

## EDC EXPLORES FERRY SERVICE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Bringing ferry service to Ferry Point Park is being explored.

On the heels of a mayoral announcement that ferry service will link Soundview and Manhattan by 2018, Councilman James Vacca set up a meeting with the New York City Economic Development Corporation to discuss the possibility of having a ferry service link from Ferry Point Park to Manhattan.

The meeting took place on Thursday, February 19 at the NYCEDC's offices in Manhattan.

According to attendees, representatives from the Trump Organization, which is opening a golf course in the park, a ferry service operator, and Steve Kaufman, the president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, took part in the discussion.

The councilman said he thought that the meeting was constructive, but that bringing ferry service to Ferry Point Park was going to be a work in progress.

"We did have several ideas that we brought up to EDC," said Vacca, adding "There is going to be a lot of communication, I hope, between all parties involved."

Vacca said it is only logical that ferry service should help people in areas most distant from Manhattan that are also close to waterfront.

Ferry service under the Bloomberg administration was concentrated in communities that were closer to Manhattan where there were already other transit options, he added.

"Ferry service should be for neighborhoods like Throggs Neck where it takes you over an hour to get to

work in Manhattan," said Vacca. "My entire district has some of the longest commutes in the city."

If you look at documents prepared by transportation advocates, areas in the east Bronx, Staten Island and parts of Queens are referred to as 'transportation deserts,' and yet these far-flung parts of the city have taxpayers just like anywhere else, said Vacca. The city should give every consideration to bringing water taxi service to Ferry Point Park, the councilman said.

"I am just not giving up on this, and that is that," he added.

Part of the argument made to NYCEDC by the local leaders was that the borough is being undeserved with only one planned stop while other

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### NYBG Orchid Show Blooms

The annual Orchid Show opened at the New York Botanical Garden on Saturday, February 28. For more photos from the exhibit, see page 32.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## Diaz: The Bronx is the place to be

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The Bronx is the place to be according to a new report released last week.

On Friday, February 27, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. officially issued his annual development report which highlights the total investment in the Bronx since he first took office in 2009.

The report notes that collectively the borough has seen more than \$7.212 billion in total development within all categories since the beginning of his first term.

Last year alone, the Bronx

witnessed over \$1.13 billion in new development.

This report's debut follows on the heels of last week's 'State of the Borough' address in which the borough president outlined his continued vision for the ongoing prosperity of the Bronx's economy.

"The Bronx continues to grow stronger and stronger each year, as we create new jobs, build new housing and improve quality of life in the borough," said Borough President Diaz. "We will continue to attract the type of in-

vestors that want to help the Bronx flourish and reach its full potential."

Diaz, Jr.'s report illustrates other development highlights from last year including a total of \$788 million in residential development, \$483 million in institutional development, and \$134 million in commercial development across the borough.

Last year saw approximately 405 new addresses issued.

There has been a steady increase in unsubsidized

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# RAIN to repay misused Medicaid program funds

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The state attorney general has reached a settlement with one of the Bronx's largest nonprofits.

On Wednesday, February 25, Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's office announced that they had settled with Regional Aid for Interim Needs, which they state diverted about \$800,000 in Medicaid funding to make mortgage payments on the agency's administrative offices on Morris Park Avenue while they were under reconstruction, vacant and not in use from 2003 to 2008.

This was in violation of RAIN's contract with the city's Human Resource Administration, which oversees the Medicaid funding that the city receives from the federal government and the state Department of Health to fund programs like those run by RAIN and other service providers.

The Department of Investigation initiated the investigation, which was later referred to the state, said a attorney general spokeswoman.

The money used to pay the mortgage was part of programming funds, and was designated for an affiliate, RAIN Home Attendant Services.

"Nonprofits cannot be used as the personal piggy banks of their management," said Schneiderman. "This organization wrongly diverted taxpayer dollars meant to help the elderly to pay off a mortgage on a vacant building."

In a statement, Anderson Torres, RAIN's chief executive officer, said that the organization was pleased to put this behind it.

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**Eric Schneiderman**  
NYS Attorney General

"The settlement resolves matters between RAIN, the New York Attorney General and the New York City Human Resources Administration," he said, adding "Neither RAIN nor any of its current officers, directors or employees violated any law or regulation."

The investigation found that RAIN's former executive director, Louis Vasquez, made the mortgage



The attorney general's investigation found that Louis Vasquez, R.A.I.N.'s former executive director, improperly diverted state funds to make mortgage payments on the organization's office space. File Photo

payments.

Vasquez was also the subject of a separate DOI investigation that found he improperly used a corporate American Express account to pay personal expenses.

The DOI Investigation ended in the Mayor's Office of Contracts requiring the reconstitution of RAIN's board of directors. Vasquez resigned as of September 30, 2013, and the new board was ordered to repay any money used for personal expenses.

As part of this settlement RAIN will repay the nearly \$800,000 used to make the mortgage payments to Medicaid.

RAIN has ten Bronx based full-service community senior centers and provides transportation services, home-delivered meals, assistance with benefits and entitlements, case management and elder abuse services, and a community-based mobile meals program for seniors and a homeless and hungry population.

With a reconstituted board in place, and the settlement behind it, RAIN's CEO says the organization will continue its mission, which it has pursued since 1964.

"RAIN is pleased to continue its mission of the past 50 years to serve the needs of our city's elderly and for social activities, meals and health care," said Torres. "We appreciate the continued support of the community at large."

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**WW II Veteran Dies**  
Arthur Smith, 98, passed



Vic Sabatini (I) of Just Nuts with Empire City Casino entertainment directors.

away recently and is being remembered by his nephew, **Walter Kellermann**, who tells us he is a faithful Bronx Times Reporter reader who picks up the paper at the Throggs Neck Clipper.

Kellermann says Smith was a World War II veteran who served in England. After the war, he worked for New York City Transit. He lived in Edgewater Park.

**Just Nuts Plays Empire Casino**  
Victor Sabatini, a band member of the Throggs Neck-

based Just Nuts Party Band, reports that the ensemble had a great show at Empire City Casino in Yonkers.

*It was a great night out. Special thanks to Dennis Dion Nardone, WVOX Disc Jockey, for spinning some great tunes and to Vincent Defeo for joining us on stage. We will be back at the casino on Saturday, March 28. For more info, call Barbara Antes at (914) 773-7773. Special thanks to Laura of the Bronx Times Reporter.*

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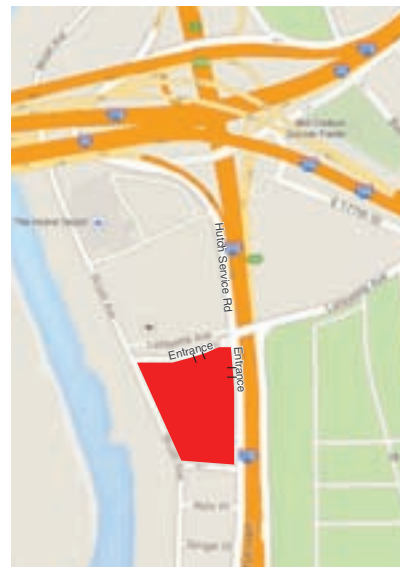


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# Providence Rest's new seawall under construction

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The expansive seawall which has bravely defended Providence Rest from wrathful storms throughout the years is undergoing a much needed renovation.

"We consider this 650-linear foot sea wall 'Our Great Protector' and it is keeping our over 200 residents and property safe from the storms that may come," Susan Steinberg, Providence Rest LNHA administrator expressed.

The eastern portion of the Country Club-based nursing home is surrounded by the majestic Eastchester Bay.

This prime location allows residents to take in the scenic nautical sights while experiencing a deep sense of serenity while sitting by the water's edge.

Unfortunately, such a location can be both a blessing and a curse.

According to Steinberg, the stack stone gravity sea wall has absorbed the brunt of many storms and suppressed the bay's swollen waters.

She added that during Hurricane Sandy, Providence Rest was spared major damage.



Susan Steinberg (l), Providence Rest administrator; Senator Jeff Klein and Sister Seline Mary Flores, Providence Rest CEO.  
Photo courtesy of the Office of Senator Jeff Klein

However, the combination of incredibly potent gale force winds, high tide, and storm surge has taken its toll on the wall's integrity.

Situated only 23 feet from the bay is the nursing home's Ferrari Pavilion which houses approximately 80 residents.

If not for the repair efforts being made, Steinberg said that the building's foundation would be at severe risk of becoming compromised.

The seawall is composed of

large boulders, but some were lost during its battle with the ferocious hurricane.

Following Hurricane Sandy, Providence Rest began working with Senator Jeff Klein and FEMA to start repair efforts.

According to Steinberg, approximately \$318,000 was awarded for the project, but it was not enough.

As a result, they applied for the Superstorm Sandy Social Services Block Grant and

an additional \$1.5 million was awarded toward the project.

Starting this month, construction began on the seawall.

It is reported the reconstruction project is progressing at an efficient pace despite the harsh winter weather.

"During Hurricane Sandy, the seawall at Providence Rest was left severely damaged and in need of major reconstruction. Today, I'm happy to say the project is well underway

and the seniors and staff who live and work there will soon have a sturdy new seawall to protect them from extreme weather and future storms. I'm proud to have been integral in securing more than \$300,000 in funding to get this project off the ground, and I look forward to seeing the seawall completed this spring," Senator Klein stated.

Steinberg explained that construction equipment is currently occupying the fenced off premises near the seawall.

The original walkway has since been demolished and will be replaced with a new one.

The seawall will be filled in with cement to make it more resilient against future storms and hurricanes.

She added that the next phase in the project is to install steel pilings in front of the seawall to reinforce the structure and is expected to be completed by winter's end.

In addition, a parapet will be installed atop the wall to prevent rising water from affecting the area as it did previously.



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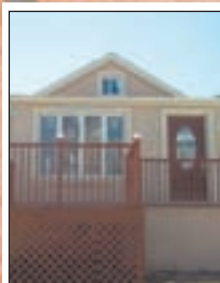


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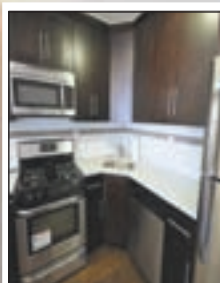
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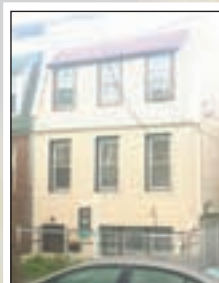
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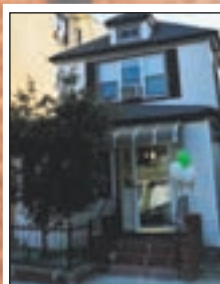
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# MP Patrol returns from 2-month hiatus

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Morris Park Civilian Patrol is back on the streets after an almost two-month hiatus.

At the most recent 49th Precinct Community Council meeting, commanding officer Captain Timothy McCormack announced that in light of the killings of officers Ramos and Liu on December 20 and other targeting of law enforcement at the time, the precinct had suspended the civilian patrol at the end of the year.

Patrols by the precinct's auxiliary officers were also restricted.

Those restrictions were recently lifted, McCormack said at the February 24 meeting. The civilian patrols are back on, and patrols by auxiliary officers are slowly resuming.

"You'll start to see more of them out there," said McCormack.

Although the Morris Park Civilian Patrol operates independently of the local precinct, the Morris Park Community Association was glad to comply with their request to stop patrolling, said president Tony Signorile.

"The 49th Precinct was nice enough to look after our guys and their safety," he said. "It made sense."

The patrol's volunteers were very happy to hear the news that they could get back on the streets, said Signorile, and community members who have been looking for the patrol these past



The Morris Park Community Association's civilian patrols are back on after a January to February hiatus.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

weeks will be glad as well.

"They feel safe when they see us driving in the neighborhood," he said.

The Morris Park Civilian Patrol is made up of 12-15 volunteers who drive around the neighborhood in the community association's blue cars almost every evening, and many days as well, said Signorile.

They're looking for suspicious activity to report to the police, and pro-

vide information to help them make arrests.

Last summer the Morris Park Civilian Patrol helped the 49th Precinct catch a burglar who broke in to a retired cop's house on Hone Avenue while the patrol was nearby.

The patrol has been a presence in the neighborhood for decades, and this year's hiatus was the first Signorile could recall.

The patrol was founded in the 1970s in connection with the Morris Park Community Association after the father of an association officer was mugged.

It's been successful all these years thanks to the dedication of volunteers who spend their free time patrolling, said Signorile, and they could always use more help.

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## 43rd PCT.

**Sunday, Feb. 22, 3:00 a.m.** — A suspect stabbed a 17-year-old male victim with a knife one time in the torso in front of the Motown Deli, located at 1001 Soundview Avenue. The suspect fled, and EMS responded and transported the victim to an area hospital in stable condition. A 16-year-old male was later arrested in connection with the crime.

## 44th PCT.

**Thursday, Feb. 26, 8:20 p.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call of a motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian struck near the intersection of Webster Avenue and East 174th Street. EMS responded to the location and transported the male to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was pronounced DOA. Upon investigation, officers determined that the tractor trailer, exiting the east bound Cross Bronx Expressway exit ramp at Webster Avenue, attempted to make a right turn onto Webster Avenue when it struck the male, who was trying to cross Webster Avenue. The driver remained on the scene.

## 48th PCT.

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 6:25 p.m.** — A 12-year-old girl was walking in the vicinity of East Tremont Avenue and Southern Boulevard when a teenage male suspect walked up to her, grabbed her arm and said that he would kill her if she screamed. The victim complied and the suspect forced her first to 901 E. 179th Street. and attempted to enter the building. With the door locked, the suspect then forced the victim to 915 E. 179th Street. There, he was also unsuccessful. He then forced the victim to an alley on the side of 2064 Daly Avenue. where he raped her. The victim then fled the alley with the suspect running in the opposite direction.

## 50th PCT.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:58 p.m.** — Police responded to a call of a person hit by a vehicle in the vicinity of Broadway and W. 225th St. Officers determined that a 38 year-old male was walking westbound on W. 225th Street when he was struck by a vehicle traveling southbound on Broadway at the intersection of W. 225th Street and fled the scene. EMS transported the victim to Presbyterian Hospital where he was pronounced DOA.

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# CB 10 hears developer's hardship plea

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community Board 10 heard a developer's hardship plea with regards to a vacant parcel in Locust Point last week.

After being rescheduled several times, CB 10's Housing and Zoning Committee heard the plans for new homes near Hammond Cove on Wednesday, February 25. The developer is listed on documents as John Comer.

The developer indicated his plan is to build 5 two-family homes on Longstreet Avenue where only two homes are allowed under the present zoning. He is seeking a variance.

An attorney presented the committee with the information, with no vote taken. In order to obtain the variance, plans need to be filed before the Board of Standards and Appeals.

If this happens, CB 10 would like to have a public hearing in the Locust Point community, said Ken Kearns, the board's district manager.

"His central argument is that if he is not allowed to build five houses, he can't recover his investment, but that

is everybody's argument" said Kearns. "It is not an innovative argument."

The site, situated so close to the cove that pilings would be required, is along an undeveloped part of Longstreet Avenue between Glennon and Hatting places.

It would require a new street in front of the homes, sewer connections, and would have to comply with city resiliency requirements for new construction near the waterfront.

Since the required infrastructure improvements are substantial he wishes to build more to spread the costs over more homes.

Kearns said that the board viewed the hardship claim with skepticism.

"That is everybody's argument," he said. "That is why the Board of Standards and Appeals exist."

Mary Jane Musano, a meeting attendee who is a Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association board member, said that the surrounding communities are watching this development because they feel it



This vacant land, on an undeveloped part of Longstreet Avenue in Locust Point, may see five two-family homes, if a developer's plans are approved. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

will set a precedent for builders in nearby neighborhoods.

"He is asking for all sorts of variances and I don't think he deserves any of them," said Musano, who added she feels the developer should accept the results of his decisions and not ask the community to bail him out.

The plans that were presented at CB 10 seemed identical to those the developer

presented to the Locust Point Civic Association late last year, said the organization's president Joe Donovan. If there were any differences, they were minor, technical details, he said.

"The community board wanted to hear what (the developer) had to say," he said. "They wanted clarification on the exact variances he is going to be looking for."

The board was told that multiple variances would be sought, including those for setback and permitted square footage, said Donovan.

"The tone I got is that the board did not seem to have a favorable opinion of the request," said Donovan, adding he does not see the plan gaining community support, at least in the form it was presented.

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**Joanne Timmins, LCSWR**  
**TNCAP Community Organizer**

## Cheapskate?

Dear editor,  
 In answer to Daniel E. Boyle's letter of February

20, do you ever read Catholic New Yorker? If you do, surely you read Cardinal Dolan's article on almsgiving.  
 In it he states many reasons for almsgiving, including, "Would I very much miss the works of the church if they had to disappear due to no money?"  
 This question can be answered on a local, as well as a worldwide level. He also states that "almsgiving means giving from one's need, that is, to the point of sacrifice."  
 A worthy Lenten practice. I don't know about you, but I enjoy a clean, warm church and a well-equipped school.

I'd miss them all should they close due to lack of funds.

So, Mr. Boyle, hold back on all those second collections and maybe you can call your boat 'Cheapskate.'

**Marjorie O'Neil**

## Tree roots cause costly repairs

Dear editor,  
 In the Bronx, and the other boroughs as well, tree roots damage sidewalks and the homeowner ends up footing the bill.  
 The city has programs responsible for maintaining trees on public land and

for maintaining public sidewalks.

Yet, homeowners are repeatedly squeezed by fear of lawsuits, into picking up these costs due to unpublicized work lists, supposedly based on efficient operations.

Everyone is at the bottom of the list, sometimes for years.

Maybe it is time for a real estate tax rebate based on homeowners absorbing such public costs.

Either that or have the mayor have his contractors do their jobs more efficiently.

**Joe Coco**

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# Snow clogs White Plains Road municipal parking lot

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Most of a public municipal parking lot on White Plains Road is still covered with snow from the winter's storms.

The White Plains Road Municipal Parking Field, located on 2071 White Plains Road between Maran Place and Brady Avenue, still has yet to be plowed or shoveled after NYC received an accumulation of over two feet (and counting) of snow this winter.

The 35,000 square foot parking lot, which currently holds 93 cars, including five handicap spots, is purposed for half-hour Muni meter parking and monthly parking, the latter of which requires a permit.

Half the spaces are reserved for permit parking and its these vehicles that are preventing the lot from being plowed because they don't have to move for up to a month.

"Every winter, for years, I see this same occurrence take place," said Elaine Feder, treasurer for the Pelham Parkway

Neighborhood Association.

Feder, who is a longtime Pelham Parkway resident, also explained that the DOT and/or the Sanitation Department needs to take control of the situation and remove the snow before it turns to ice. "Somebody needs to take responsibility," Feder added.

According to neighborhood businesses, since the lot is out of commission, parking is at a premium on White Plains Road and nearby streets.

"The fact that this municipal parking lot has not been cleared of snow has caused an issue for drivers looking to park in the lot as well as drivers looking to park on the street," said Joe Thompson, who works across the street as executive director of the White Plains Road Business Improvement District.

"This issue definitely affects us (the BID) because when drivers can't park in the municipal parking lot, they use up the limited street parking."

Thompson has been trying to add more parking spaces in the White Plains Road Municipal Parking Field for years along with Community Board 11, but the process has been difficult, since residents living in nearby apartments have complained of exhaust and gas emissions from pre-parked cars in the past.

