

MONTE, AECOM WORK \$\$ DEAL

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The financial instability of Yeshiva University, the institution that operates the Einstein College of Medicine, has been tentatively addressed.

The school's medical students, concerned about possible cuts to the graduate college and its research programs, rallied on the campus on Tuesday, February 3 to call for an agreement between Montefiore and AECOM due to Yeshiva University's ongoing budget crises.

At the time of the rally, the dean of the college of medicine, Dr. Allen Spiegel, announced that all parties were very close to a deal, but a statement released later in the day indicated a deal had been negotiated by AECOM, Yeshiva, and Montefiore jointly.

AECOM has been affiliated with Montefiore for more than 50 years.

The framework of the

agreement, which will be subject to regulatory approval, appears to have been cemented.

It creates a joint entity of both Montefiore and the Manhattan-based Yeshiva, with Montefiore gradually assuming responsibility for the day-to-day operations and financial management of both Einstein's operations and its faculty, and Yeshiva remaining the degree-granting institution with an important role in educational aspects of the medical college.

"The Boards of Trustees of Montefiore Health System and Yeshiva University announced today that they have agreed on the principal terms of an agreement with respect to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine," read the statement. "While subject to final documentation and regulatory approval, the parties are proud to continue their longstanding relationship as part

of Einstein's future as a top-tier medical school and research institution."

The statement continued: "The agreement deepens the bonds between Montefiore and Einstein, further integrates the institutions' faculty, students, and staff, and aligns operations to best advance science and medicine."

Word of the negotiations was made public in May 2014, but now the framework has been accepted. Final details should be forthcoming, according to the statement.

The news does not come soon enough for the students, with more than 100 rallying in front of 1301 Morris Park Avenue calling for a closer partnership that they believe would shore up the AECOMs finances and protect staffing, operations, and basic science research at the facility.

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Say It Ain't Snow...Again!!

Danny Popstu of Waterbury-Lasalle finished digging out of last week's snow on Sunday, February 1, to prepare for Monday's storm.

Photo by Laura Stone

Heastie named Assembly speaker

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Bronx has its first New York State Assembly Speaker in Assemblyman Carl Heastie.

The north Bronx assemblyman, described by colleagues as a quiet and thoughtful man, was elected to the position on Tuesday, February 3.

The post is widely described as one of the three most powerful positions in state government, along with the senate president and the governor.

Heastie replaces former Assembly Speaker Sheldon

Silver, who is facing federal criminal charges and relinquished the role after consulting with assembly members.

"I am proud of the vigorous debate and discussion among all of my colleagues that brought us to today," said Heastie a day before his election.

Heastie is also its first African-American leader. Heastie has been the chairman of Bronx Democratic Party since the Rainbow Coalition ousted longtime chairman Assemblyman Jose Rivera.

Other candidates gradually

dropped out of the running in the days before his election. Among the other members who were running earlier on in the process were assemblymembers Keith Wright of Manhattan, Joseph Lentol of Brooklyn, Catherine Nolan of Queens, and Joseph Morelle of the Rochester, NY region.

Colleagues in both the upper and lower chamber of the New York State Legislature - the senate and assembly - said that Heastie is low-key, and not flashy.

Assemblyman Michael
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A developer wants to put a medical building at the corner of Pierce Avenue and Williamsbridge Road. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Board opposes medical building on Arnow lot

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Some local residents are opposing a proposed medical building in Morris Park.

Community Board 11 recently voted to send a letter of objection to the Bureau of Standards and Appeals regarding a special permit application for 1604 Williamsbridge Road.

The builder, Sal Maurice of Maurice Realty, presented his plan for a 4,700 square foot, 3-story medical building at the corner of Pierce Avenue to the board's Land Use Committee in December.

The committee, and later the full board, opposed the plan for the residential-zoned lot because of lack of parking and concerns about congestion in the neighborhood, among other things.

The property is the site of the former historic Arnow Mansion, which was torn down in 2005 right before the down-zoning in the neighborhood took effect. As the developer raced against the clock to start building on the property, a stop-work order was put in place.

Although proposals for a medical building on the corner lot have come up before, the property has remained vacant.

The lot was recently sold to Maurice from Joseph Quintessenza, who also attended the presentation to the Land Use Committee.

Part of the reason the community board opposed the project is because the new owner knew the lot was zoned for residential development when he purchased it, said Land Use Committee chair Joe McManus.

"And now they're asking for 'relief' because they can't make money on it," said McManus.

But the big concern about the proposal was the lack of parking. The building would have only two park-

ing spots on site, and parking in the neighborhood is already extremely difficult.

"It was parking, parking, parking," McManus said about the committee's response to the proposal.

They were also concerned about adding to traffic congestion in the area, where there are already numerous medical facilities and hospitals.

Additionally, in front of the building is a bus stop, which would make it difficult for ambulettes or Access-a-Ride to drop off at the location, said McManus.

The builder doesn't see parking as an issue, said Maurice's partner, Vivian Locascio of Locascio Realty.

She said two family homes also add cars to the neighborhood, and she expects many employees will take public transportation. In that way, the bus stop in front of the building is a plus.

"People today take buses," said Locascio.

Concerns were also raised about the building's future tenants, said McManus.

"Once it becomes a commercial building, they could do anything," he said. "We rezoned that to be residential."

But Maurice only has plans for a traditional nine to five medical building, said Locascio.

"We're not going to put drug rehabilitation or a methadone center there," she said.

The community board is there to protect the neighborhood, said McManus, and the developer does not want to offer concessions—such as parking—that would make the plan more palatable for the community.

Locascio said the developer is in fact trying to better the community, and that he plans to live next door to monitor the property.

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BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

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Welcome to The World

Congratulations to proud parents Carolyn Doran and Chris Martucci on the birth of their daughter Alessandra Gabriella Martucci. She



Nicholas Soli

was born on December 31, arriving at 5:56 p.m., weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces, measuring 19 inches.

Alessandra brought a new beginning to a new year. May your lives be filled with sticky fingers, dirty faces, lots of adventures to wonderful places and more hugs, kisses and joy filled memories from this day on. Wishing you both many happy moments of love with the little one. We all love you to the moon and back!

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Alessandra Gabriella Martucci



The crew from the Throggs Neck Clipper celebrates the birthday.

and big cousins Mikey and Rebecca.

Birthday Wishes

Congratulations to Kathleen McElroy, a waitress at the Throggs Neck Clipper on East Tremont Avenue, who turned 75-years young on Tuesday, January 13. The Clipper staff recently went out to celebrate this milestone.

A member of the Clipper crew said: "Kathleen has been a waitress at the Clipper since the day it opened, almost 18 years ago. She is loved by the staff, owners, and all her many faithful customers who regularly come to see her."

Lisa Soli, a mom from Waterbury-LaSalle, has a message for her son Nicholas Soli,

who turns 10-years old on Saturday, February 7:

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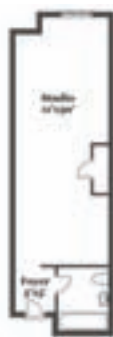
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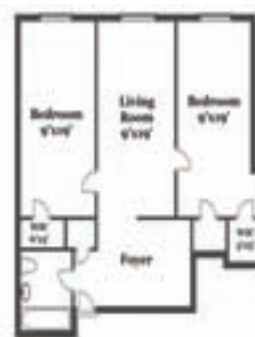
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Burke Ave. CVS plans to be rebuild

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

One local drugstore is rising from the ashes.

The Burke Avenue CVS where the roof collapsed almost a year ago is being rebuilt, CVS confirmed.

On February 19, 2014, the roof at the CVS caved in, followed by the side-walls. The handful of employees and customers in the store that day all got out of the building unharmed.

But the building could not be saved, and the Department of Buildings ordered that it be demolished immediately. The lot at the corner of White Plains Road has been vacant since.

Some locals had concerns at the time that the loss of the store would create a hardship for seniors trying to get their prescriptions from the next closest CVS on Allerton Avenue, said Father Richard Gorman, chairman of Community Board 12. But he hasn't heard of any issues, which he feels is because of the numerous other drug stores nearby.

"There are so many of these



The CVS at Burke Avenue and White Plains Road was demolished after the roof collapsed in February 2014. CVS is rebuilding and plans to reopen the location this summer.

File Photo

in the area," he said.

Over the course of the year, the community's concern shifted to what would be done with the empty property.

"I always have concerns about vacant lots," said Gorman. "You don't know what you're going to get."

Gorman was happy to hear that permits have been filed with the DOB to rebuild the

CVS.

"I'm glad it's going back to the status quo," he said.

And although Gorman said he'd like to have a more diverse range of businesses in the neighborhood with a proliferation of drug stores, he feels another pharmacy is much better than a motel or other seedy establishments.

"I'd rather see drug stores

than any type of nefarious use," said Gorman.

According to a spokesman from CVS, the plans are for the building to be completed and open for business this summer.

Hopefully the new building will fare better than the last.

The reason for the collapse was a failure of the roof's bow trusses from the weight of

snow on the roof, according to documents from the DOB.

The department had issued a weather advisory warning on the day of the collapse, cautioning people that melting snow that collects on roofs can threaten the structural integrity of a building, and that weak, flat roof structures are more likely to collapse under the weight of melting snow.

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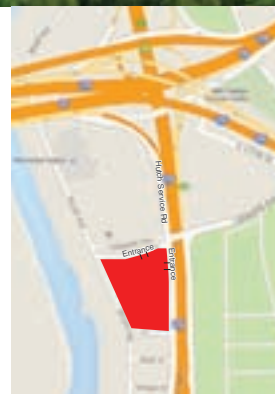
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Bronx students are face of Verizon app

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A group of Bronx students have become the face of Verizon's national campaign during Black History Month, designed to get minority students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

The six students are inspiring others after each achieved successes of their own—the team from Bronx Academy of Promise was a winner of Verizon's Innovative App Challenge in 2013.

While in 6th grade, the team created a mobile application to help students learn math skills. They used a Greek mythology theme to make the multi-level learning program more interesting and fun. The project was named the best in the state, and one of the top ten in the nation.

Now in 8th grade, the award-winning students have gained confidence and become leaders in their school, said principal Catherine Jackvony.

The challenge was introduced to the school by a teacher who found the contest

online, and the school formed two teams of interested students who came in early, stayed late after school, and worked on weekends to complete the project.

The winning team—made up of King Lewis, Michael Bonnah, Rokia Sissoko, Jhony Flores, Samuel Owusu and Sherly Quezada—were some of the quietest kids in school, said Jackvony. But they came out of their shells while designing and creating the app.

"Watching them work together was very rewarding," she said.

Creating the app sparked a real interest in technology and design for some of the students, including Quezada. She is interested in pursuing more knowledge as she heads to a competitive boarding school in the fall.

"You can do a lot with it," she said about the subject.

Winning the challenge also gave the team the confidence to aim higher with their personal goals.

The experience helped Sissoko muster the courage to run for student council presi-

dent, and win.

"I thought I could do more," she said.

Through the process of collaborating on the project, the team learned to trust their own ideas and speak up more. Before the project, Bonnah said he used to consider himself a follower.

"Now I'm a leader and younger kids look up to me," he said.

The success of the team has had an effect on other at Bronx Academy of Promise over the past two years.

"The students in the younger grades believe anything is possible," said Jackvony.

But the students hope that Verizon's 'Potential Of Us' campaign, which will appear on television, online and in print, will help other young students try to accomplish things they didn't previously think were possible.

"I hope the commercial will inspire people to do what me and my peers did," said Flores.

"The achievements made by the team of students from



A team of students from Bronx Academy of Promise who won the Verizon Innovative App Challenge in 2013 are the faces of a Verizon's national Black History Month campaign, entitled 'Potential of Us'. Back row (l to r): King Lewis, Michael Bonnah and Rokiataou Sissoko. Front row (l to r): Jhony Flores, Samuel Owusu and Sherly Quezada.

Photo courtesy of Verizon

the Bronx Academy of Promise that won the Verizon Innovative App Challenge perfectly represents Verizon's 'Potential of Us' Black History Month national advertising campaign," said Andrew Testa, PR manager, Verizon Wireless, New York Metro

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POLICE BLOTTER

40th PCT.

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41st PCT.

Friday Jan. 30, 2:55 a.m. — Police

responded to a 911 call of a dog being struck with closed fist and being beaten with a shovel at 855 E. 167 Street. Upon arrival, responding officers found that a dog had been buried in the snow with only the dog's head visible. The dog was removed from the snow by the officers, who observed that the dog had visible signs of abuse. The female dog, about 6 months old, was taken

to the ASPCA in Manhattan for treatment. Police officers arrested an individual at the scene who was identified by witnesses as the person who beat the dog.

42nd PCT.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 5:45 p.m. — An off-duty, female NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agent was arrested and charged with Acting in a Manner Injurious to a Child less than 17, Assault, and Criminal Mischief.

44th PCT.

Monday, Jan. 26, 10:44 p.m. — Inside an apartment building on Walton Avenue, a 64-year-old male victim heard a knock at his door and opened the door to find a male suspect, wearing a black mask and a black hoodie, brandishing a firearm. The suspect pushed the victim further inside his residence and demanded money. Two additional suspects entered the residence

behind the suspect and began looking throughout the apartment. Suspect #1 then struck the victim in the head with the firearm, causing a laceration. The suspects removed \$600 dollars and a cell phone from the victim's person and fled the scene. The victim was taken to Bronx Lebanon hospital where he was treated and released for minor injuries.

46th PCT.

Sunday, Jan. 25, 07:20 p.m. — A 26-year-old male was on the fifth floor of 2435 Creston Avenue when the suspects, armed with a gun, approached him, struck him on the head with the weapon and demanded his property. The victim complied and gave the suspects his phone and an undetermined amount of money. One of the suspects then shot the victim in the arm and fled to the roof of the location. The suspects then crossed the roof to 2415 Creston Avenue where they changed their clothes and descended to the lobby and fled. Upon arrival, police tended to the

victim and conducted a canvass of the area, arresting the suspect who shot the victim.

52nd PCT.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12:10 p.m. —

The victim, a 30-year-old female, was inside her apartment on Wayne Avenue, in the Bedford Park section, when she heard a knock at the door. She asked who it was and Suspect #1 responded by asking if Keith was home. The victim looked through the peephole, saw an unknown male, and stated there was no Keith that lived there. The suspect left, and moments later, Suspect #2 knocked on the door and asked for Keith. The victim, once again, said no Keith lived there and looked through the peephole. As she did that, the suspect, armed with a gun, fired one round into the peephole. The bullet struck the metal casing of the peephole, missing the victim. The suspect then fled the location.

Mayor Bill de Blasio's Affordable Housing Policy:

- April 2013: Then-Public Advocate Bill de Blasio criticizes former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's annual increases in water rates as a "hidden tax."
- February 2014: Mayor de Blasio increases water & sewer rates 3.6%.
- June 2014: Mayor de Blasio calls for Rent Freeze (landlords wind up with 1% rent increase, lowest ever on record).
- November 2014: Mayor de Blasio calls for stricter rent regulations.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The nanny governor

Dear editor,

Both our progressive governor and mayor have decided it is their responsibility to take care of us. They have the power to order us to go home from work, stay off the roads, shut down the subways, because it is snowing outside.

When were they given the power to make decisions for us? They do not trust that John Q. Citizen knows when to come out of the rain? They were concerned about our safety? Or were they both just testing the water to see how far they can go with their autocratic agenda?

Instead of Gov. Cuomo addressing rampant corruption in Albany he shuts down the MTA and the NYC subways. In January and February of 2014 we accumulated almost 48 inches of snow as reported in the February 28th issue of the NY Times. You know what? On our very own we managed to get to work, ride the subways, and the Big Apple did not shut down.

The mayor stated his main concern is our safety! No! That's our concern, not his! Our staff followed the mayor's order to leave work early, go home and stay put. That order cost our firm about \$90,000! Multiply that by the thousands of firms located in NYC, and then add to that the wages lost by the thousands of cab drivers, limo drivers, car service drivers and you get an idea what the governor and mayor's unauthorized concern for our safety cost each and every New Yorker!

