

## ZERO PARKING FOR SENIORS

### Mayor's housing plan stresses maximum density

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Parking spaces will be a thing of the past if the mayor's senior housing proposal goes into effect.

A decade ago many east Bronx community leaders pushed for downzoning and more stringent parking requirements for multi-family buildings.

Now a Department of City Planning proposal to relax parking requirements for construction of senior and affordable housing along major subway/transit lines, like those in Pelham Bay and Pelham Parkway, have some people who fought for downzoning feeling betrayed.

The plan is part of Mayor de Blasio's pledge to create or preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing over the next

ten years.

"I, as a member of the council, look at these proposals both citywide and in terms of how it affects my district," said Councilman James Vacca. "I am not going to let any proposal go unchallenged that undoes the downzoning that we, and (certainly I), fought for since 2003."

Many seniors in his district drive, said Vacca, and the borough does not have the transportation network Manhattan does. He said it is unrealistic to think that seniors who live near subways would not want cars.

For senior housing specifically, the proposal calls for reducing parking requirements "for new low-income senior housing in the medium-density districts."

It also would allow affordable senior housing to reduce parking requirements by a Board of Standards and Appeals special permit. It also affects certain height requirements.

Andrew Chirico, a board member at the Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association, a group that offered some of the most full-throated calls for reduced density, expressed skepticism of the plan and said that both infrastructure and city services need to be studied.

Instead of less parking, he called for higher parking requirements for apartment buildings.

"Whether it is for senior housing or affordable housing

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## Bronx River herring habitat restored

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Swimming upstream just got a little easier.

A new fish passage on the Bronx River reestablishes a herring habitat blocked for hundreds of years by a dam.

City officials gathered on April 10 to cut the ribbon on the project at River Park, completed in December after more than 10 years of planning from the Parks Department and Bronx River Alliance, to mark the beginning of the first spring in centuries that river herring will be able to swim upstream in the Bronx River

over the East 182nd Street Dam to 12 acres of spawning and rearing habitat.

River herring live most of their lives in the Atlantic Ocean and return to freshwater streams to spawn every spring.

They used to be plentiful in the Atlantic Ocean, but their numbers have significantly diminished over the years, partially due to the proliferation of dams eliminating their freshwater spawning habitats, said Marit Larson, director of Wetlands and Riparian Restoration, Forestry, Horticulture

& Natural Resources at NYC Parks.

The small fish are food for larger, commercial fish including striped bass and tuna, as well as mammals like dolphins. As the numbers of herring decrease, these other populations are threatened.

"It's important to try to create access to habitats for these fish because they fuel the food train," said Larson.

The fish passage encompasses a series of ramps and switchbacks that allow the

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### Puerto Rican Parade Queen

Jade Rivera was crowned queen at the Bronx Puerto Rican Parade Reinado Infantil Pageant on Saturday, April 18. For more photos from the pageant, see page 52.

Photo by Miriam Quin

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# Team Baldor joins Lustgarten's annual Walk

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A Bronx-based company will soon rejoin the fight against pancreatic cancer as they walk in memory of their late founder.

Christine Murphy and more than 75 employees of Baldor Speciality Foods, located in Hunts Point, will participate in the upcoming 5th Annual Lustgarten Foundation's New York City Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk to honor her late father-in-law, Kevin Murphy, Baldor's former chief executive officer and owner.

The event will be held at Pier 84 in Hudson River Park on Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m. with registration set for 8 a.m.

For more information and to register, visit [www.curePC.org](http://www.curePC.org).

Murphy described Kevin as being a super ambitious business owner renowned for his extreme generosity and kindness.

She added Kevin founded Baldor in 1991 and since then the company has grown to over 800 employees supplying high-end fruits and vegetables to restaurants, hospitals, schools,



Christine Murphy (center kneeling) and Team Baldor of the Bronx will return to The Lustgarten Foundation's New York City Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk on April 26 to honor their late founder Kevin Murphy who died of pancreatic cancer.

Photo by Ben Asen

and grocery stores throughout the five boroughs.

In 2011, Kevin visited a doctor to investigate digestion issues and was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

He was only given three to six months to live, but defied expectations by beating the disease for two years. Kevin, 57, passed away on January 31, 2013.

Inspired by Kevin's strength and determination, Murphy and her husband, TJ established Team Baldor, composed of family, friends, and employees to enlist in the Foundation's

NYC Walk for the first time last year.

Believing it was a great experience for everyone, Murphy and TJ decided to have Team Baldor return this year to help make a difference in this ongoing fight.

"This has become a really nice event not just to honor my late father-in-law's memory and strength, but also as an exceptional way for our employees to come together to build stronger relationships and teamwork skills," Murphy explained.

"We admire Christine and the Baldor team's com-

mitment to the fight against pancreatic cancer in honor of Kevin. Research offers hope that one day, early detection of pancreatic cancer will require nothing more than a routine blood test and that better treatments can be found eventually leading to a cure," Kerri Kaplan, The Lustgarten Foundation's executive director and chief operating officer, expressed.

More than 1,000 participants are expected for this year's NYC Walk and since its inception more than \$1.4 million has been directed in sup-

port of promising pancreatic cancer research studies.

Swift and silent, pancreatic cancer often remains undetected until far too late and is the 4th-leading cause of cancer death in the nation.

Currently, there are neither any early detection tests nor any long-term treatments to combat the disease and unless the cancer is surgically removed at its earliest stages, there is also no cure.

Founded in 1998, the Lustgarten Foundation is America's largest private foundation dedicated to funding pancreatic cancer research and has directed more than \$110 million toward important studies at leading research institutions worldwide.

Due to Cablevision Systems Corporation's support, 100% of every dollar donated to the Foundation goes directly toward researching a cure.

Murphy revealed Team Baldor will match what they raise for this event, which will go toward the Foundation's research.

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### Births

A nearby hospital sent the Bronx Times the following birth announcement



Eliu Feliciano and Bharati Kemraj

**Noah Adonis Daniel Alqarin** was born to parents **Shaina Albizu** and **Louis Alqarin** on Monday, February 23.

**Daniel James Geib** was born to **Jennfier** and **Carl Geib** on Thursday, March 12.

**Kamari Christian Chambers** was born to **Michelle Legget** and **Ramone Chambers** on Tuesday, February 3.

### Birthdays

**Councilman James Vacca** stopped by the JASA Throggs Neck Senior Center to wish **Petra Gonzalez** and **Selena Rush** very happy birthdays. Vacca also visited the Pelham Parkway/Van Nest Library branch recently, where he watched an intense game of chess.

**Maria Gaffney**, wife of **John Gaffney**, congratulates her husband on a happy birthday on Tuesday, April 22.

She writes: *Happy birthday my darling. From your wife Maria.*

### Engagement

*On Saturday, April 11, 2015,*



Councilman James Vacca visited JASA Senior Center in Throggs Neck to celebrate birthdays. Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca's office

*it was a magical proposal in the New York Botanical Garden during the Orchid Show exhibit as Eliu Feliciano asked "will you marry me" and Bharati Kemraj replied "yes". Nothing bloomed brighter than their love for each other. Congrats and best wishes to the amazing power couple. Love Always - Family & Friends.*

### Notable Passing

Antoinette O'Hare, a 44-year resident of Locust Point, passed away on Wednesday, March 25 peacefully at the age of 93. The Bronx Times received word that she is survived by five children, 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Ann was a member for many years at St. Benedict's Senior Center where she participated in the glee club, an activity she truly enjoyed. Music and dancing were her passions, family reports.

*Ann will be greatly missed by many. Rest in peace dear mom, grandmom, and great-grandmom.*

### Rotary News

The Rotary Club of the Bronx had meeting on Thursday, March 24 and a club fellowship on Tuesday, March 31. On March 24, public relations expert **Dana Humphrey** spoke to the group about how public relations can bring an organization's market share to the next level.

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# Bronx Times Reporter celebrates 35th anniversary

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Happy 35th birthday Bronx Times Reporter!

The Bronx Times Reporter celebrated its 35th anniversary bringing local news to the borough with a well-attended celebration at the Alley Cat Café in Throggs Neck on Thursday, April 16.

The paper's new owners Les and Jennifer Goodstein emceed the event, and it included speeches by Senator Jeff Klein; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Assemblyman and the paper's co-founder Michael Benedetto; Councilman James Vacca; 80th Assembly District Democratic Committeeman Joe McManus; Throggs Neck Merchants' president Steve Kaufman; Marlene Cintron, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president and a representative of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., and John Collazzi, co-founder of the Bronx Times Reporter and its current editor.

"What I instantly liked about this franchise was how connected it was and how much it was loved by the community," said Les Goodstein at the gathering, "and how the people who operated the paper loved the community."

The Goodsteins are the owners of the Community News Group, a consortium of local newspapers in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens as well as the

Bronx.

The paper's publisher, Laura Guerriero, said that she was proud to keep the newspaper's tradition of providing community news that sometimes cannot be found anywhere else.

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**Les Goodstein**

Owner, Bronx Times Reporter

"I take great pride in keeping the tradition of this news organization that Assemblyman Benedetto and John Collazzi founded 35 years ago," she said. "I look forward to working with the new owners to make the Bronx Times Reporter an ever-improving source of local news that celebrates the borough's

best for years to come."

Senator Klein said that the newspaper is important to the community and the elected officials, who know that their constituents read it.

"The Bronx Times Reporter always understood what their mission is: to let the community know about the issues that are going in the community (and) highlight what the elected officials are doing, whether it is right or wrong," said the senator.

Councilman Vacca recalled his experiences working as a writer on the paper shortly after it was founded in 1981, adding that the Bronx Times Reporter provides a voice to people who don't have one.

"There was not a neighborhood fight that we have had since 1981 where the Bronx Times has not been crucial to advising the community on what is going on" said Vacca, adding "Often, the Bronx Times Reporter was the reason we won time and time again."

Assemblyman Gjonaj praised the Bronx Times Reporter as an example of the freedom of the press that Americans benefit from.

"It brings to this community the news and information that we need to know," he said, adding "it is all about being local."

Assemblyman Benedetto praised Collazzi's vision in making the news-

paper what it is today.

"You guys always got it right," he said of reporting. "Les, Jen we thank you very much. Continue this tradition and continue to make it great."

Collazzi said that he continues to be amazed by the material that is in the Bronx Times Reporter, saying it is getting better all the time.

"Under the new ownership of Les and Jennifer Goodstein and the leadership of its highly-qualified publisher, Laura Guerriero, the Bronx Times Reporter is poised to be the voice of the Bronx for another 35 years," Collazzi said.

Cintron said that the paper represents the people and the positive aspects of the Borough. McManus said that the coverage offers an evenhanded view that lets the people decide. Cintron presented the owners with a proclamation from Diaz.

Kaufman called the paper "magnificent."

"Your paper makes this area strong, because elected officials know that it exists and they know that they have to treat us better," he said.

Les Goodstein indicated that the paper would continue to do what it always has done.

He said: "We will continue to be a staunch supporter of the Bronx, and everything that is good about the Bronx."

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## Celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Bronx Times Reporter celebrated its 35th anniversary with a party at the Alley Cat Cafe on Thursday, April 16. The owners of the newspaper, Les and Jennifer Goodstein, mingled with many of the people from the community who have been reading the paper for decades. Les spoke at the party, as did Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Councilman James Vacca. Co-founders Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, and John Collazzi, the Bronx Times' current editor, talked about the paper's early years. Marlene Cintron, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president, spoke on behalf of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. The Bronx Times Reporter is part of Community News Group.



Co-owners Les and Jennifer Goodstein during the 35th anniversary celebration of the Bronx Times Reporter on Thursday, April 16.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



(l-r) Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman James Vacca, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corp. executive director Marlene Cintron and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto enjoyed the festivities.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Bronx Times Reporter staff, CNG representatives and the paper's owners posed for a staff photo during the party.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Marlene Cintron (l) presents co-owner Jennifer Goodstein with a proclamation from Borough President Diaz, Jr. as Les Goodstein looks on.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

# NYSDOT to pave Henry Hudson Pkwy.

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The New York State Department of Transportation is paving the way for a much improved Henry Hudson Parkway in our borough.

On Thursday, April 16, NYSDOT Commissioner Joan McDonald officially announced work on a \$4 million project to pave the parkway in both directions from Kappock Street to the Westchester County line.

She added, work would begin in the northbound direction on Monday, April 20 for this 3.5-mile long project slated completion in June.

The northbound Henry Hudson Parkway will be fully closed from Kappock Street to 232nd Street during nighttime hours.

Throughout the duration, full lane closures will occur from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. as will intermittent single lane closures amid off-peak, daytime hours.

For approximately one and a half months, the entire northbound roadway will be milled and paved one section at a time. Once finished, work will commence on the southbound side starting at the Westchester County line.

"The Henry Hudson Parkway is a vital transportation corridor in New York City, connecting Manhattan, the Bronx and Westchester County," Com-



Construction vehicles mobilize on the Henry Hudson Parkway in the Bronx to begin renovations. Photo by Miriam Quin

missioner McDonald expressed. "Under Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's leadership, this paving project will provide a smoother, safer riding surface for the nearly 100,000 motorists who use the Parkway each day."

The project seeks to mill off existing asphalt pavement, repair the underlying concrete, apply new asphalt concrete, stripe the roadway, as well as clean and repair drainage structures.

The paving project's construction contractor is Restani Construction Corporation of Astoria, New York.

In a separate \$4.5 million contract, NYSDOT is currently upgrading HHP's signs from 125th Street to the Westchester County line for a winter 2016 completion.

"This past winter was particularly harsh and as a result our highways took a beating. Nearly 100,000 motorists use the Henry Hudson Parkway every day, making it a vital piece of the New York City transportation system. I applaud NYSDOT Commissioner McDonald for spearheading this \$4 million project to pave the parkway. Al-

though the work may create a slight inconvenience for motorists for a short period of time, having a fully paved and safe highway will be of great benefit to everyone and will keep our city rolling along," Congressman Eliot Engel said.

"The Henry Hudson Parkway is a lifeline for residents of the Bronx and Westchester and the thousands of commuters who use it on a daily basis. Repaving the parkway will not only make the ride smoother for our local drivers, but also improve their safety and security while traveling. I applaud the efforts of the DOT in addressing the concerns of our community in both a quick and efficient manner, and I look forward to using the newly paved parkway upon completion," Senator Jeff Klein stated.

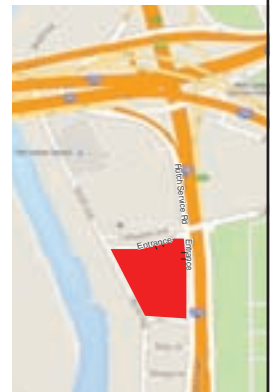
"The Henry Hudson Parkway is extremely important to the residents of the northwest Bronx, and the roadway needs to be well maintained. I'm pleased that NYSDOT is paving the parkway so early this spring, providing for a smooth ride throughout the upcoming summer driving season," Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz said.

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## 41st PCT.

**Saturday, April 18, 9:33 p.m.** — Police responded to reports of an armed robbery at East 167th Street and Hoe Avenue after the victim flagged down an NYFD truck for assistance.

## 43rd PCT.

**Thursday, April 16, 4:17 p.m.** — Police responded to reports of shots fired at 1888 Westchester Avenue and found no shooting victims, but a 19-year-old male was stabbed with injuries to the face. Two male perpetrators fled northbound on White Plains Road.

**Saturday, April 18, 9:33 p.m.** — Police responded to reports of a multiple shooting at 575 Castle Hill Avenue. Three people were shot, including a 15-year-old girl with a gunshot wound to the abdomen, who was transferred to Jacobi Hospital. Seven males fled eastbound on foot.

## 45th PCT.

**Wednesday, April 15, 6:54 a.m.** — A

car crashed into Villa Barone Manor at 737 Throgs Neck Expressway. There were no major injuries reported or arrests made.

## 46th PCT.

**Saturday, April 18, 8:24 p.m.** — Police responded to reports of a shooting at Valentine Avenue and East Burnside Avenue. A 30-year-old male victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital with a gunshot wound to the back.

## 48th PCT.

**Wednesday, April 15, 10:49 p.m.** — Police reported a person shot at East 180th Street and Washington Avenue. The victim died that night.

## 49th PCT.

**Saturday, April 18, 6:22 p.m.** — A drive-by shooting occurred at 2340 Bronxwood Avenue. There was one male victim with a graze wound. Two males fled in a black Nissan Maxima, last seen going westbound on Waring Avenue.

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## Under the microscope

Dear editor,

In today's media we are seeing selected scenes of society in a snapshot, certainly not the best medium for discerning the "truth of the matter". Let's take this scenario, in it we see one of our primitive ancestors of cave-dwelling times, a short, misshapen, filthy, snarling hulk of a man, standing with his legs spread, club raised, breathing hate and animosity as he looks fiercely straight ahead.

Such a picture hardly depicts the dignity of man, but if we enlarge the picture we see standing in front of him a crouching saber tooth tiger, and behind him a woman and two children, all of a sudden the once ugly savage is transformed into much of what is fine and noble, a protector, a hero, but the man is the same in both pictures.

This is what we see in the news, an isolated glimpse of an event which sparks people to jump to conclusions, even to create in the minds of some, a supposed grievous assault upon a specific group. There is no doubt, that as humans we prejudge most of what we experience, we attempt to understand according to our ability to comprehend and fit it into our ideal of life. Many times a limited level of appreciation can cause us to react before truly seeing a clear picture.

Every day public servants put their families, their lives and their fortunes on the line for the good of society and in the end they are all human with imperfections and faults including those that they have already prejudged. No man deserves to be judged before all the facts are known and if they are it is a grievous assault. Judgement should be made in light of all circumstances and evidence and men should be judged by the 'content of their character,' whatever that may be.

Tom Hansen

## Honor the Rock

Dear editor,

I read in this week's edition of a basketball player from 1948 being inducted to the Bronx Walk of Fame. It is beyond

me how baseball player like Rocky Colavito could be overlooked. He grew up on 174th Street and Crotona Avenue, went to Theodore Roosevelt HS and was first offered a contract by the Yankees in 1954 but it was refused because it was so low. Cleveland Indians offered more and so began his illustrious career.

Rocky was a big fan favorite as exemplified by the book written about him called 'Don't Knock the Rock' by Gordon Cobblestick. Rocky was never on a championship team but that was no fault of his as he always carried his weight and his other teammates as well.

Rocky is now 82 as I saw him at a signing in Cleveland. It would be a nice thing to see him get recognized while he is still alive and well.

Guido Susi

## Earth Day all year

Dear editor,

Let us celebrate the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day all year long. Besides recycling newspapers, magazines, glass, plastics, old medicines, paints and cleaning materials, there are other actions you can take which will also contribute to a cleaner environment.

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Larry Penner

## Quickly removed

Dear editor,

On behalf of the residents of the Allerton and Pelham Parkway communities, I would like to give a well-deserved appreciation to the rapid, thorough response of the office of Senator Jeff Klein to community concerns.

First off, their Graffiti Removal initiative is such a valuable program for the residents of the 34th Senate District, which also includes Morris Park, Throggs Neck and Pelham Bay.

On Saturday, April 4, I emailed district representative Nick Circharo with pictures of a graffitied brick wall behind the 2222 Cruger Avenue Synagogue. By Sunday, April 19 the graffiti on the brick wall was powerwashed clean by the incomparable John Provetto, who also expertly painted over the tags on the adjacent door. This rapid response to graffiti is a valuable, indispensable asset to Bronxites - property owners, businesses and religious institutions, alike.

Rapid response sends a strong statement to vandals: Your tags will not last long in our neighborhoods. Will the tags come back? Maybe. After all, let's be realistic. But when they do tag again, we all must do our part and email or call the senator's office immediately at (718) 822-2049 to report the graffitied address and location. Remember to take pictures, concerned citizens: persistence and vigilance!

Furthermore, Senator Klein deserves a big thank you for investing \$500,000 of our taxpayer dollars to go towards long-overdue renovations of Bronx Park East's Waring Playground, at the request of BPECA last summer. While it will take millions more taxpayer funds to bring

this dilapidated play space up to par with surrounding playgrounds, the investment is significant.

One day soon the senator's funds will bring wide smiles to the faces of thousands of Bronx Park East toddlers, teenagers and parents when new slides, swings and basketball courts are put in place beneath the century-old Linden trees that shade this 'Jewel Upon a Hill'.

This half-million dollar investment is 30 years in the making, and hopefully even more funds can be allocated to renovate this heavily-used recreation area. Simply put, Senator Klein's office responds. They work hard for their constituents and they deserve credit for it.

So here it is: Thank you Senator Jeff Klein and his hard-working staff for their tireless efforts for the residents of the 34th Senate District!

Raphael Schweizer  
chairman, Bronx Park East  
Community Association

## Traffic plan for service road

Dear editor,

I had to chuckle when I saw the article detailing a need for a traffic plan for Tremont Avenue. How about revisiting the major issues of the constant congestion on Bruckner Boulevard between the Greek Church and Middletown Road?

A number of years ago parking was added to the service road on the expressway side from Buhre Avenue to Middletown Road after 6 p.m. nightly and weekends all day. The parking should at a minimum be revised so that it is 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. only and not all day on weekends.

The roadway becomes one lane during the parking period. No one took into account that people double park, emergency vehicles park or when we have snow. I am a homeowner along that stretch and I can hardly get out of my driveway once someone is parked on the other side. Let alone when there is snow.

Another issue is when there is an accident on the expressway. Emergency vehicles are unable to get through either. The service road backs up for blocks with buses, trucks etc. and there is honking, fumes and general disruptions.

