

# CHILD DIES IN HIT AND RUN TRAGEDY

## SUV crashes through store

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO AND ROBERT WIRSING

A horrific crash in Pelham Bay claimed the life of a seven-year old.

According to police, the driver of a Mercedes Benz SUV, Kwasi Oduro, lost control of his vehicle while backing into a parking space, striking three patrons, who were family members, inside of Kennedy Fried Chicken & Sandwiches near IRT 6 Pelham Bay Station on Thursday, June 4 at around 5:30 p.m.

Oduro, from Soundview, allegedly fled the scene after the accident, only to be stopped by traffic enforcement agents two blocks away at Continental and Westchester avenues, according to police.

A store employee, Ali Ibrahim, said that just before the accident he had served ice cream to a table where the three victims were seated: Ethan Villavicencio who died, and his father and sister who were injured.

"The car reversed into the store hitting tables right inside," said Ibrahim, who was in the back of the house when

the impact occurred, adding "What I caught from the side of my eye was what I thought were flying rocks."

The rocks were actually shards of glass, he said, adding that the Mercedes was inside the store for less than 30 seconds before fleeing.

Ibrahim said the Mercedes first backed into a parked car and made a brief stop, and then continued in reverse through a glass storefront.

"I saw the kid on the sidewalk struggling for about ten minutes," he said, adding that Villavicencio was covered in blood after being moved to the sidewalk before an ambulance arrived.

According to an official at Jacobi Medical Center, Villavicencio's dad and sister sustained non-life threatening injuries. The mother had a doctor's appointment at the medical center across the street at the time of the incident. The family is from Mott Haven.

Within a day of the tragedy, a memorial with candles and signs were placed in front of the boarded up restaurant, and it has continued to grow.

There is a no word yet on



Many items were left at an impromptu memorial set up at the scene of the accident by concerned residents. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

whether the Kennedy Chicken franchise will reopen, said Irene Guanill, president of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association, who added that it is too

soon after the accident.

Balsamo Funeral Home, located on Westchester Avenue several blocks from the accident site, agreed to cover the

costs of the funeral for Villavicencio, according to a spokeswoman for Senator Jeff Klein.

The senator's representative  
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## Agency refuses to abate noise

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Monsignor Scanlan High School's leadership is calling on the Port Authority to have the Throggs Neck high school included in a federally-funded noise abatement program.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey sponsors

individual schools in its School Soundproofing Program, which is mostly funded by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The money is used to retrofit buildings with soundproofing if they are in the flight paths of airports.

Nearby LaGuardia Air-

port in Queens creates a huge amount of noise from overhead aircraft that causes Scanlan teachers to stop their lessons, affecting the overall experience of instruction, said Peter Doran, the principal.

"It is noise pollution when  
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# Parks names new Bronx commissioner

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

NYC Parks has a new Bronx commissioner.

On Monday, June 1, NYC Parks commissioner Mitchell J. Silver and NYC Parks appointed Iris Rodriguez-Rosa as Bronx Parks commissioner.

Rodriguez-Rosa, who previously served as Queens chief of recreation since 2006, brings nearly 30 years of experience working for NYC Parks to the Bronx and its recreation areas.

Throughout her career, Iris has held various positions in a number of capacities in various divisions city-wide including the Bronx, where she served as the Bronx chief of recreation from 1994 to 2006.

During that tenure, she was instrumental in converting all of the borough's recreation centers into multipurpose facilities, which increased the recreational opportunities in those particular neighborhoods.

She also oversaw the renovation of the St. James Recreation Center which was

upgraded to a full-service membership center.

As Queens chief of recreation, she oversaw the opening of the Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatic Center and the Al Oerter Recreation Center.

She also secured funding for musical performances through a partnership with Queens College.

In addition, she helped establish 'friends of' groups in High Bridge and East Harlem and was also one of the founding members of the NYC Parks Latino Society.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of (Iris) Rodriguez-Rosa as Bronx Parks commissioner," said Silver. "Iris is a leader in organizing communities and getting residents involved in their parks. Along with those great qualities, she is also someone who puts her family first and is very proud of her Puerto Rican heritage as well as being a New Yorker. Please join me in welcoming Iris to her new role."

Excited to be appointed the new Bronx Parks com-



Rodriguez-Rosa fills the Bronx Parks commissioner slot six months after Hector Aponte retired from the position.

Photo courtesy of NYC Parks / Daniel Avila

missioner, Rodriguez-Rosa looks forward to working on different projects and intends to increase awareness among Bronxites about the

numerous parks that their borough has to offer.

"I am so happy to have the opportunity to lead the Parks Department in the Bronx,"

said Rodriguez Rosa. "As a life-long New Yorker, parks have been an integral part of my life and I am looking forward to further connecting Bronx communities to their open spaces. Thanks to the support of our local elected officials, NYC Parks has been able to make substantial investments in our Bronx parks over the years and we are moving forward with exciting projects including this year's highly anticipated opening of the High Bridge, community-led renovations to St. Mary's Park and the construction of Estrella Diggs Park."

"I am looking forward to working with the Bronx's dedicated elected officials, park advocates, stakeholders and volunteers to ensure an equitable park system and thriving Bronx parks," said Rodriguez Rosa.

Rodriguez-Rosa appointment as Bronx Parks commissioner fills a vacant slot left by former commissioner Hector Aponte, who retired in January after holding the position for ten years.

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**Youth Board Member Bailey Provetto** has the following news to share:

Congratulations to my son **Jon-Michael Provetto** (age 16, and a junior at Salesian High School) who received the official letter from **Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.**, that he has been appointed to serve as a member on **Community Board 10** for the next two years!

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The reconstruction of Pelham Parkway North in the coming years will feature repaving, changes to street design, and infrastructure upgrades. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

## Pelham Parkway N. revamp meeting set

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Local residents will have the chance to learn about the long-awaited plans for the reconstruction of the north side of Pelham Parkway.

Community Board 11 will hold a public hearing on the subject at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16 at the Institute for Special Education at 999 Pelham Parkway North.

At the public hearing, plans will be presented by the NYC Department of Design and Construction, and there will be an opportunity to comment for those who sign up before the meeting starts.

Those plans encompass Pelham Parkway's westbound main roadway and the Pelham Parkway North service road, and will address the road's deficiencies such as the lane width, pavement deterioration, poor drainage and the need for a dedicated turn lane at Williamsbridge Road, according to a presentation shown to community stakeholders in early June.

The project will also upgrade the aging water mains and sewers under the roadway, install a dedicated bus service lane, and install American Disability Act Accessible sidewalks.

Smaller improvements such as upgraded street lighting and new traffic signs are also included.

And although community leaders acknowledge the need for the project, so far several have raised concerns about the plan.

Details questioned include the removal of about 26 trees for reasons of disease or sidewalk installation, the removal of 31 parking spaces for 'day-lighting' at corners, which increases-visibility and provides room for the turning radius of emergency vehicles, and the construction of a sidewalk on Pelham Parkway north between Williamsbridge and White Plains Road that could narrow the roadway and encroach on parkland.

A number of people at the stakeholder's meeting were particularly concerned with the loss of parking, said CB Parks Committee chair Joanne Rubino. "It's very congested," she said of the

area.

At the meeting, they also learned the installations of guiderails will only offer breaks to cross at the signals, which Rubino said has caused problems on the south side of the parkway.

"People hop over them," said Rubino.

The reconstruction of Pelham Parkway South, completed in 2013, frustrated locals with the construction of a 'sidewalk to nowhere' that had no outlet and narrowed the service road.

During that first phase of the project, the Pelham Parkway Preservation Alliance was formed to fight the parks department on the removal of several dozen trees for the installation of the guardrail, which was successfully avoided.

This time around, they are questioning the planned removal of about 26 trees for reasons of disease or sidewalk installation. The alliance has requested evidence that the removal is necessary because of the health of the trees, said leader Joe Menta.

"We don't want to see any trees come down," said Menta. "Trees maintain the beauty and aesthetic of the parkway."

Concerns about the process in general stem from the problems encountered during the first phase of the project.

"It was a real mess on the other side," said Rubino.

But although there is some lingering distrust of the agencies, leading the community board to be super-vigilant in overseeing the plans, Rubino said most feel the process seems to be going better this time.

"This go-around, the city agencies have done a much better job with the design and have been sensitive to our concerns," said Menta.

And none of these changes are due to take place either this year or next. The tentative time line presented by DDC calls for plans to be finalized in 2016, when the project will be put out to bid. Construction is due to begin in mid-2017.

"It's going to be a long project," said Rubino.

# High Bridge reopens after 45 years

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Bronxites can now walk high above the Harlem River on the recently reopened High Bridge.

Completed in 1848, the oldest standing bridge in the city was the final link in the Old Croton Aqueduct that brought freshwater to New York City.

The bridge also acted as a pedestrian walkway between then-rural northern Manhattan and the Bronx.

The aqueduct was decommissioned in 1958, and the walkway closed several years later.

But everything is old is new again, and the High Bridge officially reopened to fanfare on Tuesday, June 9, the result of a \$61.8 million project to restore the bridge.

"It remains an engineering marvel to this very day," NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver said about the bridge.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, city agencies, elected officials and community-based organizations celebrated the history of the bridge.

"This bridge right here helped to foster in modern day New York," said Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr about the former aqueduct.

But the High Bridge's walkway also functioned as a promenade on weekends, as well as an important transportation link between family and friends on both sides of the Harlem River.

"It was more than an aqueduct, it was the center of the community's social world," said Silver.

That reestablished connection between the boroughs was also celebrated on Tuesday.

"I can't think of a better symbol of community and solidarity," said Manhattan Borough President Gail Brewer.

The project represents a partnership among the two boroughs, the parks department and NYC Department of Design and Construction, numerous elected officials including Congressman Jose E. Serrano, who earmarked the first \$5 million for the project as a state senator, and groups including Partnership for



Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Congressman Jose Serrano lead the first walk across the High Bridge on June 9.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

Parks and the High Bridge Coalition, among many others.