Tell your elected leaders that we pay them to take care of the business of government, and leave us to take care of ourselves!

Carl J. Cannizzaro

Don't forget the west Bronx

Dear editor,

It has been one year since Governor Cuomo and other elected officials came out in support for potential Bronx Transportation Improvements. It is interesting to see what has and has not been included in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Five Year Capital Plan. There

is proposed funding to support new Metro North service from east Bronx neighborhoods into Penn Station. There is no funding to support new Metro North service from Riverdale and other communities in the west Bronx to Penn Station.

What will elected officials such as Congressman Eliot Engel, Senator Jeffrey Klein, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Borough President Rubin Diaz, Jr. and Councilman Andrew Cohen do to represent the interests of Riverdale about this project?

The same concept of "critical system resiliency by protecting customer service for 275,000 daily customers if Metro North's service to Grand Central Terminal is ever interrupted" should also apply to the thousands of customers on the Hudson Line and the west Bronx as well.

What continues to be missing is potential new service options for residents of Riverdale and other communities in the north and west Bronx to Penn Station. This could be provided via the Metro North Hudson line using existing Amtrak Empire Hudson line connections into Penn Station. It might also include new stations in Manhattan to serve the growing communities of Inwood, Washington Heights, Harlem and the westside.

Imagine an intermodal connection to the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. Reverse commute opportunities to jobs and colleges in the suburbs could be provided for both Manhattan and Bronx residents. The midtown west Hudson Yards series of investments adjacent to Penn Station are becoming a reality. This will result in thousands of new jobs and residential units.

Ironically, it might be easier to implement service from the north and west Bronx to Penn Station than from the east Bronx. Opening day revenue operations might start earlier and at less cost. There are stations, track, power and other necessary capital improvements for operations already in place for significant portions of the route.

There is little room to run additional trains into or out of Penn Station during either a.m. or p.m. rush hours via the East River tunnels with connections to Queens. Three of four tunnels running inbound

during a.m. and outbound p.m. rush hours have very tight spacing between trains. One tunnel is shared by the LIRR, New Jersey Transit and Amtrak for reverse train movements with equally tight spacing during rush hours. This also includes limited platform capacity at Penn Station to accommodate any additional trains. Penn Station is currently operating at 100 percent capacity during both a.m. and p.m. rush hours.

New Metro North service from the east Bronx must compete with Long Island Rail Road, New Jersey Transit and Amtrak access to Penn Station via one of four East River tunnels. Contrast that with new Metro North service from the west Bronx via the existing Amtrak Empire line. This connection has significant spare capacity due to the lack of competition from both LIRR and Metro North.

It is a fair question to ask Governor Cuomo and other elected officials why they have not spoken on behalf of Riverdale and other nearby communities in their respective support for better commuter rail connections for all Bronx residents to Penn Station.

Larry Penner.

A dream come true

Dear editor,

Today is a dream come true for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers. Five-borough ferry service from the Rockaways to Soundview will soon be as affordable as a subway ride. Mayor de Blasio announced the expansion of New York's ferry transit network to serve all five bor-

oughs by 2017, bringing a new transportation choice to transit-starved communities in Soundview; Astoria, Queens; Red Hook, Brooklyn; and restoring discontinued service to Sunset Park, Brooklyn, and the Rockaway peninsula.

During his State of Our City address, de Blasio announced that the new citywide ferry system will "give opportunity and connection" to neighborhoods that have long felt isolated. He added that new ferry service would connect waterfront communities to job centers, overturning the idea that "a job in Manhattan could mean an hour or more of commuting, even when the skyline is visible from your home."

This is an enormous step forward to address inequality, and connect outer-borough communities with economic opportunities. Getting residents of waterfront communities to their jobs quickly, safely, and affordably is rightly an important priority for all New Yorkers.

Since our inception, the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance has been a champion of creating a five-borough ferry network that is affordable, extensive, reliable, and equitable -- advocating for a new transportation choice for residents of waterfront neighborhoods who have long suffered arduous commutes. Most recently, MWA helped organize residents of Soundview and adjacent neighborhoods to create the Bronx Ferry Alliance, a coalition of commuters and local businesses dedicated to bringing waterborne transit to the Bronx.

Roland Lewis, president
Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance

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Senator Jeff Klein poses with the Bronx H.I.R.E. Security Guard Training Course graduates at Olinville Arms Inc. on Wednesday, February 4.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

Klein's H.I.R.E. graduates readied as security guards

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Employees are usually hired after they graduate. In this case, the graduation follows a hire.

On Wednesday, February 4, Senator Jeff Klein honored graduates of the first Bronx H.I.R.E. (Help Identify Real Employment) Security Guard Training Course at Olinville Arms Inc. on 3356 White Plains Road.

At the ceremony, Klein announced that all of the graduates would have the opportunity to immediately interview with Griffin Security Services Inc., who is currently looking to fill more than 150 open security guard positions.

"Griffin Security Services is proud to partner with Senator Klein's office to connect hardworking, job-ready individuals with employment opportunities like this one," said Shaunte Sullivan, human resources manager at Griffin Security Services Inc. "By leveraging resources through public and private, big and small partnerships, we are moving our residents and our businesses forward."

Bronx H.I.R.E. intends to focus on skills training, development assistance and job placements for its candidates. Through the dynamic jobs program, Klein and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce provided training to the local community at no cost.

As a result of this preparation, participants in the pre-assignment training completed the three-day course and are now licensed and ready for employment.

"We are thankful for Senator Klein's funding, which invests in the Bronx workforce," said Michelle Dolog Cristofaro, H.I.R.E. administrator and Bronx Chamber of Commerce chief-of staff. "Today is a great example of how Bronx H.I.R.E. provides our future employees with the necessary

skill sets and certifications for the present day workplace."

It is clear that Klein and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce share the same vision - to improve the borough's overall employment statistics.

"The Bronx consistently has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state and with this dynamic program,

I want to congratulate the fine men and women who graduated with their security guard license today, and I look forward to working together to connect them with good-paying jobs in the community.

Jeff Klein
Senator

we are working hard to change that," said Klein. "This program works to ensure that each and every job seeker has the chance at real employment, and the opportunity to hone their skills through certificate programs, one-on-one training and more."

"I want to congratulate the fine men and women who graduated with their security guard license today, and I look forward to working together to connect them with good-paying jobs in the community."

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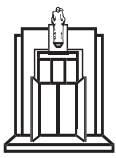
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The Parks Department forestry unit planted these trees recently. They directly abut the property of St. Theresa School in Pelham Bay on St. Theresa Avenue near Mayflower Avenue, away from the curb.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca's office

Vacca derides St. Theresa's perimeter tree plantings

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Two recently planted street trees have a local elected official squaring off with the Parks Department.

St. Theresa School's principal reached out to Councilman James Vacca after a couple of street trees were planted along the perimeter of their fence, instead of at the curb, on St. Theresa Avenue between Pilgrim and Mayflower avenues.

While they are rare, multiple sources said that street trees are sometimes planted along the property line adjacent to the sidewalk, instead of at the curb, when sidewalks are wide enough.

"It is quite ridiculous," said Josephine Fanelli, school principal, who added that she has no problem with trees being planted, but that she can see no 'rhyme or reason' as to why the trees were planted where they were.

The principal said she believes that eventually the tree roots could grow under the school's gate. At that point, dealing with any ramifications would become the school's responsibility.

She added that she feels there is "a double standard" because the city decides to plant street trees, but property owners sometimes get left with the headaches they create.

The saplings were planted along a fence that encloses a three-foot grassy area that separates the school's gym from the sidewalk, she said.

That grassy landscaped area makes the location ideal for the new tree roots to take hold, helping the overall health and longevity of the trees, read a Parks Department statement.

"We took special care in the design of these planting sites and all plantings are done in accordance with citywide tree planting regulations," read a Parks Department statement.

"Locations against lawns, such as those along St. Theresa Avenue in front of the school, increase available rooting space, water absorption and protect the trees from opening car doors, other vehicular damage, and excessive road salt."

The Parks Department added that



Councilman James Vacca's chief of staff Michael Rivadeneyra and Councilman Vacca stand next to one of the trees planted away from the curb on St. Theresa Avenue.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca's office

utility wires located near the planting sites on St. Theresa Avenue are communication and data lines, and do not pose any safety hazard resulting from branch interference.

"The electric lines for the school are marked as being below ground and careful site selection was used to ensure these lines were avoided when tree planting occurred," the statement concluded.

Vacca believes that planting the trees next to the property line impedes pedestrian traffic and sets a precedent he is not fond of because any homeowner could find a street tree right next to their fence.

"The city is planting these trees all over the place, but trees are always planted at the curb," said Vacca, adding that this is the case 99.9% of the time.

The councilman said he is asking the Parks Department to reconsider the tree plantings.

This type of planting may be uncommon, but it is not without precedent.

A similar situation can be found at Boston Market, located at 3371 E. Tremont Avenue, where some trees were also planted along the property line, not at the curb.



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Civil rights photos at Bronx Music Heritage Center

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Images of the Civil Rights Movement are currently on display at the Bronx Music Heritage Center, a cultural initiative of the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corp.

The exhibit, called 'The 60's: Decade of Change,' is a collection of photographer's Benedict J. Fernandez's work capturing social unrest at the time. The exhibit was curated

by the Bronx Documentary Center.

The collection of Fernandez's photographs illustrate an important chapter of American history, said Elena Martínez, artistic director of the Bronx Music Heritage Center.

"It's fitting for Black History Month," said Martínez.

The timing is also relevant to the renewed sense of activism that the country has seen this year, said Michael Kamber, founder of the center.

"This exhibit fits in perfectly," he said.

Fernandez, an Italian-Puerto Rican born and raised in East Harlem, was one of the most important photographers of the 60s, said Kamber, although over the years he has not received the same level of recognition as others.

"To me, he is one of the all-time greatest protest photographers," said Kamber.

Exhibit-goers can expect to encounter beautiful and powerful photographs that depict a wide range of moments in the sixties. While many of the photos depict the Civil Rights Movement of Martin Luther King, Jr., other show protests

over the Vietnam War and other social events.

"They'll see one of the greatest chronicles of activism in our country's history," said Kamber.

The photos also range in tone, said Martínez, with some capturing intimate moments and others disturbing displays of racism.

"People get to see all sides of the story," she said.

Martínez said she hopes the exhibit is both educational and entertaining.

"I think it's important to see this history in an engaging and interesting way," said Martínez.

And even if many are well versed in the history of the Civil Rights Movement, Fernandez's photos will be new to them.

Most of the 38 photos have not been exhibited much in recent years, and some have never been seen before, said Kamber.

The free exhibit will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m. through April 3 at the Bronx Music Heritage Center, 1303 Louis Niné Boulevard.



From 'The 60's: Decade of Change,' exhibit of Benedict J. Fernandez Photography presented by the Bronx Music Heritage Center. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with his daughter Bonnie at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Atlanta, Georgia, February 1968. © Benedict J. Fernandez

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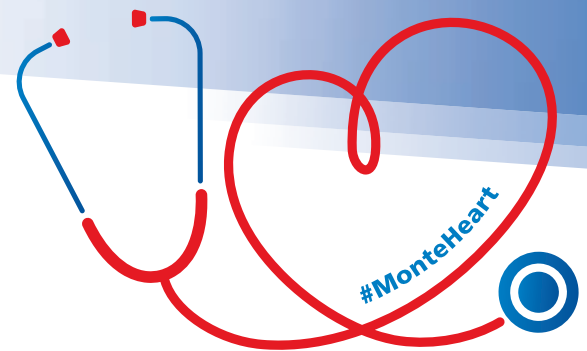
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SoBro wins grant from Competition THRIVE

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The south Bronx is witnessing more positive development every day, and the city has taken notice.

On Tuesday, January 13, the NYC Economic Development Corporation announced the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation as the winner of the third annual Competition To Help Reach Immigrant Ventures and Entrepreneurs (THRIVE), and as a result, SoBro was awarded \$100,000.

The grand prize was given to SoBro just about six months after the organization received \$25,000 of seed funding from NYCEDC for being one of the five finalists in the first round of Competition THRIVE back in July, along with the Business Outreach Center Network (BOC Network), the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC), the Urban Justice Center/Street Vendor Project and the Working World.

Competition THRIVE was started to challenge organizations to develop proposals that promote opportunities of growth for New York City's im-

migrant-entrepreneurial community.

SoBro will do just that - providing assistance and support to over 40 immigrant restaurant owners in the Bronx and upper Manhattan, as part of their newly launched program, the United Business Cooperative.

The idea of UBC originated last year, after small immigrant-owned food retailers in the Bronx discussed the challenges of complying with increasing government regulations for restaurants, along with the disproportionately high costs for deliveries and purchases of merchandise and produce when being compared to their competition with stronger bargaining power.

These occurring issues proved that retailers would benefit from collaborative marketing and training efforts, including technology upgrades, regulatory compliance assistance and workforce skill training.

"Immigrant entrepreneurs often face difficult and unique hurdles when trying to start and grow their businesses,



(l-r) Three south Bronx restaurant owners with Jamila Diaz, assistant vice president of community development for SoBro, and Conor McCarthy, director of entrepreneurial development for SoBro before presenting their proposal to NYCEDC on Tuesday, January 13.

Photo courtesy of SoBro

and with programs like Competition THRIVE we are demonstrating our commitment to supporting the immigrant communities and businesses that are vital to a sustainably growing economy," said EDC spokesperson Christopher Carroll. "SoBro has an extremely strong track record of helping immigrant small businesses start, grow and flourish in the Bronx, and we look forward to watching them continue to provide economic opportunities and increased potential to all New Yorkers."

SoBro was both honored to

be recognized by the EDC for their efforts.

"When we received both awards from EDC, it showed that the city put their trust in us to assist other businesses," said Donna Davis, director of resource development and communications for SoBro. help businesses."

UBC isn't the only project that SoBro is currently involved in. Last month, two of SoBro's partner organizations, No Longer Empty and Neighborhood Plaza Partnership, were honored at a Neighborhood Challenge Initiative for their cre-

ative and impacting economic development and revitalization projects in their communities. NPP was awarded \$100,000 and NLE was granted \$60,000.

Now \$125,000 richer in funding over the past six months, SoBro will continue to work with businesses that need assistance with issues involving credit, office space and workshops.

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'Tax preparer' arrested during tax season

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Tax season is upon us, and because of a recent arrest, this might be the appropriate time to remind our readers to be mindful of who prepares their taxes.

On Monday, January 26, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Commissioner Thomas H. Mattox announced the arrest of 48-year old Bronx resident Raul Kelley on three alleged felony charges, including tax fraud, filing a false personal income tax return and trying to steal tax refunds, resulting from his business as a tax preparer.

More specifically, Kelley, who allegedly filed at least two false returns, was arrested for criminal tax fraud in the fourth degree, offering a false instrument for filing in the first degree and attempted grand larceny in the third degree, all class E felonies.

The investigation further reveals that Kelley, who was believed to have operated a business and worked on tax returns from his home ad-

dress on 1019 E. 222nd Street, had been hired to prepare personal income tax returns for two taxpayers and file it with New York State, despite not being registered as a tax preparer with the state.

According to the complaint, Kelley allegedly grossly inflated the two taxpayers' job expenses in 2012 from \$1,500 to over \$97,000, resulting in the tax return claiming a refund of almost \$4,500, an amount the taxpayers were not entitled to.

Residents need to be careful when choosing the individual to prepare their tax returns.

"We recommend that taxpayers should ask questions about qualifications, cost, signing returns as well as refunds regarding the filing of tax returns to avoid being victims," said Cary B. Ziter, public information spokesperson for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

"Is the tax preparer registered with the IRS and NY Tax Department? How many years of experience do they have?

What kind of recent professional education courses have they taken? These are all qualification questions that the tax preparer should be asked prior to filing one's taxes."

Ziter's additional advice also included asking to see a 'fee schedule', making sure the cost will be based on services provided, not the amount of the refund, and explained that a refund should never get deposited into a preparer's bank account, the taxpayer should ask to receive a direct deposit and if they don't have a bank account, they should obtain a debit card.