Patty Justiniano



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# NYSNA rallies at Weiler over staffing

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Nurses took to the sidewalk outside Montefiore's Weiler Hospital in Morris Park on Thursday, April 16 as part of a citywide series of rallies calling for 'safe staffing' at New York hospitals.

The New York State Nurses Association led the protests ahead of April 22 contract negotiations that they hope will lead to increased hiring.

Outside Weiler, where hospital nurse Karine Raymond, NYSNA board member and chair of the Weiler Division said nurses are overworked and understaffed, nurses chanted slogans and handed out flyers to passersby during their breaks.

"The goal today is to demonstrate to the downstate community that there is a shortage of nurses to provide safe patient care," said Raymond.

The nurses at Weiler have to give up breaks to give care to patients, she said, and they quickly become overworked and tired, which leaves them vulnerable to making mistakes.

NYSNA encourages nurses

to submit 'protests of assignments' when they feel they are in unsafe situations, and in a three month period last year more than 100 were collected at Weiler.

"Nothing's occurred, but we're afraid someday something's going to happen," said Raymond. "We have to encourage the hospital to do the right thing by their patients."

The union will be asking employers to reduce the minimum ratio of medical-surgical nurses to patients from 1 to 6 to 1 to 4, Raymond said, as well as press them to enforce 1 to 2 ratios in critical care cases, where she said nurses sometimes find themselves 'triple.'

Even in less critical cases, patients don't receive the kind of attention nurses used to be able to provide, said Raymond.

"Patients wait far too long to get care because they won't provide safe staffing," she said.

Long wait times in Weiler's Emergency Department has been a chronic issue highlighted by community leaders



Nurses, during their break, gathered outside Montefiore's Weiler Hospital to support the New York State Nurses Association's efforts for increased staffing.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

and elected officials in the past year, and last fall Montefiore touted decreases in the wait time due to improvements they made to patient flow, which NYSNA said was not enough. NYSNA has called for an additional 30 nurses to be hired in the ED, and Montefiore agreed to only 15.

The situation last year where patients were admitted to hallway beds was in fact resolved when Montefiore opened up an additional room on top of moving the orthopedic unit to its Wakefield campus, said Raymond.

In the last three years, Montefiore said it has added nearly

500 nurses, half of whom were hired to increase nurse staffing to meet patients' complex needs.

The NYC Hospital Alliance, a multi-employer bargaining group which includes Montefiore Medical Center responded to the rallies with a statement that they continue to negotiate in good faith with NYSNA to reach a fair contract that honors nurses by protecting their strong health and pension benefits and offering a wage increase that keeps them among the best paid nurses in the country.

"NYSNA's insistence on rigid staffing ratios is not the way to improve patient care," the statement read. "Nor is there a shortage of nurses currently as the hospitals that make up the Alliance have collectively hired 1,000 additional nurses since the last contract was signed. In a changing health care landscape that requires flexibility and a team-based approach, staffing levels and assignments must remain the responsibility of hospital management," the statement said.



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# Bess Myerson honored in plaque dedication

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The Bronx's own Bess Myerson was formally honored during a plaque dedication ceremony held outside of her former Kingsbridge residence.

On Sunday, April 19, elected officials joined local community members, friends and neighbors in honoring and celebrating the legendary Bronxite's extraordinary life at the Sholem Aleichem Houses.

Myerson was crowned Miss America in 1945, served as New York City's first commissioner of Consumer Affairs in 1969 and eventually as an adviser to presidents Lydon B. Johnson, Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter before running for the US Senate in 1980.

Last December 14, Myerson, 90, passed away in Santa Monica, CA of undisclosed causes.

Sunday's dedication ceremony was held at the Sholem Aleichem Houses' courtyard where Senator Jeff Klein unveiled a Senate resolution commemorating Myerson's life and work.

Guests gathered to reflect as well as pay tribute to her legacy and leadership.

"Bess Myerson paved the way for countless women in New York and across the country, breaking down barriers and transcending government, politics, and pageantry by serving as not only the first Jewish Miss America, but the city's first commissioner of Consumer Affairs. Her life was a shining example of what one person can do to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and she is sorely missed," Senator Klein said. "Today, we celebrate Bess' life and work acknowledging the immense contributions she has made to the Bronx and New York City."

"Bess Myerson was a true trailblazer in everything she did. From humble beginnings in the Bronx, Bess rose to incredible heights and became among other things, a Miss America pageant winner and a political icon. Bess' life was a true Bronx success story and she is most deserving of this honor and recognition," Congressman Eliot Engel said.

"Bess Myerson was a trailblazer and leading citizen in our community who grew up in



(l-r) Fredda Tourin, Office of Councilman Andrew Cohen, Congressman Eliot Engel, Esther Nelson, Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman Andrew Cohen, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, and Dan Padernachk, Community Board 8 chairman stand alongside the plaque dedicated to the late Bess Myerson.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

the Sholem Aleichem Houses here in my district," Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz revealed. "While she's perhaps best known for being the first Jewish Miss America, Bess Myerson had a distinguished career in government, serving as a commissioner of the New York City Departments of Con-

sumer Affairs and Cultural Affairs and as an advisor to three presidents. She left a deep impression on many people and her presence is missed. It is an honor to recognize her contributions today," he added.

Born in 1924, Myerson was raised in the historic Sholem Aleichem Housing Coopera-

tive, a working-class development known for its Jewish roots and extensive population comprised of artists, poets and musicians.

She attended the High School of Music and Art and continued her musical studies at Hunter College where she graduated with honors in 1945.

That same year, Myerson was named the first Jewish Miss America and used her platform to actively combat anti-semitism and speak out against all forms of discrimination and prejudice.

"Bess was a true friend and confidant. Her shining spirit, beauty, talent and intelligence were an inspiration to us all and a constant reminder of how we could do better and make a difference in this world," Esther Nelson, long-time friend and neighbor of Bess Myerson expressed.

"I am proud to have grown up in the same apartment complex as Bess Myerson and her achievements offer inspiration to all from our community," Dan Padernachk, Community Board 8 chairman shared.



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# Traffic plan study a 'tribute' to Oddo

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The last wishes of a community leader who called for traffic improvements in his neighborhood may soon be granted.

The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Community Association, and the East Bronx Traffic Coalition, a consortium of community activists concerned with traffic matters, are pushing for the study of four ideas from the late Joseph Oddo to ease traffic flow around Pelham Parkway South, Burr Avenue and Amendola Plaza in Pelham Bay.

Representatives from the two groups appealed to Community Board 10 at their Municipal Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 14.

The board will forward their request onto the city Department of Transportation without comment, said CB 10 district manager Ken Kearns.

The groups are asking that DOT produce a detailed analysis of each of Oddo's proposals. Once this is done, a community forum format could be used to gather more input, they said.

"In the end, it would be a fitting tribute to Joe if something in the study did come to fruition," said Michele Torrioni, president of the PBTC, who was elected to that position after Oddo's passing in March.

Just before he died, Oddo wrote a letter DOT on behalf of PBTC out-

lining what he would like to have done to ease the flow of traffic, much of which he believed was destined for Co-op City, through the streets of Pelham Bay between the Hutchison River Parkway and Bruckner Boulevard.

These included changing Westchester Avenue between Burr Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard into a two-way street to allow traffic to access I-95 and Pelham Parkway without going through Amendola Plaza.

The plaza is a site of numerous bus stops and a cab stand for commuters leaving the subway at Pelham Bay Station.

Oddo also proposed making the Wilkinson Avenue overpass over Bruckner Expressway two-way, allowing residents from Throggs Neck, Country Club and Spencer Estate to reverse direction without going through the congested plaza.

Of all the proposals, Torrioni said she believes that changing the Wilkinson Avenue overpass to two-ways is the most feasible.

This would allow locals to access streets like Sands or Arnow places, or even Middletown Road, without adding more traffic at the station, she said.

Oddo's plans also called for the creation of a turning lane on Burr Avenue for a mandatory left turn onto Westchester Avenue, and also making



The late Joseph Oddo on the Westchester Avenue overpass over the Bruckner Expressway.

Photo courtesy of Annie Boller

two defined lanes on Burr Avenue to make it clear who can turn left or right onto Westchester Avenue.

"The traffic is so bad," said Annie Boller, a Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association board member and traffic coalition member, "that we just have to try something new."

Oddo was known for his big ideas, said John Doyle of the East Bronx Traffic Coalition, and some of them may not be feasible. Nevertheless, there may be

value in others, he said.

"In recognition of Joe's life and legacy, I cannot think of a more fitting tribute than studying the proposal, and then bringing people together to discuss these ideas," he said. "Joe was a big thinker, and the proposal reflects this attitude."

If Oddo were alive, he would not let these ideas fall by the wayside, and neither should the community now that he is gone, added Doyle.

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# Belden Point Park groundbreaking

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A pocket park that should offer great views of Long Island Sound is now under construction after a decade-long quest to get it built.

The long-awaited greenstreet at the very end of City Island Avenue, which will jut out into Long Island Sound, is currently under construction as the Parks Department held a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, April 15.

It has been about a decade since funding was allocated in the state and city budgets by then-Borough President Adolfo Carrion for the \$420,000 project at Belden Point at a southern tip of City Island.

Mayor de Blasio's office, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s office, and New York State will share the project's cost.

Senator Jeff Klein helped preserve the funding in the state budget following the post-2008 recession.

The greenstreet design will define a vehicular turnaround with safety features, and will include a landscaped area, street trees, benches, a new sea rail, decorative trash bins, and a bicycle rack.

"This public plaza will add a beautiful new greenstreet to the Bronx, complete with shade trees and flow-

ering shrubs where visitors and residents can enjoy views of the Long Island Sound," said Mitchell Silver, New York City's Parks Commissioner. "These small habitats not only make each neighborhood more beautiful, but also more resilient, aiding in storm-water capture and providing a home to countless insects, butterflies, and passing birds."

Klein said that he looks forward to seeing the park completed, which he believes will increase waterfront access and transform this part of island into a destination for families.

"The pocket park at Belden Point is a long-awaited victory for the City Island community," the senator said. "I'm proud to have preserved \$170,000 in state funding to get this project off the ground and I applaud the City Island Civic Association and the surrounding City Island community for ensuring that this project finally gets underway."

The park's waterfront is "City Island's backyard," said John Doyle.

He recalled the history of Belden Point, named for a 19th century Wall Street tycoon with a somewhat dubious reputation who lived nearby, and later a landing spot for tourists from Manhattan visiting by steamship.

Currently, the future location of



At the groundbreaking (l-r) Assemblyman Michael Benedetto; Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene; Senator Jeff Klein; Mitchell Silver, city Parks Department Commissioner; Virginia Gallagher, Community Board 10 Parks Committee chairwoman; John Doyle, corresponding secretary to the City Island Civic Association; Lawrence Scoones, Parks Department chief of operations; and Jussara Edwards, NYC Parks designer. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

the park, which a Parks Department spokeswoman said could be completed as early as next spring, has pilings from a dock that was destroyed decades ago. Sometimes, debris has been dumped at the location, a turnaround for traffic at the end City Island Avenue.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto thanked Community Board 10 member and City Island resident Virginia Gallagher, who claims she was part of a waterfront study panel commissioned by Governor Pataki to secure the initial funding.

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# Police, families in Mott Haven safety walk

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Young Bronxites walked hand in hand with both their parents and police during a safety walk in Mott Haven on April 17.

As the group of more than 50 local residents wound through their neighborhood, they handed out flyers and carried posters which implored their fellow residents and area businesses to keep the streets safe and clean.

The idea for the walk was developed by participants in the East Side House Settlement's Toyota Family Learning program, created by the National Center for Families Learning.

The Mott Haven community-based organization is one of 10 locations nationwide for the three-year grant which creates opportunities for inter-generational learning efforts through community service, technology use and family-to-family mentoring.

"What's new about this program is it engages families, engages them in service learning, and engages parents and children in making their communities better," said Lisa

Avetisian, director of communications for NCFL.

The program showcases the power of the family, Diana Rodriguez, program coordinator for family and community engagement at ESHS. Thirty two families with children between ages three and five engage in activities at the center. The parent discussion sessions asks parents to dream big and set goals for Mott Haven over the next 10 years, said Rodriguez, as they explore the problems they and their children encounter in their lives.

The organization recognizes that community members need to drive change in the neighborhood.

"That's the only way it's sustainable, it has to come from them," said Rodriguez.

During the discussions, safety and sanitation were the two big issues that kept coming up, and the families designed the idea of the safety walk with police to address them, in addition to reaching out to elected officials and local leaders. But the efforts of the families have only just begun.

"It has motivated them to

explore other issues," said Rodriguez.

A key part of the program's intergenerational education and service model is to help the parents set examples for the children, who see their parents try to better themselves as well as the community.

Participant Yudith Fleary feels her daughter benefits from the both of them being involved in the program.

"I'm teaching her how to give back to the community, and how to be part of a group," she said.

But Fleary said she's also personally benefited from the information she's received through the program about things like navigating resources and the school system, and she appreciates the support the center provides.

"It's good when you can count on a group of people," said Fleary.

The walk was a great start to establishing the program's presence in the community, she said, and she wants to do more.

But the event already has made a difference in her fam-



NYPD's Community Affairs officer Angel Irizarry, of PSA 7, holds hands with pre-schooler Vivianne Ovalles during a Safety Walk on April 17 in Mott Haven. The walk was part of the Toyota Family Learning program activities at East Side House Settlement.

Photo courtesy of the East Side House Settlement

ily. Her daughter used to be afraid of the police, but during the walk she was eager to be next to the officers.

The partnership with police department, both the 40th Precinct and PSA 7, has been important to the program's mission of bettering their

neighborhood, said Rodriguez.

"They've been so welcoming to us," she said.

Captain Julie Morrill PSA 7 spoke to the families after the group returned to the ESHS.

"You deserve to live in a place where there is no crime," said Morrill. "And we're here to help you do that."

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Villa Barone Manor cleaned up quickly in the aftermath of an April 15 accident. A car exiting the Throgs Neck Expressway at Randall Avenue lost control and crashed into the catering facility's side door and took out a pillar.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## Villa Barone Manor crash prompts TNE exit changes

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A car crash at Villa Barone Manor on April 15 has prompted elected officials to call for changes to the Randall Avenue exit of the south-bound Throgs Neck Expressway.

This upsetting event sheds light on a critical issue in the Bronx: the need for traffic and roadway designs that work with, not against our communities. I stand with Throggs Neck residents in calling on New York City and State DOT to investigate traffic flow coming off this dangerous exit and the need for new safety measures and expanded protocol.

Senator Jeff Klein

Around 7 a.m. on the Wednesday morning, a car slammed into the catering hall. There were no serious injuries or arrests reported, according to a police spokeswoman.

The car took out a pillar and a side-door, said Councilman James Vacca, who was driving in the neighborhood and stopped at the scene.

"It looked like a bomb had hit the

place," he said.

The accident appeared to be caused by the driver taking the forked exit towards Randall Avenue too fast, clipping a curb and losing control of the car, said Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

The owners of Villa Barone told Benedetto there have been a number of accidents outside their business over the years.

"Speeding at the location is an issue," said Vacca.

There have been adjustments made to the exit ramp over the years, but they don't seem to have helped, the councilman said.

The issue was brought up to the State Department of Transportation a few years ago, said Benedetto, but no changes were made in response to the officials concerns.

The assemblyman has a handful of ideas to improve the exit, which include installing a stop sign at the exit, making the exit shorter, or using jersey barriers that would narrow the traffic lane to stop any out of control cars coming off the highway.

His office has reached out to the State DOT again, and Benedetto said he hopes they can come up with a creative solution to slow traffic at the site.

"People are just coming off the exit too fast," Benedetto said.

Senator Jeff Klein echoed his colleagues on the need for attention at the site.

"This upsetting event sheds light on a critical issue in the Bronx: the need for traffic and roadway designs that work with, not against our communities," Klein said in a statement about the crash. "I stand with Throggs Neck residents in calling on New York City and State DOT to investigate traffic flow coming off this dangerous exit and the need for new safety measures and expanded protocol."



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An ariel shot of the property purchased by the Stagg Group, located at 3084 Webster Avenue and 410-414 E. 203rd Street. File photo / Courtesy of Ariel Property Advisors

## Stagg Group plans 130-units on Webster

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

New development in Norwood holds many opportunities for the neighborhood and its residents.

A recently purchased property located between 202nd and 203rd streets will soon be the location of Norwood Gardens, a residential building.

The deal was made official in mid-January, when Ariel Property Advisors announced that the development site of 3084 Webster Avenue and 410-414 East 203rd Street had been purchased by the Stagg Group for just over \$4 million.

Since then, the Stagg Group has evaluated their options, and have decided to construct a residential building which includes 130 units of affordable and market rate housing.

The new residence will include one-, two- and even three-bedroom apartments.

Additionally, it will include ample indoor parking, bicycle parking, a gymnasium and a recreation area for tenants, with landscaping in the front and back of the building.

The property will also include 5,000 square foot of retail space on Webster Avenue. The retail tenants have not been signed yet.

This new residential building is easily accessible to public transportation, only a short walk away from the Norwood/205th subway station of the D train and close to the New York Botanical Garden and Williamsbridge

stations of the Metro North Harlem Line.

The building will also be served by the Bx15 and Bx41.

Nearby attractions include the Garden, Fordham University, the Bronx River and part of the Bronx Greenway.

The project is timely for the neighborhood. The property is located in the new R7-D zone, created as a result of the Webster Avenue Vision Plan, a study which focuses primarily on Webster Avenue from Fordham Road to Gun Hill Road in attempts to transform the stretch into a vibrant mixed-use district.

The Stagg Group is also exploring the possibility of using the NYC Housing Preservation and Development's Mixed Income Program, also known as the Mix & Match Program, which funds new construction of mixed income and multi-family rental projects from affordable housing to households earning up to 165% of the Area Median Income.

"We look forward to working with Community Board 7, local elected officials, the city and HPD to produce quality housing to assist with the mayor's goal of 80,000 units of new housing," said Adolfo Carrion, Jr., executive vice president of the Stagg Group. "Our mission as a developer is to take advantage of transit and allow families to remain in New York City in affordable homes."



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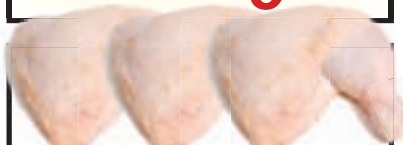
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# Decade's lowest water rate increase proposed

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The recently proposed water rate increase is already causing some ripples and waves in our borough despite not yet being formally adopted.

On Friday, March 27, the Department of Environmental Protection proposed a 3.24% increase in the fiscal year 2016 water rate to the New York City Water Board.

The proposal represents the lowest increase in a decade and is 34% lower compared with the anticipated projection of 4.9% for this spring.

This significant reduction was accomplished via internal cost savings and underspending, interest rate savings and redirecting \$41 million of FY 2015's rental payment toward the water and sewer system.

DEP recommends freezing the minimum charge at \$1.27 per day, including wastewater charges, for the second consecutive year for more than 150,000 customers using fewer than 100 gallons of water per day explaining this will benefit ratepayers by \$2.2 million.

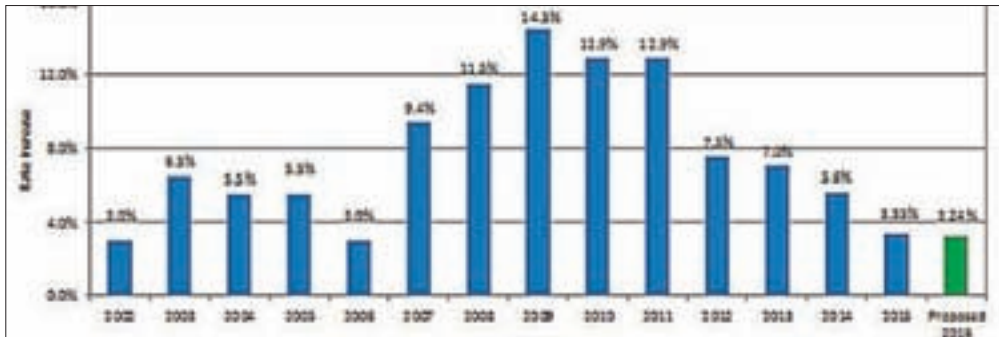
Approximately 25% of all single-family homeowners, a

majority of them seniors, will witness no rate increase, according to the agency.

"By implementing effective cost controls, refinancing higher interest debt and reducing the rental payment, we are able to deliver the lowest rate increase in a decade, and the 25 percent of single family homeowners who use the least water will not receive any increase at all. In addition, we have put together a package of initiatives to provide relief to nearly 50,000 additional low-income senior and disabled customers," DEP Commissioner Emily Lloyd explained.

DEP proposes expanding the Home Water Assistance Program currently providing an annual \$116 credit to 12,500 low-income homeowners qualifying for the federal Home Energy Assistance Program to include an additional 46,500 low-income senior and disabled homeowners receiving DOF tax exemptions. This will benefit a total of 59,000 low-income customers.

Should the Water Board adopt this proposed rate, a typical single-family homeowner



A chart comparing the previous decade's water rates with DEP's proposed fiscal year 2016 water rate.

Photo courtesy of NYC Department of Environmental Protection

will witness an increase from \$1,025 per year to \$1,058 per year for water and sewer which is \$3 per month based upon an average consumption of 80,000 gallons of water annually.

Reflecting an average consumption of 52,000 gallons per year, a typical multi-family unit with metered billing will observe an increase from \$666 per year, per unit to \$689 per year, per unit at less than \$2 per month.

