

MANDEE SPOT AS NEW 45TH?

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The site of a former clothing store may soon be fashioning itself for a future in law enforcement.

On Monday, March 9, Community Board 10 wrote a letter to Mayor De Blasio suggesting the possible relocation of the 45th Precinct and Police Service Area #8 to the vacant building at 3860 E. Tremont Avenue, previously a Mande clothing store.

The Welco Realty property is situated near the Cross Bronx Expressway and contains approximately 15,000 square feet above ground, a loading dock and spacious parking, as well as and a finished basement.

The 45th Precinct has served the northeast Bronx communities since the late 1920s, but its headquarters is considered outdated and needs serious renovations.

The precinct house's upper

floor, locker areas and rest rooms are deteriorated.

Located at 2877 Barkley Avenue, the precinct inhabits a crowded neighborhood where parking is limited leading to poor work environment and community relation problems.

Conditions at Police Service Area #8, presently located inside Throggs Neck Houses, are crowded, lack available parking, and is prone to leaks.

John Marano, Community Board 10 first vice chairman explained the idea he shared with Martin Prince, CB 10 chairman and Kenneth Kearns, CB 10 district manager.

"When this property came up on the market, we felt it would be the perfect location for the 45th Precinct and Police Service Area #8 because it has ample parking and it's in closer proximity to the ar-

ea's highways and bridges," Marano revealed.

"The 45th Precinct is a beautiful architectural marvel which unfortunately is presently in need of extensive interior repairs. We believe that if efforts are being made to help restore the current building, which does not have an elevator, these efforts could instead be better used toward creating a more state-of-the-art precinct at this vacant property," Kearns said.

Robert Bieder, 45th Precinct Community Council president welcomes this possibility.

"With projects like this, it always comes down to budget. However, developing this site to accommodate the 45th Precinct and Police Service Area #8 would be a great capital project for the area. These police agencies are constantly working together and it would

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Parking dispute ends in a death

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A homicide that took place on a Country Club street last week has left a neighborhood stunned and residents in shock.

On Monday, March 23, 50-year old Gjok Deda was arrested and arraigned, charged with first degree manslaughter after allegedly punching and killing 68-year old Ronald Antonucci on Thursday, March 19.

The incident began just after 7:30 a.m., when Antonucci, a grandpa and retired

carpenter who had lived in the building complex for over a decade, was moving his car and backed up into a parking space outside his residence at 1110 Stadium Avenue, just off of Layton Avenue and Shore Drive.

Deda, who was also a resident at 1110 Stadium Avenue and lived three floors above Antonucci, was walking with his two young daughters as Antonucci maneuvered his vehicle.

According to reports, Deda accused Antonucci of backing

his car up too close to him and his children.

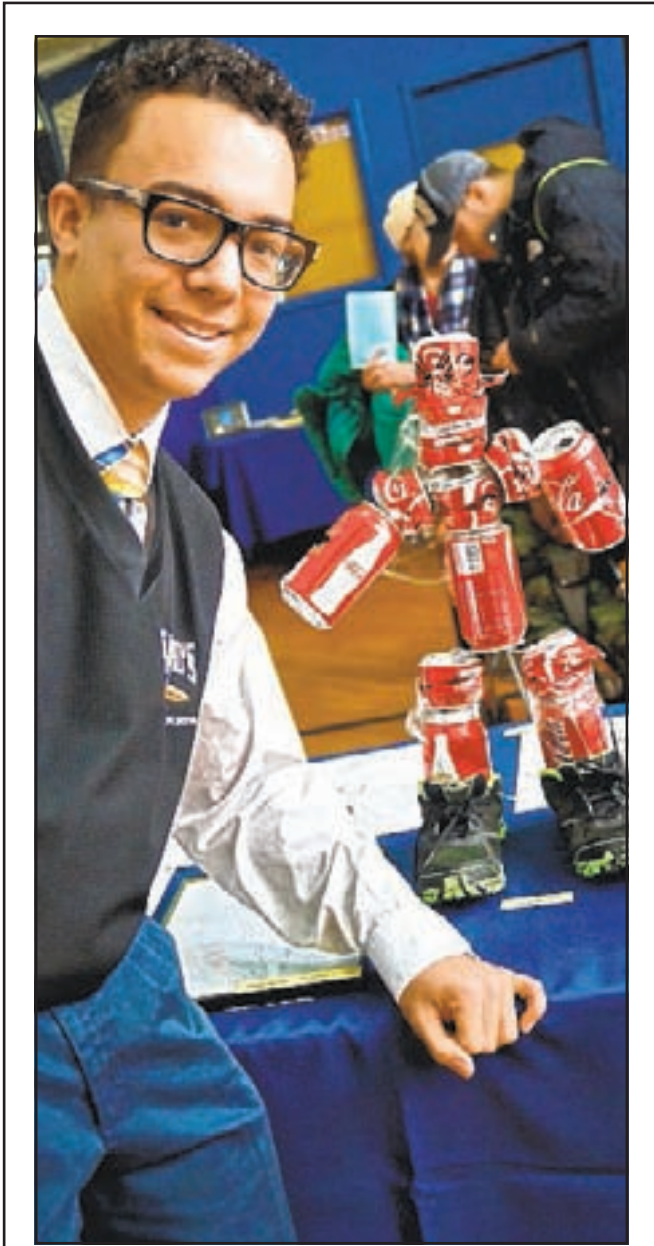
When the dispute escalated, Deda allegedly punched Antonucci in the eyes, face and head area numerous times.

After being struck, Antonucci fell to the sidewalk and never got up.

When cops arrived on the scene, he was being treated by EMS. He was taken to Jacobi Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The medical examiner's office confirmed the cause of

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Art On Display At St. Raymond's

Senior Gerardo Ramos with his piece 'Warrior Who Fights Nothing,' at the St. Raymond Parish Art Show on Sunday, March 22, where students in grades K-12 from the three parish schools showed off their hard work.

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Carmen Rosa, respected CB 12 district manager, passes

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx has lost a dedicated public servant.

Carmen Rosa, longtime district manager of Community Board 12, died on Friday, March 20.

Rosa was in her mid-60s, said community board chair Father Gorman, and had been battling cancer.

She is survived by two children, Linda and Alfredo Angueira.

Rosa served board 12 as district manager since 1995 until she retired earlier this year, prior to which she had served as assistant district manager for seven years.

Earlier in her career she worked for the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, and for more than 20 years she was an adjunct professor at Monroe College.

"It's a tremendous loss for the board," said Fr. Gorman. "The knowledge and experience of more than 30 years of public service in the Bronx, you just can't replace that."

Fr. Gorman, who worked with Rosa throughout her tenure as district manager, describes her first and foremost as extremely caring.

"She was a person of the utmost compassion," he said.

She was also 'honest as the day is long,' he said, as well as an incredibly hard worker.

"She was a tremendous fighter to bring city services to an area that historically was short-changed," said Fr. Gorman.

According to the community board, Rosa's accomplishments include ensuring the toxic site known as Hexagon Labs was cleaned by the Federal and State Department of Environmental Protection so that the contaminates at the site would no longer endanger the residents of the Bronx.

She also saw a need for her district's youth and submitted a proposal to the mayor identifying two sites for an all inclusive recreational facility to adequately service the needs of the community.

Presently, a committee of community residents are working the borough president and local elected officials to secure the funding for this facility.

Additionally, Rosa worked with Senator Jeff Klein on advocating for increased police for the 47th Precinct and addressing transportation needs for seniors in Woodlawn, Klein said in a statement.

Fr. Gorman said she went out of her way to help board members in their efforts to better their neighborhoods, such as his initiative to close down adult establishments in the district.

"She was supportive of me personally and of the community board professionally," he said.

Over the years, Rosa developed many strong relationships with local groups, as well as with other district managers throughout the Bronx.

"I think this is a loss for the entire borough," Fr. Gorman said.



Carmen Rosa.

Photo courtesy of Community Board 12

Bronx elected officials agree.

"Carmen was a leading voice for change in the Bronx, ensuring the borough received the resources and attention it deserved," said Senator Klein in a statement. "While Carmen often avoided the limelight, her voice was strong. Her advocacy, leadership and dedication will be sorely missed."

"Carmen was an invaluable advocate to the community board and neighborhoods which she served," said Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. in a statement. "On behalf of all 1.4 million residents of the Bronx, I mourn her passing."

Services for Rosa were held on Friday, March 27 at the Woolworth Chapel at Woodlawn Cemetery.



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100th Birthday

Columba Curcio, known to many as Curio, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Friday, April 10. A niece of Columba reports that she reads the Bronx Times Reporter. Her niece, Margaret Sicari, writes:

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Columba Curcio

Bronx from Harlem with her family as a young woman. She still lives in her home in the Soundview area, where she spent the greater part of her teaching career at P.S. 107 on Seward Avenue.

Reading books, newspapers and magazines are her pleasures. So is socializing daily with family and friends via written, phone and e-mail communication. In addition, she goes to her computer twice daily for news, mail and to visit her Italian website for recipes and articles of topical interest.

Until last spring, she attended classes and activities at her professional retiree center. She looks forward to a big celebration of her longevity and vitality on April 12 with her family and circle of friends.

Notable Passing

The Ronda family is sad to announce the passing of its patriarch **Oswaldo A. Ronda**, known to many as Bob or Bobby.

Born in Manhattan, Oswaldo serviced his country



Oswaldo Ronda, 1953

in the United States Marine Corps. from 1953 to 1957. He married Norma Rendina in 1961 and moved to Throggs Neck in 1968. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Norma, his sons Alfred and Joseph,

his daughter Aurora and grandchildren Joseph, Sierra, and Jonathan. He was recently cremated. A service was held on Sunday, March 22 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Castle Hill.

Italian Language Class registration

The Morris Park Community Association Bronx Columbus Parade Italian Language Class registration will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, at 1824 Bronxdale Avenue.

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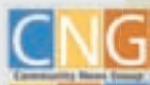
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A Parks Department bird's eye view of the site where the park is going to be constructed is seen here. The park area is circled in red. Photo courtesy of the Parks Department

Belden Park work to begin this month

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Work may finally begin on a long-awaited pocket park at the end of City Island Avenue.

The Parks Department has confirmed that its contractor will begin work on Belden Point Park at the terminus of City Island Avenue by the end of March.

The pocket park, sandwiched between two seafood restaurants, should allow visitors a great view of Long Island Sound, supporters said.

It was first funded in 2005 by then Borough President Adolfo Carrion Jr. and by a New York State waterfront restoration panel, said City Island Civic Association president John Doyle.

Senator Jeff Klein stepped into the fray in 2010 to preserve the state funding, calling the Secretary of State after it looked like the allocation might be withdrawn because of inaction. The senator spoke highly of the latest development.

"As a long-standing priority for the City Island community, I'm pleased the Parks Department will start work on Belden Point Park this month," said Klein. "The new park will be a boon to the City Island community, both increasing access to the waterfront and beautifying the surrounding area."

Klein said he looks forward to seeing Belden Point Park become a valued destination for residents and their families, and local visitors and tourists.

Klein's office also helped broker a deal between two restaurants on either side of the new park, whose owners agreed to share in the maintenance costs of the new space once it was built, said Doyle, who worked on

the project when he was a staff member of Klein's.

Based on his detailed knowledge of the decade-long path to construction, Doyle said he believes that start-dates that never materialized for the project may number seven.

"If it was not for Jeff, that money would have been taken away," said Doyle, adding "We hope we get lucky on the seventh try here."

Doyle said that the project's stall also could be because contractors pulled out of previous contracts.

The relatively small scope of the project, coupled with the fact that any contractor is required to pay their construction workers 'prevailing wage' leaves little interest in the Request for Proposals, he said.

According to the Parks Department, Carrion allocated a total of \$200,000 towards the project, with New York State providing \$170,000 and the Mayor de Blasio's office \$50,000.

Parks described the project as "a street-end plaza which will beautify and provide pedestrian access to the southern point of City Island."

"The project will add a planting bed and landscaped area, functional elements including a bike rack, and decorative pavement, railings and more," reads a Parks statement. "The park's functional design will also serve to define a vehicular turn-around with an 18-inch-wide curb with safety posts."

Parks stated that while a start date of May 2014 had been set, delays were caused by several factors.

These included the need to design storm resiliency upgrades, a longer than expected bid review and appeals process and a fire at one of the restaurants next to the site.

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Arlene Alda releases Bronx success stories

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

If you were born and raised in the Bronx, then this book is for you.

On Tuesday, March 3, Bronx-bred author Arlene Alda, through Henry Holt & Company, released her new book, 'Just Kids From the Bronx: Telling It the Way It Was', which includes over 60 interviews from different borough-born and raised Bronxites that found their influences in the Bronx.

The book's interviewees, which include New York Yankees' play-by-play broadcaster Michael Kay, J. Crew's CEO Millard 'Mickey' Drexler and Hip Hop pioneer Grandmaster Melle Mel, among others, recall their Bronx experiences growing up in the borough.

These success stories are sure to inspire many of its readers. They touch on Bronx-related topics such as food, music, politics, gangs and more.

In this book, the interviewees share their life experiences and successes in the Bronx with the critically ac-

claimed author, who also falls into the category of an individual who was born in the borough and flourished in her career.

Alda was born in the Bronx in 1933 in present day Williamsbridge, back when neighborhood identification was by subway stops and street names.

She lived in a large apartment building located at the intersection of Barnes and Arnow avenues, just one block from the Allerton Avenue subway stop of the IRT line.

She attended Evander Childs High School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Hunter College, before receiving a Fulbright Scholarship to study clarinet in Germany, eventually becoming a clarinetist in the Houston Symphony. She married actor Alan Alda and moved from the Bronx in 1957.

Arlene is now the author of 17 books, including the best selling children's book, 'Sheep, Sheep Sheep, Help Me Fall Asleep', which she released in 1992.

She was inspired to write

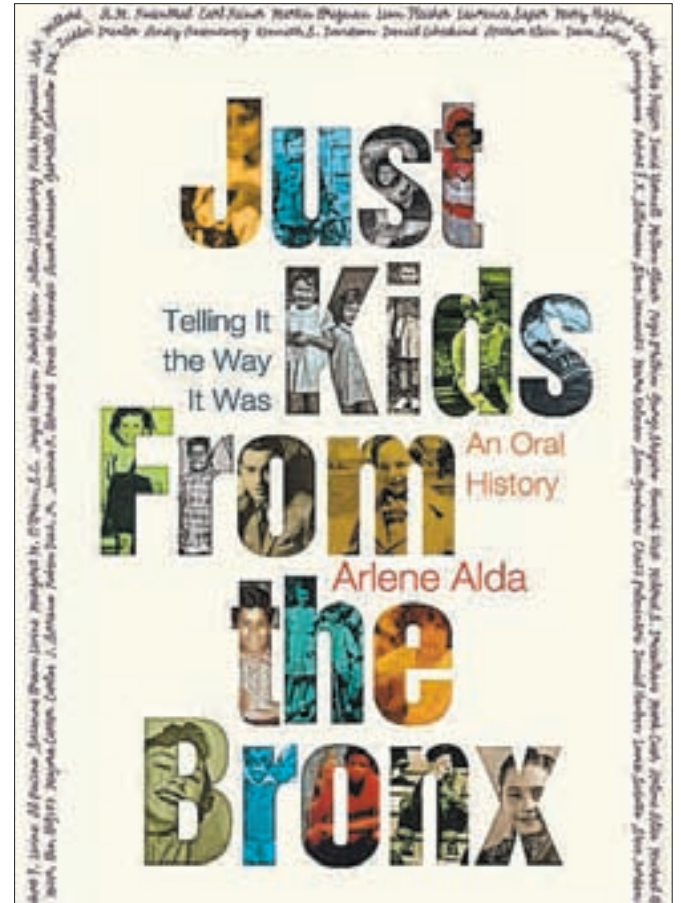
this book when she went back to her old building after many years with Millard 'Mikey' Drexler, who had also lived there growing up.

While they were there, Alda realized how many more wonderful, talented, successful people hailed from the Bronx.

She then became interested in interviewing people of all different ages to create a picture of the Bronx from the stories told to her by accomplished Bronxites.

Arlene is confident her book will end any lingering negative stereotypes of the Bronx, especially after readers learn about all of the successful personalities the borough has shaped in recent years.

"The Bronx has gotten a bad rap over the years," said Alda. "I'd like to change that picture and set the record straight with this new book. The Bronx is beautiful, interesting and is the place which nurtured and continues to nurture a lot of interesting, important and wonderful people."



'Just Kids From the Bronx: Telling It the Way It Was' by Arlene Alda.

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44th PCT.

Friday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. — Police responded to an accident on the Grand Concourse near 170th street. A 44-year-old driver of a green cab hit a parked 2001 Subaru and then vaulted onto the sidewalk, hitting four pedestrians. A 55-year-old man was pronounced DOA at the scene, and a 5-year-old girl died at Lincoln Hospital, where her mother is now in stable condition. The driver was transported to Jacobi Hospital with minor injuries.

45th PCT.

Thursday, March 19, 7:43 a.m. —

Police responded to a 911 call to aide a male in front of 1110 Stadium Avenue, but found an unconscious 68-year-old male being treated by EMS on scene. The male was removed to Jacobi Hospital via EMS, where he was pronounced dead. The incident was later classified as a homicide, and a 50-year-old man was arrested and charged with manslaughter on Monday, March 23.

46th PCT.

Monday, March 16, 5:55 p.m. — Police responded to reports of a person stabbed at 204 E. Fordham Road. The victim was transported to Jacobi Hospital.

49th PCT.

Thursday, March 19, 12:55 p.m. — Police responded to reports of a victim shot in the arm at 3055 Burke Avenue.

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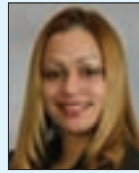
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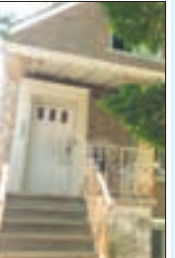
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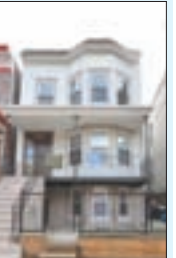
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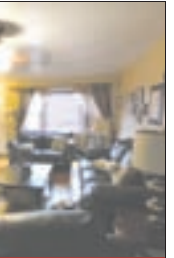
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Nightmare on E. Tremont Ave.

Dear editor,

Havana Cafe's sound absorption wall was brought down by Hurricane Sandy winds in October 2012. They've been promising to repair the wall ever since. As of today, March 18, the wall is nonexistent and their HVAC fans continue to cause a nuisance. Havana has been making empty promises for 2 and a half years now. They've obtained their liquor license renewal, so what's the incentive to make good?

The following complaints involving Havana, were not addressed in your article, including but not limited to; negative impact on neighborhood parking, noise nuisance from constant flow of loitering motorcycles, idling cars, horns and music blaring through midnight hours. The flow of drunken, disorderly and loitering patrons boisterously congregating or brawling in front of private homes after midnight. Additionally and equally as critical; the filth and slick ground cover behind Havana's alleyway that attracts insects and vermin. Could you imagine the owners of Havana choosing to live next door to their own business?

Community Board 10 is quick to say the 'noise' falls within regulatory levels, so Havana doesn't have to act. Is this an indication Havana has no intention of fulfilling its promises? The American Dream has turned into a Nightmare on E. Tremont Avenue.

Ana R. Berger

Pothole lawsuits are exempted

Dear editor,

This winter our roadways became a minefield for drivers. Drivers tried their best to avoid these craters, but most of the time it was too late, tires went flat, rims were bent, alignments went out, and some even incurred front end damage.

The average driver spends \$673 annually in additional vehicle maintenance costs due to poor road conditions. Given that motorists pay taxes to maintain the roads, they

shouldn't have to pay again because the roads aren't properly maintained.

What many drivers don't know is Section 58 of the Highway Law exempts New York State from liability for pothole damages on state roads between November 15 and May 1.

There maybe a solution to this problem, A.425, introduced by Assemblyman Abinanti and S.747 by Senator Kennedy are attempting to save us money by removing this century-old exemption and providing an opportunity for unlucky motorists to seek restitution if the damage to their vehicle was caused by New York State's neglect.

You are urged to contact your state elected officials and ask them to support this common sense idea and work to pass this legislation.

Robert Neglia

Pompeii redux

Dear editor,

It looks like Waterbury-LaSalle is now experiencing Pompeii redux, only now it's Havana Cafe.

On Sunday, March 8, I was walking on East Tremont Avenue, about a block away from that joint, and I heard very loud, very bad music coming from there. It had warmed up nicely that day, so I guess many people were in a bit of a party mood. As I passed the place, I saw it was mobbed, almost wall-to-wall with people.

While I saw people talking to each other, I thought to myself, " They must be screaming at each other! There's no other way they can hear themselves talk! "

The residents and officials cited in the story are a bit too optimistic that the problem has been resolved just because one of the owners, Rodriguez, says it will be.

To those living near Havana Cafe, be prepared for the proverbial long, hot summer. That Sunday I passed, all the doors and windows were closed and I still heard the blasting passion a block away! Just imagine when the doors and windows swing open!

But in Rodriguez' defense of Rodriguez I would like to add, MamaJuana Cafe - the former Babalu just a few blocks down - was even louder that day, with

a maniac DJ screaming at the top of his lungs into a sound system.

Barry Manilow's song Copacabana is alive and well in Waterbury-LaSalle.

Ken Reynolds

Don't patronize food vendors

Dear editor,

We are now witnessing an explosion of vendors along East Tremont Avenue selling foodstuffs from food carts. We urge you not to patronize them. Our neighborhood will become cluttered by these vehicles, blocking our sidewalks and selling unhealthy foods.

Their newly taken parking areas will eventually become littered with garbage. All the while our merchants strive valiantly to sell healthy foods in properly maintained premises. Remember, our merchants are regulated; actually over regulated! They have to put up with the onslaught of inspectors whose primary goal is to extort moneys from them for the city. Our merchants have to pay rent and taxes, while their customers are harassed by traffic enforcement.

The well being of our community depends upon a good on-going relationship between the neighborhood customers shopping in local stores and dining in our neighborhood restaurants. Many owners live in the community and employ local residents.