"Many people have the tendency to go to a local person to have their taxes filed," said Richard Ernst, Deputy Commissioner and Attorney for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

"When searching for a tax preparer, it is important to check their background, experience and prior training before letting them file your taxes. It is also important to choose somebody who is trustworthy, because they will be the person you will have to



Raul Kelley, 48, of the Bronx was recently arrested on three alleged felony charges, including tax fraud, filing a false personal income tax return and trying to steal tax refunds.

Photo courtesy of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance

trust with the most private information, such as your social security number."

Ernst added that 70% percent of New York residents filed their taxes using services of a tax return preparer last year.

He offered the following advice to avoid false or fraudulent tax preparers: use e-filing (online filing), which is faster, free, and minimizes

errors by 20%, as well as asks tax preparers to provide their PIN number from the IRS and their NYPRIN number from New York State; and tax preparers should only sign the tax return after returns have been filed, never before and never blank, stating that any false returns will be blamed on the taxpayer, not the preparer.

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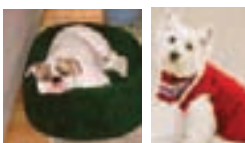
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New stop sign approved for Otis Ave.

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A busy street corner will soon see a new 'stop' sign to help pedestrians.

Motorists approaching the corner of Otis and Edison avenues westbound, just outside St. Benedict's Church and near its school, will now have to make a full stop, said Councilman James Vacca.

After a number of attempts to convince appropriate city

agencies that greater traffic controls at the intersection were needed, Vacca said he was able to advocate for the city Department of Transportation to install what he contends is a badly needed third 'stop' sign.

That sign should bring all traffic to a halt at the intersection, which has one way traffic on Otis Avenue and two-way traffic on Edison Avenue.

"Right now it is a location where you especially have to be careful," said the councilman. "I think making everyone stop at this location makes absolute sense."

Vacca said that he has been looking for something additional in the way of stop signs at the corner for several years.

"I have had this complaint for several years, we put it in (for consideration) constantly," said Vacca of the his requests. "

The councilman said that the city Department of Transportation should have the new signs installed within a month, and Vacca indicated the change cannot come soon enough.

"Right now, even though there are stop signs on Edison Avenue, people there often assume that Otis Avenue is stopping, but Otis Avenue is not stopping," he said. "Because it is a major crosswalk, in my opinion, for school and church, I think having clarity and making everyone stop is what we saw for it from the be-



A new 'Stop' sign will soon be placed on Otis Avenue at Edison Avenue.

ginning."

Fr. Stephen Norton, pastor of St. Benedict's Church, said the intersection is an important one for both the church and school, and that this was a change that both parishioners and school parents have wanted.

"There is a light at Logan and Otis avenues, and once you hit that light, (drivers tend) to try to get all the way to East Tremont Avenue with-

out any slowdown at Edison Avenue," said Fr. Norton, adding that "there are cars at the intersection that are just kind of leaning on the horn and going straight through."

The intersection is dangerous for people coming to church, but can be especially hazardous to young schoolchildren, said Fr. Norton.

"There have been accidents," Fr. Norton added.



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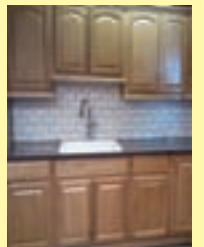
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A mural of the late great Big Pun, located on East 163rd Street and Rogers Place, was completed by the TATS CRU in 2011, commemorating the life and career of the artist. Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

Big Pun still revered 15 years after passing

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Years after his death, Bronx residents and hip hop fans still remember Big Pun and continue to celebrate his legacy.

This coming Saturday, February 7, marks the 15-year anniversary of Big Pun's passing, and for many, it's a time to reflect on the shortened but illustrious life of the late rap legend.

Big Pun, who was born Christopher Lee Rios on November 10, 1971 to parents of Puerto Rican decent, was born and raised in Longwood.

In his early years, as a child, Pun witnessed many sad occurrences, including his mother's drug abuse and his father's death. He also suffered constant abuse from his step-father, and eventually dropped out of high school.

This led to him leaving home at age 15, forcing him to live in abandoned buildings for much of the remainder of his adolescence.

In the early to mid 1990s, Pun began writing lyrics and collaborating with different Bronx hip hop artists, including Fat Joe.

Eventually, Pun released his debut album, 'Capital Punishment' in 1998, which sold more than one million copies in the United States and resulted in him being the first Latino artist in hip hop history to go platinum. The album was also nominated for Best Rap Album at the 1999 Grammy Awards.

Pun had a unique writing and rhyming technique, combining wordy phrases with quick deliveries while still talking about real life situations, such as competition, fame and relationships.

According to his fans and supporters, nobody was a match for him when it came to lyricism.

"He was the realest, wordiest and most talented artist in hip hop during his time and even afterwards - he was

incredibly gifted and he touched on every music aspect," said website editor and dedicated fan Divino Denegro, who has also written articles on Big Pun for hip hop magazine The Source in the past.

Despite his music success, Pun struggled with his weight for most of his life, excluding adolescence.

In 1999, weighing in at over 600 pounds, Pun took part in a weight-loss program at Duke University where he lost 80 pounds. He eventually quit the program before completing it, however, and returned to New York where he gained more weight than he lost back.

On February 7, 2000, while temporarily boarding with his family in a White Plains hotel during a home renovation, Pun suffered a fatal heart attack and respiratory failure, and was pronounced dead shortly after at just 28 years old.

"It's unfortunate that his career and his life ended so abruptly," said Denegro. "People always talk about him being the first Latino hip hop artist to sell one million copies, but in reality, he was so much more, and his career continues to inspire and influence others."

One could have predicted that Big Pun's legacy would live on even after he passed away.

The Big Pun mural, which was painted by professional muralist group TATS CRU, was painted over another Big Pun mural in 2011, a tradition that the group aims to take part in annually for his anniversary.

"Minus baseball, he was the modern day Roberto Clemente for the Puerto Rican community," Hector 'Nicer' Nazario of TATS CRU said. "He was a caring, funny, genuine individual who always made time for everybody, and painting these murals is how we pay him back."

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'Enhanced' recess benefits underserved students

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

One nonprofit organization is redefining recess.

Asphalt Green is changing the way kids in underserved Bronx schools play through its Recess Enhancement Program.

The program, which hosted a 'Rock N Recess' event at co-located P.S. 443 and 457 on Friday, January 30, brings trained coaches to schools to get kids exercising during recess with games.

"The goal is for recess to be an active, safe and fun time for kids," said REP manager Ben Gologor.

Started in 2001, REP serves more than 28,000 kids across the city in 61 schools, about 9,900 of them young Bronx-ites.

Two trained coaches visit the schools twice a week, and periodically host the Rock 'N Recess events with additional coaches.

They lead the kids in active games wherever the school has free space—not only in the gym but in auditoriums and hallways.

"My main goal is how am I

going to get these kids to move today, whether it's indoors or outdoors?" said coach Ashley Freeman. "We make sure they're getting the exercise they need, so when they go back to the classroom they're focused."

Getting the kids moving is especially important, and more challenging, during the winter months, said Gologor.

"They're very creative with space," said Pamela Lee, principal of P.S. 443. "They think outside the box, and we need that."

The supervised games teach the students how to play safely and cooperatively, said Lee, and she believes the program has helped decrease the behavioral incidents that tend to pop up near the end of the week.

Recess can be a challenging part of the school day for kids, said Gologor, when certain conflicts and bullying start.

"That's where you see a lot of problems that transfer to the classroom," said Gologor.

The curriculum of 150 games REP uses is designed to



A Recess Enhancement Program coach from Asphalt Green gets second and third graders from P.S. 443 moving during its Rock N Recess event.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

include every kid and ensure equal participation. The kids never pick teams themselves or get 'out' of the games.

The program continues to have an influence even when coaches aren't on site.

REP offers professional development for school staff and aides, to encourage them to engage with the kids during recess and help get the games

started.

That extra support has been valuable to the staff at P.S. 457, said principal Lisette Febus.

"Our school aids enjoy lunch and recess more than before," she said.

And the kids enjoy it more too.

"They love it when the Asphalt Green coaches come in,"

said Febus. "They look forward to every Tuesday and Thursday."

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PROFILE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Locus Point Civic Association has a new leader.

Joseph Donovan, 51, who grew up in the tight-knit Locust Point community and now lives there with his family, has been elected as the new president of its civic association.

Donovan, a retired New York City Firefighter, returned to his roots, moving back to the community a year and a half ago from County Longford, Ireland, where he ran a bed and breakfast with his wife Suzanne in what was once a castle.

Shortly after returning, he volunteered at the civic association, and was rapidly made a board member. He is now taking over the mantle of president from Al Belifiore, who will remain on the board.

"There seems to be a lot of momentum right now," said Donovan of the civic, adding that it has come back to life after a period of dormancy following Superstorm Sandy, which walloped the seaside community.

Among his goals are improvements to the LPCA building on Tierney Place, fighting overdevelopment, and looking into how to go about obtaining a permit to reopen the beach behind the civic's building.

Inside the civic building, he is planning on pursuing improvements with his board to upgrade the kitchen, with the installation of some commercial-grade or high-quality cooking equipment, and also renovating the building's bathrooms.

He is also helping to coordinate a community-wide effort to express the hamlet's deep opposition to a proposed zoning variance for a developer on Longstreet Avenue. The developer is claiming hardship, and asking the community's blessing to build 5 two-family homes with a zoning variance.

"If it is something that needs the neighborhood's blessing, I just don't see it happening," said Donovan about the proposed Longstreet Avenue zoning variance.



Joseph Donovan,

He added that while the community does not like to see anyone, including the developer, lose money on investments, this sometimes is unavoidable.

"This is the major concern of our neighborhood," said Donovan. "They feel that (the houses built with the variance) would be a detriment for our community just from the stand point of overdevelopment."

He said the reopening the beach would be a fantastic goal for the community to have. Renewing the permit has run into red tape for environmental reasons, but Donovan added that he swims regularly near where the beach is located, and the water there has never been cleaner in his opinion.

Among Donovan's other goals are reviving the annual Locust Point Labor Day parade, holding recreation events with neighboring civic associations, and offering more opportunities for building a sense of community within Locust Point.

Being active in the LPCA is a family trait, said Donovan, with his mother serving as an organization secretary for years. Donovan is also a member of the Locust Point Yacht Club.

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One of the most common reasons for c In fact, a recent study at the University of Michigan found that children with obstructive sleep apnea (a sleep disorder marked by loud snoring and breathing disturbances) showed notable improvements in behavior, quality of life and other symptoms after their adenoids and tonsils were removed.

The removal of the adenoids, which are a patch of tissue in the back of the nasal cavity, may also be recommended because of frequent ear infections.

Repeated middle ear infections due to swollen adenoids and clogged Eustachian tubes (which connect the middle ear to the back of the nose) can also lead to hearing loss and speech problems in young children.

Adenoids may also be removed due to recurrent nasal infections that don't improve with antibiotics. Chronic inflammation of the sinuses can occur due to ongoing

infections.

Common symptoms that may indicate enlarged adenoids and/or tonsils include habitual mouth breathing, sore throats, difficulty swallowing, chronic running nose, noisy breathing during the day, snoring at night, recurrent ear infections, and restlessness during sleep. The procedure itself is performed in about 30 minutes, with the child usually returning home the same day. The adenoids are usually removed through the mouth while the child is under anesthesia and no stitches are necessary.

It has been estimated that 50 million school hours are missed every year by children in the United States, the world's wealthiest nation, because of dental pain. Children who live in poorer neighborhoods are most affected.

To promote greater awareness of the importance of pediatric dental health, Union Community Health Center (UHC) will provide all children 12 years of age and under with free dental care during National Children's Dental Health Month in February.

At Give Kids a Smile Day, on Friday, February 6 (from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.), children will receive a free comprehensive dental exam, oral healthcare instruction, fluoride treatments, and dental hygiene materials including toothbrushes at UHC's 2021 Grand Concourse Avenue and 260 East 188th Street sites. UHC dentists will also make referrals for continuing treatment for children when necessary.

The Give Kids a Smile is a national program that was created by The American Dental Association to bring attention to tooth decay, the number one childhood disease.

Make appointments by calling 718-220-2020 x 9315 (for 260 East 188th St) or 718-960-3744 (for 2021 Grand Concourse Avenue).

St. Barnabas Hospital will provide free preventive dental care and, if necessary, make referrals for continuing treatment for children ages 12 and under as part of National Children's Dental Health Month during the month of February.

A one-day program called Give Kids a Smile will be held on Friday, February 6 (from 9 am - 4 pm) as well. The hospital's dental clinics are located at:

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The Give Kids a Smile program is part of The American Dental Association's annual push to bring attention to the number one childhood disease: tooth decay.

Children who come to the St. Barnabas Hospital dental clinics on February 6th will receive a comprehensive dental exam, oral healthcare instruction, fluoride treatments, and free dental hygiene materials including toothbrushes if they have made an appointment. Walk-ins will receive a dental screening and toothbrush.

It has been estimated that nearly 50 million school hours are missed every year because of dental pain.

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- Debra Lewis-Boothman reported and wrote for People magazine where she interviewed celebrities and politicians and covered the music beat. She now teaches a course in entertainment journalism at LIU Brooklyn.

- Curtis Stephen, adjunct pro-

fessor for news reporting and advisor to the campus newspaper Seawanhaka, is a regular contributor to the urban affairs magazine, City Limits, and has worked for Newsday, Newsweek, CNN in Atlanta, and WNBC-TV in New York.

- Rocco Parascondola, police bureau chief at the New York Daily News, is one of New York City's top crime reporters.

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LIBERTY DEMS CELEBRATE NEW YEAR



The Liberty Democratic Association held an event celebrating the new year at Janel Tower on Sunday, January 25. Among the attendees were elected officials and members of the club, which covers the 80th Assembly District. (Above) Enjoying the festive day are (back, l-r) Luisa Benedetto, 80th Assembly district leader Andrea Siegel, Michael Rivadeneyra, Councilman Ritchie Torres, Richard Fedderman, State Committeeman Joe McManus, (front, l-r) Dr. Charles Gorelick, Zena Twyman, president of Liberty Democrat Association and Monica Major. Photo by Laura Stone



Attendees Patricia Thompson(l) and Nora Feury enjoy the event. Photo by Laura Stone

BRONXWORKS HELPS PREVENT DROPOUTS

BronxWorks, an organization providing social services and programming, held a kick-off event for a new initiative to improve attendance and prevent dropouts at P.S. 42 on Friday, January 30. As part of the new Community Schools Strategy financed by a \$290,000 grant, BronxWorks will assist both students and teachers to prevent excessive absenteeism. CSS is an outgrowth of the United Way's Attendance Improvement Dropout Prevention program. According to BronxWorks, about 45 schools need help in the Claremont area.



Eileen Towey gives Jason Richardson information at the after school and weekend swimming programs at BronxWorks. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Amanda Platania of Clowns.com face-paints Sylvia Lopez at the BronxWorks kickoff at P.S. 42. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

FIAME CELEBRATES THE EPIPHANY

The Forum of Italian American Educators held a celebration of the Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, at Fratelli's Restaurant on Sunday, January 4. The event is held annually, not only to celebrate the Epiphany, but also to introduce individuals who will be honored at FIAME's upcoming dinner dance. The organization's dinner dance will be held on Friday, April 17. The honorees are Angela Ceparano, Linda Ruffino, Silvia D'Arco, Melanie Blasucci Marino, Dr. James Montesano Nyack, Gerald Cattaro, Julie Falco Porras, Tina Cortese and Chris Allesandro.



Among the people at the celebration are pictured honorees Angela Ceparano, principal, St. Simon Stock; Linda Ruffino, secretary, J.H.S. 144; Silvia D'Arco, assistant principal and Italian teacher, St. Raymond's Elementary; and Melanie Blasucci Marino, educational administrator, C.F.N. 532. Photo courtesy of FIAME



The FIAME executive board, including organization president Mary Ann Ventrelli-Gorman, enjoying the festivities. Photo courtesy of FIAME

PRESCHOOLERS ATTEND OLYMPICS

Preschool Children at the New York Institute for Special Education participated in their 12th annual winter-themed Olympics on Thursday, January 29. The goal of the yearly event is to have developmentally-delayed children from 3 to 5 years in age improve gross motor skills like strength, balance and coordination. Each class created their own flag to participate under in the just-for-fun event. Among the activities were Olympics-like games, including ice-skating, winter bowling, hockey, and snow ball fights with crumpled paper.