The Harlem River Working Group supported the project as part of an effort to expand access to the Harlem River waterfront, in the process creating safe routes for people to get around and explore the city on bike or on foot, said group leader and Highbridge resident Chauncey Young.

"It's hard to put into words how important this is," he said.

The bridge will offer neighbors direct access to High Bridge Park in Manhattan,

with its playgrounds, walking and bike paths, baseball fields and basketball courts, and recreation center and pool.

Highbridge resident Sahiem Baines is excited to have easier access to the park, which he uses with his friends in the summer.

Now instead of walking up to the 181st Street Bridge, the High Bridge's entrance at University Avenue and West 170th Street is just blocks from his home.

Baines has been waiting for the opening of the High Bridge since 2006, when his

middle school class attended a ceremony announcing the project.

He's been looking forward to it ever since, especially after hearing stories from family members who remember when the High Bridge was last open.

"I always wanted to know what the view would be like from the bridge," said Baines. "I wanted to experience that too."

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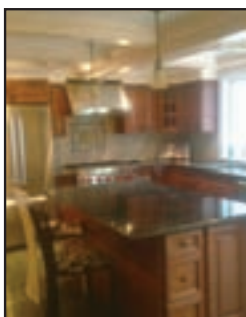


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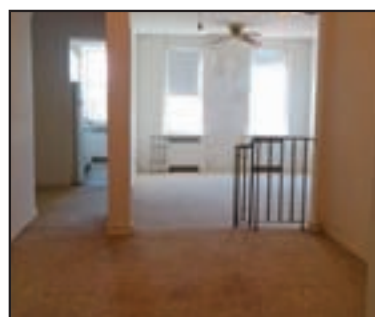
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# OLA students artwork displayed at library

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Elementary and middle school kids at one Bronx school were recently presented with a special opportunity.

On Saturday, May 30, Our Lady of Assumption School displayed its student's art at the Pelham Bay Library.

The students, grades K-8, had worked on their art pieces and projects for the entire semester while under the guidance of longtime art teacher Joan Gerardi.

The children were extremely motivated by the special library exhibit, she said.

"These kids amazed me

with their creativity and they definitely created more than I expected," said Gerardi, who has been an art teacher at OLA for 30 years.

"The great aspect of art is that everybody has the opportunity to be successful in something because it encourages a creative environment. The students were definitely motivated by this opportunity and I am so glad that the library allowed us to do this because the kids really deserve it from working so hard."

An experienced educator to say the least, Gerardi sometimes tries to further motivate

her students by repeating the motto 'you never know what you can or can't do until you try' to them.

In this situation, however, students were clearly inspired by the opportunity of seeing their creations on public display. Final projects on display at the library included various drawings, paintings and prints created by the students.

Gerardi's sister, Mary Jane Musano, of the Waterbury La-Salle Community Association, is very proud of the job that Joan has done to make such an opportunity happen for her hardworking students.

"A child's education should be balanced with academics, sports and the arts so they can become well rounded adults," said Musano. "Also, when a child succeeds at being creative, especially when they struggle with academics, it gives them the self esteem they need to carry them successfully through life."

"My sister happens to be an expert at leading the students to develop their creative side in a big way," said Musano.

The school's principal,



Displayed paintings from OLA students. Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Musano



Displayed Picasso-style portraits from OLA students.

Photo courtesy of Mary Jane Musano

Tony Puleo, also gave praise to Gerardi for her great leadership and the students' artistic creations.

"It was very exciting for our students to have their artwork displayed in a public area where people will see just how creative they can be," said Puleo. "These students

created beautiful art pieces and Joan (Gerardi) did a fantastic job working with these students and motivating them to produce their absolute best work."

The artwork was displayed at the library from Saturday, May 30 to Tuesday, June 9.



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# POLICE BLOTTER

## 44th PCT.

**Saturday, May 30, 3:40 a.m.** — Police are searching for three suspects in connection with an assault where a 47 year-old male victim was found beaten and unconscious opposite 1575 Townsend Avenue. EMS responded and transported the victim to an area hospital where he is in critical condition with facial fractures and skull fractures.

by a passerby and stopped the vehicle. Victim #1, suffered lacerations to his head, victim #2, a 5 year-old female, suffered injuries to her arms and victim #3, a 7 year-old male, suffered trauma to his body. EMS transported all three victims to Jacobi hospital where victim #3 was pronounced deceased. The 73-year-old male driver was taken into custody.

## 45th PCT.

**Friday May 29, 5:54 p.m.** — Police responded to reports of an assault at 2051 Bartow Avenue. The perpetrator fled east-bound on Bartow Avenue.

## 46th PCT.

**Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.** — Police responded to a 911 call of a male shot in front of 175 West Burnside Avenue. Upon arrival, officers observed a 22-year-old male with gunshot wounds about the body. EMS responded to the location and transported the victim to St. Barnabus Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. A 31-year old male was arrested and charged in connection to the crime.

**Thursday, June 4, 5:30 p.m.** — Police responded to a motor vehicle collision at 3275 Westchester Avenue. Upon arrival, responding officers determined that a Mercedes Benz SUV had reversed into the front window of a Kennedy's Chicken and Sandwiches restaurant and collided into three patrons who were seated inside. The SUV fled the scene. Traffic Enforcement Agents, who were stopped at a red light on Westchester Avenue, were alerted to the fleeing vehicle

## 47th PCT.

**Friday May 29, 5:54 p.m.** — Police responded to a shooting at Wilder and Cranford avenues where 27-year-old male was shot.

**Public Notice**  
**New York City Department of Transportation**  
**Finance, Contracts, and Program Management Division**

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) will, upon written request, hold a public hearing on the list of projects below that will be the basis for Federal Fiscal Year 2015 grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the United States Department of Transportation for financial assistance under the Federal Transit Act. The projects will utilize funding provided under the SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21 Bills and their extensions covering Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-2014 under Section 5307, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and Section 5324 Emergency Relief. Based on ongoing and completed federally assisted transportation planning activities conducted by NYCDOT, and in consultation with other interested transportation agencies and transportation providers, a proposed Program of Projects and budget has been developed, and will form the basis for the grant application(s) to FTA. The proposed Program of Projects and Budget herein described includes the total estimated cost and the estimated Federal and local (State and City) shares.

Project	FTA Section	FTA	NYS	NYC	Total
Implementation of Select Bus Service on Webster from 149th Street & 3rd Ave. to White Plains Rd.	CMAQ	\$ 13,356,000	\$ 1,669,500	\$ 1,669,500	\$ 16,695,000
S I Ferry (SIF) Program Preventive Maintenance (Force Account, dry-docking and other)	5307	\$ 8,923,657	\$ 1,115,457	\$ 1,115,457	\$ 11,154,571
Capital Program Administration	5307	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 1,500,000
Design NYC Ferry Landing Infrastructure Rehabilitation	5307	\$ 800,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Total Non-Emergency Funds</b>		<b>\$ 24,279,657</b>	<b>\$ 3,034,957</b>	<b>\$ 3,034,957</b>	<b>\$ 30,349,571</b>
Relocate SIF Computer/Electrical Equipment (all facilities)	5324	\$ 455,000	\$ 56,875	\$ 56,875	\$ 568,750
Install Emergency Generator Ferry Maintenance Facility	5324	\$ 885,000	\$ 110,625	\$ 110,625	\$ 1,106,250
EDC Ferry Landings Resilience Upgrade (Design)	5324	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 2,000,000
SIF Terminals Flood proofing Resilience (Scoping / PE)	5324	\$ 375,000	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 500,000
SIF Fleet Resilience Upgrade - New Boats	5324	\$ 155,925,000	\$ 25,987,500	\$ 25,987,500	\$ 207,900,000
<b>Total Emergency Relief Funds</b>		<b>\$ 159,140,000</b>	<b>\$ 26,467,500</b>	<b>\$ 26,467,500</b>	<b>\$ 212,075,000</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 183,419,657</b>	<b>\$ 29,502,457</b>	<b>\$ 29,502,457</b>	<b>\$ 242,424,571</b>

These projects are included in the Transportation Improvement Program, which has been endorsed by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council as a product of continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning. Upon written request to Associate Commissioner Jai Therattil, a public hearing will be held on the subject application. Please submit written requests to: Jai Therattil, Associate Commissioner, New York City Department of Transportation, Finance, Contracts & Program Management, 55 Water Street, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10041. At the hearing, if held, NYCDOT will afford interested parties the opportunity to be heard regarding the economic and social effect of these projects, their impact on the environment, and their consistency with local planning. Requests must be received within (20) days of the publication of this notice. If a public hearing is requested, a second notice will be published stating the date, time, and location of the hearing at least (10) days prior to the proposed hearing. Copies of the Program of Projects and the Transportation Improvement Program are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the NYCDOT, Finance, Contracts, and Program Management, 55 Water Street, 6th Floor, NY, NY 10041. If no comments are received and/or there is no request for a public hearing, the foregoing Proposed Program of Projects will become the Final Program of Projects.

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## Misrepresented

*(The following letter was sent to NY State Liquor Authority re: the recent incident at Bronx Beer Garden in Throggs Neck.)*

We are writing to express serious concerns about a business located in the Throggs Neck area of the Bronx at 3392 East Tremont Avenue. Over the years, this location has gone through several name changes and has been referred to as the 'Bronx Beer Garden', 'Nicky's Beer Garden', and 'Nicky's BBQ'. However, the only active liquor license at this location is filed under the name 'Hops' and therefore we will refer to it as such.

On Saturday, May 30 the Throggs Neck community was sent into chaos due to the irresponsible management of this establishment. A promoter was allowed to take over Hops by the current owner to run a drinking event advertised as featuring free food, free tobacco or hookah smoking and free Jungle Juice, which was a mystery alcoholic concoction given at the door as people entered and exited the premises.

The event was over-promoted on social media, local radio, etc., which resulted in large crowds descending upon East Tremont Avenue, thereby disrupting the local community and creating hazardous conditions. If not for the swift and effective actions taken by the 45th Precinct, we are sure that someone could have gotten seriously hurt or even killed.