The success of the local shop owners and restaurants is undermined by street vendors that have no vested interest in assuring the survival of Throggs Neck. Make your voice heard loud and clear by boycotting these street vendors for they contribute nothing to our neighborhood nor are concerned for its well-being.

Stephen B. Kaufman
president, Throggs Neck
Merchants Association

Inappropriate remarks

Dear editor,

The Morris Park Community Association is appalled by the self-serving remarks by Van Neat Alliance vice president Bernadette Ferrara. Her claims that Councilman James Vacca spoke for 25 minutes before Commuynity Board 11 to influence its vote is ludicrous. The Education Committee passed a motion unanimously to name the school after Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano and presented their decision to the full board for consideration.

The president of the Van Nest Alliance, Shradhanhand Pirtam, a lifelong resident, community activists Linda White and Joe Bombace, all members of the board's Education Committee, voted in favor of the motion, but I guess only Bernadette speaks for Van Nest. She was the only dissenting vote at the full board meeting, a board made up of community leaders, many from Van Nest, who are not easily influenced. I guess they just don't care as much as Bernadette.

The councilman thanked the Education Committee for their recommendation and explained how much Madeleine did for her district and how much she did for the Van Nest community. He did this in response to a letter sent by Bernadette to the board saying Provenzano did nothing for the Van Nest community. I guess Bernadette wasn't paying attention.

Ferrara wasn't finished yet, after downplaying the councilwoman's contributions, she accused the neighboring association (Morris Park Community Association) of not supporting the Van Nest community. Can someone please let Ferrara know she is not Van Nest. The association voted with all the other Van Nest residences and the board to name the new school to honor Madeline Provenzano's dedication to the Van Nest community.

Al D'Angelo

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Audit transit agencies

Dear editor,

NYC Comptroller Scott Stinger's recent report that New Yorkers spend more time traveling to work than those who commute in other cities told us nothing new. This has been previously documented in numerous other taxpayer-funded studies and newspaper articles. Older generations moved to two fare zones in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island in search of more affordable housing, safer neighborhoods, better air quality and better schools.

They knew full well that they would be living in a two fare (bus to subway) zone with longer commutes to and from work.

Newer generations looking for the same quality of life moved to the suburbs. They had to deal with driving to a commuter rail road station, riding the rail road and transferring to the subway before arriving at work. More recent generations moved beyond the old inner suburbs to newer outer suburbs with even longer commutes.

The real questions Stinger failed to look at is who is providing the appropriate level of funding to improve everyone's commute and how those dollars are being spent.

Both the NYCDOT and MTA combined have an active portfolio in billions of ongoing capital projects and programs. This includes almost two billion dollars of yearly assistance from Washington. These dollars are supplemented by billions more from various discretionary federal funding sources. Don't forget the billions in locally generated tax and farebox revenues. Does NYCDOT and the MTA submit grant applications on time? Are current federal and state funded programs being completed on time and within budget? Are there any unspent funds carried over year after year? Is there waste, fraud or abuse? Are all change orders for construction projects fair, reasonable and documented?

Perhaps Stringers staff time would have been better spent auditing both NYCDOT, MTA along with their respective sub recipients and operating agencies to see how prudent they have been in managing all those billions of dollars from Uncle Sam and Albany. Stringer could give up both his free parking space at City Hall and his special police parking permit. He can use his transit check to purchase

Metro Cards. Why not ask his wife to do the same? This will afford Stringer the opportunity to join several million constituents who use public transportation on a daily basis and also contribute to a cleaner environment.

Larry Penner

Bunny funding

Dear editor,

I am writing to thank our councilman, Jimmy Vacca, for the grant that he was able to secure for the Waterbury LaSalle Community Association. This grant was very much needed and it will help us to bring wonderful events to our community.

This grant has made it possible for us to bring back our Easter Egg-stravaganza, which will take place on Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the yard of the First Lutheran Church. In order to do wonderful events like this much money is needed and membership dues are not enough.

So, from the Waterbury LaSalle Community Association and the Easter Bunny, a big thank you goes out to Jimmy Vacca! His support is very much appreciated by our association and our community.

Mary Jane Musano
Waterbury LaSalle
Community Association

Thanks for timing

Dear editor,

The intersection of Boston Road and Pelham Parkway has always been an extremely problematic area in the morning and evening rush hours for Bronx commuters.

Cars and buses alike consistently wait in bumper-to-bumper traffic between the hours of 7 and 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., causing stress and anxiety to Bronxites during their long work week.

However, community residents such as Marcia Lewis, Diana Finch, Jesse Ossenkopp and others noticed

that one reason that there was so much congestion here in the AM rush hour was due to a very short green light for south-bound Boston Road drivers.

Before March 16, only 5-6 cars were able to get through the 15 second-long green light signal on the southbound lanes of Boston Road, where it intersects with the Fordham-bound Pelham Parkway main road. This caused traffic to be bumper-to-bumper on Boston Road from Pelham Parkway going north all the way up to Allerton, and even Burke avenues.

Luckily, city agencies and area elected officials listened to the ideas and concerns of community residents.

At the February Bronx Park East Community Association meeting, we pressed our electeds to push city agencies to add more green light time in this area.

Within a month and a half's time, it has happened.

Thus, we would like to extend a warm thank you to NYC Department of Transportation Bronx Borough Commissioner Connie Moran for taking swift action by adding 16.5 more seconds of green light time for south-bound drivers on Boston Road as they turn onto Fordham Road.

This signal change could not have been done without the hard work of Renee Montminy, chief-of-staff to Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, and Luisa Benedetto of Councilman Ritchie Torres' office. We would like to also praise our media outlets as well for devoting news coverage to issues like these, which affect our daily lives.

While doubling the green light time here is definitely not the final step in addressing the congestion at this intersection, and the surrounding streets, it is a big step forward.

We still have work ahead of us, but this very important issue is being addressed and we would like to warmly thank all those named above who were a part of making it happen.

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The former Capri Whitestone Motel has become a homeless shelter.

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Contract hearing on Capri homeless shelter

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It appears that a homeless shelter at the former Capri Whitestone Motel near Ferry Point Park may be with us for a few more years.

Civic leaders, Community Board 10, and elected officials offered non supportive testimony at a hearing in Manhattan held by the Mayor's Office of Contract Services.

The city wants to extend the homeless shelter's contract to use the shuttered motel for another four years.

The Thursday, March 19 hearing was about a potential contract that would make the Crystal Family Residence, which houses up to 91 families, permanent through June 30, 2019, said several attendees.

The city has, as of press time, not confirmed the specifics, or whether the contract has been approved.

The Department of Homeless Services facility opened on a temporary basis in September. Service provider Acacia Network runs it.

Senator Jeff Klein offered testimony that began by saying he understands that there is a homelessness crisis in the city, and that much needs to be done to help individuals avoid becoming homeless and to transition back to permanent housing quickly.

Nevertheless, he opposed the siting of the shelter on several grounds.

"The haphazard way the Capri was transformed into a temporary transitional homeless shelter and presented to the community has left a bad taste in the mouth of the community at large," stated Klein. "This resentment will further prevent an atmosphere where the needs of the families in crisis are met effectively."

Klein added that the location and

operation of the site so far raises issues about the delivery of services to the families.

With a new golf course opening near the homeless shelter, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto testified that he believes the city is missing an economic development opportunity with a new golf course nearby in Ferry Point Park's east side.

"I continue to believe that City Hall is missing out on a chance to create a showcase attraction in the Bronx by piggybacking on the presence of the Trump Links Golf Course," said Benedetto adding the city should develop "the western side of Ferry Point Park into a shoreline tourist attraction which can be served by a new top-tier hotel on the Capri site."

The assemblyman was also disappointed, according to his statement, that his efforts to find an alternative site in the 82nd Assembly District were rebuffed by DHS, making him believe that the agency cared less about finding a better location and more about imposing their will upon the community.

Dotti Poggi, of the Ferry Point Community Advocates, was not able to attend the hearing because of a conflict, but said she has numerous concerns.

These include what she describes as a general sense of lawlessness in parts of Ferry Point Park's west side during previous summers, near the shelter.

She also said that the neighborhood is a small community of about 40 homes that has seen its population roughly doubled by the new homeless population, changing the neighborhood's profile almost overnight.

"We are now a neighborhood where the majority of people do not work," she said.

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CB 10 stymied by city's budget responses

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community Board 10 received the same responses to many of its requests in the city budget for fiscal year 2016 that it has in previous years.

Now CB 10 has written a letter to Mayor de Blasio, expressing its frustration with those responses to its capital and expense budget requests in this year's Statement on the Preliminary Budget.

"For many of our projects, we are reputedly told year after year that 'further study is needed' or 'contact your elected officials,'" states CB 10's letter to the mayor, adding "Seeing the same responses repeated over and over again from the agencies fosters a belief on our part that our requests are not being taken seriously."

The board letter requests that the agencies re-visit the requests and provide the community with more substantive answers.

"There is frustration that we are always provided with off-the-cuff responses like 'ask your elected officials,' or that 'further study is needed'" said Martin Prince, CB 10 chair-

man, adding that this goes back to previous administrations. "It is never like anyone makes a serious review of what we ask for; they seem to just put it off."

At this point, the board may start to take a look at where its tax dollars are going if its not funding community requests.

"We may start reviewing agency by agency to see what share of its budget is coming back to our community," he said.

Among the CB 10 requests where the response was 'further study is needed' was its top capital request of a dredging and upgrade of Hammond Cove, the site of a Parks Department marina concession.

"This is a place that can bring in revenue if it is properly maintained," said Prince of the cove. "Look at it as an investment."

Long a top request by CB10, the cove may see some dredging near a bottleneck in its waterway, but this may come from state money secured by Senator Jeff Klein, not from the city.

While a first step, it is not



The dredging of Hammond Cove may not be a budget priority for city officials downtown, but Community Board 10 is still pressing for it.
Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

clear if the \$1 million state-funded upgrade will provide all the improvements needed at the cove, or even if it will be finalized in the state budget, though the latter looks likely, sources said.

Another long-standing request in the expense budget is that the Police Department

reestablish a narcotics module for the 45th Precinct and increase its resources, or considers creating a merged one with the neighboring 49th Precinct.

The response CB10 received was that NYPD resources in fighting drug crime are deployed borough-wide, and that

all precinct commanders can request this unit.

"The summonses and enforcement patrols are certainly here," said John Marano, CB 10 vice-chair of conditions in the 45th Precinct, which share the same boundaries as CB 10. "Why should we have to fight for resources?"



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Pelham Parkway is top priority for CB 11

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Pelham Parkway is the top priority for Community Board 11.

The longstanding requests for the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway North and the rehabilitation of the park itself both remained in the top three of CB 11's fiscal year 2016 capital budget priorities and requests list, although the projects are already in progress.

A new request to rehabilitate the Peace Memorial Plaza on Pelham Parkway, number two on the list, was denied by the parks department because of insufficient funds.

Reconstruction

The request to reconstruct Pelham Parkway was first introduced in 1984, said assistant district manager John Fratta. It took many years to get the funding for the project and then through the design process, and the need for reconstruction persisted.

"The roadway's in very bad condition," said Fratta.

The project, split into two phases, is a major undertaking because while reconstruct-



The reconstruction of Pelham Parkway North was the top priority on Community Board 11's list of budget priorities and requests.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

ing the road, the city is updating underlying infrastructure like water mains and sewers, said Fratta.

The project also involves the Department of Design and Construction coordinating with other departments, including parks, transportation and fire.

The reconstruction of Pelham Parkway South was eventually completed in 2013, but issues including an extra-

wide sidewalk that narrowed the service road and the loss of parking frustrated locals.

"The reconstruction of Pelham Parkway South was a sheer disaster," said Edith Blitzer of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association.

She hopes the process for the north side goes more smoothly.

"It definitely needs reconstruction," said Blitzer.

The DDC is due to present

a design plan for the project in April, and reconstruction is temporarily planned to occur in FY 2016.

Rehabilitation

For several years, the community board has had a vision of rehabilitating the entire length of the Pelham Parkway mall, said parks committee chair Joanne Rubino.

"Pelham Parkway is the jewel of our area," she said.

While Rubino still feels the

mall is beautiful, she thinks it looks somewhat neglected and could use a good sprucing up.

The rehabilitation requested by the board included rehabbing the bridge path and drainage, re-sodding and replanting foliage on greenways, rehabilitating cross paths and pedestrian walks, repairing and replacing benches, and installing sidewalks and curbs from the Bronx River Parkway to Stillwell Avenue.

The parks department responded that the single request included more than one project, but that work is underway on certain portions of the request.

The plans are currently in the design phase to reconstruct portions of the Pelham Parkway landscape, paths and bike lane between Boston Road and Wallace Avenue.

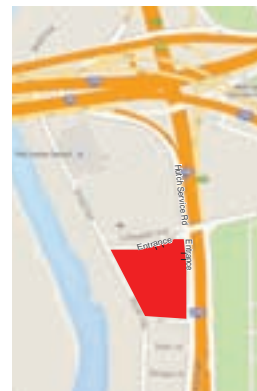
The plan presented to the board for the rehabilitated section looked promising, said Blitzer.

"We're hoping that improvements will encourage more people to use the parks," she said. "That's what parks are for."



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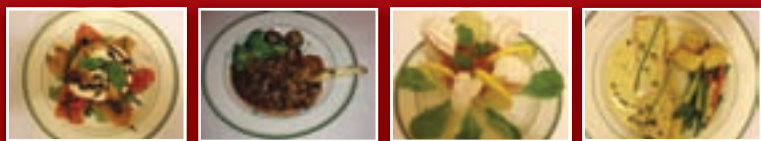
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The underutilized Loreto Playground will be converted into a multi use field again.

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Loreto Playground roller rink to be replaced

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Tear down that rink!

The long-underutilized roller rink at Loreto Playground will be replaced with a multi-use field, thanks to funds allocated by Senator Jeff Klein.

Klein announced the news, that \$1 million in capital funds from the 2014-2015 state budget will be used to transform the park, at the Morris Park Community Association's annual dinner dance on Saturday, March 14.

"It was just a wonderful surprise," said Community Board 11 Park's Committee chair Joanne Rubino.

The board voted in late 2013 to replace the rink, and began looking for ways to pay for what they thought would be a several million dollar project.

After further review, the parks department estimated ripping out and replacing the rink would cost close to \$1 million, said Rubino.

Klein came through for the neighborhood, after promising last year that he would explore funding opportunities for the project.

"By investing in our local parks, we are making sure that Bronx children and families not only have a top quality space to play, but a place to host their little league games, fall soccer matches, sports practice after school or simply a family picnic," said Klein. "That's why I am proud to have secured \$1 million in state funding to transform Loreto Park and ensure it remains a top destination for all Bronx residents."

The roller rink was built in 2005 as a result of a \$1 million allocation from then Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano.

"It worked out for a few years," said MPCA president Tony Signorile.

But when the Morris Park Hockey League folded a few years later, the rink was rarely used for its intended purpose. Instead, it's used mainly by dog walkers and young loiterers.

Signorile said that replacing the rink has been a priority of his since he was elected president of the community association in 2013.

"Why should we keep a rink that nobody uses in the park?" said Signorile.

"A park needs to be used – it's such a shame," said Rubino.

They're both looking forward to a multi-use field that could be used for both soccer and softball, popular sports in the neighborhood.

Local residents will be happy with the recreation area, said Signorile, as will nearby merchants when people start coming to the park for games.

But what the new field will look like exactly is unclear, as the project is still in preliminary phases.

Rubino is optimistic that the Parks Department, which is notoriously slow moving, will replace the rink soon so it can be used for recreation in the near future.

"Let's get this moving," said Signorile.

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UPK programs come to City Island, Woodlawn

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Universal pre-kindergarten is available for all Bronxites and all New Yorkers, and some parents in the borough's outlying areas are breathing a sigh of relief that seats are being included in their communities.

After expanding UPK again this year, Mayor de Blasio's office reported that 3,785 applications were available for borough kids who are four on the first day they were accepted.

Applications to the programs are being taken until Friday, April 24, and are not done on a first come, first serve basis.

The programs are run at locations borough-wide. In some of the borough's more remote corners, including Woodlawn, and especially on geographically isolated City Island, there was jubilation from local civic leaders after the list of available programs included those run in their community.

This development comes after advocacy from elected officials, including Senator Jeff

Klein and Councilman James Vacca, for programs on City Island and Woodlawn.

In City Island's case, Councilman Vacca said that he has worked for the past one and a half years to get a public pre-k program on the island, and that this expansion was necessary for parents there for logistical purposes.

"I think many parents would have found it impossible (to transport their kids), and that would have meant that some children would not have enjoyed the benefits of pre-k," he said, noting the geographic isolation of the island made alternatives more difficult.

On the island, recent Williamsburg, Brooklyn transplant Beverly Jones was thrilled that her three-year-old son would be able to go to school with children in his community for an extra year.

"One of the things that drew us to City Island was that it was a close knit for community with great educational options," she said, adding "We are just happy that the opportunity to be part of a educa-

tional community is available for nine or ten years."

If a pre-k program was not available on the island, she would either have to go off the island or pay to send her son to day-care, which can be costly, she said.

The City Island Civic Association had advocated for a UPK program on the island. The organization's vice-president Barbara Dolensek said that the its corresponding secretary, John Doyle, led the civic's advocacy efforts. The island program will be known as the Holy Rosary Early Childhood at St. Mary Star of the Sea, and should contain about 30 seats, sources said.

Doyle said that he thought many people in the seaside community would appreciate the former school building being returned to its original use, whether or not they have children. For parents, the new seats can potentially save tens of thousands of dollars in child-care costs, he said.

"We are city residents like anyone else and we are entitled to the same services as any other city resident," said



The former St. Mary Star of the Sea parish school will see its classrooms filled again with pre-k students.

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Doyle, adding that it was necessary to keep raising awareness on this because the island has a relatively low population and is sometimes overlooked.

On the legislative front, Senator Klein helped Mayor de Blasio pass the state law guaranteeing pre-k, a spokeswoman said. She added that Klein advocated to for both the City Island program and one at St. Barnabas in Woodlawn that got approval to operate as well.

"By ensuring our youngest students have access to a

high-quality education, we are investing in a brighter future for all New Yorkers," said Klein, adding "I commend the City Island Civic Association, Archdiocese of New York, Women of Woodlawn, the Woodlawn Taxpayers and countless parents and teachers whose tireless advocacy efforts helped push this issue forward."

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Lifelong City Island resident dies after tragic transport crash

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A lifelong City Island resident and restaurant manager passed away after a tragic accident.

On Monday, March 9, Janet Hickey, a 'clamdigger,' died after being removed from life support following an ambulance accident, one day short of her 61st birthday.

Hickey was born on March 10, 1955, and lived on Fordham Street for the first 11 years of her life before moving to Ditmars Street. She attended St. Mary Star of the Sea School and St. Helena's High School.

One of Janet's passions that began in her adolescence was caring for horses, which she fulfilled at the Pelham Bit Horse Riding Academy. At Pelham Bit Janet learned to become a professional equestrian.

Hickey also had a strong passion for her community that she had connected with and grown to love for so many years.

She was an active member of the City Island Civic Association and devoted many years at different restaurants on City Island, including working as manager for both the Lobster Box and Artie's Steak and Seafood.

On Wednesday, March 4, Hickey, who had just undergone successful brain surgery where 99% of a benign brain tumor behind her ear was removed, was being transported from New York-Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan to Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow.

There, she was scheduled to spend a week in rehabilitation to recover from the surgery and regain her walking skills.

While being transported in a Senior Care Ambulance, driven by 19-year old Jamal Jackson, accompanied by 55-year old EMT Ronald Lewis, the vehicle crashed into a utility pole on Route 9 in Sleepy Hollow.

Hickey, who allegedly was not properly strapped to the stretcher inside the ambulance, according to sources, suffered life-threatening injuries, including severe head and neck trauma and spine fractures.

She was declared brain dead after the crash. Both Jackson and Lewis suffered minor injuries.

The accident remains under investigation by both the NYPD and Senior Care EMS, both of which could not be reached for comment.

"My staff was very saddened by this tragic news," said Spiros Chagares, owner of Artie's Steak & Seafood. "However, they are honoring her by continuing to work as diligently as they did before, just as she would have wanted them to."

Chagares added that Hickey always put her community and customers first, making sure they had the best possible service.



Janet Hickey, known as a City Island 'Clamdigger', always put her community and customers first, according to her former co-workers.

Photo courtesy of Ron Turner, owner of Focal Point Gallery

Many of her former customers came to Artie's on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 to lend their support and give their condolences during this extremely difficult time.

"These customers were and still are terribly upset over Hickey's passing," Spiros said. "This is a loss for the entire City Island community. She was taken way too soon."

A funeral Mass service

for Hickey was held at the St. Mary Star of the Sea Church on Friday, March 20.

She will be laid to rest next to her parents in Pelham Cemetery on City Island at a later date. Hickey is survived by her husband, John, her niece Jocelyn and her siblings.

Family members of Janet Hickey did not wish to be interviewed for this story.

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BY ROBERT WIRSING

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The non-profit has two such residences located in our borough. They are known as Fordham Village and Kingsbridge Terrace.

Located at 355 E. 194th Street, Fordham Village opened in 2011 and features 56 studio units.

In 2012, Jericho completed Kingsbridge Terrace, the second of its LEED-certified veterans residences in the borough serving 165 former service men and women from all eras of combat.

Both aid in establishing a sense of community through exquisitely designed and furnished studio apartments, community and computer rooms, gyms and gardens.

These locations provide veterans access to specific counseling, educa-

tion and employment as well as reuniting them with their relatives. Jericho's housing and extended services cost \$12,000 per person annually.

According to Tori Lyon, Jericho Project executive director and its Veterans Initiative 2006 architect, another Bronx veterans and young adults residence is planned for 2065 Walton Avenue and construction will begin this spring. She added Jericho has been working closely with the Walton Avenue community and believes the new 90-unit residence will benefit the area.

Last year, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation presented Jericho Project with the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Award which provides \$200,000 in flexible funding supporting leadership training for high performing non-profits and their executives.