There were a host of activities to keep the NYSIE preschoolers engaged, active, and having fun. Photo courtesy of NYSIE

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REGEIS CARE RESIDENT TURNS 103

Sara Fisher, a resident at Regeis Care Center, celebrated her 103rd birthday at the center on Thursday, January 29. The party also celebrated other residents with January birthdays.



Sara Fisher and her niece, Valerie Hunt, surrounded by staff and residents of Regis Care Center, celebrate her 103rd birthday.
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

SUNY MARITIME STUDENTS GRADUATE

The State University of New York Maritime College at Fort Schuyler held a graduation ceremony on Friday, January 30.



A class of Privateers graduate.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

COUNCILMAN TORRES READS AT NCBH

Councilman Ritchie Torres participated in North Central Bronx Hospital's 'Reach Out and Read' on Wednesday, January 21. Torres read three books to about 30 young people and their parents as part of the event. The program was organized and sponsored by both Reach Out and Read of Greater New York and NCBH's Outpatient Pediatrics Department.



Councilman Richie Torres reads a picture book to the children

BCDC HOSTS ANNUAL PARTY

The Bronx County Democratic Committee hosted its annual party at Michelangelo's on Thursday, January 29. The event was attended by Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. as well as Democratic Committee chairman Carl Heastie, among others.



Above (l-r) Senator Ruben Diaz, Assemblyman and Bronx County Democratic Committee chairman Carl Heastie and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. were present at the Bronx County Democratic Committee annual party on Thursday, January 29.

Photo by Edwin Soto



(l-r) Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Assemblyman and Bronx County Democratic Committee chairman Carl Heastie and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo at the Bronx County Democratic Committee annual party.

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BP DIAZ HOSTS ED CONFAB

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and his Education and Youth Services Department hosted a meet and greet with the borough's elected officials and public school superintendents to discuss capital funding, programs, parental involvement, ways to collaborate and other issues at his office on Friday, January 30. Attendees at the event included Senator Gustavo Rivera, senior superintendent for Office of School Support Laura Feijoo, council members Annabel Palma, Vanessa Gibson, Andy King, Andrew Cohen, assembly members Michael Benedetto, Marcos Crespo, Victor Pichardo and Latoya Joyner, as well as superintendents and their representatives from Bronx districts.



(l-r) Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Yolanda Torres, Dr. Karen Ames, Leticia Rodriguez-Rosario, Melodie Mashel, Maria Lopez, Rafaela Espinal Pacheco and senior superintendent Laura Feijoo hosted a meet and greet at BP Diaz's office..
Photo courtesy of BP Diaz's office

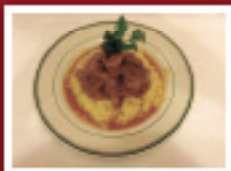
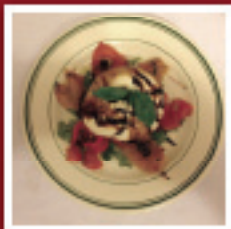
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TN Benevolent Association board members (l-r): Matt O'Brien, Karin O'Connor, Sheila Haney and Chris Dalton.

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TNBA hosts annual dinner dance

The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association hosted their annual dinner dance on Saturday, January 24. Friends and family gathered to dance the night away at Marina del Rey.



(Above) Local residents (l-r) Jim McSherry, Bridgett Byrne and Peg McSherry enjoyed the event.

Photo by Laura Stone



(Top left) Four friends from Silver Beach enjoyed a night out together: (l-r) Megan Langguth, Jennifer Wiehler, Andrea Tierney and Jackie Curry.

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(Left) (l-r) Loree Galioto, Michael Bernard, boxing champion Iran Barkley and Vito Messina joined the party.

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Keeping marriage going strong
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The trend of long-married couples calling it quits has been growing. However, there are some steps couples can take to keep their relationships going strong.

According to the AARP, divorces among people over the age of 50 have doubled since 1990. According to Susan Brown, co-director of the National Center for Family and Marriage Research at Bowling Green State University, one out of three baby boomers will face their golden years unmarried.

There are a number of reasons why divorce rates have skyrocketed among the over-50 set. Understanding just why these divorces are taking place and taking proactive steps to alleviate some of the divorce triggers can be a recipe for a happy marriage that continues throughout a couple's golden years.

Increase accountability

Ours is a transient society where families no longer bat an eyelash over moving great distances away from other family members. As a result, boomers may feel like they are not connected to children or grandchildren. With this in mind, they may feel less attached to their marriage or their responsibilities, or believe that no one will get hurt by a divorce. Keeping families close and remaining in frequent contact can increase accountability and reduce the propensity for divorce.

Get things in the open

A major reason for a failed marriage is years of avoiding significant issues, rather than addressing problems. Couples should make time to talk to each other about anything that might be bothering them, rather than letting too many things slide. If these conver-

sations turn into shouting matches, there is always the option of bringing in a third party to serve as a mediator.

Spend time apart

After retirement, couples may find themselves spending hours upon hours in each other's company. While togetherness can be beneficial, too much time spent together may lead to feelings of suffocation and the perception that each member of the relationship is no longer his or her own person.

Individuals can remedy this by doing more things on their own, whether spending time apart with friends or engaging in hobby time without your spouse. After all, absence makes the heart grow fonder. Brief periods of separation can make the time married couples do spend together feel more meaningful.

Renew your vows

After 30 or more years, the vows you shared on your wedding day may be a distant memory. Some people may have different views on the permanence of vows, putting personal happiness ahead of the happiness of the couple. Take stock of what you promised one another on your wedding day and stick to those words.

Become a comedian

Laughter has a way of dissolving a tenuous situation. Focus energy on laughing at mistakes instead of pointing blame. Couples can make fun of themselves and resolve to not take things too seriously.

Act like you're dating

Couples often become complacent after many years of marriage. They may forget

about the little details that made the relationship fun in the early years.

The personal notes and cards and other surprises may fall by the wayside after being together for some time. Make an effort to go on dates, write love notes, and think of what was appreciated by your partners when you were in the dating stage.

Practice selflessness

Sometimes all that is needed to rekindle a relationship is a selfless act that shows how much you care for your partner.

Couples who are on the fence with regard to divorce can make an effort to improve the relationship rather than simply see divorce as the best option.

Successful ways to stretch your retirement savings

Many budding retirees plan to travel, relax, and enjoy the company of their spouses when they officially stop working. But such plans only are possible if workers take steps to secure their financial futures in retirement.

According to a recent survey by the personal finance education site MoneyTips.com, roughly one-third of Baby Boomers have no retirement plan. The reason some may have no plan is they have misconceptions about how much money they will need in retirement. Successful retirees understand the steps to take and how to live on a budget.

Have a plan

Many people simply fail to plan for retirement. Even men and women who invest in an employer-sponsored retirement program, such as a 401(k), should not make that

the only retirement planning they do. Speak with a financial advisor who can help you develop a plan that ensures you don't outlive your assets.

Set reasonable goals

Retirement nest eggs do not need to be enormous. Many retirees have a net worth of less than \$1 million, and many people live comfortably on less than \$100,000 annually. When planning for retirement, don't be dissuaded because you won't be buying a vineyard or villa in Europe. Set reasonable goals for your retirement and make sure you meet those goals.

Make saving a priority

Saving comes down to formulating a plan specific to your goals, resources, abilities, and skills. Make saving a priority and take advantage of employer-sponsored retire-

ment programs if they are offered.

Don't underestimate spending

You will need money in retirement, and it's best that you don't underestimate just how much you're going to need. No one wants to be stuck at home during retirement, when people typically want to enjoy themselves and the freedom that comes with retirement. Speak to a financial planner to develop a reasonable estimate of your living expenses when you plan to retire.

Pay down or avoid debt while you can

Retiring with debt is a big risk. Try to eliminate all of your debts before you retire and, once you have, focus your energy on growing your investments and/or saving money for retirement.



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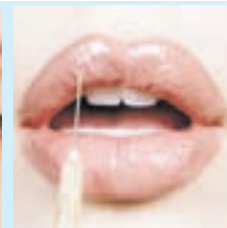
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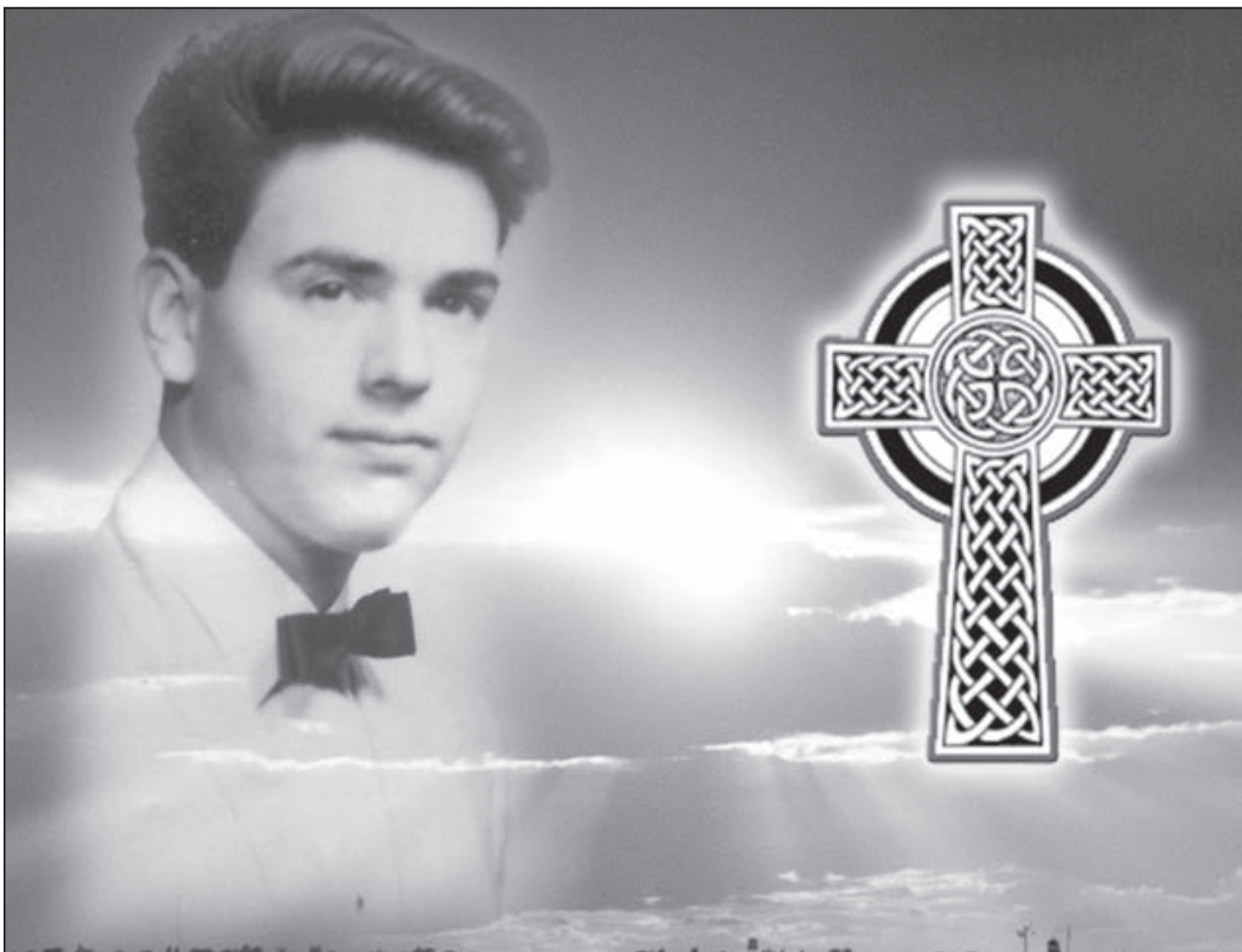
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Bronx schools

St. Barnabas WinterFest

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Saint Barnabas High School's 6th Annual WinterFest took place on Thursday, January 15. Students, members of the faculty, staff and guests packed the auditorium as everyone warmed up to an enjoyable winter evening filled with song, dance, music and dramatic skits at the school's popular variety show. Not surprisingly, many students had been preparing since September within their various clubs for this event. One senior even mentioned that she had been planning her dance routine since the summer.

WinterFest showcases the best of Barnabas" as the school's principal, Sr. Joan Faraone, pointed out. From original skits written and directed by students of the Film and Drama Club to the vocal performances and various dance routines that were displayed, this event has grown over the years to provide the school community and their guests with a lively demonstration of student talent and creativity that is a feast for the senses.

Among the most powerful singers were seniors Chidera Ohakam and one of the hostesses, Chelsea Bellamy. Early in the program, the two vocalists wowed the audience starting with their solos, followed by a duet in an electrifying and harmonized a cappella version of John Legend's All of Me. Sophomore Aolani Harris-Durant also created a buzz with her soulful rendition of Amy Winehouse's Valerie to cheers from a captive audience.

This year's Spanish Dance Team included a large contingent of young gentlemen from Mount Saint Michael Academy who partnered with the young ladies from Saint Barnabas to practice their dance routines after



SBHS Irish Step Dancers Kylie Doonan and Tara Nizamov

school for many weeks. Their hard work and dedication culminated in a traditional and elegant display of a beautifully choreographed Latin American dance extravaganza. Irish step dancers kept in tune to the quick Celtic rhythms of a modern reel as they jigged, foot-stomped and leapt through the air to the thrill of the crowd.

Members of the St. Barnabas High School Choir, directed by club moderator Dionne Robinson, performed a rousing gospel song that had the audience snapping their fingers and clapping their hands to the beat of the spirited music.

The evening came to its close with the highlight being the school's diverse Dance Team also directed by Mrs. Robinson. A colorful and energetic array of Caribbean, African, Hip-Hop and Chutney dancers closed out the show as usual with a marathon sampling of pulsating movements replete with culturally significant artistic style and form.

Academy of Mt. St Ursula celebrates 160th anniversary

The Academy of Mount St. Ursula announced it will launch a year-long celebration to commemorate the educational institution's 160th anniversary, beginning this month. AMSU has been educating young women from New York City and its surrounding areas since 1855, making it the oldest continuously operating Catholic high school for girls in New York State. Throughout its rich history, the school's faculty, alumnae and students have successfully carried out the legacy of Ursuline education from generation to generation.

"We are excited and honored to be celebrating such an incredible milestone," said Fr. John A. Vigilanti, Ed. D., President, Academy of Mount St. Ursula. "The spirit of the Ursuline Sisters continues to permeate the life of the school and is embodied in the dedicated and qualified faculty and administrators who teach and work at our campus. This year-long celebration will serve as a tribute to our school's storied history and to all those that have been part of our Ursuline community."

Beginning this January and throughout the 2015-2016 academic year, AMSU will recognize this special anniversary with a series of activities and events that will commemorate the school's past accomplishments, and more importantly, look toward the continued education and future of the young women and the community the school serves.

"Today's AMSU young women reflect a variety of ethnic cultures, socio-economic backgrounds, family life and academic abilities," added Sr. Jean Marie Humphries, OSU, PhD '89, Principal, Academy of Mount St. Ursula. "Our mission of empowering young women of diverse cultures to be leaders, while instilling in them a love of learning and broader global view, continues to be just as true today as it was when our doors first opened in 1855."

AMSU recently launched the Capi-

tal Campaign, a fundraising initiative aimed at raising \$3 million by the end of 2015, the school's 160th anniversary year. The funds will better enable AMSU to advance its mission by expanding its academic programs and by offering scholarships and financial aid to a larger group of deserving students. Programs supported will include the St. Angela Merici Scholars Program for merit-based scholarships and the St. Ursula Financial Aid Program for students with demonstrated financial need. The Campaign is well underway and has been positively received by alumnae and other supporters of AMSU.