NYC Water Board's establishes the rate following its proposal and five public hearings, one in each borough, regarding the FY 2016 water rate.

The Bronx's hearing is

Wednesday, April 29 at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Floor of Hostos Community College's Savoy Building.

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Community leaders filtered through DEP's proposal.

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Jeff Klein expressed.

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"People in this neighborhood are struggling and it's unfair to our community's homeowners and landlords to raise the water rate. Water should be free to use and they should consider completely reducing the rate or at least focus upon improving our area's more than 100-year old water main pipes," said Jesse Harris, Community Board 2 Planning Board member and a 30 year Longwood homeowner.



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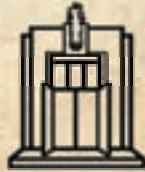












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The next Admissions Exam for students applying to 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45am.



# Bruckner Blvd. Interchange graffiti cleanup

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Cops and youth teamed up to clean up graffiti.

A group of young people from Villa Maria Academy joined forces with a cadre of police officers from the 45th Precinct and anti-graffiti activists John Marano and John Provetto to clean up a badly tagged wall under the Bruckner Expressway interchange in Throggs Neck.

In less than 45 minutes on Tuesday, April 21, the dozen youngsters, working on a school service project, painted over a massive support wall that links the Hutchinson River Parkway to the approach to the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge.

The effort was part of a broader campaign by Provetto and Marano, and the 45th Precinct, to clean up graffiti trouble spots on structures – and things like mailboxes and fire call boxes – throughout communities spanning from Zerega Avenue to City Island, and everywhere in between.

The efforts, coordinated at the precinct by its graffiti coordinator police officer Frank

Malafronte, often involve youth volunteers from schools and the Police Youth Explorers, as well as Auxiliary and volunteers.

“We need to send a message to our youth who are being steered the wrong way that graffiti is not the thing to do,” said Marano, who added “They need to be taught at a young age that you have to take pride in your community and keep it clean.”

The graffiti is clearly visible from the heavily traveled roadway, explained Marano, also a vice-chairman at Community Board 10. Provetto, his partner in cleanup, said that he believes graffiti is a gateway to larger crimes.

“It is a win for the community and a win for the kids,” said Provetto of the youth helping clean the vandalism.

“By cleaning up, it gives them a sense of what not to do,” he said, adding that it fosters a sense of ownership and it may help the children encourage their friends and classmates not to graffiti.

Fighting graffiti in the Bronx is very difficult, be-



Community Board 10 vice-chairman John Marano (l), 45th Precinct graffiti coordinator police officer Frank Malafronte (r) are joined by other cops and children from Villa Maria Academy in a graffiti cleanup under the Bruckner Interchange on Tuesday, April 21.

Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

cause it is difficult to catch the culprits in the act, a must for prosecution in the borough.

“If you cannot get them on the law enforcement end, you get them on the cleanup end, where you frustrate the graffiti artist,” said Provetto, adding that he would appreciate as much support as possible on graffiti prosecutions by District Attorney Robert

Johnson’s office.

Cleanups like the one on April 21 can create better harmony between police and young people, said Malafronte.

“It is working with the police department in a favorable light,” he said about young people cleaning graffiti, adding it helps the police be seen as people who do more than lock people up.

“I am hoping that this will encourage people to get involved and cleanup their neighborhood,” the officer said, adding that there was not a shortage of volunteers to clean up graffiti in the 45th Precinct.

“You know when you are crossing into the 45th Precinct,” said Malafronte. “You see the graffiti stop.”

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# Confusion over Pelham Pkwy. parking signs

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Confusion has cropped up in Community Board 11 over the placement of signs on Pelham Parkway South, east of Williamsbridge Road.

Specifically, the board's office is questioning the no parking zone at the corner of the intersection, turning off Williamsbridge to the east-bound service road, and a no standing zone which begins further down the block.

The signs were installed last year during the much-maligned reconstruction of Pelham Parkway South, which narrowed the service road and reduced parking in the neighborhood.

The concern is that no standing zones, where as the name implies, cars are not allowed to stop, traditionally exist at corners of tight streets to allow for the turning radius of a fire truck, said Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke.

But because there is a no parking zone on the corner, only between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., cars can park

on that corner before and after the designated times, and all the time with special permits.

"That's a problem if a fire truck is trying to get through," said Warneke.

The question of why the signs were installed that way was brought up to the Department of Transportation during a site visit of Pelham Parkway South about a year ago to highlight multiple community concerns, said Warneke, but the issue was passed off to the FDNY.

In December, Warneke said a community liaison from the FDNY visited the site and expressed concern over the signage.

According to the DOT, the signs were installed that way following instructions from the FDNY, but the agency is currently reviewing the request from Community Board 11 and the FDNY to change them.

The FDNY did not respond to a request for comment.

In the meantime, some community members are similarly frustrated with the no



Community Board 11 is questioning why there is a No Parking sign at the corner of the Pelham Parkway South service road instead of a No Standing sign. Community News Group / Jaime Williams

parking zone on the corner.

When cars park on the corner of Pelham Parkway South in the evening, it makes it difficult for eastbound traffic from multiple lanes to merge

into the single lane service road, said longtime Pelham Parkway resident Frank Vignali.

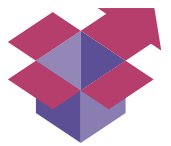
He feels there should be a no standing zone on the cor-

ner to create a funnel lane for traffic, as opposed to a no standing zone in the middle of the block.

"It doesn't make sense," said Vignali.

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# Westchester Square Stop 'N' Swap

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Stop 'N' Swaps have developed a regular following among thrifty and environmentally conscious New Yorkers. In response to increasing demand for the events, GrowNYC has set a goal of hosting one Stop 'N' Swap in each of the city's 59 community districts each year.

"We see tremendous growth every year at Bronx Stop 'N' Swaps. In fact, attendance at the Westchester Square swap has doubled since 2012, and items swapped has increased by 29% throughout the borough. We look forward to seeing familiar faces at the event, as well as seeing the joy of first-timers seeing their goods go to new homes, or taking home useful items at no cost," said David Hurd, the director

of GrowNYC's Office of Recycling Outreach and Education.

How It Works: Stop 'N' Swaps invite the public to bring clean, portable, reusable items to share with those who can use them. No one is required to bring something to take something—you can simply show up with a bag and see what's free for the taking. Books, toys, fashionable clothing, housewares and electronics are just some of the offerings. Anything leftover at the end of the day is donated or recycled. Furniture and other large items are not accepted at the swap.

"Stop 'N' Swaps are a resource for all New Yorkers. Residents come out in large numbers to give away what they don't need and find some really useful items for themselves, all without paying. And we are keeping perfectly good items out of the landfill, which is where so many things unfortunately end up," said GrowNYC executive director Marcel Van Ooyen. "The added benefit is neighbor meeting neighbor, and a community being strengthened."

For further information go to [www.GrowNYC.org/swap](http://www.GrowNYC.org/swap).

# Bronx beat

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The offer is for General Admission tickets. An upgrade to Total Experience Tickets is available on-site.

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**The Bronx Council on the Arts** is teaming up with Bronx Museum of the Arts and the PEN American Center—the leading human rights organization for writers worldwide—for the PEN World Voices literary conference on Thursday, May 7, 2015. This first-time collaboration will bring international literary programming to the Bronx and will be the first of continuing partnerships for these groundbreaking organizations.

This day of programs will include fiction and memoir writing workshops with Cuban-American novelist Chantel Acevedo (1 to 3 p.m.) and Billy Kahora (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.), and will conclude with "The Witnesses" an author's panel discussion on elders and folklore that will feature writers and celebrities Vinie Burrows, Bou-bacar Boris Diop, Yusef Komunyakaa, Achille Mbembe, and Ng g wa Thiong'o, which starts at 6:30 p.m.

Info and RSVP: <http://bronxarts.org>.

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**Calvary Hospital** invites mental health professionals and those in education, who work with children and

teens, to its "Mentors Through Mourning" Program.

Now in its 13th year, this training course is offered in both its Bronx and Brooklyn facilities. The fee is \$50 per session for mental health clinicians or funeral directors.

For graduate students or school professionals who are interested in serving as resources and guides for grieving children and teens within the school setting, this program is offered free of charge as a community service.

This four week program will meet Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m.: May 6 "Special Needs of Traumatized Bereaved Children and Adolescents"; May 13 "Reintegrating Children with a Life Threatening Illness into the Classroom"; May 20 "When Death Impacts the Classroom"; and May 27 "Interventions, Experiential Workshop and Self Care."

Each class will be taught by an experienced bereavement counselor at Calvary Hospital, 1740 Eastchester Road. If you have questions or would like to register, email [wmarmolejos@calvaryhospital.org](mailto:wmarmolejos@calvaryhospital.org) or call either Lynne Marie at (718) 518-2173 or Wal-esca Marmolejos at (718) 518-2370. Pre-registration is strongly recommended, however walk-ins will be welcome.

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All of the new sweepers will be in use by the end of May.

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**Calvary Hospital** announced Timothy P. Barr will be joining the Calvary Fund, Inc. as Executive Vice President on May 11. The fund directs all fundraising efforts in support of the Hospital's unique and historic mission. Barr succeeds Vincent J. Spinelli, who retired several months ago. Barr joins Calvary from St. Joseph's Healthcare System in New Jersey. Barr graduated from Fordham University with a master's degree in Public Affairs and a bachelor's of arts degree in Political Economy.



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# Traffic triangle's misleading signage re-worked

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The Rawlins and Kearney avenues traffic triangle's parking signage has been re-worked.

Recently covered in the Bronx Times, the Country Club Greenstreet triangle's southern perimeter displayed a single-headed arrow as oppose to its original double-headed version which was damaged, then removed.

Community Board 10, Councilman James Vacca's office, and the NYC Department of Transportation went to work correcting the island's signage by re-situating stop signs further up the triangle and on Kearney Avenue as well as replacing the damaged No Standing Anytime sign with the wrong version.

NYCDOT originally claimed the south side was too small to provide parking, but were proven wrong as illegally parked vehicles began appearing there daily, obstructing motorists' vision as they passed the island.

According to a NYCDOT spokesperson, they were made aware of the sign issue at this location which they repaired via a new sign installation on Friday, April 10.

Following this correction, Michael McNerney, Country Club Civic Association president revealed only one vehicle has been spotted illegally parked

at the triangle, which was promptly issued a parking summons.

McNerney has reached out to the 45th Precinct's commanding officer and thanked the department for their immediate reinforcement.

"We're very pleased that the sign has been corrected by the New York City Department of Transportation and I'm certain that the recent media and political attention that has been brought to this location has further added to the incentive to have the issues here corrected. In the future, we look forward to a more direct line of communication with the New York City Department of Transportation as we work toward continuing to address transportation concerns in the Country Club community," McNerney expressed.

"My office was instrumental in helping to get this done after residents contacted me about this situation as well as from personally visiting this site to verify their concern. I knew right then and there DOT had to take action in replacing this sign as soon as possible," Councilman James Vacca explained.

Last month, Senator Jeff Klein lent his support by writing to DOT's Borough Commissioner, Constance Moran, urging NYCDOT to replace the wrong sign.

"I applaud both the quickness and efficiency in which the DOT replaced the 'No Standing Any Time' sign at Rawlins and Kearney avenues as protecting and ensuring the safety of pedestrians and drivers throughout the Bronx and New York City is critically important. I look forward to continuing to work with the DOT to foster safer roadway designs and reduce traffic collisions in our communities," Senator Klein stated.

"Community Board 10, working with Country Club Civic Association and the New York Department of Transportation, is happy to note the corrected sign was installed at the Rawlins and Kearney avenues traffic triangle as this will contribute in promoting traffic safety in the area," Ken Kearns, CB 10 district manager said.

With the traffic triangle fully restored, McNerney explains CCCA and NYCDOT will devote their time toward correcting other traffic concerns in the area.

Chief among them is improving Country Club Road at MacDonough Street.

Currently only one lane of traffic on Country Club Road is permitted to enter the Jarvis Avenue overpass, and according to McNerney this causes a tremendous backup every morning as far as Stadium Avenue.



Rawlins and Kearney avenues traffic triangle now has a corrected No Standing Anytime sign installed on its southern perimeter.

Community News Group / Robert Wirsing

A proposed resolution is for Country Club Road's right lane to allow motorists the options of either turning right onto MacDonough or traveling straight over the Jarvis Avenue overpass.

McNerney said CCCA and NYCDOT met on Wednesday, April 15 to begin discussing how to best address Country Club's remaining traffic concerns.

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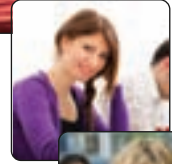
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# SENATOR JEFF KLEIN VISITS SPRING BREAK CAMP AT P.S. 83

On Tuesday, April 7, Senator Jeff Klein visited more than 130 students, parents, and administrators at P.S. 83's Ultimate Enrichment Spring Break Camp. The free week long camp was funded by a \$1.5 million state grant secured by the senator through the New York City Community Learning Schools Initiative last year.



Brandon Muccino, P.S. 83 principal; Senator Jeff Klein; Nick Affisco, STS Sports program developer; STS Sports staff; community members; and P.S. 83 students. Photo courtesy of the Office of Senator Jeff Klein

## HATIKVA HOSTS PASSOVER DESSERT

Temple Hatikva, located on 1526 Williamsbridge Road, held Shabbat services and a festive Passover dessert on Friday, April 10. After the services, members of the Temple Hatikva congregation were treated to a Passover dessert kiddish which consisted of a large variety of holiday sweets.



Members of the Temple Hatikva congregation enjoy festive Passover dessert kiddish after Shabbat services.

Photo courtesy of Temple Hatikva

## ZUMBA FUNDRAISER FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

New Beginning Animal Rescue volunteers held a 'Zumbathon' zumba class as a fundraiser for their animal shelter at the Locust Point Civil Association, 3300 Tierney Place on Sunday, April 12. For \$10, attendees were able to participate in a 90-minute zumba session led by certified instructors Stephanie Crespo, Monica Herrera, Sergio Mejia and Mayra Mira.



(l-r) Zumba instructors Monica Herrera, Sergio Mejia and Stephanie Crespo get the crowd moving at the 'Zumbathon' fundraiser. Photo by Laura Stone



## VACCA, NY FOOD BANK, CUNY HOST TAX PREP

Councilman James Vacca partnered with the Food Bank For New York City and the City University of New York to offer free tax preparation service for qualified people at Bronx House on Saturday, April 11.

(Above) (l to r) Rachel Sabella from Food Bank for New York City, Councilmember James Vacca, Vacca's chief of staff Michael Rivadeneyra and a CUNY representative.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

Councilman James Vacca greets participants at the tax prep event.

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## VIETNAM WAR'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

With the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and the end of the Vietnam War approaching at the end of April, Throgs Neck Memorial American Legion Post held a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day centering around the date of Monday, March 30 - the day the U.S. Senate decreed as one to honor all who served bravely in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, and elsewhere in Southeast Asia during the conflict. Because many service members from the Vietnam-era experienced returning home to protest signs, defamatory chants, and even spit, the veterans were 'welcomed home' by the veterans advocacy group in a manner the legionnaires feel should have been granted to all service men and women returning home in the late 1960s and early 1970s.



(l-r) Frank Arce, Larry Cody, John Forbes, Bob Doonan, Barry Tiernan, Phil Cremins, Joe Faix, Pat Devine, Joseph DeRose, Paul Grasso and Ray DePillis. Photo courtesy of Pat Cremins

## CIMS HOLDS SPRING ART SHOW



Collegiate Institute for Math and Science held their annual spring art show at the school on Wednesday, April 15. The school welcomed Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj to the event. An announcement was made at the art show that the high school had received \$18,000 in enrichment program funding.

(Above) Art teacher Larry Minetti (r) with some of the artwork and students who created it. Pictured are students Raymond Ciprian, Ricardo Alvarado, Matthew Ramirez, Austin Sanchez and Shayla Monserrate. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Shayla Monserrate stands alongside her work.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## VACCA FUNDS BARTOW-PELL'S RESTORATION

On Saturday, April 18, Councilman James Vacca and the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum celebrated the start of a \$1.7 million restoration project for the museum. Also the museum hosted 200 volunteers in a clean-up day sponsored by NYCares and Con Edison that same day. Councilman Vacca allocated \$375,000 toward this restoration project in 2008 and helped secured an additional \$1 million from the Parks Department while Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. allotted the remaining funds. The project is slated for an October completion and will include masonry repointing, cleaning of the mortar between stones, renovations to the roof lining and gutters, and restoration of two iron rod balconies.



(l-r) Chief of staff Michael Rivadeneyra; Councilman James Vacca; Ellen M. Bruzelius, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's executive director; Ariel Sealing; Jim Wilkins; Benjamin Horn, volunteers from NYCares; and Kelly Faloon, Bartow-Pell Conservancy board member.

Photo by Edwin Soto

## BCA HOSTS PRINT-MAKING WORKSHOP

Bronx Council on the Arts and the Huntington Free Library hosted a family-friendly print making workshop on Saturday, April 18. Kids created a variety of prints using potatoes, celery, and peppers.



(l-r) Freida Hynes, Shoshana Hirschmann and Devin Moss show off a peice of their art.

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Gisele Navarette gets to work on her print skills using produce and paint.

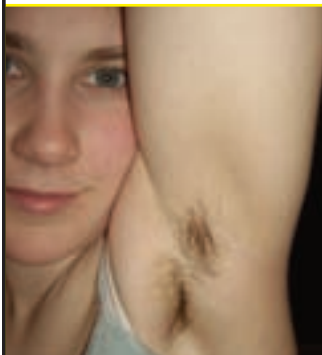
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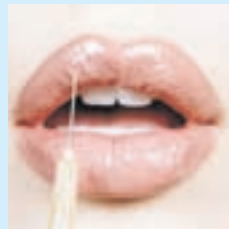
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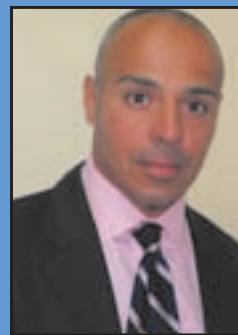
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# TNLL parade kicks off baseball season

Throgs Neck Little League kicked off the 2015 season with their annual parade down Tremont Avenue on Saturday, April 18. The parade was followed by an opening day ceremony, attended by local leaders and elected officials.



2014 Little League Champions and coaches with Throgs Neck Merchants president, Steve Kaufman, Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman James Vacca, Tommy Messina and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

Photo by Aracelis Batista



The Throgs Neck Little League parade started at Lafayette Avenue and made it's way to the baseball field.

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Hundreds of little-leaguers turned out for the opening day ceremony.

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## PROJECT BOOST FOR COLLEGIATE

Collegiate High School for Math and Science is getting a boost - Project BOOST that is. Senator Jeff Klein has arranged \$18,000 in Project BOOST enrichment program funding for the high school from the state. Klein was joined by Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Fredrick Nelson, CIMS principal, in making the announcement during the school's annual spring art show on Wednesday, April 15. The school will be using the funds in a variety of ways, including tutoring and professional development services, a class trip to Yale Model UN, parent meetings and family nights, a trip for the school's band to play at Madison Square Garden, as well as initiatives for honor roll students.



(Back, l-r) Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; Senator Jeff Klein; Larry Minnetti, art teacher and Nelson join students for the funding announcement. Photo courtesy of Senator Klein's office

## SHCA'S COMEDY & STEAK NIGHT

On Saturday, April 11, Schuyler Hill Civic Association hosted a Comedy and Steak Night for 70 people. Freddie Rubino entertained the crowd with his laugh out loud routine.



(l-r) Comedian Freddie Rubino; Bob Kurz, SHCA host; Mike Kenney, SHCA president; and Anthony Romeo, SHCA vice president had a great time at their Comedy and Steak Night event. Photo courtesy of Schuyler Hill Civic Association

## COLLEGE FAIR

On Saturday, April 18, the Archdiocese of New York held a Catholic College Fair at Cardinal Spellman High School which featured 12 prestigious schools. Students who attended were presented the opportunity to learn more about New York's Catholic College options as well as met with current students from these schools.

Nora McCarthy from Mount St. Vincent College, shares some information with Karina Wilson, a Spellman sophomore, and her mother, Ingred McGregor. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## FIAME'S 31ST AWARDS CEREMONY

On Friday, April 17, the Forum of Italian American Educators held its 31st annual awards dinner ceremony at Villa Barone Manor. FIAME's honorees included Dr. James J. Montesano, Nyack's superintendent of schools; Dr. Gerald M. Cattaro, Fordham University's executive director of the Center for Catholic School Leadership; Angela Ceparano, St. Simon Stock principal; Julie Falco Porras, P.S. 76 assistant principal; Melanie Blasucci Marino, C.F.N. 532 educational administrator; Silvia D'Arco DiBello, St. Raymond's Elementary assistant principal and Italian teacher; Tina Meliotta Cortese, second grade teacher at P.S. 83; Linda Rufino, J.H.S. 144 secretary; and Chris Alessandro, Morris Park Community Association treasurer.



FIAME's honored guests and recipients including Dr. James J. Montesano, Dr. Gerald M. Cattaro, Tina Meliotta Cortese, Angela Ceparano, Silvia D 'Arco-DiBello, Chris Alessandro, Julie Falco Porras, Linda Rufino and Melanie Blasucci Marino. Photo by Patricio Robayo

## GJONAJ HOSTS PELHAM PARKWAY CLEANUP

Volunteers were happy to get their hands dirty while cleaning up Pelham Parkway near White Plains Road on Saturday, April 18. In celebration of Earth Day and Volunteer Month, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj hosted the first of two park cleanups in the 80th Assembly District.