"New York City has made strong inroads reducing veteran homelessness over the past year," Jeff Barker, NYC Bank of America president said. "With this funding and leadership training, Jericho Project is poised to make an even greater impact in its efforts to combat homelessness among veterans by assisting those at-risk before they lose their homes."

Through expert program specialists and case managers' support, 95% of Jericho Project residents sustain housing



Fordham Village Veterans Community.

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stability and 90% with substance abuse disorders have remained sober compared to 40 to 60% nationally.

"The earlier that we can reach at-risk veterans with the stability of housing and the tools to secure employment, the more promising their future will be," Lyon explained. "We are grateful to Bank of America for their invaluable leadership training and financial support. Together, we can end homelessness at its roots."

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Pel Bay leader asks for new traffic plan

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A strategy to reduce the number of highway-bound vehicles on Pelham Bay streets has been created.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Community Association has developed a plan asking for the removal of signage near exit 3E on the north bound Hutchinson River Parkway that encourages drivers to use local residential streets to access Co-op City.

Additionally, the association's president feels a Bruckner Expressway overpass should become a two-way roadway to ease traffic flow around Pelham Bay Station's Amendola Plaza.

The organization's president Joe Oddo wrote a letter to the city Department of Transportation on Wednesday, March 18 stating that the present situation is "categorically unfair" to local residents.

"For years, motorists traveling along the Hutchinson River Parkway have been instructed, via DOT signage, to exit on Exit 3E and travel through our community as a pass-through to Co-op City,"



This illustrated map highlights some of the traffic changes being proposed by the Pelham Bay Taxpayers.

Photo courtesy of John Doyle

the letter states, adding "This arrangement leaves motorists confused, and our residents and their parked vehicles are vulnerable to high-speed collisions."

All this traffic on our local streets erodes the neighborhood's quality of life and damages the local resident's health, he added.

The organization believes that an exit off the Hutchinson River Parkway directly into

Co-op City might be a solution.

"Ideally, an exit should be created for Co-op City visitors and residents to directly access their community from the Hutchinson River Parkway," stated the letter. "However, we will defer to their residents about what is the best solution for their neighborhood."

Currently the most common way to directly access Co-op City from a highway is via I-95 at the Bartow Avenue/Bay

Plaza exit, or at a Palmer Avenue exit from an offramp to the Hutchinson River Parkway from I-95.

Because of this, said Oddo, traffic often spills onto Pelham Bay's residential streets during peak travel times, as motorists seek alternate routes around the perpetual traffic jams that occur around the junction of I-95, Pelham Parkway, and Co-op City.

To address this, Oddo be-

lieves the direction of an overpass at the very end of Westchester Avenue should be made two-ways, in order to allow traffic that does pass through a more direct way to an I-95 onramp headed north.

By changing the Wilkinson Avenue-Bruckner Expressway overpass to two-way traffic, the traffic that intends on going southbound can avoid the Amendola Plaza bottleneck, he said.

Oddo added that municipal parking or new metered parking would address commuter parking needs.

Community Board 10 vice-chairman John Marano said that the change to two-way for the Wilkinson Avenue overpass would be useful for local residents seeking to access expressways and bridges. He said he will likely recommend that the board take up the issue of traffic in Pelham Bay.

A Department of Transportation spokesman did not offer a comment on the letter because he said that the agency had not yet received a copy of it, as of press time.

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Temple Hatikvah mourns passing of Rabbi Hertzberg

BY JAN SCHWARTZ

Community advocate, Bronx attorney, and spiritual leader of Temple Hatikva, Rabbi Harry Hertzberg passed away on March 16, at the age of 62.

Hertzberg began his lifelong devotion to improving the lives of others in his teen years when he founded the Environment Action Committee of Co-op City, successfully leading the fight to close the Pelham Bay landfill in 1978, serving as chair from 1969 to 1986. He also was one of the founders of Services for Youth, for which he was the executive director from 1970 through 1994. He served as chief-of-staff for Assemblyman Alan Hochberg throughout his terms, from 1970 to 1976. Subsequently he went to Brooklyn Law School, where he graduated in 1980.

He worked throughout his 20s as a youth services director in several synagogues, including the Community Center of Israel in the Pelham Parkway area and Howard Beach Jewish Center. In 1989 he began to practice as an attorney, and in 1993 he established his practice at 1526 Williamsbridge Road. At the same time, he was the pro bono attorney for ARC XVI Fort Washington Inc., keeping his hand in the non-profit world, this time supporting seniors. In 1998 he also became pro bono attorney for

the Ranachqua Foundation, an organization supporting boy scouts of the Bronx. He joined its board of directors the following year, serving until the time of his death.

Producer, correspondent and chief restaurant critic for WVOX-AM and WRTN-FM radio stations from 1972 to 1983, he returned to the microphone at WVOX-AM, in 2012, as host of 'The Bronx Report,' a weekly half-hour interview show highlighting good things happening in the Bronx. He also reentered the political arena that year, becoming legal counsel to the Liberty Democratic Association of the 80th Assembly District.

A frequent visitor to Israel, Rabbi Harry made a special trip there in the summer of 2006. His purpose was to visit soldiers from the Israeli Defense Forces hospitalized after the second Lebanon War to thank the soldiers for their heroism and courage, bringing with him donated gifts he had solicited from local New York City businesses.

While continuing his law practice, he eventually pursued a lifelong dream and was ordained a rabbi in 2005. A strong believer in the importance of keeping a house of prayer to service the religious needs of disenfranchised and unaffiliated Jewish residents of the Pelham Parkway area and surrounding communities,

Rabbi Hertzberg founded and led the development of Temple Hatikva, serving pro bono, when the Community Center of Israel closed its doors in 2010.

While originally holding services in the former CCI building, Temple Hatikva relocated last year. Its services, events and adult education sessions are now held in Bronx House, at 990 Pelham Parkway South. 'Rabbi Harry' stated on the temple's website "that Judaism is an all-inclusive religion" and Temple Hatikva "strives to service all those that desire a connection with Judaism."

His dedication to keeping 'Yiddishkeit' in the area was evidenced by his insistence that membership dues be kept low and that there would never be a charge for attending High Holiday services. His staunch support of Israel, sense of humor, passionate sermons, flair for publicity, and unusual themes and varied activities attracted a growing congregation of which he was very proud.

Cantor Kyle Cherry said, "Rabbi Harry was a strong force in building our Temple Hatikva congregation from the ground up. He will be greatly missed. His dedication will inspire us to continue serving the community with monthly services and innovative programs, with the same spirit he showed us."



RABBI HARRY HERTZBERG

In 1980, he married Fern Goldstein. In 1990, they adopted Anna. Harry remarried in 2002, to Sandra Tenzer,, adding a step-daughter, Alyssa Tucker, into his circle. That same year he was blessed with granddaughter, Lili Belle Hertzberg. It was always important to him that he be surrounded by his family at special occasions.

Hertzberg was also a proud graduate of the Bronx High School of Science and Queens College and a staunch supporter of Israel and Judaism.

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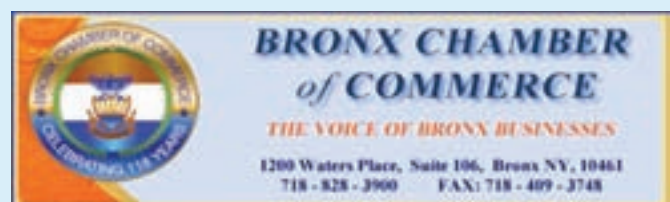
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Cushman & Wakefield sell W. Bronx housing site

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A corner development site in the west Bronx has been sold.

On Wednesday, March 18, Cushman & Wakefield, formerly known as Massey Knakal, announced that the site is approximately 19,811 square feet, located at 150 Van Cortlandt Avenue East near St. George's Crescent, was sold in an all-cash transaction for \$6.8 million.

The property was purchased by Westchester-based developer Stagg Group, who are reportedly planning to build a residential building with 259 units.

About half of these units will be reserved for low-income residents whose income is below 57% of the area median income, which will create a Low Income Housing Tax Credit for the building's new owner.

There will also be 20,000 square feet of parking is proposed. A green roof, encouraging environmental growth, has also been proposed.

This site offers approximately 142,639 buildable square feet, with the price of the sale equating to about \$48 per buildable square foot. The site, currently an operating service station, was once a gasoline station.

All underground gasoline tanks were removed in February 1997.

The property has also previously underwent both phases of environmental assessments and remediation.

The site is also located within a close proximity to main thoroughfares in the west Bronx, such as Mosholu Parkway and Grand Concourse, and is walking distance to Van Cortlandt Park, the Mosholu Parkway Greenway, Lehman College, Bronx High School of Science and DeWitt Clinton High School.

The property is also near public transportation as well - located just six blocks from the 4 and D trains at the Bedford Park station. The area is also serviced by several express and local bus lines.

"This site has it all - location, scale and great access to parks and transportation," said Karl Brumback, Cushman & Wakefield's executive director, who exclusively handled the transaction. "The Bronx development market continues to strengthen as market-rate developers take a close look at the borough while land values elsewhere are triple the cost."



Stagg Group purchased this development site on 150 Van Cortlandt Avenue East for about \$7 million.
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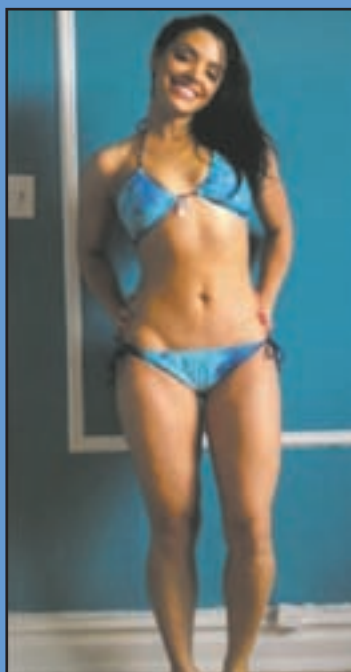
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Children's Defense Fund awards scholarships

- Academic Guarantees At Lehman
- Bronx Outreach Partner Of The Year Award
- Project Sunshine's National Volunteer Month

On March 4, Victor Cruz, Cicely Iyson and Kenneth Cole honored five New York high school seniors who have overcome extraordinary hardships to achieve academic success. The Children's Defense Fund-New York's 2015 Beat the Odds Awards Gala was held at The Pierre. The students received a \$10,000 college scholarship, in addition to academic support and training in leadership development.

WCBS-TV anchor Maurice DuBois and styleWorks founder Malaak Compton-Rock co-hosted the event. The gala also saluted four child advocates: Cruz, the wide receiver for the New York Giants; Ron Blaylock, managing partner for GenNx360 Capital Partners; Stephen Sadove, chairman of TRAUB Accelerator and former CEO of Saks, Inc.; and Chris Nee, creator of the hit Disney Junior television show, Doc McStuffins.

This year's Beat the Odds scholarship recipient, who hail from the Bronx, was Tiffany Rivera (Aquinas High School) – After witnessing domestic abuse then living in poverty with her single mother and siblings, Tiffany excels in school, volunteers at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and plans to major in finance or accounting.

Lehman College is offering students an academic "guarantee." And if students agree to the conditions, they'll be able to enroll in an innovative degree program that is the first of its kind at any CUNY institution.

It's the college's new Fast 4 Business program, launched this semester and offering a bachelors degree in business administration (BBA) to both full-time and part-time students committed to completing 30 credit hours per year. This pilot program's goal is to significantly increase the number of first-generation and nontraditional students earning college degrees. The American Council on Education chose just nine schools nationally to participate in its Change and Innovation Lab (CIL) project, first announced in 2014.

Lehman's BBA degree program was selected for the pilot program because it is the school's largest and most popular major. Mercy College is the only other school in New York State participating in the pilot.

Students have the flexibility of beginning studies in the spring, summer or fall. The first Fast Four class has seven students this spring--and the goal is to expand in upcoming semesters.

Lehman's degree "guarantee" comes with a set of requirements that students must fulfill to receive a diploma. Dean Hurley said that fulfilling those standards allows students access to academic opportunities such as special major advising, priority registration into required major courses, textbook vouchers and mass transit discounts.

Fast 4 student requirements include meetings with academic major advisors to review and choose from curriculum map options. They must also maintain a minimum 2.7 GPA in the first four required BBA courses, complete the required courses and maintain good academic standing. They are required to meet financial assistance deadlines and submit a graduate application. Additionally, they need to submit the Fast 4 business program "guarantee" to their academic advisors for approval.

Lehman was chosen to participate in the pilot program based on its rich history

or serving nontraditional learners and its commitment to using technology and data to improve graduation rates.

Debra Sloan of P.S. 306 in Morris Heights was recently awarded the Bronx Outreach Partner of the Year award at the **2015 Fresh Air Fund Agency Partner Kick Off Meeting**. The Fresh Air Fund highlighted the most outstanding community outreach partners for their dedicated support of The Fresh Air Fund's summer programs. These men and women make it possible for the dreams of thousands of New York City children to become a reality and enjoy a free summer experience in the country.

Debra Sloan deserves this award because her hard work, creativity and commitment lead PS 306's efforts to recruit as many children as possible for The Fresh Air Fund's free summer programs in 2014.

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Project Sunshine celebrates National Volunteer Month in April by recognizing its dedicated corps of volunteers who bring free recreational, educational and social programming to hospitalized children in New York City, across the United States and internationally. The nonprofit organization will host volunteer appreciation events at Project Sunshine locations in the Bronx to show its gratitude to the individuals who bring sunshine into the lives of children facing medical challenges and their families.

Project Sunshine volunteers in the Bronx serve children at the Jacobi Medical Center, The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center and Montefiore Medical Center-Weiler Division Hospital.

April also marks Project Sunshine Month, a special month of service to raise awareness and support for the organization through a series of events and programs. New York City will show its support for Project Sunshine with proclamations from New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio declaring April 21– April 28, 2015 as Project Sunshine Week.

Project Sunshine Week will conclude on Tuesday, April 28, with the charity's 12th Annual Benefit Celebration, "Heart of Gold" at the Waldorf Astoria. At the event, model Damaris Lewis will receive the "Project Sunshine Ambassador Award." Cat Greenleaf of WNBC-TV will be the Master of Ceremony for the evening, which will celebrate the volunteers, young patients and families of Project Sunshine.

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Pre-registration is strongly recommended, however walk-ins will be welcome.

The **Bronx Council on the Arts** has awarded \$83,900 to 25 grantees of the BCA Community Arts Grant (CAG) and Artists for Community Grant (AFC). A celebration and check presentation of this year's grantees and their community projects will take place Wednesday, April 8th at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include representatives of recipient organizations, artists, local legislators, the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and members of BCA's Board of Directors. The gallery is located on the campus of Hostos Community College at 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.

CAG is open to Bronx-based artists and nonprofit organizations. BCA's Community Arts Grant is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts.

The BCA Artists for Community Grant (AFC) is a competitive arts grant program. The goals of the program are to provide funding for artists to create new work in 2015; to expand the scope of local arts activity and the participation of professional artists in communities across the Bronx and to highlight the role of the artist as a community resource. A maximum of four individuals are selected each year.

BCA's 2015 Community Arts Grant Recipients will Fund 21 Projects.

Barbara Purdy for A Concert Series For Seniors; Bronx Club of the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. for "I Don't Owe You Nothing"; Bronx River Alliance, Inc. for The Amazing Bronx River Flotilla and Fish Festival; BronxWorks, Inc. for The Rhythm of Life: Capoeira Dance & Drum for Seniors and Profiles in Courage:Seniors Self-Portrait Project; City Island Historical Society for Pelham Bay Park: Photography Contest; di.vi.sion Arts and Education for di.vi.sion@mediator Classical Music Series; Friends of Pelham Bay Park for The Bronx Native American Festival; Guy Gonzales for Global Gupit Gupit: Endangered Species; Hope of Israel Senior Citizens Center, Inc. for Poetry Workshop; Literary Freedom Project for Bronx Literary Festival; Michele Brody for CommuniTea with Poetry; Millennium Dance Company for Annual Recital; New Settlement Apartments for Project V.I.P. (Voice, Identity, Power) for Girls; Papatian for Papatian Bronx Artist Spotlight, Spring 2015; Riverdale Community Center, Inc. for RCC Teen Theater; Riverdale YM-YWHA for New Works Project; The Bengali Creative Collective for Bangladesh--A Photography Exhibition; The Bronx Concert Sing-

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BCA's 2015 Artists for Community Recipients will fund 4 projects.

Jessica Danser for JD/dansfolk Summer Dance Intensive; Nicolas Dumit Estevez for P.S. (a participatory, movement-based performance); Orlando Ferrand-Rodriguez for Underneath the Accent of My Skin; and Ray Felix, AKA Bronx Heroes, for Bronx Heroes Free Comic Book Day

For more information on BCA and its entire grant programs, please visit the grants pages on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.

On Sunday, March 29, **Van Cortlandt Jewish Center** will have a free lecture on Passover Secrets, given by Rabbi David Borenstein.

VCJC is located at 3880 Sedgwick Avenue. The lecture starts at 10 a.m. and is preceded by a free bagels and coffee breakfast at 9:15 a.m. The first Seder of Passover is Friday, April 3. Also, if you have Chometz to sell, the rabbi will buy it right after the lecture or during breakfast.

For more information call (718) 884-6105.

The **New York City Department of Youth and Community Development** will host its inaugural Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) citywide workshop series from Monday, March 23 through Tuesday, April 7.

Each workshop will provide attendees with valuable information on SYEP eligibility criteria; will identify citywide SYEP providers; clarify common misunderstandings about the program; and will share information on alternative summer opportunities and resources available to youth across the City. Attendees will also receive a step-by-step walk through of the SYEP application process and will have the opportunity to engage in an open question and answer session.

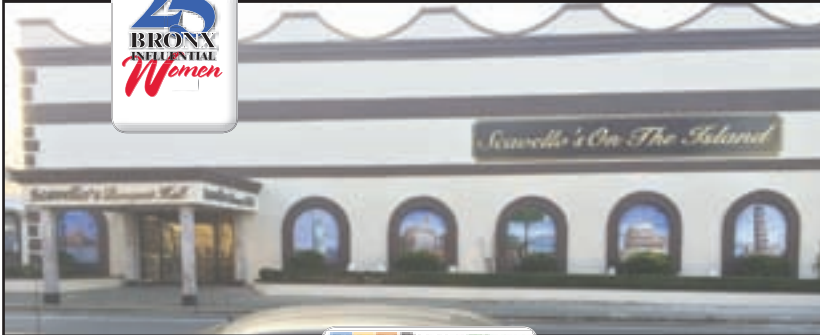
SYEP, the nation's largest summer youth employment initiative, provides New York City young people between the ages of 14 and 24 with up to six weeks of entry-level experience at worksites in all five boroughs. Participants are selected by lottery for the program, which runs from July 6 through August 15. DYCD is accepting applications for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) through Friday, April 10.

SYEP participants are compensated for their work at thousands of diverse worksites, including government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofits, small businesses, law firms, museums, sports enterprises and retail. Last year, more than 47,000 young New Yorkers were employed and nearly 8,500 worksites were developed in all five boroughs.

Workshops are open to all residents of New York City, with a specific focus on youth and parents of youth between the ages of 14-24. Interested individuals are encouraged to pre-register at <https://syep2015.eventbrite.com>.

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BOEDC launches small business loan fund

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A new lending program seeks to support small Bronx businesses.

The Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, alongside Senator Jeff Klein and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., announced the launch of a revolving small business loan fund on Friday, March 20.

Nearly \$500,000, allocated by Senator Jeff Klein in last year's budget, is now available to small businesses of all kinds through the BOEDC's lending program.

The loans, ranging from \$2,000 to \$50,000, have a wide range of eligible uses—including working capital, equipment, and inventory—to allow small businesses to grow and continue to contribute to the Bronx.

"Small businesses are the foundation of our economy," said Klein.

Small businesses are particularly important to the Bronx's large immigrant population, said Klein, whose grandfather and father ran small businesses.

"I want to make sure that opportunities exist not only for this generation but for future ones as well," Klein.

The fund will create easier access to capital for businesses who want to improve and expand, said Diaz.

"We are working hard to support businesses of all types in the Bronx,

and that includes, making sure that our small businesses have the resources and funding they need to succeed," he said. "We want to be sure our local businesses know that the Bronx Revolving Loan Fund is a source of capital that they can and should tap as they continue to plan for the future."

The BOEDC's lending program will allow Greg Perry, the owner of Crown Trophy Bronx, to buy new equipment, spruce up his showroom and bring in an additional team member.

"I want to thank them for their vision in helping businesses like mine grow and expand," said Perry.

While the BOEDC has in the past provided loans to specific categories of small business owners, this new fund is the first available to any business in the Bronx that has been legally registered for at least two years.

"We are lending without barriers," said Cintron. "We are now going to be able to serve small businesses that up until now we were unable to support."

Now that the fund has launched, the BOEDC is looking to lend out the money to small businesses within the next few months.

"We're here to say today, 'please call us,'" said Cintron. "We're here to support you, because you certainly support us with the jobs you create."



Marlene Cintron, president of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, at the announcement of the Bronx Revolving Loan Fund for small businesses

Photo by Jaime Williams

Past 50? It's Time to Get a Colonoscopy – Don't Put Your Health At Risk

BY SULAIMAN AZEEZ, MD

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, a reminder to all New Yorkers that the risk of colon cancer can be greatly reduced by getting a colonoscopy. In New York City, according to the New York Citywide Colon Cancer Control Coalition (C5), which includes the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), colorectal cancer is the second deadliest cancer, killing approximately 1,400 people each year.

As the Chief of Gastroenterology at HHC Lincoln Medical Center in the Bronx for the past 12 years, I've seen a promising trend in colon cancer awareness, diagnosis, and treatment – but we must push to do better. Colon cancer is not the death sentence it once was, and survival rates have improved dramatically, but

early detection is vital.

Ninety percent of colorectal cancers are curable when caught in the early stages. That is why I strongly urge all New Yorkers 50 and older to get a colonoscopy once every 10 years. Patients with a family history of colorectal cancer should discuss with their physician whether they should be screened earlier.