The event started early on Saturday and by 2 p.m., the situation had already grown to the point where the police had to be brought in to de-escalate matters. It continued to the point where neighboring businesses had to shut down for several hours in an effort to protect their businesses and assist the police in dispersing the crowd.

The 45th Precinct had to dedicate all resources available to this event and officers were unable to regain control of the situation until about 6 p.m. when Hops voluntarily shut down. With the continued cooperation of the neighboring merchants, the crowd was dispersed and order was restored.

At that point, the lieutenant in charge was given the establishment's liquor license and a meeting at the Community Board 10 office with the owner, prospective owner, members of

the community and elected officials, was organized so that we could all discuss how to ensure that a situation like that is never allowed to happen in this community again.

At the meeting, the current owner, Michelle Kauffman, and prospective owner, Jerald Taylor, apologized and discussed at great length their remorse, willingness to cooperate with the community and shared desire to turn over a new leaf.

Ms. Kauffman explained that she was overwhelmed and was not equipped nor did she possess the management skills required to operate the establishment. She claimed that she was currently in negotiations to sell the location to Mr. Taylor and his wife, who would take over in short order.

At the end of what was thought to have been a productive meeting, the lieutenant returned the license to Ms. Kauffman, who claimed that they have no other events scheduled at the location other than a weekly meeting of Police and Corrections Officers, which usually wraps up before 11 p.m.

Nonetheless, it has come to our attention that both the current owner and prospective owners misrepresented themselves at that meeting. They neglected to inform the community of another event that is scheduled for June 13, which is expected to be of a similar size and caliber as the one that occurred on May 30, yet again having partnered with an outside promoter.

It is obvious now that the reason why Michelle Kauffman would not surrender her license is that she planned on continuing these irresponsible business practices right up until the point where she can hand off this thorn in the community's side to an inexperienced and unprepared new owner, if in fact she was being honest about her intent to sell.

Let us be clear, what occurred on May 30 cannot be repeated. These operators have shown little concern for the safety of their patrons, their neighbors or their reputation. Thus, by way of this correspondence, we request immediate action by the State Liquor Authority to suspend this liquor license and provide no interim license to the new owners until satisfactory evidence is provided that the business will be run within the parameters or

the licensing agreement and in cooperation with the community.

**Councilman James Vacca, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Senator Jeff Klein**

## Body count's unbelievable

Dear editor,  
Deputy Secretary of State Tony Blinken's announcement that "10,000 ISIS fighters have been killed by American airstrikes in Iraq and Syria in the past nine months" left me skeptical. Without boots on the ground, who and how were these numbers confirmed? Do our drones and satellites have the technical capability to do this?

It seems like only yesterday that Blinken's predecessors, during the Vietnam War made similar pronouncements on the number of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong killed.

Like many in the Obama administration, they would claim we are turning the corner and that winning the war was within our grasp.

Secretary of State John Kerry, who served honorably in Vietnam, knows better. Both he and I, along with millions of Americans remember the outcome of that war, the loss of 55,000 lives and hundreds of billions of dollars.

History has a habit of repeating itself. We have already lost several thousand lives and spent almost two trillion dollars over twenty years between Afghanistan and Iraq in unsuccessful attempts at nation building. Let us not make the same mistakes again.

President Obama proudly proclaims we have a multi-national coalition in place to fight ISIS. Where are they? We provide billions in military and non-military assistance to members of the United Nations, NATO and most Arab nations. How many soldiers on the ground and aircraft have they provided to date? If the United Nations, our European allies, NATO and neighboring Arab nations will not step up to the plate, why should we continue sending them billions?

These dollars may be better spent reducing our \$18 trillion long-term debt and solving our own problems at home.

**Larry Penner**

## Sets housing straight

(In reference to "Tenant advocates rally for rent regulations")

Last week a group of tenants from the New Settlement Apartments' organizing arm, Community Action for Safe Apartments, arrived unannounced at my office to distort my record on rent regulation and the 421-a program. They failed to research my current positions, my stellar voting record on tenants' rights and their own buildings' history.

I support the continuation and strengthening of rent regulations in New York City.

While up in Albany, I continue to hold discussions with my colleagues in the Senate and the Assembly on overhauling vacancy decontrol - so that apartments do not fall off the rolls - and limiting the MCI (major capital improvement) costs passed onto tenants in New York City.

I have also sought to strike the right balance on affordable housing incentives such as 421-a: We need to ensure that the program is more efficient and that we get the maximum number of affordable housing units in return for the taxpayer's investment. At the same time, it is important that the program actually spur affordable housing construction.

Sadly, these nuances are lost on the protesters who call for the end of these housing incentive programs despite the fact that projects built by their organization, under the Settlement Fund, Inc. umbrella, have been receiving 421-a and J-51 benefits.

One of their developments, Two Bridges in Manhattan, has received \$1.5 million in 421-a benefits since 1998. In the Bronx, the city granted a "J-51" benefit to the New Settlement Apartments on Townsend Avenue, a tax break for rehabilitation of multi-family housing.

I also believe that public housing should be part of the solution to the city's affordable housing crisis, which is why I have called for a NYCHA repair certificate program. This innovative plan would award zoning bonuses in certain areas in exchange for expeditiously repairing public housing developments.

**Senator Jeff Klein**



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# No options for semis needing a rest stop

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

There are laws that restrict tractor trailers from parking on service roads for extended periods of time.

Unfortunately, for many truckers that travel through the Bronx on a consistent basis, there is no other options due to a lack of rest stops.

An on-and-off issue in the various Bronx neighborhoods for many years, tractor have used service roads along highways and expressways as rest areas.

This breaks the law stating that 'tractor trailers cannot be parked on a service road, unless it's a properly zoned area, for more than three consecutive hours or anytime after dusk,' much to the complaints of local residents.

Many of these occurrences have been reported taking place on Bruckner Boulevard between Middletown Road and Wilkinson Avenue,

Hutchinson River Parkway Service Road near Ferry Point Park off of I-678 and Randall/Lafayette avenues between the Cross Bronx Expressway and I-695, among other locations.

Community leaders and council members have also spoken on the issue, many supporting the passed legislation in 2012 to increase the ticket penalty from \$65 to \$250 and \$500 for repeated offenders.

For tractor trailers making long trips, however, parking on these service roads is inevitable, especially for truckers traveling from Connecticut to New Jersey and vice versa, or further, as the closest rest stop between these two states is off of I-95 in Milford, CT and off of I-287 in Morristown, NJ.

"I drive a truck during the week and when I'm home for the weekend, typically Saturday afternoon to early Monday morning, I park on the street," said Anthony, a trucker and a

Bronx resident who wished to not disclose his full name.

"I see no other option - to pay for parking at a garage or a lot each weekend isn't affordable. Most tractor trailers that have been seen parked on service roads, I suspect, are taking mandatory breaks and would have to travel almost another two hours in either direction to find a truck rest stop," he said.

Anthony added that most people are unaware in regards to how much they rely on the trucks that transport the goods that they purchase on a frequent basis and also stated that the best solution to this problem is one that satisfies both sides.

"Get out of here' may seem like a good solution to the person who doesn't want a truck in their neighborhood, but it won't solve the problem - truckers need a viable solution too," Anthony said.



Trucks like this one located at Lafayette Avenue between the Cross Bronx Expressway and I-695 use service roads as rest stop areas, claiming there are no other option. Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

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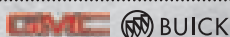


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# FEGS services find a new operator

BY ROBERT WIRSING

As one human services agency bows out, another equally experienced non-profit organization will assume control in providing important services.

On Monday, June 1, \$75 million of essential programs and services were transferred from Federation Employment & Guidance Services to the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services.

FEGS declared bankruptcy this past March and the recent programs shift represents the largest group of programs to be transferred from FEGS.

With a total annual budget approximating \$250 million, the Jewish Board will now become the largest human services agency in New York City.

Currently serving over 5,800 Bronx clients, The Jewish Board provides a wide range of services including care management services, mental health clinics, preventive services, an emergency shelter for domestic violence survivors, supported housing

and apartment treatment programs for adults with mental illness, and residential services for adolescents.

The transfer includes such Bronx-based FEGS programs as Burnside Residence on Burnside Avenue, White Plains Community Residence on White Plains Road, Kingsbridge Road Community Residence, supported apartment and permanent housing throughout the borough, as well as Bronx clinic and Bronx personalized recovery oriented services, both located on Jerome Avenue.

In January, after a thorough internal selection process, the New York State Office of Mental Health selected the Jewish Board as the recipient of behavioral health services previously provided by FEGS.

OMH determined the safest, least disruptive way to achieve this was having an experienced agency replace FEGS' operation of all behavioral health services.

For more than 140 years, the Jewish Board has been

aiding individuals in realizing their potential and to live as independently as possible.

Each year, this non-profit organization serves more than 35,000 people of all ages throughout the five boroughs and on a 125-acre Westchester campus by addressing all aspects of a person's life including mental and physical health, family, housing, employment and education.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of our colleague organization, which has worked for 80 years to provide services for some of New York's neediest, but we are pleased we were able to save these valuable programs both for the people served and the staff employed by them," David Rivel, Jewish Board CEO, expressed. "We are grateful for the support of New York State and the UJA-Federation for making this unprecedented transfer of the scope and range of these services as smooth and straightforward as possible."

In addition to this transfer, the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services has



A recent transfer of FEGS services to the Jewish Board will now see the 140-year old non-profit become the largest human services agency in New York City.  
Photo courtesy of the Jewish Board

announced a new branding campaign to reflect its heritage, communicate its present position and support its vision for the future.

The agency will be known as the Jewish Board with its tagline, "Health and Human Services for All New Yorkers" and a new logo of a stylized skyline of the five boroughs.

Partnered with SJI Associates, a NYC branding and design firm, the Jewish Board researched and developed a

revised name to help establish a more powerful and recognizable brand.

"By conveying our organization's commitment to innovation while maintaining our mission, we want our brand to reflect our base of support and attract new donors and volunteers," Rivel explained.