(l to r) Will Madonna, Andrea Siegel, Kay Cardona, Sonny Vataj, Edith Blitzer, Dennis Wales and Alek Nilaj. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Dayana Cruz and Nigel White. Photo by Walter Pofeldt



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## COUNCILMAN VACCA OBSERVES CHESS MATCH

Councilman James Vacca recently visited the Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library, where he observed some intense chess matches.



Councilman James Vacca observes a chess battle. Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca

## PUERTO RICAN PARADE HOLDS PAGEANT 2015

On Saturday, April 18, the Bronx Puerto Rican Parade Reinado Infantil Pageant 2015 crowned Jade Rivera as their pageant queen and Kayla Cordero as first princess and Alani Lopez as second princess. On Sunday, May 31, the winners will march in the Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade at the Grand Concourse.



This year's Queen, Jade Rivera (center), First Princess, Kayla Cordero (l) and Second Princess, Alani Lopez.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## ST. RAYMOND HS HOLDS LASALLE DINNER

St. Raymond High School for Boys held its annual LaSalle Dinner fundraiser at Marina del Rey on Thursday, April 16. The dinner helps raise money to assist students in paying tuition. Many of the students at the school come from lower economic backgrounds or single parent households, and funds like those raised at this dinner help them receive a Catholic education.



(l-r) Honorees Phil Sergio and Salvatore Tuaruglillo; Msgr. John Graham, St. Raymond's Church pastor; honorees Omar Antiqua and Janine Lynch; and Judith Carew, school principal.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## HOLY ROSARY HOSTS FAMILY FUN DAY

Holy Rosary School hosted a Family Fun Day Carnival for families and friends on Saturday, April 18. The free event was sponsored by Fidelis Care and featured games and activities for children including a DJ, bouncy castle, face-painting and refreshments. Fidelis Care had representatives on hand to provide free health screenings. Parents also had the opportunity to register 4-year-olds for universal pre-k.



Bria Harris, 9, has her face painted as her sister Ava Harris, 7, looks on.

Photo by Patricio Robayo



Kids had the opportunity to check out the inside of a NYFD firetruck.

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## PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

Leake & Watts Biondi Elementary School and the national Parent-Child Home Program hosted an Earth Day event for pre-schoolers on Saturday, April 18. Kids learned how to plant seeds, in addition to participating in other fun crafts. Each child took home a gently used book. Representatives from the New York Public Library and the Leake & Watts Family Resource Center were on hand to help families apply for library cards and learn about other community resources, as well as giving them a chance to register for pre-k.



Curious youngsters learn how to plant seeds.

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Families enjoyed the fun activities.

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# Five Places to Look for High School Internship Opportunities

What's a great way for your teen to gain valuable experience, explore college majors and careers, strengthen their resume and develop responsibility? An internship! Internships help students learn more about industries or fields of interest, meet professionals to whom they can turn as mentors in the future and most importantly, gain real world experience. Here are five tips on where to start as you and your high school student look for internship opportunities:

- 1. Start at the guidance counselor's office** – The high school guidance counselor's office is a great place to begin the search for internships, as it may have a current listing of opportunities and programs available in the area for students.
- 2. Check out organizations' headquarters** – Headquarters of large corporations often have summer internship programs for high school students. If you have relatives in a major metropolitan area with whom your teen could stay for a summer, consider exploring companies outside of your hometown. In Menlo Park, California, Facebook offers a summer high school internship program. In Washington, D.C., there are internship programs at organizations such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institutes of Health and the Library of Congress, to name a few. In San Francisco, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has a high school internship program for students interested in the field of transportation.
- 3. Explore companies and organizations in your area.** What companies are in your town or city? Look at their websites to see if they list internships. If companies that interest your teen don't seem to have anything formal in place, they still might consider hiring a hard working student who wants to learn their business. If your teen is interested in a particular field or type of company, encourage him or her to send out cover letters and resumes to a top 10 list of organizations. Many companies respond positively to students who take such initiative, and even if they don't have a posted position, they might create one for an eager student who takes initiative.
- 4. Check out colleges.** Community colleges and four-year colleges and universities are great places to look for internships. Stanford's School of Earth Sciences has a number of different summer internship programs for high school students. Pennsylvania State University offers many different summer programs. The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio's summer program exposes high school students interested in health careers to medical and biomedical research. Rutgers University's New Jersey Medical School has a high school intern research exposure program. Explore the colleges in your state for programs for high school students.

**5. Look for volunteer opportunities.** If your teen strikes out in his or her search for internships, an alternate route could be to volunteer. Many organizations that don't have the budget to pay interns might still be willing to take on an unpaid intern or volunteer for a few hours a week. A company may have your teen start out shadowing some of its employees, but the exposure to the industry and individuals' roles within it will be valuable no matter what.

With college admissions becoming more competitive, internships can help high school students set themselves apart from their peers. Not only that, students can try out careers of interest, gain great experience and increase their professionalism. With some effort, your teen can find a great internship that will build their resume and help him or her gain new skills.

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**Fri, May 1; Sun, May 2: Night Lights At Wave Hill:** Wave Hill's 50th anniversary festivities reach a crescendo this spring with Night Lights at Wave Hill, a month-long celebration, when, for the first time in Wave Hill's history, visitors will be invited to attend in the evening to enjoy the garden landscape at a time of day and during a season when it is normally closed to the public. Take in The Lightening: a Project for Wave Hill's Aquatic Garden, an immersive installation by acclaimed artist by Chris Doyle, with music by composer Jeremy Turner, recorded by the Brooklyn Youth Chorus. Stop by Glyndor Gallery to see Chris Doyle: Landscape Fictions. Visit The Shop, The



Tai Chi at Wave Hill. Photo courtesy of Joshua Bright

Café and the Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory, and enjoy informal piano performances in Wave Hill House.

**Sat, May 2: Tai Chi Chuan:** In this beginner-level class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the in-

ternal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits.

**Sat, May 2; Sun, May 3: Family Art Project: Ephemeral Creatures In Clay:** Join visiting artist Roxanne Jackson as she shows you how to use wash-away, air-dry clay

to sculpt mythological creatures.

**Sat, May 2: Neighborhood History Walk:** Join historian and Wave Hill Garden Guide Deirdre Laporte on a walk through the neighborhood to visit significant homes and landscapes and learn about their historical connections to Wave Hill.

**Sat, May 2: Gallery Tour:** Join a curatorial fellow for an exhibition tour designed to draw visitors into a lively discussion about the relationship between art and nature.

**Sun, May 3: Members Trip: Birding At The Rockefeller State Park Preserve:** Join naturalist Gabriel Willow for a morning of bird watching through the trails of this scenic park.

**Sun, May 3: Reen-Roof Birdhouse Woodworking Work-**

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**Sun, May 3: Hatha Yoga:** Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors.

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# Bird Migration Month at Bronx Zoo

The **Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo** is celebrating Bird Migration Month! Bring your family and friends May 9 for the second annual Bronx Zoo Birdathon, a celebration of migrating birds.

The event will take place starting at 7 a.m. at the Bronx River gate.

Join experienced birders on nature walks as you identify Neotropical migrants in the sky. Discover how we protect birds worldwide while you interact with the birds from the exhibits! Identify as many birds as you can for the opportunity to win special binoculars and other prizes, compliments of Vanguard.

To sign up, go to <http://bronxzoo.com/events/8>

The bird celebration continues after the event and on weekends from May 9 – May 24 at the Bronx Zoo. Watch as red-shouldered hawks, rose-breasted cockatoos, Amazon parrots, and more soar overhead on the historic Astor Court during the Birds in Flight show, presented by JetBlue Airways. After the show, you'll have a chance to meet these fearless flyers face-to-face, and learn more about their training, habits, and personalities.

Chat with zookeepers at the World of Birds exhibit and fly over to the Dancing Crane Plaza to make your own birdfeeder to help wildlife in your own backyard.

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After more than seven years in development, Full Circle Productions, one of New York's leading Hip-hop dance companies, gives the New York premiere of "Outside the Bachx" on Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., in the Repertory Theater at the **Hostos Center for the Arts and Culture**.

Combining Hip-hop dance and spoken word, along with ballet and the music of J.S. Bach and other classical composers, the work was written and choreographed by Full Circle founders Gabriel "Kwikstep" Dionisio and Ana "Rokafella" Garcia and co-commissioned by the Kennedy Center, where it was given its world premiere in February. The New York debut of "Outside the Bachx" is part of the CUNY Dance Initiative, a new residency program providing rehearsal space and support for performances to 26 New York City choreographers and dance companies at 11 City University of New York campuses.

In addition to Dionisio and Garcia, the cast for "Outside of the Bachx" includes Cristina Altamura, who has appeared as soloist with the Bucharest Philharmonic, as Guest Concert Pianist; the Boston-based street artist Gene Shinozaki as Guest Beatboxer; Gabriel "Emphasis" Alvarez as B-boy; Odylle "B-girl Matis" Beder as Ballerina, B-girl, and Actress; John Gutierrez as Dancer, Actor, and Project Assistant; Angela "Angyil" McNeal as Ballerina and Experimental Styles/Popper; and John "Flonetik" Vinuya

as B-boy and Actor. Tickets for "Outside the Bachx" are \$15 (\$7 for students and under 18) and can be purchased by phone by calling (718) 518-4455, online at [www.hostoscenter.org](http://www.hostoscenter.org), and through the Hostos Center Box Office, 450 Grand Concourse, in the Bronx, Monday through Friday, from 1 to 4 p.m., and two hours prior to performance.

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Celebrate the running of the roses at **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's** annual Kentucky Derby fundraiser on Saturday, May 2, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Guests will be transported to Churchill Downs while supporting the museum in style as they sip mint juleps, don fancy hats, and enjoy old-time Dixieland jazz in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. At post time, the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby will be screened in the mansion's glorious Greek Revival double parlors. Partygoers will relish spending a spring evening viewing the mansion and the restored formal garden while showing off their Derby finest.

In addition to elegant architecture and the beautiful natural setting, this year's attendees will also enjoy a contemporary art installation by artist MJ Levy Dickson in the 1916 formal garden fountain pool. Like Sea Glass: A Hand Full of Light—Reflection is presented in partnership with the Historic House Trust of New York City's Contemporary Art Partnerships. Colorful tumbled and molded glass will fill the pool and the illuminated installation will respond to the environment in which it is placed. The glass, like water, will reflect the shapes and colors of clouds, sky, and treetops, making the evening's festivities all the more magical.

As in years past, guests will find compelling items to bid on in the live auction to support the museum, including a fireworks cocktail party and a museum initiative to restore the fountain. In addition, prizes will be handed out for the two most original and elegant hats.

Festivities at the mansion will be followed by six dinners taking place in Pelham, Mt. Vernon, and City Island beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This year's dinner hosts are Janet and Ed Cavanaugh; Elizabeth and Gavin Leckie; Michelle and Jim O'Connor with Paula and Tom Canning; Ann Marie and Steve Pitkin; Mary and Steve Quintin; and Bill Rainford and Paul Klein.

Tickets for cocktails only are \$80 per person; cocktails and dinner tickets are \$125; cocktails, dinner, and recognition in the event program are \$200 and \$275. Dinner host selection is first come, first served. Tickets must be purchased in advance online at [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org). All are welcome.

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**Andrew Freedman Artist-in-Residence** Michele Brody invites you for a very special Tea Tasting paired

with poetry, music and a uniquely Bronx inspired menu. Tea consultant Jo Johnson and Bronx chef/musician Justin Hicks will be serving an eclectic pairing of SerendipiTea teas with exciting new dishes inspired by the cultural heritage of The Bronx through the ages. Poet Gary Glazner will help lead participants in writing group and individual poems on repurposed tea bags focusing on our experiences of the Bronx and the day's menu. All set to the backdrop of over 900 other Tea stories from around the world and a soundscape DJ'd by SpazeCraft One within the sumptuous environment of The Andrew Freedman Home's historic wood paneled library.

A "CommuniTea" is a multi-disciplinary art happening revolving around the drinking and sharing of tea in a local community within a mobile teahouse setting. The "CommuniTea" is part of an ongoing interactive community-based art project titled "Reflections in Tea." The ritual performance of preparing loose-leaf tea is shared with groups and individuals, after which participants' stories are preserved as they are transcribed onto repurposed tea stained paper filters.

The artistic goal behind "Reflections in Tea" is to exhibit the markings imprinted by the tea, and how the

text and stains together create an aesthetic object capturing the essence of an ephemeral experience.

This event is made possible with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the New York State Council on the Arts, The Andrew Freedman Home and SerendipiTea. It is part of a series of CommuniTeas where two more will be scheduled during August for the Bronx Museum's Boogie Down the Boulevard and September with a dance performance by Simone Coonrod of Swinging with Simone.

For more information go to [www.michelebrody.com](http://www.michelebrody.com).

RSVP required by May 26, seating is limited with a \$5 suggested donation.

The event will be translated into Spanish.

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The City Island Library, 320 City Island Avenue, will hold a Book Swap on Thursday, May 7, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Want to recommend a favorite title? Want to find something good to read? Stop by the library and hear what other are reading and share your thoughts on your top book picks.

All public library programs are free of charge.

For further information call the library at (718) 885-1703.

## BROADWAY COMES TO VILLA MARIA ACADEMY



Students in the Villa Maria Academy Drama Club will be presenting the classic, Pulitzer Prize-winning Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, "OKLAHOMA!" on May 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. in the school's Visitation Center. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in advance and also at the door on the night of the performance. Seating is reserved; the sooner you order tickets, the better your seats will be. Over the years, the Drama Club has performed many outstanding, full-scale Broadway shows such as "Grease", "Oliver", "Hairspray", and many others. Villa Maria Academy is located at 3335 Country Club Road. For ticket information, contact Ro Haney at (718) 792-1751.

# Jane Hill and Edgewater Park's Fat Runway

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

I recently gave a brief talk about Bronx swimmers and included the relatively unknown Jane Hill of Edgewater Park. She was the woman who taught my cousins, brothers and me how to swim at the dock known as the "Fat Runway." It was known by that name because it was twice the width of the adjacent jetty to its east which was appropriately referred to as the "Skinny Runway."

My family moved out of Edgewater when I was in my teens and in the ensuing years, my visits to the waterfront of my youth became less and less frequent. I will always remember it, however, with very fond memories that I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a summertime paradise where bare feet were the norm and a bathing suit was all the garb you needed for most of the day.

Life in Edgewater revolved around the tides and youngsters learned how to swim shortly after they learned how to walk. It was not an option, but a necessity in a coastal community. I grew up in the 1940s and 50s when very few women worked. It was not unusual,

therefore, to have one or more mothers down at the beach acting as unofficial lifeguards.

My mother often filled that position and I have fond memories of her reinforcing the swimming skills taught to me by Jane Hill. She would face me and then backstroke, always staying just a couple of strokes ahead but ready to help me if I faltered. When the lesson was over, she turned around changing to a breaststroke and I'd hold onto her shoulders as she towed me to shore. She then returned to her post on the beach keeping alert for any children in danger.

There always seemed to be one or more mothers on the beach watching for danger or bullying. The latter was not tolerated. Jane Hill was generally posted on the "Fat Runway," itself and her husband Charlie was also there teaching us how to fish and crab. He taught us the effective use of a crab net

and how to spot a double-jointed blue claw by its coloring. Jane and Charlie didn't have any children so they adopted all the neighborhood kids teaching us how to swim, fish, crab, clam and dig for worms. They taught us well.

Occasionally they'd call for a beach cleanup and we'd all come with a rake and pull out seaweed, glass (no plastic bottles yet) and debris from the shoreline. When the work was done, we'd be sent clamming. We had to feel around with our toes for the cherrystones while others used pitchforks to dig up the chowder clams. Others scoured the old permanently moored barge and jetties for blue claws. The entire catch was handed over to Jane who brought out her pot of huge proportions which she readied to cook up a seafood feast for all who came by.

I met a fellow Edgewaterite from that era recently and in-



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View of the Fat Runway from Eastchester Bay looking south toward Edgewater Park's "D" Section circa 1955.



The Fat Runway in Edgewater Park's "D" Section circa 1950 looking south from Eastchester Bay.

quired about Jane. I was told that she went a little daft in her old age and chased people away yelling at them. I wonder if those people knew or were told about all the many good deeds she performed. I then regretted not going back to Edgewater to thank her for teaching me how to swim among other things.

Sometimes we just take peo-

ple for granted and have to live with regrets. This is my public thank you to Jane and Charlie Hill for their many kindnesses to the children from D Section. I'm sure her eternal reward will be great but I couldn't help putting in my two cents. Thank you, Jane and Charlie, wherever you are.



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# Bronx schools

## SBHS Student Ambassadors Take a Lead in Recruitment

Saint Barnabas High School student ambassadors have taken a strong lead in the efforts to recruit prospective students and their families. At SBHS being a student ambassador means so much more than being part of a club. Each ambassador is an official representative of the school, who possesses good knowledge of the workings of SBHS, including information on academic programs, sports, activities and clubs. The Saint Barnabas High School student ambassadors truly represent the best of Barnabas.

Organized by Freshman Guidance Counselor and Director of Recruitment, Christina Washburn, the Student Ambassador Club has grown within the last few years due to the

increasing amount of recruitment events. This year, seniors Zahra Naroore and Arielys Valerio, accepted the responsibility of being the President and Vice-President to help with the daily duties and needs of the club. "The ambassadors are the heart and soul of the school. They are the face of Barnabas. When we recruit, prospective students prefer speaking to other students who were once in their shoes. SBHS ambassadors understand what these students are going through and have dealt with the stresses of choosing the right school." Says Washburn.

Valerio stated, "Being a Student Ambassador at Saint Barnabas High School has helped me develop my confidence and strong public speaking



The 2014-2015 Saint Barnabas High School Student Ambassador Club. (The following students were not available for the photo: Caitlin Thompson-Gr. 11, Mya Augustin-Gr. 11, Liane Sousa-Gr. 11, Erysa Gayle-Gr. 11, Sobrel Okpo-Gr. 12 and Cailing Courtney-Gr. 11.)

skills. These skills will help me in college as well as in any career I may pursue in life. Additionally, being the Vice-President has helped me to develop leadership skills." The SBHS ambassadors are committed to their duties and work diligently at making

sure Saint Barnabas is portrayed in the finest way. They actively attend all recruiting events and seek out prospective students so that the Barnabas pride can be passed on to a new wave of students.

## *Preston High School holds annual reunion*

Preston High School welcomed almost 100 alumnae home for a day filled with reminiscing, laughter, good food and great people! The reunion celebration began with tours and breakfast at the school. A special Mass was celebrated by PHS Board of Trustees member, Fr. Thomas Collins, president of Stepinac High School. After the liturgy the alumnae gathered at the American Turner Club's Waterfront Restaurant for a sumptuous lunch and lots of reminiscing, friendship and laughter.

Alumnae were presented with special pins and formally greeted by Principal Jane Grendell, director of Advancement Gianna Dell'Olio, and director of Alumnae Emerita Sr. M. Carmella Stapleton, RDC. While each of the classes ending in '0's and '5's were announced, special recognition was given to the Class of '55, celebrat-

ing their 60th anniversary; the Class of '60, celebrating their 55th Anniversary and to the Class of '65, celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Preston also presented the annual Alumnae Service Awards to two very special PHS graduates. The Alumnae Service Awards are given to alumnae to acknowledge Preston's gratitude to those whose loyalty has been a notable gift and a source of encouragement to the school community. This year the award was given to Sr. Mary Charlotte Brennan, RDC (in absentia) and to Rosina Veltri Mandile. Mrs. Mandile is not only an alumna, she is also an alumna parent (to daughter Theresa '13) and a very active volunteer and supporter of all things maroon and white. The celebration concluded with dessert, class photos and lots of laughs and conversations. Congratulations again to all returning alumnae!



(L-r) Gianna Dell'Olio, director of Advancement; Jane Grendell, principal; Rosin Mandile, Alumnae Service Award 2015 recipient; Sr. Mary Carmella, RDC, director of Alumnae Emerita (seated).

## Teen Discovery Guide Program at Bronx Zoo

With National Volunteer Week here, April 12 to 18, the WCS's (Wildlife Conservation Society) Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and New York Aquarium are now accepting applications for the Teen Discovery Guide program.

Discovery Guides are volunteers who are important to the day-to-day operation of the zoos and aquarium. They work within the facilities' ed-

ucation department to interpret exhibits, interact with visitors, and assist with public events and activities.

Discovery Guides will be trained in public speaking and teaching methods to educate zoo and aquarium visitors about the biology and behavior of the wildlife on exhibit. While serving their community, teens in the program will also gain

experience in filling out job applications and interviewing, developing a strong work ethic, public presentation skills, time management, working in teams, and leadership skills, all of which are vital to academic and professional success.

Students can also receive community service credit for their work.

Applications for the Discovery Guide program will be accepted un-

til Thursday, April 30.

Candidates must be available for all training sessions taking place in June and July. More information can be found on each facilities web site.

Volunteer shifts are available every day of the week.

Those interested in applying should visit [www.wcs.org/volunteer](http://www.wcs.org/volunteer).

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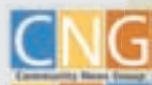
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# New citywide 'Talk To Your Baby' Campaign

New York City First Lady Chirlane McCray, accompanied by Hillary Rodham Clinton, made a big media splash earlier this month by announcing the "Talk to Your Baby, Their Brain Depends on It" initiative.

The campaign includes a partnership with a publisher to distribute baby book bundles to hundreds of thousands of new NYC parents.

So, how important is it for parents to talk to their babies?