People with colon cancer often have no symptoms until the disease has reached advanced stages, and by the time people experience symptoms, treatment can be difficult or ineffective. Signs of colon cancer may include:

- A change in bowel habits, including diarrhea, constipation or a change in consistency of stool
- Rectal bleeding or blood in stool
- Persistent abdominal dis-

comfort, such as cramps, gas or pain

- A feeling that the bowel does not completely empty after a bowel movement
- Weakness or fatigue
- Unexplained weight loss

As a physician in the Bronx serving a diverse population of patients, it's important that I point out two additional facts about colon cancer: African Americans have higher rates of colon cancer and mortality than any other racial group, while Latinos tend to be diagnosed in later stages of the disease than others. While these points are alarming, we are seeing more colon cancer awareness in the Bronx and patients are generally being diagnosed earlier and earlier, which is great news. Just last year, HHC hospitals in the Bronx performed more than 4,900 colonoscopies.



Sulaiman Azeez, MD, Chief of Gastroenterology, HHC Lincoln Medical Center

If you are at the recommended age for a colonoscopy or have family history of colorectal cancer, I urge you to reduce your risk of colon cancer and schedule your

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help them determine if odometer fraud has occurred. An experienced mechanic can examine a car and determine how much wear and tear it has. If that wear and tear is more than the odometer suggests it should have, then the odometer has likely been tampered with.

- Insist on a vehicle history report. Whether buying from a dealership or private seller, buyers of preowned vehicles should always insist on seeing a vehicle history report. Mileage is always documented whenever a vehicle is registered with the state and whenever it undergoes state-mandated safety or emissions inspections. A vehicle history report from an agency like CarFax can provide buyers with a record of these registrations and inspections, and buyers can use that information to determine if the odometer on a given vehicle has been tampered with. If a seller refuses to provide a vehicle history report, walk away and continue your search until you find a buyer willing to provide the report.

Odometer fraud is employed by sellers who want to make their cars seem more attractive to prospective buyers. But buyers of preowned vehicles can employ several strategies to detect if a given vehicle's odometer has been tampered with.

up with the figure on the odometer, then the odometer has likely been tampered with.

- Inspect the dashboard. A damaged dashboard is not always indicative of odometer fraud, but it should be enough to arouse your suspicions. Loose or missing screws on a dashboard or scrapes or scarring along the dashboard often occur when sellers attempt to reset their vehicles' odometers. Again, such damage is not necessarily indicative of

odometer fraud, but if you were already suspicious of the seller, then these additional signs should be enough to compel you to walk away and continue your vehicle search elsewhere.

- Ask to take the car to your own mechanic for an inspection. When buying a preowned car, prospective buyers should insist that they be allowed to take the car to their own mechanic to determine if it is worth buying. This protects sellers from buying a lemon and can

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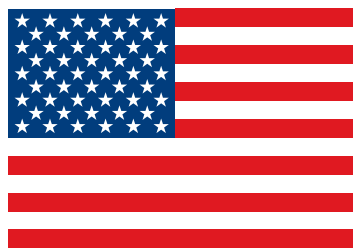
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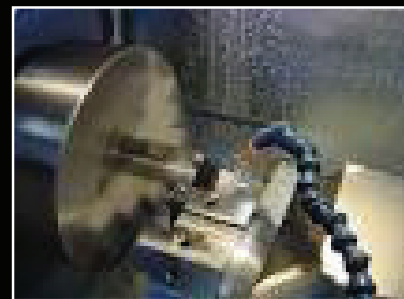


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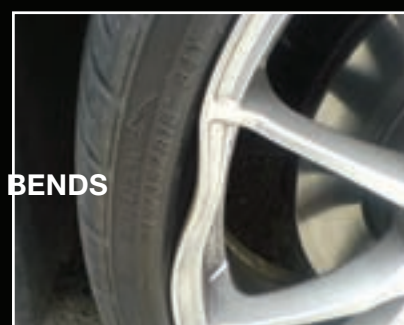
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Great Apps Drivers Can Use

Smartphones are a convenient tool that few people can now imagine living without. Smartphone-toting moms and dads know they always have a camera on hand to take quick snaps of their youngsters, while foodies rely on their smartphones to find nearby restaurants or read reviews of eateries while out on the town. But drivers also can benefit from smartphones thanks to the following apps.

- **Waze:** Commuters who download Waze to their smartphones may wonder how they ever navigated their daily treks to the office without this useful app, which allows drivers to share real-time traffic and road information with their fellow motorists. Drivers can use Waze to save time and gas money and make their commutes less stressful. Drivers who use Waze can actively report accidents and find the least expensive gas prices posted by fellow drivers in their community.

- **GasBuddy:** While fuel prices dipped in late 2014 and stayed low into 2015, today's drivers are still conditioned to find the most affordable gas prices around. The GasBuddy app makes it easy to do just that, as users can share gas prices



in their community, which fellow drivers can then peruse to find the most affordable filling stations along their driving routes. Drivers can even enter their city, ZIP code or postal code to find the cheapest gas in their vicinity.

- **AAA Mobile:** AAA members can use the AAA Mobile app to access AAA services on their smartphones. Such services include trip planning,

member discounts and roadside assistance. The app also includes a mobile version of the motor club's popular TripTik® Travel Planner, which makes it easy for smartphone users to find club-approved hotels, restaurants and attractions. Drivers can even create and share trip itineraries between their desktop and mobile devices.

- **Insurance:** Nearly every auto in-

urance provider now offers its own mobile app to policy holders. Such apps may allow drivers to pay their bills, view their insurance identification cards, peruse their policies, arrange for roadside assistance and report claims among other things. These apps put your auto insurance provider at your fingertips and can make it much easier to manage your policy.

Simple Defensive Driving Techniques Anyone Can Do

Driving defensively is a great way for motorists to reduce their risks of accident, maintain their vehicles over the long haul and save money on their auto insurance. But driving can be habit-forming, and over time many drivers develop habits that can compromise their safety on the road.

No driver wants to make roads less safe, and many may just need to reacquaint themselves with the following defensive driving techniques they learned way back when they first started driving as teenagers.

- **Avoid distractions.** Older drivers didn't have too many things to distract them from the road, but nowadays it's easy to be distracted whether you're driving alone on an empty road or sitting in rush hour traffic with dozens of your fellow commuters. That's because today's vehicles may be equipped with televisions, smartphone hookups and high-quality sound systems that can take drivers' attention away from the road. Drivers may even be bringing additional distractions with them into their vehicles. When getting behind the wheel, keep your stereo speakers

low and turn off all of your devices so you aren't tempted to check emails or text messages while driving.

- **Don't be in such a hurry.** Perhaps the most effective defensive driving technique is to slow down when on the road. That's easier said than done, especially for commuters who are running late and trying to get to the office on time. But making a conscious effort to slow down, even if you are a few minutes late for work or running late for an appointment, can mean the difference between getting into an accident or staying safe on the road. If you know you are running late, don't try to compensate by driving fast. Instead, call ahead to let whoever might be waiting for you know that you will be a few minutes late.

- **Don't lane hop.** Frequent switching between lanes can make other drivers nervous, increasing the risk of an accident. In addition, sudden or frequent lane changes can make it difficult for drivers to maintain their focus on the road and see more than a few cars ahead of them. Drivers who have been on the road for a long time may feel confident in their abilities to



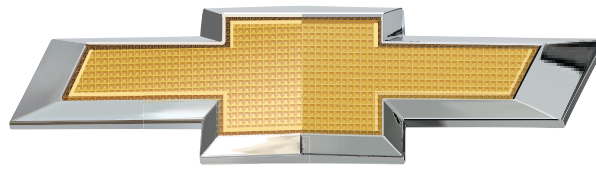
quickly switch between lanes, but fellow motorists may find such shifting distracting and begin to drive erratically as a result. Stay in one lane as long as possible, and only pass cars on the left.

- **Don't respond to aggressive drivers.** If a fellow driver is driving aggressively, slow down and let them pass or pull over and let them get far away from you before you return to the roadway. Studies have indicated

that road rage incidents escalate when drivers make eye contact with one another. Even if you are not at fault, it's up to you to avoid a potentially dangerous situation and protect yourself and your passengers.

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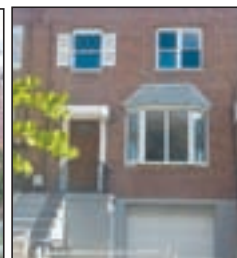
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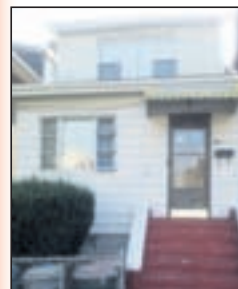
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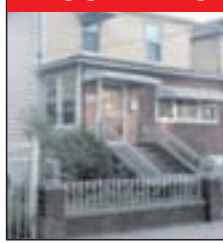
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ST. RAYMOND'S HOSTS ART SHOW

St. Raymond's hosted their fifth annual parish art show on Sunday, March 22. More than 1,000 pieces of artwork by students from all three parish schools – St. Raymond Elementary, St. Raymond Academy for Girls and St. Raymond High School for Boys – in a variety of media were exhibited. The event also featured crafts, music and refreshments.



Art teachers Stacy Cameron, Geri Barron, Shamin Aderle, Christine and Ed Mouzon stand before a Georgia O'Keefe inspired flower display. Photo by Laura Stone



Senior Gerardo Ramos with his piece 'Warrior Who Fights Nothing,' created for an assignment to make art from discarded trash. Photo by Laura Stone



Second-grader George Rojas with his 'Cat in the Hat' inspired art. Photo by Laura Stone

BOXES PACKED FOR ALBANIAN FLOOD VICTIMS

The Albanian American Open Hand Association, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, and the Albanian American Women Hope & Peace Organization conducted a clothing drive to send aid to Albanians whose possessions were destroyed in the wake of heavy rain. The volunteers gathered on Saturday, March 21 and packed up boxes of clothing to ship to Catholic aid organization Caritas Albania.



Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj with Albanian American Open Hand Association, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association and the Albanian American Women Hope & Peace Organization preparing boxes of clothes for Albania's flood victims. Photo by Patricio Robayo

BRONX TIMES PUBLISHER ON OPEN

Laura Guerriero, publisher of the Bronx Times Reporter, appeared on BronxNet's Open television program on Friday, March 20. She promoted the paper's upcoming 25 Bronx Influential Women Awards. While on the show, Guerriero informed the host of Open, Rhina Valentin, that she was one of this year's selections.



Rhina Valentin (l) and Laura Guerriero prior to last week's Open at BronxNet's studios. Photo courtesy of BronxNet

BRONX HOUSE VISITS MOMA

Last month, 17 members of Bronx House Weinberg Neighborhood Senior Center visited the Museum of Modern Art. At the exhibit, Bronx House members enjoyed MOMA's art collections including works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and others.



Bronx House member Nelly Chilingrov poses with Monet's Agapanthus. Photo courtesy of MOMA



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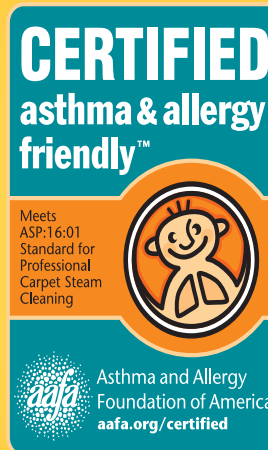
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CARDINAL DOLAN SAYS MASS AT STFX

On Saturday, March 21, Timothy Cardinal Dolan visited St. Francis Xavier to celebrate evening Mass with the faithful. Afterwards, a reception was held inside the school's gymnasium where the Cardinal met and spoke with parishioners.



Timothy Cardinal Dolan greets St. Francis Xavier parishioners at the Mass' conclusion. Photo by Patricio Robayo



CARD PARTY AT P.S. 108

The PTA of P.S. 108 hosted a Penny Social Card Party fundraiser at the school on Friday, March 20.

(Above) P.S. 108 teachers Susan Amore, Andrea Eisen, Valerie Calderin and Rosemarie LoDaseo.

Photo by Laura Stone

Assistant principal Lori Solano and PTA president Gina Scaglione.

Photo by Laura Stone



'RECYCLE ART' CRAFT WORKSHOP

On Saturday, March 21, the Bronx Council on the Arts and Huntington Free Library hosted 'Recycle Art', a free, family-friendly craft workshop featuring Star Nigro, a renowned artist and photographer. Nigro shared interesting and clever methods of creating great 'eco art' through creatively recycling old and new elements together.



(l-r) Angelica Munoz, Estelle Naisonett, Leland Gurrieri, Star Nigro, Michael Matta, Ileana and Olga Torres and Judy Hayde. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

STUDENT WINS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Victoria Helwig, a local high school student, was named the winner of Monroe College's 7th annual America's Best High School Chef Competition recently. The cook off, held at Monroe's College Bronx campus, included 33 high school students. Helwig will receive a full academic scholarship to Monroe's Associate Degree Program in Culinary Arts at Monroe College.



Helwig prepares a chicken during the competition.

Photo courtesy of Monroe College

161ST STREET BID WELCOMES MLS

The 161st Street BID, along with other local businesses and civic organizations welcomed Major League Soccer to Yankee Stadium by hosting a soccer game at the Jeter Meter, located at Rivera Avenue and East 161st Street to kick off the season on Thursday, March 12. For the season's premiere game soccer was welcomed to the Bronx with street banners and souvenirs provided by the 161st Street BID. Face painting also took place outside before the event.



(Above photo) Soccer fans at MLS game at Yankee Stadium.

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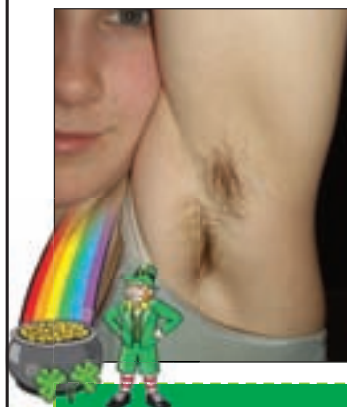
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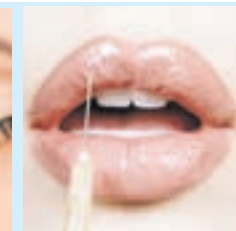
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Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor news and highlights

BY DONNA DECHIARO

The Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor (B.A.S.E.) is a grassroots alliance of animal rescuers fighting for our borough to have equal access to the New York City animal shelter system. Our mission is to unite Bronxites to become one voice, a strong voice for animal shelter reform for the Bronx.

In 2014, B.A.S.E. submitted a proposal to Mayor de Blasio for a progressive no-kill shelter system and continues to meet and keep an open dialogue with representatives from the mayor's office.

We have also testified at two Bronx borough board hearings in favor of funding for a Bronx animal shelter as well as the recent annual meeting of New York City Animal Care and Control, the non-profit organization overseeing day-to-day operations of the city shelter system.

We have gathered letters of support for a Bronx animal shelter from community boards and civic organizations, collected 2,500 signatures on petitions and online, distributed educational neutering/care pamphlets and coloring books at tabling events, and even marched with our banner in the Bronx Columbus Day Parade.

Since 2000 city officials have managed to change the law and divert city funds to effectively cut the Bronx out of the equation for a full-service ani-

mal shelter.

The compromises they struck on our behalf have created negative consequences such as an increase in overpopulation of stray and abandoned animals, many roaming around unneutered, pregnant, sick, injured and seeking food and shelter in our communities and parks.

But a bill introduced last September by Councilman Paul Vallone may soon change things.

B.A.S.E. met with and supports Vallone's bill, Int. No. 485, a local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to animal shelters and to ensure that a full-service shelter is maintained in each borough.

The bill was presented before the Committee on Health, on February 25 at the oversight hearing on 'Animal Care and Control: Recent Progress and Opportunities for Improvement in the NYC Animal Shelter System,' and has been 'Laid Over in Committee.'

However, 36 of 51 council members are co-sponsoring the bill.

In fact, B.A.S.E. is pleased to report that Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. has given this bill his support and is in favor of the creation of a new, full-service animal shelter in the Bronx (and Queens). Members of the Bronx city council delegation also supporting the bill are: councilmembers Fer-

nando Cabrera, Andy Cohen, Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Andy King, Annabel Palma, Ritchie Torres, and James Vacca.

Can't say why Councilwoman Vanessa L. Gibson and Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito have not yet decided to co-sponsor the bill but we did send them each a letter asking for their support and offering to help them understand the urgent need for a full-service shelter in the borough.

For now, Bronxites are forced to make due with a storefront ACC receiving center located on Fordham Road, across from Fordham University. If you are surrendering a pet for any reason and live within the city limits, you can drop-off the animal there. (Of course, keep in mind there may be exceptions to your particular intake.)

For intakes accepted at the receiving center the animal will stay in its crate until it is transported to a full-service shelter in either Manhattan or Brooklyn. Our sources tell us that could be a short stay (a few hours) or long stay (overnight), as there is only one transport driver for the entire borough, also doing fieldwork.

B.A.S.E. raised this issue to Risa Weinstock, executive director and general counsel of ACC, when we testified at their annual meeting on January 23. Weinstock assured this is not true

and that ACC has up to 17 field drivers working citywide.

What struck a chord at the ACC annual meeting was the announcement that the majority of their funding comes from city-levied taxes. But the most recent funding awarded for the city shelter system is \$8.5 million to be pumped into the flagship Manhattan center for renovation and expansion of the adoption center and the Brooklyn shelter for an overhaul of the HVAC system desperately needed to cut down the spread of disease.

Taxpayers in the Bronx are subsidizing the ACC, while being short-changed with substandard shelter services in their own borough.

It is time for real change. B.A.S.E. is striving to see the full benefit of our taxpayer dollars at work in our borough. The mayor campaigned on an agenda of reform of the city animal shelter system. We need a full-service shelter and we need accountability from our elected officials, as well as the Department of Health and ACC, the agencies overseeing animal welfare.

To learn more and sign our change.org petition go to our FB page at Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor. B.A.S.E. is co-founded by: Dorothea Poggi (Ferry Point), Marion Koenig (Riverdale), Bernadette Ferrera (Van Nest) and Donna Dechiario (Morris Park).

BY DOROTHEA POGGI

What is the North East Bronx Community Alliance?

Years ago we gathered together as the NEBCA to have a more united and stronger voice on the many issues affecting sections of Community Board 10 separately. We found that these projects affected us all eventually.

The main question is: Is Throggs Neck, Waterbury LaSalle, Edgewater Park, Locust Point, Ferry Point, Pelham Bay, Spencer Estate, Country Club and City Island, really separate? What are we separated by? Lines on a project map?, zip codes?, leadership?, egos?, political alliances?, houses, restaurants, shopping areas, airport



flight patterns, parking, air, water, and noise?

I say we are connected and this alliance as a 'Think Tank' is needed, to rally our communities together to delay or stop some horrendous 'temporary' or 'permanent' actions by various NYC agencies or developers from destroying what's left of our home val-

ues and quality of life.

I sent out an email to the founding organizations of NEBCA asking them to support Ferry Point's comments to NYC to not allow Department of Human Services the requested contract at Crystal Residence (Capri Whitestone) to get permanent status as a homeless shelter.

Thanks to Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Senator Jeff Klein and CB10 we have testimony at the hearing held on March 19 that supports our request.

This would also be a good time to agree to meet, to work out a plan to coordinate our efforts on all issues that affect all communities.

After some conversations with a few civic leaders we may be able to 'do NEBCA' through email?

We have letters of support from Throggs Neck Homeowners, Ferry Point Civic, Friends of Ferry Point Park and Ferry Point Community Ad-

vocates...but where is everyone else on this issue? The city agencies react to the number of voices heard, the extent of the concerns and the 'uproar' over the homeless shelter contract. If there is no uproar, the contract usually goes through.

In this case, as in the past, Ferry Point has been buried by an abusive development. What happens when our last lot is full? What area will be abused next by a city agency or developer?

The NEBCA should be ready to meet when necessary to record its uproar of concerns.

So many agency projects can be influenced by our unity.

My mother, Catherine Poggi, used to say something like this: "A stable community is a dead community with no growth or change".

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Huntington Learning Center Celebrates Mathematics Awareness Month

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The theme of this year's Mathematics Awareness Month is "Math drives Careers." Innovation is an increasingly important factor in the growth of world economies. The advances in mathematical sciences have become drivers of innovation as new systems and methodologies have become more complex. As mathematics drives innovation, it also drives careers.

"Any career path you choose involves mathematics in some form," says Eileen Huntington of Huntington Learning Center. "From the basic concepts to the most advanced theories, math is part of our daily lives at home and at our workplace. This year's theme for Mathematics Awareness Month increases an understanding of careers available to those who study mathematical sciences. We're proud to celebrate Mathematics Awareness Month and continue to promote all math skills that can prepare students for so many different careers."

Even at a young age, parents can help their children learn the importance of math in their daily lives and in their future careers. Huntington offers a few ideas for parents to help their child practice math on a daily basis and possibly towards a future career:

1. Have your child help you make a recipe and put him or her in charge of all measuring. Ask

questions along the way—is two 1/4 cups the same as a half cup? How can you tell?

2. Measure each family member's height and/or weight on a monthly basis and calculate any change in percentages from month to month. Create a graph to track results.

3. Ask your child to estimate the grocery bill while you shop.

4. Let your child plan a family road trip, estimating how long it will take to drive to each destination based on the speed limits and distance. Have him or her calculate the trip cost based on the cost of hotels, meals and other expenditures.

5. Teach your child how to save their money, and talk about the effect of compound interest.

6. Play games that use math, such as Yahtzee, Monopoly, UNO and dice games.

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Many of these programs are part of Spring Wings Week, a week of bird-themed activities held during School Vacation Week, or part of Wave Hill's annual Arbor Weekend celebration.

Spring Birding, Sundays, April 12, May 10, and SAT, April 11, 9:30 a.m.: Naturalist Gabriel Willow contributes his extensive knowledge of diverse bird species and their behavior on these captivating walks through the gardens and woodlands. Observe the plants, insects and habitats at Wave Hill that make it an appealing destination for such a wide variety of birds. Birders of all levels welcome! Severe weather cancels. (NYC Audubon Members enjoy two-for-one admission). Ages 10 and older welcome with an adult. Registration recommended.