"Sanitation groups have maintained the White Plains Road strip, and have done a great job clearing the area of snow after each storm," said Thompson. "It's harder to clear the snow from a municipal parking lot when the lot isn't empty of cars. If there was a way that the city could communicate with the lot's permit holders about when they should move their cars during a snowstorm, clearing this lot would prove to be a lot easier."

The DOT did not return requests for comment.

*Additional reporting contributed by Robert Wirsing*



A majority of the White Plains Road Municipal Parking Field still hasn't been plowed or shoveled weeks after multiple snowstorms hit the Bronx. Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

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# Drive for Albanian flood victims

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

As you gear up for spring cleaning, consider clearing out your closet for a cause.

Three local organizations have teamed up for a clothing drive to benefit victims of flooding in Albania.

The Albanian American Open Hand Association, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, and the Albanian American Women Hope & Peace Organization have partnered to send aid to Albanians whose possessions were destroyed in the wake of heavy rain.

"These people lost everything," said Aleksander Nilaj of the Albanian American Open Hand Association.

During the first week in February, flooding left about 42,000 acres under water in four southern districts in Albania, causing more than 600 families to be evacuated, according to reports from the Associated Press. Two women died from flooding and cold weather, and residents lost about 3,500 sheep and cattle.

"These people are in desperate circumstances," said Andrea Siegel of the PPNA.

"It's good to help people living in those conditions," said Mimoza Dajci, of the women's organization.

The groups are collecting clothing and toiletries to send to Caritas Albania, a Catholic humanitarian organization.

The organization will hand out clothing to those in need, said Nilaj, and his contacts there will send back photographs of the distribution.

The groups are planning to come together to pack up the goods near the end of March.

This is not the first time the PPNA and the Open Hand Association have collaborated to provide aid. Last year they sent 125 boxes, with at least 4,000 lbs. of clothing, to Bosnia after a similar catastrophe.

"We try to help whoever is really wanting at the time," said Siegel.

In the spirit of lending a helping hand, the organizations will continue to accept clothing donations, as well as toiletries and canned food, well after the drive for Albania ends.

They want the effort to be ongoing, in order to collect aid for those in need closer to



(l-r) Edith Blitzer of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association; Mimoza Dajci of the Albanian American Women Hope and Peace Organization; Aleksander Nilaj of the Albanian American Open Hand Association and Andrea Siegel of PPNA. Community News Group / Jaime Williams



Flooded street in Darzeze village, Albania, on February 7. Thousands of army, police and emergency personnel have evacuated hundreds of families and helped others survive in the difficult conditions.

AP Photo/Hektor Pustina

home, said Edith Blitzer, president of the PPNA.

"You don't have to wait for an emergency," she said.

There are many local drop off points for the drive including Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's office at 2018 Williamsbridge Road, Councilman James Vac-

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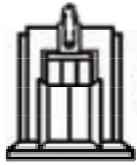
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# Bronx Faces and Voices highlights '70s recollections

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Stories of the Bronx in the 1970s often focus on the borough as a symbol of urban decay.

But a new book, *Bronx Faces and Voices: Sixteen Stories of Courage and Community*, focuses on the people who played a positive role in that era of the borough's history.

The book, recently published by Texas Tech University Press, is a collection of oral histories told to Emta Hill in the early 1980s. Hill and her collaborator Janet Munch spoke at the Bartow-Pell Mansion on Thursday, February 26 as part of the museum's local author spotlight series.

The original oral histories were collected as part of the Bronx Regional History Project, directed by Hill when she was a professor at Lehman College.

More than 400 oral histories, in addition to photographs and other documents, were collected and archived as part of the project. Hill herself conducted 30 interviews about Bronxite's experiences before and during

the 1970s.

Hill left Lehman College after 20 years for University of Indiana Kokomo in 1990, but said the conversations she had with Bronxites through the project stuck with her.

"I had never forgotten these stories," said Hill.

The project sought out community leaders and activists, and Hill said that her interview subjects would often lead her to other individuals she would not have found on her own.

"They were guiding me to interesting people who were not making headlines," said Hill.

Their stories illustrate a strong sense of community during a relatively unstable time.

"These were the people that didn't leave," said Hill. "These were good people protecting their communities, protecting each other through the worst of it."

Nearly 30 years after the oral histories were initially documented and archived, Hill decided she wanted to share them with a larger au-

dience.

She organized 16 of her most interesting interviews with activists, religious leaders and politicians—edited with a light hand—into the publication.

"I wasn't writing a book, I was documenting memories," said Hill of the process.

And while the stories she's documented are deeply personal, they are also of historic value.

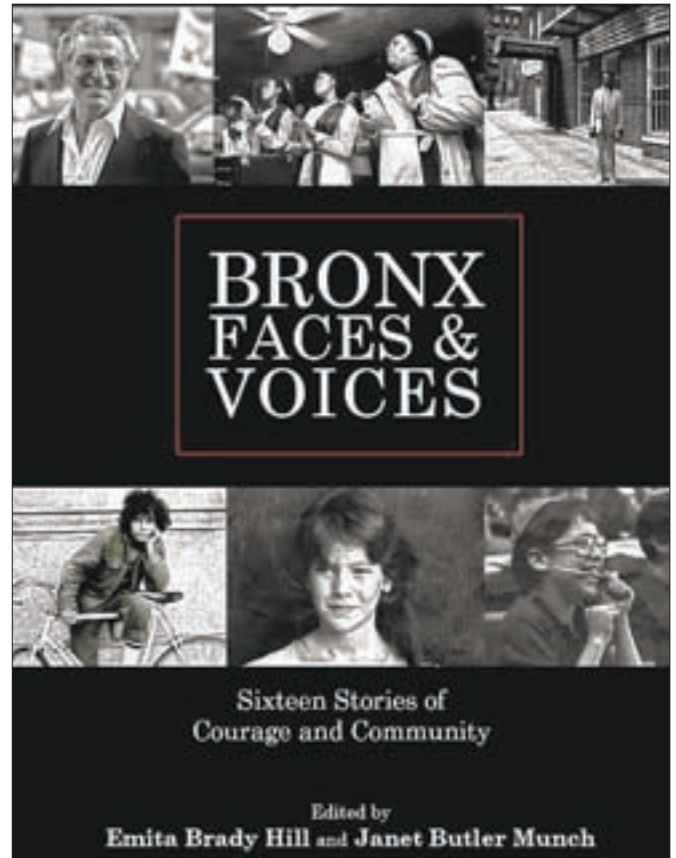
In order to create a book that would be useful to academics, Hill collaborated with Munch, an associate professor and special collections librarian at Lehman College.

Using Lehman College's archives, Munch wrote the extensive, illuminating footnotes that add context to the subjects' stories.

"I was able to draw on all the resources we have," she said. "The oral histories that are in the book are just part of the collection."

"It takes you back in time," said Munch.

*Bronx Faces and Voices* is available in print and as an e-book through Amazon.com.



Emta Brady Hill and Janet Butler Munch discussed their book, *Bronx Faces & Voices: Sixteen Stories of Courage and Community*, at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's local author spotlight series.

Courtesy of Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum

## Mayor Bill de Blasio's Affordable Housing Policy:

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#### 10:00 a.m.

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# 'Notorious' VN property has new management

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A notorious Van Nest building may be heading towards redemption.

For years, 1663 Garfield Street has been a public nuisance to the area's residents.

Local residents refer to the building as a crime den where trespassers have unrestricted access.

In late 2012, a male teenager armed with a loaded semi-automatic pistol was apprehended on its rooftop.

The building has been neglected by its owner and property manager, Erik Clayton, since ownership changed hands in 2011, according to Councilman Ritchie Torres.

That same year, the NYC Housing Preservation and Development placed the program in a protective housing code enforcement program.

Councilman Torres and his office convinced HPD to continue inspecting 1663 Garfield Street and pursue an Article 7A proceeding, which would have placed the property in the hands of a court-appointed administrator.

"I am proud to have successfully persuaded the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to pursue a 7A administrative proceeding against the most notorious slumlord in Van Nest. The appointment of an administrator shows that city government can successfully advocate for tenants when

landlords abandon their responsibilities," the councilman said.

The Article 7A program aims to repair buildings in such catastrophic disrepair that its condition is deemed dangerous to tenant's lives, health or safety.

All restorative responsibilities are transferred from the owner to a court-appointed overseer.

A building can be nominated for a 7A by HPD recommendation or tenant petition. To qualify, every apartment must have at least two serious violations.

Upon nomination, a housing court judge may appoint private administrators to manage the property if it meets the 'abandoned' and 'dangerous' criterion.

Exempting constant recorded instances of maintenance failure, housing judges may allow the owner a final chance to make the necessary repairs.

Once assigned, the 7A administrator is required to utilize all rent rolls to make repairs. The administrator is also permitted to raise rents to cover the cost of the improvements.

The Garfield Street building has only six units.

According to HPD, there are 89 open violations on the property, approximately 15 violations per unit.

The court case's success marks a clear victory in protecting the rights of



Located in Van Nest, 1663 Garfield Street is known to many as crime plagued.

Photo by Walter Pofeltd

1663 Garfield Street's residents.

Bernadette Ferrara, Van Nest Neighborhood Association vice president and longtime Van Nest resident, explained that VNNA had the councilman visit this building during a community tour.

"His speciality is in housing and we made it a point for him to visit this building. We have children that live on that block," Ferrara said.

Ferrara, a Community Board 11 board member representing Van Nest, added that the community is receptive to the administrator, who is welcome to attend VNNA's monthly meetings at the Monsignor Fiorentino Apartments.

"We would like to see this administrator be more proactive with the community and help raise the quality of life here in Van Nest," she expressed.

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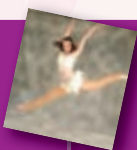
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# NY Yankee Leadership winners

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Youth from the east Bronx were honored for their volunteerism and sense of community.

As it is throughout the borough, the winners of the New York Yankee Youth Leadership Awards in community boards 10 and 11 volunteer in their schools and neighborhoods.

Martin Prince, CB 10 chairman, said that these young men and women are following a tradition of service to the community.

“The most basic way to help is through volunteer service,

which shows commitment to a community and a cause,” said Prince. “We are always going to need people who can speak for the community and themselves.”

Five young people were presented with awards, including a \$750 check, on Monday, February 23 in a ceremony at CB10.

Madeline Bonsignore from Preston High School; Gabriel Cuilan of Truman High School; Jason Alexandre Jenkins, Salesian High School; William Mendez of Monsignor Scanlan High School and Joel Ri-

vas from Lehman High School were honored.

At Community Board 11, community associations nominate the winners.

The civic-minded youth were presented with their checks and certificates at the board general board meeting on Tuesday, February 26.

Taking home honors were Grace Correa, Allerton Avenue Home Owners and Tenants Association; Danielle Giocondo, Morris Park Community Association; Andrew Melillo, North East Bronx Association and Stephanie Russell, Parkside Resident Council.

According to information furnished to the Bronx Times, Bonsignore is a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher at St. Clare’s Church and a member of the Preston Student Team Ambassador Recruitment program. She is in her junior year.

Cuilian attended a trip protesting gun violence and tutored younger children at the Young Achievers After School program in 2013 and 2014.

Jenkins, a sophomore, volunteers at a food pantry where he prepares and distributes



Community Board 11’s winners are pictured: (front, l-r) Correa, Russell, Melillo, and Giocondo. Community News Group \ Photo by Parick Rocchio

food. He is also a math and science tutor for younger students.

Mendez is a math tutor at Scanlan’s Peer Instructional Network, does clean-up and tree planting with the Bronx River Alliance and is an assistant to clergy and community at Holy Cross Church.

Rivas took part in a three-day renovation of a Peruvian school, and was a soup kitchen volunteer in 2011 and 2012. He is a tour guide for Hatian college students in New York City.

Correa is a volunteer at a Veterans Administration hospital and with the Allerton Avenue Home Owners and Tenants Association.

Giocondo completed many

hours of service at CB 11 and she also received a leadership award from the New York City Commission on Women’s Issues.

Melillo volunteered at CB 11, dealing with everything from office walk-ins to assisting the district manager with on-site visits.

Russell serves as a mentor for Peer Group Connection at Lehman High School where she works to inspire younger children to become engaged leaders.

As part of the awards, the youth will take part in an on-the-field ceremony at Yankee Stadium at one of the New York Yankee games this season.



CB 10 winners (front, l-r) William Mendez accepting for his son, Jason Jenkins, Madeline Bonsignore, Gabriel Cuilan and Joel Rivas .

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# New Pelham Bay restaurant already a hit

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Italian and seafood restaurants aren't hard to find in the Bronx. However, a new establishment has already proved that it stands out.

DaFranco & Tony Ristorante, located at 2815 Middletown Road near Westchester Avenue and the Middletown Road IRT train station, has been open for just over three months and has already been awarded for its delicious cuisine and romantic atmosphere.

The restaurant, which officially opened on Wednesday, December 3, came to fruition when brothers Frank and Tony Hasanramaj considered opening an Italian restaurant.

They were already partners of Frank's Pizza on 2823 Middletown Road, just up the block from the restaurant, a pizzeria that has been open for 15 years.

In time, it came to Frank and Tony's attention that a location just up the block from the pizzeria had space available.

"The best thing about

this restaurant's location is that we see so many familiar faces that we saw in the pizzeria," said Frank, who was born in Kosova and moved to the United States when he was 17. "We've also seen customers travel in from Manhattan and Westchester, which is a great sign for potential future expansion."

Hasanramaj went on to mention that in the short time that the restaurant has been open, it has received visits from the Bronx's big names, such as Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Councilman James Vacca and president of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, Steve Kaufman. He explained that once the winter months pass he will open up the backyard patio to give customers more space and seating options.

"We have received a lot of support since we opened and we hope our customers keep coming back for all occasions," he said.

One of the biggest restaurant occasions of the year, Valentine's Day, was a

huge hit at the new eatery. For the holiday, DaFranco & Tony Ristorante was full, and led to the restaurant being acknowledged as February's Most Romantic Restaurant by restaurant reviewer Tasty Ladies NY.

"The food is excellent and it's a great new restaurant for the area," said Bailey Provetto, founder and owner of Tasty Ladies NY.

"I love the Bronx - we have the best restaurants with the best variety of cuisine and I love to promote them," she said.



(Right) DaFranco & Tony Ristorante, which opened just three months ago, has already received tons of positive feedback and support from the community.

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# State-supported tax prep sites open

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

There is an alternative way for residents in the Bronx, the city and the state of New York to file their taxes - affordably, safely and in a timely fashion.

On Wednesday, February 18, Governor Cuomo announced the launch of an expanded network of free tax filing assistance sites across New York, which includes the opening of three FSA, or facilitated self-assisted, tax preparation locations in the Bronx.

The three locations include Eastchester Library, 1385 E. Gun Hill Road, Melrose Library, 910 Morris Avenue and Mott Haven Library, 321 E. 140th Street, just off of Alexander Avenue.

Each of the state's FSA sites, which are staffed by the State Department of Taxation and Finance tax experts, who are IRS-trained and certified, are available to residents and families who earned less than a household gross income of \$60,000 last year.

Last year, more than 70% of the 10 million New Yorkers filed their taxes with a tax preparer, which is both expensive and risky, considering that a tax filing can cost hundreds of dollars and that not all 'tax preparers' are registered with the IRS and the NY Tax Department.

However, FSA sites ensure that tax payers can now electronically file their taxes safely with the right assistance. Select FSA sites also offer staff who can speak in foreign languages, such as Chinese, Spanish or Russian, which will greatly benefit the city and state immigrant population. The FSA locations at the Eastchester and Melrose libraries offer staff fluent in Spanish.

Appointments at all FSA sites are recommended, but walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

"By helping hard-working families and individuals file their taxes, we're ensuring that more people can get their taxes done on time and accurately," said Cuomo.

| Location (and language assistance)   | Dates and hours   | Contact        |
|--|---|----------------|
| Eastchester Library<br>1385 E Gun Hill Road<br>Bronx, NY 10469<br>Spanish                        | Thursdays<br>10:00am - 3:00pm<br><br>Saturdays<br>2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11<br>10:00am - 3:00pm                     | (718) 653-3292 |
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A chart of the locations, dates and times of each FSA session taking place in the Bronx, along with language assistance. Contact information is also included.

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

"We want to help cut down on confusion - and by enhancing free access at dozens of key assistance centers across the state, more families and individuals can maximize their refund."

The new FSA sites will also complement previously-existing locations, as well as previously-existing VITA, or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, locations, which offer

free tax assistance to residents who earn \$53,000 or less, people with disabilities, the elderly and limited English speaking taxpayers.

Currently, there are 200 VITA locations throughout the five boroughs, and more than 800 locations in New York State where individuals can visit to get their federal and state returns e-filed for free.

"To support taxpayers, we have many employee volunteers helping New Yorkers do their taxes accurately at no cost," said Nonie Manion, executive deputy commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. "Not only do taxpayers prepare their taxes free of charge, but they'll learn how to do it themselves for future years."

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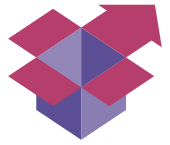
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# Bronx beat

## Soundview Walking Tour

**Soundview Historic Walking Tour** will be held on Saturday, March 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

The community of Soundview today comprises the immediate area across the Bronx River in the southeastern part of the borough and dubbed "The Gateway of the East Bronx" in the first part of this walking tour given in 2012. Soundview today is a thriving community of ethnic groups and commercial verve. Join BCHS Educator Angel Hernandez on a historic stroll through Soundview as he points out historic sites as well as the present attractions of the area. This tour meets at the foot of The Bronx-bound #6 Whitlock Avenue subway station staircase. Bronx buses #4 and #27 also stop near this location and the tour will terminate at the Morrison-Soundview Avenue #6 train station on Morrison Avenue.

Each tour costs \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Call (718) 881-8900 to reserve your ticket. The tours generally run about 75 minutes.

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On Sunday, March 29, Rabbi David Borenstein will be giving a free lecture at **Van Cortlandt Jewish Center** on Passover Secrets at 10 a.m. This is preceded by a free bagel and cream cheese breakfast at 9:15 a.m. Donations are welcome. Van Cortlandt Jewish Center is located at 3880 Sedgwick Avenue. For more information call (718) 884-6105.

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The **Bronx Council on the Arts** and the Huntington Free Library (HFL) present a family-friendly, hands-on "Recycle Art" craft workshop with Star Nigro on Saturday, March 21, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Huntington Free Library (9 Westchester Square, next to the Apple Savings Bank). This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Join artist Star Nigro as she shows you cool and clever ways to make great eco art. Learn to construct a masterpiece by creatively recycling old & new elements. Make eco-logical art. Fun for everyone!

The 2014-15 family craft workshop series concludes on Saturday, April 18, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., when BCA presents a "Printmaking Workshop" with Laura Alvarez. Be part of Laura's imaginary world of color, fantastic creatures and fun characters. Using watercolor, block print, acrylics and ink, she recycles anything possible and transforms it into art, and she will show you how to do the same.

Admission to all workshops is free. For information, call (718) 931-9500.

The Saturday Family Craft Workshop series will return in October. Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) regularly for up-

dates on other workshops, programs and activities presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts.