"Extremely important, which is why we encourage the parents of our patients to talk to, sing to and read to their children beginning from birth," said Dr. Karen Sawitz, pediatric site director at Union Community Health Center's 260 East 188th location in the Bronx. "Studies have found that by the age of four, children in middle and upper income families hear 30 million

more words than children who grow up in lower income families. This puts children who grow up in lower income families at a decided disadvantage from a very young age."

This was the motivation behind UCHC's long-time involvement in the Reach Out and Read program, which is an evidence-based nonprofit organization of medical providers who promote early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms by integrating children's books and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud into well-child visits

"We care for a population whose children may not have the same access to books that a middle class family might have. Kids who are poor are less likely to be exposed to books and, as a result, have a higher percentage of school failures," said Dr. Sawitz.

## Montefiore to host Earth Week activities and presentations

Healthcare is an energy-intensive industry, making hospitals and other healthcare organizations among the largest energy consumers in the country, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program. The increasing concern over environmental issues and energy costs has intensified the need for hospitals to become more involved with protecting the environment. Montefiore Health System has long been recognized for its energy-efficient and environmentally friendly methods and will share best practices with community members, patients and associates as it celebrates Earth Week from April 20 to 24.

Montefiore has been a leader in sustainability for nearly two decades, and continues to promote and generate sustainability changes. Montefiore was the first hospital in New York City to install a cogeneration system and the first integrated healthcare delivery network to launch a system wide sharps recycling program.

More recent Montefiore initiatives include the installation of a food biodigester at Montefiore New Rochelle that has prevented 40 tons of organic food waste from being landfilled in just four months; adoption of a medical device reprocessing program that prevented eight tons of single use medical devices from entering a landfill in 2014; and a new transportation service that helps create carpool options for associates. Montefiore, which in 2009 enrolled in former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's PlaNYC initiative to

reduce its carbon footprint 30 percent by 2018, recently announced that it has increased its commitment with a plan to reach a 50 percent reduction by 2025.

Earth Week events at Montefiore's campuses in the Bronx and Westchester County are designed to raise awareness about ways everyone can be more environmentally responsible. Associates will learn more about the sustainable practices used at Montefiore's various locations, while community members hear from experts on how to make their own homes greener. The days and locations of the events are:

- Monday, April 20 – Indoor Earth Week event at Montefiore Mount Vernon.
- Tuesday, April 21 – Earth Week event to be held at Montefiore New Rochelle.
- Wednesday, April 22 – Earth Day Expo at Montefiore's Moses Campus' East Garden.
- Thursday, April 23 – Montefiore's Weiler Campus to host Earth Week event.
- Friday, April 24 – Last day of Earth Week held in the atrium at the Wakefield Campus.

Montefiore's Annual Earth Day Expo on April 22 will feature speakers from Cree, GE, Philips, American Standard, Grainger and members of the Engineering Department who will share information about products and practices that are environmentally safe and cost effective. For more information about event locations or Montefiore's energy and sustainability programs, visit [www.montefiore.org](http://www.montefiore.org).

"Studies show that kids actually come into kindergarten with a better vocabulary and do better on assessment tests when they read. Reading also provides a bonding exercise between parent and child at bedtime."

At UCHC, books are given to children ages six months to five years every time they came in for a well-child visit.

"Kids come in now asking for books all the time," said Dr. Sawitz. "Parents always tell me that when their children get a book they walk around with them and want their parents or older siblings to read it to them. They definitely cherish the book. And, for those who are scared of the doctor, it removes much of the stress. Parents appreciate it because it shows we're more than only interested in the medical aspect of the visit."

Books are offered at UCHC in Spanish as well as English. Occasionally, athletes from Fordham University can be seen sitting with the children and reading to them.

"The 'Talk to Your Baby' campaign can make a big difference in both promoting the importance of talking and reading to your baby, regardless of the language you speak, particularly when it comes to the families we see," said Dr. Sawitz.

In discussing early literacy with parents, Dr. Sawitz said that she and her colleagues put reading together with other language modeling activi-

ties that include conversation (telling parents not to feel silly talking to their baby as though they can understand them, because that's how eventually they will), naming objects and narrating everyday activities like feeding, dressing and bathing.

"I also tell parents (many of whom are foreign born) not to worry if they don't have the reading skills to read exactly what's written in a book," she said. "Especially in the early years it's more important to turn the pages and look at the pictures together and talk about them while telling the story, asking 'what happens next?' with the child taking a more and more active role as their language skills progress."

An estimated 80,000 book bundles each year will be distributed by the campaign through Read Out and Read and NYC Administration for Child Service EarlyLearn sites. Advertisements are running in April and May in New York City subways and public service announcements are airing this month on Taxi TV.

Union Community Health Center is a non-profit Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike that provides approximately 150,000 medical, dental and physical rehabilitation visits each year to approximately 27,000 individual patients at its four locations in the Bronx. To learn more about Union Community Health Center, visit [www.uchcbronx.org](http://www.uchcbronx.org).

## Treatment for insomnia

Elizabeth Rivera, a Bronx woman in her mid-60s, suffered from chronic insomnia for years. Most nights she tossed and turned, unable to sleep for more than three or four hours. As a result, she suffered the symptoms of sleep deprivation: little energy, constant fatigue, irritability, poor concentration.

She had tried virtually everything without success: Ambien, melatonin, antidepressants, cognitive behavioral therapy, a CPAP mask and over-the-counter sleep aids. She was at her wit's end when she was referred to the St. Barnabas Hospital Center for Sleep Medicine to see if there was anything left for her to try.

Dr. Daniel Erichsen, director of the center, chose to treat her with Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation (or CES), a non-invasive device that was first cleared for treatment of anxiety, depression and insomnia in 1979, but is rarely found at sleep centers today. (Elizabeth does not suffer from anxiety or depression.)

"In fact, we may be the only sleep center in the country offering CES today," said Dr. Erichsen. "In my opinion, it's something she should have tried before taking medication and

psychotherapy, both of which are limited in terms of effectiveness, side effects, costs or time required. Studies conducted on CES, meanwhile, are very conclusive of the benefits."

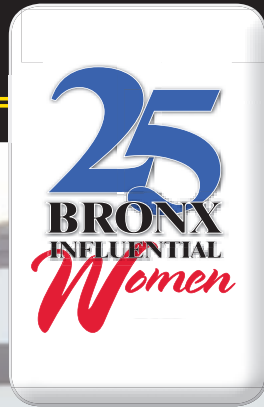
Although the reasons for Elizabeth's insomnia are not clear, Dr. Erichsen believes it was due to a combination of factors: some pain issues, a mild case of obstructive sleep apnea, and a history of taking high dose Ambien.

Elizabeth used the device for about two weeks in her home. About the size of a cell phone, the device works by sending a pulsed, weak electrical current to the brain via electrodes placed on the ear lobes or temple.

The results were immediate. Elizabeth is now sleeping seven hours a night. She reports having far more energy and a much better quality of life.

"CES is noninvasive and less expensive and can be used safely and conveniently by patients in their home," said Dr. Erichsen. "Historically, CES has been used as a last resort when medications and other interventions failed or were not well tolerated. Now, with an increase in the evidence for positive outcomes, it should be recognized as a first-line treatment."

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**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**

Name of LLC: 2678 Bailey Avenue LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 4/15/15. Office loc.: Bronx Co. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Business Filings Inc., 187 Wolf Rd., Ste. 101, Albany, NY 12205, regd. agt. upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful act.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Natural International Talent Alliance LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed w/ the SSNY on 1/8/14. 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 1F Bronx, NY 10472. General Purpose

**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 ADR HOME ENERGY SOLUTIONS LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on January 8 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 Debra Reid 932 E 173 Street Bronx, NY 10460 apt 3B. Purpose: Any lawful activity

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Bailey Distribution LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization with Secretary of State of New York on November 18, 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 3119 Bailey Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION** of DCW INVESTIGATION & 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 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 who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 911 Castle Hill Avenue, 3rd Flr, Bronx ,NY 10473. 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 who process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 1414-A Zerega Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful 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**

**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 HWK Properties LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (Domestic LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on January 22, 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 Shaldon Watson and 3328 Eastchester Road, Bronx NY 10469. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**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 (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 Venues To Rent, LLC domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (2/25/2015). 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 (John Malatesta, 424 Grand Concourse, Apt. 21, Bronx, NY 10451). Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a license number, Pending for beer, liquor and wine has been applied for by the undersigned\* to sell beer, liquor and wine at a retail in a café bar under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3009 Middletown Road, Bronx, New York for on premises consumption.

\*Domenick Fratello, Italia Café Bronx Corp.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice is hereby given** that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 03/20/15, bearing Index Number NC-000049-15/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) New Jerusalem (Last). My present name is (First) Clarisol (Middle) Victoria (Last) Polanco. My present address is 1460 Macombs Road, apt G, Bronx, NY 10452. My place of birth is Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. My date of birth is May 03, 1979.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE:**  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

Central Funding Company and Columbia Capital Co. Profit Sharing Plan, Plaintiffs, vs. S.A.K.B. Real Estate Development Corp., et al., Defendants. Attorney for plaintiffs: Christopher J. Panny, 26 Court Street, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Tel. 718 852 6600.

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated March 17, 2015, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY, on May 18, 2015, at 2:00 P.M., premises beginning at a point on the northerly side of Westchester Avenue, distant 100.08 feet northeasterly along the same from the Northeasterly corner of Westchester Avenue and Intervale Avenue, being an irregular parcel of land with dimensions 25 feet by 65.61 feet by 28.23 feet by 52.51 feet, known as 947 Westchester Avenue, Bronx, New York, block 2704 lot 44, and more particularly described in filed Judgment. Premises are sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment, and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment: \$437,333.68, plus interest and costs. Index No. 35386-2013E. Bianca Perez, Esq., Referee.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plff. vs. JUAN RODRIGUEZ, et al, Defts. Index #380597/12. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Jan. 6, 2015, I will sell at public auction in Rm. 600, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 4th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 789 Elsmere Pl., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 2956, Lot 49. Said premises Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Elsmere Pl., 202.32 ft. easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Elsmere Pl. and the easterly side of Prospect Ave.; being a plot 100 ft. x 25 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is

\$494,575.52 plus costs and interest. This is a First Mortgage. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. JOSEPH VOZZA, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP, PLLC, Attys. for Plff., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. - File No. 29823 - #85745

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT - BRONX COUNTY - Central Funding Company and Rudolf Kats d/b/a Columbia Capital Co., Plaintiffs vs. Janet Bhoopsingh, et al. Defendants. Attorney for plaintiff: Christopher J. Panny, Esq., 26 Court Street, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Tel: 718-852-6600. Pursuant to Judgment of foreclosure and sale dated November 5, 2014, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on May 4, 2015 at 2:00PM premises beginning at a point on the easterly side of White Plains Road, distant 98.27 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of White Plains Road and the northerly side of East 243rd Street and being an irregular parcel of land with measurements of 48.10 feet by 65.21 feet by 35.98 feet by 75.64 feet and more particularly described in Schedule A of the filed judgment and known as 4856-4862 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY. Premises are sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said Judgment and Terms of Sale. Approximate amount of judgment: \$1,274,403.30 plus interest and costs. Index No. 35116-2013E, Deidra R. Moore, Esq., Referee.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX** Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Services 2006-PR1 Trust, Plaintiff, against Wilce Robles; Annette Robles; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 29, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on May 4, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2261 Bassford Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3050 Lot 129. Approximate amount of judgment \$655,996.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382496-09. 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 20, 2015 1136143 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 04/24/2015

# I don't need to see all those iPhotos!

A high-school friend I hadn't seen in years was passing through New York. We had just a few precious hours to catch up, so we wandered around Central Park, exulting in its blossom overdrive, then sat on a sun-warmed rock to chat. Of course I wanted to see a picture of her kids.

Or two pictures.  
Max? Three.

But thanks to that bottomless photo album that also sends texts and makes calls, I saw them all: the kids in their play, the kids at the holidays, the kids with their friends, the kids, the kids, the blurry-but-still-apparently-worth-a-look kids!

And then the husband! And the great uncle! And the husband's brother's wife's mother who is sick. Or fine. Or something — really, I barely know the husband, now I'm high up out on a limb of the family tree and I can hear it cracking under the weight of my not-caring.

Hellllllp! Free-fall! Can I really be the only person struggling to utter another, "Oh!

Nice!" while plunging into photo-induced catatonia? That is the question I asked everyone I could — that is, everyone not so absorbed in their cell-phones that they could actually look up to answer me.

"Technology has made it impossible to run away from slide shows," is how Laura Srebnik, a Brooklyn-based education consultant, summed it up. "Back in the day, when someone invited you, you could say no. Or if you went, they had snacks."

Now? Neither.

"It's not that the pictures are boring," she adds. "I kind of like looking at them. It's when it's like stop-motion animation: 'Here we are, picking up a shell. Here we are, picking up another shell.' You see 20 of practically the same image and you're wondering, 'Couldn't you skip that one?' and they're saying, 'I'm just getting to the good one!'"

The key is the word one, says Marla Muni, a market researcher in Rockland County.

"Some of the pictures don't come out well, and they're



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Lenore Skenazy

never organized and people start flipping through..." Meantime, you're politely waiting or muttering some kind of pleasantries as the photos fly past. That's why Muni's idea of good smartphone etiquette is to have handy one single, clear photo of your children at whatever big event they just had.

"So if you ask somebody,

'Show me the picture from the prom!' there it is" — un-blurry and, with any luck, including the whole head.

After that? Time to put the device away and resume conversing. When Queens-based new media maven Dawn Siff went to her Dallas high-school reunion recently, "You would look around the room at any given point, and half the people were looking down at the phones, frantically scrolling through pictures to find the exact photo they wanted to show people. So they're seeing this person they haven't seen in years — and immediately ignoring them to cue up the perfect picture."

It made Dawn pine for an earlier era, when people would extract a photo or two from their wallets and apologize because the front-tooth-missing tot in the picture was actually now engaged to be married.

Susan Avery, college counselor at Collegiate Harvest High School in Manhattan, was the only gal I could find who both defended showing an album's worth of photos to

friends, and insisted she liked seeing just as many.

"I'm the first one looking at those pictures," she says.

She relishes them for the same reason she relished her first profession, journalism: "I love people's back stories."

That's certainly a nice way to frame what we are seeing when folks start scrolling through: Oh, here's a pair of shoes I was thinking of buying. Here's our vacation — well, the hotel room, anyway. It was in Antigua. No — Alabama. And here's a cool bird from my bird feeder. Its wings are flapping so you can't really see it. And here's my daughter. And my daughter. And my daughter again, but two seconds later — they change so fast at that age!

As do many of us viewers: From complimentary to comatose. Knowing this, you have your choice of what to edit: Your photos, or your friends.

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Lenore Skenazy is a public speaker and founder of the book and blog *Free-Range Kids*.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. COUNTRYWIDE BANK, A DIVISION OF TREASURY BANK, N.A., Pltf. vs. PAUL S. APPLETON, et al, Defts. Index #381426/08.** Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated June 18, 2010, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 11th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 727 East 136th St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 2655, Lot 74. Said property located on the Northerly side of 136th St., 321.1 ft. Easterly from the corner formed by the Northerly line of 136th St. with the Easterly line of Southern Blvd., being a plot 25 ft. x 100 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$354,970.08 plus costs and interest. This is a First Mortgage. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. **STEVEN J. BAKER, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP PLLC, Attys. for Pltf., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 20082 - #85837**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MOHAMMAD ALI; 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 March 4, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.  
On May 18, 2015 at 2:00 pm.  
Premises known as 3132 DECATUR AVE, BRONX, NY 10467-0000  
Block: 3353 Lot: 11  
ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.  
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 \$650,073.32 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 381602/2009  
**Cesar A. Fernandez, Esq., REFEREE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MOHAMMED S KHAN; SAYED KHAN; 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 March 4, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.  
On May 18, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Premises known as 1986A POWELL AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10472  
Block: 3791 Lot: 37  
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 \$387,333.42 plus interest and costs.  
INDEX NO. 380114/12  
**Bianka Perez, Esq., REFEREE**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY**  
LLP Mortgage LTD., Plaintiff against Clifford Emanuel, et al Defendants  
Attorney for Plaintiff(s) The Law Office of Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered October 3rd, 2014  
I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 on May 11th, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Premises known as 835 Penfield Street, Bronx, NY 10470. Sec N/A Block 5118 Lot 135. All that certain Plot, Piece or Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$448,416.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380080/12.  
**Hyong Son Hong, Esq., Referee**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**  
HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-1,  
Index # 381331/11  
Against  
**GLORIA HARRIS, CROMWELL W. HARRIS, MELLISSA PHILLIPS, DAPHINE STEWART, JOAN DENNIS, SEAN ELLIS, NESHARA PHILLIPS, SAHARAH STONE, et al.,**  
Defendant(s).  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 3/2/2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/18/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2723 Cruger 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 4509 and Lot 56.  
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$778,223.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and

Sale; Index #381331/11.  
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
**MOSHE S. NEISS, Esq., Referee.**  
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504  
Dated: 3/11/2015  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**  
Index# 380768-08  
**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I TRUST 2007-HE6 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE6,**  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
**OBIANUJU NWAKILE, ET AL.,**  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 11/15/2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/18/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 629 East 229 Street, Bronx, NY, 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 4832 and Lot 64.  
The approximate amount of the current judgment lien is \$447,272.50 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380768-08.  
**Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee.**  
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556  
Dated: 3/12/2015 ..APA

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**  
**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR MSAC**  
2007-SEA1,  
Index No.380455/09  
Plaintiff(s),  
Against  
**CHARMAINE HONEYGHAN, ET AL.,**  
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 1/25/2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/4/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2041 Benedict Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462, 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 3932 and Lot 115.  
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$442,785.63 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380455/09.  
**Dennis Krolian, Esq., Referee.**  
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556  
Dated: 2/26/2015 ..APA

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**  
**WELLS FARGO BANK**  
Plaintiff  
-Against-  
**JAHANARA UDDIN. ET AL.**  
Defendants  
Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale granted on or about 11/27/2014, I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx New York 10451, on May 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. premises known as:  
1608 Paulding Ave.  
Bronx, New York, 10462-3107  
Block: 4099; Lot: 39  
ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, County of the Bronx, 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: \$436,538.36 plus interest and costs.  
Index No.: 382602/09  
**Leroi J. Andrews, Esq. REFEREE**  
**McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.,**  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
Dated: April 1, 2015

**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 May 11th 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:**  
1010 Michael Mannion,1075 Luis Ortiz,1098 Eddievan Morales,1124 Jermaine Shan,1137 Christine Walsh,1162 Ismael Gonzalez,1217 Debra Bryant, 2064 Sara Shipping,2064 Eligio Jimenez,2370 Douglas Britton,2541 Osborne Jamel,2562 Elihut Hernandez,2612 Angel Mercado,3027 Oscar Arriaga,3067 Anna Otero,3079 Victor Ayudant,3148 Michelle Bell,4058 Shaune Butler,4134 David Laffan Sr.,4280 Hamlet Munoz,3166 Jose Almonte-Roque.

**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 05/18/2015 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 1138427

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX**  
**INDYMAC BANK F.S.B,**  
V.  
**VALENTIN CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN CHEVALIER CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN C. CASTILLO, et al.**  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 5/12/11, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein **INDYMAC BANK F.S.B** is the Plaintiff and **VALENTIN CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN CHEVALIER CASTILLO A/K/A VALENTIN C. CASTILLO, ET AL.** are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the **BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451** on 5/4/15 at 2:00 PM, premises known as 1141 BEACH AVE, BRONX, NY 10472: Block: 3753 Lot: 56  
ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK  
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 0381249/2008. **STEVEN Z. NAIMAN, ESQ. - Referee.** **RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff**

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# King sponsors Tax Lien Assistance Workshop

Being a homeowner and/or property owner has its rewards and challenges. City Councilman Andy King is sponsoring a workshop to provide Bronx residents with information on tax liens on

Tuesday, May 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Williamsbridge NAACP Branch EDE Center, 680 East Gun Hill Road.

Representatives from the city's departments of Finance, Environmental Protection

and Housing Preservation and Development will be on hand to meet with property owners faced with a tax lien sale.

The last day for property owners to pay their tax lien or enter into a payment agree-

ment is on May 14. The Lien Sale will take place on May 15.

Lien sales relate to overdue property taxes, water charges, and other charges against property, which are considered liens against properties.

"I encourage property owners who have tax liens to attend this meeting in order to protect their property from the tax lien sale," said King.

For further information, call (718) 684-5509.

## BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

On Sunday, May 3, the Locust Point Civic Association will be hosting our 2nd Wellness Event. Our last Wellness Event was in November and we are hoping that this semi-annual event will help us to continue our mission to bring awareness to our community on how we can all live simpler, healthier and happier lives. The event is free and open to everyone, the doors will open at 10 a.m. with tea, coffee and snacks available for purchase.

We have a number of very interesting speakers who will make half hour presentations on a number of terrific topics. At 11 a.m., Ann Kelly, certified holistic health coach, will give a fun and informative talk on Ayurveda, the 'Science of Life'. You will learn about your 'Dosha' (mind body constitution) and how the six tastes of

food can help bring your body into balance. At 11:30 a.m., we have a speaker who will be talking about Acupuncture and Massage.

At noon, I will be speaking about the importance of eating seasonally and locally. After my presentation, participants can enjoy a variety of sandwiches made with fresh focaccia from organic flour by our very own local baker, Monica Meola of Cake it Easy. The menu will be Egg Salad with our own 'Glennon Fresh' eggs, Goat Cheese with Tomato Jelly, White Bean Spread with Seasonal Greens and a Lamb Sausage with Roasted Peppers - plenty of options for vegans, vegetarians and carnivores alike - with a side salad. Sandwiches will be \$5 each.