According to the Jewish Board, a new website is currently in development and is slated to be launched within the next few months.



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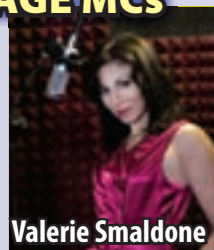
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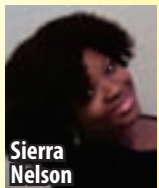


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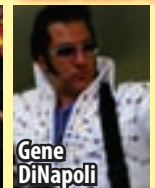
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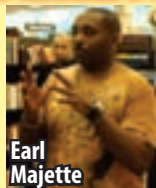
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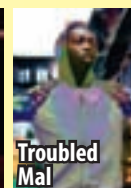
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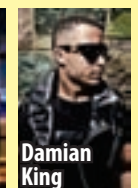
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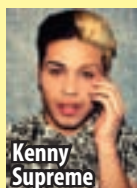
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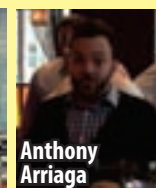
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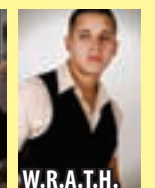
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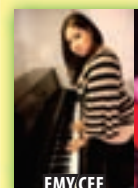
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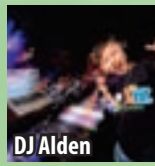


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# PSAC II set for full operation in 2016

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A recently constructed call center in the Bronx will improve the city's emergency communication systems and 911 call response times.

On Thursday, June 4, the New York City Council Fiscal Year 2016 Executive Budget Hearings saw Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications Commissioner Anne Roest testify before the City Council Committees on Finance, Land Use, and Technology.

During the hearing, Commissioner Roest revealed recent developments regarding Public Safety Answering Center II located near the Hutchinson Metro Center on Marconi Street.

"We're on track to take over from the construction firm in January of this coming year and in June 2016, we'll have police in the building taking the first calls," she said. "There are no additional overruns in this project and we are working within the budget."

According to a New York City Department of Design and Construction spokesper-

son, the department is coordinating a phased turnover of PSAC II with the DoITT who will be its operator.

Situated along the Hutchinson River and Pelham parkways, the 252-foot tall facility is designed as a backup call center to receive over 12 million calls a year and will be responsible for the call transfer and dispatch of all emergency services within the city.

Costing approximately \$900 million, PSAC II was designed by Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP and will be operated by the NYPD, FDNY and DoITT 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The facility will aid existing 911 services by fortifying NYC's ability to maintain communication during a natural disaster or large-scale emergency and is designed to operate continuously under severe conditions.

PSAC II seeks to provide redundancy to PSAC I, the city's primary call center located in Brooklyn's MetroTech Center and should the city face a disaster or PSAC I somehow fails, PSAC II will con-

tinue to improve responses to emergency calls during such events.

Sitting on a nine-acre site, the 550,000 square foot cube building is a blast-resistant structure possessing few windows as a security precaution.

The DDC spokesperson added PSAC II's occupants are protected from many man-made and natural threats as these windows have special protection features to ensure their safety.

PSAC II has a call-taking and dispatch floor for 911 calls, a secure data center to run the call-taking operation as well as office space and employee amenities.

The center's unique serrated facade is made of recycled aluminum and was installed to offset its monumental stature and gives it a more rhythmic appearance.

Despite its heavily fortification, PSAC II also intends to provide a stress-free environment for its call takers.

This center's lobby and cafeteria will feature a green wall behaving as a natural air filter which also serves to fos-



The Public Safety Answering Center II located at 350 Marconi Street, as seen from the Hutchinson River Parkway. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

ter a relaxing atmosphere for an often stressful work environment.

PSAC II's site includes a landscaped berm wrapping around the building which attempts to downplay the building's enormous size, DDC explained.

"PSAC II is a large, ugly, monstrosity that is out of

character for the community, however the one benefit is that there will be a constant flow of several hundred police officers to and from the building every day," Councilman James Vacca said. "Anything that increases the police presence in the community is ultimately a positive."

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# Latin album artwork exhibit opens

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A new exhibit celebrates the history of Latin music in the Bronx.

On Friday, June 5, the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation held an opening reception for their new art exhibit, Visual Clave, at the Bronx Music Heritage Center.

The exhibit explores the evolution of Latin music cover art over the last 50 years and displays original album covers from Latin vinyls - album artwork which includes paintings, photographs, sculptures and layouts.

The name of the exhibit, Visual Clave, comes from the African-derived 2-3 or 3-2 beat used in almost all genres of Latin music, as well as the wood percussion sticks used to mark these syncopated time signatures.

Displaying vinyl album artwork from Latin artists such as Tito Puente, Beny More and Tito Rodriguez, the Visual Clave exhibit is a tribute to the artists as well

as the photographers, producers, promoters, songwriters and every individual involved in the completion of each album.

The exhibit which configures half a century of musical creativity also shows a deep appreciation for the history that the Bronx has witnessed regarding music of all genres, not just Latin music.

"This exhibit, although focusing primarily on Latin music, is a celebration and a tribute to the history of music in the Bronx in the past 50 years - from the Jazz clubs on Boston Post Road to the movement of Irish music in Woodlawn to the Bronx being the birthplace of Hip Hop," said Elena Martinez, one of the co-artistic directors of the Bronx Music Heritage Center.

"Iconic album/vinyl covers are identifiable art to many and I'm glad the (Bronx Music Heritage) Center is celebrating this part of music history in a visual way," he said

Martinez also added that

many of the artwork being displayed in the center originates from Latin artists and musicians who grew up in nearby areas just decades earlier - allowing Bronxites who visit the exhibit to appreciate the history behind it even further.

"Many of these musicians and artists created their best work in nearby neighborhoods such as Hunts Point, Longwood and Morrisania. This was their stomping grounds - and they eventually became the voices of their communities."

The Visual Clave exhibit runs from now until Saturday, August 15, with a closing reception taking place on Friday, August 14. The sister exhibit, taking place at the Picture Farm Gallery in Brooklyn, opened on Saturday, June 6.

(Right) A display of different album vinyl artwork from Latin musicians.

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The area around the Hutchinson River Parkway near the Bruckner Interchange, where the Paragon Outlets was set to be built, is one of the areas studied by the East Bronx Traffic Coalition.  
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# E. Bx. Traffic Coalition forum to meet June 23

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The East Bronx Traffic Coalition is going public!

After a year of meeting in private, the consortium of civic groups concerned about increased traffic on major arterial roads caused in part by large new retail development, will hold a public forum to demonstrate what they have learned and invite the community to offer feedback.

The town-hall style meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23 at Providence Rest, located at 3304 Waterbury Avenue.

Residents concerned about local traffic issues are urged to come and view about 45 minutes worth of presentations on local traffic hot spots and offer their feedback.

"This is about promoting awareness and activating people who care about the issue of traffic," said John Doyle, an activist with the group.

The coalition is concerning itself primarily with the highways in the 45th Precinct.

The area the precinct serves has seen much growth over the past couple of years with the opening of the Mall at Bay Plaza, the Throggs Neck Shopping Center, Trump Links, as well as a new 911 Call Center and the expansion of the Hutchinson Metro Center.

The coalition is necessary because a more holistic approach to congestion, which has been building for years, can affect multiple communities at once, said Doyle.

"The whole purpose is to engage your neighbors as to what is happening in your neighborhood," he said. "This is taking it a step further."

Robert Barbarelli, who represents the Throggs Neck Home Owners on the coalition, said that since the members of the group are not traffic engineers, they welcome input from the community and elected officials.

The group has already met with Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and

Councilman James Vacca, and representatives from Senator Jeff Klein's office are regulars at its meetings. The town hall is another chapter for the group in terms of engaging the public.

"The public will be able to tell us about any problems they are experiencing and give us their ideas," said Barbarelli.

Barbarelli believes that the group played a role in a decision by Senator Klein and state and city officials to appropriate \$1 million for traffic study of ramps directly into the Hutchinson Metro Center off the Hutchinson River Parkway.

"There is a lot of red tape involved, but if you stick with it and are patient you really can accomplish some things with the elected officials," said Barbarelli.

Other areas the group is looking at are the area around the Unionport Bridge and the site of the former Whitestone Multiplex Cinema that was to have been Paragon Outlets under a scuttled plan put forth by developers.

Mary Jane Musano, another coalition member representing the Waterbury LaSalle Community Association, said she sees the meeting as a precursor to an official public hearing once ideas have been properly cataloged and reviewed.

The entire community is affected, so all should attend, she added.

"Whether you take mass transit or drive a car, you should know what is happening because it is going to affect you," said Musano.

At stake are larger issues, like the long-term viability of the area's middle class population, she said.

"You need means to keep your middle class here," she said. "If you have a city only of rich and poor people, that is going to affect the tax base."

Good transit options and roads are one way of keeping the area an attractive place to live, she indicated.



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# Students shine in P.S. 89 production

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A group of students flourished under the spotlight during P.S. 89's recent production of the musical 'Aladdin.'

The Allerton school's after-school drama program put on three shows the first week of June, one of which was the first evening performance by the school, and was open to the com-

munity.

"We got such a great turnout," said drama teacher Jennifer Susi. "It made the kids feel really special."

The students worked after school for more than six months to prepare the play, and while Susi facilitated, she said the kids are responsible for doing the real work on the production.

"They took the reins, it's amazing



P.S. 89 drama teacher Jenn Susi (fourth from right) with the cast and crew of the school's production of Aladdin.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



A scene from P.S. 89's production of Aladdin.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

to see," she said.

The student's engagement in the production process offered practice in important life skills, said Susi.

"They learned how to commit and dedicate themselves to something," she said.

They also learned social skills through the process and gained experience collaborating with different people.

"They're working together to a common goal," said Susi.

She likes that 6th, 7th and 8th graders come together for the plays, and that about half the cast was new to the drama program. That means the older students showed the younger ones the ropes, taking them under their wing.

"They really became a family during this production," said Susi.