The year-long anniversary celebration will culminate with the 160th Anniversary Hall of Fame Dinner Dance which will be held on Friday, October 16, 2015 at the New York Botanical Garden. Actress and singer Vanessa Williams will serve as the evening's Mistress of Ceremonies. Additional information and details will be announced at a later date.

Among AMSU's unique programs are two impressive affiliations. The National Honor Society students collaborate regularly on a variety of service related projects with the United Nations such as Working Group on Girls. The students propagate what they learn through these experiences by running workshops and presentations to help their peers understand how they can make an impact in the world. Additionally, The Juilliard School has entered into a partnership with the Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the only Catholic school in NYC with whom they work, to enhance the musical experiences of the young women interested in learning to play a brass instrument.

Additional events will be announced throughout the anniversary year. For more information on the anniversary celebration, please contact Anna Parra, Executive Director of Development at (718) 733-6249.

Preston celebrates EconLive! Video Competition win

conLive! Video Competition Win!

For the 4th year in a row, Preston High School announces that the collaboration amongst PHS faculty and classes—Jennifer Connolly's Economics class and Craig Youngren's Video Production class—produced a winning video in the Econ Live! contest sponsored by the Foundation for Teaching Economics. Econ Live! challenges students to create original videos that demonstrate their ability to use the Economic Reasoning Propositions to explain the choices and issues they face as individuals, as members of groups, and as citizens of societies and nations. Connolly learned the Eco-

nomic Reasoning Propositions when she attended the Economics for Leaders program at Skidmore College during the summer of 2007; she has since incorporated these propositions into her curriculum.

Videos had to clearly demonstrate, illustrate, or explain the application of one or more of the five Economic Reasoning Principles. The Preston High School winning video dealt with the importance of incentives in students' lives. Videos were judged on level of skill and sophistication in use of an economic way of thinking, appropriateness of the issue chosen to illustrate the concept, accuracy of the economic

reasoning, terminology and content used, audience appeal, level of interest or entertainment, creativity and originality, and video quality.

Consistent with the Preston High School mission of compassion, the students have decided to donate the cash prize to a fund established to assist a faculty member who lost her home in a recent fire.

(Right) A snapshot of PHS Senior Madeleine Giannini from the EconLive! Video.

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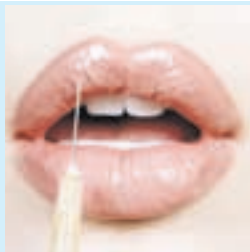


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Stepinac reaches Souper Bowl goal

Stepinac High School students today learned that they had succeeded in meeting an annual challenge known as the Souper Bowl of collecting 25,000 cans of food and other food items by the deadline of Super Bowl Sunday.

It was doubly great news for them because as a result of their successful efforts in the massive drive to help feed the hungry and homeless of all ages throughout Westchester and the Bronx, they had earned a day off from school. Fittingly, their holiday will be on Monday, February 2, the day after Super Bowl Sunday.

Begun four years ago, Souper Bowl is Stepinac's single largest annual food drive that "addresses a tremendous need for food by food pantries and soup kitchens in our community, a problem that is especially acute after the holidays when the level of donations declines," said Stepinac President, Rev. Thomas Collins.

He added: "Our students are to be congratulated for once again meeting this vitally important challenge that is in keeping with Stepinac's long tradition of great generosity in helping those who are less fortunate."

This year's drive kicked off in October when students were encouraged to start bringing food items to school each Wednesday. The cans

and other items were then donated to local food pantries, soup kitchens and parish churches located primarily in the communities where Stepinac students live. "Part of a Stepinac education is to create greater awareness among our students about the needs of the hungry and homeless in their communities and how their generosity can make a difference," noted Principal Paul Carty.

In keeping with this year's "community helping communities" theme, Stepinac leveraged a number of "special relationships members of our administration and faculty have cultivated in the communities to help meet the goal," Carty explained.

In so doing, the school was able to target and address very specific needs and received letters and notes expressing appreciation and gratitude. Some examples are Caritas of Port Chester food pantry whose President, Patricia Walsh Hart, wrote: "Thank you for your donation of 400 pounds of pantry items. They are so appreciated...most of all by the people who have been supported by your generosity."

Brother John McDonnell, FMS of the Marist Brothers Our Lady of Grace Community in the Bronx, noted: "On behalf of Our Lady of Grace parish food pantry and the

200 hungry and homeless people we feed each week, our heartfelt thanks for your generous contribution of canned goods. We were able to distribute your donations yesterday to many smiling, grateful faces." He added: "We appreciate the trouble you took along with your very impressive seniors to deliver the food in person."

Carty noted that Stepinac's connection with Our Lady of Grace Community was cultivated as a result of another Marist brother, Fred Sambor, who is a member of the school's

Advancement department.

Several parish churches of the Archdiocese of New York benefitted from the Souper Bowl. One of them is the Church Our Lady of Assumption in the Bronx, whose pastor is Msgr. Anthony Marchitelli, former Stepinac President. "It was especially gratifying to receive a note praising the students' exemplary generosity from Monsignor Marchitelli who contributed so much to advancing and leading the school's support of our communities during his distinguished tenure."

Preston Players present Beauty and the Beast Feb. 5-8

The Preston Players are proud to present Beauty and the Beast! The beloved musical will take place at the Preston High School Auditorium on Thursday, February 5 through Sunday, February 8.

Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, showtime is 2p.m.

Tickets prices are \$15 each, \$12 for senior citizens and are available by calling the Preston High School Box Office (718) 863-8134 ext. 600 or may be purchased at the door.

For more information call Gianna Dell'Olio at 718-863-9134 ext. 195.

SCANLAN SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Monsignor Scanlan High School scholarship recipients, freshman Daniel Infante and senior Yaeslin Rodriguez are pictured here with Bruce Bozzi, Class of 1957 alumnus. Mr. Bozzi, proprietor of The Palm Restaurants, generously funded these scholarships in memory of his classmates, Thomas Fraher and John "Jack" Pileski.

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Cross Harbor Freight Program UPDATED PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION NOTICE

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) have released a NEPA Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate alternatives to improve the movement of goods in the region by enhancing the transportation of freight across New York Harbor. The Cross Harbor Freight Program (CHFP) DEIS evaluates both near-term and long-term improvements to the regional freight network. Public Hearings provide an opportunity for the public and agencies to comment on and provide input on the DEIS.

Due to severe weather conditions and anticipated travel disruptions, two public hearings that were originally scheduled for the week of January 26, 2015, are rescheduled. The FHWA and PANYNJ remain committed to a robust outreach and public participation process. **The public comment period on the Draft DEIS has been extended and will remain open until 5 p.m. on March 20, 2015.** Your comments are encouraged and may be provided orally or in writing at the public hearings, by mail to Cross Harbor Freight Program, c/o InGroup, Inc., PO Box 206, Midland Park, NJ 07432, or via email to feedback@crossharborstudy.com.

Public Hearings for the CHFP will be held at the New York and New Jersey locations listed below:

Tuesday, February 3, 2015 • 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Borough Hall

209 Joralemon Street • Brooklyn, NY 11201

Thursday, February 5, 2015 • 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 • 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 • 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mary McLeod Bethune Life Center

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RESCHEDULED FOR: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 – 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Suffolk County Legislature • W.H. Rogers Legislature Building

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Queens Borough Hall

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The DEIS is available to download at www.crossharborstudy.com. Hardcopies are located at numerous repositories throughout the region. A complete list of repositories can be found on the project website.

All public hearing dates, times and locations are subject to change due to inclement weather conditions. An informational recording regarding any change in the hearing schedule will be available at (201) 820-2170 at least two hours before the scheduled start time of the hearing.

The public hearings are accessible to people who are mobility impaired. Sign language interpreter services or other translation services are available, upon advance request. To make arrangements for such services, please contact the Port Authority's outreach consultant at (201) 612-1230 or via email at feedback@crossharborstudy.com no later than three (3) days before the hearing for which the services are being requested.

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Last week, I spoke with Reza Khalili on the growing danger from Iran both in the western hemisphere and around the globe, emphasized by this month's assassination of an Argentinian prosecutor who was about to present evidence of Iranian involvement in the 1992 bombing of an Israeli embassy. Khalili was a former Revolutionary Guards member who, horrified at the policies of Iran's leaders, now seeks to shed light on Tehran's activities.

The Center for Security Policy's Menges Hemispheric Report Project reports that the Argentina-Iran issue is a symptom of a wider problem.

"Iran continues to mislead the entire world with its public willingness to dialogue over its nuclear program. Likewise, the Iranians have refused, so far, to even acknowledge that they are trying to develop a military nuclear capability. Nobody would have seriously thought that the Iranians were going to acknowledge their role in the terrorist attacks in Argentina or agree to extradite those accused by the Argentinian justice ministry of having

been complicit in the attack. Entertaining those thoughts is particularly ridiculous when the current Iranian Minister of Defense, Ahmad Vahidi is one of the accused. Furthermore, Mr. Vahidi, by virtue of his own position, has control over Iran's regular armed forces, and, most importantly, the Revolutionary Guards, who at the same time oversee Iran's terrorist operations abroad..."

It is clear that Iran's military threat is not restricted to the Middle East. Several years ago, former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta noted that Tehran was actively developing Latin America as a base for anti-U.S. activities. Before departing to a visit to Colombia, [then] Defense Secretary Panetta noted that "We always have a concern about, in particular, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps and [their] efforts to expand their influence not only throughout the Middle East but also into this region...that relates to expanding terrorism." In testimony before Congress in 2012, Southern Command Commander USAF General Douglas Fraser stated "Iran is very engaged in Latin America...they are see-

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ing an opportunity with some of the anti-U.S.-focused countries within the region..."

During discussions about the passage of Rep. Jeff Duncan's (R-SC) bill --the;Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act of 2012--it was reported that Iran has

Used its terrorist Hezbollah proxy force in the tri-border area of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, to gain influence and power;

Built numerous 'cultural centers' and overstaffed embassies to assist its covert goals; and supported the activities of the terrorist group Hamas in South America.

The threat is not confined to low-level tactics. There is mounting concern that both nuclear and ballistic missile threats are emerging from Venezuelan-Iranian cooperation.

The Tehran/Caracas axis, originally encouraged by Ven-

ezuela's Hugo Chavez, is particularly troubling. Brookes reported that the two nations have a Memorandum of Understanding "pledging full military support and cooperation that likely increases weapons sales.

One could easily see Tehran using Caracas as a stepping off point for attacking U.S. or other (e.g. Israeli) interests in this hemisphere or even the American homeland, especially if action is taken against Iran's nuclear program." Brookes goes on to note that "There is concern that Iran and Venezuela are already cooperating on some nuclear issues. There have been reports that Iran may be prospecting for uranium ore in Venezuela, which could aid both countries' nuclear programs, should Caracas proceed... While still prospective, of course, there is the possibility that Tehran, which has an increasingly capable missile program, could sell or help Caracas develop ballistic missiles capable of reaching American shores."

Brooks notes that Iran "boasts an increasingly robust paramilitary presence in the region. The Pentagon,

in its 2010 report to Congress on Iran's military power, noted that the Qods force, the elite paramilitary unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, is now deeply involved in the Americas, stationing 'operatives in foreign embassies, charities and religious/cultural institutions to foster relationships with people, often building on socio-economic ties with the well-established Shia Diaspora,' and even carrying on 'paramilitary operations to support extremists and destabilize unfriendly regimes."

During his interview on the Vernuccio/Novak Report, Kahlili warned that Iran's leadership was more dangerous than the west realized. An objective review of the facts indicate that he is correct. In addition to its imminent nuclear capability, it was reported by the Washington Free Beacon that Iran would test its intercontinental missile prowess this year.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

What a nice showing at our rebirth of the 4 Chaplains Mass. Thanks to reps from TN Memorial Post 1456, Hawkins Post 156 and John F. Bryan Post 19 for coming. Our Bronx County commander attended and we had a special guest, Jim Mullarkey, NY State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans. Looking forward to making this function bigger and better next February! Some of our members who ride with the 'Nam Knights held an annual Super Bowl Party at the VA Hospital today, too. Busy Sunday.

Legion Activities: On Sunday, February 8 we have the American Legion Oratorical Contest, featuring neighborhood youth speaking about the Constitution, at 2 a.m. On Wednesday, February 18 at 6 p.m. we host Belly Bomber Bingo at the VA Hospital. Little square burgers and Bingo. Fun for those who cannot get out of the hospital. Tony F. usually runs this along with the ladies, and could use a little help.

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In March we will have our Support the Troop Bingo at Sam Young Post 620. More info next time. Always a good time for a good cause. Imagine, we have to send supplies to troops in combat zones! I thought the Army was supposed to do that?

Also on March 15th, the 3rd Sunday, it's the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade down the avenue, so stand by for info on a change to our March Legion meeting at the Turner Club. We want to be available on the 15th to march and celebrate Irish heritage, specifically, our Irish/American veterans. All legionnaires and veterans are welcome as everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Step-off

proudly and promptly at noon, corner of East Tremont and Lafayette avenues.

Until next time: No sayings this time, except please join us and bring a new member.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Again, not much to write about except the weather. Don't sweat it because come July you won't remember anything about it.

Post 620 membership meeting is this coming Saturday, February 7. Complaints will not be listened to at any other time.

Come on in to the 620 Pub this Friday, enjoy Happy Hour. Sample Pabst Blue Ribbon on tap and chat with your affable bartender, Moi.

Trivia Time!!

T. A. Edison finished his first motion picture on February 1, 1893.

On the same date in 1945, the north tube of the Lincoln Tunnel opened.

Again on the same date but in 1960, The first lunch counter sit-in

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

took place in Greenboro North Carolina.

The Grand Central Station opened on February 2, 1913.

Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash on February 3, 1959.

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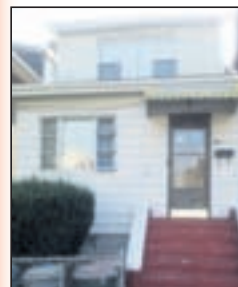
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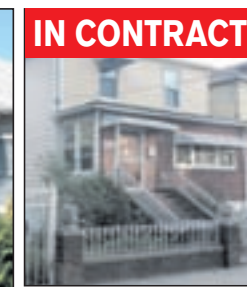
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BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

Another cold, miserable day outside as I write this column. I was up at 5 a.m. to help my husband clear off his car so he could get off to work. Now I am having a hard time thinking about what to write because I know that once I'm done submitting my column, I have to go outside and shovel the sidewalk. I'm not complaining, don't get me wrong. I'm happy the winter is here, I'm happy for the snow and the cold weather because we live in New York and we're supposed to get winter. When we have a mild winter, the mosquitos don't die off and the summer becomes a misery of bug bites.

At least, that's what I tell myself when I'm shoveling. It's matter of perspective, I guess. Some people see the winter as a chance to point out that climate change doesn't exist. Others use the snow to make fun of the deniers or claim that this is colder than the winters they remember as a child and therefore proof that climate change is real. I think the argument is ridiculous and I'm pissed at Al Gore for making this idea such a point of contention.

Instead of paying more attention to what we are doing in our everyday lives that add to the toxic environment we live in, we argue, call each other names and behave like spoiled children, all so we can defend or deny a belief in something that will continue without us. We get mad at our elected offi-

cials for doing something about it or for not doing something about it, as if our elected officials could really enact change. How quaint.

Global climate has changed for eons and will continue to change long after man is extinct. So when we say we need to save Mother Earth, we really mean we need to save ourselves. However, to exist on this planet while poisoning it with chemicals and toxins that are affecting our health, well, that's just not the kind of stewards of the earth we were meant to be.

We can achieve the same crop yields with traditional farming methods, we don't need to use the chemicals that are depleting our soils and poisoning our waters. We don't need GMO crops when we can achieve the same goals by using proper crop rotation methods, companion planting and avoiding monocrops. We need to recognize that there is a natural order to things and when we let corporations control how we do things because it helps their bottom line, we are just as wrong as the soulless corporations.