If you are interested in joining our CSA, this is great chance to get lots of informa-



tion and possibly be matched up with a share partner. Information on our continuing series of cooking classes will be available, or you can sign up for upcoming classes on Gluten Free Cooking, Stock and Soup Making and a Pasta Workshop.

During lunch, our speakers will all be available for one on one conversation. We are still finalizing our participants but we are hoping to also have a local bee keeper and other local vendors tabling as well. I for one have been making Yoga Mat Bags and reusable Market Tote Bags that I will be sell-

ing. We're also going to be raffling off a Yoga Mat with Custom Made Yoga Mat Bag with a free Yoga Class.

After lunch, at 2:30 p.m., Sherrill Cropper, owner of Glennon Fresh Eggs, will be speaking about Essential Oil Aromatherapy. Every day, we inhale, touch and taste harmful chemicals and toxins. Synthetic ingredients are in virtually every item in the home, from cleaning solutions and personal care products to food additives. The Young Living Essential Oils Collection work as natural, chemical free replacements for items you use every single day.

At 3 p.m., we will have a presentation on Tai Chi and then at 3:30 p.m., Patty Haney, our certified yoga therapist and instructor will be giving a talk on Numerology and then at 4 p.m. she will be giving a

free Yoga Class followed by Gong Relaxation. Stay the full event and enjoy Yoga Tea and cookies when we're all done. We'll be selling raffle tickets and at the end of the day will be announcing winners.

The event is going to be held at the Locust Point Civic Association at 3300 Tierney Place, plenty of parking and easily accessible by the No. 8 bus which stops right outside of the civic center. Register now and receive a free gift by emailing us at teams4wellness@gmail.com. Bring your own yoga mat for the free class, but if you don't have one, we will have rentals available for \$2. You can also participate in the yoga class by using a chair. It's all fine!

Hoping to see you at this event, in the meantime, be the change you want to see in the world.

## BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Reminders! Flag replacement on Grave Sites at St. Ray's Cemetery and The Churchyard at St. Peter's in the Square will happen on Saturday, May 16. Volunteers will show up at the Post at 11 AM.

On Friday, June 12, we at post will host our Flag Retirement Ceremony beginning at 7 p.m.

The June BBQ at the VA is

still TBA.

The Marine Corps League meets on the second Friday of each month. The next one is Friday, May 8 here at the post. There are raffle tickets to aid this organization available at the Post Pub. Cost is \$1 each or 6 /\$5.

Our next Post member meeting will be on Saturday, May 2 at 1 p.m.

The weather is clearing up so come on in to the post and



take advantage of out most affordable bartenders.

More remembering! For a replacement DD-214 call (866) 272-6272.

A Black Rose Awareness

Campaign will be happening at Orlando Veterans Memorial Park, 2380 Lake Baldwin Lane, Orlando FL 32814. This is on Monday, May 25 at 11 a.m. At this ceremony, the organization will be laying a rose for every vets and military sexual trauma survivor.

Trivia Time!!

On April 14, 1912, the unsinkable Titanic hit a iceberg at 11:40 p.m. and sunk the next day.

The Boston Marathon Bombing took place on April 15, 2013 resulting in three deaths and 264 wounded.

The Oklahoma City Bombing happened on April 19, 1995.

The first burial at Potters field was on April 20, 1869.

On the same date in 1999, the Columbine shooting went down. Tough month, April.

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

## BY TONY SALIMBENE

Meeting reminder! Our 3rd Sunday meeting is Sunday, May 17 at the Turner Club at 11 a.m. sharp, coffee before, drinks and chow after, please join us. That Sunday is also the conclusion of Bronx Week with the parade and vendor stands at Mosholu Parkway. Did I mention May is the month for nominations and election of post officers? This keeps us on track with the requirements for the June County Conven-

tion and the Department of NY Convention in July.

On Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m., we will have a free viewing of 'Last Days of Vietnam' courtesy of PBS-WGBH TV. Joe Mondello will be setting up his gear at TN Memorial Post 1456, 'Nam Vets, all vets and history buffs are welcome! On Sunday, May 2 there will be a Sidewalk Sale on Allerton Avenue by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce. Saturday, May 30 is the Walk Against



Cancer around the field at Msgr. Scanlon H.S. please try to participate.

For all post officers reading this, please remind your post adjutants to get the Consolidated Post Report and Children and Youth report

to County Adjutant Joe Goonan A.S.A.P. We know you do great things but as the saying goes, if it ain't on paper, it didn't happen.

This did happen! Support the Troops raised over \$4,000 bucks for our adopted military members overseas! That's the Army's 'Combined Task Force No Slack' who sent us a sincere thank you!

Looks like the our June meeting will be on Sunday, June 28 for an end of season

BBQ, more info to follow.

As the weather gets nicer (remember, get those flags flying) it will be motorcycle weather. Consider contacting us to check out the Bronx County Legion Riders with our Joe Mondello. Ride for veteran's issues, always a great cause.

Until next time: The difference between the tax man and the taxidermist is the taxidermist leaves the skin! - Mark Twain

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-RP1, Plaintiff, against CLARENCE JOSEPH, et al., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/10/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 05/04/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 634 ROSEDALE AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10473 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block: 3555 Lot: 19, 14-3555-19. Approximate amount of judgment \$428,250.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 14244/07. John Brickman, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1136872

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Plaintiff, against Massimo Defalco; et al., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 6, 2010 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on May 4, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2918 Scott Place, Bronx, NY 10465 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 5427 Lot 11. Approximate amount of judgment \$412,590.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381924/08. Michael Philip Bloomfield, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 11, 2015 1133915 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 04/24/2015

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against JOSE M. INFANTE, YENESIS E. ACOSTA-INFANTE, et al., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/28/2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 05/11/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1661 HUNT AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10462 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York,

BLOCK 4037 LOT 16. Approximate amount of judgment \$592,537.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380782/11. Howard Michael Adelsberg, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1137040

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York successor Trustee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR7, Plaintiff, against Mireya Ramirez; et al., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 9, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New York on May 11, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 17 Minerva Place, 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 NY, Block: 3319 Lot: 63. Approximate amount of judgment \$520,526.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380645/08. Kelechi Onyeobia, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 26, 2015 1136944 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 05/01/2015

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-4, Plaintiff against DHANRAJ RAJKUMAR, et al Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated on March 16, 2015.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 11th day of May, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 1040 Longfellow Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10459. (Block: 2758, Lot: 70).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 503,191.87 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380772-11. Francis D. Terrell, Esq., Referee.

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

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**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX ONEWEST BANK FSB, Plaintiff against KABIR HOSSAIN; SALCHA HOSSAIN, et al Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 6, 2013.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 11th day of May, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 102 Bolton Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10473.

(Block: 3443, Lot: 5).

Approximate amount of lien \$ 530,937.12 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381966-09. Daniel Padernacht, Esq., Referee.

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Notice of Public Sale**

Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1725 West Farms Road, Bronx NY 10460. The sale will be held on Monday May 11th at 1:00 pm. 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 718-991-9010. Unit Number Name Items:

- 1149 Richard Jr. Mercado, 1153
- Alonzo A. Brown, 1156 Pablo Garcia, 1158 Antoinette Walker, 1166 James Michael, 1287 Bernardo Ortiz, 1395 Javier Acevedo, 1574 Thomas J. Monroe, 1585 Leonitha F Francis, 1669 Ritta Johnson, 1754 Alfred Vilchez, 1773 Mary Burris, 1841 Gregory Mason, 1842 La Ron D Gaskin, 1954 Alexander Torres, 1962 Chester Jackson, 2152 Jovonna Flood, 2217 Akwedmiel Mnahsheh, 2268 David Santiago, 2274 Stanley Williams, 2304 Irene Haddock, 2386 Tedra G Mcneil, 2536 Adrian Brooks, 2557 Susanne Ocasio, 2577 Pedro Camilo.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ACCOUNTING CITATION**  
.....File No. 2013-1904/A  
**SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY**

**CITATION**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,**

By the Grace of God Free and Independent,

TO: Romona Smith Bryant; Attorney General of the State of New York and

The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of JACK D. SMITH JR., 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 May 12, 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 JACK D. SMITH JR., deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 650 Reed Canal Road, South Daytona, Florida, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$2,266.12 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,133.06 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,133.06 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, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to NYC Commissioner of Finance f/b/o unknown distributees; (6) 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;(7) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ

Surrogate  
Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk  
Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 31, 2015

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**

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

Notice of Complete Application.  
Date: 04/15/2015

Applicant: BUCKEYE TERMINALS LLC 9999 HAMILTON BLVD - TEK PARK 5 BREINIGSVILLE, PA 18031.

Facility: BUCKEYE TERMINALS LLC - BRONX TERMINAL 1040 E 149TH ST BRONX, NY 10455

Application ID: 2-6007-00130/00002 Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 19 Air State Facility Project is located: in BRONX COUNTY. Project Description: The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination to issue an Air State Facility permit renewal for an existing fuel terminal. The Hess Co. terminal located on the SW side of E149th St, adjacent to the NW bank of the East River was purchased by Buckeye Terminals LLC. This facility is used for the storage, transfer, and blending of petroleum hydrocarbon liquids including distillate and residual fuel oils. The facility operates fuel oil and asphalt aboveground tanks, boilers, engines, truck loading rack, marine loading dock, and office buildings.

The application includes a modification of two Rockmill MP-800 boilers to fire natural gas or No.2 fuel oil. The No.6 fuel oil process is removed from the proposed permit. The facility NOx emissions from combustion sources are

limited to 24.9 tons per year. Records demonstrating compliance with this cap will be kept in accordance with the permit special conditions. The facility is subject to the provisions of State Facility requirements specified under 6NYCRR 201-7. The ASF permit contains a listing of the applicable federal, state, and compliance monitoring requirements for the facility.

The application, draft permit, relevant supporting materials and regulations are available for review during normal business hours at the DEC office provided in this notice. Comments of support or objection may be made by filing a written statement by the deadline date indicated. DEC may schedule a public hearing based upon an evaluation of the nature and scope of any written objections raised. Hearing notices will contain instructions on filing for party status and submitting comments.

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.

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: The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The permit type is exempt or the activity is being reviewed in accordance with federal historic preservation regulations. Coastal Management: This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront

Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

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

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment. Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05/22/2015 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person ERIN L SHIRKEY NYSDEC 47-40 21ST ST. LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101-5407 (718) 482-4997.

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BY DOROTHEA POGGI

Hello to all the readers of this great local paper. This is a 'catch up' column as to what is happening in Ferry Point section of Throggs Neck.

A 'shout out' to thank Assemblyman Mike Benedetto for discussing options for the goals we could have towards reducing our traffic issues in the surrounding community. The future will not change without people who stand up for what is realistic and safe for our community' traffic patterns. Development is wonderful because it brings jobs and tax income for our borough and city....but... not if it forces people to work, shop and visit professional offices elsewhere.

'Shout out' thanks to our member Patricia Williams for baking the cupcakes and Alpha Art Inc. for a small banner for their office during the Throggs Neck Houses Cleanup Day (sponsored by Senator Jeff Klein and).

The streets from Bruckner Boulevard to Schley Avenue surrounding the new Throggs Neck Shopping Mall are horrendous and dangerous. Paving is overdue for years now. It is a joke that we now wish our streets were as nice as the Ring Road.

Both civic groups that protect the immediate Ferry Point area have been working somewhat together on relieving our streets of our latest invasion of 30-35 school buses parked for hours and possibly overnight at the whim of Vallo Bus Company. Probably to save the Bronx Whitestone Bridge toll on the buses that would normally return to their Queens location.

These buses are now blocking the vision of turning vehicles, narrowing the very rutted Hutchinson River Parkway Service Road S. They are causing traffic to stop and back up into the dangerous intersection of Lafayette Avenue near Scanlan High School. They are also parking between the Target loading curb cuts on Brush Avenue, therefore creating delays on both Brush Avenue directions as the Target merchandise trucks have to maneuver around them to unload all day.

Thank you to Community Board 10 and 45th Precinct for your help so far finding clarification as to how to reduce this impact on our already jammed up neighborhood. This is called warehousing of vehicles on NYC streets. The contracts that the schools

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## Ferry Point Com'ty Advocates

who charter these buses agree upon must include tolls back and forth to the Vallo facility. So are those contracts invalid because they are not using that fee????

Double parked vehicles on Brush Avenue: we are still having trouble addressing the tandem MTA buses that come to HOPenn for repair. CB10 and Senator Klein's office did succeed in stopping this problem and nighttime noise from this business for a few months. Now we again have daily MTA buses double parked sometimes idling all day. As a city agency MTA is given leniency by Police which is another city agency....but these vehicles are in for repair and the repair is for a certain part of that vehicle. HOPenn signed a contract that probably required that the service department have adequate space to fulfill that contract without illegally infringing on all the safety of pedestrians and drivers who use Brush Avenue daily.

UPS has a strange way of arranging vehicles in the street. Especially on Friday night when they have open pickups from the public. Cabs, cars and pedestrians fling open doors while squashed between empty UPS delivery trucks crowding the parking spots that should welcome customers to UPS. With no parking available and no sidewalks between HOPenn and UPS, people falling while they carry packages through the maze of vehicles. There are no lanes left open for through traffic.

Cablevision still takes over the street from 9 a.m. to noon, disregarding any signage, curb cuts, legal parking direction of vehicles and even sidewalks.

The Box Storage on Brush Avenue may be a hiding spot for about eight dirt bike riders. One Saturday the police on a call went after a group of illegal bikers, but they 'skedaddled' into the storage parking area and disappeared About 10 minutes later they reappeared and continued toward the Unionport Bridge and may have headed toward Soundview Park, where I hear they have been creating a problem..

Ferry Point Park: On April 17 we enjoyed a group of 100 freshman volunteers at Ferry Point Park. This was the annual Community Service Day from the Pelham Lab School and five of our vols were shared with Van Cortland Park to help with their cleanup as well. There seemed to be much less Hindu debris in this area of the park waterfront than usual. But we noticed more of this type of debris in the newer areas that have been opened to the public by the hard work of the NYC Parks crews.

A 'shout out' thank you to Pepsi for the water you donated for the thirsty students.

Waterways: We are happy to see the Municipal Services Committee of CB 10 considering initiatives for resiliency of our east Bronx waterways by using coastal green infrastructure. Marcel Negret an M.S.candidate in Sustainable Environmental Systems from Pratt Institute has been doing a great job guiding our own City Islander Paul Mankiewicz of the Gaia Institute and Dorothea Poggi of Friends of Ferry Point Park (both BCEQ vice presidents)

Animals: Attention all animal lovers, I hope you have read the column by Donna de Chiaro and the letter to the editor from Marion Koenig explaining what our group, B.A.S.E., Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor has been accomplishing this year.

This Sunday we participated in the press conference held by Comptroller Scott Stringer. His team has completed a yearlong audit of the disgraceful conditions under which Animal Care and Control has been working. Besides the obvious need for a Bronx and Queens State of the Art Animals Shelter, there are recommendations for a larger board of qualified animal professionals with fundraising expertise to bring ACC to a highly funded conservancy to finally treat the animals of NYC humanely.

Homeless: The Crystal Residence Family Shelter seems to be doing well. We have alerted them to some of the concerns we have with the crowds at Ferry Point Park and the lawlessness pervading this park each weekend. They have promised to warn their residents to be careful and mindful. We are happy to have a contact that understands and cares about their residents.



## E. BRONX HISTORY FORUM'S 100TH

On April 15, the East Bronx History Forum held its 100th meeting at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square. Over 45 members and guests attended the meeting and presentation by New York City Department of Parks and Recreation employees about the history and reforestation of North Brother Island. (Above, l-r) EBHF Officers and Park guest speakers Anthony Pisciotta, Mike Gupta, Kristen King, Director of Forest Restoration, Kevin Graham, Richard Vitacco, President EBHF, John Krawchuk, Director of Historic Preservation, Molly McDonald, former Parks Monuments Coordinator, Tom Vasti, VP EBHF.

Photo by Thomas X. Casey

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

I'm so happy to report that our Tree Giveaway was an overwhelming success! We found homes for 150 fruit trees in record time. We ended the giveaway at 12:15 p.m. instead of our usual 1p.m. because all of the trees were on their way to their new homes.

Success always come because there are people working very hard behind the scenes. The First Lutheran Church always partners with us to bring this wonderful event to our community and without them this event could not be held. They not only provide the space but they help at the event as well. So our biggest thank you goes to Pastor Lunow and Debbi Burke for always supporting us and our events.

In order to hold this Tree Giveaway we need volunteers to take the trees off of the trailer, count them and place them in groups on the day of the delivery. Then we need volunteers to set up for the giveaway, man the registration tables, keep track of the online registration lists, educate registrants about tree care, help select trees and keep things organized. It really does require the work of many very dedicated support-

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ers. So huge thank yous go to Linda DeVito (who also bakes us delicious cookies for the event!), James Schefflen, Annie Boller, Michele Torrioni, Andrew Chirico and Joanne Murphy. You all did a great job!

Out of all of the projects our association is involved in, for me, this is right up there as one of the most important. I see it as a lasting thank you to the community that I love. The trees will be here for many decades keeping our community healthy and beautiful. We have placed very close to 3,000 trees and I hope to continue for as long as the program exists.

In the fall of this year, it is expected that the Million-TreesNYC Program will place its one millionth tree. There will be a big celebration and then a decision will be made to either stop the program or continue it on a smaller scale. Our association will certainly be there to support its continuance.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

DISSOLUTION PROCEEDING  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT CONVENCIÓN DE LA MISIÓN EVANGÉLICA LA CUMBRE INTERDENOMINACIONAL, INC., a religious corporation formed and existing in the State of New York ("Convencción"), will make an application to the SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BRONX COUNTY, for judicial dissolution of Convencción.

Said application for dissolution shall be made in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 at Part 5, Room 415 of that Court, on the 4th day of May, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. The Clerk of the Court has assigned index number 261080/14 to this matter.

The relief sought by Convencción in said application, shall be for an Order and Decree: (i) dissolving Petitioner pursuant to § 18 of the Religious Corporations Law; (ii) authorizing

JANISHKA FUENTES to execute a deed from Convencción to 3089 Wissman, Inc., pursuant to a contract of sale dated October 3, 2014, for the real property (vacant land) located in the County of Bronx and assigned Tax Map Designation Block 3558 and Tax lot 18; (iii) directing payment of legal fees, publication costs and expenses associated with this dissolution proceeding by Convencción; (iv) directing and authorizing JANISHKA FUENTES to transfer Convencción's remaining assets to Mision Evangelica La Cumbre, Inc., a religious corporation formed and existing pursuant to Laws of Puerto Rico ("La Cumbre"); (v) retaining this Court's jurisdiction over this matter after the date of entry of judgment for all purposes; and (vi) granting such other relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Opposition shall be made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the above address; and any person in opposition may appear at the above noticed date and time.

STATEMENT OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING: a dissolution proceeding by

Convencción pursuant to § 18 of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, in which Convencción intends to make application for dissolution on the basis: (i) that Convencción is a religious corporation previously formed and existing pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York; (ii) that Convencción presently has no members; (iii) that the members of Convencción have not worshipped as a religious organization in the past five years; and (iv) that Convencción has ceased acting in its corporate capacity. Convencción shall further allege that its only debts are owed to Mision Evangelica La Cumbre, Inc., a religious corporation formed and existing pursuant to Laws of Puerto Rico and for taxes to Tower Capital Management. Convencción shall also allege that its sole asset is the foreclosed property (vacant land) located in the County of Bronx and assigned Tax Map Designation Block 3558 and Tax lot 18. Convencción's application shall seek that the order of dissolution provide that Convencción may devote, apply and transfer its assets to La Cumbre, after payment of legal fees, publication carmine lippolis costs and expenses associated with that dissolution proceeding.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF THE BRONX Docket Number B-25926-7/14 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS In the Matter of the Guardianship of CHADIEL ROSADO a/k/a CHARDIEL ROSADO a/k/a CHADIEL PADILLA a/k/a CHARDIEL PADILLA & CHARMALISS ROSADO PADILLA Pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York and/or Article 6 of the Family Court Act TO: IRMALISS PADILLA APOLONIO ROSADO SEND GREETING: A verified Petition has been filed in this Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SOCIETY SERVICES, the Petitioner, is a permanently neglected and/or abandoned child, as defined by Article 6, Part I of the Family Court Act and/or Section 382-b of the Social Services Law.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Family Court at 900 SHERIDAN AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK, PART 4, before the Hon. PETER J. PASSIMODO, on JUNE 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. of that day to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody and guardianship of the above-named child, and awarding custody and guardianship of the child to the Petitioner and the Commissioner of Social Services as a permanently neglected and/or abandoned child as provided by law. UPON YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR ALL OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE CHILD ABOVE-MENTIONED MAY BE TERMINATED AND THE COURT WILL HEAR AND DETERMINE THE PETITION AS PROVIDED BY LAW. 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. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER, AND IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR A LAWYER, THE COURT WILL APPOINT ONE TO REPRESENT YOU, FREE OF ANY CHARGE TO YOU. NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ANY PARTY CLAIMING STATUS AS A FATHER OF A CHILD BORN OUT-OF-WEDLOCK PURSUANT TO SECTION 384-C OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW AND/OR SECTION 111-A OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW TO BE HEARD AS TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD. Dated: Bronx, New York By Order of the Court /s/ CLERK, FAMILY COURT BRONX COUNTY

**LEGAL NOTICE**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHARLESTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NUMBER: 2015-CP-10-1694

GEORGE SIMMONS, Plaintiff, vs (LIS PENDENS) Althea Smalls, Deborah Smalls, Gwendolyn Smalls, Isaiah Smalls, Jr., Harold Smalls, and John Doe, adults and Richard Roe, infants, insane persons and incompetents, being fictitious names designating a class of persons known or unknown, who may be heirs, distributees, devisees, lega-

tees, widow, widower, assignees, executors, administrators, creditors, successors, issues and alienees of the following deceased persons: Catherine S. Smalls, Margaret S. Roper, Herman Roper, Danny Roper, and Isaiah Smalls, and also all other persons unknown who have or may have any claim, right, title, interest or estate in or lien upon the parcel of real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an action has been commenced and is now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for Charleston County pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 53, Title 15, South Carolina Code of Laws for 1976, as amended, commonly known as the "Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act", Chapter 67, Title 15, and Chapter 61, Title 15, South Carolina Code of Laws for 1976, as amended, for the purpose of obtaining a determination of this Court that the Plaintiff and Defendants are the owners of the below described parcel of real estate; to determine adverse claims thereto, if any, and to quiet the title thereto in the name of the Plaintiffs as the owners thereof as tenants in common, and with fee simple title thereto; and for the partition in kind of their interest therein pursuant to the provisions of Rule 71, S.C.R.C.P.

