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Warm Smiles On Snowy Day

Josiah Williams, 6, has a great time in Wier Creek Park after the blizzard on Tuesday, January 27. For more photos from the aftermath of the storm, see page 34..

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

SEX OFFENDERS CAUSE UPROAR

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community leaders are concerned about the existence of sex offenders in the homeless shelter for families at the former Capri Whitestone Motel in Ferry Point.

Responding to the community uproar, Senator Jeff Klein held a press conference on Friday, January 23 calling attention to legislation he sponsored that would prohibit the most serious sex offenders from living in homeless shelters specifically for families with children.

He was joined in his call by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Councilman James Vacca, along with Community Board 10 and neighborhood leaders.

But at least one local elected official believes that the Department of Homeless Services can fix the issue at the shuttered motel and else-

where with a simple change in its own policy.

Senator Klein said at the press conference, flanked by community leaders, that if his legislation were enacted into law it would ban Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders - those convicted of the most serious crimes - from residing in a homeless shelters for families.

Allowing high-level sex offenders to stay in family shelters where vulnerable women and children are trying to get back on their feet is not only troublesome but dangerous," said Klein. "With more than 60,000 homeless New Yorkers sleeping in New York City shelters and thousands more out on the street, we need to take every measure to protect those in our care."

Klein said if passed, the regulations would apply to sex offenders when they have

finished their probation or parole."

Benedetto said that the Department of Homeless Services was very arrogant in placing the shelter next to Ferry Point Park while the elected officials and community worked to find an alternate site, and that it now seems like the agency was incompetent in selecting the management for the former motel.

The facility, run by Acacia and housing over 90 families, is called the Crystal Family Shelter. According to a Department of Criminal Justice Services website search supplied to the Bronx Times by local activists, two sex offenders, one who committed crimes against an underage person, reside there.

"The core responsibility of government is the safe

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CB 9 boots district manager

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local community board has booted its longtime district manager.

Some feel that the deck was stacked, but whatever the case, it spelled the end of Francisco Gonzalez's 20-year career as a district manager at Community Board 9.

Gonzalez was dismissed by a 17 to 2 board vote on Thursday, January 15.

Sources close to local politics told the Bronx Times that the vote comes as part of an ongoing feud between different political factions that involve Borough President

Diaz Jr., who makes community board appointments, his father Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., and the embattled ex-district manager.

Many of those voting for Gonzalez' ouster were recent appointments to CB 9.

"These people who voted me out are new, and they don't know the depth of the work that I have done," said Gonzalez, who said at the end of the day, he had sought to only serve the people in the board's communities and the borough.

The former district manager said that working with

the community is a life-long commitment.

"I always had an open door policy and anyone who has ever known me, knows that no one leaves that office without getting services of one kind or another," he said.

The outgoing district manager, who's replacement has yet to be named, was embroiled in a morass of sorts after he was fined \$7,500 in August 2013 by the NYC Conflicts of Interest board.

According to its findings, Gonzalez let Bronx Puerto

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The M.S. 144 building, where the Bronx Charter School for Better Learning plans to open a second K-5 school co-located with the Michaelangelo Middle School and Pelham Gardens Middle School.

Silvio J. Pacifico

Charter planned for M.S. 144

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx Charter School for Better Learning is planning to open its second location in vacant space in the M.S. 144 building, but not everyone is happy about that plan.

The building, near the intersection of Gun Hill Road and Allerton Avenue, is currently occupied by the Michaelangelo Junior High School and the Pelham Gardens Middle School but is significantly under-utilized. According to the DOE, only about two-thirds of the space is used.

The proposal for the second location, BBL II, would place about 75 kindergartners to the school this fall, adding a grade each year until the K-5 school is full.

But some members of district 11's Community Education Council feel that bringing an elementary charter school in is not the best use for the space, said president Pamela Johnson.

The CEC successfully fought plans for an Icahn Charter School trying to locate there in 2013.

"It's at the expense of students in the community," said Johnson about the plan.

Her primary objection is that District 11 is over crowded. Johnson said the district desperately needs more middle school seats, and using space for a K-5 charter doesn't make sense.

Additionally, there are several schools in the district still using transportable classroom units that are dilapidated and inconvenient, and she wants those students moved out of trailers in to main buildings.

Lastly, Johnson said the CEC has asked the DOE over the years to put special programs, like a gifted and talented program, in the building.

"There are things we could do with that space," said Johnson.

But while Johnson feels that opening BBL II would not best serve the students of District 11, BBL executive director Kevin Brennan disagrees.

The original BBL in Baychester was founded 11 years ago to specifically serve students from the northeast Bronx, said Brennan. The elementary school has a significantly large wait-

ing list each year, which was why the board decided to open a second location nearby.

"This is about creating more seats for students," he said.

Those seats are filled almost exclusively from District 11 because of the priority for local students in the admissions lottery, said Brennan, which will be the case at BBL II as well.

The school offers parents in the district an additional option for their child's education, which is a plus, said Brennan.

Brennan also feels the co-location itself is a plus. His experience working with K-8 schools while a county superintendent in New Jersey showed him that interaction between older and younger students in mentorship roles can be beneficial for both students.

Additionally, BBL's co-location with P.S. 111 has been successful, creating opportunities for collaboration among staff and the sharing of resources.

And although the school doesn't consider test scores the only mark of a good education, Brennan said BBL students are high performing on assessments and are accepted to competitive middle schools, where they go on to do well.

"Our students have been very successful," said Brennan.

According to the DOE, BBL performs well in comparison to schools within the district and across New York City.

In the previous school year, BBL ranked in the 81st percentile for citywide and 96th percentile for district-wide English Language Arts proficiency scores, and ranked in the 87th percentile for citywide and 91st percentile for district-wide math proficiency scores.

"Given BBL's record of success and the need for additional elementary school seats in the Bronx resulting from kindergarten and elementary school enrollment growth, the DOE supports the placement of BBL II in District 11," reads a statement from the DOE.

A public hearing on the proposal will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 9 at M.S. 144, 2545 Gunther Ave.

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by Patrick Rocchio

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BIRTHDAYS

Mary Gatto of Pelham Bay turns 100 on Saturday, January 31. Her family writes:

Mary was born in the Bronx on January 31, 2015. She raised three children with her husband Joe in Belmont. Mary now resides in Pelham Bay with her son Frank and his family. Mary's in remarkably good shape for her age. Her secret to her longevity is 'don't worry about the things you cannot change; get lots of rest; and eat fruits, vegetables, and lots of macaroni.'

Elizabeth Gill's 85th birthday was celebrated on Saturday, January 24. Gill is the 47th Precinct Community Council president. She was presented a proclamation by Congressman Eliot Engel, noting her birthday in the Congressional Record.



Mary Gatto



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St. Patrick's Day marshals selected

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

As a sea of resplendent marchers make their way down East Tremont Avenue in the 17th annual Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade, three honorees will take their positions at the front of the line.

This year's grand marshals, Throggs Neck couple Agnes and Patrick Lynch, and honored clergy Msgr. John Graham are elated to be the key people of the parade, which steps off at noon on Sunday, March 15.

In interviews with the three Irish-Americans, a strong sense of the importance of the 2015 parade as a community event, as well as its religious significance, was evident.

"I think (the parade) is great for the community," said Patrick Lynch, adding "it is a joyous day."

Agnes and Patrick Lynch both immigrated to the United

States from Ireland (counties Slingo and Kerry respectively).

They are active in St. Frances de Chantal parish in a number of capacities, they both said, and raised two daughters.

"It is a day of fun for the people of Throggs Neck, it reminds people of their heritage and even of their extended heritage," said Agnes of the parade, adding that it is a day to honor Saint Patrick.

Msgr. Graham, the pastor of the Church of St. Raymond and a Catholic regional vicar, said that he had attended the parade twice before and that he hopes that March 15th spectacle sees beautiful weather and many attendees.

"I think it is a wonderful privilege that has been given me," he said about being selected honored clergy by the parade committee.

The parade honors Saint

Patrick, who Graham said is the patron saint of both Ireland and the Archdiocese of New York.

"I think one of the great characteristics of Patrick is that he is a missionary, always bringing the Gospel to people in very difficult circumstances," he said.

Agnes and Patrick Lynch were married in 1959, and moved to Throggs Neck from Fordham in 1966.

They are both Eucharistic ministers.

In Ireland, Agnes grew up on a farm, and went to a one-room schoolhouse. She immigrated to the United States with her sisters.

Patrick represented County Kerry as part of the Kerry Football team in 1952 and 1953.

He later served in the United States Army after immigrating, and then went to work for forerunner agencies



Patrick and Agnes Lynch are the grand marshals of the 2015 Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade.

of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's New York City Transit, retiring in 1991.

Msgr. Graham said that his mother was born in County Mayo, and his father had immigrated several generations before.

The parade will make its way along East Tremont Avenue from Lafayette to Harding avenues. At Harding Avenue,

there should be a reviewing stand.

A Mass and breakfast for marchers will take place at St. Benedict Church in the hours before the parade.

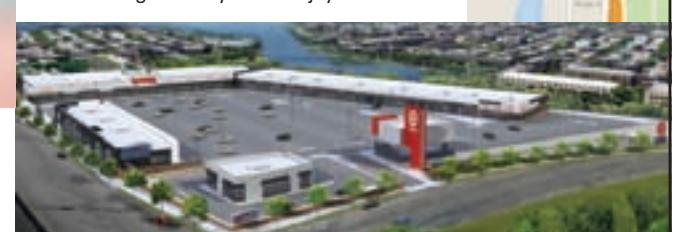
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Israeli president speaks to Bronx Prez

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Israel's president has a message of friendship for Bronxites and Latinos.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin held an dialogue event at the Bronx Museum of the Arts on the Grand Concourse on Wednesday, January 28, with a goal of developing stronger relations between the Latino and Jewish communities both in the Bronx and United States, and abroad.

After speaking at the United Nations, Rivlin headed to the Bronx to spread a message of goodwill among minority groups, and specifically between Latino and Jews.

The president said in his remarks that combining all minorities together is in the 'DNA' of Israel, and that work needs to be done to bridge gaps between different minority groups. He seemed to see the Latino community as emblematic of America's future.

"The Latinos in the Bronx are going to become the majority, not as Latinos, but as



(l-r) Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Israeli President Reuven Rivlin as the president receives a Bronx afghan.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Americans," said Rivlin at the event. "And we would like that both friends, American and Israeli, be together because we symbolized the way of how to fulfill and act according to the rules of democrats."

During his remarks, the Israeli president spoke of the

great diversity of Israel, where Jews from all over the world, including South and Latin American countries, moved after the formation of the nation in 1948.

The visit by Rivlin comes on the heals of a state visit by a group of prominent Latinos

to Israel.

Borough President Diaz shared his experiences of the country. Diaz said this was his second trip to Israel, with the first being in 2008.

"I am honored to welcome Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, as well as Latino and Jewish leaders from all over the city and the tri-state area, to the Bronx to kick off this important conversation, which builds on my recent trip to Israel with a citywide delegation of Latino leaders," said Diaz.

The Latino and Jewish communities of this city have demonstrated a deep commitment to one another for decades, and this event will help strengthen and expand on those connections," he added.

The day was truly historic, said Diaz, who spoke about visiting the Golan Heights, a location of great strategic interest to the Jewish State of Israel. He also said that the Latino Evangelical religious community is a staunch supporter of Israel spiritually.

Diaz's recent visit with Latino business and civic leaders

from around the New York region was hosted in coordination with the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. It included meetings with Israeli political leaders, and tours of tactical and religious sites.

As part of the discussion and a brief question and answer session, Diaz and Rivlin spoke about Israel's formation and its ongoing fight against terrorism, and also of the plethora of Jewish history and life in the borough.

At the end of the program, Diaz presented President Rivlin with the gift of an afghan depicting sites of importance around the borough, and made him an honorary Bronxite. Diaz also said that children from a Bronx school will be pen pals with children at a primary school in Israel.