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The NYC Parks Experience **Summer Day Camp** is one of New York City's most affordable camp programs. They provide seven weeks of fun-filled days for children ages 6-13, at locations across the city. Campers will go on trips throughout the five boroughs, participate in sports, fitness and outdoor adventure activities, and much more. Campers are supervised by experienced CPR and AED certified staff.

A registration lottery is open from Friday, March 6 to Sunday, March 15. Applicants will be notified of the lottery results by e-mail after the registration period closes.

More details on enrollment and the application process, and a full list of summer camp locations can be found at [nyc.gov/parks/summercamp](http://nyc.gov/parks/summercamp)

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The loss of a child is the most devastating experience a parent can face and missing the child never goes away. A piece of the past and present are lost and your future is forever changed. Many grieving parents question whether life will hold any meaning for them and wonder how they will survive the pain of their loss. Parents feel alone and isolated in their grief, as friends and relatives are often at a loss as to what to say. But it is important to talk to people who understand the loss.

Support groups for bereaved parents offer a place to talk about your child, your loss, fears, anger, anxieties, and other feelings. These groups also help parents learn from the experiences of others who have suffered the same type of loss. Therefore, **Calvary Hospital** is starting a new group "Death of an Adult Child Bereavement Group."

Groups are free and open to the public every Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road. Call (718) 518-2370

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Dr. David A. Heath, president of the **SUNY College of Optometry**, announced that Bronx resident Liduvina Martinez-Gonzalez would assume the role of vice president for clinical administration and executive director of the University Eye Center, the clinical facility.

Martinez-Gonzalez, who has served as the UEC's chief operations officer since 2006, has more than 25 years of experience in health care management. In addition to her role as COO, she has served as associate director for clinical administration (1992 - 2006) and as assistant director for clinical administration (1990 - 1992) at the UEC.

## Exit Realty seminars

Real estate agents from Exit Realty Search in the Bronx will be hosting free Home Buyer Seminar on March 7, at 2125 Williamsbridge Road, 2nd floor.

Exit Realty Search will be hosting a Free Home Buyer Seminar with the help of Residential Home Funding. Valued Real Estate professionals will discuss the current market place, loan programs that cater to the buyer's specific needs. Exit Realty Search will also educate buyers on how to find a reliable Real Estate

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Exit Realty Search is located at 3928 E. Tremont Avenue. For more information, call or visit [www.ExitRealtySearch.com](http://www.ExitRealtySearch.com).

### Request for Bids for the Operation of Three (3) Beach Equipment Rental and Merchandise Carts at Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park, The Bronx

In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Concession Rules of the City of New York, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks") is issuing, as of the date of this notice, a Request for Bids (RFB) for the operation of three (3) beach equipment rental and merchandise carts at Orchard Beach in Pelham Bay Park, Bronx.

There will be a recommended site visit on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. We will be meeting at the proposed concession site (Block # 5650 & Lot # 1) on the lower level of the Orchard Beach Main Pavilion, section 9 on the beach side, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx. If you are considering responding to this RFB, please make every effort to attend this recommended site visit. Proposers should note that Orchard Beach is not accessible by public transportation this time of year and should plan accordingly. All proposals submitted in response to this RFB must be submitted no later than Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

Hard copies of the RFB can be obtained, at no cost, commencing on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and holidays, at the Revenue Division of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, which is located at 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 407, New York, NY 10065.

The RFB is also available for download, commencing on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 on the Parks' website. To download the RFB, visit [www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/businessopportunities), click on the link for "Concessions Opportunities at Parks" and, after logging in, click on the "download" link that appears adjacent to the RFB's description.

For more information or to request to receive a copy of the RFB by mail, prospective proposers may contact Santiago Zindel, Project Manager, at (212) 360-3407 or at [santiago.zindel@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:santiago.zindel@parks.nyc.gov).

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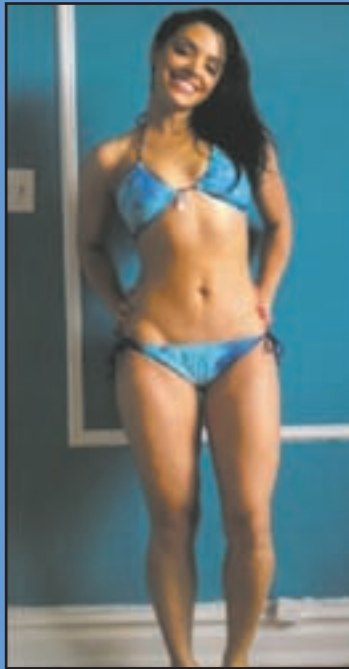
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## Orchid Show opens at New York Botanical Garden

Everyone's favorite event, the Orchid Show, opened at the New York Botanical Garden on February 28. The exhibit, 'The Orchid Show: Chandeliers,' transforms the galleries of the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory into a breath-taking collage of vibrant color.



## HOW TO AVOID GROWING BORED IN RETIREMENT

From the moment young men and women first walk into the office for their first day as a working professional until the day they officially retire, the notion of planning for retirement is never far from their minds. But when the day to hang up the briefcase and donate all those business suits arrives, some retirees wonder what to do next. Some retirees know exactly how they will spend their days when they no longer have to work, while others who decide to play it by ear may find themselves battling boredom.

For those among the latter group, it's important to understand that many retirees find themselves bored once they no longer have to focus on a career. Jobs keep men and women busy and provide a sense of purpose in their lives, so it's understandable that retirees feel bored once those jobs are no longer a part of their lives. But just because you no longer have an office to go to every day does not mean life cannot be as fulfilling or even more fulfilling than it was when you were still working. You just need

to find something to avoid succumbing to retirement boredom.

**Work part-time.** Though it might seem odd to start working right after you retire, a part-time job can provide the type of structure you have grown accustomed to without all of the responsibility that comes with a full-time career. Part-time jobs can range from consultancy work that makes use of your professional experience to something entirely different like landscape maintenance at a nearby golf course that gets you out of the house and enjoying the warmer seasons. Whichever you choose, make sure it's something you find fun and interesting.

**Embrace a new hobby.** Working professionals often say they wish they had time to pursue a hobby. Now that you are retired, you have all the time in the world to do just that. Whether it's perfecting your golf game, writing that novel, learning to cook like a gourmet chef, or whatever else you might have always wanted to do, retirement is a great time to do it.

**Get in shape.** If retirement boredom has started to negatively

affect your mood, one great way to conquer your boredom and improve your mood at the same time is to start exercising. Exercise is a natural mood enhancer. When the body exercises, it releases chemicals known as endorphins, which trigger positive feelings in the body. In addition, regular exercise has been shown to reduce stress, boost self-esteem, and improve sleep. Working out at a gym also is a great way to meet fellow retirees in your community, and the energy you have after exercising may give you the boost you need to pursue other hobbies.

**Volunteer.** If a part-time job is not up your alley, then consider volunteering in your community. Volunteers are always in demand, and volunteering with a local charity can provide a sense of purpose and provide opportunities to meet like-minded fellow retirees, all while helping to quell your boredom. Retirees who love to travel can combine their passion for volunteering with their love of travel by signing up to work with an international relief organization that travels abroad to help the less fortunate.



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# Things to consider before downsizing your home

The decision to downsize a home is often bittersweet. Many couples who downsize their homes do so after raising a family. A home might be filled with memories, but downsizing a home helps couples save more money, and that financial flexibility often allows men and women to more fully enjoy their retirement.

But in spite of the financial impact of downsizing a home, there's more than just money at stake for homeowners thinking of downsizing their homes. The following are a handful of factors homeowners should consider before downsizing to a smaller home.

## Real estate market

The real estate market can be a seller's friend or foe. Many sellers have a sale price in mind when they decide to sell their home, but the real estate market can be fickle, so homeowners should do their research before putting their home up for sale.

Will the current market make it easier for you to get the most for your home, or will you have to settle for less than you prefer? How fast are similar homes in your area selling? When studying the real estate market, it's also a good idea to study the market for smaller homes. If you plan on moving into a condominium

but the market is not flush with properties, you might end up paying more than you want to for your new home, which might negate the savings you can expect from downsizing.

## Furniture

When downsizing to a smaller home, many couples realize their current furniture is unlikely to fit into a smaller home. That means couples will have to sell or donate their current furniture and then buy all new items for their new home. If it's been a while since you purchased new furniture, you might be in for some sticker shock on your first visit to the furniture store.

Another thing to consider regarding your furniture is which items you simply can't live without. An antique dinner table might have been the centerpiece for your family holidays over the last several decades, but there's no guarantee it will fit into your smaller home. You may want to pass this down to your son or daughter, but that's only possible if he or she has the room for it. Before deciding to downsize, consider your attachment to certain items that you may or may not be able to take with you to your new home and the emotional toll that



Older couples must consider a host of factors before deciding to downsize their homes.

selling such items might take if you're left with no other options.

## Proximity to family

When downsizing to a smaller home, many couples move out of the suburbs and into cities or towns with

more ready access to culture and restaurants. While that accessibility is great, grandparents may find that it comes at the cost of less time with their grandchildren.

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## Depression and our Seniors

While there is a common belief that depression is a normal part of aging. It's not. But unfortunately it is prevalent among the elderly. It is not uncommon for people of all ages to experience bouts of sadness but amongst the elderly the results can be debilitating and life threatening. Some examples of the devastating effects of depression can be increases in the risk for cardiac diseases and exacerbates a person's ability to recover from other illnesses. Increases in the risk of mortality and feelings of hopelessness may dissuade older individuals from following their treatment. Clinical depression is a disorder that effects mood, feelings, behavior and potentially physical health and is diagnosed when sadness is persistent or begins to affect a person's ability to function normally.

Depression is the most significant risk factor for suicide. And suicide is more common among older individuals than any other age group in the U.S. The elderly make up about 13 percent of the U.S population, but they account

for 20 percent of deaths by suicide, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

Fortunately, depression is highly treatable.

### Symptoms

Depression is often overlooked among the elderly. The problem lies in that it is often hard to spot and distinguish from other conditions or treatments which cause similar symptoms.

Family members should look for the following signs in their loved ones:

- Agitation or Anxiety
- Persistent feelings of guilt
- Social withdrawal
- Appetite disturbance
- Unexplained weight loss or gain
- Lack of attention to personal care
- Sleep disturbance
- Loss of interest in normally pleasurable activities
- Feelings of discouragement or hopelessness

### Triggers

Roughly Six million Ameri-

cans over the age of 65 struggles with depression. Changes to body (biological) and or mind (psychological) factors that often accompany the aging process may contribute to depression among our seniors. Examples are:

- Social isolation and loneliness
  - Onset of a serious illness like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Stroke or Cancer
  - The use of certain medications (which can trigger depression or worsen existing conditions)
  - Stressors like the loss of a spouse or close friends
  - Struggling with loss of independence
  - Living with a chronic medical illness
  - A change in environment such as moving into a new home
- These factors can all trigger or increase depression.

### Treatment

Patients can be successfully treated with their depression in a number of ways. In general the treatments for depression in

younger patients are the same in the elderly. Medications (antidepressants) and/or psychotherapy are usually the techniques Professionals will treat their patients with successful results.

Physical activity, staying busy by keeping the mind and body occupied, and maintaining social interactions through activities and time spent with family and friends can be key to warding off serious bouts of depression.

### If You Suspect a Problem, What Should You Do?

- Talk with your physician. Explain how you feel and describe what is not normal for you. Have a list of all medications, vitamin, mineral, and herbal supplements
- Talk to a trusted friend, family member, or spiritual advisor

### Talking with Your Doctor, Pharmacist, or Other Health Care Providers

- Have a list of all medications, herbal remedies, vitamin, mineral and herbal supplements
- Ask questions. Take a list if necessary.
- Don't be shy or embarrassed. Explain how you feel.
- Remind your doctors and pharmacist about your medical

history

- Ask for advice and instructions in clear writing
- Ask for a follow-up visit if all your questions cannot be answered during your appointment

A healthy mind contributes to a healthy body. Depression is a treatable illness and physicians and family members should not mistake it as normal symptoms of aging.

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# HOW TO EAT AFTER AGE 50

As people age, their dietary needs begin to change. Foods that were once staples of your diet as a youth may be restricted once you hit a certain age, while other foods you may have always avoided may now be necessary to fuel and support a healthy body.

Eating healthy foods and exercising may not be enough to sustain health, as hormonal changes and other health effects as a person reaches age 50 can have a profound impact on his or her nutritional requirements. The following are a few things men and women over 50 may want to consider as they look to eat a healthy diet for years to come.

## Vitamin D

Both men and women age 50 and up have a reduced ability to produce vitamin D through exposure to the sun. Extra vitamin D will be needed from foods and supplements. Everyone over the age of 50 should take a daily vitamin D supplement of 400 IU (10 µg), accord-

ing to Canada's Food Guide. Without adequate vitamin D, bone strength and health can deteriorate because vitamin D promotes calcium absorption. Vitamin D also has other roles, including helping neuromuscular and immune function and reducing inflammation.

## Friendly fats

People over age 50 should increase their intake of unsaturated fats and reduce consumption of saturated fats. Nutrient-rich unsaturated fats can guard against heart conditions, protect against stroke, keep skin supple, and even help men and women maintain good neurological health. Omega-3 fatty acids can be found in nuts, olives, seeds, and fish.

## Increase protein

According to Dr. Christine Gerbstadt, a spokesperson for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, as they age, men and women need more protein in their diets to maintain their muscle



Dietary recommendations change for people age 50 and older.

mass. The amount of protein needed at a younger age no longer may be adequate. Look for lean sources of protein from fish and poultry. Beans are also a low-fat source of protein that can help fulfill daily protein requirements.

## More fiber

Eating more fiber can help with digestive and intestinal problems, such

as constipation. Constipation can occur when fiber intake is low, coupled with a more sedentary lifestyle. The best way to get fiber is through diet. Leave the skins on fruit and vegetables and eat whole fruits over juices. Whole-grain breads and cereals also are good sources of fiber. Dry beans and lentils can add a fiber boost. Always increase fiber slowly to determine your tolerance.

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# Bronx Chambers Awards Bauquet



The Bronx Chamber of Commerce held its 15th annual Scholarship Banquet and Bronx Centennial Banquet. Special guests included former Mayor David Dinkins, acclaimed actor Danny Aiello, and many international, federal, state and city officials. Honorees were Bronx Lebanon Hospital receiving the Longevity Award, Monroe College taking home the Education Award, Macy's receiving the Trailblazer Award and the late Alfredo Thiebaud, who was posthumously honored with the Humanitarian Award.



Former Mayor David Dinkins receives his award from Joseph Kelleher (r), chamber chairman, and Lenny Caro (l), chamber president.

Photo by Patricio Rabayo



A posthumous award was presented to Alfredo Thiebaud's daughter.

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Actor Danny Aiello performed a half dozen tunes for the Chamber dinner attendees.

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## APPLEBEE'S OPENS AT METRO CENTER ATRIUM

On Tuesday, February 24, local elected officials and the Bronx Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of Applebee's at the Metro Center Atrium.



Roy Rayburn (l); Councilman James Vacca; Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.; Zane Tan Kel; Marlene Cintron, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president; Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber of Commerce president; Julie Nuqui, area director for Applebee's; Angela Tertulian, and Neesha Seerzai. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



## KLEIN'S H.I.R.E. CAREER NIGHT

Senator Jeff Klein hosted the Bronx H.I.R.E. Career Building Night on Wednesday, February 18 at the Hutchinson Metro Center, located at 1250 Waters Place. The networking event focused on upcoming certification programs and learning opportunities for job candidates, along with resume and interview training workshops.

Senator Jeff Klein addressed those in attendance during the Bronx H.I.R.E. Career Building Night.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## LOCUST POINT KIDS LEARN TO BAKE

Monica Meola of 'Cake it Easy' brought the first in a series of baking classes for children to the Locust Point Community Association's civic center on Saturday, February 14. The kids made delicious Valentine's Day cupcakes as part of a cooking lesson. Bailey Provetto of Tasty Ladies NY, a food blog, was on hand to host the event for the children. The kids got to take home the cup cakes they made, ingredients to make their own cupcakes at home and a baking certificate.



The youngsters stand with the treats they baked along with the adults who helped them on their first culinary adventure. Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto

## DELPHONICS PERFORM FOR BLACK HISTORY

The Delfonics performed at Fort Schuyler House at their first annual celebration of Black History Month on Thursday, February 26. At the event, attendees celebrated black culture and enjoyed a live performance by one of the most influential soul groups of the late 1960s and early 1970s.



The Delfonics held a performance for Black History Month.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## ST. BENEDICT'S UNDEFEATED TEAM

A St. Benedict School's basketball team, the 3rd and 4th grade 'Gidget Girls,' celebrated an undefeated 18-0 regular season recently. The girls were coached by St. Benedict's Melissa Montalvo and assistant coaches Veronica Aquino and Ben Piacquadio.



The players pictured are Alyssa Walsh, Madison Russo, Katherine Chambers, Soleil Perez, Maria Ramirez, Rachel Evans, Danielle DeMattia, Nicolette Proscia, Reilly Harty, Carlissa Satina, Alyssa Pedoto and Lauren Espinal. Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto

## CHIPPEWA HOSTS ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION

Chippewa Democratic Club hosted their annual celebration of Irish-American heritage at 1447 Ferris Place on Saturday, February 28. At the event, attendees, which included Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, celebrated Irish-American culture and the upcoming holiday, St. Patrick's Day. The Bronx Hibernians presented a scholarship at the event.



The Ancient Order of the Hibernians Division #3 presented a \$500 scholarship to John Cafferty of St. Raymond's Gaelic Football League. Photo by Patricio Robayo

# Coverage of Islamic State, Ebola, VA and Secret Service failures Recognized as Top Investigative Works

**Brooklyn, N.Y.** (Feb. 15, 2015) – Reporters who risked their lives in 2014 to cover the Ebola epidemic, traced the rise of the Islamic State, and revealed secret ransoms paid for the release of hostages are winners of Long Island University's 66th annual George Polk Awards in Journalism. Additional honorees include reporters who uncovered systemic failure in two federal agencies, the Secret Service and the Veterans Administration, as well as journalists who exposed brutal treatment of prison and jail inmates.

Awardees will be honored at a ceremony at The Roosevelt Hotel in Manhattan on Friday, April 10.

"The excellent work across a variety of media platforms reflected by 558 nominations from news organizations, individual journalists, and members of our advisory panel suggests that journalists are adapting well to a landscape no longer dominated exclusively by print," said John Darnton, curator of the awards.

The George Polk Awards are conferred annually to honor special achievement in journalism. The awards place a premium on investigative and enterprising reporting that gains attention and achieves results. They were established in 1949 by Long Island University (LIU) to commemorate George Polk, a CBS correspondent murdered in 1948 while covering the Greek civil war.

Reporting by the 2014 award recipients also laid blame for a deadly mudslide in Washington State on lax environmental enforcement, sparked the successful prosecution of a 10-year-old Chicago homicide by authorities reluctant to charge its well connected perpetrator, and connected the deaths of more than 300 domestic abuse victims in South Carolina and 400 migrants in Texas to inadequate laws, insufficient resources, and indifferent responses.

Garry Trudeau will be the 33rd recipient of the George Polk Career Award and is the first cartoonist in

the program's history to be so honored. He has cut political pretension down to the size of his *Doonesbury* comic strip for 45 years. Four other cartoonists—Jules Feiffer (1961), David Levine (1965), Jeff MacNelly (1977), and Edward Sorel (1980)—have also been cited for their work in specific years.

