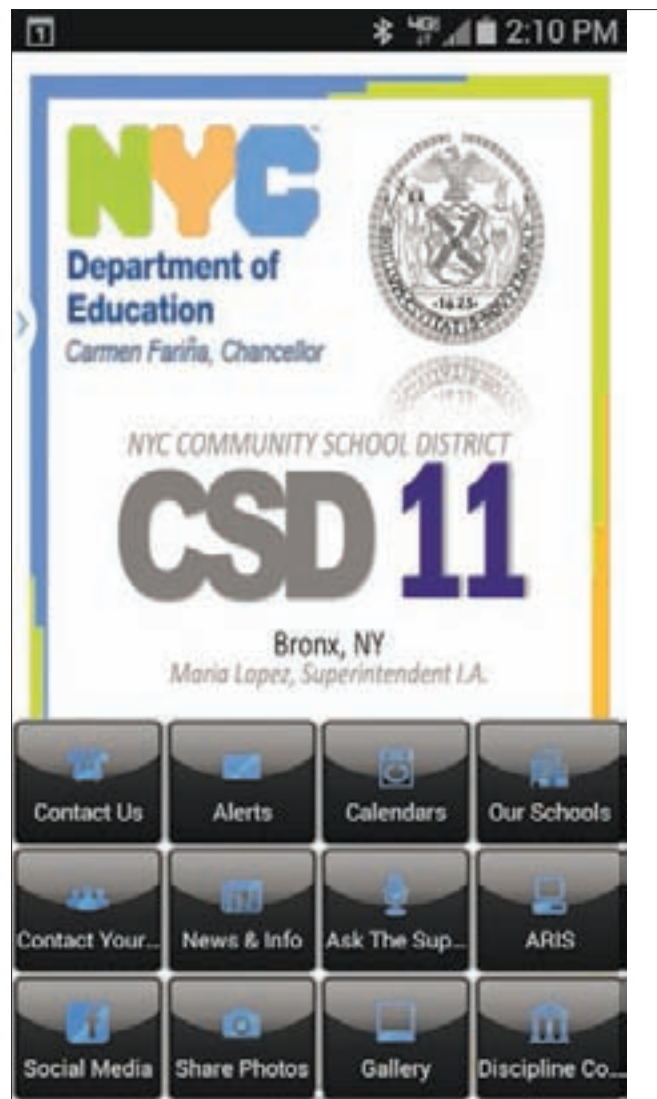
It's a great way to utilize cell phones and move school communication into the modern era, she said.

"Having a mobile app is different and creative," said Johnson. "I'm glad this CEC can be at the forefront of technology."

To download the app from iTunes or Google Play stores, search 'NYC CSD 11.'

(Right) The new mobile app for Community School District 11 will provide enhanced parent communication.

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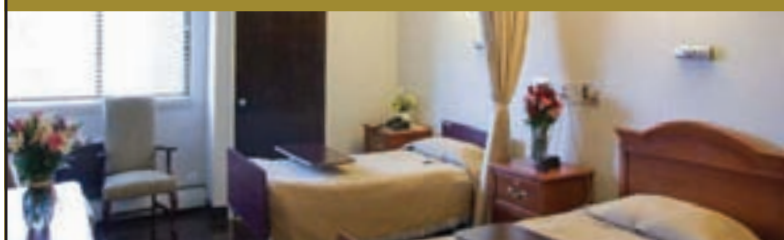
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Neighborhood Challenge names 2 Bronx winners

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Any city or urban environment assures one thing - constant and rapid development. You can bet on that in New York City, thanks to many of its improvement-based groups.

On Thursday, January 15, seven winning organizations were honored by Small Business Services and New York City Economic Development Corporation at the Neighborhood Challenge Initiative at the Old Bronx Borough Courthouse, located on Third Avenue and East 161st Street alongside Brook Avenue.

The winning organizations, announced by Small Business Services Commissioner Maria Torres-Springer and NYCEDC president Kyle Kimball, were chosen based on those that presented the most creative and impacting economic development and revitalization projects in their communities, giving each organization a chance to obtain a grant ranging up to \$100,000.

The winners included two organizations based in the Bronx - No Longer Empty and Neighborhood Plaza Partner-



The winning organizations were honored at the Neighborhood Challenge Initiative at the old Bronx Borough Courthouse on Thursday, January 15. Photo courtesy of Small Business Services

ship, both of which are in partnerships with the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

No Longer Empty, specifically based in Melrose and Morrisania, collaborates with local organizations, residents, civic leaders and businesses to ensure relevance and promote cultural vibrancy, publicly engaging with contemporary art through community-responsive exhibitions and education programs that revitalize underutilized properties.

The organization plans to open the vacant Old Bronx Borough Courthouse up to the community as early as this coming April, and was granted \$60,000 by Neighborhood Challenge to do so, as it awaits a permanent tenants.

"Our organization brings urban planning and arts together at vacant properties such as this one," said Naomi Hersson-Ringskog, executive director of No Longer Empty.

"For this organization, Neighborhood Challenge is

an exciting opportunity to be working with partners to revive this beautiful historical building and to engage with local residents and citywide visitors in the south Bronx."

Neighborhood Plaza Partnership, the other Bronx winner, specifically based in Mott Haven, is in the process of working on a project called 'Pop-Up Concession Revenues' at Roberto Clemente Plaza, located on East 149th Street and Third Avenue.

This project will develop a

'best practice' for concessions-based revenue generation in public plazas.

NPP was granted \$100,000 by Neighborhood Challenge.

"Tremendous opportunities are unfolding in the Bronx, and at SoBro, we are honored and proud to be the recipient of resources that allow us to be an agent for change," said Jamila Diaz, director of Industrial & Commercial Business Services for SoBro.

The Neighborhood Challenge, currently in its third year, is a competitive grant initiative designed to encourage innovation and service delivery improvements from business improvement districts, community-based organizations and community-based development organizations that will support small businesses, generate economic activity and attract more jobs and investments to local commercial corridors.

Since launching in 2012, Neighborhood Challenge has awarded nearly \$1.1 million in grants to organizations for innovative projects across all of NYC's five boroughs.



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Bronx businessman Herb Sedler dies

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A Port Morris businessman has been laid to rest, leaving behind his activist spirit that will be missed.

Herbert Sedler, the founder of Paper Enterprises, Inc., a Port Morris-based supplier of paper products to the food services industry, died recently, the company announced. He was 84.

Sedler was active in communities throughout the Bronx, expanding his influence beyond Port Morris.

Today the company has a staff of 160, including 30 salespeople, and a fleet of 25 trucks.

He was a board member of the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBro) and a member and major supporter of the New York Tennis Club in Throggs Neck.

The board of directors of the

New York Tennis Club released a statement about Sedler's devotion to the organization for decades.

"We at the New York Tennis Club were terribly saddened by the death of our longtime member and friend, Herb Sedler; in fact, many attended his funeral and, in the days following, paid condolence calls to his wife and family in tribute to him, sharing warm stories and memories," the statement read.

"When Herb was on the board of directors of our club, he worked tirelessly as publicity chairperson to attract new members and was indeed successful at that endeavor," the statement continued. "As an avid tennis player, he enjoyed playing doubles and mixed doubles as well as attending our social and competitive round-robins. Together with his lovely wife, Geri, Herb also brought



Herbert Sedler
Photo courtesy of Paper Enterprises

good cheer to all our holiday parties, and he will be sorely missed by all at the club."

Former SoBro senior vice-president Neil Pariser recalled that as one of the organization's board members, Sedler served on the development and fiscal committees.

"Herb was a very engaged

individual," said Pariser. "He was running a business, but he always took the time to work at the community level as well."

Pariser recollected that Sedler was a partner to the SoBro, and that through his company, Sedler tried to uplift the borough through his company through some trying times in the southern part of the Bronx.

"When the south Bronx was at its lowest point, Herb was in there battling to keep it going," said Pariser, adding "he kept the jobs here, he kept the businesses here when so many others were packing up and moving, and you needed the Herb Sedlers of the world to give this area some (stability)."

Additionally, Sedler was vice-president of the Port Morris Local Development Corporation.

Sedler founded Paper Enterprises in 1961, and gradu-

ally expanded the business, eventually absorbing several of his competitors, the company stated.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1951 to 1953. During his time in the service he was part of the First Calvary Division and stationed in Korea and Japan.

He also helped foster new generations of entrepreneurs, serving as an 'Executive on Campus' and mentoring a team of students in the entrepreneurial competition.

Sedler is survived by his wife, a retired New York City schoolteacher; his son Jordan, president of Paper Enterprises; and his daughter Lauren, an art historian and dealer in Bath, England. He also leaves behind four grandchildren, Alex, Jesse, Oliver, and Victoria.

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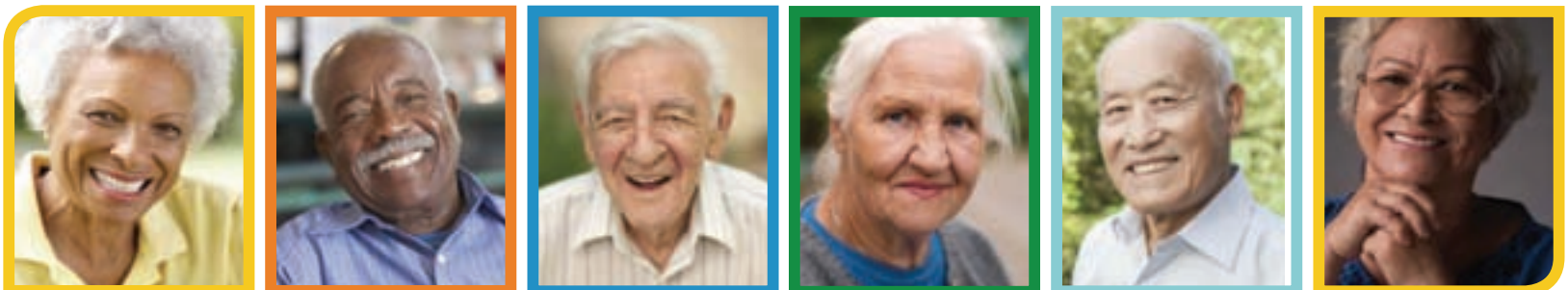
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City Year, volunteers serve on MLK Day

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One organization has continued to put the word ‘unity’ into ‘community’, especially on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

On Monday, January 19, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, over 300 City Year New York members took a trip to P.S. 55, located on St. Paul’s Place between Park and Washington avenues, to service the school.

Accompanied by 600 volunteers, City Year members donated their time and efforts to beautify the school by building benches and bookshelves for classrooms and painting murals on hallway walls.

City Year, a national education non-profit founded in Boston 1988, serves 25 cities nationwide, and came to New York in 2002, when they deployed teams of AmeriCorps to serve in the Bronx yearly.

City Year has served many Bronx schools over the years such as P.S. 48 Joseph R. Drake School, P.S. 75, M.S. 302 Luisa Dessus Cruz School, P.S. 130 Abram Stevens Hewitt School, P.S. 154 Jonathan D. Hyatt School, C.I.S. X303 Leadership & Community Service School and 24X Bronx Early College Academy.

Each floor of P.S. 55, also known as the Benjamin Franklin School, was



(C) Erica Hamilton, executive director of City Year New York gathers with City Year and AmeriCorps members before City Year New York’s MLK Day of Service at P.S. 55 Benjamin Franklin School on Monday, January 19. Photo courtesy of City Year

given a different mural theme.

The second floor was dedicated to rain forests paintings, while the third floor was split into two sections of paintings - the history of hip hop and the history of the Bronx, the latter of which included a map of the entire Bronx and a portrait of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

City Year members on the first floor helped children write letters, draw pictures and make welcome back sandwiches for our troops and veterans.

In addition, City Year New York also hosted a Community Resource Fair, providing an opportunity to residents of the Morrisania community to meet local agencies and organizations to learn more about the specific services that these groups provide to residents and families daily.

The fair included free tax prep, health screenings, a kids’ zone as well as healthy snacks and giveaways.

“This holiday signifies a positive opportunity for City Year and its ac-

companied volunteers to work on many different projects together and help with the challenges currently taking place in New York as well as the entire United States,” said Erica Hamilton, executive director of City Year.

“Our AmeriCorps members, as well as those who volunteer with us on this special day, are living proof there are many people in our society who do care about these issues and want to make an impact and carry on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy of serving,” she added.

“City Year has a big impact on schools and communities all over the country, putting huge but equal emphasis on each of its projects,” said AmeriCorps member Krystina Alphonso, a Bronx resident who is also a coach, mentor and tutor at P.S. 55.

According to children at the event, the day was much better spent giving back to the community rather than staying home from school.