The students grow as they work towards the final show, she said, gaining confidence and increasing in expression along the way. By the time they complete the production, they're empowered in a way they weren't before.

"I know they feel in their hearts that they accomplished something," said Susi.

The whole school was proud of the quality production of 'Aladdin,' she said, and it demonstrated how P.S. 89, which has an arts academy within the school, prioritizes learning through the arts.

"The arts are really flourishing here," said Susi.



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# Benedetto bill addresses Male Breast Cancer

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A week in October has been set aside to raise awareness among men about male breast cancer.

On Friday, June 5, the state legislature passed a bill that proclaims the third week of October, October 18-24, 2015 as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week in the state of New York.

The timing for the passing of the bill could not have been better, as June also happens to be Men's Health Awareness Month.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto who sponsored the bill, reached out to male breast cancer survivor and Bronx resident Michael Singer after hearing his presentation on the disease at a Community Board 10 board meeting.

Singer, who had presented the resolution to Benedetto's office, was presented with an embossed copy of the bill, Resolution K559.

"Last week, we passed the resolution in Albany that proclaims October 18-24, 2015 as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week," said Benedetto. "This bill passing is impor-

tant because this is a very overlooked and underrated disease that must be paid attention to. Males as well as females should always be aware and not ignore the signs because it is a serious health risk and I'm very glad (Michael) Singer introduced this resolution to my office."

"Michael's presentation at CB10, the passing of the bill and this story will have an accumulative effect on increasing the level of people's overall awareness on this issue," Benedetto said.

Benedetto also said that he intends to pass a new bill in the near future to permanently purpose a week in October as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week, not just 2015.

Singer, who has been a male breast cancer survivor for almost five years, continues to spread awareness by representing the Male Breast Cancer Coalition and also recently participated in a Breast Cancer research program as a consumer reviewer where he further researched and shared advice with other survivors about the disease.

According to both Singer



Assemblyman Benedetto (l) presents Singer and wife Patty with an embossed copy of Resolution K559.

Photo courtesy of Tom Pich

and Benedetto, 2,100 men in the United States are diagnosed with male breast cancer each year and an estimated 450 men will die from the disease due to lack of awareness and early detection signs.

"Most people have never heard of male breast cancer while most men not only ig-

nore the signs but are also embarrassed to talk about their condition - well that stops right here and right now in New York" said Singer.

"(Assemblyman Michael) Benedetto and his staff really recognize the importance of raising awareness on this issue as so many men die from

this terrible disease each year," he said.

"Today was a great day in the state of New York and I thank Benedetto and his staff for listening to the constituents of the Bronx and taking this serious men's health issue all the way up to Albany."



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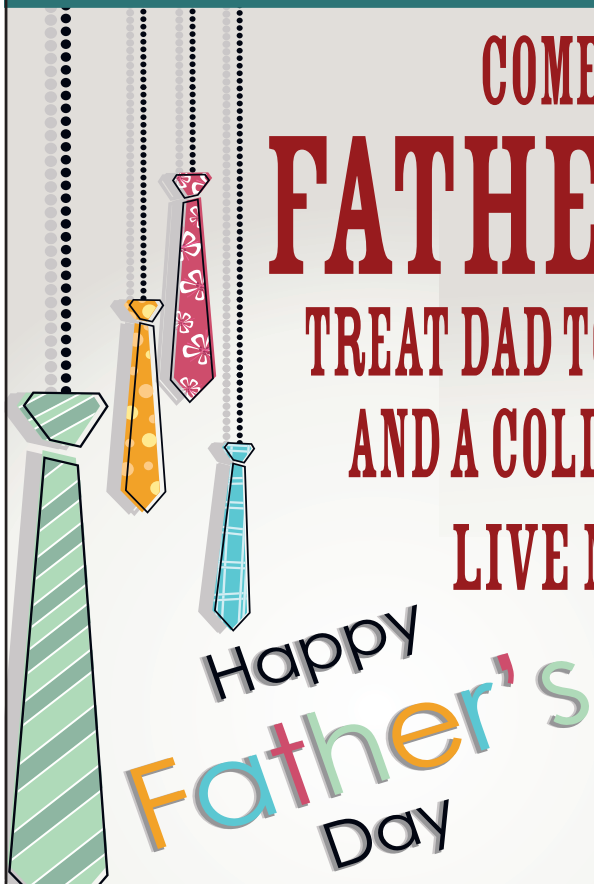
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# City Planning reviews senior housing plan

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The community got a preview of a plan that would relax parking requirements for senior housing that could be built along Westchester Avenue, near Westchester Square's 'transit hub.'

The Department of City Planning made a presentation before Community Board 10's Housing and Zoning Committee on Tuesday, June 2 on changes it believes would encourage better building designs and allow affordable senior housing to be built by providing incentives for such developments.

The changes will have to come before the board for an advisory vote this fall as part of the Uniform Land Use Review Process.

The proposals are part of the city's Zoning for Quality and Affordability plan that looks at building or maintaining 200,000 units of affordable and senior housing by 2024.

"We are glad the community board shares our priority to improving the availability of senior housing options within communities," stated

a DCP spokesman after the meeting. "The proportion of seniors in the city's population is expected to increase by 2040 and this proposal will make it easier for people to age in their neighborhoods."

Many local activists have said they think senior housing for elderly from the area is a laudable goal.

But the proposal's preview is already drawing ire from community activists who advocated for downzoning for years because they see the plan as an upzoning, allowing for bigger building and less parking.

The plan to relax parking requirements along Westchester Avenue near Westchester Square's transit hub to encourage development seems particularly controversial.

Waterbury LaSalle Community Association leaders Andrew Chirico and Mary Jane Musano both said that the need for parking is not going away.

"I don't think you are ever going to go to a community and hear them say 'we need



A DCP presentation to CB 10 on an affordable and senior housing plan identified Westchester Square as a transit hub around which housing could potentially be built, attendees reported. The board is expected to take up the issue this fall. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

less parking," said Musano, who added she believes the proposal is a giveaway to developers and the real estate lobby.

Chirico expressed concern about Westchester Square, which he said seemed to be where the proposed changes would have the most impact.

"It is really bad if it affects the Square because (merchants and community) are trying to bring the Square up," said Chirico.

"The thing that I cannot

take is that they want to relax the zoning, and say you don't have to have parking."

According to sources and documents, Zoning for Quality and Affordability is looking at encouraging housing development along elevated train and subways, within two or three blocks of places like the I.R.T. #6 line.

"All of a sudden they want to attack the zoning that we have been fighting for and tweaking for years, and open it up and create more loopholes,"

said Chirico, who added the community vigorously fought to tighten parking requirements.

Bob Bieder, a merchant along Westchester Avenue, said that he believes DCP is looking only at statistics that show lower car ownership in existing affordable and senior housing, and does not account for the needs of merchants in the community.

"The merchants in those areas are screaming for parking, and they want to allow builders to come in and put up housing projects with less parking," said Bieder, who added "Everyone is looking for parking there, and it is a major concern of the (Westchester Square Business Improvement District).

Bieder said it is his belief that the DCP should consider all factors when it comes to this issue.

Even if the zoning rules did change, it does not necessarily mean that affordable housing would be developed in these locations, meeting attendees said.

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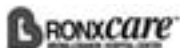
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# Bronx-born author tells ‘Bitter’ tales

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A Bronx-born author has stories to tell about his hometown borough.

On Monday, June 1, established author Jerome Charyn released a new book, titled ‘Bitter Bronx: Thirteen Stories’, a publication that describes Charyn’s experiences of living in the Bronx.

The book was published by the Liveright Publishing Corporation, a division of W.W. Norton & Company.

In ‘Bitter Bronx: Thirteen Stories’, Charyn explains his perceptions of life as a kid growing up in the Bronx.

Throughout the stories, he shares his many personal experiences including walking along the Grand Concourse, falling in love with three voluptuous librarians in the south Bronx and eating at mob-owned restaurants along Arthur Avenue.

Among other reflections in the book, three interconnected stories, ‘Silk & Silk’, ‘Little Sister’ and ‘Marla’ are sure to interest readers, especially if they were born and/or raised in the Bronx.

One of the stories discusses master builder Robert Moses’ ‘savior’ plan to build a highway (the Cross Bronx Expressway, built between 1948-72) while dynamiting and destroying entire Bronx neighborhoods in the process.

“The central sadness of these sto-



Charyn has said that a big part of his motivation to write this book stems from Moses’ actions in the Bronx during the 1950s and 60s.  
Photo courtesy of Mariana Cook

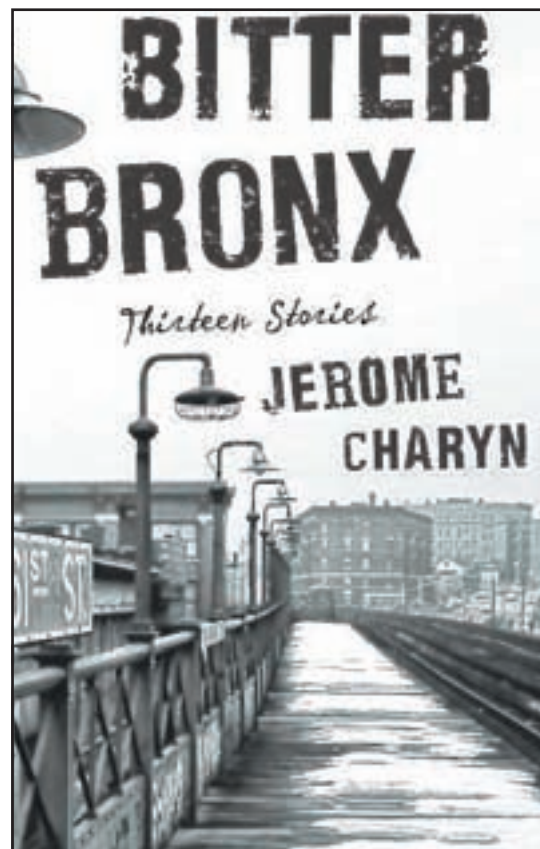
ries is the breakdown of vibrant lower middle class communities through the tyranny and madness of one man - Robert Moses,” said Charyn.