Conventional (as opposed to "traditional") farmers spray Round Up on their wheat crop before harvesting. This practice is done to kill the weeds and make it easier to harvest the grain. The Round Up doesn't kill the grain, because it is genetically modified to resist Round Up, so only the weeds are killed. Farmers in

food for thought

northern US states defend this practice due to the short growing season in northern climes. There is a mounting evidence that bread made from flour that is sprayed with Round Up, which messes around with human chromosomes and hormones, is what is causing the epidemic of gluten intolerance. My logical brain says that this makes sense, I eat bread made from local organic grain and have no problems. If I eat conventional bread, not so much. I also think that perhaps farmers up north need to spend their money on traditional grains that can be grown in their climate and short growing season without the use of pesticides.

As a consumer, this is important information and can help you make better choices. If you have a choice of buying no bread, buying cheap bread made from conventional 'Round Up Ready' grain or spending more money on organic bread, what would you do?

As far as the government stepping in and regulating things, well, I guess they need to regulate the soulless corporations, but if I'm buying my food from the people that raise it, I don't need a government stamp. That's the simple

point I want to make. Knowledge is power and we have the power of the purse. While the election is over a year away, we can be ready for the onslaught of the next 22 months as people from both parties will point to the other side and tell you why you should hate the people who don't have the same political, religious or social agenda. I beg you to shut your ears to them. Instead of spending time watching the various newschannels and scrolling through your facebook timeline, getting enraged by friend's posts, take the time to meditate, take a walk with your loved ones, cook a delicious meal or get out in your garden and get your hands dirty. Take the time to volunteer in your community, go to a meeting of your local community organization. Change will not happen in Washington or Albany, it's going to happen right here in our backyards. The most important change has to happen within each of us.

For me, I am always looking for ways to improve my life. Despite my reasonably healthy diet and lifestyle, I am still struggling with high cholesterol and other aches and pains. And so, I will continue to do research on how I can control this without the use of statins. I have set an intention and plan on trying to do yoga at least once a day for 100 days. I'm on day 6, so no great shakes, but still a start! I'm

also trying to only eat meat as a main course once a week. The rest of the week, it will be meatless meals or meals with meat as an accent (think stir fry veggies for two made with a 4 oz. chicken cutlet or risotto with chicken stock).

Instead of spending your days off shopping at malls, think about what you really need. Shop at local stores and talk to the people that own these businesses and tell them the kind of products you're looking for. If they don't respond or change, find other stores. And when you buy food, remember that convenience is not what it's wrapped up to be. It's wrapped up to be deceiving, to make you think that buying it will make you a better mom, a better wife or it may even convince you that it's healthy. But it's not.

Real food is work, but in the long run it will keep you out of the gym, out of the doctor's office and out of the medicine cabinet. Of course, life is not perfect and sometimes convenience is the answer, but not the absolute. Don't let perfect be the enemy of good. Don't beat yourself up for eating a microwave burrito or grabbing a Big Mac on your way home from work, as long as this is the exception and not the rule.

Enough preaching for the morning. I hear the snow plow going down my street, time to dig out my car and shovel the sidewalk. Be the change you want to see in the world.

BY JOSEPH ODDO

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

Recently, the City of New York planted sidewalk trees alongside St. Theresa's property line. The city does not have the right to plant trees in that location. They must be removed and the city should repair the sidewalk that has been damaged.

In addition, the trees being so close to a security fence constitute a security breach. Their placement will encourage some to climb over the fence.

Furthermore their location may be interrupted by members of our judiciary as an attractive hazard thus exposing St. Theresa's Parish to legal liabilities through no fault of their own.

This issue has been brought

to the attention of our Councilman James Vacca who immediately contacted the Parks Department. By the time you read this article we expect that this error will have been rectified.

Need some temporary work? The New City Department of Sanitation is hiring. You can register with the city as a temporary snow laborer during major snow falls at any sanitation garage from Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except on city holidays).

In order to register, you must be: at least 18 years of age; eligible to work in the United States; able to perform heavy physical labor; and you must bring with you two small passport photos (1.5 inch square), Social Security card and a photocopy of the card, two original documents that prove identity and employment eligibility and photocopies of the documents, such as: driver's license, passport or school photo ID.

Pay is \$12 per hour and in-

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creases to \$18 per hour after working 40 hours a week. Payment is made by check and normally takes about 4 to 6 weeks, but can take up to 12 weeks. Good luck and stay healthy!

Back by popular demand! Preston High School is proud to announce the return of the PHS Card Party! Please join us on Saturday, March 28 at 6 p.m. in the Preston Auditorium for a great night of fun, excitement and friendship. Sponsored by the Advancement Office and the Parent Auxiliary, the theme of this year's event is 'The Miss Preston Pageant.' We hope that you will be able to share in the success of the evening by participating in the event!

Seating will be determined

on a first come, first served basis, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. Please send in your ticket request, along with your check or money order, to: Preston High School, attn. Advancement, Preston High School, 2780 Schurz Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465.

Thank you for your readership and support. Please stay

warm and healthy. And keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter!

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

Free breast cancer screenings

Early detection saves lives in the fight against cancer.

Councilman James Vacca is looking forward to hosting a breast cancer screening event on Tuesday, February 17, from 9 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. at the Westchester Square Library on 2521 Glebe Avenue.

This event is in conjunction with the American Italian Cancer foundation that

operates the Mobile Care Clinic.

Women aged 40 and older are welcomed. You must be a New York City resident and not had a mammogram in the past year to take advantage of this service.

For an appointment, call Vacca's office at (718) 931-1721 or (877) 628-9090.

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Valentine's Day workshops and events at Wave Hill

Valentine's Day events at Wave Hill, 675 W. 252nd Street.

Saturday, February 14: Family Art Project: I Heart Pollinators: Visit Wave Hill's Tropical House—housed in one wing of the Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory—and breathe in the fragrance of greenhouse flowers and enjoy their colorful blooms. Then, using a variety of charming styles—and adding a pollinator helper—make your own lovely, lacy, feathery and flowerful Valentine's Day cards. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Saturday, February 14: 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 14: Valentine's Day Cookie-Decorat-

ing Workshop: Use sanding sugars, cookie icing and a variety of sprinkles to design your own cookies.

Saturday, February 14: In-Store Artist: Erika Rosenbaum: Will be on hand in The Shop at Wave Hill with a selection of her jewelry designs, including heart pendants evoking twisting garden vines and organic wave forms.

Sunday, February 15: 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 15: Winter Workspace Workshop: Meditation As Artistic Practice: Winter Workspace artist Saya Woolfalk and meditation leader Biet Simkin introduce you to meditation as artistic practice.

Sunday, February 15: Garden & Conservatory Highlights



Wave Hill I Heart Pollinators.

Photo courtesy of Joshua Bright

Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds.

Tuesday, February 17: Presidents' Vacation Week Family Workshops: Stargaze: Using an empty cereal box, paint and

LED light strings, make your own light box to recreate your favorite constellation and gaze at the stars all day long. Geared to children ages five to 10 and a parent or caregiver.

Wednesday, February 18: Presidents' Vacation Week

Family Workshops: Winter Cloud Mosaics: Create your own mosaic masterpiece of clouds and sky using a wood base, grout and glass tiles.

Wednesday, February 18: Horticultural Lecture #1—Ulrich Lorimer: Locally Sourced—Marrying Field Botany And Horticulture: This ongoing series is hosted by Wave Hill's Friends of Horticulture Committee and is devoted to landscape design and the meaning of our interactions with plants and the natural world.

Thursday, February 19: Presidents' Vacation Week Family Workshops: Earth Meets Sky: Create a textured landscape against the winter sky, inspired by the painting techniques of contemporary artist and sculptor Anselm Kiefer.

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The Gee's Bend Tradition at Lehman College

The **Lehman College Art Gallery** presents *The Gee's Bend Tradition*, February 5 - April 24, with a reception: Monday, March 16, from 6 - 8 p.m., with Mary Lee Bendolph, Louisiana Bendolph, Loretta Bennett, Leola Pettway, Loretta Pettway, and Qunnie Pettway.

The quilters of Gee's Bend are widely known for their bold geometries, unexpected pattern combinations, and asymmetrical improvisations that bring to mind the innovations of 20th century modernism. The exhibition examines the ongoing aesthetic practice of Gee's Bend artists and includes contemporary quilts, as well as prints and fabric maquettes in which the quilters explore the possibilities of a new medium.

A related exhibition, *Linda Day Clark: The Gee's Bend Photographs*, features the work of Linda Day Clark, who began photographing the Gee's Bend community in 2002 when she worked in the area as a freelance photographer for *The New York Times*. A separate study installation includes photographs of Gee's Bend from the 1930s taken by Arthur Rothstein and Marion Post Wolcott for the Farm Security Administration/Office of War Information Collection (Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division).

Gee's Bend is a rural, predominantly African American community southwest of Selma, Alabama, located on a peninsula created by dramatic bends in the Alabama River. For many years it remained relatively isolated by its geography. The community has its historic roots in the plantations of the Gee family, and later their relatives the Pettways, who bought land in Alabama for a cotton plantation in 1816. Many of the current residents are descendants of the slaves who worked the plantation that once occupied the site.

Weekend events at the **New York Botanical Garden** include:

Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15 include: *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 botani-

cal 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.

This exhibition marks the publication of the landmark book, *Flora Illustrata: Great Works from the LuEsther T. Mertz Library of The New York Botanical Garden*.

Tropical Discoveries, through February 26; 10 a.m. - 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.

Friday, February 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.; and Saturday, February 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Treat yourself and your loved one to *Wild Medicine in the Tropics*—a showcase of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory's permanent collection and the medicinal plants featured therein. Start the evening at The Pine Tree Café, where small plates of foods known for their aphrodisiac properties will be available for purchase. Later, enter the lush Conservatory, where a glass of complimentary champagne awaits. Indulge your senses with the romantic qualities of dark chocolate and other plant-based aphrodisiacs. Guides will be on hand throughout the Conservatory to share information about the featured plants.

Bird Walk: Saturday, February 14, 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.

Photography Tips & Tricks in the Tropics: Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15; 1-3 p.m. (Tour at 1:30 p.m.): Join an expert on hand in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory who will dispense garden photography tips, encouragement, and critique for budding photographers. Advice on perspective, lighting, and composition will be provided.

The New York Botanical Garden is located 2900 Southern Boulevard.

For the first time in its illustrious history, **Wave Hill** invites the public to experience the enchantment of its garden landscape after dark. *Night Lights at Wave Hill*, the culmination of the institution's 50th anniversary celebration, offers not just the unprecedented opportunity to visit on spring evenings, but also to view a spectacular installation by award-winning artist Chris

Doyle, commissioned by Wave Hill to help celebrate the garden's anniversary year. Doyle's *The Lightening*: a project for Wave Hill's Aquatic Garden combines rear-projected animation, light and sound in the serene space of the Aquatic Garden.

On Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings from April 24 to May 24, the public is invited to explore the gardens, to experience Doyle's immersive installation and indulge in delightful offerings from The Shop and The Café. "Night Lights will give visitors the rare opportunity to see Wave Hill as the sun sets over the Palisades, and to experience the grounds at night in an entirely new way," notes Claudia Bonn, President and Executive Director of Wave Hill. "These evenings pay tribute to Wave Hill's unique position at the intersection of horticulture and art—a feature that distinguishes us as a place of complex, dynamic beauty. We are especially delighted to be working with an artist as talented as Chris Doyle."

Inspired by the lush surroundings, *The Lightening* provides an electrifying experience during daylight and at night. Three faceted structures hover over the water, their mirrored surfaces reflecting the garden and pool in daylight. As evening approaches, they glow with light and animation inspired by the aquatic life below. A soundscape created by innovative composer Jeremy Turner emanates from each structure, completing the experience. *Night Lights at Wave Hill* allows the public to view these intricate animations, inspired by life above the water, the reflective surface and the life below.

Chris Doyle: *Landscape Fictions*, an exhibition of Doyle's animations and light boxes, brings the excitement of *The Lightening* indoors to Glyndor Gallery. Doyle's ongoing investigation of landscape and culture is evident in the three animations exhibited: "Bright Canyon" (commissioned for the Midnight Moment by the Times Square Alliance), "Apocalypse Management," and the award-winning "Waste_Generation."

A recipient of a John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship and the Borusan Contemporary Art Collection Prize, Doyle explores the way that human anxieties and collective attitudes about the environment are projected through representations of landscape.

Night Lights at Wave Hill takes place rain or shine. Tickets will be available starting March 4, online and onsite at the Perkins Visitor Center.

Love and romance abound at **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum** in February.

Take full advantage of all the great programs—and support them—by becoming a centennial member. Members enjoy many of the programs free or at a discount. Extended through June 2015 to mark the opening of the restored mansion as its headquarters in May 1915, the Bartow-Pell Conservancy is offering a special centennial membership for new members only: For more information about membership or any of our upcoming events visit www.bpmm.org, call 718-885-1461, or email at info@bpmm.org.

Movies at the Mansion: Thursday, February 5, 7 p.m.: The museum celebrates romance in February with the screening of a bittersweet movie in the double parlors. Set before World War II, *Brief Encounter* (1945) stars Trevor Howard and Celia Johnson as married Brits who fall in love after a chance encounter, but out of consideration for their families opt not to be together. Directed by David Lean and based on Noel Coward's play *Still Life*. Free popcorn and tissues. Cost \$10 adults; \$8 seniors, students and members. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at www.bpmm.org or at the door. Registration requested at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org.

Victorian Valentine Workshop: Saturday, February 7, 1-3 p.m.: Show that you care—not with a boring, store-bought card, but with a handmade, full-of-charm, sure-to-woo original creation. Learn about the history of valentines and the printed 'scraps' used to make them in the 19th century while you craft your own memorable card.

Cost \$10; \$8 students, seniors, and members. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at www.bpmm.org or at the door. Registration required at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org.

Winter Chamber Music Valentine's Day Concert: Saturday, February 14, 7 p.m.: Start a romantic night out enjoying the second of the museum's three-part series of chamber music concerts in the elegant and intimate Greek Revival double parlors. The youthful Musicians of the Crimson Menagerie are leaders of their generation in performance on historic instruments. The eight-piece ensemble presents a one-hour concert of delightful romantic pieces by Mozart, Haydn, Boccherini, and Beethoven in honor of St. Valentine's Day. Cost: \$20. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at www.bpmm.org or at the door. Registration at 718-885-1461 info@bpmm.org.

Join **NYC Parks** from Tuesday, February 3 to Saturday February 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse, in celebrating the birthday of famous author Charles Dickens illustrations of some of his most important literary works. Dickens: *A Celebration In Pictures* offers a selection of works provided by the Children's Book Illustrators Group (CBIG), featuring various works of art from 14 illustrators. This exhibition will particularly appeal to children and is great for the entire family with programming designed for visitors ages 5 and up.

The closing reception of this exhibition on Saturday, February 21, will include a panel discussion with the artists. Other Dickens related events will be held throughout the run of the show. The exhibit and all events are free and open to the public.

Exhibiting members of the CBIG include: Lisa Cinelli, Diana Ting Delosh, Peggy Dressel, Laura Goetz, Leeza Hernandez, Sara Kahn, Doreen Marts, Donna Miskend, Marilyn Papas, Clare Pernice, Roberta Rivera, Vicky Rubin, Cheryl Taborisky, and T.T. Tyler.

Fiorello LaGuardia read comics from Fieldston home

Fiorello LaGuardia had a lovely home in the Bronx at 5020 Goodridge Avenue in the exclusive community of Fieldston. It was from this home that he read Dick Tracy, Little Orphan Annie, and the other popular comic strips of the day to the children of the city over WNYC radio. The reason, of course, was the newspaper strike of 1945. Interestingly, when he passed away just two years later, the mortgage to that house was one of the few items they found in his bank safe deposit box. The other item was \$8,000 in war bonds and the meager contents are often cited as a clue to his honesty and integrity while in office.