“We are happy that the community is thankful, but (the students) are also thankful to be in a position to help the people that need it,” said Mia Bradley-Hannibal, a P.S. 55 student and a member of the school’s Bengal Tiger step team, about donating her time.

“I would do this every single day if I could,” she said.

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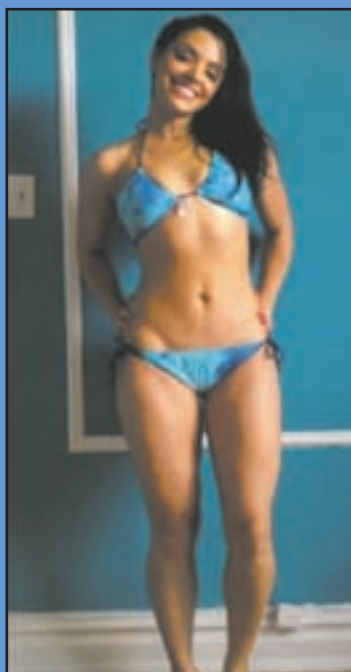
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fessionally is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 5:00-7:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. Visit BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org in the event that additional workshop dates are added.

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- You must provide the office with

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Let the office know if there have been any changes in taxpayers or dependents from your 2014 return.

Seniors are encouraged to bring all their tax documents to Assemblyman Benedetto's office at 3602 East Tremont Avenue, Suite 201 or 177 Dreiser Loop, Room 12, anytime from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. (The tax preparer will collect documentation until March 6 and no more tax papers will be accepted after that date. All participants will be contacted when the forms are completed.)

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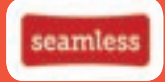
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KT SULLIVAN IS THE 'QUEEN OF CABARET'

Singer and actress KT Sullivan performed for the 'Queen of Cabaret' event, held at First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck, 3075 Baisley Avenue, on Sunday, January 11. At the event, Sullivan, along with others, performed songs from 1945 as well as other oldies for the audience members. Cocktails were served before and after the performance.



Above (l-r) pianist Konstantin Soukhovetski, singer KT Sullivan, singer Stacy Sullivan and pastor Ulf Luhow all played a part in the 'Queen of Cabaret' performance on Sunday, January 11. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



(l-r) Stacy Sullivan and KT Sullivan performed at the 'Queen of Cabaret' performance on Sunday, January 11.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

OWEN DOLEN CELEBRATES THREE KINGS

A Three Kings Day celebration was held at the Owen Dolen Recreation Center in Westcheseter Square on Friday, January 9. The feast saw the biblical story of the epiphany enacted by local children, and included popular figures like Mary, Joseph, and of course the Three Wise Men in what is an annual tradition.



Three Kings (l-r) Selassie Kirugu, Ryan Francis, and Jaden Rosario present gold, frankincense and myrrh. Photo by Laura Stone



(Above) Mary was played by Uchenna Obumeme Akuieme (l) and Joseph played by Anthony Francis. Photo by Laura Stone

The cast included the Three Wise Men, Mary, Joseph, angels, North Star, villagers, and animals. Photo by Laura Stone



HP CHAMBER HOSTS NETWORKING EVENT

The Hunts Point Chamber of Commerce hosted a networking event at the Break Time Sports Bar and Grill on Friday, January 9. The event celebrated the birthdays of Signature Bank branch manager Joseph Vessecchia and Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation president Josephine Infante, and acknowledged the 41st Precinct promotions of commanding officer Matraine Matrosa and Detective Herawattie Jeeuth.



(l-r) Amanda Septico, 41st Precinct detective Herawattie Jeeuth, Signature Bank branch manager Joseph Vessecchia and HPEDC president Josephine Infante were present at the Hunts Point Chamber of Commerce networking event on Friday, January 9.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



(l-r) Sayed Ahasan, Ian Anratt, Signature Bank branch manager Joseph Vessecchia, HPEDC president Josephine Infante, 41st Precinct detective Herawattie Jeeuth and Raphael Salamonica were present at the Hunts Point Chamber of Commerce networking event on Friday, January 9.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

'THE HOUSE THAT RUTHIE BUILT'

The Bronx Arts Ensemble put on the play 'The House That Ruthie Built,' sponsored by Councilman James Vacca, on Sunday January 11 at International Caterers. The children's musical is a story about a girl who always dreamed of being a New York Yankee.

Samantha Hangan and Chaunce LeRe perform in 'The House that Ruthie Built.'

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Thirty-five new Ridgewood Savings Bank tech specialists stand ready to help.

Photo courtesy of Ridgewood

MOTT HALL COMMUNITY SCHOOL FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

The Mott Hall Community School in Throggs Neck held its Family Science Night on Thursday, January 8. Both students and parents participated in science experiments, which saw the youth taking part in several fun activities like making lava lamps. The school teamed up with Urban Advantage, a middle school science initiative that promotes education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. The New York Botanical Gardens was on hand to help the students learn about science through several of the night's experiments.



A 7th grade student Alicia Cabrera, 12, creates a lava lamp. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Mona McNamara (r), New York Botanical Garden Urban Advantage program manager, helps student Nathaniel Ayala (l) with a plant during science night. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MLK DAY



Immaculate Conception School hosted their 25th annual tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 18 at the Immaculate Conception Church. At the event, students performed a dance tribute and the church choirs performed musical tribute. Attendees at the event included guest speaker Dr. Vivian Davis, associate dean for Diversity and Cultural Affairs at Columbia University School of Nursing.

Students from Immaculate Conception School performed dance and musical tributes for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 19. Photo by Edwin Soto

EASTCHESTER REHAB RESIDENT TURNS 103

The Eastchester Rehab and Health Care Center threw a birthday party for resident Nettie Hazel on Thursday, January 15. Hazel turned 103 that day, and celebrated the milestone at the center with friends and family.



Nettie Hazel celebrated her 103rd birthday on Thursday, January 15.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

TN MEMORIAL POST HELPS CALVARY

Throggs Neck Post #1456 held their annual Bingo benefit on Sunday, January 18. The event was coordinated by the post's ladies auxiliary, and included a 50/50 raffle and sweepstakes table. All of the proceeds were donated to Calvary Hospital.



The 50/50 raffle winner was Phil Hanlon.

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CALVARY CELEBRATES MLK'S BIRTHDAY

Calvary Hospital, located at 1740 Eastchester Road, hosted its annual 'The Dream of a King' event to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life on his birthday, Thursday, January 15. Attendees at the event included patients, families and employees, as well as Reverend Anthony McFarlane, pastor of the Congregational Church of North, United Church of Christ, who spoke about Dr. King's accomplishments and legacy for generations to follow.



Above (l-r) Reverend Chris Ponnuraj of Calvary Chaplain, guest speaker Reverend Anthony McFarlane and Father Chux C. Okochi, director of Pastoral Care at Calvary Hospital at Calvary Hospital's 'The Dream of a King' event on Thursday, January 15.

Photo courtesy of Calvary Hospital

ST. RAYMOND'S COLONIAL DAY

St. Raymond Elementary School in Parkchester held its Colonial Day learning event on Wednesday, January 14. Fourth and seventh grade students, about 39 in all, dressed in garb like the clothing back in the early days of America. The students researched medicine, recreation, crime and punishment, kitchens, etiquette and even marbles in the colonies that became the first 13 states. At the event, the students made presentations and held demonstrations showcasing what they learned about the early days of our nation.



Fourth grade teacher Regina Lim explores colonial times with her class during St. Raymond's Colonial Day.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP HOLDS ADOPTION EVENT

New Beginning Animal Rescue of NYC's Top Dog, Inc., hosted an animal adoption event on Saturday, January 17. Potential pet owners checked out the shelter's rescued cats and dogs. Many went home with new families.



Potential pet owners check out New Beginnings Animal Rescue on Newbold Avenue.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



Brendan, Julie, and Jaelyna Santiago with their new furry friend.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

HFH PAINTS JASA CENTER

Members of Habitat For Humanity went to the JASA Center, located at 2705 Schley Avenue, between Buttrick and Balcom avenues, and painted the walls to brighten up the senior center on Saturday, January 17. At the JASA Center, Habitat For Humanity members gave back to the community by servicing the site for the upcoming holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Alex Polite paints a wall of the JASA Center on Saturday, January 17.

Photo by Walter Pofeltd

CRAZY-HAT DAY AT BRONX HOUSE

Bronx House had a crazy-hat day with its Universal Pre-K program on Friday, January 16. Students, parents, and teachers worked together to make a variety of creative and crafty hats.

A pre-k class shows off their hand-made hats.

Photo courtesy of Bronx House



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BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ, LATINO BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADERS VISIT ISRAEL

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. visited Israel recently. He was heading a delegation of Latino business and civic leaders, which was hosted by the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.



(Above) Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. (l) stands with United Nations soldiers monitoring the border between Israel and Syria on Monday, January 19. Borough President Diaz visited the site following an Israeli strike against Hezbollah terrorists who were planning an attack on the Golan Heights. Photo courtesy of Borough President Diaz's office



(Right) Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Michael Miller, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, stand in front of Mount Hermon in the Golan Heights during their trip to Israel on Monday, January 19. Photo courtesy of Borough President Diaz's office

ASSEMBLYMAN BLAKE SWORN IN

Assemblyman Michael Blake of the 79th Assembly District was sworn in on Sunday, January 18 at the Mott Haven Campus in Concourse Village. A wide variety of political and business leaders attended the inauguration celebration.



Honorable Fernando Tapia of the Bronx Supreme Court swears in Assemblyman Michael Blake with his mother, Hilary Lawrence, looking on. Photo by Patricio Robayo



CRAFT WORKSHOP AT HUNTINGTON FREE LIBRARY

Bronx Council on the Arts and the Huntington Free Library hosted a craft workshop on Saturday, January 17. The workshop at the library focused on making and decorating journals.

Above (l-r) Crystal Cleary, Daniella Donoghue, Nicole Donoghue and Barbara Donoghue enjoy the workshop.

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Cheryl and Jon Coogan show off their journals. Photo by Aracelis Batista



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SCA featured in StArt

St. Catharine Academy was one of 29 public and private high schools from the Bronx, Westchester, Rockland, and Fairfield counties to participate in the StArt 2015 Regional High School Art Competition at Concordia College. The exhibition featured the work of 84 high school artists. Seniors Arrianna Colquhoun, Kayla Marie Deslandes, and Raquel Johnson represented SCA. The three artists study AP Studio Art 2-D under the direction of St. Catharine Academy Art teacher, Deborah Ross.

Arrianna's untitled work was in charcoal and colored pencil; Kayla Marie's "Building Letters" in acrylic paint and marker; and Raquel's work, "Tangled Core", in India and colored ink.

Reflecting on her experience of SCA's Art Program, Arrianna Colquhoun said, "This is my third year taking art as a high school student and my first experience in taking AP Studio Art. My interest in this field has led me to pursue a career in fashion design." Raquel also plans to pursue a career in art. "Since freshman year, I have been enrolled in art classes both inside and outside of school. I truly have a passion for art and wish to pursue a career in which art is essential."



Raquel Johnson with her exhibited work, Tangled Core.

In recent years SCA graduates have been accepted to such prestigious schools as the Savannah College of Art and Design, Delaware College of Art and Design, and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

on Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m.. The location of the meeting is the cafeteria building of the Villa Maria Academy, located at 3833 Country Club Road. This is the building immediately to your left upon entering the campus.

The association can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 211, Bronx, N.Y. 10465, and via telephone at (718) 823-1814. Please remember, "Take pride in your community; Your home extends beyond your property line!"

BY JOSEPH ODDO

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

This past Monday we honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of our country's greatest humanitarians and civil rights leaders.

More than a half century later, Dr. King's message continues to ring true across our land. In honoring Dr. King, we also commit to rededicate ourselves to ensuring justice and equality for all New Yorkers.

At times we as a people can address our grievances through peaceful civil demonstrations. In New York City we are currently living through a period when many of our fellow citizens feel that our police department is not responsive to our needs. In some cases this might be true. But what is also true is that positive change always takes place when we address the policy and not attack the individual.

The work of a police officer is most demanding. We almost never know what the officer who is before you just experienced. He or she may have just left a crime scene where an infant may have been brutally murdered. It could be that the person whom they just had investigated was the same person who the day before was arrested for senior abuse and today he maybe the primary suspect in the sexual assault of an elderly woman.

Very few of us walk in their shoes. At times it takes a cop to support another cop.

What we can do is to address the policies that allow the unthinkable to happen. No one wants to live in a state of oppression.