“However, out of the anger and sadness that Moses caused grew a very strange flower, and these stories are about love, not about hate - these are love stories and a tribute to the history of the Bronx.”

“In all honesty, I couldn’t have written this book without that strange man who caused such heartbreak to people in the Bronx. He impoverished them and their borough in so many ways.”

Charyn, who now lives in Manhattan and splits his time between New York and France, has lived in multiple cities across the United States and Europe and has released 35 fiction books and 11 non-fiction books including this one.

As a student, he majored in painting at the High School of Music and Art in Manhattan before turning to literature when he enrolled at Columbia University, studying history and comparative literature with a focus in Russian literature. He eventually graduated Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude with a BA in 1959.



Book cover of ‘Bitter Bronx: Thirteen Stories’.

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# TNLL clubhouse to be renovated

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Standing strong against the test of time, Throgs Neck Little League's clubhouse and field will soon receive a much needed face lift.

Senator Jeff Klein secured \$200,000 funding to be utilized in renovating and improving the local little league's clubhouse.

The repairs will include, but are not limited to the replacement of the clubhouse's roof, windows, and sheetrock.

According to Frank Eisele, TNLL president, these funds will also be invested in renovating all dugouts, repairing the clubhouse's exterior, new bathrooms, and replacing the baseball field's sod, top soil, and gravel.

"By investing in our little leagues, we are building important foundations for our children's futures," Senator Klein explained.

Eisele said the clubhouse's initial building was constructed in 1970 and an addition was later added in 1976.

As the years progressed, time has taken its toll on the structure as Eisele reports wa-

ter is penetrating the building from its roof.

"We've have this renovation project for our clubhouse on the drawing board for the last four to five years, however it was placed on the back burner due to other more important repairs which needed attention during that time," he said.

Eisele added that the league has been proactive in obtaining contractor bids for the clubhouse's exterior, dugouts and bathrooms.

"We're waiting for this funding to be signed off by the governor and are hoping to have this project started by this October," he said.

He added Francisco Marti was very instrumental in getting this proposed renovation pushed through in Albany and is thankful for the senator's help in securing the funding.

Established in 1952, the league was originally called Northeast Bronx Little League and chartered by Little League Baseball Inc. of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

In 1953, NBLL was on the verge of disbanding due to in-

adequate finances, however was spared when Leo Vitti stepped up to the plate to take over the league.

A partnership would be formed when Vitti was joined by Robert Jonap two years later and in 1960, the league won the NYC Little League Championship which was televised on WPIX-TV.

In 1963, the league changed its name to Throgs Neck Little League and held its first bazaar on East Tremont Avenue to raise funds to re-build its fields.

A neighborhood staple, TNLL has undergone renovations in previous years which recently included upgrading its lawn irrigation system in 2003; installing new lights in both its junior and senior fields with help from the late Councilwoman Madeline Provenzano who secured a \$105,000 grant; installing a new generator to power their field's lights in 2010 made possible by Councilman James Vacca; completing a new Harding Avenue fence in 2011 as well as new infields and sprinkler system that same year; and last year



Approximately \$200,000 in state funding was secured by Senator Klein to fund Throgs Neck Little League's renovations.

Photo courtesy of Throgs Neck Little League

saw new score boards added to both fields, a new stereo sound system as well as new windows, ceiling and paint on the clubhouse's second floor.

Last October also saw Hell-

man Electric, a Bronx-based firm, joined with members of the Bronx Electrical Club and Local 3 repairing TNLL's senior field's lights free of charge.

## The Tale of Two de Blasios

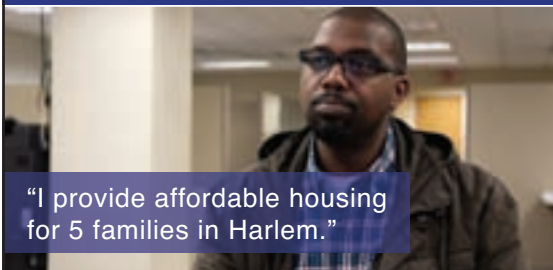
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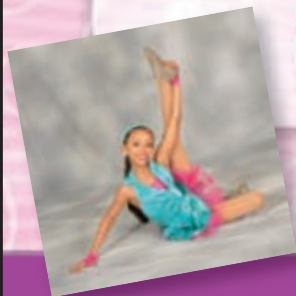
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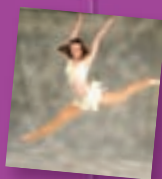
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Beatrice ("Bea") Castiglia-Cattullo, the 98-year-old founder of R.A.I.N. (Regional Aid for Interim Needs) was recently chosen as the 2014 New York State recipient of the Andrus Award, AARP's highest honor.

**Sing Your Way to Spanish**, presented by Carlos Lazarus, will be held at the Pelham Bay Library, 3060 Middletown Road, on Friday, June 19 at 1 p.m.

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The **New York State Rheumatology Society (NYSRS)**, a group that represents rheumatologists treating arthritis and other musculoskeletal diseases in New York, has honored veteran Jacobi Medical Center/North Central Bronx Hospital provider Peter Barland, MD with their lifetime achievement award.

The award was presented on May 30th 2015. Dr. Barland is a dedicated educator and emeritus professor of medicine and pathology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine where he has helped train over 90 rheumatology fellows.

He continues to oversee teaching clinics as well as Jacobi/NCBH's joint pain clinic.

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Men's Health Week is a time to focus on the importance of preventive care and regular health screenings for men.

Fidelis Care, a statewide health plan with nearly 1.3 million members, is celebrating Men's Health Week with a special event for fathers.

On Saturday, June 20 from noon to 4 p.m., Fidelis Care will hold **Dads & Kids Fun Day** on the main level of The Mall at Bay Plaza in the Bronx. The event is free and open to the public. Morris Heights Health Center will offer blood pressure checks and glucose screenings. There will be giveaways, face painting for kids, and a special visit from Fidelis Care's mascot, Fidelisaurus. Radio station WBLS will also join in the fun.

Fidelis Care representatives will be available at Dads & Kids Fun Day to answer questions about health insurance and help eligible residents apply for enrollment.

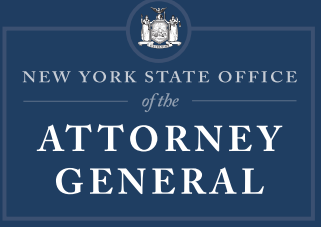
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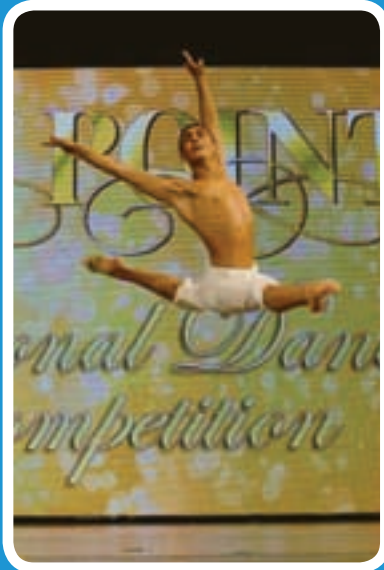
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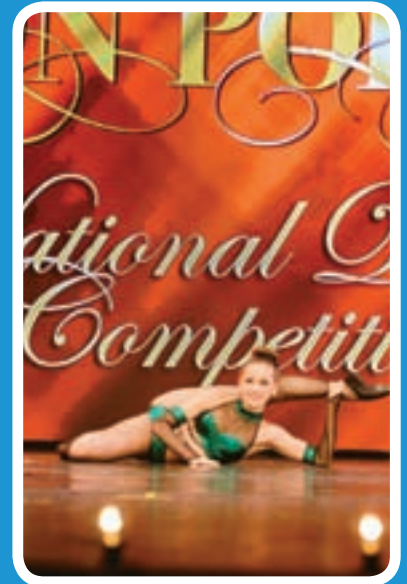
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# PPNA ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER



Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association held their annual dinner on Thursday, May 28. Honored guests were the representative for Congressman Crowley, Thomas Messina, and Councilman Ritchie Torres.

(Above) Honoree Thomas Messina (l) and his family.  
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Right) Councilman Ritchie Torres (c) accepts an award from the PPNA's Edith Blitzer (l) and Andrea Siegel.  
Photo by Walter Pofeldt



# BMNAR CITY LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors held their first Annual Legislative Breakfast with city officials on Friday, May 29. The breakfast featured discussions on pending legislation, policy initiatives, and the local real estate market. It was held at the Pelham Bay Diner.

(Above) (l-r) Councilman Fernando Cabrera, Kathy Zamechansky, BMNAR president; Councilman Ritchie Torres; Eliezer Rodriguez, BMNAR executive officer, and Ellen Feld, BMNAR board member.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifio



(l-r) Councilman Andy Cohen and Arthur Rosenfield of United Metro Energy.  
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# P.S. 83 CELEBRATES 90TH WITH FRIENDS



P.S. 83 hosted a celebration of the school's 90th birthday on Saturday, June 6. The event featured performances, games and activities for students and parents.

(Above) Students played 'freeze-dance'  
Photo by Aracelis Batista



Joshua Paria plays ring-toss.  
Photo by Aracelis Batista

# ROCKING THE BOAT LAUNCHES 45TH BOAT



Participants in the program that helped build the Odyssey, with program assistant Taigi Riley (left center).  
Photo by Laura Stone

Rocking the Boat members gathered to celebrate the completion of the organization's 45th student-built boat at Hunts Point Riverside Park on Saturday, June 6 with a boat launch and naming ceremony. The event also kicked off the boating season. At Rocking the Boat, students work together to build wooden boats, learn to row and sail, and restore the Bronx River, revitalizing their community while creating better lives for themselves.

(l-r) Tori Sweeden, Ethan Flores, Stephanie Jacquez and Elise Diaz ready to take a ride aboard one of the canoes.  
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## CEC 11 PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS

Community Education Council 11 hosted its annual legislative breakfast at Eastwood Manor on Friday, June 5. At the event, awards were presented to parents, teachers, safety officers, crossing guards, legislators and supporters of the CEC for their commitment to education.