THE below described parcel of real estate was, at the time of the filing of this Lis Pendens, and at the time of the commencement of this action, is situated lying, and being in the County of Charleston, State of South Carolina, and is more particularly described as follows:

ALL that parcel, piece and lot of land being on Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, designated as the New Lot 2, constituting 5.946 acres on a plat recorded in the R.M.C. Office for Charleston County in Book L14, Page 420 and more particularly described as follows:

All that piece and parcel of land beginning at a point on the North bank of Leadenwah Creek, thence in a north easterly direction for 484.48 feet to a point, thence to a westerly direction for 508.19 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction for 290.24 feet to a point, thence in a westerly direction for 83.6 feet to a point, thence in a southerly direction for 50.04 feet to a point, thence in an easterly direction for 615.62 feet, said property further being described as bound on the south by the lands of Madeline Laboone Tavel; and the Leadenwah Creek, on the east, west and north by the lands of George Herbert Roper, et al.

Said Lot having such size, shape, dimensions, buttings and boundings as specifically set out and fully appear on the hereinabove mentioned plat.

Further being a part of the same property conveyed to Isiah Roper by Grover J. Glaus and Mattie M. Glaus by deed dated October 5, 1936, said deed recorded in Book K39, at Page 160 in the R.M.C. Office for Charleston County.

T.M.S. #156-00-00-068  
BY: s/Edward M. Brown, Esquire  
EDWARD M. BROWN, ESQUIRE  
P. O. Box 20261  
Charleston, S.C. 29413  
(843) 559-9224  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Dated: March 3, 2015

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CHARLESTON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NUMBER: 2015-CP-10-1694

GEORGE SIMMONS, Plaintiff, vs. (NOTICE NISI) Althea Smalls, Deborah Smalls, Gwendolyn Smalls, Isaiah Smalls, Jr., Harold Smalls, and John Doe, adults and Richard Roe, infants, insane persons and incompetents, being

fictitious names designating a class of persons known or unknown, who may be heirs, distributees, devisees, legatees, widow, widower, assignees, executors, administrators, creditors, successors, issues and alienees of the following deceased persons: Catherine S. Smalls, Margaret S. Roper, Herman Roper, Danny Roper, and Isaiah Smalls, and also all other persons unknown who have or may have any claim, right, title, interest or estate in or lien upon the parcel of real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

TO: Such of the Defendants in the Above Action Who May Be Infants, Insane Persons and Incompetents:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Charleston County, State of South Carolina, an Order appointing for you as Guardian ad Litem, Nisi, Itrriss J. Jenkins, Esquire whose business address is 215 East Bay Street, Suite 203, Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

The appointment shall become absolute upon the expiration of thirty (30) days following the last date of publication of the Summons herein, unless you or someone in your behalf, on or before the last mentioned date, shall procure someone to be appointed as the Guardian ad Litem to represent you in the above action.

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TO: The Defendants Above Named: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Charleston County, a copy of which is herewith served upon you and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the Plaintiff or his attorney, EDWARD M. BROWN, at P. O. Box 20261, Charleston, South Carolina, 29413, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint and a judgment by default shall be demanded.

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# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY KENNY AGOSTO  
AND RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

Bronx Park East Community Association, aka 'B-PECA', fights for the residents of Allerton and Pelham Parkway. Our next open community meeting will take place Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. inside CenterLight at 2401 White Plains Road. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

## May 7th: NYC Tenant Rally

The year of the Tenant is here. As you may know, the New York State Rent Stabilization laws that protect over 2 million NYC tenants and 1.1 rent-regulated apartments, expire this June. Not only do the rent laws need to be renewed for another four years, but they must be strengthened.

NYC is more unaffordable than ever. Thus, why should landlords be able to raise the rent of an apartment by 20% when it becomes vacant after one year of rental? Why should landlords be able to dramatically raise rents to tenants with 'preferential rents' without reason or notice? These are reasons why the rent laws must be strengthened!

Join the Real Rent Reform 'R3' coalition, the Alliance for Tenant Power and B-PECA participants on Thursday, May 7 at 5 p.m. in Manhattan's Foley Square for a rally and march across the Brooklyn Bridge to 'Save One

Million Homes'! To save one million rent-regulated apartments from becoming out of reach for hard working families who are being priced out of this city.

All hands on deck: The time is now to fight for Bronx tenants!

For more info on the rally/march, contact Ava Farkas of the Metropolitan Council on Housing at (212) 979-6238 or [ava@metcouncilonhousing.org](mailto:ava@metcouncilonhousing.org).

We invite our Allerton and Pelham Parkway elected officials on the city and state level to join us hand-in-hand on May 7 to truly make 2015 the year of the tenant!

## Zimmerman Park Event

Join B-PECA, D.I.G. Farm and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson for a dynamite Earth Day Weekend planting event in Allerton's Zimmerman Playground. As was done in Seton Falls Park this past Sunday, DIG and B-PECA will be planting perennials, flowers and herbs at the Olinville Avenue park entrance to beautify 'Zim's'. We will also have food and music to celebrate Earth Day Weekend in fashion!

Meet at Zimmerman Playground, located on Olinville Avenue between Allerton Avenue and Britton Street between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.. Bring clothes and shoes you can get dirty and 'DIG' in with!

For info on volunteering, text/call (347) 654-7044

or email [bxparkeast@gmail.com](mailto:bxparkeast@gmail.com).

## May 19 & June 9: ALBANY

Back to the topic of affordable housing, we invite you to join the Metropolitan Council on Housing and many other tenant advocacy groups as we take a bus to Albany to advocate our elected officials on the need for strengthening the rent laws.

The buses will be leaving from the Bronx on Tuesday, May 19 and Tuesday, June 9 and are free. You will also be served a free breakfast and lunch courtesy of the Met Council and their supporters. To sign up for one or both of the buses to Albany, email [bxparkeast@gmail.com](mailto:bxparkeast@gmail.com) or call (347) 654-7044 and we will give you all the info.

This is the year of the tenant. Let's get going!

## Seton Falls Success

On Sunday, April 19, over 60 volunteers from the Seton Falls Park Coalition, D.I.G. Farm, Starbucks Community Giving and B-PECA all converged on one of the Bronx's hidden treasures, Seton Falls Park - a sprawling 33-acre wooded paradise located in a big valley on East 233rd Street between Crawford and Baychester avenues.

The event sponsor, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson greeted the volunteers and visited the various work sites throughout the park. We had an outstanding DJ who played an eclectic mix of



On April 11, "Morgan's Grove" was planted in honor of Allerton resident and Bronx Historian Morgan Powell."

rock, country, hip hop, soca, and salsa music to dancing kids with their swaying parents in-tow.

The kids painted a beautiful mural at the Stars and Stripes Playground and planted fresh mint, oregano, and t hyme. The crowd was also dazzled to an awesome food and cooking demonstration with Chef D'Amour.

This event could not have been a smashing success with out the efforts of: Renee Paterson and Ms. Williams of

Seton Falls Coalition; Allison, Margot, Melanie, Mark, Carol, Guy, Tommy, and the great people of D.I.G.Farm; James Vargas and Team B-PECA; and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson's family and staff - Helene, Melanie, Hayden, Wilson, and Donna.

Until next time, keep in touch with B-PECA by phone, email or text, or on our facebook group: [www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast](http://www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast)

## One Stop Shopping Expo Saturday, April 25th

A One Stop Shopping Expo will be held on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at

1716 Southern Boulevard (off 174th Street.)

Included in the day's offer-

ings will be jewelry, scented chandles, massages, men's clothing, sweet shops, organic

coffee, House of Vintage Music Golden Oldies, and other various vendors.

For further information and directions call Remi at (347) 664-4113.

BY LYNN GERBINO

It looks as though spring has finally sprung and, hopefully, the weather won't hit 90 degrees for a very long time.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone Manor. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Christine Coyle, an infectious disease specialist from Jacobi Hospital. There has been much speculation recently about why children should or should not be immunized and Dr. Coyle will give us the latest information on

the subject. So all parents and grandparents of young children should stop by and hear the latest news on having our children vaccinated. If you have any questions, please feel free to come and ask Dr. Coyle.

Our intent is to also have a representative from the Throggs Neck Post Office. I hope it works out!!

Congratulations to my former colleague from the Bronx Times and great friend, John Roche, whose first book, *Bronx Bound*, is now available for purchase. John grew up in the area

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and is well known to all. His mystery can be purchased on Amazon, at Barnes and Noble and its web site, and through his publisher Black Opal Books. We all wish John well in this new endeavor and hope the book becomes a bestseller. It is doing very well so far!!

If you have not paid your dues yet, please do so. We count on your support so we can support out Little League, Girls Softball, Halloween Parade and many other community activities. Please send your \$15 check to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, NY, 10465.

Some ask why they have to back pay dues when they have skipped a year. The answer is simple...we have paid your portion of the Bronx Times subscription for that year and it

is our way to recoup that cost. If you do not pay dues for two years, we will drop you from our membership list and cancel your subscription to the Bronx Times. When you support us, we are able to support many local community groups with your dues. You have too belong to be part of it!! We thank all those who have paid their dues and for always supporting us!

As always, you can reach us at (718) 823-0327 and don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS INDEX NO. 703360/2014 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial situs of the real property JAMES B. NUTTER AND COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. JOYCE MATTHEWS A/K/A JOYCE LEWIS AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF BERNICE MATTHEWS, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or

parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1050 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456 Block: 2437; Lot: 9 To the above-named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after 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 the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$810,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, County of Bronx on October 27, 2009 in CRFN 2009000350774, covering premises known as 1050 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456. 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. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU

ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: February 10, 2015 RAS Boriskin, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff By: Thomas Zegarelli, Esquire 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite LL-13, Westbury, NY 11590 (516) 280-7675 13-25499

**LEGAL NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - BRONX COUNTY SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 260750-14 Borough: Bronx Block: 4824 Lot: 55 NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN Plaintiffs, v. GLADYS ESOWE; NORTH SHORE INVESTORS REALTY GROUP, LLC; DORIS PERKINS, 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 DORIS PERKINS, by purchase,

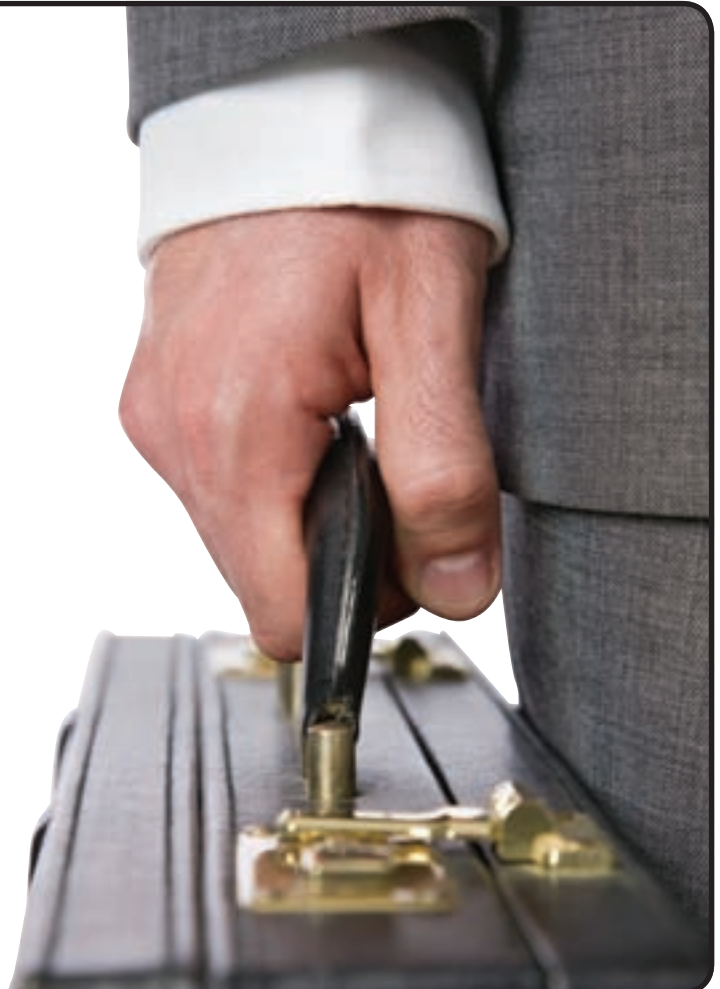
inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to plaintiffs; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU 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 plaintiffs, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiffs' attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of

service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: January 21, 2015

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 3, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 632 East 223rd Street, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 4824, Lot 55 (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 \$7,624.34, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. PHILLIPS LYTTLE LLP, Anthony J. Iacchetta, Attorneys for Plaintiffs Attorneys for NYCTL 2013-A Trust and the Bank of New York Mellon as Collateral Agent and Custodian, 1400 First Federal Plaza Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 238-2000 aiacchetta@phillipslytle.com

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# Bronx House trip to Baruch College Open House

Bronx House will be attending a Baruch College Open House on Saturday, May 9. All high school students are welcomed.

A campus visit at Baruch is an opportunity for high school students to get a firsthand view of the college.

A college catalog, view

book, or website can only show you so much. To really get a feel for the school, you need to walk around the campus, sit in on a class, and visit

the dorms.

Bronx House participants will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. and return to Bronx House at 2:30 p.m.

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BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Mr. Obama has engaged in yet another radical departure in U.S. foreign policy with his opening of relations with Cuba for the first time since 1961.

Two vital questions remain unanswered.

Why has the White House chosen this peculiar point in time to engage with Havana, and what benefit does the U.S., other than public relations praise from several Latin America leaders, stand to gain from the move?

The President is, once again, using Executive Authority rather than consultation with Congress in this matter, resulting in both those questions remaining insufficiently answered.

Mr. Obama's penchant for ignoring long-standing and unresolved issues in dealing with nations at odds with America was again on display as he maintained, in a well-publicized recent quote about his stance on Cuban-U.S. relations, "The United States will not be imprisoned by the past — we're looking to the future. I'm not interested in having battles that frankly started before I was born... The Cold War has been over for a long time." The Cold War remark is rather strange, in light of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine, dramatic arms buildup, threatening actions towards Europe, and nuclear patrols off U.S. coastlines.

There have been debates concerning a softening of relations with Havana for years. However, the Castro leadership's continued intransigence in refusing to provide basic human rights to its people, support of terrorism, and continuing military threats to other nations including the United States prevented any progress. Those factors have not improved, and, in terms of its willingness to allow Moscow to use Cuba as a military base for actions compromising the national security of the United States, their actions have in fact recently worsened.

Under the terms of the new relationship, Cuba will be removed from the list of

states sponsoring terrorism, despite the fact that it continues to do so. Example includes continuing support for Basque terrorists and sheltering Joanne Chesimard and Charles Hill, who murdered U.S. police officers, and Guillermo Morales, an explosives expert/bomb maker for the FALN (Fuerzas Armadas Liberacion Nacional), an extremist organization advocating for Puerto Rican independence through acts of violence. The group, active in the 1970s and early 1980s, is credited with committing more than 100 bombings that caused several deaths, multiple injuries, and millions of dollars in damage.

The two nations will exchange embassies, and engage in some prisoner exchanges. Some restrictions on commerce will be eased, but the embargo will not be completely removed unless Congress approves. The move would allow U.S. residents to send funds to family members in Cuba, and ends most travel restrictions. This should substantially assist Havana's economy. There is no substantial benefit to the U.S. economy, or a resolution of the confiscation of American property by the Castro regime.

There is no indication that Havana will ease its extreme suppression of human rights on the island following the normalization of relations. Indeed, even during the discussions leading to the new relationship, Cuba imprisoned 140 additional people for political reasons. Freedom House noted that "In 2014, the Cuban government increased its systematic use of short-term "preventive" detentions—along with harassment, beatings, and 'acts of repudiation'—to intimidate the political opposition, isolate dissidents from the rest of the population, and maintain political control of all public spaces. A record number of politically motivated detentions were recorded in 2014, and crackdowns on activists continued. For example, an attempted performance that addressed social and political issues, orchestrated by artist Tania Bru-

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guera, was met with harsh repression in December."

Considering that the United States is receiving no substantive financial incentive from Obama's initiative, and human rights considerations are essentially ignored, why has the White House chosen to aid the Castro regime at a time when Havana is assisting Moscow's expanding military presence in Latin America?

Last July, The Guardian reported that "Russia has quietly reached an agreement with Cuba to reopen a Soviet-era spy base on America's doorstep, ...The deal to reopen the signals intelligence facility in Lourdes, south of Havana."

The move is part of a larger Russian effort to expand militarily throughout Latin America. The authoritative Jamestown Foundation has reported:

"Nobody should think that Moscow's aggressive campaign to restore its former status as a global great power or its fundamentally anti-American policy is currently confined to Ukraine. Indeed, while the invasion, occupation and annexation of Crimea—not to mention the threats to eastern Ukraine—continue, Moscow is also seeking to expand its military, political and economic footprint in Latin America. Russia seeks to establish permanent bases in the Western Hemisphere to challenge the U.S. With Brazil, Moscow is trying to generate interest in joint development of combat aircraft and surface-to-air missile systems. If successful, this would mark a step toward creating a group of industrialized countries that employ Russian designs and design bureaus for creating their own military hardware, thereby making the Russian defense sector more secure, pervasive and particularly significant in high-tech

areas. Meanwhile, Moscow will sell entire weapons systems to less-developed countries endowed with cash, as it has done with Venezuela he United States' policies as well as to try to peel away US allies from Washington's influence.

... But arms sales hardly exhaust Russia's repertoire here. Perhaps the most significant move was revealed on February 26 by Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu when he described a global plan of potential bases for the Russian Navy. These targets for bases also include countries in Asia like the Seychelles Islands and Singapore (RIA Novosti, February 26). In Latin America, Russia is seeking bases in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela, all of whom are Moscow's allies. Yet, significantly, two of these states—Cuba and Venezuela—could face a change of leadership or even regime in the near future. These proposed naval bases represent an effort to undermine the US and its allies in Latin America (ITAR-TASS March 5; lignet.com, March 18). Indeed, the Russian military is also seeking equatorial bases for refueling its Long-Range Aircraft, suggesting combat missions for them in the vicinity of either Latin America or North America (ITAR-TASS, March 5). Nicaraguan media reports, meanwhile, pointed to the expansionist logic behind Russia's bases and Moscow's desire to challenge the United States in its "backyard." These reports also noted that the Barack Obama Administration has done little or nothing to counter the expansion of Russian and Chinese influence into Latin America (La Prensa, March 3, 4)."

Moscow has helped create and foster anti-U.S. activities in Latin America that go far beyond the usual verbal expressions of disdain for the United States. As previously reported in the New York Analysis of Policy & Government, With the assistance of China, Russia, and Iran, a number of Latin American and Caribbean nations are developing a new, hostile military structure.

The Strategy Center's study on the Advance of Radical Populist Doctrine in Latin America describes how Venezuela has utilized its vast income from oil sales to develop an anti-U.S. movement in the western hemisphere. Entitled ALBA (also known as the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America) it was initially formed by the late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez in 2004 and includes Venezuela, Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Dominican, Ecuador, Antigua & Barbuda, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

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According to a Bolivian diplomatic document reviewed by the New York Analysis of Policy & Government, the organization seeks to develop a number of cooperative economic initiatives, and most importantly, a "new military doctrine." This alliance is clearly anti-U.S....

Gen. John Kelly, in charge of the U.S. Southern Command which has responsibility for Latin American security matters, is deeply worried that the slashed American defense budget has been deeply detrimental to our interests in Latin America and is "significantly degrading our ability to defend the southern approaches to the United States."

Clearly, America gains very little from normalizing relations with Cuba. The White House has failed to explain its motive for doing so, other than the President's dislike for continuing policies that predates his administration.

Providing unreciprocated concessions to a regime that continues to violate human rights, supports terrorism, and has recently welcomed military threats against America onto its soil renders both the existence and timing of Mr. Obama's actions deeply troubling.

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## A Good Week For A-Rod

cludes Chicago White Sox right-hander Hector Noesi has used a Kevlar padding insert in caps this season or in spring training that Major League Baseball has not approved, the manufacturer told ESPN's "Outside the Lines" on Sunday.