"It was very good of the borough president to bring a world leader to the borough to recognize our many attributes," said attendee, Ken Kearns, district manager of Community Board 10.

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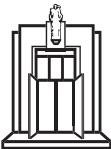
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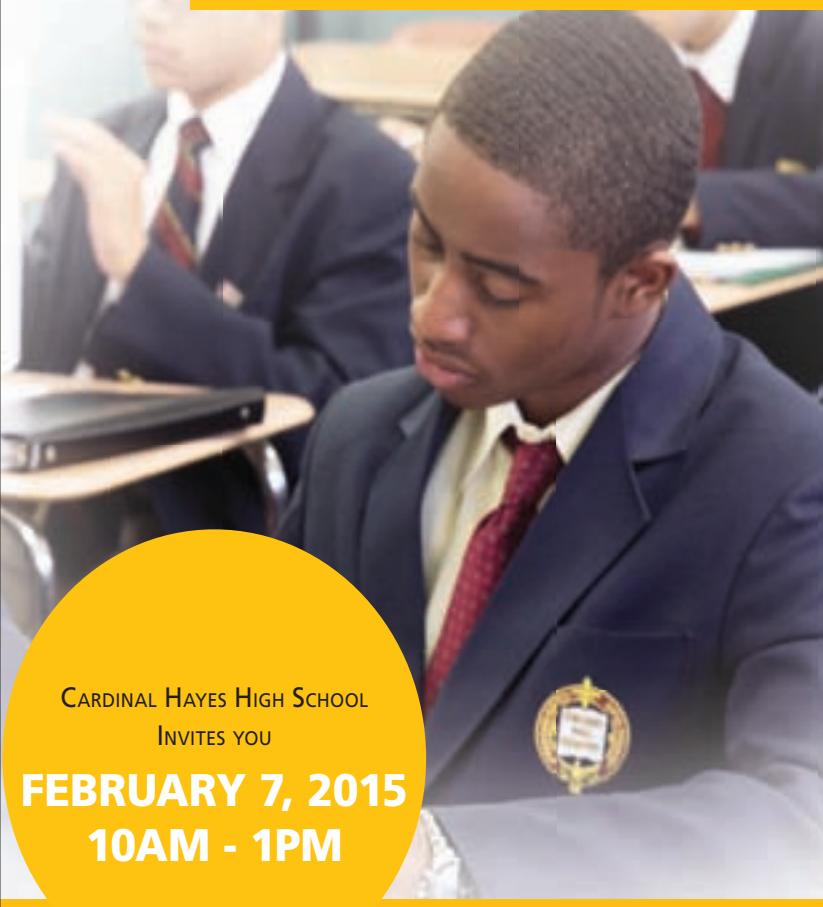
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Bronx Polar Bears take a Valentine's Day plunge

On Saturday February 14, dozens will join the Bronx Polar Bears for a plunge into the brisk waters of Orchard Beach in the Bronx. The year's plunge will help BronxWorks and BronxNet bring awareness to the issue of homelessness, particularly street homelessness. Participants will bring new socks, gloves, hats and other items to donate to BronxWorks. Others who will not participate in the plunge itself are encouraged to do the same and can view a link on the BronxWorks website for additional information: <http://www.bronxworks.org/dip-against-homelessness>.

Many factors may lead to individuals becoming homeless, including traumatic experiences, mental or emotional conditions, alcohol or substance abuse, and prolonged joblessness. Homeless men and women struggle to find a warm and safe place where they can lie down for a night's sleep. Deep sleep, which is essential to good health, is impossible and safety is often a concern.

Each year the BronxWorks Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) makes thousands of contacts with street homeless men and women, often providing them with a trip to their Living Room/Safe Haven or a safe bed at a church that collaborates with BronxWorks. "Street homelessness is a very complex problem. However, like many of our major societal challenges, an impact can be made when people come together. Bronx Works is very excited about partnering with BronxNet and the Bronx Polar Bears. We hope to build on this partnership to raise awareness of and support to address the important issue of street homelessness in our borough," said BronxWorks Executive Director Eileen Torres.

Since 2011, The Bronx Polar Bears have been joined by Coney Island Polar Bears and other participants, for the fun, healthy Valentine's weekend plunge. BronxNet has helped organize the events and highlight the festivities on its channels. BronxNet Executive Director and Bronx Polar Bear co-founder Michael Max Knobbe stated, "The Bronx Polar Bear Plunge brings

people together for exhilarating fun and fitness at beautiful Orchard Beach in our borough of parks in an all-season city. We are pleased that this year's plunge is helping to raise awareness and providing some warmth and comfort for the homeless. Many thanks to our partner BronxWorks and to the Coney Island Polar Bears, the NYC Department of Parks-Pelham Bay, the Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., and NYC Fire Department EMS for helping to make the event a reality."

The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with safety tips from the lifeguard team and words of inspiration from some Bronx leaders followed by the plunge at 12:00 noon. Participants will warm up after the plunge with hot soup provided by Chef Michael Sherman. A post-plunge celebration will occur at the Bronx Beer Hall at 2344 Arthur Avenue near Fordham Road beginning around 2:00 PM.

Thanks to the Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., participants coming from other boroughs will have easy access to Orchard Beach via The Bronx Trolley, which will pick passengers up on 42nd Street, between Lexington and Park Avenue at 9:30 a.m.

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40th PCT.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 11:46 a.m. — A suspect entered an Apple Bank, located at 370 E. 149th Street, where he handed a note to the bank teller demanding money. The suspect fled the location with \$845.

41st PCT.

Thursday Jan. 22, 5:33 a.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of a person shot at the corner of Halleck Street and Oak Point Avenue. EMS responded and transported the victim to Lincoln Hospital, where he was pronounced DOA.

42nd PCT.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 3:00 a.m. — Suspects followed a 37-year-old male victim into the lobby area of his residence on East 174th Street where one suspect produced a handgun while the second suspect demanded the victim's money, in Spanish. The victim was struck about the forehead with the firearm, causing a laceration. Both suspects removed the victim's cell phone and \$200 cash, before

fleeing onto East 174th Street. The victim was treated at St. Barnabas Hospital.

43rd PCT.

Monday, Jan. 19, 7:45 a.m. — An individual is wanted for a livery cab robbery which took place at Rosedale Avenue and Story Avenue. The suspect was picked up at Lafayette Avenue and Soundview Avenue and asked to go to Hunts Point. When the driver got to Rosedale Avenue and Story Avenue he forcibly removed a cell phone and \$200 from the driver. The suspect fled Story Avenue.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10:40 p.m. — A 27-year-old male was in the rear of 755 White Plains Road when the suspect walked up to him, shot him in the eye and then fled into 1880 Lafayette Avenue.

46th PCT.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 06:28 a.m. — Police responded to 344 E. 176th Street. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 2-week old female unconscious and unresponsive. EMS responded and transported the female to St. Barnabas Hospital where she was pronounced DOA.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Justice - long overdue

Dear editor,
During my tenure in the New York State Assembly, I actively opposed the reign of Speaker Sheldon Silver. I firmly believed that his lack of ethics and strong-arm tactics were an insult to the integrity of both the government and the people of New York State.

It was obvious that my principled opposition would lead to dire consequences for my political career, and indeed, I did suffer substantially for my action. Frankly, despite that, I remain proud of my battle against the speaker, in which I was a leader in the fight to oust him. I would willingly make that sacrifice again. Elected officials should place all their concern for their constituents, not for their own career.

New York's government has become a national embarrassment because of the corruption and self-interest of too many elected officials like Sheldon Silver. The challenges facing this state are extremely serious, and require honest and intelligent leadership that puts the needs of New Yorkers above venal personal gain.

Bringing Speaker Silver to justice is long overdue. I hope that it represents a solid move towards the development of truly representative government for the people of this great state.

Stephen B. Kaufman
Former NYS Assemblyman

More rigorous prep needed

Dear editor,
Many residents have contacted me regarding a resolution pending in the City Council – Resolution 442-2014 – which urges the state to scrap the standardized admission test for specialized high schools including Bronx High School of Science, the High School of American Studies at Lehman College, and other schools.

I do not support this resolution. The pool of students eligible for specialized schools would best be increased by establishing more rigorous preparation programs in our middle schools. I have stated this for many years and believe it is true today. I do not believe

in weakening standards. We best serve our kids by raising the bar and supporting schools that challenge all students to reach their greatest potential.

Councilman James Vacca

What's in a name?

Dear editor,
You should know that the name Ruben Diaz was once again pronounced by Governor Andrew Cuomo during the State of the State Address on Wednesday, January 21, 2015.

Before more than 3,000 people, including many dignitaries, television cameras and reporters who attended the State of the State, the governor, while announcing his transportation development plans for Bronx County stated: "We want to build MTA stations in the Bronx, to open up that side of the Bronx."

Immediately when I heard the governor say this, I shouted out "Hoo-rah!" When the governor heard me, he looked at me and pointed at me and said: "I have a name for one of the stations, Diaz Station, we are going to call it, Ruben Diaz Station."

Could you imagine, my dear reader, the governor's expression has caused a lot of gossip in the political world where friends and adversaries have started to question which Ruben Diaz the governor had referred to: Senator Ruben Diaz or Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.

You should know that in an article by Duncan Osborne that appeared in the January 22, 2015 edition of the Gay City News, the author questioned the governor's intention about Ruben Diaz Station. The article reports how after calling the governor's office for clarification about which Ruben Diaz he was referring to: "The governor's press office did not respond..."

I personally believe that the governor was referring to Ruben Diaz, Jr., who happens to be the Bronx borough president and who is working hand in hand with the Governor and supporting his agenda - while I, have been a critic of the governor and his agenda.

Ladies and gentlemen, for my family, for the Christian Community Neighborhood Church where I am pastor, for

the New York Hispanic Clergy Organization where I serve as president, and for myself - it is a privilege and an honor that the governor has given the Diaz family.

Again, Mr. Governor: thank you very much.

Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr.

Don't let us down

Dear editor,
Republicans are now back in control of the New York State Senate. The question of the hour -- have both Democrat and Republican senators learned their respective lessons. Will they get down to the people's business and seriously discuss how to reform state government? Here are some popular ideas yet to be implemented.

Will they support legislation and amend the State Constitution to allow the Governor the right to call for a special election in the event a vacancy occurs for United States senator, Office of state comptroller, state attorney general or lieutenant governor as he can do when a seat in the state legislature becomes vacant.

Any lieutenant governor can cast the tie breaking vote in a state senate session avoiding gridlock. A special election would allow the voters, rather than the legislature to choose.

There are more lobbyists in the Albany than any other place in America outside of Washington DC's infamous 'K' Street. Will the governor, comptroller, attorney general and members of the state legislature have the courage to stand up to those who routinely finance their re-election campaigns in exchange

for favorable legislation, tax code changes, funding of pet projects, award of so called 'sole source bids' and pension enhancements for the special interest constituents they represent?

Other reform should include passage of a balanced budget on April 1 with adequate time for reporters, good government groups, ordinary citizens and members of the legislature to read the fine print before adoption rather than the usual midnight vote behind closed doors.

When will there be a law passed in Albany requiring all members of the state legislature holding a second job to report information about income, hours worked and any potential conflicts of interest between employers benefiting from favorable legislation or pork barrel member item spending?

Larry Penner

Keep Walmart out

Dear editor,

Pasqual Pelosi hit the nail on the head. We have seen Walmart wipe out entire business districts by building these monstrous mega stores on the outskirts of towns throughout the country. Within a short period of time we see a ghost town with shut down businesses and vacant store fronts.

How many employees of these small businesses are put out of work, as opposed to the number of low-paying, part-time jobs with no benefits that are being offered by Walmart. Pasqual is correct, NYC doesn't need Walmart.