So, let us, policemen, unions, City Hall, and demonstrators put aside our differences and work together to move our city forward. May we all remember and honor Dr. King, his life and legacy, not just today but every day! And one of the best ways to do this is to live by his example of promoting change through civil dis-



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Young adults in every state who have aged out of the foster care system are now eligible for Medicaid under a new provision of the Affordable Care Act. Analysts believe that anywhere from up to 10,000 young people who have aged out of foster care in New York State are eligible for coverage.

This provision of the Affordable Care Act went into effect this January. Young adults will now be insured until their 26th birthday.

On average, 1,300 youth adults age out of New York's foster care system each year. Those who left after January 2014 are automatically enrolled in Medicaid. But, those who left before this date need to sign up either through the Department of Social Services or through the state-run Internet exchange.

The Locust Point Civic Association is at it again. This week they are hosting Oktoberfest in January at the civic. It will be held Friday, January 24 at 6 p.m.. \$10 per person. To make reservations, or comment on this event you can call (347) 607-7705.

Thank you for your readership and support. Please stay warm and healthy.

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



BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Shortly following the Muslim extremist attacks in Paris, France's Le Monde Diplomatic publication noted: "A crucial battle has begun, one that will define the lines of division in French society. Some would like to see a divided Europe, and a standoff between different sections of the population defined by national origin, culture and religion." Canada's Globe and Mail noted: "The terrorists who struck in the heart of Paris on Wednesday were not mentally imbalanced or socially marginalized. They were highly organized assassins who believe the West should live under a caliphate governed by strict Islamist law, and that blasphemers should die. It has been reported that they spoke flawless French."

While some might contend that France's relations with its Muslim citizens are dissimilar to America's, the reality is more disturbing.

Traditionally, the United States, a nation comprised of immigrants, adhered to the concept of a melting pot. Each

new wave was expected to follow most of the existing political and cultural norms, but was welcome to improve and diversify those norms with their own contributions of ideas and traditions. They did, and America has been immeasurably enriched as a result.

But in the late 20th Century, that concept began to change, and support for this 'melting pot' practice began to give way to the multicultural 'gorgeous mosaic' concept, in which immigrants, rather than assimilating and adding their own contributions, retained their ancestral heritage and formed distinct groups.

This new idea caught on significantly within the educational community. As noted by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development: "In recent years, many educators have supported multicultural education as a way to deal with global interconnectedness and America's increasingly multiethnic population. What is disconcerting is that educators have yet to agree on what multiculturalism really is or how it might affect curricu-

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ulum and teaching...

"American education has traditionally been assimilationist. Educators with this view believe that studying other cultures is worthwhile in that it leads to better relationships among ethnic groups and enables the dominant culture to select and adopt significant non-Western cultural accomplishments.

"Assimilationist educators might support bilingual education, but not primarily so that students might maintain and appreciate their own language and culture. Instead, assimilationists value bilingual education as the quickest way for non-English-speaking Americans to become literate in English.

"In the 1990s, programs to incorporate all groups into a single culture are likely to

try to meet the needs of individual students and accommodate their idiosyncratic backgrounds. Educators structure activities in such a way that all newcomers eventually melt together in the pot.

"Assimilationists know, however, that their position is under attack. They fear the strength and solidarity of cultural pluralism, and sometimes they sharply deplore what they see as its end result. Jarolimek (1988), for example, declared: "Ironically, the once popular concept of America as a 'melting pot' is now sweepingly derided by intellectuals at a time when it is closer to reality than before.... Teaching an attachment to one's own ethnic identity should be kept within reasonable limits."

The growing 'multicultural' trend will produce the same results in the United States as it has in France. A nation has the right to maintain its own ideals and culture. If it fails to do so, it soon will cease to exist in any recognizable form. This can be accomplished without violating, in anyway, the freedoms of its recent immigrants.

Indeed, many immigrants came to America to escape the oppression, bigotry, and hatreds of their native lands. This is extraordinarily relevant in the case of Muslims. A devastating history of inhuman subjugation of females, harsh religious absolutism, and political authoritarianism are the hallmarks of most Islamic-dominated nations. These values are not compatible with the west, and need not be tolerated.

The United States and other western nations opened their doors to Muslims. Unfortunately, a radical contingent within that specific immigrant community came not seeking to join with their new communities, but to dominate them and impose upon them the bigotry, oppression, and narrow-mindedness afflicting their native lands. The reality of this threat must be acknowledged and acted upon, and appropriate steps must be taken.

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BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

While nursing a cold this weekend, I got caught up on a month's worth of backlogged issues of the Bronx Times Reporter. I loved the wishes for 2015 from our local elected officials and community leaders. Being a member of the LPCA board and a committee member of the recent NY Rising initiative, I figured I'd weigh in.

My wish for 2015 is that we keep building on the successes of the past year. For LPCA, we got our civic house back after the destruction of Superstorm Sandy and ended the year in the black - quite and accomplishment that will help us create some great programming for our community in 2015.

For my fellow NY Rising committee members and other community stakeholders, I am thrilled at the ideas we worked on and also realize that nothing is perfect. I've seen comments and quotes and I've had private conversations regarding this issue and I know that there are things we talked about that didn't make it on to the list of projects. There are people who feel that their community was left out of the loop. You can't let perfect be the enemy of the good. And the good is that we now have a group of people who have started a conversation, new people will join the group and our purpose will continue to evolve as we work together.

The important thing is that we did sit down, we did create innovative projects and we talked about a very big picture filled with our dreams about how we want to leave this community to our children.

So my wish for 2015 is that we continue to work together towards that goal.

Another goal for 2015 is that we continue to spread the word on Locust Point CSA. The first delivery for the 2015 season is tentatively scheduled for June 8, at 3300 Tierney Place. We have Full Vegetable Shares available for \$540 for 24 weeks. A full share is a lot of vegetables, but if you are vegetarian, vegan or you juice, you may want the full share. Every week you get an assortment of 6-8 vegetables plus a fresh herb.

The Full Fruit Share is \$240 for 20 weeks (the first delivery of fruit will be July 6). Many people choose to split a vegetable share and buy a full fruit share. For example, we are a couple and we split our vegetable share with another couple and we order two fruit shares - one for us and one for our share partners, plus an extra one for another couple of friends that only wants fruit. You cannot create an account and order only a fruit share, but once you order a vegetable share, you can add as many fruit shares as you'd like.

The Mushroom Share is

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\$120 for 24 weeks. Each week you receive a bag of mushrooms and the selection is a rotation of cremini, portobello, shitake, oyster and white button - very fresh and a wonderful addition to your local vegetable selection. They dry really well and are a great addition to soups in the winter. Same rules apply for mushrooms as fruit.

If you are an existing member and have a CSA membership account, it will follow from year to year. Please do not create a new member account. If you are a new member, go to the website noted below and follow the instructions for creating an account. Deb at Stoneledge is very helpful if you have any problems creating an account and signing up for a share. You must create an account and place an order to join the CSA.

If you only want a half share, the best thing to do is find a friend or relative to split the share with you. However, if you are unable to find anyone who wants to join you for terrific food, we can match you up with other people looking for a half share. If you already are a member and split a share, con-

tact your share partner and make sure they still want to be in the CSA. If they do not, or they have found someone else to split their share with, let us know and we will find you a new partner. Any questions, feel free to email me at cnapolitano@netzero.net

Once you have created your account or confirm your membership login information, order shares for the 2015 season by: 1. Click on Member Login under the center photo on the farm website www.stoneledge.farm. 2. Login using your email address and password. There is a Forgot Password link available. 3. Select the CSA shares you would like to order. 4. Read and check off the member agreement and also the volunteering agreement for your CSA site. 5. Select the payment method and complete your order. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you once the order is complete. Contact information for Stoneledge Farm: info@stoneledge.farm.

If you sign up now, full payment can be spread over six months, as long as payment in full is received by July 1. I find that with good planning, I manage to avoid waste by freezing (or otherwise preserving) one or two things every week. Plus, towards the end of the season, we took advantage of Stoneledge Farm's Marketplace and ordered additional

potatoes, beets, kale and carrots. It's January and the carrots got used up around Christmas time and the kale is in the freezer, but I still have potatoes and beets that are firm and beautiful. That's the only problem with our CSA, it's only for 6 months out of the year. If you are committed to eating seasonally and locally, this makes it quite a challenge, even with diligent planning.

I was thrilled to stumble upon an article on winter farmer's markets and found that there is one in Mamaroneck. The market will be Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until May 2. It's hosted by St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Mount Pleasant Avenue, which is off Post Road a block south of Mamaroneck Avenue. Plenty of parking and there is a thrift shop in the basement of the building with the farmer's market.

We went two weeks ago for the opening day and there were quite a few vendors with a very good assortment: locally (Long Island) caught fish, bread, meat and dairy, pickles, honey, hummus all sold by the people who raise or produce the food. The produce vendors had the seasonal vegetables I wanted to see with not one hot house tomato in sight. I picked up sweet potatoes and some beautiful watermelon radishes, a couple of loaves of bread and a jar of buckwheat honey.

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BY JOANNE TIMMINS

It's National Drug Facts Week: Questions Teens May Ask About Drugs

Parents are always advised to talk openly and often with their teen about alcohol and other drugs. Many parents can't help but feel a certain sense of dread about the whole topic though. Certain questions may leave us feeling embarrassed, uncertain or uninformed. What follows is a short guide to help make difficult questions easier to answer.

1. *Did you ever try it when you were my age?*

Experts generally recommend that the parent answer truthfully but briefly. Your child does not need to know all the details. If you do have a history of past use, point out that you feel it was a mistake and that you experienced negative consequences as a result. Stress that you hope

your child does not make the same mistakes you did. If you know what pressures your child is facing, you can share some coping strategies with him/her.

2. *If marijuana is so bad, why is it being legalized?*

The current climate in the US, where many states including New York have legalized medical marijuana, has left both parents and teens with unanswered and conflicting questions and ideas about it. Help your child to understand that marijuana is a plant that has thousands of chemical compounds in it. Some of these chemical compounds may indeed help certain people with certain serious diseases and conditions. There is one compound in the marijuana plant called THC which causes the "high" people feel when smoked or eaten. This chemical has been studied and shown to cause shrink-

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age in the memory centers of the brain, making it harder to learn and remember new things. It interferes with peripheral vision, the tracking of moving objects and reaction time. Some studies show a reduction in IQ for regular users. Smoking damages lungs. Marijuana causes physical and psychological dependency; more teens are in rehab due to marijuana than any other drug. It is illegal in New York State to possess marijuana for recreational use.

3. *Everybody does drugs these days. You don't understand how it is.*

Ask your child to let you know how it is for him/her. Listen non-judgmentally. Validate your child's feelings and treat them with respect. You will probably learn a great deal about the challenges and pressures facing your child both internally and from his/her peers. Acknowledge that growing up today is different in many ways from your own adolescence, but similar in many key areas too. Share how you faced the temptations and pressures when you were a teen. Identify some supportive adults and peers for your teen to talk with besides yourself. Help your teen to understand that most teens do not use drugs although it may certainly seem so. This might be a good time to talk about making tough decisions and finding like-minded friends.

4. *It's a prescription. How can it hurt you?*

Consumers need to understand that all drugs, whether prescription or over-the-counter, have the ability to alter the way the brain and/or body works. All drugs have potential side effects, some quite serious. Mixing certain types of drugs with alcohol can be deadly. Some prescription drugs are addictive, especially when used outside of a prescription or identified physical problem. Just because a drug is legal does not mean that it can't harm you. In 2013, 22,767 people died due to pharmaceuticals.

In 2011, 1.4 million visits were made to the Emergency Room due to pharmaceuticals. Using any medicine, including cough syrup and ADHD drugs, outside of their intended purpose is unwise.

For more help on talking with your teen, see www.adapp.org and www.medicineabuseproject.org.

BY STEVEN GLOSSER AND LOUIS G. LUTNICK

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association held its monthly meeting on Tuesday January 13 at Bronx House. Our featured speaker this month was Iggy Terranova who is a representative of the Department of Sanitation. Mr. Terranova informed the attendees about the new laws and regulations set forth by the city of New York beginning this year. Particularly concerning the new laws involving electronics and snow removal.

Beginning January 1, all electronics waste may no longer be disposed of through the past means. Residents must choose other options for disposal/recycling of electronic waste.

To drop off electronics such as computers or TVs you have the option of returning it to a retail store such as any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, Radio Shack, Staples (no TVs) or it can be dropped off at the Gowanus E Waste warehouse, located at 969 President

Street, Brooklyn, NY.

In addition, Dell will pick up any Dell product for free through their Fed Ex package Return Program. Residents can also bring unwanted electronics to a DSNY Disposal event. Starting January 30 there will be a \$100 fine for disposing of electronics improperly.