Trudeau, Feiffer, and Django Gold, senior writer for *The Onion*, will discuss the role and impact of comics and satire in journalism in light of the Paris terrorist attacks on *Charlie Hebdo* in early 2015 at the David J. Steinberg Seminar of the George Polk Awards, "Dangerous Lines: Cartoonists and Other Subversives." The seminar takes place on Thursday, April 9, at LIU Brooklyn's Kumble Theater for Performing Arts. The event is free and open to the public.

"LIU is proud to honor excellence in investigative journalism that spans the globe with the George Polk Awards," said Dr. Kimberly R. Cline,

president of LIU. "This year's winners are true heroes who risked their lives uncovering the truth behind some of 2014's most incredible stories, and we salute their courage and determination."

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## YOUTH GYMNASTICS COMPETITION HELD



The American Turner Club hosted their annual youth gymnastics competition on Sunday, March 1. The competition gave youngsters who take lessons at the club an opportunity to show off their skills.

(Above) A handful of the gymnasts hang out on the uneven bars. (l-r): Jocelyn Morocho, Victoria DiCecco, Hailey Deenihan, Kaitlin Brown, Mia Webb and Delilah Colon. Photo by Laura Stone

Proud mom Michelle with Lorelei Mullins, who was one of the winners in the age 6-8 category. Photo by Laura Stone



## ALLERTON ASSOCIATION HOSTS ANNUAL DANCE

The Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association hosted their annual dinner dance at Marina del Rey on Saturday, February 28.



(l-r): The Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenants Association advisory council member Frank DiPalo, president Sal Castorina, honoree and chairman of the Bronx Conservative Party William Newmark, educator Johnnie Goff, local principal Charles E. Johnson, Carolyn Johnson, vice president Joseph Menta, and advisory council member Desmond Donaldson. Photo by Laura Stone

## LIGHTHOUSE FUNDRAISER



On Sunday, March 1, a fundraising effort for Stepping Stones Lighthouse was held inside the City Island Nautical Museum. The event's mission is to save the classic Eastchester Bay lighthouse built in the 1870s. Alex Schibli and Noelva Vigoya look at the original plans for Stepping Stones Lighthouse. Photo by Aracelis Batista

## OLA SCHOOL CELEBRATES FAT TUESDAY

Our Lady of the Assumption School first graders celebrated Mardi Gras on Thursday, February 12. The students wore festive masks and had noisemakers at the event. Mardi Gras is a celebration related to the Christian religious traditions of Shrove Tuesday, the last day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, a time of repentance and reflection.



Esmeralda Sanchez(l) and Esha Deoraj enjoy the event. Photo courtesy of Our Lady of Assumption Parents Association

## DIAZ HOSTS DOMINICAN HERITAGE

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. hosted his annual Dominican Heritage Celebration at Salsa Con Fuego on Thursday, February 26. The event honored Queens Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras, Nestor Montilla, Sr., director of Corporate and Community Development at Lehman College, Sr. and Rosa Garcia, owner of the Mott Haven Bar & Grill for their community dedication as Dominican-Americans. Vice-Consuls of the Dominican Republic in New York, the Honorable Victor Compres and the Honorable Cecilia Santana were also recognized.



(l-r) Rosa Garcia, Nestor Montilla, Sr., Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Councilwoman Julissa Ferreras, honoree Victor Compres and honoree Cecilia Santana were honored at the borough president's annual Dominican Heritage Celebration. Photo courtesy of BP Diaz's office

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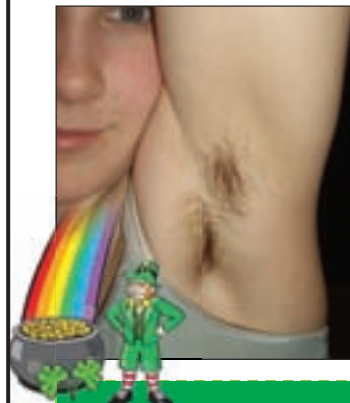
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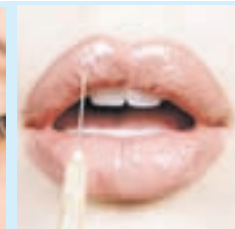
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## Ray Vega to perform at Wave Hill Mar. 15th

Ray Vega and his Latin Jazz ensemble return to Wave Hill's Armor Hall for a dynamic performance on Sunday, March 15.

Vega, a South Bronx native, has performed with such legendary musicians as Tito Puente, Mongo Santamaria, Lionel Hampton and Paquito D'Rivera.

At Wave Hill, the ensemble performs Vega's own work, as well as his unique takes on standard tunes, including "Rahsaan's Run" by Woody Shaw, "Dual Force" by Buster Williams, "Obsesion" by Pedro Flores, "Africa" by John Coltrane and "El Manicero" by Moises Simon.

Come early to enjoy a leisurely walk through the gardens and then settle in for this performance, starting at 2 p.m..

Tickets are \$28 for general admission, \$15 for children (ages 8-18); Wave Hill members pay \$22 per adult, \$12 per child.

Purchase tickets online at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org) or onsite at the Perkins Visitor Center.

For additional information, call (718) 549-3200, ext. 251. Ticket prices include admission to the grounds.

The Performing Arts at Wave Hill are supported by the Cathy and Stephen Weinroth Commissioning Fund for the Arts.

Wave Hill, Inc. is an independent, non-profit cultural institution governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The buildings and grounds of Wave Hill are owned by the City of New York. With the assistance of the Bronx Borough President and Bronx represen-



Ray Vega.

Photo Courtesy of Ray Vega

tatives in the City Council and State Legislature, Wave Hill's operations are supported with public funds through the New

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# Confetti Kids offers children's programs

Moms and are wondering what they can do with their 1 to 4 year olds now that the weather is getting warmer and they are tired of being stuck at home. Confetti Kids has the answer with its new Mommy, or Daddy & Me program called Confetti Tots! Toddlers will engage in activities including Fun with Singing & Reading, language and social development, Crafty Tots, music and movement, snack time and free play. There are also parent discussions and parenting tips too.

Confetti Kids, located at 3190 Westchester Avenue, offers CTOTS, a Mommy, or Daddy & Me program for families to enjoy. The spring session is held on Thursday mornings, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from March 5 to June 11. The cost for 15 sessions is \$225, for reg-

istered families, or \$20 for a drop-in class.

(Bronx Times Reporter readers get a free class for mentioning the paper at time of registration!) To register, call (917) 579.0867 or email Confetti Kids directly at ConfettiLearning@gmail.com.

Confetti Kids is an after school program currently servicing P.S. 71 and Our Lady of the Assumption School. The organization provides homework help, tutoring, and a safe and friendly environment for working parents who need childcare while at work. During the weekday morning hours, Confetti Kids offers Toddler programs for children with their caregivers in a fun and nurturing environment.



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## Lehman Chambers Players performance March 15th

Members of the **Lehman Chamber Players** will be performing works by Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Dvorak, Kreisler, Dukas, and Sarasate on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. in the Lehman College Recital Hall on the 3rd floor of the Music Building. The public is invited to this free concert. Seating is limited.

Critically acclaimed violinist, Alexander Meshibovsky and pianist, Diana Mittler-Batipaglia will perform Beethoven's Violin Sonata in D Major op.12 no 1, six selections by Kreisler and Sarasate, including Gypsy Airs. Oboist, Alan Hollander will present works for oboe and piano by Schumann and Dukas and an aria for oboe, baritone and piano from Bach's Cantata No.56. Baritone Darian Worrell will also perform Gypsy Songs by Dvorak.

Lehman campus is located on Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard West.. For more information call (718) 960-8247.

**Artify Norwood** would love to hear from Bronx-based musicians and poets at info@artifynorwood.com.

Send links of your websites and music videos online. Include your zip code, as well.

Artify Norwood has some performance opportunities available on March 28 at our kick off Artify Norwood event on at Beso Lounge, at 320 E. 204th Street (between Hull and Perry avenues). This is near the D Train. The March 28 event runs from 3 to 7 p.m. Performers must be living in the Bronx, ideally in Norwood, Allerton, Williamsbridge, Fordham, Little Italy/Belmont, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Bedford Park.

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The **Bronx Academy of Arts & Dance** forges forward with the 15th annual Baad!Ass Women Festival, celebrating the empowerment of women through art, culture and performance. The festival includes evenings of dance, theatre, film, poetry and performance, and begins with a special dance master class on March 9 and opens on Thursday, March 12, with a scorching evening of poetry and stories of lesbian love. The festival takes place at BAAD!, 2474 Westchester Avenue in the Westchester Square section. Ticket prices vary from free to \$20. Participants can take advantage of the Five for \$5 special (you and four "girlfriends" make a group of

five and pay only \$5 each with a prior reservation.) BAAD! offers discounts to BAADGE cardholders, BCA cardholders and NALAC members, and free admission to residents of 10474 and 10461 zip codes.

Bronx Speaks: Making Place is the latest exhibition presented by the **Bronx Arts Alliance** in concert with New York Armory Arts Week. It highlights the cultural diversity of artwork created and exhibited within the Bronx featuring US and International Artists from 20+ Bronx arts organizations as selected by a curatorial committee. A key focus of the exhibition is to document the uniqueness of this environment and to share creative visions that highlight these surroundings. The exhibit will run from March 4-8 at The Bronx Museum of the Arts and will be installed by independent curator Sarah Corona. The Reception will take place on Friday, March 6th, the Armory Show's officially designated Bronx Day.

Featured artists include: John Ahearn, Naftali Bezem, Leenda Bonilla, Julian Chams, Cecile Chong, Jane Dickson, Rosemarie Fiore, Ricky Flores, Martine Fougeron, Beatrice Glow, David Gonzalez, Alicia Grullon, Esteban Guerra, Marina Gutierrez, Barbara Korman, Arnaldo Morales, Wanda Raimundi Ortiz, Danny R Peralta, Michael Pribich, Nina Robinson, Adriana Rostovsky, Catherine Telford Keogh, Dennesa Usher, Natalie Wood (leading Bronx Children's Museum GreenArts After School Program)

Also featured as part of the Bronx Artist Documentary Project: artist Jeanine Alfieri photographed by Lisa Kahane; artist Heidi Johnson photographed by Danny R Peralta; artist Evan Bishop photographed by Adam Reyes; artist Jay Moss photographed by Lauren Click; artist Anne Humanfeld photographed by Ron Turner; and artist Bernard Olshan photographed by Ira Merritt

There will be a series of Special Events during the exhibition (all taking place at The Bronx Museum of the Arts):

Friday, March 6 from 6 to 10 p.m.: On the officially designated Bronx Day, a Reception will take place from 6-10pm at The Bronx Museum of the Arts located at 1040 Grand Concourse, Lower Level Gallery:

First Friday concert series in collaboration with Carnegie Hall's Neighborhood Concerts will feature La Santa Cecilia (2014 Grammy Award Best Latin Rock Album)

The Bronx Music Heritage Center will present three local musicians from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m: InnoVe GNAWA Band (Traditional healing music from Morocco); James Lovell and Lucy Blanco (Founders of the Afri-Garifuna Jazz Ensemble); Vithym (Bronx Born MC who fuses words, vibe, and rhythm through unorthodox flows, lyrics, and sound); Alicia Grullon will perform live her video piece 'Morir Sonando' and serve a homemade traditional drink; Wine courtesy

of Skyview Wines & Spirits; Cupcakes courtesy of Eva Jay Sweets; Fauzia's Heavenly Delights food truck will be selling her Caribbean cuisine from 6-10pm

Sunday, March 8th from noon to 4 p.m.: The Bronx Children's Museum will host a free Art Workshop for Kids from noon to 4 p.m. All participants will be part of the lower level gallery installation Paper Paradise.

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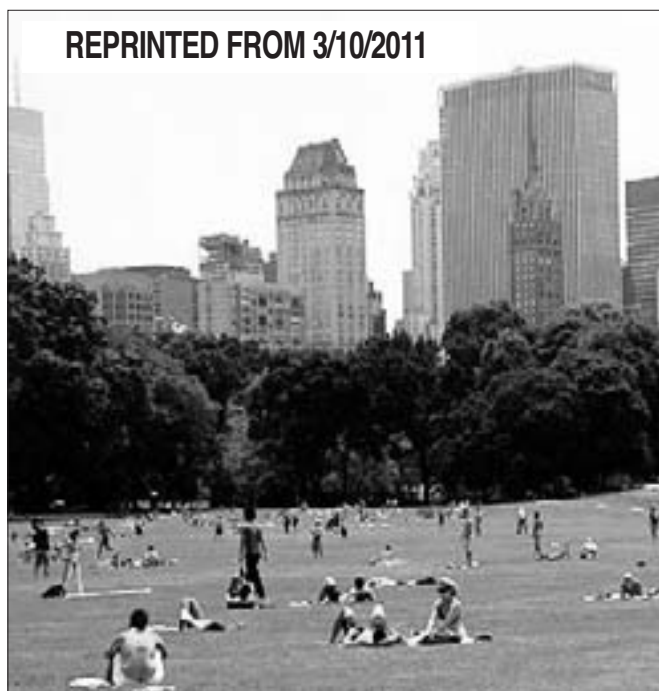




# Harry Nimphius, renowned veterinarian

**do you**  
by Bill Twomey **remember**

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This photo may appear to be an odd choice for a column about the Bronx since it shows Sheep Meadow in Central Park. The selection, however, was purposeful because I have a story to tell that I hope you'll enjoy and I should add that the 15-acre meadow is where some of the plot takes place.

761 East 163rd Street off Tinton Avenue at the time of his death. He left a great void, especially in the animal world and was very much missed at the Central Park Zoo.

Dr. Harry F. Nimphius was perhaps the most noted New York veterinarian of his generation. He served as a veterinary surgeon in World War I achieving the rank of captain in the Fifty-second Field Artillery.

Returning to the Bronx after the war, he ran a veterinary hospital and a horse-shoeing operation at 534 Bergen Avenue while also serving as a consultant to the Central Park Zoo, the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus and even to Frank Buck, the award-winning author, film producer, and animal collector.

He was very much in demand and many were the animals he treated over the years. They included every creature from elephants to canaries and even the famed sheep from Central Park.

Most readers know that Sheep Meadow in Central Park was once home to a good-size flock of Dorset horned sheep who grazed there from at least 1869 and were housed with their shepherd, Frank Hoey, in the old Victorian structure

that gained fame when converted to the Tavern on the Green in 1934 when Robert Moses moved the sheep out to Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

One day in early June of 1921, a group of picnickers failed to clean up after themselves leaving a variety of debris which the sheep decided to dine upon. It is unknown what remnants of the luncheon were left behind but it poisoned a good number of the sheep and at least eight died. Dr. Nimphius was called in and managed to save the rest. It should be noted that the sheep were valuable in that the wool from each sheep sold for about \$50 per year and the ewes could also be sold. The 15-acre site is still called sheep meadow but now you know why.

Dr. Nimphius was born in 1885 and died of a heart attack on September 26, 1944 at the age of 57. By that time he had

been devoting most of his time to the Central Park Zoo where he was named director five years earlier. Much earlier, circa 1914, he was a race horse owner and even raced his own trotters with a certain amount of success. Even when one of his trotters, Doris B., crashed and pulled him along for about a hundred feet, he managed to hold on and get another wagon and he actually won the race. He certainly knew his horses and what they were capable of achieving to say nothing of his own self-confidence.

If the many animals he successfully treated and cared for in life knew of his death, I'm sure many would have mourned his passing along with his family and the many friends he made in life. He also left behind his wife, Anna, his son Harry, a master sergeant in the Army and a sister, Mrs. Tillie C. Kalbacher. He was residing here in the Bronx at

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# KZA Realty Group brokers 4 deals

Kathy Zamechansky, president and owner of KZA Realty Group, Inc. (KZA), has announced that her firm recently brokered four additional commercial real estate deals in the Bronx for approximately 16,350 square feet and approximately \$655,815. These deals represent another step forward in the economic development and welcoming of new business enterprise to up and coming neighborhoods in the Bronx, as well as a breakthrough for one of the newest associates at KZA Realty Group.

Zamechansky and associate broker, Sherry M. Scanlon,

represented landlord, Anthony Gurino, and The Universal Church in the purchase of 7,500 square feet at 1227 Webster Avenue for a 5-year lease at \$145,860.75. The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (UCKG) is a Pentecostal Christian denomination with headquarters in São Paulo, Brazil with more than 12 million members worldwide. Though the majority of UCKG members are still located in Brazil, the church now has many congregations in the United States as well, some near to the new Bronx location, including Brooklyn and New York City.

At 1401 Blondell Avenue, Scanlon represented landlord, Rino Monteforte of Spectrum Painting, as well as new tenant, D.I.T.C. (an acronym for "Diggin' in the Crates") Entertainment, to secure a 5-year lease of 2,700 square feet for an estimated total of \$39,143.20. With this deal, D.I.T.C. will have a home for their newest recording studio, and a place where the entourage of musicians consisting of veteran MC's, DJs, and producers, all dedicated to the true essence of rap music: original lyrics and strong beat-savvy productions sampling dusty vinyl, can prac-

tice their craft.

Also at the same Blondell Avenue address, Scanlon and Monteforte further inked a 5-year lease deal with NY Fire and Sprinkler Co., a company executing sprinkler installations in major residential and commercial buildings - 3,500 square feet at \$101,295.96.

Finally, Zamechansky announces that her newest associate, Gina Watson, has inked her very first deal for KZA Realty Group, to the tune of \$369,515.85. Watson represented landlord Carnegie Hill North LLC and negotiated the two-suite, 5-year, 2,650 square

foot lease for Metropolitan Public Strategies at 1677 Lexington Avenue in New York City. The two suites together on the second floor of the mixed use building will be occupied by this strategic consulting and communications firm that utilizes research and analysis to implement effective media, grassroots, and grassroots campaigns for political, labor, non-profit and corporate organizations.

Zamechansky is the president of the Bronx Manhattan North Association of Realtors. She may be contacted at (347) 386-9452 or at kzama@aol.com.

## Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

### What Is Discovery For Justice?

You may have read and heard Bronx Park East Community Association board members Kenny Agosto and Norma Lopez speak about the Discovery for Justice, D4J movement at the B-PECA monthly community meetings.

Now, with the luxury of paper, ink and our cherished Bronx Times newspaper, I'd like to dedicate this entire column to D4J.

To explain exactly what this very important cause is, and more importantly, how you can make a difference.

Discovery for Justice, D4J is an effort to change New York State Law to make criminal trials fairer and more effective for everybody.

Criminal Procedure Law, CPL 240 is a New York State law that allows for the district attorney's office (who prosecutes criminal cases against defendants such as you and me) to withhold their evidence until the trial begins. This withholding of vital information results in the defense (the person accused of a crime, such as you and me) having as little as 24 hours to sift through mountains of documents of evidence against them.

Thus, there is little time for the defendant, which can be you or me, to prepare an adequate defense.

Not only does this short timetable prevent the accused from fairly preparing for trial, it also puts great pressure on the accused to take a plea.

### Make a Deal

New York State, accompanied by the likes of Wyoming, Kentucky and Alabama, is one of 14 states in the USA to still have this out-dated law on the books. But it's time you, me, and B-PECA change that!

Replacing Criminal Procedure Law 240 with a new law, CPL 245, will allow for early and open showing (or discovery) of evidence. This will help anyone who is arrested in criminal cases fairly and adequately prepare for trial.

It will also encourage the guilty persons to plead guilty much faster, without the needless and costly delays it takes now under the CPL 240 system.