Pat Vaccariello

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Borough Courthouse to flourish again

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A 100 plus year-old courthouse is not even close to seeing its final days thanks in part to a \$60,000 grant.

The Bronx Borough Courthouse, a historic and iconic building in the south Bronx located at East 161st Street between Third and Brook avenues, is nearing its long-awaited revival after standing abandoned for nearly four decades. The four-story, Beaux-Arts style courthouse, constructed between 1905 and 1914 by architects Michael John Garvin and Oscar Florianus Bluemner, was intended to house just the Supreme Court.

At the time of the courthouse's completion, the borough's population was under a half million and there weren't many civil and/or criminal cases to hear.

However, between 1920 and 1930, the population of the Bronx exploded from 732,016 to 1,265,258 (according to census.gov) and the courthouse was inadequate for the increase of cases and population.

When the Bronx Supreme Courthouse at 851 Grand Con-

course and East 161st Street was completed in 1934 the Surrogate's Court was moved there, leaving only the Criminal Court in the Bronx County Courthouse.

The building went into decline during the 1970s, finally having its windows and doors sealed in 1977.

"The 1960s and 1970s was a time of major change in the Bronx, but especially for this section," said Lloyd Ultan, historian at the Borough's Historical Society.

"During this time period, the (Bronx) Borough Hall, which was the original administrative headquarters of the borough president and other civic leaders, was demolished (in 1969) and the IRT Third Avenue El was torn down (in 1973). Combined with the borough's decline, changes were rapidly taking place, but many community leaders, historians and preservationists sought to keep this building in existence."

After a decade of inactivity, the courthouse obtained landmark status in 1981.

After its abandonment, the Bronx Borough Courthouse

eventually became storage space for public art.

Finally, in 1998, the city found a buyer - auctioning the property to a Brooklyn private developer named Henry Weinstein. Although he has yet to find a user for the property, Weinstein believes a tenant will be found sometime in the near future.

An exterior cleanup of the building is in progress.

"I got involved in the purchase of this building because it has so much history attached to it," said Weinstein. "Currently, I am searching for worthy tenants and uses - such as schools, medical centers, debate rooms, etc. and I expect the courthouse to have a tenant in six to nine months."

The courthouse's upcoming revitalization is being aided by No Longer Empty, a Bronx organization that was recently received a Neighborhood Challenge Initiative grant. Ironically the ceremony took place inside the former courthouse.

"Our goal in this project is to increase access to the arts and to reopen this beautiful building," said Naomi Hersson



The Bronx Borough Courthouse, located at East 161st Street between Third Avenue and Brook Avenue, is expected to reopen to the public in April after the doors were sealed almost four decades ago.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

Ringskig, executive director at No Longer Empty, who added that she expects the iconic piece of New York City architecture to reopen to the public in April.

"Our partner, SoBro, has

also been greatly involved in the transformation of the neighborhood's businesses, and we (NLE) are happy to be in the Bronx, working with such great partners to complete this mission."



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Webster Ave. property sold to Stagg Group

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Three adjacent properties, on and alongside Webster Avenue have recently been purchased in a \$4.125 million deal.

On Tuesday, January 20, Ariel Property Advisors announced that a development site, 3084 Webster Avenue and 410-414 E. 203rd Street had been purchased.

According to Ariel PA, the property's zoning allows for approximately 93,000 buildable square feet as-of-right and approximately 124,000 buildable square feet with inclusionary housing, after also confirming that the Stagg Group is planning to develop a residential rental building.

Inclusionary housing offers new residential developments an optional floor area bonus as long as affordable housing is created, preserved, or a percentage of affordable housing units are set aside.

This property's purchase follows a rezoning of Webster Avenue, in Bedford Park and Norwood, which took place in 2011 at the request of Community Board 7.

The rezoning now permits mid-density housing and retail on Webster Avenue while still preserving the adjacent residential areas, in order to turn Webster Avenue into an inviting, vibrant and walkable corridor and to preserve certain residential areas while encouraging new development on Webster Avenue.

"This building will add to our overall vision of Webster Avenue - which will be a safe, encouraging section of the Bronx," said Adeline Walker-Santiago, chairwoman of CB 7.

"Our goal is to show Bronx residents that this area, from East Gun Hill Road to Fordham Road on Webster Avenue, has greatly improved,

and the community board has worked with everybody, from the Housing Committee members and council members to make sure this building complements the area."

Walker-Santiago explained the board is actively seeking businesses that would be a proper fit for the neighborhood and that a safety committee will be selected based on the plans of the residence.

She also added that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 18, the day after the CB7's monthly board meeting, where the Stagg Group, Housing Committee, CB 7 and neighborhood residents are invited, and more than welcome to offer their opinions and thoughts about the property's proposed use.

No matter the outcome of the property, having a brand new residential building on Webster Avenue will be very



An aerial shot of the property purchased by the Stagg Group, located at 3084 Webster Avenue and 410-414 E. 203rd Street.

Photo courtesy of Ariel Property Advisors

timely for the neighborhood and its residents, in an area of the west Bronx where housing is in demand.

The Webster Avenue site, located just north and west of the Metro North Harlem line, has Manhattan express bus service, and is walking distance from the Bronx Zoo and New York Botanical Garden.

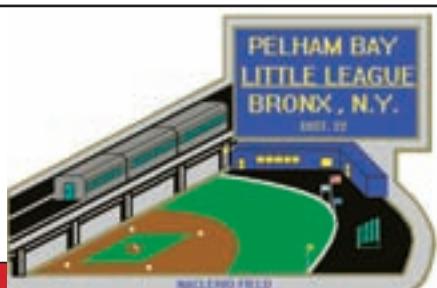
According to Walker-Santi-

ago, there is a chance one will be able to see NYBG from the building's rooftop.

"It's a great opportunity for this up and coming, developing area," she said. "I am optimistic that this building will contribute to the neighborhood's growing improvement."

The Stagg Group could not be reached for comment.

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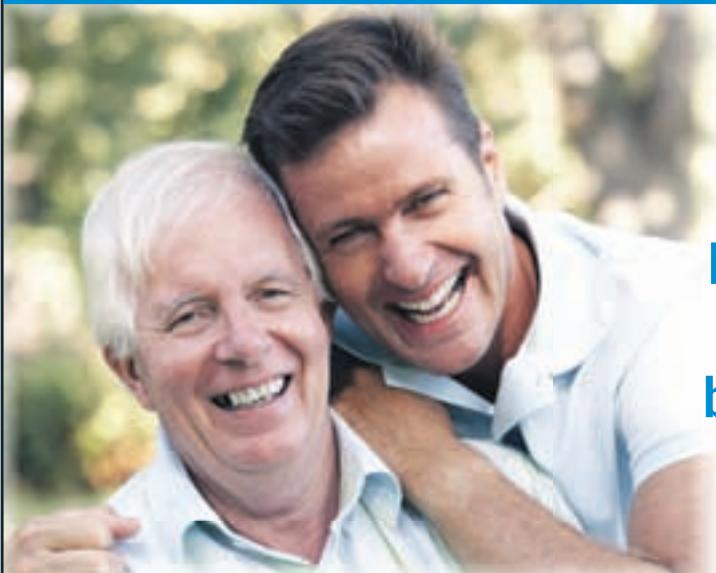


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The Bronx Museum of the Arts on the Grand Concourse.

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Bronx Museum to host Cuban art exchange

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Next year, the Bronx will be home to a ground-breaking art exhibit.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts has recently announced an unprecedented art exchange with Cuba's El Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes (The National Museum of Fine Arts) in Havana.

More than one hundred works of art from the Bronx Museum's permanent collection will be on display in Havana this summer, and a similarly sized exhibit from Havana will make its way to the Bronx in spring 2016.

The joint arts initiative represents the largest visual arts exchange between the two countries in more than 50 years, according to the museum.

The announcement comes after the U.S. announced plans to increase diplomatic relations with Cuba, but Bronx Museum program director Sergio Bessa said that it's just a wonderful coincidence.

"The timing was perfect," said Bessa.

The art exchange itself has been in the works for more than two years, said Bessa.

The idea developed when the Bronx Museum hosted curators from the museum in Havana to New York for a residency, but the relationship between the museums goes back even further.

The Bronx Museum has been working with the arts community in Cuba since the first biennial celebration in Havana in 1984, and this year's exhibit will take place during the 12th Biennial.

The Bronx Museum's executive director Holly Block has been working with Cuban artists for years, said

Bessa, and is something of an expert on the subject of Cuban contemporary art. She's previously published a book called 'Art Cuba: The New Generation.'

"There are many connections fostered over a long period," said Bessa about the relationship with the Cuban museum.

The upcoming cultural exchange plans to strengthen relationship further.

Besides the art exhibits in the Bronx and Havana, the exchange will include an artist exchange program, which New York artist Mary Mattingly will participate in this spring.

A 'Teen Exchange' will put youngsters in the Bronx and Havana in contact through mail exchanges and joint projects. And a dual language print and digital publication will also enhance the exhibit.

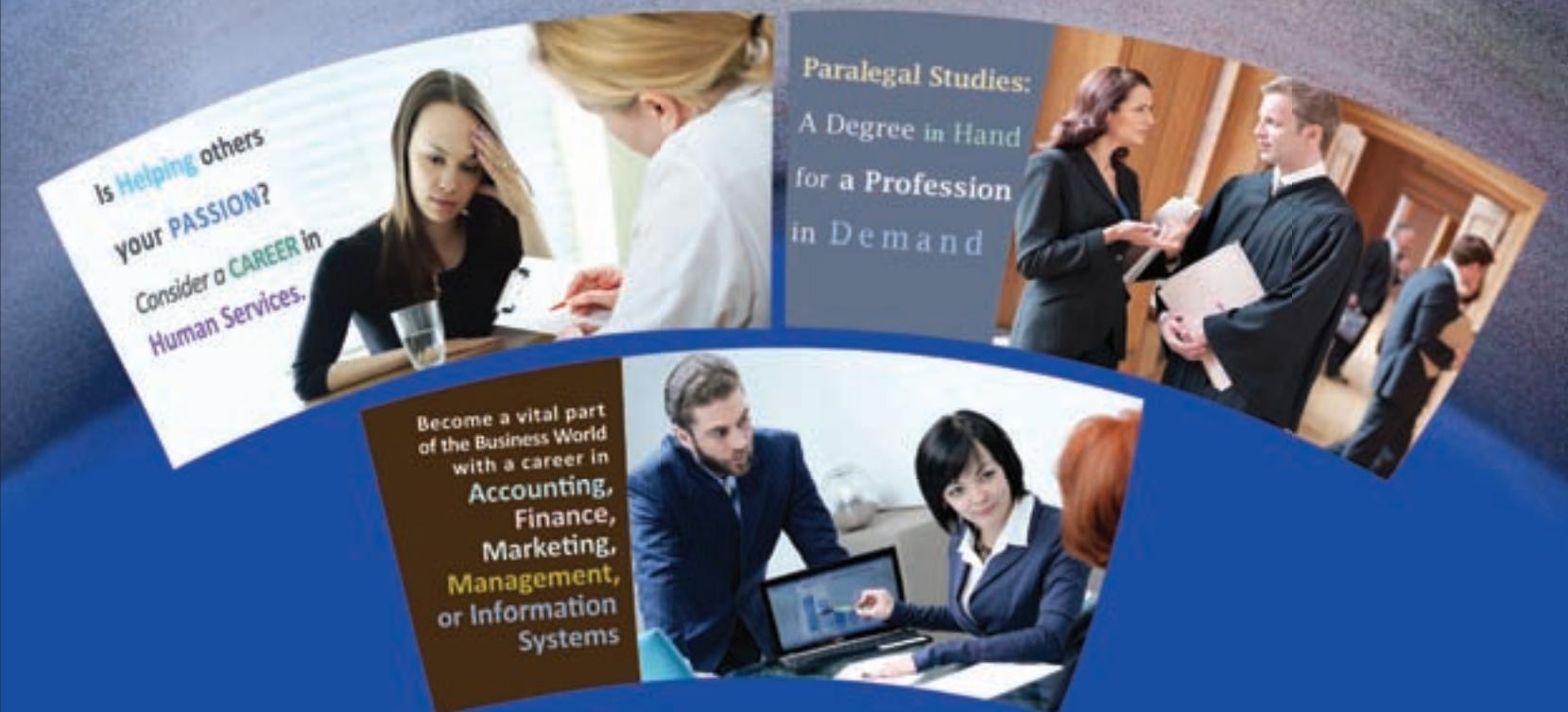
"We didn't want to just do an exhibit," said Bessa. "We wanted to engage through the arts."