Next Iggy addressed a wide range of topics. Amongst them were future plans the city has allowing putting out of garbage to the sidewalk to 4 p.m. year round. There will be tickets issued if put out earlier. This will possibly start after the snow season.

Beginning September, all schools are removing Styrofoam trays. In addition it will be required for takeout restaurants and all restaurants to not use Styrofoam.

One issue that came up was the clutter of flyers and pamphlets on residential areas. He told us that in order for him to give tickets he must have two verified reports into 311 at the same time from different sources. In addition he cannot

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give any tickets if the flyers have news or religious items on them as this would be a violation of the 1st Amendment.

Many people complained about the Morris Park train station and the stairs next to it being constantly filthy and a total mess. Mr. Terranova said the MTA is responsible from the sidewalk to 18 inches to the street and to call 311 to report messy conditions and document the complaint number for follow up. He insisted that this is a constant problem with the MTA and them not cleaning or maintaining property that they are responsible for.

The DSNY would replace any missing city garbage cans, just call 311 to complain about one missing. Also mattresses and box springs may be put

out with regular trash. But they both must be completely wrapped in plastic or you could face a \$100 fine.

Contractors by law needs to take away large, heavy trash. For example, tiles and sheet rock. Any paint cans needs to be completely dry to put out with regular garbage. Home Depot or Lowes will recycle paint.

As far as the other big topic, which comes up every winter, Mr. Terranova had plenty to say. The DSNY is responsible for snow removal from the city's 19000 lane miles of roadways. The DSNY sends out snow plows once 2 inches of snow has accumulated. Owners, lessees, tenants or other occupants are responsible for cleaning snow and ice from sidewalks next to their property.

Snow and ice should not be pushed to the street or corner crosswalk. Corner properties should clear a path to the crosswalk including pedestrian ramps.

On two lane streets the DSNY plows to the right to

avoid blocking the oncoming left lane with snow. The DSNY prioritizes its resources by first clearing primary arteries such as expressways, bus routes, hospital and school roads and other critical roadways to facilitate the movement of fire trucks, ambulances, and police and other emergency vehicles. Shovel snow to the curb not to the middle of the street. New this year certain areas of the city snow routes have been redesigned with designation as either critical or sector routes. There are some rumblings that this method could change. DSNY will be starting pilot programs where sections of the city are cut into squares and all roadways in the square will be plowed regardless of primary or secondary status. This is still in planning stages.

The next meeting of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association will be Tuesday, February 10. Please join us. It is important to be community minded and stay involved in keeping our neighborhood safe, clean and graffiti free.



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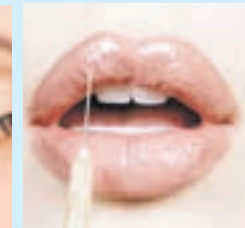
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“The dedication of each of these officers is instrumental in our bank’s reputation for providing the highest level of service and support to our valued Ridgewood customers,” said Peter M. Boger. “Through their expertise and commitment, these employees have made substantial contributions to the ongoing success of our bank, our customers, and the larger communities that we are proud to serve.”

Mr. Boger added, “We would also like to wish all the best in retirement to Joseph T. Curcio, Vice President & Marketing Director; Francis P. O’Hagan, Vice President & Chief Investment Officer; Mary Cergol, Assistant Vice President; and Yuen Eng, Branch Banking Officer. They have been valued members of our team and we have greatly appreciated their contributions.”

Peter M. Boger, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank, announced the promotion of Leonard Stekol to Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Stekol, who joined Ridgewood in 1993, previously served as Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer.

The bank’s Board of Trustees also approved the following senior officer promotions and title changes: Laura Peters, Senior Vice President; Geraldine Brennan, Senior Vice President & Chief Risk Officer; Coretta Johnson, Vice President & Comptroller; Annette Welsh, Vice President & Auditor; Ann Freese, Vice President, Information Technology; Vito DiBona, Vice President and Senior Real Estate Portfolio Manager; Chiara Berthel, Vice President; John Blake, Vice President, Banking Administration; Laura Camelo, Vice President & Corporate Secretary; and James Jewett, Vice President & Chief Investment Officer.

In addition, Ridgewood’s Board approved the follow-

ing junior officer promotions: Lucy Mangru, Assistant Vice President & Treasurer; Matthew Schettino, Assistant Vice President & Marketing Director; Kimberly Reese, Assistant Vice President & Assistant Marketing Director; Pembe Sefket, Assistant Vice President & Deputy Auditor; and Nancy Adzemovic, Assistant Vice President.

The following new offi-



UNION COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES ACADEMIC CHALLENGE WINNERS

Dr. Janine Clark Adjo, a pediatrician at Union Community Health Center’s Fordham Plaza site, poses with staff and this semester’s Academic Challenge winners: Angela Salgado, Wildalyz Caraballo, Diane Pimentel, Lisbeth Pimentel, and Stephanie Estrella. Academic Challenge winners were also selected at Union sites at 188th Street and 2021 Grand Concourse.

Ariel Property Advisors announces sale of five Bronx properties for \$10.545 mil

Ariel Property Advisors has announced the sale of five properties in the Bronx with a total value of \$10.545 million.

“The properties include a development site, medical property, and three multifamily buildings whose sales illustrate the demand for investment properties in the Bronx today,” said Scot Hirschfield, vice president.

The five properties include:

- A development site at 3084 Webster Avenue and 410-414 East 203rd Street in the Norwood section of the Bronx sold for \$4.125 million. Zoning allows for approximately 93,000 buildable square feet as of right, and approximately 124,000 buildable square feet with inclusionary housing. The property is located in the heart of the recently rezoned Webster Avenue corridor and is walking distance to several noteworthy cultural institutions including the Bronx Zoo and New York Botanical Gardens. Exclusive agents Victor

Sozio, Shimon Shkury, Scot Hirschfield, and Jason M. Gold represented the seller, a developer and multifamily operator, and procured the buyer, Stagg Group, which is planning to develop a residential rental building.

- A 15,000-square-foot, four-story, multifamily building at 2475 Hughes Avenue in the Belmont section of the Bronx sold for \$2.56 million. The 20-unit walk-up consists of six, three-bedroom apartments; seven, two-bedroom apartments; and seven, one-bedroom apartments. The property is located next to Fordham University and one block from Arthur Avenue, offering immediate access to popular eateries in the heart of The Bronx’s Little Italy. Exclusive agents Victor Sozio, Scot Hirschfield, and Jason M. Gold represented the seller, a real estate investment firm, and procured the buyer, a private investor.
- A four-story, medical building at 1870 Grand Concourse in the Mount Hope sec-

tion of the Bronx sold for \$1.55 million. The 8,600-square-foot, four-story property includes offices and retail space leased by a pharmacy and dental practice on the ground floor, and three additional floors of mixed-use space. Exclusive agents Scot Hirschfield, Jason M. Gold, Shimon Shkury, and Victor Sozio represented the seller, a real estate investment firm, and procured the buyer, an owner-user.

- A four-story, eight-unit multifamily building at 2252 Bassford Avenue in the Belmont section of the Bronx sold for \$1.335 million. The property includes eight units, all of which are two-bedrooms with the potential to convert to three-bedrooms. Exclusive agents Jason M. Gold, Michael A. Tortorici, and Scot Hirschfield represented the seller, a local operator, and procured the buyer, a private investor.
- A four-story walk-up at 956 Leggett Avenue in the Longwood section of the



3084 Webster Avenue and 410-414 East 203rd Street.

Bronx sold for \$975,000. The property consists of eight, two-bedroom apartments. Exclusive agents Jason M. Gold, Scot Hirschfield, and Victor Sozio represented the seller and procured the buyer, both private investors.

More information is available from the exclusive agents at 212-544-9500: Scot Hirschfield, ext. 16, shirschfield@arielpa.com; Jason M. Gold, ext. 22, jgold@arielpa.com; and Victor Sozio, ext. 12, vsozio@arielpa.com.

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Lehman Center for the Performing Arts brings together for the first time to celebrate Valentine's Day, La Princesca de la Salsa, India, and El Niño Bonito, Ismael Miranda for Enamorados, a special concert for "La Casa De La Salsa" on Saturday, February 7, at 8 p.m. Produced by Lehman Center and José Raposo.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets fare \$65, \$55, and \$50 and can be purchased by calling (718) 960-8833 or at www.LehmanCenter.org. Low-cost on-site parking available for \$5.

Ismael Miranda, the most recorded Salsa singer in the world, was born in 1950 in Puerto Rico and grew up in Manhattan's East Village. He showed an interest in music

from a very young age and by the time he was eleven, he was singing and playing the congas with two juvenile groups. He recorded his first hit single, "Rumbón Melón", with Joey Pastrana's Orchestra when he was 17, which led to being hired as lead singer by bandleader Larry Harlow. Together they co-authored the Latin Boogaloo album *El Exigente* (1967), and Miranda headlined the record *Orquesta Harlow Presenta a Ismael Miranda* in 1968. Over the next five years, he made seven albums with Orchestra Harlow which included many of his original compositions. Miranda also began performing and recording with the newly formed Fania All-Stars in 1969, and as the youngest artist in the group, he was given the nickname "El niño bonito de la Salsa" (The pretty boy of Salsa). He sang on 17 of



INDIA & ISMAEL MIRANDA

their albums and appeared with them in the movies "Our Latin Thing" (Nuestra Cosa; 1972), "Live In Africa" (1974) and "Salsa" (1976). In 1973, along with Frankie Rodriguez, Joe Santiago, Nicky Marrero, Nelson González and Oscar Hernández he formed his own band, the Orquesta Revelación,

and released the Salsa masterpiece album *Asi Se Compone Un Son*. Recently Miranda has been recording and performing worldwide with the Salsa Giants and also released in September 2014 his 41st album, *Son 45*, which features collaborations with Bobby Valentin, Richie Ray and Roberto Roena.

India was born in 1970 in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico and grew up in the La Candela section of the South Bronx. She reached #1 on the Billboard Dance charts with hits like "Love and Happiness." In 1992, Eddie Palmieri came to the studio to hear her for himself. When they recorded the amazingly popular *Llegó La India* via Eddie Palmieri, "The Princess of Salsa" had arrived in the world of Latin music. In 1994 she released her record-breaking album *Dicen que Soy*, which went quadruple platinum in the US and Puerto Rico.

India soon had a string of number 1 singles on the Billboard Tropical chart.

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January offers something for everyone, from the first of our Winter Chamber Music series to outdoor hikes and owl prowls, a fascinating lecture on Jane Austen, and a free family-fun day. With programs for children and adults alike, now's the time to discover why Bartow-Pell is so much more than a mansion.

Take advantage of all the great programs—and support the museum—by becoming a centennial member. Members can enjoy many of the programs free or at a discount. Extended through June 2015, the Bartow-Pell Conservancy is offering a special centennial membership for new members only: Enjoy all the benefits of a Heritage Membership, \$180, for only \$100. For more information about membership or any of the upcoming events visit www.bpmm.org, call 718-885-1461, or email at info@bpmm.org.

All events to take place at Bartow-Pell unless otherwise noted.

Winter Chamber Music Series: Escape the cold and grey and hear chamber music as it was meant to be heard with three outstanding performances.

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Urban Park Ranger Hike: Historic New York, Sunday, January 25, 1 p.m.: Lace up your walking shoes and join an Urban Park Ranger on a hike that will explore the legacies of the Pells, Anne Hutchinson, the Siwanoy, and the great city of New York, as well as a massive glacial erratic saved from the construction of I-95 by Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff. Registration requested at (718) 885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org. Free.

Owl Prowl, Saturday, January 31, 2:30–4:30 p.m.: Join naturalist and bird watcher Debbie Becker on this search for nature's most exclusive and elusive avian creatures, owls. We can't promise they will be found, but it's always fun to try. We'll scan the shores of the lagoon for snowy owls and check the lower woodlands for barred owls, the small pines for saw whets, and the white pine grove for long-eared owls. What better way to spend a winter afternoon? Registration requested at (718) 885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org.

bpmm.org. Free.

Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of the Bronx Council on the Arts, presents *Lasting Legacies: Ellsworth Ausby, Xenobia Bailey, Honey Kassoy and Olga Kitt*, an exhibition by elder artists, working in textile art, sculpture and painting/graffiti. Curated by Juanita Lanzo, these artists were selected from the BCA Creating A Living Legacy (CALL) Program, an outgrowth of BCA's well-known Art Handler Training Program and is designed to connect elder artists with trained Legacy Specialists who help them document and archive their artwork.