Another oft mentioned connection to the Bronx has to do with the Bartow-Pell Mansion at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park. When Robert Moses was ousting the tenants of the various mansions in Pelham Bay Park owned by the City of New York, he was also preparing to evict the International Garden Club who had been leasing the Bartow-Pell mansion since 1914. LaGuardia simply moved himself and his staff into the building using it

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

as his summer City Hall and he even brought along the entire Press Corps. This was in 1936 and it was an oppressively hot summer. His quick and decisive action saved the mansion which remains one of the great treasures of the Bronx.

La Guardia worked his way through law school at New York University by working as an interpreter. He spoke several languages fluently including Italian which he learned from his father and perhaps it was this commonality of language that created the deep friendship with the Piccirilli family of Bronx sculptors. He also learned Yiddish from his Jewish mother though few people knew of his Jewish background and once when accused of being anti-Semitic, he challenged the accuser to debate him in Yiddish. Needless to say, the challenger backed down.

He loved nothing more than a debate and drifted towards

politics winning a seat in Congress in 1916. When World War I broke out, he proved his patriotism and the love of his country by leaving the House of Representatives and enlisting in the United States Air Corps where he saw action in Italy and Austria. He achieved the rank of Major. Perhaps that's why it was appropriate that the North Beach Airport in Queens which was opened on October 15, 1939 as the New York Municipal Airport was later named for him. The original name was the Glenn H. Curtiss Airport but it was rechristened for LaGuardia on June 1, 1947.

Fiorello LaGuardia served as Mayor of New York for three terms spanning the years 1934 to 1945. He then took a post as Director General of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. He passed away on September 20, 1947 and was interred in a sim-



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Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia reads the comics to children over the air during the newspaper strike.

ple grave on Alpine Avenue in the Oakwood Plot of Woodlawn Cemetery here in the Bronx. Over 45,000 people came out to pay tribute to "the little flower," as he was called, when he was laid out for viewing. The sim-

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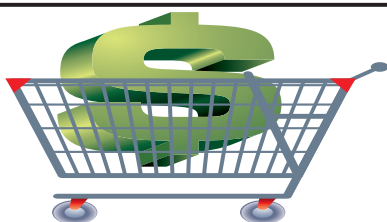
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map Block 5787, Lot 1010 Bronx, NY, County of BRONX - DLJ MORTGAGE CAPITAL, INC., Plaintiff, -against- FELICIA FIELDS, AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL FIELDS; TICHINA ANN FIELDS if living and if he be dead, his respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described in the complaint herein; CHRISTOPHER MICAH FIELDS CLARK if living and if he be dead, his respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title, or interest in and to the real property described in the complaint herein; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NETHERLAND TERRACE CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; BRONX SUPREME COURT; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; THE

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judgment may be entered against you and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Lizbeth Gonzalez, a Justice of the Supreme Court, State of New York, dated December 9, 2014 and filed with the Bronx County Clerk together with the supporting papers thereon. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage held by Plaintiff on the premises known as Block: 5787, Lot: 1010, Bronx, NY, County of Bronx, as described in the complaint on file and commonly known as 3240 NETHERLAND AVENUE, UNIT 4A, BRONX, NEW YORK 10463. Dated: Syosset, New York December 18, 2014 Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff 125 Michael Drive, Suite 105, Syosset, NY 11791 516-938-3100 P#1126247 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 02/06/2015



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My relationship with the NFL - warts and all *by Tom Allon*

I have a love-hate relationship with pro football.

When it is played well and has heightened drama — like the fourth quarter of last Sunday's Super Bowl was — there is no more thrilling spectacle. It is not only a game of intense physicality, with balletic twists by receivers often followed by bone crushing hits by linebackers, but also a strategic battle of wits akin to chess.

But America's favorite spectator sport also has a dark side, when the violent culture leads to heightened brutality perpetrated by NFL players. So events like the heart-wrenching scene of domestic abuse by former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice caught on camera for the world to see make me step back and acknowledge it is not all hunky-dory.

And it isn't just inside the home (or nightclubs) where this macho and violent game leads to unnecessary harm — it is also inside the skulls of long-time players, who suffer repeated head injuries that lead to irreparable brain damage. How many ex-pro players do we have to see succumb to dementia or self-inflicted in-

jury before we realize that there is an epidemic of brain injuries that is too high a price to pay for the mere viewing and rooting pleasure of millions of Americans?

When this football season started last fall, there was a drumbeat of bad news that thundered down on the NFL: scientific studies that proved a high percentage of ex-players suffer from brain injuries followed by the Ray Rice video and the league's bungling of his punishment. I stopped watching games for a while.

I was ready to write football's premature obituary. I would tell friends and colleagues that watching football these days reminded me of watching professional boxing in the 1980s, when sports most iconic figure, Muhammad Ali, started slurring his words and walking around like he was, ironically, "punch drunk," and boxing started its slow fade.

Could that be the fate of professional football, I thought, a multi-billion dollar industry that would be toppled because the metaphorical surgeon general's warning was finally being heeded?

It is still possible that in the not-too-distant future, football

will head over the cliff and begin its slow descent. Like empires and powerful civilizations, no industry or professional sport is immune from the vagaries of excess and overreach.

But after watching Sunday night's Super Bowl, which included two star-studded teams that I have only a casual interest in, I am reminded by the powerful hold that professional football has on America's collective psyche. For one night, a large chunk of our country congregates around a big screen, all at the same time (because no one waits to watch the Super Bowl on Netflix a week later), and we watch these larger than life figures go toe-to-toe for 60 minutes in a winner-take-all match.

To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the NFL's death are greatly exaggerated.

In an era where much of life exists in the gray zone, it is comforting to have one night where everything is on the line and will be decided definitively.

And for the next 48 hours, there is endless chatter picking apart the coaches decisions, analyzing the key plays and making comparisons to

Super Bowls past. There is a unifying aspect to this collective discussion; for once, red states and blue states recede; black and white and brown and yellow fans vehemently argue for their favorite team or favorite player. The dysfunction of Congress, the sluggishness of the economy, the growing inequality in our society — it all fades into the background as people of all races and classes talk about "The Game" or "The Pass" or "That Coach's Awful Decision."

Professional football, the closest thing that modern society has to the Roman Coliseum, is our metaphorical civil war, our fight to the death, our gladiators fighting ferociously for the coveted gold prize. It allows millions of us to at once express and sublimate our violent and hostile emotions in a controlled and socially acceptable way.

In short, football is both metaphor and the bluntest expression of American violence and rugged individualism. It is as purely American a pastime as anything that still exists; we don't see the Chinese or the Russians adopting football as their own and its not likely that this unique game will spread



TOM ALLON

globally in the same way that basketball has in recent decades. It is ours and we get to keep it all to ourselves.

But I still wish they could manufacture helmets that make concussions obsolete. And that high-school and college players would be required to learn feminism and gender studies so they will become less testosterone-fueled and more progesterone sympathetic.

That would be a real game changer.

Tom Allon, president of City & State NY, was a Republican and Liberal Party-backed mayoral candidate in 2013 before he left to return to the private sector. Reach him at tallon@cityandstateny.com.

BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

The next meeting of the Country Club Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is the cafeteria building of the Villa Maria Academy, located at 3833 Country Club Road. This is the building immediately to your left upon entering the campus.

Our January 28 meeting was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather and school closures. Although we were inconvenienced by this cancellation, our new phone message system proved itself

most useful. Prior to leaving their homes, our members were able to call in, and were notified via message that the meeting had been cancelled. We encourage all of our members to document the phone number for future reference. Once again the number is (718) 823-1814.

Since our last meeting we have requested the assistance of both Community Board 10, and Councilman James Vacca's office, to assist us with D.O.T signage issues within our community. We have worked with them to ensure they receive all the informa-

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tion necessary to accomplish the changes that are so necessary for the safety of all who travel on our roads. We therefore hope these changes will be made prior to our next meeting, so that we can move on to other issues we hope to have a positive impact on. We thank them for their assistance.

The Waterbury Avenue Sewer Project #SEX20045 is now well underway. Our new Public Improvement Committee chairman has been monitoring the work and progress at this location on a daily basis. We thank him for taking upon this role, and have the utmost faith that he will do everything in his power, to ensure that this project will be completed in the most expeditious and thorough manner.

We have tentatively scheduled guest speakers from the New York Rising Waterfront Community Resiliency Committee for our next meeting.

They will be able to better share with us the plans that are underway for communities such as ours, in the instance of a future natural disaster. It is imperative that we ensure our community and our neighboring communities will all be provided the proper planning and infrastructure in such instances.

The association can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 211, Bronx, N.Y. 10465, and via telephone at (718) 823-1814

Please remember, "Take pride in your community; Your home extends beyond your property line!"

BY MARYJANE MUSANO

It's being called America's silent epidemic. Until recently, this was something most doctors never encountered. Now, this liver disease is skyrocketing!

It's called non-alcoholic fatty liver disease or NAFLD. There are two types, one is NAFLD and the other is non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), which is much more serious.

In its early stages people are unaware that anything is

wrong. The longer you have it, the more likely it is that you'll advance to liver fibrosis and cirrhosis, making a liver transplant your only chance. Even your doctor cannot tell which type you have without a liver biopsy. Yes! This is serious.

The cure is not to stop drinking alcoholic beverages. This kind of liver disease has nothing to do with alcohol. The main suspect is a very common food additive. Study after study

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has proven that high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) is deadly for your liver.

There has been some resistance against this food additive and food manufacturers have noticed it, so they tried

to change the name to 'corn sugar' but the FDA said "no". So, they went ahead on their own and changed the name to just fructose, trying to make you think it is naturally fruit derived fructose, which it is not!

Now, that's very confusing because many food companies describe it as 'fruit sugar'. Sounds healthy, right? Well, the problem is that it is not made from fruit. It is made from corn. And not regular

corn either. This version is super concentrated. It's like HFCS on steroids! And it is deadly!

Here are some surprising things that can lower your risk of getting liver disease: eat more fruits and veggies; drink more coffee; have a glass of wine, but just one glass!; and be smart and read labels.

If enough of us reject HFCS and their Franken Fructose maybe they will respond with healthier food.

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
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.
As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
Approximate amount of judgment \$236,827.03 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 381404/09
YOLANDA CORION, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
Index #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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, CENTRAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. ALBA LUZ VAZQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 23, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 09, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1072 Intervale Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 2705 and Lot 22. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381294/11.
Tamika E. Vaughan, Esq., Referee
Berkman, Hensch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Services 2006-PR1 Trust, Plaintiff, against Wilce Robles; Annette Robles; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 16, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on March 2, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2265 Bassford Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457 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 3050 Lot 28. Approximate amount of judgment \$689,399.85 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380243/2010. Jose C. Polanco, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 13, 2015 1126580 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 02/20/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-3, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff, against SEAN IBITOYE, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/30/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, New York on 03/09/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1069 INTERVAL AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10459 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 2700, LOT: 151. Approximate amount of judgment \$666,178.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381354/10. Henry Max Adler, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1128242

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust Series 2006-3, Plaintiff, against Isaiah Obaro-Best; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 13, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on March 9, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3010 Wilson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4589 Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$501,976.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381432/11. Michael Bloomfield, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 6, 2015 1125935 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 02/27/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff, against CARMEN REYNOLDS, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/7/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 02/23/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 29 EAST 169TH STREET, Bronx, NY 10452 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 2839 LOT 35. Approximate amount of judgment \$629,690.11 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381336/09. Anne M. Littwin, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1126727

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-HE4, Plaintiff, against Felicia Lapaix; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 6, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on March 9, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 216 Husson Avenue, and 214 Husson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473 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 3460 Lots 12 and 13. Approximate amount of judgment \$617,402.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382180/2010. Francis T. Alberts, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 7, 2015 1126118 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 02/27/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Order of Publication Commonwealth of Virginia Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re Janelle Simone Rusterucci The object of this suit is to: Terminate the Residual Parental Rights ("RPR") Deshawn Hardaway (Father) of Janelle Simone Rusterucci, child, DOB 4/22/2013. "RPR" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with parent after transfer of legal custody or guardianship of the person, including but not limited to rights of: visitation; adoption consent; determination of religious affiliation; and responsibility for support. It is ORDERED that the defendant Deshawn Hardaway, appear at the above-named Court to protect his/her interest on or before March 12, 2015 at 9:40 a.m. Sarah M. Denham, Senior Assistant City Attorney 730 East Broad Street, 8th floor Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 646-3493



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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - TERESITA CONTRERAS, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated August 11, 2014, I will sell at public auction on February 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment TG, in the building known as S-2 a/k/a 7, and by street address 1460 Parkchester Road, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2447 in Block 3938 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0145 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$20,418.08, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by HSBC Mortgage Corporation USA in the original principal sum of \$128,000.00 with interest. Index No. 381156/13. ROBERT MOLL ESQ, Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - ANA I. PEREZ, et. al.,

Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 14 2014 I will sell at public auction on February 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 7C, in the building known as N-14 a/k/a 130, and by street address 1561 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4302 in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0300 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$11,101.37, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC and/or Bank of America NA, successor by merger with Countrywide Bank FSB, and/or Countrywide Bank FSB, as their interest may appear, in the original principal sum of \$103,500.00 with interest. Index No. 381150-13.

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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff against MITCHELL JETER, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 15, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 23rd day of February, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at a point on the southerly side of 169th Street, distant 74.20 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of 169th Street, with the easterly side of Fulton Avenue as legally opened; being a plot 85 feet by 23.62 feet by 85 feet by 23.62 feet.

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

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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST AND FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY 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. McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

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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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Index No. 380913-12. Joseph Strasburg, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, 3 ADA, Irvine, CA 92618, Plaintiff against NILDA DIAZ, et al Defendant(s).

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

Said premises known as 444 East 186th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10458. Tax account number: SBL#: 3039-44.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 308,376.34 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380883-08. Patrick J. Wynne, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

LEGAL NOTICE At an IA Part 27 of the New York Supreme Court held in and for the County of Bronx, at the Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, New York, New York on the 22 day of December, 2014. PRESENT: HON. JULIA RODRIGUEZ J.S.C. In the Matter of the Application of BETHLEHEM JUDAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH For Approval of Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets pursuant to Article 2, Section 18 of the Religious Corporations Law. ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE Index No. 261058/2014 UPON READING AND FILING OF THE PETITION OF MARY TINSLEY, Secretary of the corporation of BETHLEHEM JUDAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LET all Trustees, Deacons and other interested parties show cause before the Justice presiding at IAS Part 27 of this Court, Room 625, to be held in and for the County of Bronx, New York, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on the 19th day of February 2015 at 9:45 a.m. of that day, or as soon thereafter as Coun-

sel can be heard, WHY an Order should not be made and entered: (1) Dissolving BETHLEHEM JUDAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, and (2) Enjoining all creditors of the corporation from beginning any action against the corporation, or from taking any proceedings in any action previously commenced, except as authorized by the court (3) Authorizing Bethlehem Judah Missionary Baptist Church to Execute the Plan of Dissolution and Distribution of Assets; (5) for such other relief as the court deems appropriate. SUFFICIENT Reason appearing, therefore: LET SERVICE of a copy of this Order and the papers upon which it is granted be made by personal service on all trustees and known interested parties on or before the 6th day of February 2015. And it is further Ordered, that Notice of the time and place of such petition and application to this court shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in two newspapers, to wit; The New York Law Journal, published in New York County and Bronx Times Reporter published in Bronx County, And such service shall be deemed good and sufficient.

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"We were excited to see the turnout by the students," said one of the rally's speakers, second year Ph.D. student Alyssa Casill.

"It is not specifically clear what would happen, but we knew that the graduate division would be taking some kind of hit," explained one of the student leaders, second year Ph.D. Kim Hammond, who spoke at the rally. She said that the news of a tentative deal gave her hope.

Important for many in the local community, jobs which might have otherwise been cut, may now remain.

"Einstein itself is a huge economic driver for the Bronx," said student Dayle Hodge, president of the AECOM MD-Ph.D. student council. "There are a lot of people employed here."

Medical student Angelo Landriscina said he was more hopeful

after hearing the news of a tentative agreement, adding that since a medical teaching colleges prestige is determined by how much research is going on, cuts to faculty and science research would decrease the prestige of his degree (if finances caused cutbacks).