CEC president Pamela Johnson with recipients of the 'Friends of the CEC' award, Bronx Times reporter Jaime Williams, Community Board 11 education committee chair Diane Norris, and president of community councils for District 75 Gloria Corsino, and CEC recording secretary Cheryl Smith.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## CROWLEY TOURS EDGEWATER PARK

Congressman Joseph Crowley joined Amy Peterson, New York City Housing Recovery Office director, on a tour on Friday, June 5 of homes that were affected by Hurricane Sandy. Crowley and Peterson visited homeowners in Edgewater Park, where they got a first-hand view of the community's efforts to recover from Sandy.



Congressman Crowley (c) and Peterson met with homeowners in the Edgewater Park recently to assess their rebuilding progress.

Photo courtesy of Congressman Crowley's office

## FIAME INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

On Monday, June 8, the executive board of the Forum of Italian American Educators met at Fratelli's Restaurant, to install their new president, Josephine Fanelli, principal of St. Theresa School. Fanelli fills the position that former FIAME president Mary Ann Ventrelli Gorman had served as for six years.



Ventrelli (r) hands over the reigns to Fanelli after FIAME's executive board meeting.

Photo courtesy of FIAME

## CITY ISLAND HOSTS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

The City Island Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Spring Arts & Crafts fair on City Island Avenue on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7. Scores of vendors lined the island's 'main street' to showcase their wares, and there was live entertainment in Hawkins Park.



Jim Paul, specializing in rocks, fossils and minerals, had a nifty array of items for sale.

Photo by Miriam Quin

Wyatt Linzer, 3, has his face painted by Gwynellen Hopkins.

Photo by Miriam Quin



## BRAZILIAN ARTIST NOVE PAINTS MURAL

Nove, a Brazilian urban artist and muralist since 1999, traveled to the United States for the first time ever to paint a mural at Mott Haven Academy Charter School on Monday, June 8. The purpose of Nove's visit was to help promote art education and the importance of street art to the students as well as the community.



Nove prepares the mural for the student's arrival.

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The mural created by Nove.

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## LGBT PRIDE MONTH KICKOFF

Boom Health!, joined by elected officials including Congressman Jose Serrano, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Councilman Ritchie Torres, hosted a rally and march in honor of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month on Friday, June 5. This year marked the first march and rally kickoff for LGBT Pride Month events in the borough, according to its organizers. The elected officials spoke at the rally inside of the Bronx County Courthouse.



(l-r) Miriam Velazquez, Jennifer Guzman, Raymond Mintz, Jose Collazo and Marisol Small.  
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## LGBTQ PRIDE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Wednesday, June 3, the fifth annual Bronx Borough President & Allies LGBTQ Pride Awards Ceremony was held inside Billy's Sports Bar to honor those exhibiting exceptional leadership in the LGBTQ community. This year's honorees were Councilman Daniel Dromm; Marie Spivey, L Group coordinator; Sasha Washington, Destination Tomorrow volunteer; Damon Jacobs, licensed marriage and family therapist; Douglas Reich, MD, Bronx Lebanon Hospital's Department of Family Medicine chairman; Vanessa Victoria, NYC Anti-Violence Project community-based counselor; and Eric Soto, Boogie Down Pride founder.



Borough President Diaz, Jr. (c) stands with honorees Douglas Reich (l), Councilman Dromm, Vanessa Victoria, Eric Soto, Cesar Sanchez and Damon Jacobs.  
Photo by Edwin Soto

## JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, May 31, Senator Jeff Klein, joined by Bronx civic leaders and hundreds of community members, hosted Jewish American Heritage Month celebrations across the borough to commemorate more than 350 years of Jewish contributions to American history, society, and culture. At celebrations held at both Riverdale's YM-YWHA and Pelham Parkway's Bronx House, the senator honored important community leaders who are making a difference. Honorees for the Riverdale YM-YWHA's celebration included Charles Moerdler, Committee on Character and Fitness of Applicants to the Bar of the State of New York vice chairman; Farrah Rubin, Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation development director, and recently retired Bronx County Supreme Court justice Mark Friedlander. The Bronx House honorees included Edith Blitzer, Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association president; Andrea Seigel, PPNA vice president and Barbara Davis Gelnick, Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway board chairwoman.



(l-r) Mark Friedlander, Senator Klein and Farrah Rubin with her family.  
Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office



Senator Klein stands with honorees Barbara Davis Gelnick (l), Edith Blitzer and Andrea Seigel.  
Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

St. Francis Xavier church held a procession through the streets of Morris Park on Sunday, June 7. The procession was part of the church's celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi, which honors the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ in the Catholic religious tradition.

Fr. Matthew Furey (c) leads the procession on Morris Park Avenue with altar servers.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



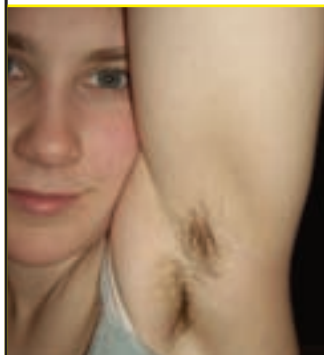
Parishioners walked behind Fr. Furey during the procession.  
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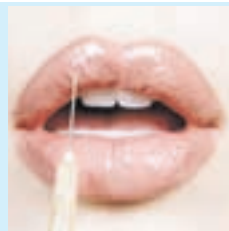
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## NAPLES MAYOR VISITS BELMONT AVENUE

The mayor of Naples, Italy, Luigi De Magistris, visited Mike's Deli in the Arthur Avenue Retail Market in Belmont on Saturday, June 6. He toured Little Italy, and then joined Mike's Deli proprietor David Greco in making fresh mozzarella.



Mike's Deli owner David Greco.

Photo by Miriam Quin

Luigi De Magistris (center, left) and Mike Greco (center, right) during the mozzarella making.  
Photo by Miriam Quin

## LITTLE PRODIGY'S INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

On Friday, June 5, Little Prodigies Day Care held an international festival in Pelham Bay Park for families and friends. The children sang, performed dances from different countries, and even wore native costumes during this family-friendly event.



Children from Little Prodigies Day Care perform the Tarantella, a rapid, whirling southern Italian dance.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## NYISE HOLDS ANNUAL PROM

On Thursday, June 4, the New York Institute for Special Education held its annual prom for students inside its school. 'A Night in Paris' serves as the theme behind this celebratory event which saw students dancing the night away in addition to a lucky few being crowned this year's prom king, prom queen, prom prince, and prom princess.



(l-r) Prom Princess Ayana Cruz, Prom Queen Vanessa Luna, Prom King Jose Del Orden and Prom Prince Preston McCutcheon.  
Photo courtesy of NYISE

## REUNION HOSTED AT ICE HOUSE CAFE

The Ice House Cafe hosted a reunion event for residents that oncelived on or near Morrison Avenue and Soundview Park on Saturday, June 7. The reunion event was held by Milt Waltzer and Vincent Lanza and included a barbecue, hot buffet, salads, drinks and music.



Former Soundview residents hold up a 'Morrison Avenue/Soundview Park' banner from last year's reunion event.  
Photo by Edwin Soto

## BOY SCOUT GOLF INVITATIONAL HELD

Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses hosted the third annual Boy Scout Golf Invitational on Tuesday, June 2. The proceeds from the tournament will help provide camp scholarships for needy scouts in the Bronx and Manhattan.



(l-r) Christopher Coscia, Boy Scouts of America executive, Ryan Earle, BSA executive, Jason Tewas, BSA executive and Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber of Commerce president and CEO, attended the invitational.  
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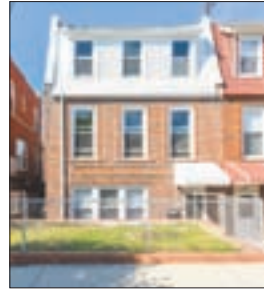
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# MOVIE NIGHT AT WESTCHESTER SQUARE

The first of the summer's 'Circle in the Square Movie Nights' featuring 'Big Hero 6' was hosted by the Westchester Square Business Improvement District and Councilman James Vacca on Saturday, June 6 in Westchester Square. The event featured activities for kids prior to the movie screening.



Children participated in arts and crafts run by Westchester Square-Zerega Improvement Organization and Westchester Square Civic Association. Photo by Laura Stone



Movie goes Kyan, Gary, Amy and Denise Siciliano with friend Jimbania Rodriguez. Photo by Laura Stone

# ST. PETER'S HOSTS LUNCHEON

St. Peter's Deliverance Ministries held their second annual luncheon and awards ceremony on Saturday, June 6. The event was held to acknowledge and honor volunteers who donate their time every fourth Saturday of each month at their community kitchen. Festivities included food, games, guest speakers.



St. Peter's Deliverance Ministries, community kitchen volunteers, representatives from Assemblyman Marcos Crespo's office and representatives from Assemblyman Michael Blake's office enjoyed the festivities. Photo by Edwin Soto



NYC community kitchen volunteers received citation certificate awards. Photo by Edwin Soto



(l-r) Asia Shabazz, Diamond Golden and Alaysia Golden enjoy the festivities. Photo by Edwin Soto

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# St. Barnabas class of 2015

On the evening of Friday, May 29th, Saint Barnabas High School held its Ninetieth Annual Commencement Exercises. The Class of 2015, consisting of 63 graduates, gathered in the St. Barnabas High School Chapel to receive their diplomas, with their families and friends excitedly and happily looking on.

The ceremony began with seniors Chelsea Bellamy and Chidera Ohakam singing a beautiful rendition of The National Anthem. Principal Sr. Joan Faraone '68, RJM, Ph.D. welcomed all in attendance and then turned her attention to the graduates, more speaking to them than about them. She compared the Class of 2015 to the main characters in the play Wicked. "Like Elphaba and Galinda, you have gone beyond your initial differences in personality, culture, color, tradition, work ethic, values and beliefs, and forged relationships based on acceptance, respect, trust, hysterical laughter, social justice, social responsibility, fine memories, and a common bond of sisterhood. Your departure from St. Barnabas today can never change all that you have shared and have become together", stated Faraone.