Yet the art itself offers many opportunities for connections, said Bessa.

The pieces the Bronx Museum has chosen to share from its permanent collection come from a wide range of artists from Bronx-born locals to international artist, but they share a unifying theme of exploring the urban experience.

Bessa says the exhibit, called 'Wild Noise,' will show both the struggles and vibrancy that are common to the Bronx and to Havana.

"I hope for people here to recognize themselves in the Cuban artists," said Bessa, "And for the same thing to happen when we go to Havana."



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New police building slated for Rodman's Neck

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Plans for a new police administrative building at Rodman's Neck came soon after the news that the New York City Police Department would not reduce its use of the firing range off Pelham Bay Park.

The proposal for a new building was recently presented by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services to Community Board 10's municipal services committee, said district manager Ken Kearns, and was approved by both the committee and the board without any significant objections.

This was primarily because operations at Rodman's Neck are currently being run out of temporary buildings and trailers.

"The police are operating out of completely inadequate space," said Kearns.

The new two-story gray building will include space for training and storage, he said.

"It's a very utilitarian building," said Kearns.

The building will replace one that was damaged in Superstorm Sandy, said board member Bob Bieder, and is being moved to comply with new flooding regulations.

The committee's only request about the building was that it be as environmentally sustainable as possible.



A new police administrative building will be built at Rodman's Neck, home to the NYPD firing range, next year.

File photo

The issue with the shooting range is noise complaints from nearby City Island residents, who have been pushing for years for proper sound abatement or reduced use of the firing range.

The sound of gunshots coming from the range make it difficult to use outdoor space in the summer and impacts quality of life, said longtime City Island community leader Barbara Dolensek.

"When the sound travels across the water it amplifies," said Dolensek. "It's just really unpleasant."

And although Dolensek has no problem with the plans for a new police building, she was upset to hear the news in December that the police department would not be significantly reducing the use of the firing range.

After constant pleas to the city to do something about the noise, including a lawsuit in the mid-90s, City Island residents were told in 2009 that the majority of the firing range's operation would be moved when a new police academy opened in Queens.

At a meeting with precinct community council members in December, in response to a question from a City Island resident, NYPD Commissioner William Bratton said that would no longer be the case.

Bratton said a lack of City Council funding was the reason operations would not be moving, but local Councilman James Vacca said the allocations of those funds were not up to the council.

Vacca said the people of City Island deserve a better explanation, and he now questions whether the department ever intended to close the firing range.

"I am very disappointed," said Vacca.

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Business incubator launched in Bank Note Building

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The historic Bank Note Building in Hunts Point is home to an innovative business incubator.

The BXL Business Incubator was launched by the Business Outreach Center Network on January 21 in a portion of the iconic space.

The BOC Network, in partnership with the New York City Economic Development Corporation, took over a 11,000 square-foot office space several months ago from a previous business incubator that opened in 2012.

With the relaunch, the BOC Network has plans to expand the support services it offers to incubator members, said executive director Nancy Carin.

BXL is the first business incubator that the network is running, but the non-profit organization has a long history of providing support for entrepreneurs across the city, said Carin.

"We're really here to support community-based business and job creators," she said.

First and foremost, the incubator offers affordable of-



At the launch of the BXL Business Incubator: (l to r) BXL manager Jerelyn Rodriguez, former manager Joe Carrano, executive director of BOC Network Nancy Carin and Mathew Shuffler, chief of staff for Assemblyman Marcos Crespo.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

fice space through the use of dedicated desks or a shared co-working space.

But beyond affordability, bringing developing businesses together to make connections benefits the entrepreneurs.

"The community of the entrepreneurs, in addition to other support services, really makes a big difference," said Carin.

Those other support ser-

vices include assistance with business plan development and finances, as well as access to small business loans through BOC Capital Corp. or other re-

sources.

"We really want to match

businesses with whatever source of funding they need," said Carin.

In addition to providing workshops and developmental opportunities for incubator

members, the space will also periodically host workshops—particularly technology centered workshops—for the greater community.

Many of the current incubator members are in the technology industry, said incubator manager Jerelyn Rodriguez, although they range widely from software developers to computer repairs. Another sizable group are health-care

businesses, primarily home-care companies.

Overall there is a wide variety, including a trucking company and an environmentally conscious non-profit, she said.

There are 60 businesses that call the incubator home, with a total of 90 members, said Rodriguez, but the space has room for at least 120.

She's looking forward to the incubator continuing to grow both in terms of members and services offered.

While any entrepreneur can be a member of the business incubator for as long as the would like, the hope is that some of the businesses will eventually outgrow the space and move on, said Carin.

But in the meantime, the BXL Business Incubator isn't going anywhere—the BOC Network signed a 7-year lease.

"We're hoping this will be a long-term success," said Carin.

The incubator is hosting a small business pop-up, open to the public, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 21, at 890 Garrison Ave.

Learn more about the BXL Business Incubator at www.bxl.nyc.

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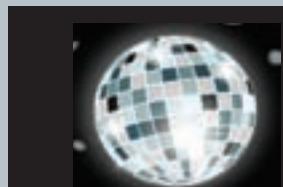
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Students learn about financial literacy

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A financial literacy magazine is helping pre-teens all over the country become well-educated on personal financing.

On Thursday, January 22, TIME For Kids and PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP) launched an educational and fun magazine for students at Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School.

The magazine, 'Your \$ - Financial Literacy For Kids', is a first of its kind magazine from TIME For Kids geared towards teaching students, fourth through sixth grade about personal finance and heightening their awareness about how much money they should spend or save for the future.

The launch event, which was hosted by leaders representing TIME For Kids, PwC, NBC TODAY Show and the WNBA, was held to acknowledge the magazine's premiere as well as discuss the importance of youth financial literacy among schools in the Bronx as well as the entire county.



Above (l-r) student Pamela Hernandez, Kelly Ryan, PwC and student Jada Lagverre pose at the launch of 'Your \$ - Financial Literacy for Kids' event.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

During the event, members of each company spoke to the students, giving them advice from their personal experiences in regards to saving and spending money the right way.

"We (PwC) pick schools nationwide, including the south Bronx, in which we could make a big impact," said Mitch Roschelle, PwC partner.

Roschelle, who grew up in

Melrose on East 161st Street and Walton Avenue, right near Yankee Stadium and Joyce Kilmer Park, is now greatly impacting the youth of the neighborhood in which he came from, and greatly understands the importance of passing on this knowledge to the next generation.

"With the help of Principal (Courtney) Russell's tremendous leadership, the school's

partnership with PwC has been a very positive experience," Roschelle said.

Another attendee at the event was Jeopardy winner Jeff Xie, who earned himself the spot on the magazine's front cover by recently winning \$75,000 on Teen Jeopardy.

He also spoke to the students about saving up for what matters most, like a college

education instead of a video game.

Magazines were distributed for free to each of the students.

The magazine will help fill a critical financial literacy gap that currently exists in schools across the United States and is expected to reach more than 1.8 million students and educators in its first year alone.

It was clear that students at the school had learned a lot about financial literacy after just one discussion.

"We will face a lot of challenges in the future when it comes to saving and spending our money," said Binta Diakite, a student.

"It's good that we are being prepared for these future situations, like buying a home and college."

"As we get older, learning about saving and spending money becomes more and more important," said Tamya Capeles. "I am glad that these groups and our school are teaching us about this topic for the present and the future."

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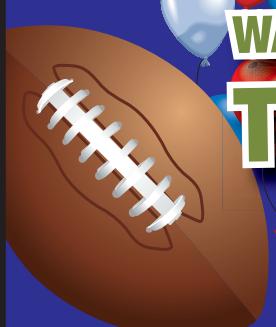
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Trucks still parking illegally on service roads

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A reoccurring truck-parking issue has both community leaders and residents all over the Bronx annoyed.

For many years, tractor trailers have been parking on service roads alongside highways and thruways for extended periods of time, usually at night, in areas in which they are not legally allowed to be parked.

The situation generates a potentially unsafe and illegal scenario, as the parked tractor trailers decrease the width of the service road, potentially forcing cars to merge into one lane while these truck drivers break the law.

There have been countless complaints and reports of these situations taking place, mostly on the service roads of I-278 (Bruckner Expressway) and I-95, although there have also been occurring instances alongside I-695 or Throgs Neck Expressway.

"This has been a problem in our community for many years," said William Rivera, chairman of Community Board 9, referring to stretches

of Bruckner Boulevard service road from Bronx River to Zerega avenues and Cross Bronx service road from Bronx River Avenue to White Plains Road.

"Enforcement is the best solution to this problem, so once I receive a complaint, I call 311 and the 43rd Precinct to inform them of the situation."

Here's the law - tractor trailers cannot be parked on a service road, unless it's a properly zoned area, for more than three consecutive hours or anytime after dusk.

Caught offenders and violators have been hit with a summons and have even had their trucks towed.

A potential problem lies with just summoning these truck drivers, as a summons typically costs less than renting a space for overnight parking, even after senator Jeff Klein passed legislation to increased the penalty from \$65 to \$250 in 2012, and \$500 for repeated offenses.

"I'm dismayed that five years after passing this bill, there is still a serious lack of enforcement by city agencies,"

said Klein. "In 2012, we found that the city could generate more than \$3 million in revenue from the Bronx alone by simply issuing these tickets with increased penalties. That's money that could be spent on improving the quality of life for residents of the 34th Senate District. In the coming weeks, I plan to sit down with city agencies and refocus our efforts to increase enforcement and to put an end to the notion that this type of illegal activity can persist."

According to Councilman James Vacca, this is a long-lasting, borough-wide issue that demands vigilance and patience.

"Legally, tractor trailers should be renting space in an appropriately zoned area, such as a manufacturing area," said Vacca, who has been actively involved in summoning and towing numerous overnight-parked trucks in Community Board 10, as is aware of the area's vulnerability to this situation due to its accessibility to highways.

"Because this area (CB 10) is bounded by highways, this has been a issue that has come up

time and time again. It is important that the people of this neighborhood stay on top of it, and I encourage people who witness this issue to call my office and 311 with a license plate number, a location and other important information."

Vacca also explained that even though a dent has been made in the issue, it is still very difficult to summon and/or tow every single tractor trailer that breaks this law.

A few things have to work in NYPD's favor - they must have the equipment available to tow these trucks and they must have enough room in the tow pound for these trucks to be stored.

However, Vacca wants to drive the issue home to truck drivers that they will eventually be towed if they continue to bend the rules hoping to turn them off of just paying the ticket instead of paying for a full night of parking.

Local residents are not much happier with the inconvenience of those trucks illegally parked.

"This is a vicious cycle," said Bob Bieder, who works in



Tractor trailers, like this one parked on Throgs Neck Expressway, have been parking overnight on service roads for many years.

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Westchester Square. "I believe that this is an issue that needs stronger legislation."

There needs to be more tow trucks in the city to properly take care of this problem."