Meet the artist and the curator at the opening reception on Wednesday, February 4, from 5 to 9 p.m., in conjunction with the Bronx Trolley: First Wednesday Arts & Culture Tour, at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, room C-190, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street. The exhibition is on view in Longwood's Main Gallery through April 1, 2015. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Public Events at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos: Wednesday, February 4, 5 to 9 p.m.: Opening Reception + First Wednesday Bronx Trolley; Wednesday, March 4, 5 to 9 p.m.: Reception + First Wednesday Bronx Trolley; Thursday, March 26, 6 to 8:30

p.m.: A Conversation with Olga Kitt & Xenobia Bailey; and Wednesday, April 1, 5 to 9 p.m.: Closing Reception.

Grammy Award-winning cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio, pianist Michael Wittenburg and violinist and 2014 BAE Young Bronx Artist Competition Winner, Andrew Kirjner, headline **Bronx Arts Ensemble's** chamber music concert on Sunday, January 25 at 3 pm at 96 Franklin Avenue in Yonkers. Program includes Chopin's Polonaise brillante; Etude Op.25 No.7; Waltz Op. 34 No.2; Noturne Op. posth. for cello and piano; Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto Andante; Allegretto non troppo, allegro molto vivace and Beethoven's Trio, Op. 11 for clarinet, cello and piano. Tickets are \$25 and include an intermission reception. Discounts of 10 - 30% are available for advance online sales. For more information and tickets, visit bronxartsensemble.org or call 718-601-7399.

Sant'Ambrogio is an Grammy Award-winning cellist who has appeared as a soloist with such orchestras as Atlanta, the Beijing Philharmonic, Boston Pops, Budapest, Chicago, Dallas, Moscow State Philharmonic, the Prague Chamber Orchestra, the Osaka Century Orchestra (Japan), The Royal Philharmonic, St. Louis, San Francisco and Seattle/



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John C. Heintz was first street improvement chief

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by Bill Twomey

His son, John, also became quite well known and led a host of organizations before passing away at age seventy of a heart attack. Among the organizations he headed were the Brewery Board of Trade, the Greater New York Ice Manufacturing Corporation, the Sound View Land and Improvement Company and the Schnorrer Club. He was also vice president of the Interborough Mutual Indemnity Insurance Company, treasurer and a trustee of the New York State Brewers Association, a director

of the North Side Savings Bank, a member of the Bronx Board of Trade and he was, of course, involved with a variety of lesser known entities.

He attended P. S. 61 on Third Avenue between 169th and 170th streets before going off to the Fuerst Military Academy on College Point in Queens. After completing his education, he went to work for his uncle, John Eichler, at his Bronx brewery located on Third Avenue at East 169th Street. He performed a variety of menial tasks learning the business from the ground up. By the time of his death in September of 1933, he was president of the company.

He left behind his wife of forty years, Rosa Riegelman Heintz, their only son, John Eichler Heintz, and a sister, Minnie Heintz.

Funeral services were held in the Bronx at St. John's Lutheran Church on Fulton Avenue between 169th and 170th Streets. He had a full and rich life enjoying the organizations he worked with and spending many of his weekends fishing with friends in Bay Shore, Long Island.

His son, John, a 1916 Princeton graduate, became active in the brewery a



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I took this photograph of the Louis J. Heintz memorial in Joyce Kilmer Park opposite the East 161st Street courthouse east of Walton Avenue on November 30, 1997. The statue was moved on a couple of occasions, finding its final resting spot here in 1936.

couple of years after being mustered out of the 308th Field Artillery Regiment where he served as a first lieutenant during World War I. He was wounded at the Battle of Saint-Mihiel in northeastern France in September of 1918 and took on a number of positions of importance in the Bronx upon his return.

John C. Heintz was the son of Louis and Cornelia Heintz. He was born on October 28, 1862 in Manhattan and the family relocated to the area we now know as the Bronx when he was only a baby. His father was one of the most popular government officials and civic leaders of the era and our first street improvement commissioner.

He was only thirty-one years old when he passed away and such was his popularity that a public conscription was taken up in 1905 and a statue of him by Pierre Fietu was placed in the Concourse Plaza, called Joyce Kilmer Park since 1926, in 1909 and moved in its current location opposite the courthouse on East 161st Street off Walton Avenue in 1936.



John McNamara gave me this original admission ticket to the 1905 affair which was raising money to construct a memorial to Louis J. Heintz, the first Street Commissioner of the Bronx and general powerhouse throughout the borough. He died suddenly at age thirty-one and it took a few years to get the memorial sculpted and placed in an appropriate location.

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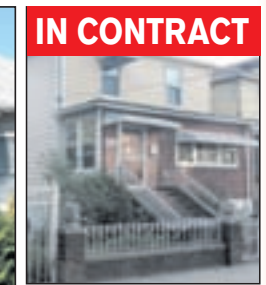
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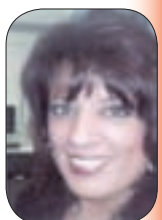
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LEGAL NOTICE

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 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CE Hunts Point, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/2/15. 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, c/o CE Property Management, Ltd., 2432 Grand Concourse, Room 509, Bronx, NY 10458. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Thaitentic, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/7/15. Office location: Bronx County, Princ. bus. addr.: 4635 Bronx Blvd., Bronx, NY 10470. LLC formed in DE on 12/11/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Marsha Ajhar, Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP, 1301 Ave. of the Americas, 21st Fl., NY, NY 10019. DE addr. of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of (Daily Sport Nutrition LLC), a domestic Limited Liability company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (December 17, 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 (Daily Sport Nutrition LLC/KW 27 E 169th Street #3A Bronx, NY 10452). Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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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.

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Notice of Formation of Multiple Bless Ziad Family (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on April 11, 2014. Office location: Westchester 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 435 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

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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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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Gotham Food Network, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/7/15. Office location: Bronx County, Princ. bus. addr.: 4635 Bronx Blvd., Bronx, NY 10470. LLC formed in DE on 12/11/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Marsha Ajhar, Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP, 1301 Ave. of the Americas, 21st Fl., NY, NY 10019. DE addr. of LLC: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 6/13/13, bearing Index Number NC-000260-13/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: assume the name of (First) Jessica (Middle) Kylene (Last) Adorno. My present name is (First) Jessica (Middle) Kylene (Last) Fernandez AKA Jessica K. Fernandez. My present address is 1659 Colden Avenue, Apt 3, Bronx, NY 10462. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is December 22, 1979.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2007-WM1 ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Pltf. vs. TAHIRA ANTOINE, et al, Defs. Index #08-380512. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Sept. 24, 2009, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 4618 Hill Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 5127, Lot 7. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$455,739.03 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. MITCHELL M. FIRST, Referee. FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. For Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 27658 - #85391

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. ONEWEST BANK FSB, Pltf. vs. FIOR RODRIGUEZ, et al, Defs. Index #382139/2009. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Dec. 23, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, NY on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 1764 Seward Ave., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 3556, Lot 33. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$743,233.20 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DAVID P. LESCH, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 32672-#85405

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 City of Bronx, City and State of New

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

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CESAR A. FERNANDEZ, ESQ.; REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-AM2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AM2, Plaintiff, against Victor Rexach a/k/a Victor R. Rexach; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 14, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on February 23, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2921 Wallace Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 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 4548 Lot 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$415,659.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381243/12. Daniel A. Padernacht, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: December 31, 2014 1125175 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 02/13/2015

BY SANDI LUSK

Last week Woody and I attended a meeting about the new Westchester Square Branch Library to be built on Lane Avenue in the Square. The NYPL VP for Government and Community Affairs, the VP for Public Service, and a representative from NYPL Capital Planning were there, as well as our Councilman James Vacca, Ken Kearns from Community Board 10, Kathleen Carrasco, new head librarian of the current branch library, Bridgette Lozada from Owen Dolen Recreation Center, Tom Casey, from the East Bronx History Forum based in the Huntington Library, and a representative from Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance attended.

Funding for the new branch (total \$13.4 million) is being supplied as follows: \$10.4 million from the City Council, thanks to Councilman Vacca, \$2 million was designated by then Mayor Bloomberg, and \$1.4 million from the Bronx borough president's office.

The library speakers gave an overview of the new building, and what programs and resources they would like to have there.

The building itself will be 12,000 square feet and take up almost the entire corner. The design is very modern, with glass walls, open spaces,

natural light, and an airy and bright interior. It will be a borough-wide research resource, as well as serving the immediate community. There will be access to many digital collections and e-resources also. The library plans to expand the ESL programs, and have preschool programs, out of school and after school programs, 55+ art programs, and tech classes and adult learning.

Then the NYPL representatives threw open the floor for suggestions for community programs. Vacca had many ideas, including: a GED program, college credit courses, health and wellness classes, citizenship and American history classes, and immigration legal assistance.

We stressed the changing demographics of the community, ie, the younger families with school-age children that moved here attracted by the opening of I.S./M.S. 194 (now with almost 1500 kids attending), and that children's programs are very needed, and we would like the NYPL to not forget the immediate community in their intention of making this a borough-wide library center.

The NYPL representatives were very open to our suggestions, and explained there will be many other meetings about this, as well as another pre-



sentation to the community board. We have been waiting for this for many years, and it is the last piece of the Westchester Square revitalization puzzle to be put in place. The estimated time of completion is 2018. Although this will be a very modern structure, the original landmarked Huntington library building from the 1890s will not only remain, but will be spruced up and renovated. So the Square will have the old and brand new side by side, which is fitting, as one of the most historically important areas of the Bronx which is looking forward with optimism to a bright future.

And now, to touch on another issue, education inequality. For years we followed the Campaign for Fiscal Equity's legal battle to get fair education funding for the city and state's children. The landmark ruling by the NYS Court of Appeals in 2006 in their favor set aside \$5.5 million in school aid as a result. This funding lasted for only two years, and from 2009-2012, these funds were frozen and cuts were

made instead. The CFE funding issue and the case ruling have been lost in recent years in the debates about charter schools, Common Core, and testing and teacher evaluation controversies.

A new report called Record Setting Inequality: New York State's Opportunity Gap is Wider Than Ever, has come out. The report states that: "Despite his promises, record setting inequality in our schools is one of the legacies of Governor Cuomo's first term. The gap between wealthy and poor school districts grew to \$8,733 per pupil, the largest in New York State history."

And, as to property taxes as a source of funding: "The way we fund education through the property tax system [wealthier areas of course have much more money to spend and fewer schools and children to spend it on], by definition is going to be unfair. And it is. The state is supposed to equalize or come close to equalizing this with its funding. That's the CFE law suit that the state is yet to fully fund."

While poverty and wealth impact children's everyday lives, educational resources are provided to close the gap in educational outcomes. These include universal pre-kindergarten, smaller class sizes, a curriculum including art, music and physical education, as

well as core academic subjects and advanced courses, ESL classes, and health supports to meet the needs of students.

The report states further that "in order for New York State to end inequality in our schools the state must make a four-year commitment to fully funding the Campaign for Fiscal Equity. Our schools are owed \$5.9 billion in Foundation Aid and Gap Elimination Adjustment funding."

Public schools in poor districts are starved for funds, denying kids needed programs and support services, while schools in wealthier areas have abundant financial support, leading to greater opportunities for educational success. This gap needs to be closed by the state, per the court ruling. And as for charter schools, they have generous corporate and public funding (generous enough to turn a profit and pay huge salaries to their CEOs). We should not look to them as a viable model for public school education; they can pick and choose their students, public schools cannot. Public schools owe every child a sound basic education. It's in our state Constitution. It's about time the state got on with its obligation to all the school children of NY.

TTFN

BY LYNN GERBINO

Greetings! How are you all coping with the chilly weather? At least it isn't a repeat of last winter's antics.

This is another reminder to send in your dues. Please send a check for \$15 to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465. Thanks to all

those who have already send in their dues! We very much appreciate it!

I would also like to thanks one of our members Trudy who so kindly donated many tea cups and for my friend's book club high tea. Thanks so much for your generosity! It was a pleasure meeting you!

The grand marshals of the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's



Day Parade have been announced and I am pleased to say that Throggs Neckers Ag-

nes and Pat Lynch have been chosen this year. Congratulations to them and to their family! We look forward to seeing them on East Tremont Avenue this year, as well as Msgr. John Graham, pastor of St. Raymond's Parish and Vicar of the East Bronx. Preparations are under way for the parade to be another grand event. There is more informa-

tion on the parade on Throggs Neck Homeowners Facebook page. Please 'like' us and you will receive up-to-date community information.

We have a way to go before we have our next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, March 31, but you can reach us at (718) 823-0327 or send us message on our Facebook page.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

On the 24th we have Italian Night at the Hawkins Post on City Island Avenue, brought to you by their SAL Squadron 156. It's 20 bucks per person, cash bar, 7 to 11 p.m..