Under CPL 240, 97% of all criminal cases in NYS are settled in courts by making a deal, no matter if you are guilty or not.

The pressure that the district attorney and the system put on the family and the person arrested is so great that the defendant is compelled to take the plea. This often results in unnecessary jail time, which as witnessed firsthand in a B-PECA meeting attendee's tearful recount, can ruin lives and destroy families. Thus, D4J is not just some distant intellectual subject for people in suits and white ties in some spiffy government office - this is people's lives!

### Enact CPL 245

Repealing CPL 240 and replacing it with CPL 245 would force the prosecution and the defense to automatically give each other all of the evidence and information early on in the case.

The American Bar Association has long wanted more, and earlier, criminal discovery of information and evidence.

Of all the states we should be following in the footsteps of with enactment of CPL 245, it should be Texas.

In 2014 Texas changed their states laws to make criminal trials fairer by allowing open and early discovery of evidence. Now, it's our turn.

In NYS, a minimum of \$5,000 is needed to fight any criminal case exclusive of trial. What's in your wallet?

Furthermore, it takes over \$167,000 of our tax dollars to keep a person in jail before trial in New York State. Our tax money can be put to better use in our communities, our schools, senior citizen centers and for the needy.

### Call Your Elected Official

Didn't think that you can help CPL 245 become a reality in New York, did you? Well, everyone has a phone and everyone has two state elected officials.

So, let's put that one and two together to make possible these three: D-4-J!

Here are some phone numbers for Bronx NYS elected officials in our area who need to hear your thoughts about the urgency and necessity of D4J: Senator Jeff Klein - (718) 822-2049; Senator Ruth Hassell Thompson - (718) 547-8854; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj - (718) 409-0109

and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie - (718) 654-6539.

Contact D4J

Those are just some of the Bronx senators and assembly

members who can help bring about this long-overdue reform of the NYS Criminal Justice System.

Believe me, your calls make a difference, and after you get off that phone having proclaimed your support for CPL 245, you can feel warm inside knowing that you did your part to make the D4J movement a success!

Discovery for Justice meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Text or call (347) 654-7044 to find out the location of the next D4J meeting.

You can also go to [www.DiscoveryForJustice.org](http://www.DiscoveryForJustice.org) and find out how you can make D4J a reality!

### B-PECA Rapid Response

To conclude this column with hyper-local news, B-PECA is in the midst of a Rapid Response Graffiti-Removal Initiative. The goal is to paint over and remove graffiti and illegal tags within five days of sighting in the Pelham Parkway and Allerton area.

Why? Because this should be the neighborhood where taggers waste their time.

Where their writing of tags, like dogs peeing on hydrants to claim territory, is a futile waste of their spray paint and effort.

The culprits will know that if they deface our stores and homes with tags like, Zemas,

Bester, Zods, and Ammo and other letters, they'll be guaranteed that it won't be up for more than a few days, or even a few hours.

After all, the longer the graffiti stays, the prouder the tagger feels - as it is being showcased for pedestrians, commuters, drivers and news cameras to see.

Eh-Eh! Not in our community.

So when you see graffitied or tags on walls, roll-down gates or anywhere else, text or call (347) 654-7044 with the location immediately so we can put it on our list for eradication.

Or to quote a legendary James Cameron movie series: It will be Targeted for Termination.

You can also email [bxpark-east@gmail.com](mailto:bxpark-east@gmail.com) or post on B-PECA's facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast), to communicate with B-PECA, about graffiti and other neighborhood issues. Anything. Anytime.

Just remember, whether it's Rapid Response Graffiti-Removal Initiative or D4J, every one of us is part of the solution.

Kenny, Norma, Hazel, Donal, Grace, Cece, Diana, Marcia, Evelyn, Fran, myself, and most importantly: you.

Let's go.



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**4310 RICHARDSON AVE. LLC** Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 01/15/2015. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The Limited Liability Company, 3265 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation Cesar's Heating & Cooling, LLC a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on January 9, 2015. NY Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon him/her to C/O 3182 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Acosta & Diaz Automated (L.P.). Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of New York on September 26, 2014. Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. service upon the L.P. to C/O 847 Van Nest Avenue, Apt 1, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Formation of BK Renovation Company LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/15. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 863 Prospect Ave., Bronx, NY 10459. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Doors & Dawgs, LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on January 14, 2015. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O Nicholas Rodriguez 3280 Rochambeau Avenue apt 6A Bronx, NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Maximum Tax Service, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 10/27/2014. NY office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O Nina Marrero 2576 E Tremont Ave Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Formation of JJC PROPERTY NYC, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/26/14. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1270 Morrison Ave., Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of limited liability company (LLC). Name: SUPRA TRANSPORT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/22/2015. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: THE LLC 2227 TURNBULL AVE BRONX NY 10473. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Formation of Longfellow Owners LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/19/15. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The Revolving Door, Inc., 1500 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of (Travesias Cafe, LLC), a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (2/2/15). NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O (3830-34 East Tremont Avenue Bronx, NY 10465). Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Qualification of Nercessian Kettle Corn NYC Operations, LLC.** App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/16/15. Off. Loc.: Bronx County. LLC formed in DE on 1/15/15. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5555 Netherland Ave., 4C, Bronx, NY 10471. DE address of LLC: c/o United Corporate Services, Inc., 874 Walker Road, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Case#: P2015/0032  
WHEREAS, LUZ MARIA OLIVO of Providence, RI, in the County of Providence has filed a Complaint in said office demanding a divorce from JOSE CAMILO JEREZ, PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 15-5-16.1, AND ALL OTHER RELIEF AS THIS COURT MAY DEEM JUST.

Now, therefore you the said DEFENDANT are hereby summoned to answer, if you shall see fit, before the Family Court, to be held in Providence, RI, within the County of Providence, on the 18th day of March, 2015, then and there to answer said complaint. FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN DEFAULT AND DEFFENDANT WILL BE DENIED ALIMONY.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 1-22-15, bearing Index Number NC-000028-15/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) King (Middle) Chinedu Marcellus (Last) Alexander. My present name is (First) King (Middle) Obinna (Last) Isaac AKA Isaac King Obinna Chinedu AKA King Obinna Chinedu Isaac AKA King Obinna C Isaac. My present address is 1569 Bruckner Blvd #3E, Bronx, NY 10472. My place of birth is IMO State of Nigeria. My date of birth is May 24, 1987.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 2-25-15, bearing Index Number NC-000061-15/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Elsie (Last) Carmona. My present name is (First) Elsa (Last) Carmona AKA Elsie Carmona AKA Elsie Falto. My present address is 1575 Thieriot Ave., Apt 6D, Bronx, NY 10460. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is April 30, 1946.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST NLC TRUST 2005-3, Plaintiff, against PATRICIA CARROLL, et al., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/2/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 03/23/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 830 KINSELLA STREET, Bronx, NY 10462 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4045 - LOT 103. Approximate amount of judgment \$376,311.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380818/08. Leroi John Andrews, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1131589

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, on the 13th of February, 2015, bearing Index No. 260079/2015, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, granted Taylor Hanako Robertson the right to: Assume the name of Taylor Hanako Robertson-Heastie. Her present address is in Baltimore, MD. The date of her birth is June 7, 2008, and she was born in New York City, New York (birth certificate number 156-09-655743).

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY**  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006-HE2; Plaintiff(s)  
vs. JANICE MITCHELL; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600  
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about September 4, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On March 16, 2015 at 2:00 PM  
Premises known as 1011 East 227th Street, Bronx, NY 10466  
Block: 4874 Lot: 30

ALL that certain piece or parcel of land lying, situate 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 \$656,277.60 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 8240/07  
Albert Cornachio, Esq.; REFEREE

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, REAL ESTATE ASSET TRUST 2011-2, ASSET-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2011-2, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. CARMEN REYNOLDS, ET AL., Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 05, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2047 Anthony 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 3156 and Lot 181. Approximate amount of judgment is \$451,285.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381226/08.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee  
Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY** Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff against Bossman Boateng ,et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) The Law Office of Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered October 9th, 2014 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 on March 30th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Premises known as 2090 East Tremont Avenue, Apartment 8F, Bronx, NY 10462 A/K/A 2090 East Tremont Avenue, Apartment 8F, Building N-7, Bronx, NY 10462 A/K/A 2090 East Tremont Avenue, Apartment 8F, Building N-10, Bronx, NY 10462. Sec N/A Block 3944 Lot 2909. All those certain Lot, Pieces or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$171,934.58 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380312-2012 . Joseph Strasburg, Esq. , Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**LAW OFFICE OF JAMES E. HANDY**  
A Professional Law Corporation  
Attorney at Law - SB#187979  
601 University Avenue, Suite 102  
Sacramento, California 95825  
Telephone: (916) 941-8120  
Attorney for Petitioner  
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
Case No. 14AD00060  
CITATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Matter of:  
Mark Marisenovic,  
A Minor,  
TO: MARIJA BRISKOVIC MARISENOVIC

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear on 4/7/15, at 11 a.m. in Department 125 of the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, located at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento California, to show why the court should not make an order declaring Mark Marisenovic free from parental custody and control and a proper subject for adoption.

You have a right to appear in person and/or by counsel. If you wish to be represented by counsel, and the court determines you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you without charge.

If you fail to appear at the time and place stated above, the court may terminate your rights to control and custody of the minor child, and proceed with the adoption of the minor child.

DATED: 2/5/15  
Clerk of Court  
BY: S. Alwell-Bender  
Deputy Clerk

# Bronx schools

## St. Barnabas heads to Shakespeare competition



Pictured (L-R): Donald Boyce, English Teacher; Tamera Henry, senior; and C. N. Colon, Tamera's coach.

BY C. N. COLDN

St. Barnabas High School senior Tamera Henry earned a spot as a finalist in the Annual ESU (English Speaking Union) New York Shakespeare Competition. The semifinals took place on February 25th in Manhattan at the Main Branch of the New York Public Library where nineteen other schools were represented. Her performance included Viola's monologue from *Twelfth Night* - Act 2, Scene 2 and Sonnet No. 116.

Through this competition "high school students develop their communication skills and an appreciation of the power of language and literature". This ESU performance-based program began in 1983 and has had more than

250,000 participants. It currently involves 15,000 students and 2,000 teachers in over 50 communities in the US.

Tamera will be competing in the finals which will take place on Tuesday, March 10th at the Morgan Library in New York City.

To learn more about events at St. Barnabas High School or to make a contribution to the school in support of Stage Two of their Technology Upgrade Campaign, call (718) 325-880, extension 11 for Jennifer Geideman, or email [jgeideman@st.barnabashigh.com](mailto:jgeideman@st.barnabashigh.com). To get information about admission to St. Barnabas High School contact Recruitment Director, Christina Washburn at [cwashburn@stbarnabashigh.com](mailto:cwashburn@stbarnabashigh.com)

## St. Raymond Elelmentary celebrates Feasts of sts. Patrick and Joseph

St. Raymond Elementary School is hosting its annual Feasts of Saints Patrick and Joseph celebration on Saturday, March 14.

The event begins with the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Raymond Church and is followed by entertainment at 6:30 p.m. and Irish and Italian food at 7:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium, 2380 East Tremont Avenue.

The celebration will also recognize St. Raymond's pastor, Monsignor John Graham, who has been named Honored Clergy for the Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade, which takes place the following day. In addition to Irish and Italian food, the Sts. Patrick and Joseph Celebration will include performances by traditional Irish step

dancers; the St. Raymond Elementary School Bell Choir and Cheerleaders; the St. Raymond Junior and Senior Choirs; the Saint Raymond Academy Choir and the St. Raymond High School Choir; and Dale Smith, the music director for St. Francis Xavier Parish, who will sing Neapolitan favorites.

Both the Irish and the Italian national anthems will be sung in their native tongues, Amhrán Na Bhfiann (Irish) and Fratelli D'Italia (Italian).

Tickets are \$20 for adults and children 13 and older; \$10 for children 12 and under.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. For tickets or for additional information, call (718) 597-3232.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL, TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC ASSET BACK PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-M1,

Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 381180/09 ARCADIO GUZMAN, et al.,

Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/15/2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 3/30/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 303 Castle Hill Avenue, 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 of and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3483 and Lot 20. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$571,961.39 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 381180/09. Sergio Marquez, Esq., Referee.

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556

Dated: 2/5/2015 APA

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against ANDREA M. LOPUE A/K/A ANDREA M. GUERRA A/K/A ANDREA LOPUE, ANGEL M. GUERRA A/K/A ANGEL GUERRA, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/6/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/06/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1348 HERSCHELL STREET, Bronx, NY 10461 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 3848 LOT 107. Approximate amount of judgment \$587,384.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381166/11. Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1132934

## 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 - HENRIETTA MADELYN ABRAHAM KWATENG, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated December 1, 2014, I will sell at public auction on March 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 7A, in the building known as E-9 a/k/a 72, and by street address 1670 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4483 in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0135 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$8,522.96, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee, in the original principal sum of \$112,200.00 with interest.

Index No. 260557/14. YOUNGIK YOON, ESQ., Referee, ROY MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

FIRST AMERICAN CAPITAL LLC., Plaintiff against CALVIN HILL, VERICA HILL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 3, 2008, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 6th day of April, 2015 at 2:00 PM premises

lying and being in the Borough of Bronx. In the Condominium known as "The Parkchester South Condominium". Together with an undivided .0137 percent interest in the common elements assigned to Unit Number 8C. Said premises known as 28 METROPOLITAN OVAL, UNIT 8C, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 55,419.13 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 24211/04.

KIM RAMOS, ESQ., Referee. McGovern & Amodio Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 2 William Street, Suite 306 White Plains, NY 10601

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

INDYMAC BANK F.S.B, V. VALENTIN CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN CHEVALIER CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN C. CASTILLO, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 5/12/11, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein INDYMAC BANK F.S.B is the Plaintiff and VALENTIN CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN CHEVALIER CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN C. CASTILLO, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451 on 3/23/15 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 1141 BEACH AVE, BRONX, NY 10472: Block: 3753 Lot: 56 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE,

LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 0381249/2008. STEVEN Z. NAIMAN, ESQ. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2002-4, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-4, Plaintiff against

ANABELL V. TAVAREZ A/K/A ANABELL V. TAVARES A/K/A ANABELL REYES, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 16, 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 6th day of April, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 3133 Decatur Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10467.

Tax account number: SBL#: 3349-43.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 535,116.45 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381496-08. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguonot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against QUEENS REAL ESTATE HOLDING, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on September 30, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 16, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5306 Lot 61 Said premises known as 1136 REVERE AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 10,787.97 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index Number 304719/2011. STEVEN K. LOVITCH, ESQ., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1400 First Federal Plaza, Rochester, NY 14614

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4, Plaintiff against

SICELYN DAVIS, "JOHN" DAVIS, et al, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered February 3, 2015.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 30th day of March, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 2945 Wickham Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10469. Tax account number: SBL #: 4789-11. Approximate amount of lien \$ 634,484.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 382073-10. Edmond Pryor, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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## LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF BRONX

THE BANK, Plaintiff against ENCORE FLORIST & PALM HOUSE, LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated October 8, 2014,

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 30, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side of Bailey Avenue, distant 734.43 feet Southerly from the Southerly tangent point in the curve at the Southeasterly corner of Bailey Avenue and Kingsbridge Road; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet. Block: 3239 Lot: 29 Said premises known as 2678 BAILEY AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 410,147.31 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 382326/2009. WILLIAM F. MACKEY, JR., ESQ., Referee Goldberg Weprin Finkel & Goldstein LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1501 Broadway, 22nd floor, New York, NY 10036 (\* BRONX TIME, NYLJ\*)

## LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION - File No. 2011-1679/A - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO:

Richard McStravick; Gerard McStravick; Jane Holoquist; NYC Department of Social Services; Con Edison; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ROBERT MCSTRAVICK, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on April 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT MCSTRAVICK, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 2550 Independence Avenue, Apt 4A; Bronx, New York, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$4,696.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$2,348.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$2,348.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$103,302.28 be allowed; that the possible claim of Con Edison be disallowed in its entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 3, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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BY LYNN GERBINO

Thanks to all of you who have been sending in your dues! If you have not done so as yet, please send a check for \$15 to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465. All homeowners and apartment dwellers are welcome as members.

The Bronx St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held here in Throggs Neck on Sunday, March 15 with kick off at noon from the corner of East Tremont and Lafayette avenues. We would love for you to march with Throggs Neck

Homeowners...so, if you want to march, please give us a call at (718) 823-0327. I will meet up with you on the day of the parade!!

Prior to the parade, we will have a St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Benedict's Church, followed by a breakfast at Father Albert Hall, beneath the church. Once again, we will be selling long sleeved T-shirts (this year they are grey) so check some local establishments along East Tremont Avenue to get yourself one. They are \$20 each. Last year they sold out before the parade, so we did not have any to sell at the breakfast. The early bird will

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definitely catch the T-shirt.

Here are some tips from the NYPD regarding identity theft: protect your personal information - do not give out information such as your social security number, and important passwords to your accounts; never carry your social security card, memorize the number - if you must give the number for verification over the phone, the last 4 dig-

its should suffice; institutions should never ask you to provide your full social security number; do not give personal information over the phone, the caller on the other side may not be who they purport to be; use a secured mailbox; check your credit history and score regularly; subscribe to a reputable credit monitoring service, it may cost you a fee but peace of mind is priceless; shred all documents containing important information before disposing of them.

The NYPD Crime Prevention Section hosts shredding events on a monthly basis. For more information on shredding events, tips and

other crime prevention programs, contact us CrimePrevention@nypd.org or (212) 614-6741.

I just read today that Councilman James Vacca is proposing that homeowners receive a \$500 rebate on their real estate taxes...we're in! He proposed a resolution in the New York City Council on this matter, which has to be approved by the New York State Legislature before it becomes a reality. I hope it sails through. We need a break!! Thanks, Jimmy!!

Please have an awesome week! If you need us, please give us a call at (718) 823-0327.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

The most worrisome aspect of Moscow's intense military buildup is the offensive nature of its weapons and tactics. The advanced nuclear weapons technology upgrades, including both strategic and tactical weapons being implemented are complemented by advanced conventional weaponry additions.

Last year marked the first time that Russia attained strategic nuclear superiority over the U.S., as well as a ten to one lead in tactical atomic weapons.

As reported by the pro-Moscow news source Sputnik International, the Sevmash shipyard is constructing four next-generation nuclear submarines, the first time in history this many have been constructed at once. The question, of course, is why the economically challenged Putin regime is concentrating so much of its

resources on building an offensive-oriented military at a time when there are no threats to Russia. Indeed, at a time when the U.S. defense budget has been cut, when the U.S. Army is being reduced to its lowest level since before World War II, the Navy its lowest level since World War I, and the USAF at its lowest level ever, there remains no credible excuse other than offensive operations for the ongoing, vast Russian buildup.

According to Sputnik, "This year, Sevmash is constructing Yasen-M- and Borei-A-class nuclear-powered submarines, the Kazan and the Prince Vladimir, as well as the multipurpose nuclear submarine Novosibirsk and the nuclear submarine Prince Oleg." In 2014, the same shipyard constructed and transferred two Yasen- and Borei-class nuclear-powered submarines, the Severodvinsk and the Vladi-

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mir Monomakh."