Live Bird Demonstrations, SAT, April 11, noon and 2 p.m.: Volunteers for Wildlife return to Wave Hill to share live birds such as the eastern screech owl, American kestrel, red-tailed hawk, mallard duck, dove and barred owl. Between programs, get a close-up look at skulls, feathers and other bird-related artifacts. Ages eight and older welcome with an adult. Spring Wings Week event.

Owl Pellet Dissection, SAT, April 11, 2-4 p.m.: Owls are creatures who swallow their prey whole. Parts of the prey, such as bones, feathers and fur are bound up during digestion into a tight pellet, which the owl regurgitates. Drop-in for this exploratory workshop, and discover the origins of the owl's diet. Ages six and older welcome with an adult. Spring Wings Week event.

Junior Arborist Station, SAT, April 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Kids ages seven and older are invited to don tree-climbing harnesses and hardhats and ascend into the canopy of our old sugar maple tree to get a birds-eye view of Wave Hill. On hand to assist budding arborists, as well as answer questions about the big old trees at Wave Hill, are arborists from Almstead Tree, Shrub & Lawn Care, which has generously sponsored this drop-in event. Ages seven and older welcome with an adult. Arbor Weekend event.

Early Morning Bird Walk, SAT, May 16, 8 a.m.: Join naturalist Gabriel Willow on a special early morning walk to spot birds in the gardens and woodlands as well as the skies above Wave Hill. You'll be amazed by the diversity of birds that are active on the grounds before the gates open to the public. Ages 10 and older welcome with an adult. Registration recommended.

Nature Presentation: Let's Talk Turtles, SUN, May 17, 1 p.m.: Spring is an "active" time for turtles, as the females wander around in search of safe places to lay their eggs. Join an environmental educator from the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to discover fascinating facts about these rotund reptiles, and meet a turtle or two from the Museum's collection. Ages six and older welcome with an adult. Registration recommended.

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In addition to the varying colors of the brickwork, the 500 statuettes and 600 plaques adorning the buildings give them an attractive and whimsical overtone. They also served a somewhat practical purpose as parents could tell their young children to look for a specific statue, such as a bullfighter or Indian chief, and the monkey, pig, dog or other figurine on their building to help them remember where they lived. Many of the fanciful terra-cotta sculptures were created by the noted sculptor Joseph Kiselewski (1901-1986) whose Parkchester drawings now reside in the Smithsonian Institute.

His work, of course, extends beyond Parkchester and

can be found elsewhere in the Bronx such as at the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at University Avenue and West 181st Street where his bronze busts of Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. and Sylvanus Thayer, often referred to as "The Father of West Point," are prominently displayed. That site which once housed New York University was later taken over by Bronx Community College of the City College of New York.

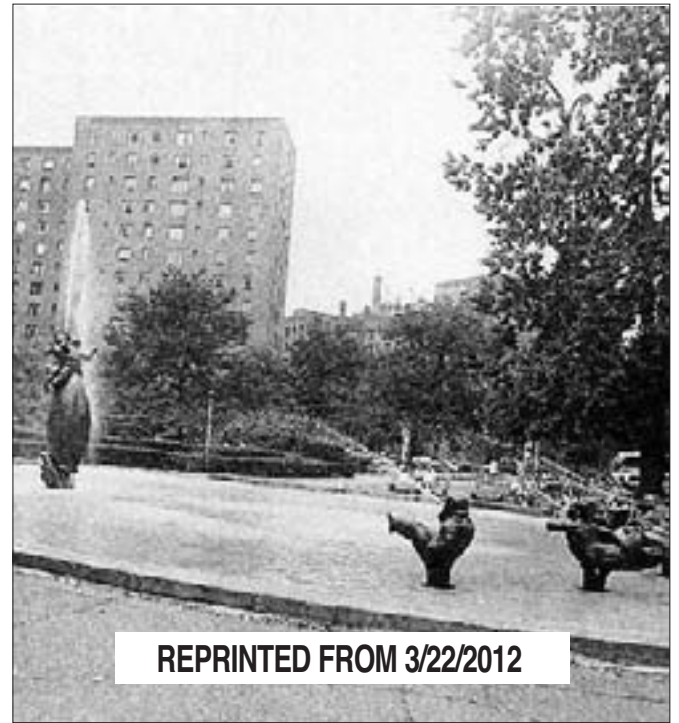
Some may also recall when Kiselewski's famous three foot frogs were installed at P.S. 18 at Morris Avenue between 145th and 146th streets in Port Morris. Most Bronxites are familiar with the huge sculptures created in 1932 on the facade of the Bronx County Courthouse at 161st Street and the Grand Concourse. The pink Georgia granite work does catch your eye and Kiselewski was among the grouping of artists respon-

sible for their creation.

Returning to Parkchester, the real piece de resistance can be found at Metropolitan Oval, which was later re-named The Aileen B. Ryan Oval to honor Ryan who served as Council-Person-at-Large from 1966 to 1983. It is a two-acre park in the center of the community and has long been the favored meeting site for old-time Parkchesterites.

The center fountain was once stocked with goldfish and was a popular place for young lovers to toss a coin, much like they do at the Trevi Fountain in Rome. It was also a favorite site of newly weds for wedding photographs. The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who created Parkchester, held gala holiday affairs there for residents for many years.

The fountain was created by renowned sculptor Raymond Granville Barger (1906-2001) and is titled "Fantasia."



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Metropolitan Oval is adorned with sculptures by noted artist Raymond Granville Barger.

It was completed and placed at the Oval in July of 1941. A bronze plaque dedicating it to the residents of Parkchester was placed on it in 1984. The spouting fountains can be

found as the backdrop for any special occasion and pictures of it can be found in family albums of most Parkchester residents, past and present.

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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

ASHLEY HEAD CONSULTING LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts of Org. filed w/the SSNY on 6/19/12. Office location: Bronx, NY. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1245 Bronx River Ave Bronx, NY 10472. General Purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

EL DORADO CRUISE LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 2/11/2015. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. Dhaneshwar Ramlochan designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 2144 Ellis Ave., Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

KMI Services LLC, filed with the SSNY on 1/21/15. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 665 Thwaites Place 4V, Bronx, NY 10467. General Purposes.

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 served upon him/her to C/O 3182 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Murro Plaza LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 4/27/09. Off. Loc.: Bronx Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 3348 Polo Place, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: all lawful activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1203 Rosedale Holding LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on December 11, 2014. Office location: Queens 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 1203 Rosedale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 5 Star Car Care, (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on December 12, 2014. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 2025 Continental Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of DCW SECURITY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/19/2015. 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: SPIEGEL & UTRERA P.A., P.C. 1 MAIDEN LANE 5TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10038. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DONE RIGHT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/05/2015. Office location: BRONX County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is: ALKET CAUSHI 1650 HUTCHINSON RIVER PKWY UNIT 3B

The principal business address of the LLC is: ALKET CAUSHI 1650 HUTCHINSON RIVER PKWY UNIT 3B Purpose: any lawful act or 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 Qualification of SKMV Realty, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 3/2/15. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: P.O. Box 268, Bronx, NY 10471. LLC formed in DE on 11/6/14. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Essential Realty Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on December 5, 2014. Office location: QUEENS 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 911 Castle Hill Avenue, 3rd Fir, Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: PAPAS MECHANIC SHOP, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/14/2015. 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: JAHMAIR A. WILLIAMS 911 EAST 230TH STREET BRONX, NY 10466. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of limited liability company (LLC). Name: 292 E 211 ST LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/03/2015. 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 1530 PLIMPTON AVE., APT. 4B BRONX, NY 10452. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SAPAR GENERAL SERVICES LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/18/2014. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to MARIO CONDEZA 2404 BARNES AVENUE BRONX, NY 10467. Purpose: For 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 THE PORT MORRIS BUTCHER, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/26/15. 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, 225 E. 134th St., Apt. 4F, Bronx, NY 10451. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The Sosa Group (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on August 8, 2012. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 1414-A Zerega Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. 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

OTISNATUS PRODUCTION, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 7/21/2014. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 1376 Ogden Ave., Apt 5A, Bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUNDANCE EQUITIES, LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 11/12/2014. 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, 475 West 238th Street, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

North Carolina, Wake County. File No. 14CV013674. In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division Wendy Lynnette Dawson, Plaintiff, vs. James Dawson Jr., Defendant. Notice of Service of Process by Publication. To: James Dawson Jr. Take Note: That a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the General Court of Justice, District Court Division, by the plaintiff herein, the nature of which is as follows: Absolute divorce based upon one year's separation. You are required by law to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. If you fail to do so, the plaintiff will seek the relief sought herein. This the 25th day of Apr., 2015 Signed: Wendy Lynnette Dawson WLD:

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on March 23, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000103-15/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) Anib (Middle) Pedro (Last) Paredes. My present name is (First) Pedro (Middle) Anibal (Last) Paredes Jimenez AKA Pedro A. Paredes. My present address is 2353 Beaumont Ave, Apt A6, Bronx, NY 10458. My place of birth is San Francisco De Macoris, Dominican Republic. My date of birth is July 09, 1987.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 10/31/14, bearing Index Number NC-000453-14/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to:

Assume the name of (First) Oscar (Middle) Kai (Last) Colon. My present name is (First) Oscar (Last) Diaz (Seniority) Jr. AKA Oscar Diaz. My present address is 837 Neill Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. My place of birth is Brooklyn, NY. My date of birth is September 29, 1996.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 3/16/15, bearing Index Number NC-000098-15/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) Lenice (Middle) Christine (Last) Howe. My present name is (First) Lenice (Middle) Christine (Last) Felicier AKA Lenice Christine Howe. My present address is 1026 East 180th Street, Apt 3V, Bronx, NY 10460. My date of birth is Bronx, New York. My date of birth is November 20, 1981.

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 l, 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 HERSHELL 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 is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on March 20, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000096-15/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) Kaylen (Middle) Maya (Last) Mercedes. My present name is (First) Keysha (Middle) Maya (Last) Mercedes (infant). My present address is 2188 Creston Avenue, Apt 1 C, Bronx, NY 10453. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is August 31, 2014.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE TRUST 2008-R1, Pltf. vs. FABIO R. LIRIANO, et al, Defts. Index #380045/12. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated July 28, 2014, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 764 East 230th St., Bronx, NY. Said property located in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, and being a part of the Lot known on a certain map entitled, "Map of Village of Wakefield in the Town of East and Westchester County, New York" made by Henry B. Miller, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, dated May 1854, and filed in the Office of the Clerk (now Register) of Westchester County, by Lot No. 478. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$520,599.05 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. BIANKA PEREZ A/K/A BIANCA VEGA, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #85609

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s)
vs. MARIE E.C. ANYANECHI; et al; Defendant(s)
Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600
Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 19, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.
On April 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 1821 ANDREWS AVE, BRONX, NY 10453
Block: 2879 Lot: 308
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.
As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
Approximate amount of judgment \$476,123.91 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 380164/12
Dinorah Figueroa, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.; Plaintiff(s)
vs. JOSE A SOLIS; 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 December 19, 2014, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.
On April 20, 2015 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 224 BETTS AVE, BRONX, NY 10473
Block: 3461 Lot: 17
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Lots #77 and #78 on the map of the property belonging to the Estate of E.A. Hemmer, made by E.H. Holden, C.S., dated May 16, 1915, which map was filed in the Office of the Register of Bronx County on 11/20/1920 as Map #490.
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 \$343,995.57 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 381470/09
Leonard C. Aloï, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-FRE2, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRE2
Plaintiff
-Against-
MARCELINO SANCHEZ A/K/A MARCELIN SANCHEZ; ET AL.
Defendants
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about 12/15/2014, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, room 600, 851 Grand Concourse Bronx, New York. On April 20, 2015 at 2:00 pm the premises of:
1689 Monroe Avenue
Bronx, New York 10457-7193
Block: 2792 Lot: 48
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City of New York, and State of New York, as more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Said premises will be sold subject to all terms and conditions contained within said Judgment and Terms of Sale.
Approximate Amount of Judgment: \$500,651.29 plus interest and costs.
Index No.: 381436-11
Steven A. Grant, Esq. REFEREE
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
Dated: February 27, 2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
HSBC BANK USA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM2, Plaintiff(s),
Against
..Index No.: 380865/2009
JONAS A. AKE, FRAN AKE, et al., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on, 5/30/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 4/20/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 3729 Olinville Ave., Bronx, NY 10467, and described as follows:
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4649 and Lot 168.
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$718,980.71 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment; Index No.: 380865/2009.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.
Jeanette M. Westphal, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504
Dated: 2/18/15 PB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-EMX8, Plaintiff, against AKWASI AFRIFA, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/2/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/27/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1125 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD, Bronx, NY 10459 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 2728 Lot: 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$623,357.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380868/08. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1134833

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2006-FRE1, Plaintiff, against JOSEPHINE ALLI, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/15/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/27/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2578 TENBROECK AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4462 Lot 36. Approximate amount of judgment \$486,988.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380918/09. Mohammad Ali, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1135719

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. STEFANIE SKERRITT, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 26, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 741 Commonwealth 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 3595 and Lot 45. Approximate amount of judgment is \$59,133.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 309028/10.
Dennis E. Krolian, ESQ, Referee
Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY LOAN TRUST 2006-7, Plaintiff, against ANA JIMENEZ, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/8/2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/27/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 209 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, Bronx, NY 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough

and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3455 LOT: 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$479,498.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380662/09. Lee Michael Huttner, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1135644

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff against MITCHELL JETER, et al Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 15, 2014.
I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 27th day of April, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. premises Beginning at a point on the southerly side of 169th Street, distant 74.20 feet easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of 169th Street, with the easterly side of Fulton Avenue as legally opened; being a plot 85 feet by 23.62 feet by 85 feet by 23.62 feet.
Said premises known as 576 East 169th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10456.
(Section: 10, Block: 2612, Lot: 27).
Approximate amount of lien \$ 453,360.79 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.
Index No. 381344-11. Gerald Sheiowitz, Esq., Referee.
DeRose & Surico
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
213-44 38th Avenue
Bayside, N.Y. 11361

LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
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 Huguenot Street - Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
(914) 636-8900

Bronx Park East Community Association News

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

Bronx Park East Community Association, your Allerton and Pelham Parkway community advocates, will hold its next monthly community meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. inside 2401 White Plains Road. These meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Our guest will be 'DIG Farm', a region-wide organization who conduct plantings and beautification in local parks, and also focus on farming and healthy-eating.

DIG Farm will be assisting B-PECA in Allerton this April as we partner with a local elected official to beautify our parks.

April Volunteer Park Events

On Saturday, April 25 join NY State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, DIG Farm and Team B-PECA as we plant bulbs on the perimeter of Zimmerman Playground in Allerton. DIG will be bringing the planting know-how to spruce up the Zimmerman entrance, but we will need the volunteer muscle.

All elementary, middle and high school students who volunteer will receive a certificate of community service,

which can be counted towards graduation requirements. It's also fun and rewarding to volunteer.

B-PECA will also be partnering with DIG and Senator Hassell-Thompson to beautify Seton Falls Park on Sunday, April 19. This park is located on Baychester Avenue at East 233rd street, a hop, skip, jump (and bus ride) from our neck of the woods.

But we did have a good time building a tree guard in NYCHA Baychester Houses with Ruth last August, so stepping out of our neighborhood is nothing we're not used to.

For the exact time of these planting activities, feel free to email b XPARKEAST@gmail.com or text/call (347) 654-7044.

Zumba at Allerton Library
You read correctly. At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, as well as Tuesday, April 14, 21 and 28, the Allerton Library will be hosting free adult zumba sessions!

If you didn't get to take part in Madame Ana Martinez' zumba sessions in Waring Playground this past summer, then you don't know what you're missing. Zumba is a fun way to exercise and keep in shape, all while moving your body to latin and worldly

rhythms. Not only do you get your cardio workout in, you also become exposed to new music and realize the body-rhythm you never knew you had!

The Allerton Library is located at 2740 Barnes Avenue, which is between Allerton and Arnov avenues. You can take the Bx 26 or Boston Road, the Bee-Line 60, 61 or 62 buses there, if coming by public transportation. For more information on the zumba sessions, call the Allerton Library at (718) 881-4240.

Thank you to their branch manager Manuel Martinez for livening up the Allerton Library branch with new, fun activities such as these. By attending B-PECA's monthly meetins and opening up their programming to a wide variety of age groups he has made a real positive impact at a cherished public institution.

Support our public libraries. After all, where else can you get free Wi-fi and lap tops to use?

Summer Block Parties

Snow? Snow-what! Let's talk summer, baby.

Board members of B-PECA will once again be at it organizing summer block parties where they live and you the

reader are invited to participate.

On Saturday, June 20, B-PECA board member Grace Lovaglio will be conducting the 2nd Annual Arnov-Barnes Block Association 'ABBA' event, in conjunction with the Allerton library.

On Saturday, July 18, Raphael, Kenny, Donald and Hazel will be throwing the 4th Annual Thwaites Place Block Party at Olinville Avenue and Thwaites Place.

Then, on Saturday, August 22, Norma Lopez and Cruger-Mace Block Association 'CMBA' will be hosting an International-themed block event on Cruger and Mace avenues. Each community event will not only be a party with music, bounce houses and the street closed off, but they'll all have a special theme.

The Arnov-Barnes event will be a 'Hello Summer' occasion focused on making neighborhoods healthy one block at a time. The Thwaites Place block party will be an art-themed event where any and all artists (painters, sculpters, you name it) can set up a table free-of-charge to do outreach and get their names out there.

The Cruger-Mace festival

will be focused on appreciating the international flavors (literally) of our community, with musicians and foods from a wide variety of cultures around the world, all of which are represented in the people that reside in Allerton.

If you'd like to support these events with financial or in-kind contributions, or if you'd simply like to volunteer and be involved in them, please contact: Arnov-Barnes Block Party- Grace Lovaglio, (347) 664-6445 or bronxabba@gmail.com; Thwaites Block Party- Raphael, (347) 654-7044 or bxparkeast@gmail.com; and Cruger-Mace Block Party- Norma Lopez, (34) 526-0560 or cruger_mace@yahoo.com

Finally, thank you, the reader, for reading B-PECA's weekly Bronx Times column. A big appreciation goes out to Laura Guerriero, John Collazzi and the Bronx Times newspaper team for being a part of making this immensely valuable media tool available to grassroots community groups like B-PECA.

You can email bronxtimes@cnglocal.com if you'd like to thank them yourself. Media Matters!"

BY JOSEPH ODDO

Reminder: The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association will meet on 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. Our guest speaker will be police officer Hanna Rann who will speak on crime prevention for seniors, and Christian Claudio from the Administration for Children Services. There will also be presentations on Senators Jeff Klein's Court Watchers Program. Please keep reading the Bronx Times Reporter for special announcements.

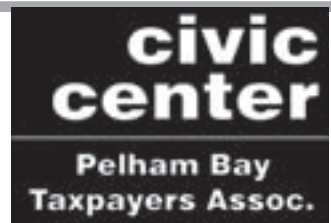
The East Bronx Inter-Agency traffic committee met and it was a hot meeting. The discussion dealt with organizational issues that are pretty cut and dry. What was not cut and dry was which transportation changes where to be advanced.

I am glad to report that the congestion on Pelham Park-

way East, St. Paul Avenue, and Amendola Circle (Pelham Bay Station) is getting serious attention. Some traffic improvements have been proposed and a request has been made to Community Board 10 to study the matter and hold a public meeting on these topics. The Bronx Times Reporter is doing or will be doing an article on this topic. This article by Pat Rocchio was not ready in time for my deadline. So it may be elsewhere in this edition or it will appear in next week's edition. So please keep an eye out for it.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs: It would be much better if summer jobs programs would be funded at least twice as much as they have been in the last 12 years. The funding should also give preference to internships with small businesses.

For more information go to the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). You can apply on line at <https://application.nycsyep.com/default.aspx> or you can print out the application and fill it out by hand. Please note that you may only submit one application for SYEP. Selection into SYEP is by lottery. Summer youth jobs for ages 14-24 are available. The application deadline is Friday, April 10. Don't be left out! Good luck!



The NYPD is looking for you! It 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.

You have a kid, relative, special partner who is always getting ideas on how to do something better. Well, this

is for them. And age is not an issue. It would be great for a Pelham Bay or Bronx team of grandpa or grandma teaming with one or two grandkids and submitting an idea which will bring home to our communities this prestigious prize.

The 2015 Create the Future Design Contest is now under way at 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 & Defense, Automotive/Transportation, Consumer Products, Electronics, Machinery/Automation/Robotics, Medical, Sustainable Technologies.

You this now get busy we

want one of our neighbors to win this prize.

Check out VOTE to play and win an Imagination Playground. This contest will grant a new playground to the winner of their contest. Just go to my Facebook timeline and under March 23 you will find their link. The contest is simple. Whoever gets the most votes wins. So to all the PTA's, community associations, Park Improvement Groups, this contest is for you so go online and claim a playground.

On Monday, March 23, the East Bronx Inter-Agency traffic committee met.