On Sunday, February 1 at 11 a.m., we will have a Mass to celebrate 4 Chaplains Sun-

day at St. Frances de Chantal, E. Tremont and Harding avenues with a small gathering afterwards for a light breakfast. Legionnaires from all posts are invited. Then at 2 p.m., we have the Legion Oratorical Contest spearheaded by Post 19, at Lehman College, their school auditorium. Again, all Legionnaires in-



invited. As of press time, I was not told the exact building number, but we can go to-

gether and ask at the gate.

On Tuesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., there will be a Bronx County meeting. This time it will be at the Co-op City Post, 135 Einstein Loop, Rm 41. A Section 5 parking garage ticket will be validated by the post. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend and hear about what's

happening at other brother posts.

Our local St. Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 15. Stand by for a possible commander's change to our Sunday meeting date.

Until next time: Stay warm, stay safe, help others. Spring is on the way!

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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.

On February 2, 2015 at 2:00 PM Premises known as 670 MINNIEFORD AVE, BRONX, NY 10464 Block: 5648 Lot: 61

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.

Approximate amount of judgment \$342,984.57 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 382131/09 ALBERTO TORRES, ESQ., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee, for New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-1, Plaintiff, against Rhonda Gaye Harris, Rhonda Harris; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 3, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on February 23, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2385 Barker Avenue, Unit 4P, Bronx, NY 10467 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4340 Lot 1231. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,657.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380224/12. Mary E. Foreman-Harris, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 16, 2015 1127460 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 02/13/2015

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 \$215,050.0 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

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. Blanka 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: BRONX COUNTY Wells Fargo Bank, NA; Plaintiff(s) vs. WAYNE RAMJOHN; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 51 E Bethpage Road, Plainview, New York, 11803, 516-741-2585

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 16, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On February 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM Premises known as 1133 E 213 STREET, BRONX, NY 10469-2409 Block: 4708 Lot: 28

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 \$236,827.03 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 381404/09 YOLANDA CORION, Esq., REFEREE

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.

Blanka 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 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 - ANA I. PEREZ, et al.,

Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 14 2014 I will sell at public auction on February 23, 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 North Condominium known as apartment 7C, in the building known as N-14 a/k/a 130, and by street address 1561 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4302 in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0300 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$11,101.37, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC and/or Bank of America NA, successor by merger with Countrywide Bank FSB, and/or Countrywide Bank FSB, as their interest may appear, in the original principal sum of \$103,500.00 with interest. Index No. 381150-13.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as certificate trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as certificate trustee), in trust for registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2,

Plaintiff(s), Against JASMINE GIBBS, et al., Defendant(s). Index # 381812/2009

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered 9/27/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/23/2015 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1861 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx NY 10462, described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4056 and Lot 61.

The approximate amount of the Judgment lien is \$676,520.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment; Index # 381812/2009.

Joyce A. Brown, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 12/31/2014 File Number: 23336 CN

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

Index #380844/11 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL 1 INC. TRUST 2007-HE5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE5,

Plaintiff, Against AUSTIN ARRINDELL JR, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/9/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/23/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 420 Bolton Ave., Bronx, NY 10473 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 Bronx, City and State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3500 and Lot 19.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$438,880.85 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380844/11.

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

the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Lorraine Coyle, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 1/06/2015 tmc

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 02/23/2015 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 1126727

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 - TERESITA CONTRERAS, et al.,

Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated August 11, 2014, I will sell at public auction on February 23, 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 TG, in the building known as S-2 a/k/a 7, and by street address 1460 Parkchester Road, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2447 in Block 3938 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0145 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$20,418.08, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by HSBC Mortgage Corporation USA in the original principal sum of \$128,000.00 with interest. Index No. 381156/13. ROBERT MOLL ESQ, Referee

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

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Pity the New York sports fan *by Tom Allon*

One of the many great things about living in New York City is the abundance of sports teams. In every major sport, New York has at least two professional teams — a luxury not afforded to smaller cities such as Cleveland, or even more cosmopolitan ones like Boston.

But despite this abundance of choices, woe is the New York sports fan in 2015. So many teams, yet so few victories. In the past year, even perennial winners like the Yankees failed to make the playoffs. All us sports fans could do was watch relatively small-market teams like Kansas City and St. Louis and Detroit and San Francisco battle it out in October for the Major League Baseball championship.

It has been a very long time since New York had such a dismal group of teams, with little hope of a major championship in the very near future. Surprisingly, one of the teams with perhaps one of the longest recent droughts — the Mets — may be on the upswing this year. With the return of superstar pitcher Matt Harvey after a year-long rehab from shoulder surgery and a young group of impressive young arms, the Mets are a bright spot on the New York sports landscape.

In the Bronx, the Yankees are coming off the first two-

year stretch in a while without qualifying for the post-season. It seems like a lifetime since George M. Steinbrenner III ruled this town and went on mad shopping sprees for the best players in the game to assure the Yankees would have a strong shot each year at winning the World Series. His sons, who now run the team, are not quite as generous with the checkbook. This, compounded by the incremental retirement of the team's core stars — the latest being surefire Hall of Famer Derek Jeter — has led to the team's decline.

That all said, New York baseball is probably one of the brighter lights in the sports galaxy. The Mets are on the rise and the Yankees will probably always be in the playoff hunt, so hope springs eternal as winter turns to spring this year.

On the other side of the spectrum is New York's basketball slow motion disaster. Watching the New York Knicks these days is like witnessing a car wreck — most of the time I feel like averting my eyes when I channel surf and pass a Knicks game on television. Right now, they are on track to be the worst team in basketball this year, and perhaps with the worst record in professional basketball in recent memory.

This is all happening just when the Knicks controversial

owner finally seems to have settled on a stable team president, Phil Jackson, who has the best track record in basketball history (more championship rings than fingers). Like a builder taking over a condemned property, it appears that Jackson is planning a gut renovation of the team in the next year, and building a younger and more athletic team from the bottom up. But like most overhauls, this one could take some time and Knicks fans, who have been so hungry for a winning team for more than a decade, will have to wait much longer before they witness a competitive team playing in Madison Square Garden.

In Brooklyn, the many millions of rubles lavished on the Barclays Center and a high wattage team of stars has not led to stellar basketball either and it seems like the Nets majority owner may be shopping the franchise to take advantage of the skyrocketing prices of basketball franchises (the Los Angeles Clippers recently fetched approximately \$2 billion).

It looks like basketball, once dubbed "the city game," will not be a major tourist (or hometown) attraction in New York for the near future.

And then, of course, there are New York's football franchises, the Giants and the Jets. The Giants, who have built a stable, solid organization (not



TOM ALLON

unlike the Yankees in baseball), have had two down years after a nice stretch of playoff football and two very surprising Super Bowl wins in the past decade. Although the Giants have been disappointing these past two years, there is hope that they will emerge again very soon — as long as franchise quarterback Eli Manning can return to his glory years.

The Jets, however, are another sports gut renovation. After an entertaining stretch under the always lively head coach Rex Ryan, Gang Green has now turned over the reigns to new general manager and a new head coach and it looks like the team will go into a period of "rebuilding," one hopes once again into a championship contender, or at least a playoff bound team in the next two-to-three years. The key will be to find a strong quarterback who can lead the team for at least the next five-to-seven years whom

the general manager to build a team around.

Like many long-time (and long-suffering) fans, I realize that sports teams usually have cyclical success (it is a rare franchise, like the New England Patriots, that stays in the elite of the league for more than a decade consecutively).

But, in a city like New York, with eight professional teams, the odds are that at least one or two of them will qualify for the playoffs each year. That is why 2014-15 is such an anomaly; it has been at least two decades (and maybe more) since New York hit such a collective sports rut.

The good news is that in sports, there's always next year.

Tom Allon, the president of City & State, NY, has been a New York sports fan ever since he fell for the New York Mets in the mid-1960s, well before the Miracle Mets of 1969.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Come on down to the post and have a pint of our new on-tap beer, Pabst Blue Ribbon. You remember the song, 'Red Neck, White Socks and Blue Ribbon Beer.' Well, this is the beer. Try it during our happy hour.

The next post meeting will

be on the first Saturday in February. This works out to be the 7th.

I have a list of VA services that are both impacted and not impacted by federal cuts. Too many to list here, so stop in and take a look.

Short column this week. So on to Trivia Time.

Trivia Time!!

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Samuel Young
Legion Post 620

On January 15, 2009, Sully landed his bird struck plane in the Hudson River.

On the next day in 1920, Prohibition went into effect. I'll never forgive them!

President Ford pardoned Tokyo Rose on January 19, 1977. Ask Grandpa.

52 Iranian hostages were freed on January 20, 1981 after 444 days.

Loretta Bobbitt was acquitted on January 21, 1994. OUCH!

The Anzio Landing took place on January 22, 1944.

Gold was discovered in California January 24, 1848.

Finally the Americans dragged a cannon up Gun Hill Road on January 25, 1777. That's how the street got its name.

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

BY MARK SAPLICKI AND VINCENT PREZIOSO

A recent Study of Elder Abuse Prevalence in New York State found that 76 out of every 1,000 older New Yorkers were victims of elder abuse in a one year period. The study also found a dramatic gap between the rate of elder abuse events reported by older New Yorkers and the number of cases referred to and served in the formal elder abuse service system. The reported incidence rate is nearly 24 times greater than the number of referred cases. This suggests that many elders are not seeking - or getting - the assistance

they need.

We are privileged this month to have as our guest speaker Iris Bonhomme, elder abuse outreach worker, from R.A.I.N. Bonhomme will explain the many forms that elder abuse can take, how we can identify the signs of abuse, and how seniors and their families or friends can challenge and overcome this problem. She will also provide information on the assistance that R.A.I.N. can provide in this regard.

R.A.I.N., a premier senior service organization, was established in 1964 by Beatrice Castiglia-Catullo. Its mission is to enhance the well-being

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and quality of life for all New Yorkers by meeting the interim needs of people of all ages. They offer a continuum of care that includes a range of services for seniors and those with disabilities.

Their quality services include: full-service neighborhood senior centers, home-delivered meals, transportation

services, assistance with benefits and entitlements, case management and elder abuse services, in addition to community-based mobile meals for homeless and hungry persons.

Happy Birthday 49th Pct.

In 1985 Community Board 11 was successful in obtaining an NYPD precinct of its own. Ever since the community and the 49th Precinct have enjoyed a wonderful collaboration resulting in reduced crime and increased quality of life.

NEBA is especially thankful for all the fine police officers who have served here and especially for the cooper-

ation we have received from the commanding officers, community relations officers and crime prevention officers, who attend our meetings regularly. They exemplify the NYPD motto of Courtesy, Professionalism, Respect. God bless them all!

Next meeting: Monday, January 26, 7:30 p.m., Kings Harbor MultiCare Center, East Gun Hill Road at Stillwell Avenue - use main entrance.

Representatives from the 49th Precinct; Senator Jeff Klein; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; and Councilman James Vacca will be present.

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 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 December 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
Windsels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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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Tel. 585/760-8218
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
Attorney for Plaintiff
Office and Post Office Address
One Park Place
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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:

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ALSO, ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Borough 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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**
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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
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff against MITCHELL JETER, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 15, 2014.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 23rd day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at a point on the southerly side of 169th Street, distant 74.20 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of 169th Street, with the easterly side of Fulton Avenue as legally opened; being a plot 85 feet by 23.62 feet by 85 feet by 23.62 feet.

Said premises known as 576 East 169th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10456.
(Section: 10, Block: 2612, Lot: 27).
Approximate amount of lien \$ 453,360.79 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 381344-11. Gerald Sheiowitz, Esq., Referee.
DeRose & Surico
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
213-44 38th Avenue
Bayside, N.Y. 11361

LEGAL NOTICE

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
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Attorney(s) for plaintiffs
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
ONEWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff against GIOVANNI FUSCO, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 18, 2013.
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 23rd day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.
Said premises known as 258 Reynolds Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10465.