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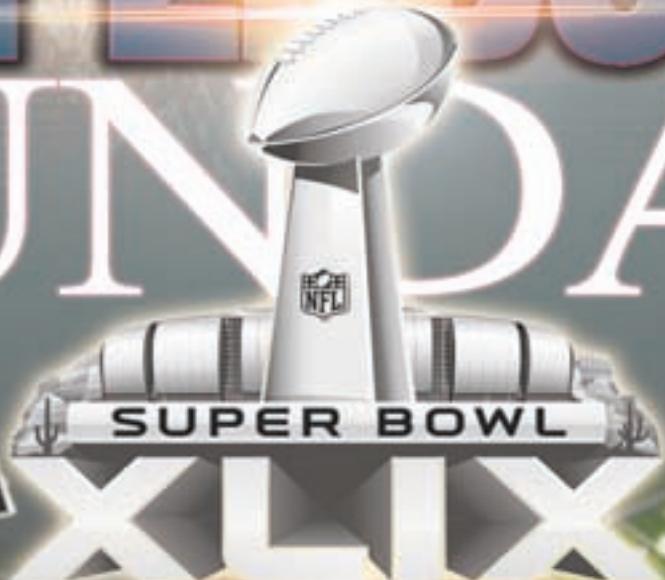
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The production, directed by Becky Lillie Woods, includes a cast of over 30 children and adults. The eight performances are scheduled for Fridays, February 20 and 27 at 7 pm.; Saturdays, February 21 and 28 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sundays, February 22 and March 1 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 with group discounts available. Performances are in the Bronx House Auditorium, located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bronxhouse.org or at the Bronx House box office up until the day of the performance. For more information contact Deborah Nitberg at (718) 792-1800 extension 236.

Programs at the **City Island Library** for February include:

Petunia the Penguin Goes to School: Children discover the adaptations penguins need to survive their harsh polar habitat by transforming into a team of Arctic Scientists. Friday, February 6, 11 a.m.

Circle Time: Interactive stories, action, songs, crafts and interaction with other toddlers in the neighborhood. First come first served. A limit of 15 children and caregivers per session. 18 months to 3 years. Every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

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monsters and villainous polluters. Presented by Ivan Velez. For ages 12 to 18 years old. Monday, February 16, 3 p.m.

After School Lounge: Come to the library after school for studying, relaxing, doing and homework with Wii and movies on Friday. Every weekday after school Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Art Exhibition and Opening: by. Robert Cox: Saturday, February 7 at 1 p.m.

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Saturday Afternoon Movies: The Good Lie Saturday, February 21, at 1 p.m.

Jersey Boys: Saturday February 28, at 1 p.m.

The Bronx Council on the Arts and the Huntington Free Library present a family-friendly, hands-on "Paper Pillow Talk" craft workshop with Aleathia Brown on Saturday, February 21, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square. This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Using brown paper, participants will make paper pillows that go beyond the typical craft lesson.

The family craft workshop series continues on Saturday, March 21, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., when BCA presents "Recycle Art" with Star Nigro.

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COUNCILMAN KING CELEBRATES MLK DAY

Councilman Andy King hosted an event to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at his office located at 940 East Gun Hill Road, between Bronxwood and Colden avenues, on Thursday, January 15. Attendees at the event included clergy, NYPD community affairs, representatives from government agencies as well as community members. King also hosted an Open House at 135 Einstein Loop for a 'meet and greet.'



(Above) Councilman Andy King (center) with some religious leaders at his district office, including (l-r) minister Terrance Hollis, Pastor Raymond Higgens, senior Pastor Basil Straker, Pastor John Smith, Pastor Elder Deacon, Archbishop Joseph A. Alexander and Reverend Lamont S. Granby to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Councilman Andy King speaks at a community get together and celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday at his office.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



SNOWMAN ON HOLLAND AVENUE

Two Pelham Parkway kids, with a little help from their dad, built a snowman more than twice their size on Holland Avenue on Saturday, January 24.



(l-r) Daniel and Annabella Nilaj with their giant snowman.

Photo by Miriam Quin

TRINITY BAPTIST HOLDS MLK SERVICE

Trinity Baptist Church in Williamsbridge recalled the good works of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 19 with a program called 'Remember the Legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Community Interfaith Service.' Among the elected officials in attendance were Congressman Charles Rangel, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, and Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene.

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson addresses the crowd.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



BRONX GOP DONATES TO VETERANS

The Bronx Republican Party donated \$3,860, a quarter of the proceeds from their annual 2014 golf event, to local veterans who will oversee the creation of a new 'veterans welfare fund.' A check presentation took place at the Bronx Veterans Parade Dinner at Rino's Restaurant in Throggs Neck on Saturday, January 17.



At the check presentation are (l-r) Pat Devine, a member of Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253 and of Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park, Inc.; Kate Devine; Bronx Republican chairman John Greaney; and party members Michael Rendino, Jimmy Wilson, John Martin, John Cereni and Dorothy Delayo.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

KING, 47TH PCT. HOST 'CONNECTIONS'

Councilman Andy King, along with the 47th Precinct, hosted a 'Connections' forum at Evander Childs High School, 800 E. Gun Hill Road, on Wednesday, January 21. The event was mostly attended by local high school students, and was held to build better relationships between Bronx youth and law enforcement.



Councilman Andy King speaks to all in attendance at a 'Connections' forum at Evander Childs High School.

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(Above) Kids from Ballet Hispanica during the celebration. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Grand Master Melle Mel attended the event. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

P.S. 14'S YMCA AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The YMCA After School Program at P.S. 14 presented a Winter Showcase at the school on Thursday, January 22. At the event, third and fifth graders showcased the work that they accomplished during the program.



Students of P.S. 14 presented their work from the after school programs at the YMCA Winter Showcase. Photo by Miriam Quin



The YMCA staff poses at the Winter Showcase event at P.S. 14. Photo by Miriam Quin

SCHOOL HOSTS SELMA MARCHER

Bronx Charter School for Better Learning in Baychester hosted a talk by bestselling author Lynda Blackmon Lowery, author of 'Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom', who spoke to students about the Selma Voting Rights March of 1965. Lowery was a young person when she marched for voting rights with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The march went from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.



Freedom marcher Jacqueline Woodson (c) with school staff.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning

NEW ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWORN IN



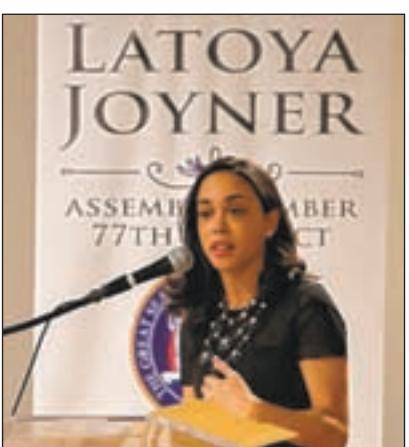
New Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner, of the 77th Assembly District, was sworn in on Sunday, January 25 at the Bronx Museum of Arts. The inauguration ceremony was attended by local leaders and elected officials.

(Above) Latoya Joyner is sworn in with her mother, Caroline Mullins, at her side.

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The Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner addresses the crowd that came to celebrate her inauguration.

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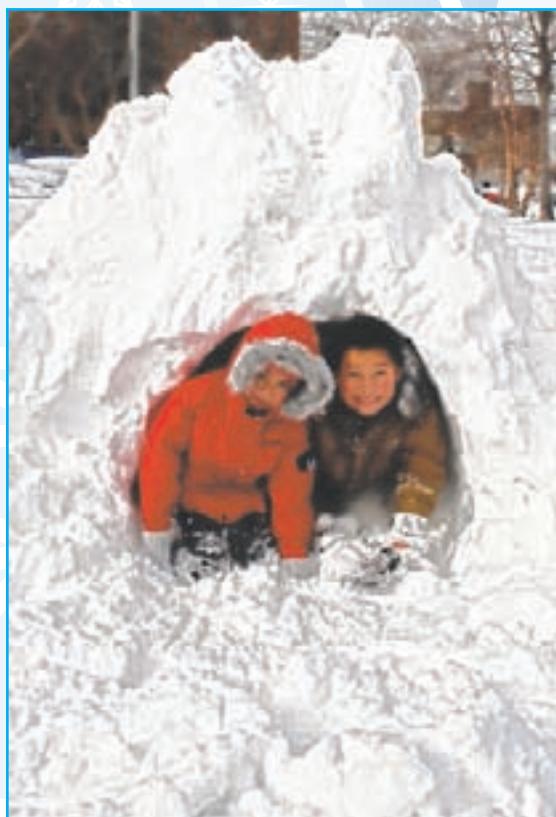
SNOW BLANKETS THE BOROUGH



Kids rush up a hill in Crotona Park to get the most out of their sledding time.

Photo by Edwin Soto

This week's snowstorm had Bronxites working and playing. On Tuesday, January 27, many started digging themselves out, while students home from school, flocked to the parks to test their sleds.



Alicia (5) and Alex Ramirez (9) in a snow igloo at Soundview Park.
Photo by Edwin Soto



Bill Henderson, on Agar Place, had to break out the snow blower.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Christian Serrano, 11, helps dig out his neighbor's car on East 196th Street and Buhre Ave.
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Anabelle Mejia helps her son, Noah, with his sled in Harriet Field Park.
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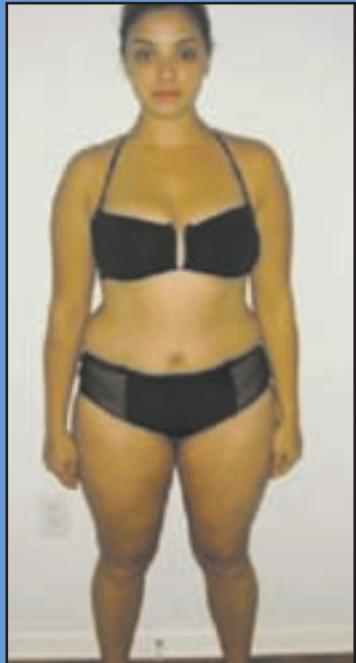
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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

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Please remember that your dues allows us to do some wonderful things that improve the quality of life in our community. Without your help we would not be able to keep some great programs alive. Programs like our Court Watchers Program, our bi-annual Tree Giveaways and our Christmas Tree Lighting just would not be possible. We also use these funds for permits for monthly meetings at P.S. 14 and for refreshments at those meetings and your complimentary subscriptions to the Bronx Times Reporter, which is now \$15 a year by subscription.

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the Bronx Times Reporter that you receive as a member has gone up but we kept your dues the same because we need you to keep supporting the good work that we do. So, please send in your dues today!

We'd love for you to send us a comment along with your dues. What would you like to see us work on? Do you have an idea for a guest speaker? Would you like to help us out as a volunteer? The more members that get involved the better our community will be. We can't wait to hear what's on your mind!

Proposed New Law

Well, now I've heard everything! In November of 2014 the City Council proposed a new law that will further tie the hands of our police officers. The City Council is proposing that "Prior to conducting a search of a person, or a person's vehicle, home, or belongings"....the officer must "Articulate, in a language and

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manner understood by the person, that the person is being asked to voluntarily consent to a search".... And the officer must "create an audio or written and signed record of the person's voluntary and informed consent..."

So, let's take this one step further. A police officer feels that a search is warranted and asks for consent. If the person has something to hide he will say "no", of course. This will give him time to discard whatever it is that he is hiding from the officer, and that could very well be a gun!

It is also demeaning to an officer who must be in charge on the streets if we are to be safe. Once again, it creates a

situation where our officers are not in charge but the criminal is. It makes our streets less safe and that is unacceptable.

Also, suppose the person does not speak English or the language that the officer speaks. Do they have to call an interpreter to the scene! Now, our police department that so short staffed will have officers bogged down with on the scene paperwork that may take hours, taking them away from keeping us safe!

This must stop! If you support our police officers and want to give them the tools that they need to protect us, I suggest that you write to the City Council and ask that they do not pass Int.0541-2014, the law requiring law enforcement officers to provide notice and obtain proof of consent to search individuals.