The same source also reports that the "Russian Air Force and Naval Aviation units are to receive over 200 new aircraft in 2015. Also planned for future delivery is an updated long-range military transport plane...The IL-76MD-90A [long range cargo plane] was developed to transport a range of military equipment, armed personnel, heavy and long size vehicles and cargoes." This is precisely the type of aircraft necessary for operations far from the Russian homeland.

With no threat on its borders, particularly in light of Europe's underfunded military and the withdrawal of Ameri-

can tanks from Europe in 2014, and the significant U.S. sequestration cuts, there is no defensive reason for the Kremlin's costly and far-ranging military buildup.

The global reach of Putin's military stretches far beyond Ukraine, which despite a recent agreement remains the source of ongoing fighting. It extends beyond Europe, which Moscow has threatened with Iskander nuclear missiles (there are no US or European equivalent weapons) and overflights by military aircraft. The United Kingdom's RAF has had to deter Russian nuclear-capable Bear bombers away from its coast, a continuation of Moscow's ongoing threatening military flights towards European airspace. Citing the imminent danger of the Kremlin's military towards the Baltic states, UK defense minister Michael Fallon sounded a cautionary note of the "clear and present

danger" against these NATO members.

Russia is aggressively moving to establish a military presence in Latin America. In February, Russian defense minister Sergei Shoigu penned military deals with Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. The deals allow Russian naval vessels to dock in the Latin America, establishes joint military drills, and furthers cooperation between the armed forces of the several nations. The deal enhances relations already employed by weapons sales.

It is apparently not fashionable for the American press to report much on these matters, and the Obama Administration has demonstrated no significant level of concern.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

Reminder again - there will be no 3rd Sunday meeting as we will be participating in the St Patrick's Day Parade, down East Tremont Avenue, stepping off noon sharp from Lafayette Avenue. Our regular monthly post meeting will be on the 22nd, 11a.m. at the Turner Club.

There will be a job fair for CDL drivers on Thursday, March 5, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at 1200 Waters Place, Hutch Metro Center. You must have a commercial drivers license

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to check out these driver opportunities. The fair is sponsored by H.I.R.E. and the office of Senator Jeff Klein.

Gotta go, have to shovel snow - again!

Until next time: Never let success go to your head or failure go to your heart.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Our first meeting of 2015 will be on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 14. We will be speaking about car break-ins, car thefts and graffiti. We will also be speaking about the court system, how it works and how we can make it better.

Thank you to our members because without your support we would not be able to do all of the things we do to keep our community the very best it can be. Many of you have sent in your dues, some with notes of support and some with extra donations. I want everyone to know that your support is very much appreciated. When you send your dues it tells us that we are doing something right. If it comes with a note or a little something extra we are overjoyed because it means that

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our hard work is noticed and appreciated by you. We are all volunteers and knowing that our members appreciate what we do is what makes us want to continue.

On Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. we will have our Easter Egg-stravagnza. It will be held in the yard of the First Lutheran Church. All children 12 years of age and under are welcome to attend. We will have games, prizes, balloons, face painting arts and crafts and other great surprises. The Easter Bunny will be there to pose for photographs with your chil-

dren. We hope you and your neighbors will be able to attend.

Our Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the First Lutheran Church. Please check our column to find out what tree species will be available.

This season the Million Trees Campaign will reach its goal of planting one million trees in New York City. Originally, the program was supposed to cease at that point but it has been so successful that there is a good chance that it will continue to be funded, but probably on a smaller scale.

I hope that the program will continue because it has made our city healthier and more beautiful. In my opinion, this is Mayor Bloomberg's greatest legacy.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

CITATION - File No. 2009-94/D - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO: Giorgio Innocenzo Del Grosso; Libera Filomena DelGrosso; Amelia Del Grosso; Carolina Del Grosso; Giorgio Del Grosso; Giuseppe Teofilo Ruccia;

Constanzina Ruccia; US Bank; Carl Bencivenga; Robert De Yorgi; Thomas C. Montera, Inc.; Cbiro Wardi Chinitz & Silverstein; Consolidated Edison; Citibank, NA; HFC; Cablevision; AT&T, Inc.; Oxford Health Plan; NYC Department of Finance, Parking Violation Bureau; CitiCards; Honda Finance Corp.; American Express; Verizon; Allstate; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of THEOFILO MASCIA also known as THEOFILO G. MASCIA, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on April 14, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of THEOFILO G. MASCIA also known as THEOFILO G. MASCIA, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 2266 Waterbury Avenue; Bronx, New York 10462, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$5,667.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$2,833.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$2,833.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the rejected claims of US Bank, Carl Bencivenga and Robert De Yorgi all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that the possible claims of Thomas C. Montera, Inc., Cbiro Wardi Chinitz & Silverstein, Consolidated Edison, Citibank, NA, HFC, Cablevision, AT&T, Inc., Oxford Health Plan, NYC Department of Finance, Parking Violation Bureau, CitiCards, Honda Finance Corp., American Express, Verizon and Allstate all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and

proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 30, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

**LEGAL NOTICE**

CITATION - File No. 2011-219/A - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO:

Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, as Administrator of the Estate of Lillian Crooks, deceased; James Crooks, Jr.; Edward Crooks; Carl Crooks, an alleged incapacitated person; Administrator of Daughters of Jacob Nursing Home o/b/o Carl Crooks;

NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of JAMES EDWARD CROOKS also known as JAMES EDWARD CROOKS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on April 14, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of JAMES CROOKS also known as JAMES EDWARD CROOKS, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 800 Grand Concourse, Apt 2D; Bronx, New York 10451, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$2,120.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,060.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,060.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$ 222,871.97 be allowed; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant

relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 30, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

CITATION - File No. 2012-2722/A THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO:

Judicial Title Insurance Agency, Inc.; Asset Acceptance LLC; Leonard Labudda; LVNV Funding, LLC; Midland Funding, LLC; Con Edison; Forster & Garbus LLP; J.C. Christensen & Associates, Inc.; NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of LINDA LABUDDA, also known as LINDA MICHELLE LABUDDA, LINDA M. LABUDDA, CAROLINE LEVY, CAROLINE M. LEVY, MICHELLE LEE, ANNABELLE LEIGH, ANGELIQUE E. DEVONSHIRE, MICHELLE A. FAVENNEC, A. MICHELLE LEIGH, ANGELIQUE ELISE DEVONSHIRE, ANNABELLE M. LEIGH, LILIANE LABUDDA, ANNABELLE LINDA LEVY, CANDI ANNABELLE LEVY, MICHELLE A. FAVENNEC, PRICILLIA VONBARON, MICHEL FAVENNEC, ANNABELLE L. LEVY, ISABELLA M. LEROY and J. MICHELLE FAVENNEC, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries,

fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on April 7th, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of LINDA LABUDDA, also known as LINDA MICHELLE LABUDDA, LINDA M. LABUDDA, CAROLINE LEVY, CAROLINE M. LEVY, MICHELLE LEE, ANNABELLE LEIGH, ANGELIQUE E. DEVONSHIRE, MICHELLE A. FAVENNEC, A. MICHELLE LEIGH, ANGELIQUE ELISE DEVONSHIRE, ANNABELLE M. LEIGH, LILIANE LABUDDA, ANNABELLE LINDA LEVY, CANDI ANNABELLE LEVY, MICHELLE A. FAVENNEC, PRICILLIA VONBARON, MICHEL FAVENNEC, ANNABELLE L. LEVY, ISABELLA M. LEROY and J. MICHELLE FAVENNEC, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 1600 Metropolitan Avenue, Apt 4F; Bronx, New York 10462, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$4,918.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$2,459.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$2,459.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claims of Leonard Labudda in the approximate amount of \$9,289.10 and LVNV Funding, LLC in the approximate amount of \$1,429.80 be allowed; that the rejected claim of Midland Funding,

LLC be disallowed in its entirety for a failure to substantiate; that the possible claims of Con Edison, Forster & Garbus LLP, J.C. Christensen & Associates, Inc. And NYC Department of Social Service all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that the Court enter an interlocutory order directing Judicial Title Insurance Agency, Inc. to pay the petitioner \$3,900.00, together with any interest earned thereon, from the \$3,900.00 in escrow funds in its possession for Title No. 113598FAB, as related to the judgment of Midland Funding, LLC docketed with the Bronx County Clerk on December 29, 2009; that the Court enter an interlocutory order directing Judicial Title Insurance Agency, Inc. to pay Asset Acceptance LLC \$2,493.19 and the petitioner \$1,256.81, together with any interest earned thereon, from the \$3,750.00 in escrow funds in its possession for Title No. 113598FAB, as related to the judgment of Asset Acceptance LLC docketed with the Bronx County Clerk on September 9, 2010; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 10, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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# Free speech and existential threats

BY TOM ALLON

It's unfortunate when partisan politics gets in the way of a lively debate about profoundly important decisions that will influence the future of civilization.

We're speaking about the political brouhaha that erupted around Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to accept the Republican-controlled Congress' invitation to speak. Netanyahu will voice Israel's existential concerns about the American-led peace negotiations with Iran, a country that has been a source of global friction for the better part of the last century.

America – and our staunch Mideast ally, Israel – have had a troubled relationship with Iran since the late 1970s, when the Iranian revolution held hostage dozens of Americans. The inability of President Jimmy Carter to gain the hostages' release led to his loss to Ronald Reagan in 1980. I remember vividly the split screen inauguration of Reagan and the homecoming of the hostages that day.

Think about it: a relatively small country in the Middle East, without nuclear capability and with a small army,

bloodlessly toppled an American president and began its four-decades long ascent as a behind-the-scenes world power.

Since then, Iran has gone to war with neighboring Iraq, built and funded proxy terrorist organizations in Lebanon and the West Bank (Hezbollah and Hamas) and successfully suppressed a revolution during the brief Arab Spring. It is the most powerful Arab country in the Middle East and its tentacles reach far beyond its borders.

Iran is once again in the news because it is driving a wedge in U.S.-Israeli relations as the world debates how to halt its seemingly inexorable march to develop nuclear weapons, a prospect that even Israel's foes in the Arab world like Saudi Arabia and the United Emirates do not want to see happen. Netanyahu has become desperate to sound the alarm that Iran is on the verge of developing a nuclear bomb, a prospect that leaves many Israelis with the kind of existential dread they have not had since the state of Israel was created in 1948 in the wake of the Holocaust.

I recall an event from the summer of 1981 when I was vis-

iting Israel after my freshman year in college. Saddam Hussein, an Israel-hating dictator in Iraq, Iran's neighbor, was rumored to be trying to develop a nuclear bomb that would allow him to execute his threat to annihilate the 33-year-old state of Israel. But one night, Israeli planes secretly flew over Iraq and surgically destroyed that country's underground nuclear arms reactors, thus eliminating Hussein's threat to Israel's future. I recall that President Reagan initially publicly chastised Israel for its bold military action. My Israeli aunt, after watching Reagan on television, wisely said: "The world is mad at us today. But in ten years they will be thanking us."

Think about it. If an unstable dictator like Hussein had a nuclear bomb in the early 1990s, he would have wreaked havoc in the Middle East. And two years ago, Israel quietly knocked out a nuclear reactor in Syria. Can you imagine what would be happening in that country's civil war now if a nuclear bomb had been developed there?

It is imperative now, more than ever, for the world to put safeguards in place to make sure that Iran cannot develop

a bomb. There is a March 24 deadline for a treaty that the United States is now trying to negotiate.

Which brings us to Netanyahu's speech to Congress this week. He was invited to speak by Republican House Speaker John Boehner, who did not tell President Obama in advance. For that reason, Netanyahu is being criticized by the administration and top Dems in Congress. Some will not attend as a show of protest.

All of this controversy is clouding the substance of Netanyahu's planned speech, which should raise the world's awareness of the imminent danger Israel – and perhaps the world at large – is facing if Iran is able to develop a bomb. When you live within a few hundred miles of the leaders of a country who have repeatedly vowed to destroy Israel, then it is your right – actually, your duty – to speak up as loud as you can to stop this.

There is no bigger pulpit and bullhorn than the halls of the U.S. Congress for Netanyahu to make his extremely important case against the proposed treaty. This is the ultimate test of free speech. If the leaders and citizens of the



TOM ALLON

United States and the rest of the world don't find his case persuasive, then his argument will fall flat. But, if he presents information that is compelling and stands up to great scrutiny, then he will have added a valuable voice to this important debate.

Let's put politics, partisanship and party aside to try to get to the truth. The security of the Middle East – and a potential world war – may be at stake.

*Tom Allon, the president of City & State, NY, is the son of Holocaust survivors and has many relatives in Israel.*

BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association will meet on Tuesday, March 31. As usual our meeting will take place in the St. Theresa School Cafeteria. The room will open at 7 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

This winter's snow storms have led to a mass cancellation of blood drives with more than 4,000 scheduled donations lost.

The New York City Blood Program has always depended on city workers and the citizens they serve to help maintain our area's blood supply. It's a record we can all be proud of which is why I am asking you to consider donating now.

Donating blood takes less than one hour and has the potential to save up to three lives per donation! Donors with O-negative blood type, or 'universal donors,' are especially encouraged to donate, as your blood can be used in emergencies.

You may donate at any time just by going to your lo-

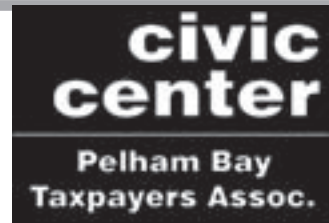
cal hospital and asking security where can you go to donate blood. They will guide you to their Blood Bank. You can also call the NYC Blood Bank and they can tell you what their hours are for walk-in donations and where they are located.

The East Bronx AA program will now hold its weekly Wednesday night meeting at the Pelham Grand. It is located at the corner of St. Paul Ave. and Pelham Parkway East, service road. nue

The New York City Police Department is offering free tutoring for their next exam. Classes will be held city wide with the Bronx location being St. Simon Stock, 2195 Valentine Avenue, Bronx, NY. Additional information can be had by calling 212-RECRUIT.

The 2015 Create the Future Design Contest is now under way at [www.createthefuturecontest.com](http://www.createthefuturecontest.com). Sponsored by COMSOL and Mouser Electronics, the 13th annual global design competition offers a top prize of \$20,000. There is no cost to enter.

We're looking for brilliant



new product ideas that could create jobs, save lives, help the environment, or benefit society in other ways. Individual and team entries are invited in seven categories: Aerospace and Defense, Automotive/Transportation, Consumer Products, Electronics, Machinery/Automation/Robotics, Medical, Sustainable Technologies.

In addition to designs at the concept or prototype stage, commercial products that have been introduced to the market within the last 12 months are eligible.

Past contests have generated over 10,000 design ideas from engineers, entrepreneurs, and students in more than 100 countries. With millions of visitors to the contest web site and tremendous media coverage, the contest has helped shine the light on many

ideas that attracted funding, partners and manufacturers to become commercial success stories. Your design could be next!

This is a national outreach effort to convey the non-dilutive technology funding opportunity provided through the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

Over the course of this year individual program managers from the 11 participating agencies representing \$2.5 billion in early stage funding will embark on a 20 state road tour, participating in a series of events alongside technology entrepreneurs and innovation supporters from across the United States. If you're an innovator, entrepreneur, researcher, or small technology firm, don't miss this opportunity.

No medical insurance? Do you have to pay a penalty? Here's your last chance to sign up for medical insurance and not by a penalty next year.

If you learn as you do your taxes that you owe a fee for

not having health insurance last year, avoid having to pay this fee next year. Find out if you are eligible to sign up for health insurance for 2015, even though open enrollment has closed.

If you are - you'll avoid bigger penalties next year, and may receive subsidies that make the insurance premiums more affordable. This special enrollment period runs from March 15 to April 30. Determine if you qualify for an exemption from fees. Sign up for coverage during this special enrollment period if you qualify.

Remember has you shovel snow to drink water, stay warm, take breaks, and do not lift the shovel above your heart level.

Please note our new mailing address. Mail your membership dues to Maryann Maiorana, attention Pelham Bay Taxpayers And Civic Association, 1720 Mayflower Avenue. apt. 9H, Bronx, NY. 10461. Our annual dues is ten dollars. Please feel free to come to our meetings. Our meetings are open to all!

## LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX In the Matter of YOKAIRA JOHANA MEDINA FORTUNATO, SUMMONS WITH NOTICE, Docket No. B-16169/14 Application for the Guardianship and Custody of a Child Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, KATHERINE BRUNY FORTUNATO, Whereabouts unknown. WHEREAS Jewish Child Care Association of New York, a duly authorized agency (the "Petitioner"), has filed a petition in this Court for an Order committing the custody and guardianship of YOKAIRA JOHANA MEDINA FORTUNATO jointly to the Petitioner and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York ("CSS"). YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED, to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, New York 10451, Part 10, on the 7th Floor, on April 13, 2015, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day to show cause why an Order should not be made committing the custody and guardianship of the aforementioned child jointly to the Petitioner and to CSS.

WARNING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that: 1) This proceeding may result in an Order freeing the Child for adoption with the consent of the Petitioner or CSS, and without your consent or further notice to you; 2) You have the right to the assistance of counsel, including the right to have counsel assigned by the Court, if you are financially unable to obtain counsel; 3) Upon your failure to appear, all of your parental rights to the Child may be terminated; 4) Your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of your interest in the Child, which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the Child's care, custody or guardianship or in the Child's adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption may be at issue. Dated: January 16, 2015, Bronx, New York, BY ORDER OF THE COURT, MICHAEL J. WILLIAMS Clerk of the Court.

## LEGAL NOTICE

File No.: 2012-1792  
CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT

TO: The Attorney General of the State of New York and Christopher Cunningham, whose whereabouts are unknown, living or dead, to his heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, being a person interested as a distributee of the Estate of SALVATORE A. CUNNINGHAM a/k/a SALVATORE ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, deceased, who at the time of death resided at 783 Grote Street, Apartment 1A, Bronx, New York, 10460,

A petition having been duly filed by DARLENE M. CUNNINGHAM, as Administrator of the Estate of SALVATORE A. CUNNINGHAM a/k/a SALVATORE ANTHONY CUNNINGHAM, deceased, who is domiciled at 783 Grote Street, Apartment 1A, Bronx, New York, 10460,  
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO

SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County located at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York on April 7, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.,

WHY the Administrator should not be authorized and empowered to compromise and settle the claim for the personal injury of the decedent against ARTUR NAZARYANTS and AMBULETTE P.R.N., INC. for the total sum of \$32,500.00, and

WHY the Administrator should be authorized and empowered to compromise and settle the claim for the personal injury of the decedent against KUJTIN BINAKAJ and NAXEJIA BINAKAJ for the total sum of \$100,000.00, and

WHY the provisions in the Limited Letters of Administration heretofore issued to your Petitioner on August 23, 2012 restraining the Administrator from collecting upon the aforesaid claims should not be modified to permit said collection, and

WHY the account of the proceedings of DARLENE M. CUNNINGHAM, as Administrator of the Estate of SALVATORE A. CUNNINGHAM, deceased, should not be judicially settled, and

WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and

WHY the entire recovery of \$132,500.00 should not be allocated 100% to the cause of action for personal injury, and

WHY Christopher Cunningham, the decedent's father, whose whereabouts are unknown, should not be disqualified pursuant to EPTL Section 4-1.4 from receiving any share of the settlement proceeds, and

WHY the law firm of FREKHTMAN & Associates should not be paid the sum of \$43,836.36 as and for their attorneys' fee and the sum of \$990.90 as and for reimbursement of their disbursements, and

WHY the balance of the settlement, to wit the sum of \$87,672.74 should not be distributed to those distributees entitled thereto as follows: 100% of the balance to DARLENE M. CUNNINGHAM, the surviving mother of the decedent, and

WHY the Petitioner should not waive any claim to statutory commissions pursuant to SCPA Section 2307, and

WHY, upon payments as hereinbefore mentioned by the said defendants or their insurers, the Petitioner, as Administrator of the goods, chattels and credits that were of SALVATORE A. CUNNINGHAM, deceased, should not execute and deliver to the said defendants or their insurer a full, final and complete release in the claims against them arising out of the aforesaid causes of action together with any other papers necessary to effectuate said compromise, and

WHY, upon making the aforementioned distributions, DARLENE M. CUNNINGHAM, as Administrator of the Estate of SALVATORE A. CUNNINGHAM, should not be discharged from any and all further liability as to all matters and things embraced in the aforesaid account and determined by this Decree.

DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED  
January 30, 2015

(LS.)  
HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ  
Bronx County Surrogate  
Michael P. Hausler,  
Chief Clerk  
Attorney  
Name of Attorney: Frekhtman & Associates  
Address of Attorney: 60 Bay 26th Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11214

Telephone Number: Attorney: 8718) 331-7700

NOTE: This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### ACCOUNTING CITATION

File No. 2013-1154/A SURROGATE'S COURT BRONX COUNTY CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Riverbay Corporation; Attorney General of the State of New York; John Spence whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or dead, to their respective heirs, legatees, creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of IRIS SPENCE a/k/a IRIS VERONICA SPENCE, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; A Petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336, Bronx, New York 10451; YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451 on April 7, 2015 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the Court should not grant the following relief: (1) that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of IRIS SPENCE a/k/a IRIS VERONICA SPENCE, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 120 Casals Place, 18A, Bronx, NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$3,850.45 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,925.23 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,925.22 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Rodman & Campbell, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; (3) that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); (4) that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106 (1) & (2) be allowed; (5) that the claim of Riverbay Corporation in the approximate amount of \$7,964.21 be allowed; (6) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Commissioner of Finance f/b/o unknown distributees; (7) that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; (8) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate Michael Hausler Dated, Attested and Sealed, Chief Clerk February 24, 2015 (Seal) Attorney for Petitioner(s): RODMAN AND CAMPBELL, P.C. Tel. No. (718) 882-2681 Address of Attorney: 1428 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, New York 10469 This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 260109-14 Borough: Bronx Block: 3749 Lot: 79

NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, vs. MANUEL ANTONIO CASIANO, JR., if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through MANUEL ANTONIO CASIANO, JR., by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; MANUEL ANTONIO CASIANO; The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through SALOMON SEPULVEDA, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; MARTHA IRIS SEPULVEDA; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; ROBERT SEPULVEDA and "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 99 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on plaintiffs attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: October 6, 2014 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable John A. Barone, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated February 10, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerks Office.

This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as

1718 Watson Avenue, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 3749, Lot 79 (the Tax Parcel). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$10,147.42, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. Anthony J. Iacchetta Phillips Lytle LLP Office and Post Office Address 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Tel. No. (585) 238-2000

## LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS, NOTICE AND BRIEF STATEMENT OF NATURE OF ACTION CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX INDEX NO. 380167-13 STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff, -against- JUAN CASTILLO; JOSE BORBON; ANA BORBON; LUCILA BORBON; ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF JUAN BORBON AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST; et al., Defendants. TO THE DEFENDANT ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF JUAN BORBON AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorneys an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Trial is desired in the County of Bronx. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property, which is the subject matter of this action, is located in the County of Bronx, New York. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Mitchell J. Danziger, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on the 20th day of January, 2015, in Bronx, New York and entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office, in Bronx, New York on the 23rd of January, 2015. The Nature of this action pertains to a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff on real property owned by the above named defendants as specified in the complaint filed in this action. The above named defendants have failed to comply with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage and said instruments secured by said mortgage, by failing and omitting to pay the balance due and owing and the Plaintiff has commenced a foreclosure action. Plaintiff is seeking a judgment foreclosing its mortgage against the real property and premises which situates in the City of Bronx, County of Bronx and State of New York and is commonly known as 893 Prospect Avenue, Unit A (a/k/a 893A Prospect Avenue), Bronx, NY 10459 and all other relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable. DATED: February 10, 2015 SCHILLER & KNAPP, LLP BY: WILLIAM B. SCHILLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 950 New Loudon Road Latham, New York 12110 Telephone: (518) 786-9069 13-1317

# Cardiovascular disease - an epidemic

BY DEBORAH DOLAN HUNT  
PHD, RN

According to the American Heart Association cardiovascular disease kills 17.3 million people worldwide annually. In 2011, approximately 787,000 Americans died from heart disease, stroke, or another form of cardiovascular disease. According to the New York State Department of Health in 2012, 2, 448 New Yorkers died from Coronary Heart Disease. And in the Bronx there are approximately 297 cardiac related deaths per 10,000 people every year. In fact it is the number one killer of men and women. Cardiovascular disease includes various heart conditions with the most common being Myocardial Infarctions (Heart Attacks), Strokes (Brain Attacks or Cerebrovascular Attacks), and Hypertension, and there are currently 85.6 million Americans living with one of more of these life threatening conditions.

During the month of February multiple organizations address hearth health. For example, the American Heart Association has designated February 6th as National Wear Red Day as part of the Go Red for Women Campaign because 1 out of every 3 women die from heart disease and strokes each year. The Go Red for Women campaign was initiated in 2004 to increase awareness of the significant impact heart disease has on women because for many years it was considered a disease that affected older men, and most of the research had been conducted on males. However, this is not the case and there is now an emphasis on conducting research and developing best evidence on managing cardiovascular disease for men and women across the lifespan.

So why am I writing about

heart disease in March? Because we need to focus on our heart health, in addition to our overall health all year long. Alarming, a recent study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation identified the Bronx as being the least healthy county in New York State. There is an old saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", and this is certainly true when it comes to heart health. Although we cannot prevent all heart disease there are many things we can do to keep our hearts healthy.

Following a healthy lifestyle can have a positive impact on your health. Everyone needs to know their numbers, signs, and steps, not the mathematical, astrological, or dance steps, but the ones that can save your life. The numbers include your blood pressure, heart rate, blood sugar, cholesterol, triglycerides, weight, and BMI. The signs relate to the manifestations of heart attacks and strokes. And the steps relate to the required interventions. Please note it is extremely important to go for regularly scheduled physical exams and to consult with your healthcare provider before starting a diet or exercise program.

The American Heart Association developed "Life's Simple 7" to address key behaviors and risk factors that relate to cardiovascular disease. They include the following: Smoking cessation, Physical Activity (30 minutes per day), Healthy Diet (eg. Dash Diet), Body Weight (BMI 18.5 to 24.9), Cholesterol (less than 180 mg/dl), Blood Pressure (see hypertension), Blood Sugar (70-130 mg/dl).

These seven things are all related to one another so it is important to take a holistic approach to your health. Smoking causes many health

issues and there are many programs available to help you quit if you are a smoker. Engaging in physical activity is very important and although you should consult with your healthcare provider as a general rule you should engage in 30 minutes of activity every day. Walking 5,000 to 10,000 steps per day is a great way to achieve this goal. A pedometer, or phone app can help you to keep track. Your diet should be tailored to your specific health issues in consultation with your healthcare provider. Be sure to eat a balanced diet with fresh veggies, fruits, proteins, dairy, and grains. You should limit fat and salt intake, and if not contraindicated drink 6-8 glasses of water per day. You should strive to maintain your body weight and BMI within the ranges for your height and build. Cholesterol should be under 180 mg/dl and it is important to know your HDL (good cholesterol) and LDL (bad cholesterol) levels. Recently there has been a change in the guidelines relating to cholesterol with a greater emphasis on triglycerides and avoiding saturated and Trans fats. It is important to read your food labels so you can make healthy choices. Following these guidelines can help you to prevent and/or manage cardiovascular disease, and Diabetes. Recently, there have been some studies that have found a relationship between a woman's reproductive health and heart disease so it is important to know your personal risk factors. In addition to lifestyle changes some individuals will require medications to control and manage their blood pressure and blood sugar. Stress is associated with many illnesses so it is also important to find ways to decrease stress.

Some strategies for decreasing stress include meditation, deep breathing and relaxation, journaling, Reiki, Acupuncture, massage, exercise, painting, and reading.

Hypertension (high blood pressure) is often the precursor of a stroke or heart attack and because it is known as the "silent killer" many people do not even know they have high blood pressure. Left untreated high blood pressure has a negative effect on the cardiovascular and renal (kidney) systems. When blood pressure becomes very elevated a person may experience throbbing headaches, dizziness, or nosebleeds, and is at great risk for a stroke. Normal blood pressure is a systolic (top number) less than 120, and a diastolic (bottom number) less than 80, for example 120/80 or 110/70.

Myocardial Infarctions (Heart Attacks) occur when there is a blockage or rupture in one of the coronary arteries which results in decreased blood supply and oxygen and causes damage to the heart muscle. It is important to note that women may experience different symptoms than men. Furthermore, many people deny their symptoms or believe they are suffering from indigestion or a virus.

The following are common signs of a heart attack in men and some women:

Chest pain or tightness; typically severe and substernal, possibly radiating to the arm, shoulder, jaw, back, or neck; not relieved by nitroglycerin; dyspnea; syncope; nausea and vomiting; diaphoresis (sweating); weakness; increased heart rate; decreased blood pressure!

The following atypical symptoms are often experienced by women: Abdominal pain (no chest pain); neck,

arm, back, and shoulder pain; dizziness; nausea and indigestion; fatigue.

A stroke (Cerebrovascular Attack, or Brain Attack) occurs when there is a blockage or bleed in the cerebral arteries, or a blockage in the carotid arteries. This results in a lack of blood flow and oxygen to the brain. Left untreated irreversible damage will occur.

The following symptoms may occur with a stroke: Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking; sudden dizziness, loss of balance, or coordination; sudden severe headache with no cause.

The pneumonic FAST was developed to help individuals recognize the signs of a stroke.

According to the National Stroke Association: F- Ask the person to smile. Does one side droop?; A-Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift down?; S- Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?; T- If you observe these signs then it is time to call 911

Although we may not be able to prevent all cardiovascular disease we can lower risk factors and by following a healthy lifestyle and knowing the signs of a heart attack and/or stroke we can improve outcomes. Learning CPR is also helpful and everyone should consider taking a First Aid and CPR course. These courses are offered by the American Heart Association, and the American Red Cross. There are also many local agencies such as the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance that offer CPR courses to the general public.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Remember that Bingo Night I wrote about last week, here's the official contact number for reservations. Colleen McCarthy (718) 931-6916. There will be no ticket sales at the door so call Colleen. The Korony Post is hosting this affair and it will be held at the Sam Young Post.

Standing Down: From Warrior to Civilian is a new reading and discussion series for vets. It is hosted by Jeremy Warneke, a vet of the USANG, who served

in Iraq. These sessions will be held at the Morris Park Library at 985 Morris Park Avenue. There are six sessions on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. They are held on March 23, April 6, 20 May 4, 18 and June 1. To register call Grace Tellez-Cardona at (718) 931-0636.

The Bronx Times Reporter had an article regarding the Hutch Metro Center expansion. In this piece, bus travel, shuttle bus travel and the possibility of having a Metro North station within walking distance

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is discussed. I hope that automobile ingress and egress is considered from the Hutchinson River Parkway, perhaps between the Pelham Bay and Westchester Avenue exits. This would ease the entrance and exit crowding that now exists

on Waters Place.

The weather should be easing up now, so stop in the Post for beverages.

Set your clocks, watches and sundials ahead one hour next Sunday, March 8.

Trivia Time!!

The Lindbergh baby kidnapping took place on March 1, 1932.

King Kong opened in NYC on March 2, 1933. Fay Wray screamed 59 times by my actual count.

March 3, 1931 saw the 'Star

Spangled Banner' become the National Anthem.

The U. S. Constitution went into effect on March 4, 1789.

The Boston Massacre took place on March 5, 1770. The Ore cookie debuts on March 6, 1912. Got milk?

On March 11, 1938, a son was born to Eddie and Nettie Golluscio and he was named Paul. Nothing trivial about this item.

Keep the troops in your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
 INDEX NO. 35118/2014E SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Date Filed: 1/26/2015 Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. M&T Bank, Plaintiff, -against- Jaime Serrano, Victor Maldonado if living and if he be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, United States of America, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Criminal Court of the City of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Capital One Bank, Commissioner of Social Services as assignee of Lisa Polanco, Strategic Holdings USA Inc., Bronx Supreme Court, Jaime Serrano Jr., Marilyn Nazario, Candida Serrano, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$143,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register, County of Bronx, on February 17, 1988, in Reel 0824, Page 1005, covering premises known as 1047 East 213th Street, Bronx, NY 10469. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: Williamsville, New York: December 10, 2014 By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-061901-F00

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**  
 Index No.: 380036-14 Date of Filing: February 13, 2015 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE PERETZ SONTAG, IF THEY BE LIVING OR DEAD, THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COL-

LECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Mark Friedlander of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on January 29, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by PERETZ SONTAG to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR STERLING EMPIRE FUNDING ASSOCIATES, LTD., A NEW YORK CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS in the principal amount of \$328,000.00, which mortgage was recorded in Bronx County, State of New York, on June 2, 2005, in CRFN: 2005000322202. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to CITIMORTGAGE, INC. by assignment of mortgage dated August 18, 2011 and recorded in CRFN: 2011000351688 in the County of Bronx on October 4, 2011. Said premises being known as and by 4215 KATONAH AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10470. Date: December 8, 2014 Batavia, New York Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue Batavia, NY 14020 585.815.0288 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

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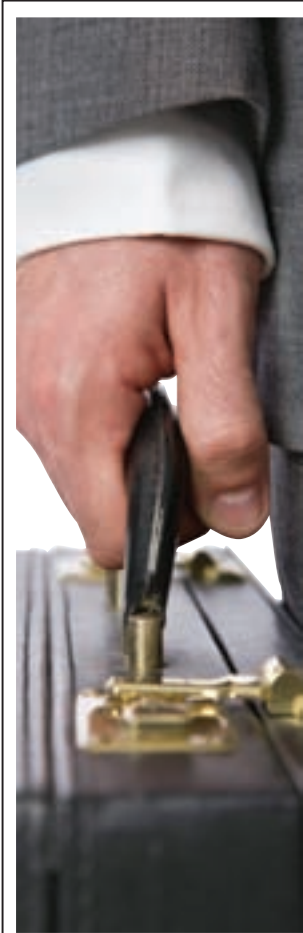
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Index No. 300823/2014 SUMMONS IN TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE Plaintiffs designate Bronx County as the place of trial since the property that is the subject of this foreclosure action is located in that county. NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiffs, -against- MINSKER CONGREGATION OF THE BRONX, INC., NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, and JOHN DOE No. 1 through JOHN DOE No. 100 inclusive, the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said, defendants being unknown to plaintiffs, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein Defendants. To the above named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the undersigned within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded herein. Plaintiffs designate Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county in which the property, a lien upon which is being foreclosed, is situated. To the above named defendants, the forgoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon: John A. Barone dated the 9th day of February 2015. Premises situate lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, Known and designated on the City of New York Tax Map as Block 2705 Lot 3. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Plaintiffs who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you may 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 complaint and protect your property. Sending a payment to the Plaintiff will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: New York, New York February 10, 2014

ROSENBERG & ESTIS, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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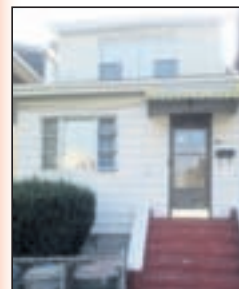
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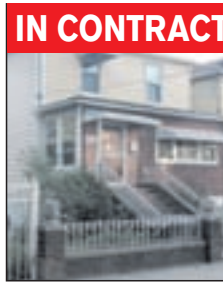


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Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff(s), against SHARON HOLMES, EUGENE ELVIN, unknown heirs at law of THERESA HOLMES and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of who and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in

case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage dated July 7, 2005, executed by Theresa Holmes, as Mortgagor(s) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, as mortgagor, as corrected by as Instrument recorded on November 16, 2005 in CRFN: 2005000638004 to secure the sum of \$272,000.00 recorded in the Bronx County Office of The City Register on March 9, 2006 at CRFN: 2006000132718 of Mortgages. Plaintiff became the owner of this mortgage as a result of a purchase thereof for valuable consideration. The Assignment of Mortgage memorializing Plaintiff's interest has not yet been recorded; however, Plaintiff has standing to prosecute the foreclosure action in its capacity as beneficial owner and holder of the mortgage, covering premises known as 870 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10459, (Block 2692 and Lot 34). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Mark Friedlander, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx on December 29, 2014. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Block 2692 and Lot 34 said premises known as 870 Home Street, Bronx, NY 10459. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded: The entire unpaid principal sum of the NOTE and MORTGAGE in the amount of \$292,769.78, together with accrued interest, from August 31, 2006, to be immediately due and payable. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 300913-14 Borough: Bronx Block: 3993  
Lot: 0007 NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, v. CATHERINE CARDONE A/K/A CATERINA CARDONE A/K/A CATHERINE CARDONA, if living, or if she be dead, her husband, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said CATHERINE

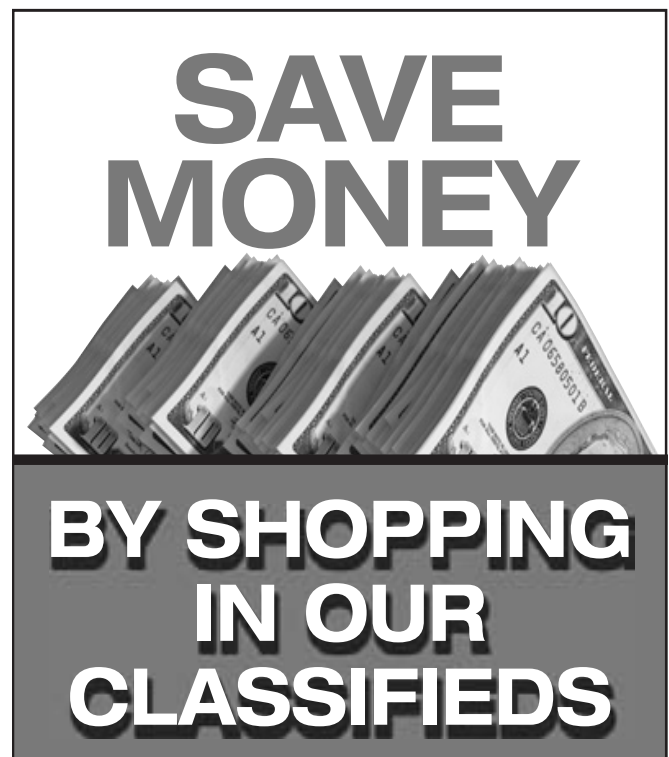
CARDONE A/K/A CATERINA CARDONE A/K/A CATHERINE CARDONA, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; JOSEPH CARDONE A/K/A JOSEPH CARDONA A/K/A J. CARDONE, if living, or if he be dead, his wife, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said JOSEPH CARDONE A/K/A JOSEPH CARDONA A/K/A J. CARDONE, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective wives, or widows of his, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action,

and to serve a copy of your answer on plaintiffs attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the amended complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: November 20, 2014

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable John A. Barone, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated February 10, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerks Office.