SBL#: 18-5518-250.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 351,381.24 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 380913-12. Joseph Strasburg, Esq., Referee.
McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210
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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 3 ADA, Irvine, CA 92618, Plaintiff against

NILDA DIAZ, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 22, 2009.
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 23rd day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 444 East 186th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10458.
Tax account number: SBL#: 3039-44.
Approximate amount of lien \$ 308,376.34 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 380883-08. Patrick J. Wynne, Esq., Referee.
McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
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BSA Calendar Number: 303-13-BZ
Applicant: Jeffrey A. Chester, Esq./GSHLLP, for SoBro Development Corporation, owner.
Community Board No.: IBX
This application has been calendared for Public Hearing *Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 1:00 P.M. session, in Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, Borough of Manhattan. Interested persons or associations may appear at the hearing to present testimony regarding this application. The referenced application may be reviewed by appointment at the BSA's office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. To schedule an appointment or to obtain subsequent information regarding additional hearing dates, please call 212-386-0009 and reference BSA Calendar Number.
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Supreme Court held in and for the County of Bronx, at the Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, New York, New York on the 22 day of December, 2014. PRESENT: HON. JULIA RODRIGUEZ J.S.C. In the Matter of the Application of BETHLEHEM JUDAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH For Approval of Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets pursuant to Article 2, Section 18 of the Religious Corporations Law. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE Index No. 261058/2014 UPON READING AND FILING OF THE PETITION OF MARY TINSLEY, Secretary of the corporation of BETHLEHEM JUDAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LET all Trustees, Deacons and other interested parties show cause before the Justice presiding at IAS Part 27 of this Court, Room 625, to be held in and for the County of Bronx, New York, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on the 19th day of February 2015 at 9:45 a.m. of that day, or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard, WHY an Order should not be made and entered: (1) Dissolving BETHLEHEM JUDAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, and (2) Enjoining all creditors of the corporation from beginning any action against the corporation, or from taking any proceedings in any action previously commenced, except as authorized by the court (3) Authorizing Bethlehem Judah Missionary Baptist Church to Execute the Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets; (5) for such other relief as the court deems appropriate. SUFFICIENT Reason appearing, therefore: LET SERVICE of a copy of this Order and the papers upon which it is granted be made by personal service on all trustees and known interested parties on or before the 6th day of February 2015. And it is further Ordered, that Notice of the time and place of such petition and application to this court shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in two newspapers, to wit; The New York Law Journal, published in New York County and Bronx Times Reporter published in Bronx County, And such service shall be deemed good and sufficient.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION

File No. 2P2001 SURROGATE'S COURT, BRONX COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: The Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx County and to James Flynn and John Flynn, whose whereabouts are unknown and after due diligence cannot be ascertained, if they be living and if dead, to their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, creditors, lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Loretta E. Burkert, a/k/a Loretta Elizabeth Burkert, deceased, if they be living and if they be dead, to their executors, administrators, creditors, and lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest. An amended petition having been duly filed by Noreen Cinotti who is domiciled at 40 Hillside Avenue, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx Room 406, New York, on February 24, 2015, at 09:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Loretta E. Burkert, aka Loretta Burkert. Lo-

retta Elizabeth Burkert lately domiciled at 2314 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York 10468, United States admitting to probate a Will dated June 15, 1988 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Loretta E. Burkert deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Noreen Cinotti. Dated, Attested and Sealed, 01/12/15 HON. Neida Malave-Gonzalez Surrogate. Michael P Hauser Chief Clerk. John G. Serpico Print Name of Attorney 718-875-4003 Serpico, Serpico & Siddiqui, P.C. 16 Court Street, Suite 2000, Brooklyn, New York 11241 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BRONX INDEX NO.: 35005/2013E - SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Plaintiff Designates BRONX County as the place of trial based upon the location of the premises herein described having tax map Block 5787, Lot 1010 Bronx, NY, County of BRONX - DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC., Plaintiff, -against- FELICIA FIELDS, AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL FIELDS; TICHINA ANN FIELDS if living and if he be dead, 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 and to the real property described in the complaint herein; CHRISTOPHER MICAH FIELDS CLARK if living and if he be dead, 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 and to the real property described in the complaint herein; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NETHERLAND TERRACE CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; BRONX SUPREME COURT; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SUCCESS PROPERTIES,

LLC.; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE 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 against you 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 To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated December 9, 2014 and filed with the Bronx County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Block: 5787, Lot: 1010, Bronx, NY, County of Bronx, as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 3240 NETHERLAND AVENUE, UNIT 4A, BRONX, NEW YORK 10463. Dated: Syosset, New York December 18, 2014 Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff 125 Michael Drive, Suite 105, Syosset, NY 11791 516-938-3100 P#1126247 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 02/06/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS 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, 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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Order of Publication Common-

wealth of Virginia Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Janelle Simone Rusterucci The object of this suit is to: Terminate the Residual Parental Rights ("RPR") Deshawn Hardaway (Father) of Janelle Simone Rusterucci, child, DOB 4/22/2013. "RPR" means

all rights and responsibilities remaining with parent after transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the person, including but not limited to rights of: visitation; adoption consent; determination of religious affiliation; and responsibility for support. It is ORDERED that the defendant Deshawn Hardaway, appear at the above-named Court to protect his/her interest on or before March 12, 2015 at 9:40 a.m. Sarah M. Denham, Senior Assistant City Attorney 730 East Broad Street, 8th floor Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 646-3493

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FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE

OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX

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In the Matter of the Applications of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES for the Custody and Guardianship of the person

ESTEFFANIE NICOLE NARVAEZ
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EZEQUIEL JOSE NARVAEZ
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EDWIN JOEL NARVAEZ
a/k/a EDWIN NARVAEZ JR;

NO GIVEN NAME NAVAREZ
a/k/a ELIZABETT NARVAEZ
a/k/a ELIZABETH NARVAEZ;

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Minors under the age of 18 years of age pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York.

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Docket Nos. B-16163-6/14
SUMMONS

In the Name of the People of the State of New York:
TO: EDWIN JOSE NARVAEZ
a/k/a EDWIN J NARVAEZ
Whereabouts Unknown
TO: EVELIZ RODRIGUEZ
a/k/a EVELIZ NARVAEZ
a/k/a EVELIZ NAVAREZ
Whereabouts Unknown Petitions having been filed in the Court, alleging that the above-named children in the care of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES, an authorized agency;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue in the County of Bronx, City and State of New York, on the 18th day of March, 2015 at 3:30 PM of said day, before the Hon. Judge Lupuloff at Part 10, to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said children to the Petitioner, as provided by law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon your failure to appear, all of your parental rights in the children may be terminated.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you have the right to be represented by a lawyer and, if the Court finds that you are unable to pay for a lawyer, you have the right to have a lawyer assigned by the Court.

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT
/s/
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I knew that the play was for Brent to drive to the basket and I needed to be in position to follow-up the shot. I had a good feeling that I got it off in time and luckily I timed it right.”

CHRIS HOOPER 65



PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Jets News

I'm happy that the Jets didn't waste any time getting their lined up on the run way. I'm happy with Bowles but I don't know about Maccagnan. He's a let's see how the draft goes guy. On Maccagnan- "Well, at least they didn't hire a bean counter/paper pusher, a la John Idzik. Maccagnan is all football. He worked the past few years as a front office executive, coordinating the Texans' college scouting, but he also spent a lot of time on the road in a scouting capacity. This is what the Jets need -- a GM whose roots are in player evaluation. Have you seen their roster? It'll take a sharp personnel guy to fix their many problems. The last time they had a GM with a football background was Terry Bradway (2001-05). The Jets tried to sell Idzik as a "football man," but he was in over his head. One of the concerns with Maccagnan is that he has no experience with salary-cap management and contract negotiation."

On Bowles- "The party's over. Bowles is known for his laid-back demeanor, so no, he won't be showing up for a news conference in a wig. He's an even-keeled coach, which Ryan wasn't."

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SHORTHANDLED HAYES FALLS TO LINCOLN

BY PATRICK MCCORMACK

Cardinal Hayes coach Joe Lods wants his team to play and compete against the best teams in the city. He'd much rather that than a cupcake win.

The Cardinals got all it was looking for except a victory when their comeback fell just short in a 55-52 loss to Abraham Lincoln in the Big Apple Invitational at Baruch College on Monday afternoon.

"We want to play the best players," Lods said. "I want to put our guys against the best talent we possibly can and try to earn a hard fought worthwhile victory. We want to play one of the best teams, Lincoln is one of the best teams and I thought we gave them a good fight today."

Lincoln showed their depth and young talent in the beginning of the fourth quarter. Freshmen Paul Person and Tyler Bourne led an 8-0 run to put the Railsplitters ahead 40-31 with 5:11 left in the game. Hayes kept the Lincoln lead to single digits until Person, who had 11 of his game high 14 points in the fourth quarter, made a layup to make it 48-38 with 1:38 left. Junior wing Jahlil Tripp scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half for Lincoln. TLods said the Railsplitters freshmen played well beyond their years.

"Those guys did a good job of just staying under control," he said. "They looked like a pretty seasoned back court."

Hayes () came back after Person's basket. Clive Allen made a three and Stephen Arowosege made a layup to cut the led to 48-43. Following a Lincoln free throw, Allen made two of three at the line to make it 49-45. Allen, who had 10 points, was disappointed the team didn't play as well as they did in the final minute the whole game.

"I think we need to have the same energy in the first



Jeff Hayden of Cardinal Hayes takes jumper in a game against Abraham Lincoln at the Big Apple Basketball Invitational. Photo by Robert Cole

half that we had in the second half," he said.

Baron Goodridge, who had a team-high 13 points, hit a three as time expired to make it 55-52. It was too little, too late against Lincoln. The Railsplitters zone defense hurt the Cardinals in the second half and maximized their size advantage in the paint. Hayes shot just 3 of 12 from behind the arc.

"They went into a zone and that messed us up and we

aren't good with a zone," said forward Jeff Hayden, who had 12 points.

Hayes played without starting center A.K. Ojo (knee) and became further short handed just three minutes into the fourth quarter when senior Kashif Davis, who finished with 13 points, fouled out of the game. Davis was a major presence in the paint on both ends of the floor when he was in the game.

"Kashif played a great

game," Lods said. "It was probably his best game of the year. I don't think the game hinged on him fouling out. "

The Cardinals, who are tied for first in the CHSAA, took a top PSAL team to the wire the pleased their coach.

"I was encouraged," Lods said. "We aren't going to lay down against any team. We cut it down to three. We were in position to win the game. They played better than us down the stretch."

Pena, big second quarter powers Scanlan past Spellman

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

George Pena sensed the opportunity to use his speed to take over the game in the second quarter and didn't waste it.

His Monsignor Scanlan team got Cardinal Spellman star Corey Grant in foul trouble leaving no one on the court that could truly keep up with the sophomore guard. Pena proceeded to zip is way up and down the four as he scored 18 of his game-high 24 points in the second quarter. The big stanza was more than enough to propel Scanlan to a 70-41 victory over host Spellman in CHSAA Class A boys' basketball on Jan 15.

"If I'm feeling it I'm going, Pena said. "If not I'm passing it, looking for my teammates. "I was feeling it."

The Crusaders (7-8, 4-5) out scored Spellman 28-10 in the second quarter. Their frontcourt led by sophomore Saquan Singleton (11 points) limited the Pilots (4-6, 5-11) to just one shot on each trip to the offensive end. It allowed Pena to get out in transition and in the half court Spellman struggled to stay in front of him. His steal and layup up at the half time buzzer gave Scanlan a 43-20 lead at the break. Pena can make his teammates job easy

sometimes.

"That's why I like playing with him," Singleton said. "I can just get the rebound and kick it."

The victory ends a two-game losing streak for Scanlan after winning four straight prior to that. It also avenges a 70-69 loss to Spellman at home on Dec. 7. The Crusaders let a late lead slip away that day.

Singleton didn't play in the first meeting because of back spasms. While getting three quick fouls on Grant (10 points) helped, Scanlan coach Dwayne Mitchell was impressed with his team's effort on defense and call it their best game this season.

"Defensively we were shaper," he said. "We played with a different intensity than we did all years."

The loss early in the season motivated the still maturing Scanlan club. Dajour Evans scored 10 points for the Crusaders and Jordan McAllister had eight. Jason Grant and Paget Bramble chipped in eight points a piece for Spellman.

Scanlan doesn't want this win to just a blip in its season. The inexperience club, that does not have a senior in starting lineup, is still trying to find chemistry. Before the year start



Monsignor Scanlan coach Dwayne Mitchell saw his team give its best effort of the season in a win over Cardnal Spellma
Photo by Joseph Staszewski

is saw forward Jonathan Nwankwo (Victory Prep), forward Emmanuel Chuwko (Mount Vernon) and Jordan Riullano (Victory Prep) all transfer. The situation has only motivated the

Crusaders, despite it taking some time for everyone to find their roles. A city championship is still the goal.

"Whoever is here is hear," Singleton said. "We just got to take it all."

Pipe Dreams: Triangle, THAT!; More Trades; Perry Patter

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Jets owner Woody Johnson wants to change the environment around the team, and he believes Bowles will bring a steadiness that was lacking and maybe a little tough love. Make no mistake, he's not a tyrant -- his former players in Arizona speak of him reverently -- but he'll tear into the players if necessary. In an October game against the Washington Redskins, he busted up a whiteboard at halftime because he was angry with his players.