You can go to the City Council website at Council.nyc.gov/members/members.shtml to get contact informa-

tion for individual Council members. For your information, the following are the City Council members that have supported this bill: Antonio Reynoso, Ritchie J. Torres, Juamaane D. Williams, Brad S. Lander, Daniel Dromm, Carlos Menchaca, Deborah L. Rose, Donovan J. Richards, Annaabel Palma, Helen K. Rosenthal, Corey D. Johnson, Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., Ydanis A. Rodriguez, Stephen T. Levin, Margaret S. Chin, Ben Kallos, Mark Levine, Laurie A. Cumbo, Rosie Mendez, Andy L. King, Julissa Ferreras, Inez D. Barron, Darlene Mealy and Rafael L. Espinal, Jr.

You can also write to or call Councilman James Vacca's office to thank him for opposing such a ridiculous law. Thank the good Lord that our council member has the courage to stand up for our police officers! Kudos to you, Jimmy Vacca!!

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

When Americans think of Mexico, it is generally in the context of vast numbers of unlawful immigrants, or of a place for vacations on sandy beaches.

It is time to start thinking of that nation in a different and frightening context: that of a dangerously failed state on our border, a vacuum of power that is attracting America's enemies.

The murder several months ago of 43 teachers-in-training by drug cartels highlights the depths to which Mexico has fallen. Despite the viciousness of this atrocity, Washington has been comparatively silent, even though in parts of the Texas border area, the kidnapping, murder, and harassment of landowners within the U.S. by these cartels are already occurring.

According to the National Interest, "Since 2008,

the seven main drug cartels have emerged as an existential threat to Mexico's future. Cartels like Los Zetas, which recruit members from Mexico's Special Forces and federal police, behave like organized paramilitaries, not ordinary criminals. They generate perhaps \$30 to \$40 billion a year in illicit profits. And the price has been horrendous. Between 2007 and 2012, around 47,000 Mexicans were killed in the drug war. Some estimate that the true toll is over 60,000."

Violent crime may be the least of the threats. The illegal drug trade provides an opening for the infiltration of the U.S.'s southern neighbor by antagonist nations across the globe. According to the Jamestown Foundation, "In April 2012, authorities in the prosperous and generally peaceful Caribbean nation of Belize intercepted a shipment of precursor chemicals sent from China and ap-

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parently bound for representatives of the Mexican cartel 'Los Zetas.' The shipment—sufficient to produce an estimated \$10 billion in methamphetamines—highlights growing criminal ties between China and Latin America that have accompanied, but, to date, have lagged behind the exponential growth of trade and investment between the two regions."

The national security implications for the United States are staggering, and some are already occurring. With Russia, China and Iran's Hezbollah aggressively seeking increased footholds in the Western Hemisphere, a failed state—espe-

cially one right on the U.S. border—represents a great prize. It is attractive as well to Al Qaeda and ISIS as a launching pad for terror attacks on American soil.

Robert Kaplan, author of a notable study on the impact of geography on world events notes, "While we have spent billions of dollars to affect historical outcomes in Eurasia, we are curiously passive about what is happening to a country with which we have to share a long land border, and whose population is close to double that of Iraq and Afghanistan combined."

Recently, the Judicial Watch organization reported that "Islamic terrorist groups are operating in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez and planning to attack the United States with car bombs or other vehicle borne improvised explosive devices (VBIED). High-level federal law enforcement, intel-

ligence and other sources have confirmed to Judicial Watch that a warning bulletin for an imminent terrorist attack on the border has been issued... Specifically, the government sources reveal that the militant group Islamic State of Iraq and Greater Syria (ISIS) is confirmed to now be operating in Juarez, a famously crime-infested narcotics hotbed situated across from El Paso, Texas."

The Washington Times notes that Mexico, along with Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia recently purchased Chinese arms. "A joint Mexico-China statement said Mexico pledged not to interfere in China's affairs on Taiwan and Tibet." The move is part of increased closeness between Mexico and China.

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BY AL D'ANGELO

The Morris Park Community Association is opposed to City Council bill 541.

Bill 541 is asking for a local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring law enforcement officers to provide notice and obtain proof of consent to search individuals. This shows a complete lack of trust in the police. The Constitution, through the

Fourth Amendment, protects people from unreasonable searches and seizures. This proposed law before the city council presupposes that the police officers randomly stop and frisk.

Has a study been done to determine how many illegal searches have been carried out by the police to warrant another law passed? We all know who will be the biggest beneficiaries of this new law,

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the lawyers and the criminals. The lawyers will argue the police officer did not have probable cause to search their client or did not speak to them in

their native language and the criminal escapes justice on a technicality.

Maybe the government should take a lesson from corporate America. When someone is hired they are given the company rules and told to do their job. Those that don't are reprimanded or fired, but the company rules don't change because someone broke them. Aren't you trying to amend the rules because someone

may have broken them?

Body cameras will be coming soon that should solve your problem. How about this for a novel idea? Let's pass a law that will keep career criminals in jail and set mandatory sentences for people carrying illegal firearms. This is not a good time to show distrust in our police department. We urge members of the City Council to defeat this proposal.

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Saturday, February 7: Tai Chi Chuan: In this hour-long class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits.

Saturday, February 7; Sunday, February 8: Wave Hill Chair Workshop—Day One :

Wave Hill's inspirational landscape is complemented by the iconic Wave Hill chair. In this two-day workshop, construct your own Wave Hill Chair under the guidance of master carpenter and Wave Hill Director of Facilities Frank Perrone.

Saturday, February 7: Written In The Rocks Lecture: Geologist Sidney Horenstein, an environmental educator emeritus at the American Museum of Natural History and the natural history consultant to the Bronx County Historical Society, leads this presentation.

Sunday, February 8: Winter Birding: Explore Wave Hill's tranquil gardens and woodlands with naturalist Gabriel Willow to observe birds in their winter habitats. Ages 10 and older welcome with an adult.

Sunday, February 8: Hatha Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss Director Neem Dewji

and other certified instructors, and last for an hour and a quarter.

Sunday, February 8: Meditation: Led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors.

Sunday, February 8: Trusty Trees Family Walk: Join naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow on a walk through the gardens and woodlands of Wave Hill to discover the diversity of trees. Ages six and older welcome with an adult.

Sunday, February 8; Tuesday, February 10: Winter Workspace Workshop: Living Drawings: Join Winter Workspace artist Julia Oldham in a workshop using traditional "cel" animation to create exciting and quirky living drawings in flip-books.

Sunday, February 8: Sweet And Spicy Truffles Cooking Demonstration: A chef from

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Wave Hill Chair Workshop.

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Weekend events at the New York Botanical Garden

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Wild Medicine in the Tropics through February 22: Visitors to The New York Botanical Garden can explore the warm rain forest and desert galleries of the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory to discover how plants are used for health and wellness during Wild Medicine in the Tropics, the Botanical Garden's new winter exhibition. Drawing on the Haupt Conservatory's richly varied permanent collection of tropical trees, exotic flowers and desert succulents, Wild Medicine in the Tropics underscores the essential role that plants play in human health while providing an escape from winter's icy grip. With interpretative signage, an award-winning iPhone app, and related programming for adults and children, Wild Medicine in the Tropics shows how cultures around the world rely on plants for everything from medicine to cosmetics and features plants that are essential to a wide variety of healing traditions.

Flora Illustrata: A Celebration of Botanical Masterworks through February 22: The renowned LuEsther T. Mertz Library of The New York Botanical Garden counts among its holdings many of the most beautiful and pioneering botanical and horticultural works ever created. More than

eight centuries of knowledge, from the twelfth century to the present, are represented in the Library's Collection. In this sumptuous exhibition in the Art Gallery visitors are introduced to some of the Library's most fascinating works—exceedingly rare books, stunning botanical artworks, illustrated manuscripts, medieval herbals, exquisite garden prints and flower books, nursery catalogs, explorers' notebooks, and more.

Tropical Discoveries through February 26; 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Inside the William and Lynda Steere Discovery Center children of all ages can take a closer look at the differences between tropical and temperate plants. Pot up a tropical plant to take home and compare its characteristics with foliage in your neighborhood. Make bark rubbings, count tree rings, and head back into the winter garden with a field notebook to discover the vital sparks of life that lie just below the surface of this quiet season in the Northeast.

Bird Walk, Saturday, January 31, 11 a.m.: The diverse habitats of the Botanical Garden offer visitors a chance to see dozens of species of birds throughout the year. Bring your binoculars and walk the Garden grounds with an expert to learn about bird-friendly habitats, migrating species, and birds that make a

permanent home at the Garden.

Meet at the Reflecting Pool at the Leon Levy Visitor Center.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts celebrates Valentine's Day with a performance direct from Mexico City of the Orquesta Sinfónica del Estado de México with renowned Conductor and Musical Director Enrique Bátiz and rising-star pianist Irina Chistiakova on Saturday, February 14, at 8 pm.

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Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will exhibit a unique selection of early 19th-century American schoolgirl embroideries and watercolors from the collection of William and Sally Gemmill starting March 1st. The exhibition, Accomplished Women: Schoolgirl Art from Female Academies in the Early Nineteenth Century, offers a special opportunity for the public to see beautiful and rare works from a major private collection. Twelve pieces in total will

be included in the exhibition, among them a mourning embroidery by Abigail Walker—part of Bartow-Pell's permanent collection—which will be viewed in a rich new context in the spring show.

The Bronx Academy of Art & Dance presents Get Tough, Get BAAD! annual series of films and events celebrating queer power, diversity, defiance, strength and visibility. The series was initiated in 2010 to celebrate queer strength and value and to take a stand against violence and to counter negative and victimized images of queer people in the media from homophobic attacks in the Bronx and New York City. This year's installment will present seven empowering narrative films that feature queer people of color, a youth open mic/jam, a community marathon screening of Orange is the New Black (Season 1) and culminate in a One Billion Rising dance with drumming and performance that takes a stand against violence toward women, transwomen and women-bodied people. Get Tough! Get BAAD! runs from February 4 to 14, at BAAD!, 2474 Westchester Avenue. For reservations, directions and further information call (718) 918-2110 or visit www.BAADBronx.org.



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Not too many years after the American Revolution, around 1815, Israel Cook bought a modest home on Broadway near Rector Street and set up a retail butter outlet in his home. His business continued to grow and he saved his profits investing them in real estate realizing that the city would be growing and property values would be rising. All went well for Israel and he made a lot of money in real estate and left the business to his sons when he retired. His sons were not as wise as the father, however, and tried unsuccessfully to corner the sugar market. They lost a lot of the father's money.

One of the sons married one of the daughters of Charles Denison Sr. and although Charles would one day become very wealthy, he started life rather poor with a small liquor store on Fulton Street in New York City. After the store burned down, he resolved not to give up on business but to start over.

He opened a wholesale grocery business on Dey Street off West Street

under the name C & L Denison and in time it became the largest such establishment in the area. It catapulted the family to wealth and a life style that included grand estates and mansions. One such estate was built in the then rural area that later became known as the Longwood district of the Bronx. It was the only building in the area and thus today, the partial structure that still stands faces cattycorner to East 156th and Beck streets. There simply was no grid system at the time it was built which accounts for the unusual position facing the corner of the property. When it was built with its checkered facade surrounded by huge and imposing trees, it proffered a magnificent bucolic scene.

Charles Sr. became one of the most noted and respected men about town as well as a noted politician. His son, Charles Jr., took over the business and became an equally well-known and respected merchant active in various pursuits and organizations including the noted Mercantile Library Association. The business prospered under his tutelage and while his father was away pursuing his political career, Charles made good use of the family mansion in Longwood. Samuel White, his brother-in-law, later took over the estate and thus the structure became known as the Denison-White Mansion.