Stay tuned for more. Be safe, be healthy, and see at our next meeting.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Green Tree Servicing LLC, Plaintiff, against Hector Duverge, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/11/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, New York on 04/27/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 11 West 184th Street, Bronx, NY 10468 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: 3199, LOT: 128. Approximate amount of judgment \$538,501.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381582/2008. Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff, 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-045129-F00 1133832

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Astoria Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, against Chantal K. Smith a/k/a Chantal Kadhi-Smith; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 5, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on April 27, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 767 Beck Street, Bronx, NY 10455 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 2708 Lot 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$329,796.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380301-12. Cesar Fernandez, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 16, 2015 1134401 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 04/17/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, against EUGENE PERRY, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 8/25/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/13/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2260 WEBSTER AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10457 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3030, LOT 149. Approximate amount of judgment \$670,965.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381591/09. Gillian E. McGoey, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1131462

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against MICHAEL NUGENT, MARCIA NUGENT, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/24/2013 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/13/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2742 WESTERVELT AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4537 Lot 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$265,575.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381055/11. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1129918

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-3, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff, against SEAN IBITOYE, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/30/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 04/20/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1069 INTERVAL AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10459 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 2700, LOT: 151. Approximate amount of judgment \$666,178.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381354/10. Henry Max Adler, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1133596

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for PHH 2007-1, Plaintiff, against Andrea Peart; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 4, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx New York on April 20, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1027 East 216th Street, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4699 Lot 14. Approximate amount of judgment \$472,294.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to

provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382297-09. Allison Brockington, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 6, 2015 1133379 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 04/10/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, against Aleem O. Rasheed, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, New York on 04/13/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 728 East 239th Street, Bronx, NY 10466-1230 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 5071, LOT 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$456,068.01 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380475/10. Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff, 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-048748-F00 1131923

LEGAL NOTICE

REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff - against - HELAL HOSSAIN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 4, 2015. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, County of Bronx, New York on the 27th Day of April, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. 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. Premises known as 1703 Saint Peters Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY 10462. (Block: 3999, Lot: 57). Approximate amount of lien \$379,318.95 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 382121/10. Harry M. Forman, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: March 10, 2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - SHIPU AHMED, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated December 8, 2014, I will sell at public auction on April 13, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in

Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 4F, in the building known as N-14 a/k/a 130, and by street address 1561 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4206 in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0286 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$12,809.84, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Green Tree Servicing LLC, in the original principal sum of \$95,000.00 with interest. Index No. 260446/14. JOYCE A. BROWN WINLEY, ESQ., Referee, ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

Attorneys for Plaintiff, 828 South Broadway, Suite 100, Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR BRONX COUNTY, as Administrator of the Estate of ROBERTO RIVERA, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated January 6, 2015, I will sell at public auction on April 27, 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 7F, 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 4488 in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0104 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$13,457.04, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of America NA in the original principal sum of \$59,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 260758/14. BETTY LUGO, 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 EVERBANK, Plaintiff against JASMINE M. REED; AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROSA M. REED AND INDIVIDUALLY, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 31, 2014.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 20th day of April, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 1066 Walton Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10462.

Tax account number: SBL # : 2472-8.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 47,474.56 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381964-09. Frank D. Lombardi, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103 Westbury, N.Y. 11590

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

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

NYCTL 2008-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs against A1 W & W REALTY CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on October 3, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on April 20, 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 and designated as Block 3355 and Lot 136 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map. Said premises known as WEBSTER AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 41,707.53 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 382899/2009.

LORRAINE C. CORSA, ESQ., Referee

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

BY JOANNE TIMMINS

Spring is in the air, and so the White House's Annual Easter Egg Roll is not far behind. This year, the theme of the Easter Egg Roll is 'Gimme 5', in which First Lady Michelle Obama asks families across America to tell her five ways in which they're leading healthier lives. I'm so proud to say that TNCAP has taken up this theme as well, as our mission is in part to "advocate for healthy and productive lifestyles and respect for the diverse needs of the Throggs Neck community".

Concern for the general level of fitness and health of American citizenry has risen because chronic and degenerative health conditions arise from obesity and inactivity. New York Department of Health has declared childhood obesity a serious concern (NYC Vital Signs, June 2009). More than one-third of NYC schoolchildren are obese or overweight, as are more than one-half of NYC adults (Take Care

New York 2016). It is projected that one-third of all children born in 2000 or later will suffer from diabetes at some point in their lives. Mrs. Obama has stated as her goal to "change the way kids think about food and physical activity (www.letsmove.gov)".

TNCAP would like to share some of our work-in-progress on encouraging health and wellness. First, our Annual Poster Campaign has as its theme, 'Eat Well, Play Well'. We aim to have kids think about how they can get 60 minutes per day of activity and how they can make healthier food choices. The kids then produce posters which show how they will incorporate these ideas into their daily lives. This year, the semifinalist posters will be put on our Facebook page for voting, so keep checking our page so that you can be a part of the process and see the wonderful artwork and creative thinking of our elementary and middle-schoolers on the colorful posters generously donated by

civic center

Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership

Senator Jeff Klein.

Second, TNCAP is engaging with our partners in the community to address the growing epidemic of prescription pain killer abuse. According to a recent Newsday article, pain-killer related deaths quadrupled between 1999 and 2013. Poisoning is now the major cause of unintentional injury deaths, mainly due to overdose with prescription pain-killers.

Recently Throggs Neck Pharmacy addressed our coalition to discuss the controls they are implementing when it comes to dispensing medications with abuse potential. They advise their customers to be aware that pain can sometimes be relieved using less potent and nonaddictive

alternatives. All medications should always be taken exactly as prescribed, and then properly disposed of. Prescription pain-killers can be put in wet coffee grounds and dissolved before disposal. New York City also allows flushing of unused medicines. Medications should never be shared. Many thanks to Throggs Neck Pharmacy for their commitment to the health of the community.

We would also like to thank the nurses from Jacobi Medical Center's Comprehensive Addictions Treatment Center for taking the time from their hectic schedule to address the TNCAP coalition. Use of heroin is increasing as abusers look for a cheaper alternative to prescription pain-killers. For more information about the program, call the CATC at (718) 918-4465.

We were pleased to learn more about the work the Locust Point Civic Association is doing to bring fresh, organic produce to Throggs Neck through their Community Supported Agri-

culture project. By partnering with an upstate organic farm, they are able to bring seasonal, locally grown food to the community. Most produce available in the grocery store today travels an average of 1500 miles to get here. Produce is picked before it's ripe so that it can withstand the long travel time, and genetic engineering is employed to help create strains that can withstand these conditions. Health experts agree that eating a variety of vegetables and fruit optimizes health.

For more information on this program, contact Chrys Napolitano at cnapolitano@netzero.net.

So, how about a spring tune-up? We can move our bodies more in our daily lives and eat more healthfully. Then, when spring finally arrives, we'll be spry as the Easter Bunny.

We would love to hear your ideas on making Throggs Neck a more healthful community. You can e-mail your comments to jtimmins@adapp.org.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

There are some weeks, when I start writing this column, where I just can't decide what to write about because there is so much going on. I usually let the writing spirits send me on my way and somehow, as I type, I find what I need to write about. Sometimes, the universe sends the topic. And once in a while, I have an epiphany and it just gets me going. But for this morning, it is this very cacophony of information and ideas and desires to change the world that I've decided to write about.

The wonderful thing about living in America is that we have freedom of speech, among the many other freedoms afforded us. Modern society offers everyday people access to information, communication over distances and the ability to participate in a global dialog in a way that we have never been able to in our known history on this planet. So why are we so angry? Why is there such fear and loathing? Why do we feel like we are caught in a cycle that we have no control over?

It's true, one of the downfalls of modern society seems to be a feeling that we are inadequate; we don't have enough, we don't do enough and on and on. I recently received an email from a friend, one of our many dedicated 'community organizers', and below her name was a list of all the community groups she is either involved in or run-

ning. I chuckled when I saw the list, and observed to myself how this was an indication of how some of us are so overcommitted and yet we all still feel that there is so much still left to do!

Try as I might, as much as I am aware of this dilemma, I still fall prey to getting wrapped up in the crazy. I've been working really hard to avoid this feeling and trying to disconnect from some of the stimuli around us is a way to start. I'm consciously turning off the morning news infotainment, once I hear the traffic and weather loop once or twice, I'm done. Do I really need to know about the tragedies happening around the city, the country, the world? I like to be informed, of course, but sometimes I think a lot of what's in the 24 hour news cycle is simply there to distract us, to make us fearful, anxious and angry.

It is a concerted effort to get myself away from these distractions. So after I turn off the TV, I make myself take out my yoga mat and do 20 minutes of yoga and 10 minutes of meditation. I set an intention and I am up to 52 days in a row in my practice. Has it helped? Well, I am happy with myself that I am sticking with it but meditation is still a struggle. Try as I might, it is so hard to get all the thoughts running through my head, out of my head.

Cooking is another calming practice for me, but I realize it is not for many. What I love

food for thought

about cooking is the ability to take items from the bounty of the earth and turn it into something I give to those I love and it nourishes them and gives them not only joy, but an opportunity to share each other's company. So it's more than just cooking. Running the CSA, doing the cooking demos and teaching cooking classes at the civic is something I love doing because I love sharing this secret: that good food is the secret to happiness.

Gardening is another activity that helps me disconnect from the modern world, it gives me peace. The act of getting your hands dirty, of touching things that are alive is so elemental to who we are that I often wonder at the sanity of a person who doesn't like to get their hands dirty. I am still amazed when I go to clean the garden after the winter, when I push aside the layer of leaves and organic matter that covers the beds and I find the first sprouts of dicentra, oregano and Lady's Mantle.

I am plotting out my plan of attack, the compost that has been curing over the winter gets moved into the five gallon buckets in the greenhouse, the compost pile gets sifted and

the new compost goes in the big pails to cure, the beds get cleaned and the organic matter gets mixed in with the non composted material from the compost pile so that this mixture can cook over the summer. Now the cleaned beds get a layer of fresh compost and things start happening, buds on trees turn into fruit, asparagus and artichokes come back and the compost bears all kinds of surprises.

Last year, it brought us six cantaloupes, I'm looking forward to this year's volunteers.

It is still too cold to garden, but I can still put a chair in a sunny spot and watch my dogs run around the backyard. You would think that I do this all the time, but this weekend I did and wondered to myself, what is it that I am doing all the time that these moments are so rare and precious? It is that thought that inspires me this morning; these moments so rare and precious. When we take ourselves out of the world and just sit and watch it around us. The joy of my dogs, cooped up in the house these last few weeks because of the cold, as they run around sniffing and clawing at all the smelly and interesting things in the garden.

These shouldn't be rare moments in our lives, joy should be commonplace. So this week, instead of writing about food, I offer Food for Thought, something to chew on: How can we disconnect from the crazy and tune into the joy? I would love

to hear from you, if you have any thoughts on this subject, you can write to me at cnapolitano@netzero.net.

The Friday, March 27 Pasta Class sold out but there are still spaces for the Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. class, 'Basic Sauces with Christopher Landi'. Christopher, professional chef and Locust Point native, has graciously offered to teach a class at the civic to help us raise money, classes like this are usually anywhere from \$45 to \$125 per person. Class will cost \$35 and will be limited to 12 students. This could be a great 'date night' idea. Email me if you would like to join us.

And don't forget that the 2015 CSA season is now open! Any questions, feel free to email me or create an account and order shares for the 2015 season by: 1. Clicking on Member Login under the center photo on the farm website www.stoneledge.farm. 2. Login using your e-mail address and password. There is a Forgot Password link available. 3. Select the site (LOCUST POINT) and then you can select the CSA shares you would like to order. 4. Read and check off the Member Agreement and also the Volunteering Agreement for your CSA site. 5. Select the payment method and complete your order. A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you once the order is complete. The first delivery for the 2015 season is tentatively scheduled for June 8 at 3300 Tierney Place.

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2013-771/A - CITATION - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO:

Rayhana Dhulkifi; Kimberly Felder; Latrice Duncan; Kevin Hudson; Daryl Hudson; Khidja Seymour; Jadiem Wilson; Yolanda Bell; Taqiyya Dhulkifi; Muttaqi Dhulkifi; NYC Department of Social Services; Attorney General of the State of New York; and Trevor Seymour, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest, whose names 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, Room 336; 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 May 12, 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 MARION OWENS also known as MARION BOBBITT OWENS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 100 Debs Place, Apt 12C; Bronx, New York 10475, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$2,425.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,212.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,212.50 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 claim of the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 4, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

"JOHN DOE" FATHER OF CHMAAR KITT a/k/a CHMAAR SCOTT KITT WHOSE IDENTITY AND WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN, IF LIVING OR DEAD, TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS, LEGATEES BENEFICIARIES, FIDUCIARIES, ASSIGNEES, SUCCESSORS AND CREDITORS OF INTEREST WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN AND CANNOT BE ASCERTAINED

A petition having been duly filed by PATRINA KITT as Administratrix of the Estate of CHMAAR KITT, deceased, who is domiciled at 654 Burke Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 9:30 a.m. or the forenoon of that day in the Surrogate's Court, County of Bronx, New York, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406 Bronx, NY 10451, on April 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why a decree should not be made in the Estate of CHMAAR KITT a/k/a CHMAAR SCOTT KITT, lately domiciled at 756 Kelly Street, Bronx, NY, in the County of Bronx, New York, granting leave to allocate and distribute the Net Proceeds of a wrongful death actions on behalf of CHMAAR KITT, a/k/a CHMAAR SCOTT KITT

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

Notice of Public Sale

Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 4268 Third Ave Avenue, Bronx NY 10457. The sale will be held on Monday April 13th, 2015 at 10:00 AM the Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-294-1111.

Unit Number Name Items

034 Tapp, Ginny 120 Harkless, Vincenza 235 Cruz, Manuel 351 Vasquez, Karina 433 Copeland, Bertha 673 Ragland-Crosby, Karyn 723 Hamer, Vickie 729 Decosta, Kimble 759 Beltre, Natalia 761 Beltre, Natalia 305V Nichols, Betty J 309V Pena, Julio 409V Toliver, Raymond 532V Quinones, Oswaldo B048 Ferrer, Inez

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale

Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1037 Zerega Avenue, Bronx NY 10462. The sale will be held on Monday April 13th 2015 at 4:00PM. The Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-904-7867

UNIT NUMBER/UNIT ITEMS:

1001 Michael Mannion, 1002 Fatou Secka, 1041 Epifanio Morales, 1082 William Branker, 1084 William Longo, 1120 Lakya Thomas, 1124 Jermaine Shan, 1147 Damien Ray Norfleet, 1159 Tiffany Cruz, 1180 Pablo Perez, 1242 Chastity Rosario, 2032 Maximo Marte, 2055 Carmen Correa, 2064 Sara Shipping, 2064 Eligio Jimenez, 2359 Jessica Monserate, 2486 Carlos M. Saldana, 2525 Davindra Singh, 2541 Jamel Osborne, 2607 Felipe Cordero, 3067 Anna Otero, 3089 Ramon Dejesus, 3166 Jose Almonte-Roque, 3179 Ce-Asia Carrigan-Bobb, 3190 Jerome Bennett, 4113 Andres Rosa, 4137 Annette Marie Febo.

LEGAL NOTICE

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
MORGAGED PREMISES: 813 ADEE AVE., BRONX, N.Y. 10467
BL #: 4572 - 3

Plaintiff designates BRONX County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, -against-

UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF JENNY LAWRENCE, if living and if dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, ET AL. 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 attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 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

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 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.

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$310,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of BRONX on January 16, 2008, at C.R.F.N. 2008000021060, covering premises known as 813 ADEE AVE., BRONX, N.Y. 10467 - Block 4572; Lot 3.

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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said

premises.

TO the Defendant(s) UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF JENNY LAWRENCE, the foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Lucindo Suarez of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated October 1, 2014 and extended on March 3, 2015.

Dated: New Rochelle, NY
March 11, 2015
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

/s/ _____
Leroy J. Pellicci, Jr., Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210
New Rochelle, NY 10801
p. 914-636-8900
f. 914-636-8901

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ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

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RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE

ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS

AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT

AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN

ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure.

In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for

information about possible options, including trying to work 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 of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

Make-A-Wish fundraiser April 15

Hearts Of Honor, Inc. and & RCN Builders Group will hold a dinner and dance fundraiser to benefit Make-A-Wish® Metro New York, on Sunday, April 12, 4 p.m. cock-

tail hour, with dinner to follow at the Marine del Rey, 1 Marina Drive.

What better way to contribute to an ever so heart felt cause for our children. Make-

A-Wish helps make wishes come true for children who have life threatening conditions. It is communities and merchant associations like our own that can make all the

more difference in a child's life.

The cost is \$175 per person or \$1750 per table.

Included in the day's events will be a 50/50 and silent auc-

tion For tickets or further information call Tashel Speirs at (347) 852-3742 or Michael Ragusa at (917) 801-4000.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Long meeting, lots of ideas and activities. If you don't think you'll get this in time, please make our meeting and look into our Yahoo group. From the commander: we will be submitting our post reports to chronicle all we do officially on paper. We welcomed a special neighborhood guest, our neighbor Cuban Al's daughter, who will be sponsoring a Cancer Walk at Msgr. Scanlan High School ballfield, on Saturday, May 30 starting at 4 p.m., please think about stopping by and doing a

lap around the ballfield for a good cause.

Speaking of health, Community Board 10 will be sponsoring a Healthy Challenge again this spring. Connect with them on facebook and see if you or any group - especially youth and kids groups, would like to join in!

Events: On Saturday, March 28, the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War will be remembered at TN Post 1456 from 3 to 6 p.m.; don't forget the ceremony at Water Street, NYC; this Thursday at 6 p.m. there

will be a 1st District Legion meeting at TN Memorial Post 1456, cost for dinner is \$30; on Tuesday, April 7 we have the Bronx County Legion Meeting at Morris Park Civic / Post 19 starting at 7 p.m.; the 17th of April we have the National Commander's visit at Antun's in Queens; the Saturday, April 18 portion of the WTC presentation ceremony at Silver Beach is cancelled, more info on that soon; on Thursday, April 16 at the Bronx VA, we will host Ft. Hamilton and Department of Defense officials to discuss

opening the facilities at the historic site for use by authorized veterans; on Monday, May 11 at 9 a.m., we will have the Borough President's Veterans Breakfast at Maestro's on Bronxdale, kicking off Bronx Week which ends on the 17th with their traditional parade, vicinity of Moshulu Parkway. Whew!!

On sick call we have Jerome Decanio, Sr. and Joe Garofolo and we report our long time county secretary, Joan Wadman is doing OK. They may not look it, but Ed McGee and JP are doing much

better. PC Joe Mondello reports that the Post 253 Legion Riders are alive and well and would like to expand membership and brotherhood to all in the Bronx County American Legion. Those veterans who love to ride for a good cause, please contact us.

Next meeting is the third Sunday in April at the Turner Club, starting 11a.m. sharp.

Until next time: Twenty-two young veterans a day... have you heard? Do you know? What can we do about it?

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

New Yorkers continue to face a myriad of unresolved, and in many cases self-inflicted, transportation woes.

While the winter of 2015 was indisputably terrible, the reality is that many potholes, rough roads, and poor paving areas pre-existed that thankfully concluded season. The severe weather only made the situation worse. But negligent maintenance of roads is only part of New York City's transportation infrastructure issues.

Bronxites in particular are facing challenges in mobility. The utter, complete, and total negligence by city and state agencies (and the elected officials charged with overseeing them) in planning for the new developments that have sprung up particularly in the Northeast section of the borough is a case study in bureaucrats gone AWOL from their responsibilities.

A new 911 center, a new major hotel, the recently opened enclosed mall at Co-op City, the Target Mall, and a major golf course are all welcome developments, bringing urgently needed commerce and employment to a county still suffering from a severe economic environment.

But during the many years that these important additions to the borough were being

proposed, planned, and constructed, the various city and state agencies charged with transportation planning apparently were asleep on their desks.

The informal transportation committee comprising of various northeast Bronx civic associations and other concerned citizens has met and communicated with agency personnel. The results have been quite bluntly, insulting. At one meeting, held at Community Board 10's offices, agency personnel, who clearly had not fulfilled their planning responsibilities for years, came up with ridiculous suggestions that included giving out more tickets.

This negligence has continued for far too long, and has become a pattern in NYC's transportation policy, particularly in its treatment of boroughs outside Manhattan.

During the periods of New York's most explosive growth, transportation infrastructure was a catalyst for development. The subway system allowed NYC to develop into one of the world's most productive cities. An extensive road and rail network, combined with an active seaport, brought prosperity to the entire region.

But as time moved on, the city's leaders forgot the transportation assets that made New

Community Action civic Association

York great.

- Corruption, high taxes, a tolerance of organized crime, and failure to plan for the future resulted in the deterioration of NYC's ability to compete with other areas in the shipping trade.

- No longer did the subways follow the city's growth. A major example: Co-op City is one of the most densely populated communities on the planet, and it does not have a rail link. There are proposals to eventually link it with Metro-North stop.

- Cargo rail transportation deteriorated. The Port Authority, which was originally formed to provide a major rail connection to the city from the U.S. mainland, never completed this original assignment. Rail freight must travel up to Albany and back down to reach the area. Indeed, NYC has a less adequate rail infrastructure than it did in the 1930's.

- The Port Authority continues to be a major detriment to the city, with its skyrocketing tolls and awful administration of area airports. Numerous observers from all parties and

ideologies have agreed that NYC is poorly served by its airports, with LaGuardia being perhaps the worst major city airport in the nation—a national disgrace.

- Bizarre assaults on residents of non-Manhattan boroughs merely seeking to drive to their inner city jobs have become a mainstay of "progressive" city policy. New schemes are continuously floated to prevent drivers from entering Manhattan or to charge them tolls, without any plans to offer mass transit alternatives. One lost opportunity: some of the original proposals for what became Manhattan's 2nd Avenue subway project called for extending the line north into the Bronx. The concept was rejected. Add to this the devastating effects on traffic resulting from former Mayor Bloomberg's weird alterations to Manhattan roadways.

There are remedies to this pattern of negligence, both short and long term. But first, of course, the existing road infrastructure must be properly maintained. As reported recently by the AAA, the city's refusal to accept responsibility for the poor conditions of its roads must stop. This is nothing new. While in office, Borough President Fernando Ferrer had to threaten to sue Mayor Dinkins in order to get

City Hall to pay attention to the plight of Bronx drivers.

One dodge that city agencies employ to excuse their negligence is the ploy of extended studies which never seem to end. There is no practical reason why a common sense examination of obvious needs, for example, improved exits and entrances to the Bay Plaza mall area, cannot be swiftly completed, followed by a timely start of construction. Some of these studies were actually performed decades ago at the urging of former assemblyman Stephen Kaufman.

Express bus service, which has deteriorated since it was removed from the private sector, needs to be expanded and this can be done rapidly. A salient example: Manhattan's west side has seen significant development, yet there is still no express bus link between it and the northeast Bronx. This can be remedied quickly.

For far too long, Bronxites, their civic associations and their elected officials have been far too polite to, and tolerant of, negligent city and state transportation and planning organizations. It's time for that to change.