"Basic science is very important to advancing ones career as a physician," he said.

The less financing, the less staff and faculty, and the less research and prestige, he explained.

Yeshiva's budget debt reached \$150 million last year.

(Right) Einstein Medical College students (l-r) Bayle Hodge, Richard Piszczatowski, Ruth Howe, Alyssa Casill, Kim Hammond and Angelo Landriscina were at the student rally outside the Block Pavilion in support of an Einstein and Montefiore merger.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Carl Heastie named to replace Silver

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Benedetto said that Heastie has slowly gained the respect of his colleagues in the years he has been in office.

Heastie was first elected in 2000, and represents the 83rd Assembly district, a slice of the north Bronx that including parts of Wakefield and Williamsbridge, Baychester and Eastchester.

"He is a good listener; he hears what you have to say," said Benedetto, adding "I think he will have a nice, steady hand in the speakership."

Benedetto said that as the process of finding a new speaker unfolded, many of his colleagues got to know Heastie better and were impressed by him.

Senator Jeff Klein added that he sees Speaker Heastie as someone who is goal-oriented, and said he has always been impressed by his ability to bring people together and build coalitions. Heastie is sometimes viewed as being very serious, said Klein.

"He likes to listen to people and implement a game plan to get it done," said Klein, adding "he is someone who is very respectful to his colleagues, a

good listener, and a straight-shooter."

Friend and former colleague in the assembly Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. noted the significance of electing Speaker Heastie during Black History Month.

"Speaker Heastie is the first African-American to hold this position, as well as the first-ever Bronx resident," said Diaz. "The impact of Speaker Heastie's trailblazing path to the speakership cannot be understated."

Diaz believes that Heastie will be a strong partner and a great advocate for the needs of New York City, the bor-



Assemblyman Carl Heastie



Assemblyman Carl Heastie (l) and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, when Diaz was an assemblyman, in Albany.

Photo courtesy of Borough President Diaz's office

ough president stated.

The chair of the Bronx Assembly delegation, Assembly Jeff Dinowitz, believes that skills Heastie honed as the chairman of the Bronx Democratic Party will serve him well in his new role.

"As chair of the Bronx Democratic Party, Carl has proven to be a fair, inclusive, and effective leader who understands that working collaboratively is more important than claiming credit," said Dinowitz. "I have no doubt that he will have a similarly effective approach as leader of our Democratic conference and Speaker of the Assembly."

A Heastie spokesman said the assemblyman would step down from his post as Bronx Democratic County chairman. As of press time, a source familiar with borough politics said a successor to Heastie in the Bronx chair's role has not been chosen.

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

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Good Point

Bob Molinaro said, "As college basketball officials crowd around TV monitors searching for in-game overrules - and as I quickly reach for my remote - I grow nostalgic for the days when a missed call was part of the deal. Why should errors be treated differently in the final two minutes? We're talking about games. Entertainment, in other words. Bad calls happen, then life goes on. If only the games would."

NE-Gate

I know that there's a lot of talk saying both teams played with the under-inflated balls but it was no secret that the Colts were going to run with the ball more than pass it and the Pats were going into the air. Brady was 21/28,174 and Luck was 12/33,129.

HMMM, pretty good passing percentage for Brady. A more inflated ball would have cut down on that. Keep that in mind.

Here Comes Da Judge

Bob Molinaro (Pilot.com) wrote, "Fans of the NFL and decent sportsmanship have no reason to worry that the Mysterious Case of the Patriots' Underinflated Footballs won't be adjudicated quickly and with integrity. As long as Roger Goodell is on the job, what could go wrong?"

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Fordham Prep duo leads Rams past Scanlan

BY DAVID CORDOVA

Fordham Prep continues to cement itself as one of the best teams in the CHSAA Class A division.

The Ram boys' basketball team held off host Monsignor Scanlan 75-70 in hard-fought battle between two of the league's best teams last Friday night.

Patrick Murray's 21 points and four rebounds led Fordham Prep and Cameron Pinn tallied 21 points, 12 rebounds and four assists. Eric Hyancithe chipped in 15 points.

The Rams have a good nucleus that they believe can lead them to a deep play-off run. First year Fordham Prep coach Brian Downey feels upbeat about his team, which is now 12-4 overall, and 9-3 in their division. He knows that wouldn't be possible without the strong play of Murray and Pinn throughout the year.

"Patrick had 19 of his 21 in the first half. Cameron picked up the pace after Scanlan keyed in on Murray in the second half," Downey said. "Both of them are two of the main scorers and can lead on any given day."

He also adds that no game in the A division is easy especially in another team's gym. The Rams are second behind undefeated Kennedy Catholic and in a fight with Xavier (7-3) for second place.

"In our league, any game will be a dog fight on the road, and to pick up a win against an improving Scanlan team was key," he said. "Our keys to the game were shooting in the first half. Our solid defense caused turnovers that ultimately led to points."

It was such a tough loss for the Crusaders, which fell to 9-9 overall and 4-6 in their division. However, with their spectacular trio



Fordham Prep's Cameron Pinn takes the ball strong to the basket against Scanlan.

Photo by Amy Rio

of players in freshman Jordan McCallister, sophomore Saquan Singleton and junior George Pena, Scanlan will still have a chance to make noise in the playoffs.

Fordham Prep is showing it can do the same, just a year after dropping down from the Class AA division. The battles members of this group when through against

heavyweights like Christ the King, St. Raymond, Iona Prep and Cardinal Hayes have paid off this season. It wants to play for a city championship in March.

Sharpshooting Eagle holds off Curtis

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Eagle Academy coach Ryan Queen expects more from his team this team of year.

Sure his group staved of a fourth quarter rally by Curtis, one of the top teams on Staten Island, for an important 75-68 win at the Cardozo Classic last Saturday. In Queen's mind there shouldn't have been a need to do that as Eagle lead by 14 points in the third quarter and let the Warriors back in the game. His team hasn't played a complete game since late December.

"I'm looking for growth and I'm not seeing it," Queen said. "It's immaturity. Either we start slow and pick up the rest of the game or we slack off the rest of the game with a big lead."

Luckily for Eagle senior guard Shane Neal (15 points) didn't let the victory slip away. Curtis (12-6) tied the score at 59-59 on 3-pointer by Samuel Majekodunmi with 5:34 to go in the game, but never took the lead.

"I told myself I had to dial in," said Neal, a three-year varsity player. "That's what our coach always says, to dial in. That's what we did today."

Sophomore Tyrese Crosdale, who has 12 points, scored on an inbounds

play and Neal hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Eagle back up 67-59 with 4:04 remaining. Two buckets by freshman forward Nelson Samuels (10 points) put the game out of reach late.

"I've been expecting that all season from him," Queen said of Neal. "He just hasn't been hitting. Late in the game you want your senior to come through and hit a big shot."

Eagle (17-6), the second place team in the Bronx, is known for being a strong 3-point shooting team. It was its stroke from behind the arc that got it the lead. Malcolm Martinez, who scored 12 points, connected on three treys during a 15-3 Eagle run that put it up 25-12 with 4:20 to go in the first half.

"That's what we do, we are a shooting team" star sophomore guard Marquis Dubose said. "I feel like that is our best strength."

The Eagles are also a very young team that relies on sophomores and freshman to fill in around its veteran core. It used its size to disrupt Curtis in the paint with Samuels and talented junior Teshaun Beckles controlling the glass. Its speed was a factor late when fast break baskets quickly defused the



Eagle junior Malcolm Martinez takes a free throw.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

Warriors attempted to rally again. Adiola Latunji led Curtis with 22 points and James Coccozello added 15.

The victory in an important one for Eagle, which already beat Staten Island leader Susan Wagner, as far as playoffs seeding is concerned. It wasn't

exactly that fashion in which to earn it, but they will certainly take it.

"This was a very big win," Neal said. "In the playoff [seeding] this makes us over Curtis. When they say, who should they should pick, Eagle or Curtis?" They now have to pick Eagle."

Pipe Dreams: New Jets

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Richard Sherman couldn't wait for the Week of Words to talk the talk. "I think people get a skewed view of Tom Brady," he said. "That he's just a clean-cut guy that does everything right and never says a bad word to anyone. We know him to be otherwise."

New Jets

Ian O'Connor (ESPN.com) wrote, "Ryan kept faking it with Geno Smith, kept trying to persuade people to ignore the mounting evidence and take his word for it that Smith would someday soon become a big-time pro. Bowles? The best he could do on Smith was a description of him as "a great college quarterback," and until Smith's play demands something more, that's the way it should be."

Like his hopeless predecessor, John Idzik, Maccagnan isn't a personality that will light up too many rooms. Unlike his predecessor, Maccagnan has a history of evaluating talent, not budget lines. He should have a decent idea of what to do with the \$40 million in salary-cap space at his disposal, and with the sixth overall pick in the draft.

Now the negatives. The Jets still don't have a viable quarterback, or a viable set of cornerbacks to defend against viable quarterbacks. "I have to get in and look at the film and see what the problems were," Bowles said, "whether they were schematically or

whether they were physically."

Memo to Todd: They were both.

One And Done

The Sports Curmudgeon talked about the NBA's drafting problems, "College basketball has become a "one-and-done" proposition with regard to the top draft picks. What that means is that NBA teams with picks in the "Top 5" are selecting kids who may not yet be 20 years old as franchise saviors. Many of these players have never had to play against others with comparable — or even superior — talent and skills. Most of them are not nearly ready physically to turn around a franchise. And that does not even begin to take account of the maturation level to deal with being a professional athlete on a bad team.

Please do not interpret the above as wistful nostalgia for the days when college basketball players went to school and stayed 4 years before going to the NBA. That is not what I am advocating or contemplating. What I am saying is that if a team were going to adopt a "tanking strategy", it would have had a better chance at success under the "old college basketball environment" than it does under the current conditions.

Not So Nice Game

Dan Daly told us about the 1965 Pro-Bowl. "The Pro Bowl 50 years ago certainly caused a stir — the likes of which hasn't been seen since and may

never be again. In the third quarter, Browns quarterback Frank Ryan suffered a dislocated shoulder when he was slammed to the ground by Colts defensive end Gino Marchetti, and Ryan claimed it was retaliation for something that had happened in the NFL title game two weeks earlier.

The backstory: With 26 seconds left in the championship game — and Cleveland leading favored Baltimore 27-0 — Browns fans stormed the field and took down the goal posts. The officials were all for calling it a day at that point, and so were the badly beaten Colts. But Ryan wouldn't go along. Cleveland had the ball at the Baltimore 16, and he wanted to score one more touchdown.

Naturally, this didn't set well with Marchetti and his mates. When the Pro Bowl rolled around, Gino was still steaming about it — and was quoted in various newspapers as saying he wanted "one more shot" at Ryan.

**Old Habits
(Dwight Perry-
Seattle Times)**

Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer was at it again on CBS's "Late Night with David Letterman," refusing to use the word "Michigan" when discussing his team's No. 1 nemesis.

But as Mike Bianchi pointed out in the Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel: "Meyer used to do the same thing (during his Florida tenure) when asked about the Gators' biggest rival — the Gainesville Police Department." NE-

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Ojo returns in Hayes' last-second loss to Loughlin

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

The return of Manhattan College-commit A.K. Ojo wasn't enough to help Cardinal Hayes past Bishop Loughlin.

Keith Williams stepped past a Cardinal Hayes defender, shot off one foot and buried at shot at the buzzer to give Bishop Loughlin its biggest win of the season. Loughlin squeaked by Hayes 58-56 at home in CHSAA Class AA boys' basketball last Friday night. Williams paced Loughlin with 23 points.

"It felt great," Williams said. "Earlier in the season I passed up the opportunity to take that shot and I knew I had to make up for it."

The return of Ojo was bright spot for the Cardinals, who were coming off beating Long Island Lutheran. The senior has been out the last five weeks with a knee injury and only played about 10 minutes against Loughlin. The Cardinals coaching staff wants to ease the big man back into action to avoid another injury.

"We were hoping to get him 10-15 minutes tonight to build up his wind and build him up for the rest of the season," Cardinal Hayes coach Joe Lods said. "He's the biggest guy out there. Big guys are far and few between in the league. So when you get him back in the lineup it's a big



Clive Allen of Cardinal Hayes takes the ball strong to the basket against Bishop Loughlin.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

positive."

Hayes struggled from the free throw line throughout the night and struggled with turnovers early on in the contest. Still it nearly pulled the game out. Senior guard Clive Allen prompted late run by scoring 15 of

his 21 points in the fourth quarter. The run was too little too late.

"We just missed too many free throws," Lods said. "We had a bunch of opportunities but we just didn't cash in on them. We had times where we had the ball in the right

spot with the right players and than we committed costly turnovers. We just need to get back to work. It's a long season with hills and valleys. We'll fix it."

Loughlin's young roster looked like veterans down the stretch. The Lions led 48-42 with four minutes left in the game. Hayes (11-7, 8-3) responded with a 14-10 run leaving Loughlin (7-8, 4-6) in need of some last second heroics.

"We just stayed together tonight and kept pushing," Williams said. "Cardinal Hayes is a tough team to beat. We just kept grinding."

The game's first two quarters were sloppy and it looked like no team wanted to grab momentum from the other. Loughlin woke up on offensively in the second quarter. It came out on an 8-0 run and took the lead from Hayes, 16-12. After the run Loughlin struggled to score and allowed Hayes to fight back. At halftime Loughlin narrowly led 20-19.

Hayes came out on a quick 4-0 run, followed up by Loughlin going on a 13-7 run in the third quarter. Loughlin showed a little bit urgency and went into the fourth quarter up 40-33 over Hayes, but still need a last second shot to pull out the win.

Velocity Track Club New York

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Velocity Track Club New York participated in the Colgate Women's Games semi finals on Saturday, January 31. Last year we had 3 girls qualified for the semi finals, this year we had 8 girls qualified: Nariah Mathis, Dominique Jackson, Pearl Webster, Olyvia Burrell, Jaleah Eargle, Lisha McKenzie, River Sampson and Aysya Brown. Last year we had 1 girl qualified for the finals, this year in this hard competition, we have 6 girls qualified for the 2014 - 2015 Colgate Women Games finals. This is a great accomplishment for the coaching staff and athletes. At the conclusion of the semi-finals, the top six point scorers in each event for each division will be invited to compete in the finals. The following VTC student-athletes qualified for the finals and received their 2015 Colgate Women's Games sweat suits and 6 tickets to bring family & friends: The following athletes are: Olyvia in the Elementary "A" 55 meters race, River in the Elementary "B" 55 meters race, Nariah in the Middle School 55 meters race. Lisha in the Middle School 55 meter hurdles, Pearl in the High School Shot Put and Dominique in the High School 200 meters.

We are so proud of all the girls,

to make the semi finals is a great accomplishment and then make the finals is amazing. Also, to be a freshman in high school, competing against freshmen, sophomores, juniors & seniors and to be in 1st place going into the finals is a testament of Dominique will to win. Then, Pearl who is a sophomore in high school is tie for 3rd place after competing against freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors is amazing. Last year Pearl was Velocity's MVP and Dominique was our Most Improve. Great job!

At the semi-finals, it is customary that they have the Flossie Tienan & Colgate Women's Games Coach of the Year Award. In behalf of the VTC Coaching Staff (George Samuels, Destry Gordon & Kendall Jackson), I was presented the precious award. This was a heartfelt moment for me. They notified my family in advance, whom kept it a secret. They allowed my daughter Laniqua Dinkins, who was a Colgate Finalist a few times, give me the trophy. She drove down that morning from her newly assigned job as the assistant to the Athletic Department for Cedar College in PA. This is a testament of our hard work and dedication to helping our youth. "God is Good, All the Time".

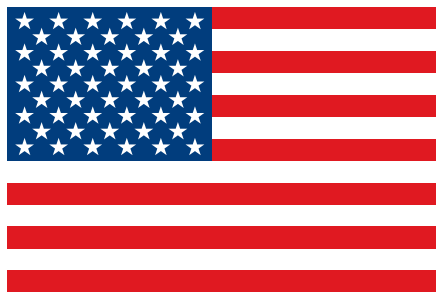


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