The building has had many uses



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The Denison-White Mansion in November of 2010.

since the family left and the George Johnson family developed the area circa 1898 and then in the 1920s the mansion became home to the noted Longwood Club. Later it served as the Patrolman P. Lynch Community Center, a Police Athletic League center, among other uses. Today the still standing section of the mansion is called Fox Hall and although greatly diminished in size, it is the centerpiece of the Cedars Residence where it serves as their social center. The well-manicured property is surrounded by wrought-iron fencing and a bronze plaque in the corner of the property indicates that the Denison-White Mansion was built in the late 1840's in Greek revival style and restored in 2009.

The main entrance to the 95-unit Cedars is at 745 Fox Street and there are eight floors and a green roof in keeping with the latest conservation technology. It is administered by the Lantern Organization and a number of apartments are reserved for grandparents who have become primary caregivers for their grandchildren. Soft carpeting throughout the hallways was installed with the seniors in mind and there is around-the-clock security. Urban Architectural Initiatives designed the low-income housing complex and the Community Lantern Corporation provides the support services. It is good to see that the organization saw fit to preserve and care for the historic Denison-White Mansion.

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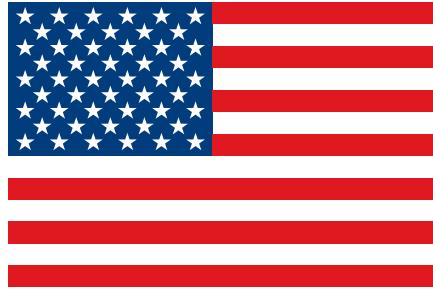
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LEGAL NOTICE

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 who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 647 St. Lawrence Avenue, Apt 2, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 4 Line Faithful, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on (10/27/14). Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202 Brooklyn NY 11228. The principal business address of the LLC is: 4357 Vireo Ave, Bronx, NY 10470 Apt. 5A. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 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 who 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 165 Willow Street, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nancy Super Realty (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on October 10, 2014. Office location: Westchester County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 435 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SIC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on October 23, 2014. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon who process against the LL may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 2261 Seward Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Thaithentic, 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 is hereby given that a license, serial #1283686 for beer, wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in a tavern under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law

28 E. Kingsbridge Rd., Bronx, NY 10468 for on-premises consumption; Kingsbridge Tavern Corp.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an on-premise license, #TBA has been applied for by MC Apple, LLC d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on-premises establishment. For on-premises consumption under the ABC law at 1776 Eastchester Road Bronx, NY 10461.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 12-17-14, bearing Index Number NC-000510-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Trinace (Middle) Chanel (Last) Harvin. My present name is (First) Trance (Middle) Chanel (Last) Harvin. My present address is 40 Richman Plaza, Apt 6F, Bronx, NY 10453. My place of birth is Manhattan, New York. My date of birth is January 03, 1976.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. ONEWEST BANK FSB, Pltf. vs. FIOR RODRIGUEZ, et al, Defts. 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
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

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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 \$236,827.03 plus interest and costs.

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

On February 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Premises known as 476 EAST 146TH ST, BRONX, NY 10455
Block: 2290 Lot: 138

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

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

Index #380844/11
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I 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



Huntington Learning Center Suggests Five Great Education Blogs for Parents

Are you the type of parent who likes to stay informed of important issues in education, great ways to help your child in school and other similar topics? If so, Eileen Huntington of Huntington Learning Center suggests following education blogs to get current information. "There are so many great blogs out there for parents that it can be hard to narrow them down," says Huntington. "These blogs are a few of our favorites because they offer relevant information that parents can use to help their children become more successful students." Here are five blogs that will keep you up to date on the issues that matter to you and your student.

SchoolFamily—SchoolFamily.com is "focused exclusively on helping parents help their kids make the most of their school year." Their blog offers tips and advice for helping children succeed in school—dealing with everything from fostering emotional awareness to developing students' responsibility to building reading comprehension.

Scholastic Parents: The Learning Toolkit—The Learning Toolkit gives tips for parents to support their children's learning and development at every age.

Scholastic Parents: Raise a Reader—Parents can get advice and resources on how to help their child develop reading skills and extend the reading experience at home.

The Answer Sheet—The Washington Post's education blog, The Answer Sheet, describes itself as a "school survival guide for parents (and everyone else)." The Answer Sheet covers all things education, including education policy, the Common Core State

Standards, standardized testing and how students learn.

The Choice—The New York Times' Choice blog is no longer actively updated, but its four years of archives contain valuable information for parents of high school students who are applying to colleges about the admissions process, financial aid, determining a good college fit and more.

Huntington offers one final tip for parents who want to follow multiple blogs without having to check the websites regularly. "Use a feed reader such as Feedly or BlogLovin to organize all of the blogs that you follow in one simple interface," says Huntington. "Alternately, you can subscribe to a blog via email to be sure that you receive new posts directly to your inbox." For more great education resources for parents, visit HuntingtonHelps.com

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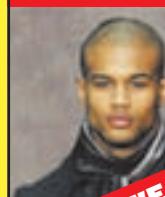
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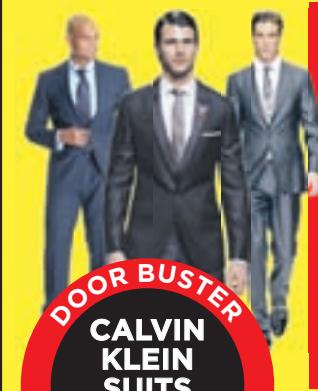
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
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WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as
certificate trustee (not in its individual
capacity but solely as certificate
trustee), in trust for registered Holders of
VNT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

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

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON
BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE
HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3
HOME EQUITY PASS- THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3,

Index# 380677/10

Plaintiff(s),

Against

CARLOS DE LA CONCHA; et al.,

Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered
1/22/2014, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on
3/2/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as
216 Betts Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473,
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 3461
and Lot 13.

The approximate amount of the
Judgment lien is \$482,903.00 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed Judgment;
Index# 380677/10.

Eleanor P. Vale, Esq., Referee.

SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES,
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road,
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 1/9/15 File Number:
20580 CN

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
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14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January
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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
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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
Rochester, NY 14614-1990
Tel. 585/760-8218
Dated: November 15, 2014

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

The NYC Board of Standards and
Appeals has scheduled a public hearing
on the following application:

Variance (972-21) to allow a new
mixed use building with 36 residential
units and community facility space. R6 &
C1-4 zoning districts.

Address: 506-510 Brook Avenue,
east side of Brook Avenue between
147th and 148th Street, Block 2274, Lot
6, 7 and 8, Borough of Bronx.

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
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Dated: 01/13/15

Jeffrey A. Chester, Esq./GSHLLP
applicant

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH
CONDONIUM, INC., on behalf of its
unit owners of the Parkchester South
Condominium, Plaintiff, - against -
TERESITA CONTRERAS, 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
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
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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
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COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US Bank
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2006-AM2, Mortgage Pass-Through
Certificates, Series 2006-AM2, Plaintiff,
against Victor Rexach a/k/a Victor R.
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STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
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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
CONDONIUM;
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

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SCHEDULE "A"

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

Office as Map Number 143, and bounded and described as follows:

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
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BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,
A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY, Plaintiff against

MICHELLE 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
Shejowitz, Esq., Referee.

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REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ACE
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LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE6,
ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff against

PETRINEA MCALPINE A/K/A
MACALPINE PETRINEA A/K/A
PETRINEA MCALPINE, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered on
January 3, 2011.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,
Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 2nd day of
March, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 3901 Ely
Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL#:
4929-50.

Approximate amount of lien
\$379,924.46 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381704-08. David P.
Lesch, Esq., Referee.

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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.

Tax account number: SBL#:
18-5518-250.

Approximate amount of lien
\$351,381.24 plus interest and costs.

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provisions of filed judgment and terms of
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Index No. 380913-12. Joseph
Strasburg, Esq., Referee.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
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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.

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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
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LEGAL NOTICE

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No. 2P2001 SURROGATE'S COURT,
Bronx COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE
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Sex offenders cause uproar

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guarding or its citizens," said Benedetto, adding "this is intolerable."

Benedetto said he believes that the DHS can fix the situation at Crystal by revising its own policy about housing high level sex offenders, moving them to shelters that do not house families.

The councilman said he did know of any DHS policy when it came to housing sex offenders, and said that it was unacceptable to deal with these kinds of issues "as it hits us."

"Our shelters are safe havens for families and children experiencing the most difficult of hardships," said Vacca. "We cannot, in good conscience, accept the risk of allowing sex offenders to live in close quarters with these already vulnerable families."

Martin Prince, CB 10 chairman; Dotti Poggi, Friends of Ferry Point Park president and a member of the citizens advice board for the Crystal Family Residence; and Jo Anne So-

hmers, president of the Ferry Point Civic Association also voiced their concerns.

CB 10 has reached out to DHS, and has requested that the two sex offenders be removed, but still be given services, said Ken Kearns, district manager.

"This board has made efforts in trying to have them (the offenders) be moved too," said Kearns, who added that he knows that services cannot be denied to these men.

"What our board suggested was that because there was a possibility of a problem, that they simply be relocated to another shelter," he said.

Sex offender data on the state website is for informational purposes only, and is not intended to be punitive,

DHS did not respond to requests for comment. According to Klein's office, as of press time the legislation passed in the State Senate. It is not yet a law.



Community Board 10 chairman Martin Prince (c) addresses those in attendance at press conference ioutside the former Capri Motel. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

CB 9 boots district manager

From page 1

Rican Parade workers use community board office equipment.

Gonzalez survived a previous vote on his tenure by the board in December 2012.

Current CB 9 chairman William Rivera said that the board members were aware of the Conflicts of Interest ruling because it is public information.

"On Thursday, January 15, Community Board 9's general board voted to remove our district manager, Francisco Gonzalez, effective immediately," read a statement from the board. "We wish Mr. Gonzalez well in his future endeavors and thank him for his past service."

A new district manager will hopefully be selected by the summer, after a screening process with rules mandated by the City Charter, said Rivera.

A spokesman for Borough President Diaz Jr. said that there will be no interim district manager, and that a staff member will assist the board and its staff as they search for a new manager.

CB 9 encompasses Castle Hill, Clason Point, Soundview, and Parkchester. Gonzalez had been its district manager since 1993, he said.



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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

If You Ain't Cheatin' You Ain't Tryin'

Does anyone else think that the denials from Belichick and Brady sound like those we used to hear from Gaylord Perry?

Affordable Super Bowl

Dan Daly wrote about SBII, "The face value of a Super Bowl ticket runs anywhere from \$800 to \$1,900 these days, and prices on the secondary market reportedly range between an arm (\$2,000) and a leg (\$20,000). So I thought you might be amused by what it used to cost to go to the game — from soup to nuts.

An ad appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette before Super Bowl II that offered air transportation ("via United and Eastern Air Lines"), three nights in a Miami hotel, six meals, a cocktail party, transfers and "other features" for — wait for it — the low, low price of \$196 (tax included). You flew out the Friday before the game, which pitted the NFL's Packers against the AFL's Raiders, and returned the following Monday.

What a deal.

Wonder if Wayne Travel Service is still offering it. (Or is it just the price of gas that's

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WINGS CLIPPED BY MIRACULOUS RALLY

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

No one shied away from the blame after Wings Academy's heart breathing and almost unthinkable defeat

The Wings let defending PSAL city champions Benjamin Cardozo erase a nine-point deficit with less than two minutes left to play and hand them a 50-47 loss in the final of the SNY Invitational at CCNY last Saturday. The Judges scored 12 points in the final 1:46, including three treys to win a game what will have huge playoff implications.

Wings boys' basketball coach Billy Turnage took the blame after the contest. He lost track of how many times out he had left and took his final one trying to preserve a possession with a little over three minutes to play in contest. It left him unable to try to slow Cardozo's 12-0 run to end the game. He vowed to never let his players down by mismanaging a game down the stretch again.

"This is on me," Turnage said. "It's nothing the kids did. I blew it."