Rob Vito, CEO of Unequal Technologies, said Noesi and New York Yankees reliever Esmil Rogers have worn the company's "Dome" insert under official New Era caps in games this season. Four other pitchers he declined to name have also worn them in the last six weeks.

Vito said the padding is a 5½-ounce military-grade composite, with one layer of coated Kevlar and another of a soft proprietary material called airon.

An MLB executive told "Outside the Lines" on Sunday that it was looking into the use of the Dome inserts and was reserving comment. Pitchers are free to wear protective headgear of their choice, as long as it doesn't interfere with competition or with MLB licensing agreements.

### Redundancy

I agree with Bob Molinaro here: "Many television viewers - and a lot of partisans from losing teams - apparently just  
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# Wings duo spend final high school game as adversaries

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Close friends and Wings Academy teammates Jessie Govan and Desure Buie finished their high school careers in the same game, on the same court, just not as teammates.

Govan, who is headed to Georgetown, and Buie, a Hofstra-commit, were on opposing sides of the regional boys' basketball all-star game of the Jordan Brand Classic at Barclays Center on April 17.

It marked the first time the pair hadn't been on the same squad in more than two years and their first game as opponents since Buie played with Wings and Govan with St. Mary's (L.I.) in the local Beacon tournament their sophomore years. The change took a little getting use to early on. The two in opposite jerseys were also interviewed on the video board prior to the contest.

"I never envisioned myself playing against him," Buie said. "It was weird shaking hands, going to half court and looking at him the on the other side."

Buie noted that he was surprised when he was first told they wouldn't be together after playing at Wings and with the New York Lightning AAU team. The pair petitioned the event's organizers to be reunited, but were told it was done to create the best matchups in the game. Bishop Loughlin stars Mike Williams and Khadeen Carrington faced a similar fate last year.

"We kind of understood," Govan said.

The two embraced the opportunity from there. Govan did his fair share of trash talking, continually telling Buie how his team would beat his. Govan indeed got the bragging rights as his East Team came out on top 125-112 over Buie's West squad. Govan scored 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds and Buie had three points and three assists. Iona Prep and Notre Dame commit Matt Ryan chipped 15 points,



Wings guard Desure Buie (c.) played against teammate Jessie Govan in the regional all-star game at the Jordan Brand Classic.  
Photo by Ken Maldonado

seven rebounds and four assists for the East.

"We will probably be talking his smack, but he's not going to say too much because he wasn't guarding me today," Buie said.

Added Govan "I'm going to talk his ear off."

The experience overall was a memorable one. The pair got

to play with and against some of the best player in the country in front of a large crowd at Barclays Center that included Michael Jordan himself.

"It is a once in a lifetime thing," Buie said. "You don't get this back. I had fun."

The Wings duo was able to accomplish plenty together this season. They led the school

to its first PSAL Class AA city title and knocked off two-time defending state Federation Christ the King for the program's first Federation crown.

"We accomplished all our goal," Govan said. "We won the city championship. We won the state championship. Number one in New York. It was a great experience."

# Boys Basketball Honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx was the king of New York City thanks to a historic season by Wings Academy.

The Wings won their first PSAL Class AA title in the first championship game without a Brooklyn school since 2005. Coach Billy Turnage's club did one better after that by rallying to end Christ the King's two-year reign on top of the state in the Federation final.

Monsignor Scanlan didn't bring home a title, but fought its way to the CHSAA Class A final after seeing a number of it highly-recruited players transfer before the season. St. Raymond and Cardinal Hayes remained among the top 'AA' teams in New York City, while Fordham Prep emerged a real threat in the 'A'. Eagle and Kennedy continues to be among the top PSAL teams in the borough.

Here are the players deemed to be the Bronx's best for the 2014-15 season:

**ALL-BRONX BOYS' BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR:**

**Jessie Govan**  
Wings Academy

Govan was the difference between Wings and the rest of the teams in New York State. The 6-foot-10 Georgetown commit gave his team a dominant presence on both ends of the floor. He helped Wings to its first ever PSAL and state Federation Class AA crowns. Govan average 23 points and 13 rebounds per game. He tallied 29 points and 13 boards in the city semifinals against Jefferson and fought back tears after scoring the final five points against Dozo to seal the crown.

**ALL-BRONX BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR:**

**Billy Turnage**  
Wings Academy

Years of frustration came to a major end for Turnage, who is in his ninth season at Wings. He finally won the elusive PSAL 'AA' city title after five semifinal defeats and knocked off two-time defending champions Christ the King for the state Federation crown. Turnage masterfully used all the weapons in his arsenal. He let his stars carry Wings like that should, got the most out of his role players and continually fueled his team's determination win.

**ALL-BRONX BOYS' BASKETBALL FIRST TEAM**

**G Clive Allen**  
Cardinal Hayes

Allen's heart, passion and pride rubbed off on all his teammates. The junior's inspired play on both ends of the floor brought out the best in his inexperienced team and made Hayes one



Wings coach Billy Turnage is the 2015 All-Bronx Coach of the Year. Photo by Robert Cole

of the city's most dangerous clubs. Allen averaged 18.1 points per game and tallied a high of 39 points this season.

**G Desure Buie**  
Wings Academy

The Hofstra-bound guard put on one of the best playoff performances in recent years when he dropped in 42 points, including nine 3-pointers to beat Construction in the semifinals. Buie was the guiding force all season for Wings as its floor general and clutch shooter. Her averaged 18.5 points, four rebounds and seven assists per game.

**G Randy Coporan**  
Wings Academy

Coporan, hit big shots in the post

season, was Wings' heart and soul and one of the city's toughest defenders. Opponents' top players never had an easy night with Corporan on them and neither did his teammate if the weren't playing up to par. The senior's impassioned speech turned around the state final against Christ the King.

**F Jeff Hayden, Sr.**  
Cardinal Hayes

The senior was the epitome of a blue-collar player. He used every inch of his 6-foot-3 frame to be one of the city's most effective inside scorers, rebounders and defenders in the city. Hayden averaged 18.1 points per game and was a double-double threat in any

contest he played.

**F Sidney Wilson**  
St. Raymond

The super sophomore lived up to all the hype. There were some expected growing pains, but Wilson proved he is one of the area's most dynamic players. He can jump out of the gym block shots and knock down the three. Wilson averaged 14.7 points per game and led the Ravens to the CHSAA Archdiocesan final.

**SECOND TEAM**  
**F Cahiem Brown**  
St. Raymond

The junior did a little bit of everything for the Ravens. Brown got the job done if they needed points, key rebounds or a big defensive stop. He averaged 17.8 points per game for a young St. Ray's squad.

**G George Pena**  
Monsignor Scanlan

Pena continued to be one of the borough's most explosive players. His fearless nature gets the most out of his 5-foot-9 frame. The junior averaged 17.4 points per contest and led the Crusaders to the CHSAA Class A final.

**G Maquis Duboise**  
Eagle Academy

The sophomore point guard was a force to be reckoned with for Eagles. He epitomized being a floor general by averaging 11.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and 7.5 assists during the regular season and helps his team place second in its division.

**G Nukoy Singleton**  
Mount St. Michael

Mount was one of the more dangerous team in the CHSAA and lot of it had to do with Singleton. The senior guard averaged 16.5 points per game and is a 1,000 points scorer for his career thanks to his excellent handle and superb shot.

**G Darryl Williams**  
Kennedy

The Knights weren't going to beat you with size, but like Williams they could shoot the lights out on any given night. The senior averaged 16.1 points per game and made 55 3-pointers. He shot Kennedy to the PSAL Bronx borough final.

**HONORABLE MENTION**

- F Kevin Dennis, Truman
- F Raykwon Fenton, Holocombe Rucker
- G Baron Goodridge, Cardinal Hayes
- G Kevin Major Samuel Gompers
- G Ignacio Matias, DeWitt Clinton
- G Patrick Murray, Fordham Prep
- F Jose Perez, Wings Academy
- G Cameron Pinn Fordham Prep
- F Saquan Singleton, Monsignor Scanlan
- G Isaiah Washington, St. Raymond

# Field change, fourth inning trip up Fieldston against rival Poly

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Fieldston's rough week continued with a loss to division rival Poly Prep.

The Eagles 3-1 Ivy League softball defeat last Saturday was supposed to be held on the two-time defending NYSAISAA champion's home turf in the Bronx. Instead Fieldston's grass field was deemed unplayable. Instead the Eagles were still the home team, but at Poly's field in Bay Ridge.

"Obviously it's a factor," Fieldston ace Temma Levis said. "Poly is the farthest field from Fieldston and because of that we only had 40 minutes to prepare, opposed to our usual hour and 10 minutes during weekend home games. We're just not as comfortable here. We definitely want out home field back."

On top of the field troubles, Fieldston lost a heartbreaker to Poly Prep and left eight runners on base.

Levis was dominating through the first three innings and pitched a relatively incident free game. Poly did break through with three runs on three hits and an error in the fourth inning. The 3-0 lead was more than enough for Blue Devils' ace Ava O'Mara, who struck out eight. She ran into trouble in the sixth and seventh innings, but Fieldston (6-1, 2-1) was unable to capitalize.

In the sixth Fieldston loaded the bases with one out. Poly (5-0, 3-0) and O'Mara got out of it on a wild pitch that resulted in the runner getting tagged out at home



Outfielder Alexa Mendel just misses the ball and is unable to get an out

Gina Palermo



Rose Montera hitting home plate for Fieldston's lone run against Poly Prep.

Photo by Gina Palermo

and on an amazing play by second baseman Sarah Healy. With two outs and the bases loaded, a grounder got past Nova Stoller at first, but Healy was backing up the play and raced to first to beat the runner to the bag.

O'Mara again loaded the bases in the seventh. This time she did allow one run before her teammates stellar defense got her out of another jam. A blooper was hit

over second base with two outs in the inning, as the runner on third was charging home Coor reached back and threw a strike to home to get the runner out and end the game.

Being the two-time defending state champions, Fieldston knows it is everyone's biggest game and have a target on its backs.

"We come into every game know-

ing that." Fieldston head coach Stefanie Godziewski said. "We hope that we can come into every game motivated to play."

Fieldston will have another shot at taking down Poly this weekend. It is an opportunity it is anxiously waiting for.

"I'm confident we can come out next Saturday and beat them," Levis said.

## Mount's Lacrosse Star Driton "Tony" Thaqi '15 signs with Pace

Mount St. Michael Academy Lacrosse star Driton Thaqi has committed to play Division II Lacrosse at Pace University this fall. Before signing his letter of intent last fall, Tony also considered Dominican College, Alderson Broaddus University, Kean University, and The College of Mount Saint Vincent.

**Position:** FO/MF

**College Choice:** Pace University

**Club Affiliations:** NYC Empire, Rotten Apples

**Lacrosse Honors:** Varsity captain, 2nd team All-League (2013), 1st team All-League (2014), Highest Face-Off percentage in school history, Empire State Cup gold medalist, Super Sophs

What will you major in/study? Nursing

Why did you choose Pace? "I chose Pace because it is a great fit for me academically and athletically. I enjoyed the campus visit and felt right at home. I also love the coaches dedication to bettering the players as individuals, and as athletes. All around I feel Pace is the perfect place for me."

Outlook for 2015 HS season? "We have a lot of new players to look for-



ward to, including many who have just picked up a lacrosse stick. I feel we have many dedicated and hard-nosed athletes who are willing to put the time in to learn the game and help contribute to what I hope will be a successful season to come."

"I would like to thank my parents and the Bogle family for their on-going support. "My mentor and coach Greg Gurenlian for opening doors for me at the face off X, and recruiting. Citylax and Head Heart Hustle for helping me learn the game of lacrosse. Matt Schomburg from fogolax who first taught me how to face-off. My high school coach Joe Capalbo, my club coaches Billy Dransfield, Mike Collins, and Tom Dooley. "Lastly, I'd like to thank Coach (Tom) Mariano and Coach (Rob) Cornetta for giving me the opportunity to play for their growing program."

## Mount Track Star, Anton Porter '15 Signs with Penn State



On hand to witness the momentous occasion were Anton's mother and mentor Ms. Jassett Founsette, a former track star herself, Track Coaches, Darnell Gatling and Eddie McElroy, Athletic Director, Mario Valentini '69, and Principal, Bro. Steve Schlitte, FMS.

Penn State is my dream school and I'm excited to have this opportunity." said Porter.

Anton has played a huge role in The Mount's recent success at the state level and has been

named All-American Top 6. Considered the of fastest student athletes in New York, Anton is ranked fourth in the Nation after winning the 200 meter dash at the 2015 New Balance Indoor Track & Field Nationals on Saturday, March 14, 2015 with a time of 21.45. He took 2nd place in both the 55 meter with a time of 6.53 and the 300 meter dash with a time of 34.83 at the 2015 Indoor Track and Field State Championships last month.

Anton is state champion in the 4 x 200 Relay team. Multiple CHSAA Intersectional champion in the 55 and 300 meters.

Indoors rankings:

55 Meters---6.47 --- 2nd state championship, #2 in New York State

65 Meters---6.93--- 2nd National championship emerging elite, #1 New York State

200 meters---22.38-- 4th National Scholastic - national Championship, #7 in the US, #2 New York State

300 meters---33.82-- #1 New York State

# Preston looking to move past slow start

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Even successful veteran teams need a reminder of just how hard winning can be. That's exactly what the Preston softball squad received in the early season with losses to Archbishop Molloy and a rare league defeat to Maria Regina. The Panthers, who have lost in three straight CHSAA Archdiocesan finals, don't think it is a bad thing to face early adversity.

"It showed us that we still have to work for what we want," senior pitcher Julianna Orrico said.

Classmate and catcher Danielle Kibler, who has missed time with a dislocated finger on her throwing hands, said the early struggles will actually take away some of the pressure this group was feeling. They still understand it is their last chance to bring home the elusive and first title.

"I feel like we have a little less pressure now," Kibler said. "We use to have those undefeated seasons."

If Preston does finally claim the championship it will do so under a new coach. Rachel Mazza left after 16 seasons to become the head coach at The College of New Rochelle. Long-time assistant Frank Toscano took over and it has made for a smooth transition. He is more than confident in the experience group led by Kibler, Orrico and fellow seniors Madeline Giannini, Victoria Rivera and Melissa Knecht.

He watched his team bounce back from losing to Maria Regina by beating defending CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens champion St. Francis Prep 3-1 in the Bronx last Saturday. Orrico showed an improved rise ball while allowing just three hits and striking out eight. Outfielder Brianna Rodriguez collected two hits and drove in two runs.

"My girls are veterans," Toscano said. "I'm not worried about these one or two games. I know they will turn it around. They know what that have to do."

Orrico remains one of the city most dominant pitchers and Kibler as feared a hitter as any. Giannini's speed makes her weapon on defense and at plate. Rivera provides pop and is the team's No. 2 starter. The seniors will need help. Preston will learn heavily on talented junior catcher Bianca Mastropietro, Rodriguez and Ashley Puig. The team's skills and athleticism makes many of the pieces interchangeable.

It is why Preston feels that once everything gets rolling and Kibler is healthy it has all the weapons and the experience to earn the school's first ever Archdiocesan crown.

"We were always a good team and we always fell just that little bit short" Orrico said. "Now that this is the last year, it is really pumping us up. This is really our last year possible for it to happen."



Preston ace Julianna Orrico struck out eight in a win over St. Francis Prep.

Photo by Joseph Staszewski

## Pipe Dreams: Redundancy, The Triangle Offense, Under-Grad

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discovered during the NCAAs that officials miss calls. For sure, the refs are overmatched. But complaints about officiating started about 10 minutes after James Naismith tacked up his first peach basket. In other words, it's nothing new and there's no real solution.

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is the latest to take a shot at college hoops, saying that among other things, "the referees couldn't manage a White Castle." Pretty good line, but isn't this the same guy who has been fined hundreds of thousands of dollars for blasting NBA officials?

My solution for solving replay controversies is to get rid of replay altogether. Basketball did just fine before replay was introduced as a tedious, often badly used tool that drags out games and only sometimes rectifies mistakes. Why is a missed call in the final two minutes automatically assumed to be more important than a dubious decision earlier in the game?"

### The Triangle Offense

Ian Begley (ESPN.com) wrote: "Some NBA personnel question whether the triangle fits today's NBA. The offense produces a significant amount of midrange jump shots -- the type of shot top offenses try to avoid.

Donnie Walsh, however, is a fan of the triangle.

"I think it can bring the best out of teams but you have to have some patience with it so teams can get [the hang] of it," Walsh said.

The Pacers executive left New York due in part to a difference in philosophy with owner James Dolan. But he said Dolan and Jackson can build a winner in New York. He has confidence that Jackson will bring in players in free agency, though Walsh cautioned that New York isn't the big draw that some believe it to be.

"That's one of the most misunderstood things in the NBA, to be honest with you, that you can talk a veteran NBA player into coming to a city just by sitting down with him,

talking to him and offering him the most money," Walsh said. "These guys know what they want to do. They have their own agendas, and they know whether they want to go to New York or they don't want to go to New York. And there are a lot that want to go to New York, so it isn't like there aren't people out there. ... I don't think it's really up to Phil Jackson to talk them into it."

Fisher expanded on his quotes, when he stated that he thought the Knicks could be a 63-win team next season.

"I think my point was just that whatever it is you need in order to make the jump, we have it. So we just have to make the choices that need to be made and commit to the process of doing so," he said. "The cap space is there, the draft pick will be there unfortunately yet fortunately, and it's up to us to do what we need to do with it and continue to work harder and getting better."

### Under-Grad

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle)

wrote: "There's an easy way to eliminate the sleazy feel of college basketball's one-and-done system. Universities like Kentucky should institute a one-year bachelor's degree program, so those student-athletes can leave with diplomas. Let other students dawdle and dither for four years; these guys will walk off with a bachelor's in Hooponomics."

### Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) told us about Lou Holtz, "Football commentator Lou Holtz, to a Notre Dame website, on why he's leaving ESPN at age 78: "I've been everywhere except to bed. I've spoken to everybody except my wife. Somebody said, 'Do you ever go anywhere where people don't recognize you?' I said, 'Home.'"

### Age Is Relative

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# Zero parking for seniors

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or any other type of housing, we are constantly fighting for more parking spaces," said Chirico.

The DCP states in the proposal that "the cost of providing off-street parking can hamper the production of affordable housing" and that by 2040, there will be many more seniors living here.

A DCP spokesman stated that the proposal is looking to make changes to the Zoning Resolution, a master document that regulates city zoning, in specific ways.

"It makes specific, targeted changes to the shape buildings are allowed to take, but doesn't change zoning districts mapped within neighborhoods," he stated.

With affordable senior housing, nothing in the proposal restricts that inclusion

of parking, he stated.

To view the a presentation of the plan online, visit: [www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zoning-qa/presentation\\_0215.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/zoning-qa/presentation_0215.pdf)

Comments on the draft proposal will be accepted through Thursday, April 30. Written comments can be sent to Robert Dobruskin, Director, Environmental Assessment and Review Division, New York City Department of City Planning, 22 Reade Street, 4E, New York, New York 10007 or be emailed to [AHOUSING@planning.nyc.gov](mailto:AHOUSING@planning.nyc.gov).

DCP will also provide district-specific information to the community boards, so they can see how the proposals affect their communities.

Ken Kearns, Community Board 10 district manager, said that the plan focuses more on areas with a "prepon-



Senior housing developments in communities like Pelham Bay could see a change in zoning requirements under a de Blasio administration plan. This building, at 1870 Pelham Parkway South in Pelham Bay, was the site of several senior housing proposals before being put to an alternate use.

Community News Group/Photo by Patrick Rocchio

derance of multi-family dwellings." He added that CB 10 would comment.

Much of CB 10 is low-rise, and the DCP spokesman said the proposal would not affect one- and two-family zones.

The public engagement is welcome news to activist John

Doyle, leader of an east Bronx citizen's committee studying traffic and transportation infrastructure, who noted that Mayor de Blasio ran on a platform of grassroots planning.

"There should be a greater engagement from DCP with community-based organiza-

tions," he said.

According to a published report, community boards from around Queens have concerns about the parking requirement, and have expressed the same concerns as leaders in the east Bronx community.

# Bronx River herring habitat restored

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fish to swim around the dam.

An improved canoe portage was also incorporated into the construction of the passage to facilitate boating on the Bronx River Blueway, open to recreational kayakers and canoeists.

Because fish haven't been upstream for more than a century, Marit said the process of fish spawning north of the dam will start slowly and by accident as fish find their way through the passage.

"In the long run, we hope we'll have hundreds of fish coming up the river," she said.

Progress in the passage will be monitored by video and a fish counter, and the parks department can inter-

vene and jump-start the process if needed.

The project is the first of its kind in the city, said Larson, and is the first effort to get the fish back into the city's largest freshwater stream.

"It's really an action that we hope will maximize the ecological health of the Bronx River," she said.

The effort will continue with two more fish passages planned for dams further up the Bronx River in the next several years, as well as the creation of a passage specifically for the American Eel, another species that has been absent from the waterway as of late.

The \$1.87 million project was made possible in part thanks to major funding and support from Congressman

José E. Serrano through the Wildlife Conservation Society's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Lower Bronx River Partnership, Borough President Ruben Diaz, the Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department's Environmental Protection Fund, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

"Thanks to the hard work of NYC Parks' Natural Resources Group and the Bronx River Alliance's dedicated team of scientists, fish will be able to reach an ideal habitat that was once off limits to spawn a next generation – a great sign of the resiliency of the Bronx River," said NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP.



The new fish passage at River Park allows river herring to swim upstream around the East 182nd Street dam.

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