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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 1715 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 AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO. 35370/2014E NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. SANG TAE KIM AND ALL THE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, ASSIGNEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF ANY OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, AND ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, EXCEPT AS HEREIN STATED, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE NETHERLAND TERRACE CONDOMINIUM, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS, JOHN DOE (being fictitious, the names unknown to Plaintiff intended to be tenants, occupants, person or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors.), Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 3240 Netherland Avenue, Unit 6B, Bronx, NY 10463 SBL #: BLOCK 5787, LOT 1015 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: 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 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). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Bronx. The basis of the venue

designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 2nd day of March, 2015, Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s), 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221 TO: Sang Tae Kim, Defendant(s) in this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. BETTY O. STINSON of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 24TH day of February, 2015 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, in the City of Bronx. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Sang Tae Kim dated the 2nd day of November, 2004, to secure the sum of \$153,175.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 2004000759736 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Bronx County, on the 9th day of December, 2004; which mortgage was assigned by an Assignment executed March 21, 2014 and sent for recording, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Bronx County. The property in question is described as follows: 3240 Netherland Avenue, Unit 6B, Bronx, NY 10463 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION THE Condominium Unit (hereinafter referred to as the "Unit") known as Residential Unit 6B in the Building (hereinafter referred to as the "Building") known as The Netherland Terrace and by the street number 3240 Netherland Avenue in the County of the Bronx and State of New York said Unit being designated and described as Residential Unit No. 6B in a certain Declaration dated August 22, 1988, made pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law State of New York (hereinafter referred to as the "Condominium Act") establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the Land (hereinafter referred to as the "Land") upon which the Building is situate (which Land is more particularly described in the Declaration recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of The Bronx, City of New York on November 18, 1988 in Reel 881 Page 1537 (which Declaration and Amendments thereto, if any, are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Declaration"). This Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 1015 in Block 5787 of the County of the Bronx on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York. TOGETHER with an undivided 7.8848% interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration). HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work 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 Department of Financial Services at

1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. \$1303 NOTICE 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 has 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: March 2, 2015 Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100, Williamsville, NY 14221. The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 299975

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO LAW, THAT THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M. AT 66 JOHN STREET, 11TH FLOOR, ON A PETITION FOR GEORGE'S SCC, INC TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFE AT 3000 BUHRE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF BRONX FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.
REQUEST FOR COPIES OF THE REVOCABLE CONSENT AGREEMENT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO: DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ATTN: FOIL OFFICER, 42 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NY 10004.

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Salvia Plot, Range 2, Grave 108
Salvia Plot, Range 3, Grave 61
Salvia Plot, Range 3, Grave 125
Salvia Plot, Range 7, Grave 156
Summit Plot, Range 9, Grave 124
Summit Plot, Range 10, Grave 47
Summit Plot, Range 12, Grave 161
Summit Plot, Range 13, Grave 83
Anyone with an ownership interest in these lots should immediately contact the main office of The Woodlawn Cemetery located at Webster Avenue & East 233rd St., Bronx, NY 10470 or call (877) 496-6352 or email admin@thewoodlawncemetery.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX in the Matter of MAKEEA E'MONI MOORE Docket No. B-25912/14 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE 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 TO: GREGORY MOORE. 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 MAKEEA E'MONI MOORE 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 9 on the 7th Floor, on May 1, 2015 at 2:00 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 without charge to you, 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. Bronx, New York, BY ORDER OF THE COURT Michael J. Williams, Clerk of the Court.

Spring allergy season nears

This winter was one of the coldest on record, but spring allergy season is already beginning and it's time for sufferers to start preparing now. An estimated 50 million Americans suffer from seasonal allergies, which are commonly called hay fever. Symptoms include itchy eyes, nose and throat; sneezing; stuffy or runny nose; tearing or dark circles under the eyes.

"Even with snow still on the ground, trees have started budding and are the first to produce pollen, creating major problems for people with allergies," said David Rosenstreich, M.D., chief of the Division of Allergy and Immunology at Montefiore Medical Center. "The symptoms people experience often resemble a common cold, but, if it happens every year at this time, it's most likely to be allergies."

Allergy symptoms result from an overreaction by the body's immune system, which mistakes pollen for a foreign invader and attacks it – leading to the release of chemicals called histamines into the blood. As they travel through the bloodstream, the histamines latch onto receptors on a variety of cells, causing them to swell. That inflammation is what makes so many allergy sufferers miserable.

People with asthma are especially affected by allergies and may have asthma attacks, which can be dangerous and even life-threatening. Asthma often is triggered by allergies; though most people with allergies do not develop asthma.

Over-the-counter medications often reduce allergy symptoms, by blocking the histamine from causing cells to swell. But people who experience difficulty breathing or symptoms that become more severe should seek medical attention. A physician may be able to prescribe stronger medications if needed.

"By taking medicine early, you can prevent the symptoms before they begin," Dr. Rosenstreich said. "If you start after the symptoms are in full swing, it's much harder to stop the allergic reaction than to prevent it from the beginning."

In addition to medications, lifestyle changes can help relieve symptoms. Several to consider include:

Limiting outdoor activities during days with high pollen counts.

Keeping windows closed (at

home or in the car) to keep pollen out.

Installing your air conditioners early, since they're ideal for filtering the outside air that comes into your home.

Washing your hair after coming indoors.

Refraining from mowing lawns or raking leaves because this stirs up pollen and molds.

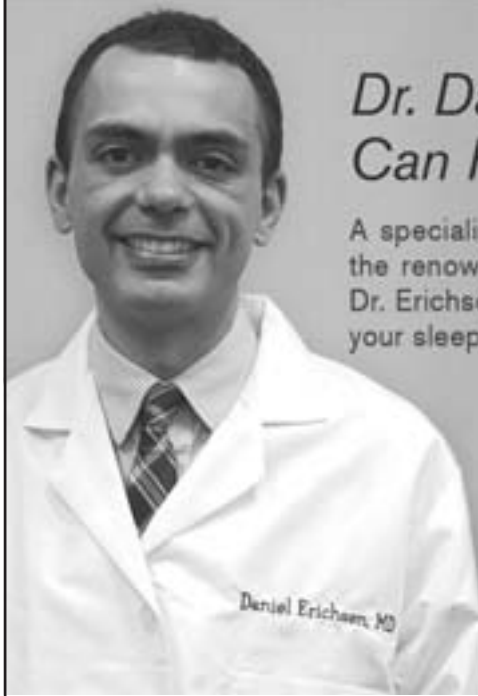
Avoiding hanging sheets or clothes outside to dry.

There are generally three pollen seasons that vary in different parts of the country. Early spring is typically when trees pollinate, with birch, cedar, cottonwood and pine trees causing the biggest allergic triggers. Tree pollination in the Northeast has already begun, according to Dr. Rosenstreich, and lasts through early June, but can be almost year-round in warmer climates. Grass pollen allergies typically arise in late spring, and weeds cause hay fever from the summer through the fall. Ragweed is often one of the biggest offenders in most regions, as it can grow in nearly every environment.

"There's no reason for people with allergies to suffer," Dr. Rosenstreich said. "As long as you take the proper precautions, you should be able to enjoy the outdoors and make the most of the warm weather."

David L. Rosenstreich, M.D., is Board Certified in Allergy & Immunology and Internal Medicine, and is a professor in both the Department of Medicine and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is the chief of the Division of Allergy and Immunology in the Department of Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center. Dr. Rosenstreich has received many awards, including the Danziger Distinguished Scholar Award in Microbiology and Immunology and a Public Health Service Commendation for his work with the U.S. Public Health Service. As a scientific investigator, he has focused on the pathophysiology and etiology of allergic diseases, including asthma. Dr. Rosenstreich has authored or co-authored over 130 original research publications in peer-reviewed journals, and is the editor of three books. He is also the co-director of the Montefiore Asthma Center, and has served as a consultant to the New York City Department of Health Citywide Asthma Initiative.

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No. 35295/2013
STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR13, Plaintiff,

-vs.-
YUNESH PATEL A/K/A YUNESH MAHENDRA PATEL, if living and if she be dead, and all Persons who are wives, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees, and successors in interest all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants.

Mortgage Premises: 1940 EAST TREMONT AVENUE, UNIT 4C, BRONX, NY 10462

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve to a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery 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. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable.

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 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.

That this action is being amended to include the possible heirs of Yunesh Patel A/K/A Yunesh Mahendra Patel, as said individual could not be located.

That this action is also being amended to include New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and United States of America as necessary parties.

BRONX County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises.

Dated: April 9, 2014

/s/

Mark K. Broyles, Esq.
FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Office and P.O. Address
28 East Main Street, Suite 1800
Rochester, New York 14614
Telephone No. (585) 232-7400
BLOCK: 3944
LOT: 1956

NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION

The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of BRONX, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein.

TO THE DEFENDANT, except YUNESH PATEL A/K/A YUNESH MAHENDRA PATEL, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Betty Owen Stinson, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated September 12, 2014 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage. The premises is described as follows: The Unit known as apartment No. 4F (hereinafter called "the Unit") in the Building known as Number N-13 and the Street Number 1595 Metropolitan Avenue, in the Borough and County of the Bronx, the City and State of New York, designated and described as Apartment Unit No. 4F in the declaration establishing The Parkchester North Condominium (Hereinafter called the "Property") under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), dated December, 1972, recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, in the County of the Bronx, on the 11th day of December, in Reel 198 at Page 65 (hereinafter called the "Declaration"), and designed also as Tax Lot No. 3991 in Block No. 3944 Section 15, of the Borough of The Bronx on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York, on the floor plans of the Building Certified by Edward J. Hurler, Architect on the 10th day of February, 1972, and filed in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, County of the Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972, as Condominium Plan No. 2. The Land on which the Building containing the unit is located (and on which the other buildings forming part of the Parkchester North Condominium are located) is 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: PARCEL 1: BEGINNING at a point on the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue at the Easterly end of a curve having a radius of 15 feet connecting the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue with the Northeasterly side of Unionport Road; RUNNING THENCE Easterly along the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue, 593.36 feet; THENCE South 8 degrees 31 minutes 46.5 seconds East 35.50 feet to a point of curve; THENCE on a

curve to the left having a radius of 125 feet a distance of 187.864 feet; THENCE South 4 degrees 38 minutes 25 seconds East 4 feet; THENCE on a curve to the right having a radius of 60.50 feet, a distance of 75.615 feet to a point of tangency; THENCE South 23 degrees 01 minutes and 46.5 seconds East 26.925 feet to a point of curve; THENCE on a curve to the left having a radius of 211 feet, a distance of 94.83 feet to a point of compound curve; THENCE on a curve to the left having a radius of 292.50 feet, a distance of 507.956 feet to a point of compound curve; THENCE on a curve to the left having a radius of 211 feet, a distance of 80.486 feet to a point of tangency; THENCE North 9 degrees 51 minutes 53.5 seconds East 43 feet to a point of curve; THENCE on a curve to the right having a radius of 71 feet, a distance of 71.11 feet to a point of tangency; THENCE North 67 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds East 52 feet to a point of curve; THENCE on a curve to the left having a radius of 275 feet a distance of 151.19 feet to a point of compound curve ; THENCE on a curve to the left having a radius of 106.935 feet, a distance of 82.64 feet to the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue; THENCE Easterly along the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue, 639.65 feet to the Westerly side of Purdy Street; THENCE Southerly along the Westerly side of Purdy Street, 512.463 feet to the Northerly end of a curve connecting the Westerly side of Purdy Street with the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue; THENCE Southerly and Westerly along said curve, being a curve to the right having a radius of 30 feet a distance of 55 feet to the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue; THENCE Southerly and Westerly along said curve, being a curve to the right having a radius of 30 feet a distance of 55 feet to the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue; THENCE Southerly along the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue 1424.291 feet to the East end of the Easterly of three curve connecting the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue with the Northeasterly side of Unionport Road; THENCE Westerly and Northwesterly along said three curve connecting the Avenue and Road as aforesaid 617.286 feet to the Northeasterly side of Unionport Road; THENCE Northwesterly along the Northeasterly side of Unionport Road, 869.544 feet to the Southeastery end of the curve connecting Northeasterly side of Unionport Road with the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue; THENCE Northerly and Easterly along said curve, being a curve to the right having a radius of 15 feet a distance of 31.019 feet to the East Tremont Avenue, at the point or place of BEGINNING. PARCEL II: BEGINNING at a point on the Easterly side of Purdy Street, distant 291.305 feet Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Easterly side of Purdy Street with the Southerly side of East Tremont Avenue; RUNNING THENCE South 88 degrees 31 minutes 20 seconds East 238.586 feet, South 8 degrees 09 minutes 15.2 seconds East 90.029 feet and South 16 degrees 16 minutes 22.5 seconds East 123.053 feet to a point on the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue distant 90.49 feet Westerly from the Northwest corner of Metropolitan Avenue and Castle Hill Avenue; THENCE Westerly along the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue 131.24 feet to the Easterly end of a curve connecting the Northerly side of Metropolitan Avenue with the Easterly side of Purdy Street; THENCE Westerly and Northerly along said curve, being a curve to the right having a radius of 70 feet a distance of 91.57 feet to the Easterly side of Purdy Street; THENCE Northerly along the Easterly side of Purdy Street, 207.045 feet to the point

of place of BEGINNING. TOGETHER with an undivided .0211 percent interest appurtenant to the Unit in the common elements of the Property (hereinafter called "common elements"). Premises known as 1940 EAST TREMONT AVENUE, UNIT 4C, BRONX, NY 10462.

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 CARDONA 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 liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the liened 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-ATRUST 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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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 liened premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the liened 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

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April 16, 2015

**BY STEVEN GLOSSER
AND LOUIS LUTNICK**

On March 10, The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association held its monthly meeting. As always our meeting was heavily attended, especially since this month our featured speaker was our new 49th Precinct captain, Tim McCormack.

The meeting began with PPNA chairperson Edith Blitzer taking questions from attendees. The hot topic was barbecuing in the various parks in our community. This has been a topic for many years, and as those who know the PPNA's activities we have been fighting against it. It is illegal to barbeque in the parks on the northside of the parkway, southside of the parkway and the parks along the parkway. The numbers of barbecues have decreased in the last few years thanks to our efforts, along with other groups in the neighborhood and our politicians, however it is an ongoing problem that will no doubt continue and we will continue to fight against.

Also the suggestion of having more cameras in sensitive locations was brought up and the PPNA agreed to follow up with the proper agency and inquire about it. Also as it gets warmer we can expect to see more graffiti in the neighborhood, which already has a large amount in it already. Any graffiti can be reported to Senator Jeff Klein's office and they will take steps to get it removed.

Captain McCormack spoke to the group about crimes going on in the neighborhood. The big news is that statistically so called 'big' crime are

at the same level this year as it was last year. By 'big' he means murders, rapes, shootings, etc.

The biggest increases were in grand larceny, which has spiked from last year. Indeed there have been many incidents of car windows being broken around the neighborhood. The captain stressed that in most cases it is being done by the same people over and over again. And there have been a few incidents where nothing was stolen but the car windows were just being broken randomly.

The other topic that Captain McCormack wanted to talk about and a crime that has increased in recent years is the amount of fraud that is going on in our neighborhood. The biggest culprit is our mail. Criminals are going into our mailboxes and stealing our checks, money orders, and other vital information and using it to their advantage. Checks and money orders are stolen and crooks use laser scanners to reproduce them and then make them out to themselves. And of course vital information, like social security numbers, can be taken from sensitive pieces of mail.

In order to protect yourself all mail should be put in the post office, not in the mailboxes, also consider paying bills online as opposed to through the mail. With regards to mailboxes some have been fixed (or it is a defect, we do not know which) so that mail catches on top, in particular the box on Lydig and Holland avenues is known to have this issue. Please double check to make sure your mail goes down in order to protect



yourself and ensure your mail is not being ripped up.

There are multiple e-scams being perpetrated from such sites as Craig's list.

Like the captain said: "If it is too good to be true, it probably isn't true". Also be very careful when using PayPal on the internet. Some sites pretend to be PayPal when they really aren't. With regards to email don't trust sites that claim to be your bank or a service provider. If an email has a link don't click it. Usually if it's not legit and the link will send you to a third party site that looks like the intended site and when you put in your username and password it will steal the info so hackers can access your account. Instead open up your browser and go to the site yourself (i.e. chase.com, aol.com etc.) and check for yourself if what it claims is true.

There are many phone scams being perpetuated on the elderly in the neighborhood, although they are not the only victims. It is important to note that no government or city agency will call and ask anyone for money. For instance a popular one is if you get a call from the state police asking for a donation, it is not legit. They are scammers looking for money.

Other popular ones include the IRS calling saying you owe money, A police officer calling and saying a relative needs money for a bond or

bail, or a 'charity' asking for a donation. Usually all these callers ask you to put money on a green dot card (or similar card) and give them the number. They do this because they know the number cannot be traced. Generally speaking if someone you don't know personally calls you and solicits you for money you should not trust them. And if they know info they shouldn't know like names, addresses or phone numbers still don't trust them as in this new Internet age that info is easy to get.

There are many lottery scams going on as well. They are akin to the old Nigerian scams or Spanish lottery scams a lot of people are familiar with. Basically the premise is as follows, someone is holding a winning lottery ticket and asking you to cash it for a fee because they are an illegal alien, underage, or unable to access the money themselves. They will ask you to pay the fee by western union and they will split the money only with you (usually with you receiving far more than 50%). You pay the fee, sending it to the place they provide you of course and then they disappear leaving you out of the money you spent on the fee. There are many other scams out there please be aware and vigilant and never put your guard down.

Now you may remember earlier in the article that some crimes are being done by the same culprits over and over again. You may ask yourself how is this possible if they are being caught? Well this was the last major point the captain had and that is the court cannot prosecute someone without victims stepping for-

ward and following through the entire process. He needs the complainant to sign an affidavit on what they have seen. He needs someone to say what they saw and to cooperate with the police so they may too follow through. In particular for the car break-ins, a victim will just pay for a new window and not want to go through the process of signing an affidavit, going to court, or testifying against the criminal. It is a long process but victims should remember if someone had followed through before then maybe the criminal wouldn't have been on the streets in order to do any crime in the present.

The topic of traffic congestion was mentioned, in particular the congestion every morning on Bronx Park East, Boston Road, and White Plains Road. The Department of Transportation is currently doing a survey on the area. There is some talk of staggering the lights prior to these streets in order to stop the jam in this area.

The next meeting of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association will be the second Tuesday of April, which is April 14. Please bring your friends and neighbors. It is important to have community involvement.

Our goal is to have a clean, safe and graffiti free neighborhood. In addition the PPNA will have our Annual Fundraiser Thursday, May 28 at Maestro's. If you need more info about it please look us up on Facebook, just type Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association in Facebooks search engine and you will find us.

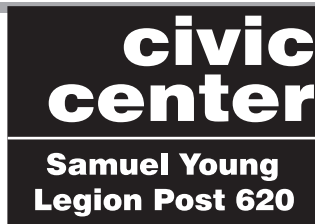
BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Here are some upcoming events: on Tuesday, April 7, the Bronx County Meeting will be held at the John Frasier Bryant Post 19, Morris Park Community Center, 1824 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, NY; Friday, April 17, the National Commander's Visit and

Dinner will be held at Antun's in Queens, NY. Cost is \$ 65 per person. Call the County for reservations; Tuesday, May 5, the County Meeting at the Unionport Post; and the County Convention on Friday, June 5 at the Sam Young Post.

All post commanders are asked to attend the county meetings. If unable to do so, please send a rep to stand in



for you.

The Sam Young Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m.. The

weather should break by then, I think? So come on out. Are you listening Clorindo?

Trivia Time!!

The first woman was seated in the electric chair on March 20, 1899. Oh, Okay

I'll tell you who she was next week. Are you listening Joe Cusimano, 7th degree black belt in Triviology?

Patrick Henry's 'Give Me

Liberty or Give Me Death' speech happened on March 23, 1775.

The Exxon Valdez spilled it's oil in Alaska on March 24, 1989.

The first Medal of Honor was awarded to Jacob Parrott on March 25, 1863.

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

BY LYNN GERBINO

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone Manor. Our guest speakers will be John Doyle and Chrys Napolitano, members of NY Rising, who will give a presentation. We look forward to seeing you all there! It has

been a long winter and now it is time to get back into the swing of things!!

Our April meeting will be on, Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone and our guest speaker will be Dr. Christina Coyle, an infectious disease expert, will speak on vaccinations and



why they are important. I am also going to try to get some-

one from the post office as I have been hearing some complaints about service.

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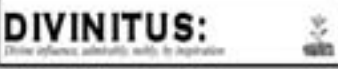
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Women Owned Business Enterprise (WBE)	17%
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The completion date for this project is **455 days** after agreement has been approved by the NYS Comptroller's Office.

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In accordance with State Finance Law, Section 139j, the following agency staff has been designated as contacts for this contract:

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Document repositories established for this project are located at the office of Community Board#2, 1029 East 163rd Street, Bronx, and New York Public Library @ Hunts Point, 877 Southern Blvd, Bronx.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

This project is subject to the Department's Environmental Justice Policy and an enhanced public participation plan has been prepared and accepted as a component of application completeness. As part of the plan, a document repository has been established near the project area that contains application and project related materials. Information on the repository location and other outreach components of the plan is available from the identified DEC contact.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination:

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.
SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

Cultural resource lists and map have been checked. No registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified at the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29):

The proposed action is subject to CP-29. An enhanced public participation plan was submitted by the applicant and has become part of the complete application.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 04/17/2015 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Madness, Indeed

The Sports Curmudgeon is back from Arizona and talked about College basketball, "If one seeks to "increase scoring" by going to the rule book and making changes – other than the trivial way of making field goals worth 5 points each and foul shots worth 3 points – I believe the most effective thing to do would be to devalue dunking the basketball. No, it should not be outlawed as it was for more than a decade. However, if a dunk were only worth 1 point instead of 2 points, there would be a real incentive for players to learn to get open and hit a jump shot. Should that need reinforcing, add to the rule book that any player who hangs on the rim for any reason receives a technical foul and you will have discouraged the alley oop play sufficiently.

I would prefer that they leave the 35-second shot clock alone and leave men's college basketball as a game that is distinct from the NBA or women's basketball or high school basketball. If a game winds up 53-51 and neither team ever led by more than 6-points throughout the game, I think that game is plenty exciting and interesting to watch. Just because the final score is 83-81 does not make a game exponentially more in

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Wings' in national tourney could anger state Federation



PSAL Class AA city champions Wings will play in the Dick's Nationals tournament in April.