This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 1664 Zerega Avenue, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 3993, Lot 0007 (the Tax Parcel). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$15,693.48, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP Anthony J. Iacchetta Attorneys for Plaintiffs Attorneys for NYCTL 2013-A Trust and the Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 238-2000

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COACH JORGE LOPEZ ..... 64



## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

### Harbinger

The Sports Curmudgeon gave us some topics for sportsters at Spring training. "Reporters faced with deadlines for daily stories therefore fall back on standard themes:

A player who was injured last year surely hopes to be healthy this year.

A player who shows up 15 pounds heavier says this will allow him to stay stronger during the long season.

A player who shows up 15 pounds lighter says this will give him more speed and will keep him stronger longer in the season because he is carrying around less weight.

A player with a new fat contract from free agency just wants to win and it glad that all the hoopla associated with contract negotiations are behind him.

A player whose contract will expire at the end of this year is intent on getting a new contract and/or using the upcoming season to demonstrate his real worth - by focusing on nothing but winning of course.

At some point this Spring, you will read that "the pitchers are ahead of the hitters at this point..."

So, ask yourself why the teams don't have the hitters report to Spring Training before the pitchers and catchers.

Then consider that if the hitters reported first, there would be no one to pitch to them...

We have all read all of those stories a hundred times before and will read another 4 or 5 dozen of them again this year because there is nothing else to put in the

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# Buie drops 42 to send Wings to semifinals

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Wings guard Desure Buie had the game of his life.

Buie, the Hofstra-bound guard, was simply unstoppable against Construction. He scored a career-high 42 points and made nine three-pointers. Fourth-seed Wings is heading to the semifinals with a 85-58 win over No. 5 Construction last Saturday in the PSAL Class AA boy's basketball quarterfinals at Lehman College. Buie was seemingly able to do whatever he wanted on the floor.

"This is most definitely the best game I have had in high school," Buie said. "I played aggressive and made a lot of shots as a result. My role is also to be a leader on the court. I think I came out and executed today."

Buie and Wings were locked in from the get go. They came out of the gate on a 10-2 run. A Buie three-pointer capped the spurt, which would be common occurrence. By the time only the first quarter was over, Buie had made five threes and already had 17 points. Wings led 25-9 at the end of the first quarter.

"He's a young man in my opinion who doesn't shoot the ball enough," Wings coach Billy Turnage said. "But tonight he was locked in. He's a senior and we lost early on last year, so he stepped up and told the guys that we weren't going to lose early like last year. The seniors know that this is their last year to win the whole thing,"

The Buie show continued on into the second quarter. By half time he was 7-for-7 from beyond the arc with 27 points and led his team to a 48-23 lead.

"He does this everyday in practice and today he brought it into the game,"



Desure Buie scored a career-high 42 points for Wings in a quarterfinal win over Construction

Photo by Robert Cole

Wings senior center Jessie Govan said. "I think some people forget he's a Division I point guard and how good he actually is. Today he proved that."

Construction (23-5) was able to slow Buie down somewhat in the second half. He only scored 15 points. Even with Buie being quelled a bit, Wings still led 71-34 at the

end of the third and cruised to victory.

"We executed well today," Turnage said. "I know coaches look good when players make plays. But the way Buie and the guys played tonight was phenomenal."

The Georgetown-bound Govan was also a big part of the Wings Academy victory. He finished with 20 points.

The victory earns Wings a place in the PSAL semifinals against top-seed Thomas Jefferson 5 p.m. March 8 at a site to be determined.

"We're focused on winning the whole thing," Turnage said. "We're going to get back in the lab this week and we're going to work, build and construct to try and move on."

## Retired teacher to walk 1,200 miles from Fla. to the Bronx in support of the Wounded Warrior Project

On Monday, March 2, at 10 a.m., Richard J. Albero, a formal naval officer and educational professional, began a walk from home plate at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Fla., to home plate at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx — a trek over 1,200 miles — in support of the Wounded Warrior Project.

To honor his nephew Gary Albero, who died in the 9/11 attacks, Albero wanted to raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project, while incorporating Gary's love for the New York Yankees. To do this, each mile of the walk is dedicated to a different New York Yankees player in the team's history.

Albero's intent is to raise \$25,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, with \$9,000 already having been reached. Donations may be made in the form of "Designated Hitter," "Base on Balls," "Single," "Double," "Triple," "Home Run" or "Grand Slam."

"My goal is to support the soldiers who have bravely fought to protect us," Mr. Albero.

Walking an average of 20 miles a day, the 65-year-old Mr. Albero plans to complete the journey within three months with support drivers by his side.

To make a donation, go to [richardsyankeeswalk.org](http://richardsyankeeswalk.org).

## Yankees Announce Return Of Hope Week In 2015

The New York Yankees are proud to announce the return of HOPE Week (Helping Others Persevere & Excel) in 2015 for the seventh consecutive season. The initiative is a unique week-long community program that brings to light five remarkable stories intended to inspire individuals into action in their own communities. HOPE Week 2015 will take place in New York from Monday, August 17 through Friday, August 21.

Each day over the five-day stretch, the Yankees will reach out to an individual, family or organization worthy of recognition and support, surprising honorees with a day celebrating their accomplishments. Outreach will often take place away from Yankee Stadium,

allowing the Yankees to personally connect with individuals in settings that highlight their greatest successes.

This year's event will mark the fourth year that all of the organization's U.S.-based minor league affiliates will hold their own HOPE Weeks, allowing the initiative to reach five additional cities and touch more than two dozen additional individuals and groups.

HOPE Week is rooted in the fundamental belief that acts of goodwill provide hope and encouragement to more than just the recipient of the gesture. Fans can learn more about the initiative and nominate inspirational individuals for HOPE Week recognition by visiting the official website at [hopeweek.com](http://hopeweek.com).



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# St. Raymond rallies fall short in title game

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

St. Raymond continually tried to dig itself out of an early hole only to be met with swift answers from Iona Prep.

The Ravens, who twice trailed by 17 points, rallied to within six early in the fourth quarter. Iona star Ty Jerome, who scored a game-high 33 points and grabbed eight rebounds, responded by making two free throws to spark his team's run to keep St. Raymond at bay.

That was the third quick response by the Gaels in a 74-61 victory over the Ravens in the CHSAA Archdiocesan boys' basketball final at Mount St. Michal last Saturday. It is the first Class AA crown in school history for Iona.

"Every time we felt like we were making some type of headway, it just felt like they took the air out of the ball," St. Ray's coach Jorge Lopez said.

Jerome, a Virginia commit, toyed with St. Raymond all afternoon. He hit a three-pointer to end the first quarter to put the Gaels up 17-6 after the first quarter and buried consecutive treys to make it 37-19 Iona at the half. The stellar performance came after Jerome missed recent games with a hip flexor.

"He was just having one of those days," Lopez said. "It was almost impossible to stop him."

Cahiem Brown paced St. Raymond (16-11) with 17 points and Isaiah Washington tallied 16. Armstrong DaJour and Sidney Wilson each added eight.

Tom Capuano scored 15 points for Iona (21-5) and Notre Dame-bound forward Matt Ryan chipped in 11. The Ravens were within 10 with 1:00 to play in the third, but Iona scored the final five points of the frame. The run was highlighted by a corner three from Ryan.

"St. Ray's is a rhythm team," Jerome said. "When they get in rhythm they are hard to stop. When stop their runs early they can't get in rhythm."

St. Raymond still had one final run left in it.

The Ravens began to pound the offensive glass and got hot from behind the arc. Malik Mooving and Washington each hit 3-pointers and Wilson scored four straight points inside as part of an 11-0 run to pull St. Ray's within 58-52 with 6:08 to go in the game. Iona scored five straight points after a Washington three to go back up 66-55 with 4:07 remaining in the contest.

"The game was right there in our hands and it slipped away," Washington said.

It was still a productive diocesan tournament for the young Ravens team despite losing in the final. St. Raymond beat rival Hayes in the semifinals to reach its third title game in the last four years. It also earned a bye in the CHSAA Class AA Intersectional quarterfinals on March and some time to rest a nicked up roster.

"We have a couple of guys who are banged up," Lopez said. "A couple of days off will do some good and then get back to work."



St. Ray's Isaiah Washington drives to basket during the CHSAA Archdiocesan championship game. Photo by Robert Cole

# Velocity Track Club New York highlights

On Saturday, February 14, Velocity Track Club New York had nine student athletes compete in the 2015 NYRR Millrose Games. They advanced from the Millrose Trails in order to compete in this event.

The Millrose Games, which began in 1908 as a small event sponsored by a local track club, has grown to become the most prestigious indoor track & field event in the United States.

The meet brings the best professional, college and high school athletes to New York City.

Our children had a chance to showcase their talents with the best. Velocity Track Club had Lisha McKenzie, Shantea Leach, River Sampson and Danielle Jackson compete in the girls 12 years & under 4 x 200 meter relay race and Joseph Webster-Rutledge, Jordan Samuels, Trevon James and Kristen Cadiz-Domville in the boys 12 years & under 4 x 200 meter relay race. Plus, Olyvia Burrell competed in the girls 8 years & under NYRR Fastest Kid on the

Block Race.

Medals were given to the top three winners in there event/gender. We are pleased to note that all nine student-athletes won bronze medals in this prestigious meet that spectators paid up to \$100 to watch. Great Job!

On Sunday, March 1, Velocity Track Club New York traveled to the West Point Military Academy – Gillis Field House in West Point, New York to compete in the AAU (American Amateur Union) Track & Field Championship.

There were approximately 500 students' athletes participating in this event. Trophies and medals were given to the 1st place finishers and medals to the 2nd to 4th place finishers. However, they had to cancel many events that our children were scheduled to participate in.

We were able to participate in the following events: 55 meter trails, 400 meter dash, 800 meter race, 4 x 200 meter relay, shot put and most of the long jump events.

In these events, we were able to muscle up four trophies

and 26 medals. The following athletes that won awards were: (Trophies) Matthiaus Love-Anderson, LaDarius Jones, Danielle Jackson and Dominique Jackson. (Medals) Avery Philip, Christopher Ruiz (2), Julian Caldwell, Donteia Lindo, Kaseam Shand, Daijon James, Kristian Cadiz-Domville, Darius Gordon, Tyron Ingram, Olyvia Burrell (2), Tiara Jackson, Lisha McKenzie, River Sampson, Danielle Jackson (2), Shantea Leach, Giovanna Tolbert (2), Nariah Mathis (2) and Jaleah Eargle. Great job!!

If anyone interested in joining Velocity Track Club New York, we are having our semi-annual orientation on Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in room 28 of the Bartow Community Center located at 2049 Bartow Avenue. Parent/guardian must be present at orientation for child to try out.

For additional information, log on to our web site <http://velocitytrack.org/> or contact Coach Winston Dinkins at (914) 441-6196 / email [WATCLT@AOL.COM](mailto:WATCLT@AOL.COM).



## Bronx Works co-sponsors NBA-sponsored health

A NBA-sponsored health and fitness clinic was held for children at P.S. 42 in the Bronx and co-sponsored by BronxWorks, which oversees this community school and operates an absence reduction and dropout prevention program there. P.S. 42 was one of 100 schools in the metro New York area selected by the National Basketball Association as part of its February FIT campaign nationwide, said Stephanie Rodriguez, community school coordinator at BronxWorks.

Power forward Nicola Mirotic of the Chicago Bulls led the clinic at P.S. 42, where children received NBA FIT t-shirts. The 24-year-old Mirotic is 6 foot, 10 inches and is from eastern Europe. He was born in Montenegro, which was part of Yugoslavia, and previously played for a Madrid team.

## Pipe Dreams: Zen Drafter

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there is nothing else to put in the papers. On most days, nothing of any import happens in Spring Training. It is the price we pay for that particular harbinger of Spring...

### Zen Drafter

So now Phil Jackson has removed more salaries from the Knicks' roster. We'll be waiting for the NBA draft on June 25th to see how many seats on the game bench will be filled by Jackson,

### Jets Draft Board

We've always heard that you can't coach size. These are quick looks: Geno Smith- 6/3, 218; Marcus Mariota- 6/4, 219; Jameis Winston (reported shoulder weakness?)- 6/4, 230;. Josh McCown- 6/4, 230. Gee, none of these guys are Eddie Lebaron sized (5/9, 168).

These Combine choices are only guesses that don't enter the reality phase until the choices get on the field. "How-evah" if I were choosing a QB, I'd look at arm strength for long passes, passing across the body, and away from the body. I'd also like to know if he had the smarts to call 2 plays in the huddle.

### "I Have A Dream"

The Sports Curmudgeon gave a good answer to Jesse Jackson. "Therefore, it is pretty clear to me that there was some skullduggery going on with regard to the roster. And so, I would like to respond to Rev Jackson's wondering aloud about this

being about boundaries and not race. To respond, allow me first to present some words by the Rev Martin Luther King, Jr. from the "I Have A Dream" speech:

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

The adults in charge of that Little League team cheated. I do not think that cheating is a race issue but I do think it is a character issue. I choose to judge those people on the basis of their character as evidenced by their behavior. Sadly, those adult cheaters with character flaws all their own behaved in a way that caused a bunch of kids to lose something they obviously treasured.

The Curmudgeon had this to say about Tiger Woods, "Tiger Woods' announcement that he was taking time off from PGA events simply changed the focus of the "Tiger Woods stories" that golf writers must be compelled to write by editors who have become addicted to Tiger Woods stories. Folks, Tiger Woods was once the best golfer in the world; for the last 5 years he has not been anywhere near that stature. In fact, if you look at the last 5 years alone and consider the amount of coverage in the media for Tiger Woods juxtaposed with his athletic accomplishments here is a sports figure that he has begun to resemble: because of the Sandusky horror, to overshadow correct thinking.

# Spellman holds off Sea for Archdiocesan title

BY DAVID CORDOVA

Jade Vegas wouldn't let the lead or the championship get away from Cardinal Spellman.

The senior guard poured in 32 points to lead the host Pilots to a 60-57 victory over St. Joseph by the Sea in the CHSAA Archdiocesan girls' basketball championship last Sunday. Fellow senior Kameron Stone chipped in with 14 points and 10 rebounds. It is Spellman's second straight title.

"Defense has been the key. They have done well from end line to end line." Pilots head coach Jane Morris said. "St. Joe's is a great team. We've beaten them once and they beat us once. They're a very talented and balanced team."

Spellman led 46-37 after three quarters, but Sea would not die down the stretch. Eventually the Pilots senior leadership prevailed down the stretch. Vega and classmate Sade Rogers made key free throws down the stretch.

"Jade's leadership has been the key to the team's success," Morris adds. "She is the consummate floor leader. The win feels great. The seniors and the rest of the team are doing great and we're fulfilling expectations that many have not expected from us."

Spellman took control of the game and went into halftime with a 34-22 lead. In the second half, the Pilots

maintained their lead, but the Vikings (20-7) stayed on their heels, pulling within six points in the third quarter.

"I'm proud of my team's effort," St. Joseph by the Sea coach Josh Slusiak said. "We never quit."

Senior Casey Davidson led with 28 points and Nicole Vierno chipped in with 20 points. Davidson scored the 1,000th point of her career on a layup in the third quarter.

"It's something that I'll always remember, but I wish we had gotten the win," she said.

Both teams were clutch at the foul line in this game, but Spellman (23-4) ended up holding the lead together until the final buzzer. The Pilots earned the diocese's top seed and bye in the upcoming CHSAA Class A state playoffs. Spellman reached the semifinal a year ago and wants to take it a step further this time around.

"I feel like the kids have worked really hard all year," Morris said. "They really want this and I can't envision them stopping now."

Vega felt the title gives her club momentum and high hopes for the rest of the playoffs.

"I felt very confident and knew we would beat them as long as we played hard," Vega said. "I feel if we continue to play hard and succeed, we can win the states."



Cardinal Spellman's Jade Vega scored 32 points to lead her team to a second straight Archdiocesan championship. Photo by Joseph Staszewski

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# EDC explores ferry service request

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boroughs already have or will have several ports, said Kaufman.

Another argument made on behalf of the Throggs Neck and Ferry Point community is that with the opening of the new golf course and new malls, ferry service at Ferry Point Park would help alleviate increased auto traffic, Kaufman added.

"It is a perfect fit," he said of the ferry service in the park.

It would benefit both Bronx commuters looking to reach Manhattan, and patrons of the new Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, he added.

"It would be perfect for people coming from Manhattan could use the ferry instead of a car to get (to the golf course), and also our people would have a ferry ride to Manhattan or other areas of New York City which would be a more pleasant ride to get to work," he said.

The response from the corporation was not totally negative, and it was something that NYCEDC hoped that the Trump Organization would get involved in, said Kaufman.

The goal is to create a happy marriage between Trump and NYCEDC to bring a dedicated ferry line to the park, he added.

One argument NYCEDC made against the Ferry Point Park pro-

posal was that the water where a ferry landing would have to be situated was too shallow, said Kaufman, who added that this could easily be solved by dredging.

How the ferry would be paid for had not been discussed, and it was probably too soon to get into specifics, said Kaufman.

While the ferry would have to make some kind of profit, he said, it is not the only concern, since other parts of the city will have much more ferry service, even with the new line to be added.

"Our argument is that even if it cannot make a profit, we should have the ferry service and we should not be discriminated against," said Kaufman.

NYC EDC did not respond to requests for comment as of press time.

A representative from the Trump Organization was not available for comment.

(Right) Ferry Point Park is being suggested as a ferry landing site by local advocates.

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# Diaz: The Bronx is the place to be

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residential development throughout these years and the Bronx has topped last year's record of 63% unsubsidized units with a total of 69% unsubsidized units this year.

This represents 2,547 unsubsidized units out of a total of 3,697 housing units developed last year.

Last year's noteworthy commercial developments included 15 new retail stores, three restaurants, a TD Bank in Parkchester, a Hotel Hampton Inn and a boutique in Highbridge, four storage facilities, five warehouses, an auto laundry, and two gas stations.

Residential highlights detailed were four 1-family houses, 44 2-family houses, 20 3-family houses, 81 multifamily buildings including six supportive housing buildings, and 98 alterations.

Institutional developments described in the report included a new natatorium for Riverdale Country School, P.S. 317, Children's Aid Society College Prep Charter School, the Metropolitan Lighthouse Charter School, Fordham University's Faber Hall and Loyola Hall, a new building at Bronx Community College, Bronx Council on the Arts Gallery, MTA training facility, NYPD training facility, St. Barnabas Hospital building, and a mosque in Van Nest.

The report's 'Top Ten Projects by Total Investment in 2014' included Riverdale Country School's Natatorium for \$100 million, Melrose Site C: 203-unit mixed use and 59-unit supportive housing with HDC/HPD financing for \$91 million, 134-unit multifamily building with HDC financing for \$58 million, 149-unit supportive housing with DOMH and HASA funding for \$55 million, \$49,399,000 for P.S. 317, 136-unit supportive housing and 200-bed homeless shelter with HPD/DHS financing for \$34 million, \$33,670,450 for a 150-unit multifamily with HDC financing, 60-unit HIV supportive housing with HPD financing for \$27 million, and Children's Aid Society College Prep Charter School for \$27 million.

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(Right) Crossroads Plaza is one of the many new developments slated for our borough.

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