Despite losing several starters in Arizona, he was able to adjust with different personnel, and the Cards finished fifth in points allowed."

Rich Cimini (ESPN.com) reported that Bowles was looking for Kacy Rogers to be his DC and Chan Gaily to be his OC. I like Rogers but have doubts about Gaily. Bowles might want to have Gaily act as a tutor for him, being a first time HC. Gaily could also work with Geno Smith to improve at QB.

Triangle, THAT!

Ian Begley (ESPN.com) wrote, "The triangle offense may have a credibility problem with younger players in the NBA.

At least, that's what New York Knicks coach Derek Fisher thinks.

But Jackson's disciples haven't had much success. Former assistants Kurt Rambis and Brian Shaw have a combined record of 84-198. Fisher is 5-34 -- the worst in the NBA this season to start their Knicks coaching careers."

They're not playing a triangle defense. To be successful the "triangle offense" needs a competent center, an accurate three-point shooter, AND a talented point-guard.

More Trades

Marc Stein (ESPN.com) told us, "The New York Knicks are actively trying to trade veterans Jose Calderon and Andrea Bargnani as part of their ongoing roster clear-out, according to league sources.

Jackson has made it clear that he is committed to building through the draft

and free agency and has spoken several times this season about changing the culture of the franchise. The trade of Smith to Cleveland, which required the inclusion of Shumpert, was evidence of that."

Jets GM

Mike Maccagnan, from the Houston Texans, was Rich Cimini's (ESPN.com) recommendation for the job. He wrote, "Ultimately, the job comes down to finding talent. It's difficult to say how much input Maccagnan has had into the Texans' drafts; all we can do is judge the outcome. A recent study of the 2009-2013 drafts, conducted by USA Today, rated them 15th in the league. Obviously, they hit the jackpot with J.J. Watt (2011). Nearly all of their first- and second-rounders from 2009 to 2012 have panned out, but their two most recent drafts haven't yielded much at all. The last five drafts have produced only one Pro Bowl player -- Watt, who could be an all-time great. The Texans haven't used

a high draft pick on a quarterback since 2002, when they drafted David Carr No. 1 overall in the franchise's first year. If hired, Maccagnan is the anti-Idzik in that he has no experience with the salary and negotiating contracts.

Perry Patter

Scott Ostler (Seattle Times) wrote, "Some news stories come complete with their own punchline:

Bears cornerback Tim Jennings, charged with speeding, reckless driving and DUI in Georgia, told the arresting officer he was going 99 mph on a freeway because he was late -- getting to his child's parent-teacher conference.

And ... Dartmouth suspended 64 students for cheating -- in a sports-ethics class

RJ Currie of SportsDeke.com, after Florida State QB Jameis Winston said his team's 39-point playoff loss to Oregon "could have went either way": "Sounds like Winston went the other way heading to math class.;"

ESPN analyst Mark Jackson, fired as Golden State's coach after last season, on why he deserves some credit for the Warriors' 29-5 start: "You cannot disrespect the caterpillar and rave about the butterfly."

Jim Barach of WCHS-TV in Charleston, W.Va., after ex-Miami fullback Rob Konrad swam nine miles to shore after falling out of his fishing boat off the South Florida coast: "So much for him being a former Dolphin.;"

Brooklyn Nets officials are denying a Bloomberg report that Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov no longer wants to own the team.

So it's merely coincidence, then, that they're suddenly calling themselves the Nyets.

Brendan Alert

Dwight told us to, "Hide the knives-

Celebrating his 74th birthday on Sunday: pro rassler Abdullah the Butcher.

Just a guess here, but no one gets in his way when he goes to cut the cake."

Fordham women's basketball beats VCU for fifth straight win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Fordham continues to roll and it has hit a historic level.

The Rams women's basketball team beat VCU 60-51 for its fifth straight victory at Rose Hill last Sunday afternoon. Fordham improved to a perfect 5-0 in Atlantic 10 play, marking the best start in program history on the league. The defending conference champion Rams are tied with George Washington for first place in the division.

Samantha Clark led Fordham with 18 points and nine rebounds. Hannah Missry tallied 17 points and connected on five 3-pointers. Ashley Pegram paced VCU with 16 points and five boards.

Clark was the catalysis of a big first half for Fordham (13-5, 5-0), dropping in 13 of her points in the opening stanza. It outscored VCU 27-18 going into the break. Fordham took its largest lead of the game at 42-26 on Taryn Durant's jumper in the paint midway through the second half.

VCU (12-6, 3-2) used an 11-1 run to get back in the game and close the gap to 43-37. Missry took it from there. She connected on 3-pointers around a Danielle Burns steal and layup to help give Fordham a 51-37 advantage with 5:28 to go in the game. She and her team never



Samantha Clark led Fordham with 18 points in a win over VCU.

Fordham Athletics

looked back.

Manhattan falls to Rider in overtime: The Jaspers saw its four-game winning streak halted by an 82-79 home defeat at the hands of visiting Rider last Sunday afternoon.

Emmy Andujar and Shane Richards each scored 21 points and Ashton Pankey added 18 points and nine rebounds. Khalil Alford's layup with put Rider up 80-77 with 31 seconds left in

overtime. Andujar hit two free throws and had a chance to take the lead after Rider missed the front end of a one and one with 12 ticks remaining. The Jaspers (8-9, 5-3) turned it over the next possession, ending and hope of a victory.

Four lead changes and three ties highlighted the final five minutes of regulation. Both teams misfired on potential game-winners in the last min-

ute. Teddy Okerefor paced five double-figure scorers for Rider (12-7, 6-2) with 16 points, seven assists and six steals.

Bronx-native Hooper gives St. Francis College thrilling win: Chris Hooper was falling down along the baseline as he let the ball go with the buzzer sounded. The St. Francis Brooklyn junior forward's last gasp attempt found nothing but net to give the Terriers men's basketball a 60-59 victory over host St. Francis University in Northeast Conference men's basketball last Sunday afternoon.

The final play started with St. Francis Brooklyn down 59-58 with seven seconds remaining. Brett Jones dribbled the length of the floor and put up a floater along the right side. Hooper tipped the weak side rebound to himself amid Red Flash defenders before getting a shot up in the nick of time. The basket was initially waved off before being overturned by video review.

"I was just doing my job," said Hooper, who had 11 points and six rebounds. "I knew that the play was for Brent to drive to the basket and I needed to be in position to follow-up the shot. I had a good feeling that I got it off in time and luckily I timed it right."

Velocity Track Club New York

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York was blessed once again! In Week 4 at the Colgate Women's Games, we hit some bumps in the road, but we are in a good position for the semi-finals. Do to the icy roads on Sunday, one of our athletes arrived late and miss her event. But we think God that she and the rest of the team arrived safe. This week we had 4 girls earn medals (Nariah Mathis, Dominique Jackson, Pearl Webster and Olyvia Burrell. Last year, VTC only had 3 girls in the Colgate Women Games semi finals. This year we have 8 girls: In the middle school division, we have Jaleah Eargle and Lisha McKenzie in the 55 meter hurdles and Nariah in the 55 meters dash. In the elementary "B" division, River Sampson will be competing in the 55 meter dash. In the elementary "A" division, Aysya Brown will be competing in the 800 meters race and Olyvia in the 55 meters dash. In the high school division, Dominique will compete in the 200 meters race and Pearl in the shot put. Good luck in the semi finals!

As our elementary girls were competing at the Women Colgate Games, some of the boys made it to the Jersey City Army in Jersey City NJ for AAU Development Meet #2. They had some of the top teams from NJ, NY and PA competing. Out of the 4 boys that were able to make it there, they earned 2 medals. Julian Caldwell won a bronze medal in the 200 meter race and Darius Gordon won a silver medal in the boys' high school 800 meter race. Good job!

On Wednesday, January 14th, we competed in the Millrose Games Trails at the Armory Track & Field Center in NY, New York. We had 11 student athletes compete for a chance to run in the 108th Running of the NYRR Millrose Games, which will be held on Saturday, February 14th. Most of the top middle schools and club teams were competing in the youth 4 x 200 meter relay and the 8 & under fastest kid on the block races. I'm please to say that our boys (Joseph Webster-Rutledge, Jordan Samuels, Trevon James and Kristen Cadiz-Domville) relay team



took 2nd place and our girls (River Sampson, Shantea Leach, Desiree King & Danielle Jackson) relay team took 3rd place to qualify. In the girls' fastest kid on the block, Olyvia Burrell took 4th to qualified. They will have a chance to practice / warm up a long side of the top high school, college and world class athletes. This will be a great experience for them.

Anyone interested in supporting Velocity Track Club New York. We are a 501(c)3 - Non-for Profit. Just write the check of any size to Velocity Track Club New York. Your donation is a tax write off and we will send you a receipt. For additional information, please Contact Coach Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196 or email me at WATCLT@AOL.COM.

Preston Varsity Cheer grand champions

On Sunday, January 11 the Preston High School Varsity Cheerleaders competed out at the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Competition at Hofstra University. The Varsity Team, composed

of 12 cheerleaders plus 2 alternates took First Place and Grand Champions honors at the event. The Preston Varsity Team truly put on a great performance; hitting all their marks and fully engaging the

crowd in their cheer. This competition marks the countdown to the upcoming UCA Cheer Nationals Competition which takes place next month at Disney World, Orlando, Florida. The PHS team hopes

to outdo last year's performance at the national competition and place in the finals. Given the season the team is having thus far, that dream is definitely within reach.

Preston High School is a

private, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls located in the Throggs Neck section. For more information about Preston High School, contact Gianna Dell'Olio at 718-863-9134 ext. 195.



Preston High School 2014-2015 Varsity Cheer Team.

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ST. RAYMOND HOMECOMING AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

Homecoming was a success! On December 14, St. Raymond High School for Boys held their homecoming, special reception and their 1st game of the season.

Generations of alumni returned for a beautiful lunch that reunited the Ravens.

Tyler is a member of the 1,000 pt club (1,042) and a three year varsity former player at SRHS. Tyler was a member of the '91 & '93 city championship teams and was also a member of St. Raymond's first State championship team in '93.

In the state finals he was named most valuable player and went on that same year to make First Team All City and was named to the second team all state. After graduating, Tyler received an athletic scholarship to Bowling Green. Tyler would go off to finish his collegiate career at the University of South Carolina. In 2003, after playing 14 years of professional basketball in Puerto Rico, Tyler returned to St. Raymond. This time as the coach of the Varsity B basketball team where he led his team to back-to-back city titles in 2004 and 2005.



(Above) Tyler Brown '93 was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and was recognized for all of his accomplishments during homecoming half time.

Confusion over safer intersection at Westchester Square

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tersection far outweigh the few challenges, said Sorin, and she has received positive feedback since the construction was completed.

Shoppers who would get off the bus in the heart of The Square can now get off further up Tremont—closer to their shops—because they feel safe crossing the street.

The new design of the intersection minimizes the potential for accidents for both drivers and pedestrians.

“Overall, it’s a huge positive for The Square,” said Sorin.

(Right) Traffic calming measures were recently implemented at the intersection of Silver Street and East Tremont Avenue. Left turns onto East Tremont Avenue from Silver Street are no longer permitted.

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First SAGE center celebrates grand opening in the borough

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councilman to help create more safe-spaces for LGBT seniors, where they can be themselves without fear.

“They no longer have to age alone,” said Torres.

The goal of the center is to provide Bronx LGBT seniors with a place for both socializing and support where there previously was none, said SAGE Center Bronx site manager Jose Collazo.

“They don’t have the opportunity to commune with each other,” he said.

The center will offer a calendar full of fun activities including games, crafts, and movies, among other activities that the seniors can suggest. A hot lunch will be also provided each day.

In addition, there will be exercise classes and nutrition workshops, and the staff can provide help with navigating various government benefits.

“They can get vital information they need so they can lead an active and healthy life,” said Collazo.

SAGE also provides a network of resources, such as providing recommendations for gay-friendly health care providers or other services.

“They now have an agency that will advocate for them,” said Collazo about the senior centers.

For more information about SAGE Center Bronx, visit www.sageusa.org, or call SAGE Center Bronx at (718) 220-2020.



The ribbon cutting of the new SAGE Center Bronx. (l-r): Councilman Daniel Dromm, Deputy Commissioner for the Department for the Aging Caryn Resnick, Bronx LGBT Community Liaison Lewis Goldstein, Councilman Ritchie Torres, Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, and SAGE executive director Michael Adams. Photo courtesy of SAGEUSA



(l-r) SAGE executive director, Michael Adams, Councilman Ritchie Torres and SAGE senior director of Programs, Catherine Thurston Photo courtesy of SAGEUSA



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