Photo by Robert Cole

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The city champion Wings boys' basketball team has a chance to play in a national tournament, but it may do so without the blessing of the New York State Federation.

The Public School Athletic League Class AA city champion Vikings are slated to participate in the four-team field of the Dick's Sporting Goods High School Nationals starting April 2 at Christ the King in Middle Village, according to a report in USA Today.

Fellow city champion Wings Academy will compete in the eight-team boys' tournament. The event features some of the best teams in the country and has its finals at Madison Square Garden. The two city teams are the lowest-ranked squads in their respective fields.

"Our kids and coaches are

excited to play in this tournament and we're thrilled to give them this opportunity," said department of Education spokesman Jason Fink.

Participating in a tournament like this was considered a major no-no by the New York State Federation back in 2011, when Boys & Girls and Murry Bergtraum took part in the ESPN Rise National High School Invitational.

The Dick's event happens after the state Federation tournament, which is March 27-29 in Albany this year. That puts it after the 22 weeks allotted by rule for the winter season, according to Robert Zayas, the executive director of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. New York State teams are also only allowed to participate in one postseason tournament, which by rule

starts with playoff games in their league and ends with the Federation tournament.

The New York City Department of Education does not see the PSAL's action as a violation of the rules because it is an independent league that voluntarily participates in the New York State Federation along with the state's other leagues and it is free to make decisions that are in the best interest of its student-athletes.

Federation executive board member Tom Murray, who represents the Catholic High School Athletic Association, said the PSAL made it known back in the fall that it would petition the New York State Education Department for a waiver to take part in the national tourney. The New York City Department of Education would not comment on

whether the league ever made the waiver request, but permission was not needed in the department's eyes.

Murray said the Federation board has not heard about any such request so far.

If a waiver is not granted, the PSAL would need to present its case to the Federation executive board next weekend during the state tournament. Murray said this "probably wouldn't be the first time" the PSAL has tried to challenge state rules.

"I'm sure it will come up [at the Federation]," he said.

The Federation cannot stop PSAL teams from competing in a national tournament, but could deliver consequences for doing so. In 2011, the CHSAA threatened to have its teams boycott playing PSAL squads if it didn't

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Balanced St. John's a handfull in Fordham's season-ending loss

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Fordham's season ran into a roadblock, her name was Aliyyah Handford or "Aliyyah Hand-full" as Fordham head coach Stephanie Gaitley called the St. John's junior guard.

Handford was a thorn in the side of Fordham all afternoon. She scored 19 of her 23 points in the first half and grabbed 10 rebounds in the game to lead the host Red Storm to a 77-63 victory over Fordham in the second round of the WNIT last Sunday.

"They wore us down," Gaitley said of St. John's. "We tried to mix up some defenses. What happens is when you draw to much attention to her it opens easy shots for the other kids. We were able to match them offensively up to a certain point. But then we gave up some points and began to struggle on the offensive end. We had a couple of turnovers and than they ran with it and went on a run that put us to bed."

Even with Handford putting up a dominant first half performance the Rams (21-12) were still in the game.

They never let St. John's get to far ahead and continued to battle to keep themselves in the contest in the first half. The game was kept close due in large part to senior forward Emily Tapio scoring 10 points for 19 points before the half and sophomore guard Hannah Missry with eight of her 11 points before the break as the Rams trailed 38-32 at halftime.

Fordham was able to corral both Handford and the rest of her teammates for the first eight minutes of the second half as it the cut the deficit to 49-46 with 12:00 to go. But the over pursuit by he Rams defense trying to stop Handford allowed other St. John's players to find open shots. The Red Storm went on a 27-14 run to close the game and end the Rams' season. Tiffany Ruffin finished with 18 points for Fordham, which won the Atlantic-10 title a year ago to reach the NCAA tournament. Jade Walker added 17 points for St. John's (23-10), which advances to the round of 16. Fordham now looks to a promising future.



Senior Emily Tapio paced Fordham with 19 points in a season ending loss to St. John's in the WNIT. Fordham Athletics

"If we could accomplish what we did this year with some of the limitations we had and the share of adversity we went through with injuries, I think we just have to build on the success we've had than we are in good shape with the solid recruiting class we have coming in," Gaitley said.

Pecora fired as Rams men's basketball coach: A strong finish this season

wasn't enough to save Tom Pecora's job after five tough seasons. Pecora was relieved of his duties on March 18 and a national search, led by Parker Executive Search, for his replacement has began. This year Rams team, which includes one of Pecora's top recruiting classes, went 10-21 this season, but won five of its last 11 games. Pecora went 44-106 over his five years at Rose Hill.

USA Track & Field Hershey Youth Indoor National Championship highlights

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Can we say National Medals! Last year at the 2014 USA Track & Field Indoor National Championship, we won three medals. This year at the 2015 USA Track & Field Hershey Youth Indoor National Championship, Velocity Track Club New York won 8 medals, God is Awesome! The USATF Hershey Youth Championships at Prince George's Sports & Learning complex was the place to be for every track & field youth athlete. The best in the country were there. U.S. Olympic high jump silver medalist Erik Kynard was on hand to encourage and inspire young people competing. USATF.TV hosted a live broadcast of action for the duration of the event. VTC had 19 student athletes qualified for this event at the zone meet and 17 made the trip to Landover, Maryland.

Every athlete received a lovely USATF Hershey carrying bag and bid numbers from the event sponsors and through our fundraising campaign, we were able to purchase lovely long sleeve dri-fit shirts with all of the athletes' names on the back and team name of the front. We were feeling good with our new shirts, which gave our athletes more pride and we saw it in their performance. We may have won 8 nationals medals, but if you can see the faces of our children, parents



& coaches; you probably thought we broke many national records. Our children exceeded their personal best and that is all any parent or coach could ask for if the child didn't medal. Exceeding their personal was: Dar-

x 400m relay), Tiarra Jackson (RW). Great improvement!

Next, Velocity Track Club New York National Medalist with USA Track & Field All American status are: Avery Philip, he won a bronze medal in the eight years old & under boys shot put. Tiarra Jackson won a silver medal in the 9 & 10 year old girls race walk. Lisha McKenzie won a bronze medal in the 11 & 12 years old girls' 55 meter hurdles. Darius Gordon won a bronze medal in the boys 15 & 16 age division long jump. Julian Caldwell, Jordan Ingram, John Ogunwomoju & Dontae Lindo won bronze medals in the boys 9 & 10 years old 4 x 400 meter relay. We are proud of how far we have grown and we are excited of what the future brings.

This is a major accomplishment; our children, with coaches set goals and were able to follow through with the hard work to see them through. If anyone knows a child who may be interested in track & field, we are having our semiannual orientation on Friday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Bartow Community Center in Co-op City. Parent or guardian must be present. For additional information, you can go to our web site Velocitytrack.org contact Coach Winston Dinkins at (718) 914-441-6196 or email me at WAT-CLT@AOL.COM.

ius Gordon (1500m), Dontae Lindo (1500m), LaDarius Jones (SP), Jaleah Eargle, Shantea Leach, Giovanna Tolbert, Nariah Mathis (4 x 200m relay), Julian Caldwell, Jordan Ingram, John Ogunwomoju & Dontae Lindo (4

Evander Child, Frederick Douglass fall in title games

BY WILL SAMMON AND JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Barbara Castro didn't let the scoreboard stop her. She didn't allow the game clock to dictate her next move, either. The Evander Childs Campus combo guard also didn't pay attention to the crowd, which was already in celebration-mode.

She just kept playing.

With about 10 seconds left in the PSAL Class A girls' basketball championship on March 21 and her team trailing by 23 points, Castro secured a loose ball after hitting the floor, somehow kept her dribble and then fired an outlet pass to Samantha Guzman, who converted a layup as time expired.

It wasn't quite the buzzer-beating play Castro dreamed of. Evander Childs lost, 67-46, to McKee/Staten Island Tech at Baruch College. Still, the final play of the game was an example why the Tigers were able to compete for a championship this season.

"Basketball is my passion and despite knowing that we were going to lose with that little amount of time left, I'm always going to keep pushing," said Castro, a senior, who scored 14 points. "I wanted to keep playing my hardest until the buzzer sounded because this season meant a lot to me. I wanted to keep a killer's mentality until the scoreboard had zeros."

Castro scored a layup in transition after making a steal with about four minutes left in the third quarter to tie it at 35. But that's when MSIT (19-6) started forcing turnovers on seemingly every possession. MSIT used a 17-4 run to close out the third. The third-seeded Seagulls made 22 of 29 free throws to help seal it. Clare Mitchell scored 33 points for MSIT.

"We just got tired and I think we started defeated ourselves," Castro said. "We could have beat them if we didn't beat ourselves first. It was



Frederick Douglass Academy III guard Anthony Cawthon drives to the hoop strong against Maspeth. Photo by Jason Speakman



Evander Childs guard Barbara Castro pulls up for a jumper against MSIT. Photo by Steven Schnibbe

with 14 points, made three of those treys.

"They were hitting everything at first," MSIT coach Peter LaMara said. "But we buckled down in the second half and only allowed 18 points."

Still, as a No. 12 seed, the Tigers accomplished quite a bit this season, including eliminating last season's PSAL A division city champion and top-ranked Martin Luther King in a semifinal. A big reason why, Castro said, could be attributed to never giving up.

"This was such a success for us," Castro said. "We defeated so many previously undefeated teams. We had some great achievements."

Maspeth 57, Frederick Douglass 42: The No. 20-seeded Lions fell behind 24-9 early in the second quarter to No. 2 Maspeth and couldn't dig out of the hole in the PSAL Class B boys' basketball final at Baruch. The Lions, who trailed 35-17 at the half, pulled within as 11 with 1:32 on a three-pointer by Anthony Cawthon. Maspeth (27-1) responded with an 8-0 run. Frederick Douglass made one more surge to close the gap 49-39 midway through the fourth. Again the Argonauts answered.

"It was tough," said Lions coach Jumel Carlos said. "We didn't expect to be down so much. It threw us out of our rhythm. We didn't play to the best of our ability."

Cawthon paced the Lions (17-6) with 17 points and Alexander Dash added 10. Paolo Tamer scored 13 points to lead four players in double figures for Maspeth. Frederick Douglass, which finished third in its division, had to knock off top-seeded Eagle Academy II in the semifinals to earn the right to play for the crown.

"It shows they worked hard and believed in themselves," Carlos said. "We faced a lot of adversity getting to the final game. It just shows us how tough of a team we are."

more mental than physical."

The Tigers (19-4) played without leading scorer Julia Key, who averaged 15 points per game, because she was declared academically ineligi-

ble late this week.

Despite being without Key, the Tigers made six three-pointers in the first half and trailed 32-28 at the break. April Acosta, who finished

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not get sufficient answers as to why the league chose to allow its teams to take part in the ESPN Rise Invitational. The other two Federation members considered similar bans, but none of them followed through after a conference call with PSAL Executive Director Donald Douglas. The hope then was that this issue would not arise again. No members have threatened a boycott at this time.

Wings coach Billy Turnage said his team excited about the opportunity to compete in a national tournament. The Wings play the Public

High School Athletic Association champion in the Federation semifinals on March 27 in Albany. Turnage and South Shore coach Anwar Gladden said they are going to follow the league's leadership with it comes to the national tournament.

"If the PSAL is allowing us to play I am assuming they are not going to put the kids at risk and they have gone through the proper channels," Turnage said.

If the state allows South Shore and Wings to participate in a national tournament via a waiver, it would be a drastic change in policy and could set a precedent for other teams to take

part in such events. Christ the King boys' basketball coach Joe Arbitello, whose school will host the first two days of the tournament, has been told by the Catholic league that it would not apply for the waiver in the future for its teams, even if the PSAL is granted one.

Arbitello feels that, waiver or no waiver, it is inappropriate for the PSAL to allow its teams to play in the event like this when the leadership of the Federation's other members are against it.

The coach is even threatening stay home from Albany and not defend the school's consecutive state crowns

against the PSAL.

"How are we going to allow them to play as a part of the state association?" Arbitello said, saying the Federation tournament should be for teams that play by the Federation's rules. "It's a joke. I may not go to it then. I may not show up. I'm not going to give them the benefit of playing us."

Both South Shore and Wings, however, plan on being in Arbitello's gym in April — as long as its league says it can play.

"It's not like we tried to backdoor the PSAL," Turnage said. "The PSAL came to us with it."

Greedy Wings sets sights on state crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Wings Academy boys' basketball team has moved past all of the joy that comes with basking in winning the school's city title. Their hope is to take one final bow at after the state Federation tournament.

"I'm greedy," Wings coach Billy Turnage said "I want it all."

When the team returned to school on March 16 they were greeted with standing ovations and everyone, including themselves, were calling members of the team "champ."

"Everyone was just so proud of what we did," Georgetown-bound center Jessie Govan said. "I walked in and everybody started applauding."

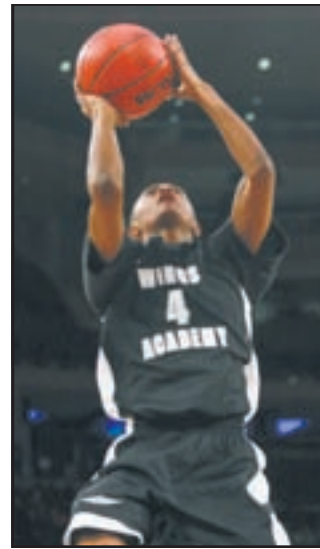
The veteran group wants to experience that again when it comes back from this weekend's state Federation Class AA tournament in Albany. The Wings take on local squad and unbeaten NYSPHSAA champion Shenendehowa on Friday night on the semifinals. Christ the King and Long Island Lutheran battle in the other semifinal.

"We want to continue to



Wings coach Billy Turnage and his team hope to also be celebrating a state Federation Class AA title this weekend in Albany.

Photo by Robert Cole



Desure Buie wants to lead Wings to a state Federation Class AA title this weekend in Albany.

Photo by Robert Cole

make history," Turnage said "This has been a dream season for Wings Academy and we want to continue to build upon that."

Turnage added that he had to crack the whip a little to refocus the group when it got back in the gym last Thurs-

day. Since then they have been locked in. Wings (26-2) leans heavily on the dominant 6-foot-10 Govan and Hofstra-bound point guard Desure Buie, but they aren't in this position without help from the guys around them.

Senior guard Randy Corpo-

ran hit two big three-pointers in the championship victory over Cardozo and Kevin Saylor added 10 points. Jose Perez tallied 10 points in the quarterfinals and dished out six assists in the semis against Jefferson. Jamar Brown added six boards in the semifinals.

"It's big games where we are going to be denied," Buie said of he and Govan "We are going to be struggling and you have to pick up. We have a lot of pieces this year. It's not just us and one other piece."

Wings knows it will battle more than a big and sharp-shooting Shenendehowa team that beat Mount Vernon and Brentwood on its way to punching its ticket to Albany. The school is just 15 miles from UAlbany, the site of the Federation tournament. A large and energetic Shenendehowa crowd is expected. Wings knows it can't let the fans take them out of their game.

"It's going to be crazy," Govan said. "We just have to make sure we stay prepared, we stay on point, and we don't get rattled as soon as we get up there."

The Wings are going up to Albany with a purpose and a clear goal. The city title is not enough and the goals of their season aren't complete.

"After winning the city it made us hungrier," Corporan said. "It made us get kind of greedy and win a lot more."

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teresting to watch.

"Here Come De-Judge!"

Reggie Jackson is impressed by the play of Aaron Judge, "He's got power like Stargell, McCovey," Jackson said. "Opposite-field power, which is the best power you can have. That allows you to wait on the ball. He has power like a guy from the '60s and '70s."

"A gentle giant," Jackson said. "A sweetheart. A nice young man. He has significant inner strength and confidence. He has a humble presence. Jackson said Judge is "built like a tight end," and Judge did, in fact, play high school receiver and defensive end well enough to receive letters from major football programs. Judge's first love was baseball. though, so he went to Fresno State to hit, not be hit.

Judge should start this season at Double-A Trenton. If he masters that level, he could bump up to Triple-A by midseason. If he has a good enough year, Judge could be a big part of the 2016 major league plans.

"He can miss the ball and hit the ball over the fence," Jackson said. "He hit a homer the other day in Clearwater. It was a fly ball for him. It was a routine fly ball. His routine fly balls are 380. He hit a 400-foot fly ball and missed it. He hit a 400-foot fly ball and

missed it for a homer. He can do that if he is swinging late. He can hit the ball out of the ballpark from line to line. All he has to do is square the ball."

Jets Band Aid

Rich Cimini (ESPNNY.com) wrote, "Ryan Fitzpatrick has been on the Jets' radar for nearly two months as they monitored the Houston QB situation. Actually, this move is similar to what the previous regime did last year by signing Michael Vick -- an over-30 player with experience in the offensive coordinator's system and a guy who can provide competition for Geno Smith. Presumably, Fitzpatrick will get a fair shot to compete for the starting job, something Vick never was afforded. The basic dynamic doesn't change, though: It's a Band-Aid. The Jets continue to hold out hope that Smith can be the answer."

Molinaro Maranara

Bob Molinaro (Hampton Roads Pilot) wrote, "In passing: The amount of money some NFL teams spend to attract free agents is in direct proportion to how badly they scout and draft.

Open door policy: It may be worth wondering if Jim Boeheim's niche in the Naismith Hall of Fame would be there if the NCAA had come down on him years ago. But don't assume that

the sanctions against Syracuse would have blocked his enshrinement. The innumerable troubles rascally Jerry Tarkanian had with the NCAA didn't keep the Shark out of the Hall. This recalls a Tarkanian quote: "Nine out of 10 schools are cheating. The other one is in last place."

Rocky Bridges

Bruce Jenkins remembered him: "A few highlights along the way. On being a bench guy for most of his career:

I've been a paid spectator at some pretty interesting events, and I always had a good seat. I guess they figured there was no point in carrying a good thing too far."

On making that '58 All-Star team after posting a .307 average at the break:

"That surprised everybody. They were close to launching an investigation. Of course, I never got in the game. But I sat on the bench with Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and Yogi Berra. I gave 'em instructions on how to sit."

"I prefer fast food."

"On his physique: "I'm a handsome, debonair, easy going six-footer. At least that's what I told them at the Braille Institute."

I remember Bridges standing in the batter's box and taking pitches off

his body in an effort to teach his players that getting hit doesn't hurt. Ron Hunt was one of his all-star pupils.

Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote, "The Maple Leafs benched center Nazem Kadri because he overslept and missed a team meeting.

Apparently Nazem just needed a few more Z's.

Talk about watching an over-matched 16-seed taking on a 1-seed on national TV this week.

But enough about Dick Vitale kissing Ashley Judd.

Golf icon Jack Nicklaus is launching his own line of ice cream.

Just one drawback: It's tough to top on sundaes.

The Tuskegee and Albany State cheerleading teams were sent home after they brawled at halftime of a basketball game.

Apparently "Two hits ... four hits ..." wasn't supposed to be on the cheer list.

Dana O'Neil of ESPN.com, on Jerry Tarkanian, Eddie Sutton, Kelvin Sampson and Bruce Pearl giving Jim Boeheim no cause for worry: "No matter what the NCAA does — suspends a coach for one game, five, or a season — they survive, like cockroaches with a whistle and a whiteboard."

Mandee property eyed as possible location for 45th Precinct

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be perfect to have them in the same location. This site is large enough and doesn't require a ton of construction effort to make it work," Bieder explained.

He confirmed many of the issues expressed in the letter regarding the present states of both law enforcement agencies citing the precinct's detective offices and PSA #8's offices as being cramped.

CB 10 believes the 3860 E. Tremont Avenue property would provide both police agencies with modern, spacious quarters which will lead to an improved work environment and better public service.

Marano added that moving the 45th Precinct to this new location would rectify parking issues the department has faced over the years as the area became fully developed.

In addition, Marano said should this idea become reality, vehicles involved in highway accidents currently parked along Tremont Avenue could be placed inside the property's perimeter.

Kearns revealed CB 10 has suggested re-purposing the existing precinct structure for community use such as office space, a recreational center or a public or charter school.

The idea was presented before members of the Throggs Neck community during this past Thursday, March 19's CB 10 meeting at Fort Schuyler House. No objections were raised.



The E. Tremont Avenue property which once housed Mandee is being pushed by community leaders to become the next home to the 45th Precinct and Police Service Area #8.

Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Parking dispute ends in a death

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death to be blunt impact to the head, and the death was ruled a homicide.

Deda fled the scene after the incident, but was arrested and arraigned four days later, on Monday, March 23.

He is currently being held without bail after it was denied, and is expected back in court on Friday, March 27.

According to reports, Deda has no previous criminal record.

Residents who knew both parties say that the two men were relatively quiet and kept to themselves, although they had more recollections of Antonucci, stating that he was noticeably friendly and was the type to say "hello", "goodbye" and "thank you" as well as hold the door open for people.

"I'm sure he (Deda) didn't wake up that morning with intentions of killing him (Antonucci)," said resident Michael Ingrassi, who frequently saw Antonucci before and after work during the week. "It's a shame though, especially considering that Antonucci seemed to be a genuinely nice person."

"You can read the signs if somebody is nice or not - and Antonucci was", he

added.

Many residents are also in disbelief that an occurrence like this one would take place in their neighborhood.

"This neighborhood is shocked," a resident of eight years stated. "Usually, situations like these are rare for middle class/retired neighborhoods like Country Club to witness, and it has resulted in residents taking precaution by being more alert and aware of these instances."

"It's unfortunate that this type of incident took place in the neighborhood," said resident Bob Guiliano, who added that this situation is sad for the area and should have been avoided.

"He (Deda) overreacted. There was no reason for him to take matters into his own hands in that particular way."

This incident marks the second murder to take place within the confines of the 45th Precinct this year, after Brooklyn resident Erik Perez allegedly killed his grandmother Alice Durso at her home at 633 Hollywood Avenue on the morning of New Year's Day.



Gjok Deda was arrested, arraigned and charged with first degree manslaughter on Thursday, March 19.

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