Cardozo (18-1) certainly played a role too after Wings grabbed a 47-38 lead on a basket by Georgetown-bound center Jessie Govan. Judges star Rashond Salnave, who has just four points to that point, sparked his team's final surge.

He got a basket and the foul and on the next possession he buried a three-pointer. Aaron Walker and Tariq Coburn each added treys of their own to put Cardozo up for good at 49-47 with 30 seconds left to play.

Hofstra-bound point guard Desure Buie had a contested look at tying three in the final seconds, but it was no good. The senior didn't let Turnage shoulder all of blame. The Wings (17-2) lost their composure late in the game. They took quick shots and turned the ball over, allowing Cardozo the chance to rally.



Wings center Jessie Govan shoots a jumper over Cardozo's Armando Dunn during SNY Invitational.

Photo by Robert Cole

"He can't play for us," Buie said. "I think we made some very bad decisions down the stretch at the end of the game that cost us that ball game. It isn't all his fault. It's the guard's fault also. We did those turnovers, not him."

The loss spoiled a superb outing by Bui. He scored 19 points, grabbed six rebounds and connected in three treys, including one to beat the third quarter buzzer that put Wings

up 36-31. Bui felt like he had to make up for a poor shooting night in a win over Cardinal Hayes in the semifinal.

"I had to come out and play more aggressive," Buie said.

Govan, who was in foul trouble all afternoon, finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Walker led Cardozo with 17 points. McNeely tallied 12 points and Coburn had 10. Salnave finished with nine points.

Wings despite missing out on a chance to make a case for the top seed in the PSAL Class AA playoffs still has plenty of basketball to play. Falling to Cardozo in a game that had a playoff feel is just a tough loss before the homestretch.

"The good thing is that its January, it's not March," Turnage said. "I told them the next time we see them again, whoever loses is collecting uniforms."

Super sophomore sparking Scanlan's strong season

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The maturation of Delphynia Sparks' game has been a key reason for Monsignor Scanlan's newfound success.

The Crusaders sophomore came to the school a year ago filled with talent and eager to prove herself as player. The 5-foot-9 Sparks sees the game differently after an up and down season. Sparks, a shooting guard, is now not only the team's top scorer, but leader in assists as well.

"When she started last year with us there was more, let me show you what I can do. I can take anybody," Scanlan coach Tom Catalanotto said. "Now she realizes the bottom line is we want to win the game."

Scanlan is off to a soaring start as Sparks' play has made her teammates around her better, raised their confidence and helped boost the team chemistry. The Crusaders are 10-6 and the favorites to win with CHSAA Bronx/Westchester 'A' division after starting 5-0.

"My passing will get them better, teach them how to cut and get an easy basket," Sparks said. "It's creating a chemistry because it's getting everyone involved."

Sparks is averaging 17 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.0 assists per contest. She has taken her game to the next level recently. Sparks had 16 points and six assists in a win over Arch-



Guard Delphynia Sparks is having a break out sophomore season for Monsignor Scanlan.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

bishop Ryan (Phi.), dropped in 28 to help beat league rival Maria Regina and tallied 24 points and six assists in defeat against national power Re-

gis Jesuit (Co.).

"She's matured," junior forward Nukiya Mayo said. "She grew."

Her play has garnered her a schol-

arship offer from Iona and interest from VCU, Fordham, James Madison, Villanova, St. Peter's, Hofstra and Stony Brook.

Sparks leads not just with her skill, but vocally also. She immediately puts teammates in the right place at practice and asked them to step up after a preseason scrimmage with defending state Federation Class AA champions Long Island Lutheran.

"I sent them a text telling them we have to work harder in practice because we can get the chip this year," she said.

Sparks isn't doing this alone. Mayo continues to build off a strong summer that earned her a scholarship offer from Towson and interest from more than 25 schools. The 6-foot-2 forward is averaging 15 points and 12 rebounds per contest and is a consistent shot blocker.

Janier Cooper is a superb shooter. Mia Crooms provides help for Mayo inside. Junior Jaylene Ortiz and Jaylene Brown have also contributed. All it took were scrimmages against Class AA teams like Christ the King, LuHi and Mary Louis to prove to Scanlan this can be a special year for a program that was struggling three years ago. It hasn't let the opportunity pass it by.

"If we can compete against the best team in the city," Mayo said. "We came compete with anybody."

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dropping to nostalgic levels?

Yankees At First Look

Wallace Matthews quoted Brian Cashman, "'This year will be different, that's for sure,' General manager Brian Cashman said this week. 'This spring will be more important than most because there's a lot of new guys and a lot of guys we don't know all that much about. There's a lot of players we have to get to know. Clearly last year there was a big focus on our captain, who's no longer here. This year the focus will be on all the new guys."

"I think ever since they renewed [Cashman, who received a new three-year contract], he's had some ideas about building the team, getting younger and more versatile, and I think they've done that," said the baseball executive. "Does it work? Who knows? I think the whole season comes down to two questions: The starting pitching and the hitting."

But Cashman disputes the notion that this year's offseason represents any sort of philosophy change by an organization that has always operated under the Big Bang Theory of baseball. He said the reason the Yankees built through barter rather than

bucks this season was strictly due to circumstances."

A New Direction For The Giants

Dan Graziano (ESPN.com) wrote: "Ben McAdoo has been hired to run the Giants' offense, it's worth taking note that this is the Giants doing something they don't normally do. They're taking a chance on a fresh, new face with ideas that differ from theirs. They're dipping their staid blue toe into new waters, mainly out of an admission that what they were doing for so long had stopped working. It's a pretty big deal, and however it works out, it speaks to the state of the franchise right now. After 10 years of Manning and Coughlin, they don't believe their run is coming to an end, but they're at least admitting to themselves that they'll need to try something different if they want to be right."

I like Coughlin's Spagnuolo hire but I would have liked Pepper Johnson better.

Molinaro Maranara

Bob Molinaro (PilotOnline.com) wrote, "Hit the pause button: Let's hold off writing Peyton Manning's career obituary. It's unlikely that Man-

ning is finished - not when he's due \$19 million in base salary for showing up next season. You'd expect a pizza pitchman of his repute to have an appreciation for that kind of dough.

If you want to win a bar bet, ask if anybody can tell you who coaches the Atlanta Hawks, currently atop the NBA's Eastern Conference and on a 10-game winning streak. Mike Budenholzer, a former apprentice under the Spurs' Gregg Popovich, is the mystery man - and early leader for Coach of the Year. Full disclosure: I had to Google the Hawks to discover Budenholzer's identity.

Even taking into account that Rex Ryan usually wins the news conference, it's amusing how the blustery self-promoter could introduce himself to Bills fans as their savior, seeing as how he left the Jets after a four-win season to join a franchise that finished with nine victories."

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) Headlines

"This from Darren Rovell (ESPN): "Pizza Hut spokesman- we are not paying QBs who say 'Hut' at the line of scrimmage."

"Scientists can gauge the slightest slowing of Earth's rotation enough

to know that we need to add an extra second in 2015, but what is and what isn't a completed NFL pass still can't pass the eyeball test?

"Times columnist Larry Stone, via Twitter, after the Mariners acquired lefty pitcher Mike Kickham: "I'd suspect their plan is to use Kickham when they're down."

"Mike Bianchi of the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel, after NASCAR driver Kurt Busch claimed his ex-girlfriend is a CIA-trained assassin: "Gentlemen, start your cuckoo clocks."

"Times desk editor Scott Hanson, on Washington State's new defensive coordinator, Alex Grinch: "So I'm guessing he'll make his players practice on Christmas."

"Tiger Woods, on hand to watch girlfriend Lindsey Vonn ski in Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, got a front tooth knocked out by a swinging TV camera.

We assume he'll be replacing that divot.

"Seahawks punter Jon Ryan, on throwing 19-yard TD pass off a fake field goal in the NFC title game: "It was a moment I won't forget, even though I don't remember it all right now."

Arowosegbe rejection seals Hayes' upset of LuHi

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Instinct took over for Stephen Arowosegbe as he saw Chris Atkinson's second free throw attempt carom of the right side of the rim and back in the Long Island Lutheran guard's hands.

The Cardinal Hayes reserve forward slid to his left to challenge Atkinson's layup with two seconds left to play and the Cardinals up two.

"I saw the defender come over and my natural instinct was to come over and help," Arowosegbe said. "Just went up and blocked it and made the play."

His outstretched arm smothered Atkinson's shot to seal Cardinals Hayes' impressive 54-52 win in the consolation game of the SNY Invitational boys' basketball tournament at CCNY Saturday afternoon.

"It was just a feeling of joy to know that the buzzer just went off and we won," said Arowosegbe, who also grabbed eight rebounds.

The win was an important win on a number of levels of Hayes, who was in danger of losing four or its last five. The Cardinals, who are still playing without Manhattan-bound center A.K Ojo (knee), bounced right back after losing to Wings 62-54 in the opening round on Friday.

"Nice to bounce back. A lot of guys contributed today," Hayes coach Joe Lods

said "I thought Steven played great. He rebounded the ball and if you can do that against those guys you can do that against anybody."

Taking down LuHi, which was nationally ranked earlier this season, without

one of its best players shows Hayes what it is capable of even without its best interior player. Others have stepped up in his absence. Jeff Hayden paced the Cardinals with 21 points and five rebounds and Allen had 16 points and four rebounds. Former

Boys & Girls standout Marvin Prochet led LuHi with 11 points.

"It gives us a boost of confidence because we thought LuHi was going to be the toughest team here," Hayden said. "I feel like since we pulled this one out we can beat anybody."

Hayes jumped out in front 33-26 thanks to a quick 7-0 run in the third quarter capped by a Hayden layup with 3:32 remaining in the frame. LuHi responded with a 10-2 spurt early in the fourth to take 42-39 lead with 3:48 left in the game. It was all Hayes and Allen from there.

Allen connected on a contested three and Hayden a pull up jumper to put Hayes up two. LuHi shortly tied the score before Allen gave the Cardinals the lead for good at 48-44 thanks to a four-play with 1:57 to go in the contest. Allen told Lods to run the play for him and it paid off.

"It felt good to hit a jump shot," Allen joked. "I hadn't hit one all week."

Long Island Lutheran got within 53-51 on an Atkinson three with seven seconds left. Hayden made 1 of 2 free throw and Arowosegbe ensure the advantage held up.

"I saw somebody didn't box out and then when I saw Chris go out and I thought he was going to get fouled. Then Stephen just blocked it."



Cardinal Hayes' Clive Allen dribbles past a defender during the SNY Invitational.

Photo by Robert Cole

Velocity Track Club New York highlights

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York is looking like one of the elite teams in the tri-state area. Once again we were blessed with some outstanding performance by our student athletes. On Sunday, January 25, Pearl Webster who attends Spellman High School won the gold medal for the girl's shot put at the CHSAA (Catholic High School Athletic Association) Sectional Championship at the Armory Track & Field Center in New York, NY. She was also named the meet MVP for Field events for the meet.

On Friday, January 23, Dominique Jackson who competes for Columbus High School won a silver medal in the freshman girls 200 meters race at the New Balance Games. The 20th New Balance Games is one of the premier indoor track meets in the country. The meet features Middle School, Freshman, Sophomore, and Novice events on Friday and a complete schedule of Invitational and varsity events on Saturday - as well as a handful of professional events.

Also at the New Balance Games, VTC had a girls & boys 12 & under relay team compete. The girl's team of River Sampson, Shantea Leach, Lisha McKenzie & Danielle Jackson relay team took 4th place earning them bronze medals. Our boy's team of Joseph Webster-Rutledge, Jordan Samuels, Trevon James and Kristen Cadiz-Domville) took 3rd



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place earning them bronze medals.

On Saturday January 31, we will have 8 girls compete in the Women Collegiate Games Semi Finals at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn New York. Then on Sunday, February 1st, we will be traveling to the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven Connecticut for a USATF CT Youth Meet. Come on out and sup-

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