Class Salutatorian, Rohana Sosa delivered a speech speaking of success and taking hold of future opportunities. Sosa quoted her deceased father during her speech, "In the words of my father, remember that one must always be open to overcoming obstacles in order to fulfill our life's purpose, and keep growing as an individual. He used to say that one must be fearless and practical, and never fear losing because failure is only guaranteed when we do not do anything. When opportunities come, take them, and let your heart and mind guide you". Rohana will be attending The Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace University in the fall.

During the ceremony St. Barnabas High School awarded medals to those who achieved top honors in each subject as well as special awards to students who exemplified leadership and service. Noreen Charles received The Saint Barnabas High School Pastor's



Valedictorian Samantha Smith '15

Award for Exemplary Efforts and Ericka Miranda and Ashley Hunt received The Saint Barnabas High School Vice-Principal's Award for Exemplary Community Service. General Excellence Awards were given to Samantha Smith, Gold, and Rohana Sosa, Silver. Dean of Students Edward Sullivan also announced that 39 out of 64 members of the Class of 2015 collectively earned \$6.9 million in grants and scholarships from a vast array of colleges and universities.

Commencement was concluded with a grand farewell from Valedictorian Samantha Smith. Ms. Smith addressed her fellow classmates reminding them of just how extraordinary they are. "We have chosen to go to college and this journey can be scary, but it is our time to dive into this uncertain future with excitement, ambition and confidence. We are independent women capable of extraordinary things", stated Smith. Smith ended her speech with saying that goodbyes are just too sad. So she told the Class of 2015 to say hello, "So, instead I'll say hello. Hello to new women who stand before us. Hello to a new adventure that awaits us. Hello to a new world that must reckon with a force known as the Barnabas girls of the Class of 2015"! Ms. Smith will attend The State University of New York at Binghamton as a Neuro Science major.

## Warriors Football holds 2015 season registration

Warriors Football 2015 Flag and Tackle registration will be held on Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pelham Bay Park (blue shed next to the football field), rain or shine.

Fees for the 2015 season will be as follows:

Flag Football, 5 to 7year olds; Junior Pee Week, 7 to 10 year olds;

and Pee Wee, 10 to 13 year olds (all ages are determined as of April 30).

All new players must submit a copy of their birth certificate.

All Tackle players must attend registration to be weighed in.

For further information call (347) 242-1423.

# BronxWorks 5K Run/Walk

BronxWorks announces their first ever Feed Shelter Teach Support 5K Run/Walk that will take place on Sunday, June 21.

As part of the Generosity Series, the BronxWorks 5K Run/Walk will be held at Van Courtland Park. The BronxWorks teams and individuals will run to support and raise awareness of the agency-wide major initiative to take healthy living programs to the next level, from enhanced nutrition education to ramped-up exercise opportunities across the community.

Some of the programs BronxWorks has initiated to build a stronger, healthier Bronx include free access to athletic facilities which include an indoor pool, gymnasium, children's play roof, and multipurpose spaces which provide various programs for area youth and adults.

BronxWorks also provides health and nutrition education, free meals, local food pantries and maintains community gardens cared for by children and seniors.

"BronxWorks is committed to help

combat the increasing levels of obesity, asthma, and heart disease plaguing our Bronx neighbors," explained BronxWorks executive director Eileen Torres. "Through the Generosity Bronx 5K, we hope to raise funds to sustain and expand our health, wellness and nutrition programs which reach more than 40,000 Bronx residents annually - and counting."

The Generosity Bronx 5K will take place, rain or shine and is a great event for walkers, runners, rollers and the differently-abled. The professional chip timed course and top finisher awards cater to more competitive runners. In addition the Generosity Bronx 5K features professional pre-race warm-up and stretch, a professional announcer, Charity customized Generosity T-Shirts and finisher medals.

To learn more about the 5K or to register to be a part of the BronxWorks Team, contact Gianna Dell'Olio, director of Advancement and Communications at (646) 393-4007 or gdellolio@bronxworks.org.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

The NY Department Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Buffalo, NY. This runs from July 11 to 18., Info is available on the department web site.

The National Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD from August 28 to September 3. Again the info is on the department web site.

The Women Veterans' Recognition Day Event will be held at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center on June 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event will be held in Room 1B-07 on the first floor near the canteen. Please RSVP via e-mail to Angela-Crafton-Murray@va.gov or Carmen.Derrios@va.gov or call (718) 584-9000 ext. 3778.

Our post meetings have been suspended for the summer season and will resume on the first Saturday in September. Oh, okay that's the 5th.

Remember our Flag Retirement will be held on this Friday the 12th at 7 p.m. on our Great Lawn.

The VA BBQ is on Sunday June 14 at noon.

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This hotel is smack in the middle of just about everything. This in from Gloria Castellano a board member and friend of the vets.

Trivia Time

A. A. was founded on June 10, 1935 in Akron Ohio.

On the same date in 1940, Mussolini declared war on England and France. How's that for nerve!!

John Wayne died at 72 years of age on June 11, 1979.

June 14, 1775 began Army Day. Happy birthday to me.

June 14, 1777, started the celebration of Flag Day. Happy birthday Betsy.

King John signed the Magna Carta on June 15, 1215. Look it up!

Val Tereshkova was the first woman in space. She left Russia on June 16, 1963.

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# Bronx schools

## Academy of Mt. St. Ursula's graduates

"We are very proud of our AMSU seniors, and this year they earned \$7 million in academic scholarships," said Academy of Mt. St. Ursula Guidance Department chairperson, Kathleen O'Connell '85. Some of the more prominent college acceptances include: CUNY Hunter College, Fordham University, New York University, Pennsylvania State University, Quinnipiac University, Siena College, SUNY Binghamton University, Syracuse University, Trinity College, and Vassar College. On average, 98% of graduates attend college immediately after graduation as they are well prepared for college. At AMSU, students are supported by talented, caring and dedicated teachers, staff members and especially generous donors and contributors. AMSU is celebrating its 160th year in Educating Young Women in the Bronx this year.

AMSU launched a Capital Campaign earlier this year, a fundraising initiative aimed at raising \$3 million by the end of 2015. The funds will better enable AMSU to advance its mission by expanding its academic programs and by offering scholarships and financial aid to a larger group of deserving students. Programs supported will include the St. Angela Merici Scholars Program for merit-based scholarships and the St. Ursula Financial Aid Program for students with demonstrated

financial need. The Campaign is well underway and has been positively received by alumnae and other supporters of AMSU.

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

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



The 2015 graduating class of the Academy of Mt. St. Ursula.



The Class of 2015 reciting the Alumnae Association pledge.

## St. Barnabas Graduation Mass

On the morning of Thursday, May 28th, St. Barnabas High School's Class of 2015 joined their families, faculty and fellow underclassmen at the school chapel to celebrate the Baccalaureate Mass. Msgr. Edward Barry was the celebrant for the liturgy. Both the SBHS choir and gospel choir were on hand to provide musical accompaniment.

Msgr. Barry officiated a beautiful mass and offered words of encouragement and success to the Class of 2015. Principal Sr. Joan Faraone, RJM, Ph.D. '68 closed the Mass with a dedication poem to the graduates. The poem referred to many moments during their senior year and ended with an important notation, "Now it's time

to scale new heights and live out all their dreams. To make the world a better place their mission now, it seems. Each of you our dear friends will be sorely missed. Our hearts will always bear your name on our favorite persons list".

After the liturgy the Class of 2015 was inducted into the St. Barnabas High School Alumnae Association with a pinning ceremony and reciting the SBHS Alumnae pledge. The Class of 2015 then showed a video portraying their four years as students at St. Barnabas. A luncheon reception was held in the school cafeteria for the Class of 2015, their families and the SBHS faculty and staff to end the well-attended event.



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Deadline for registration is June 30, 2015.





The 21st Induction Ceremony of the Saint Marguerite Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society was held on May 22. The following Villa Maria Academy students were newly inducted into the society: From Grade 8: Abigail Akbar, Rocco Aliberti, Noah Marinaccio, Raelynn Purcell, William Tancredi, Brianna Vargas, and Sabrina Pirraglia. From Grade 7: Sydney Anderson, GianPaul Calle, Lauren Catherall, Kelly Crorkin, Edward Delatorre, Jonathan Diaz, Joanna Enea, Camryn Feliciano, Austin Haney, Patrick Hehir, John Marano, Michael Martire, Teila Narcisco, Justin Piccininni, Christina Racanelli, Alexander Salcedo, Maria Silvestri, Milena Ferreira-Soler, Jonathan Suero, Maria Terzulli, and Kaitlyn Zigrissi.

Sixteen senior members from the Class of 2015 were also honored for their service to the Villa community. The honorees were: Faith Berishaj, Adriana Bracco, Charly-Ann Casali, William Kendrick-Holmes, Andi Kodra, Sean Maldonado, Ashley Medina, Alexa Nohavicka, Sarah O'Keefe, Steven Piparo, Joseph Rao, Angelica Salamone, Joseph Salamone, Bryana Thompson, Joseph Trocio, and Eleanna Ventura.

Frank Pirraglia (Villa Maria - Class of 2013) was the guest speaker.  
(Above) New members of NJHS.

## Baby naming at Temple Hatikva

Cantor Kyle Cherry introduced the newest member of Temple Hatikva, Samantha Babchik, to delighted members of the congregation, during her baby naming ceremony during the Friday, June 5 Shabbat Service.

Samantha was given the Hebrew name Pesah Henya in honor of her paternal great grandmother,

Pearl, whose Hebrew name was also Pesah. Pearl, who passed away in 1976, was a Holocaust survivor who lived in Poland before coming over to New York City on a ship with her two-and-a-half-year-old son, Samantha's grandfather.

Traditionally, Jewish children are given a Hebrew, as well as a secular, name. The chosen Hebrew name often

honors important people in the child's family, making connections to previous generations, and are used in future rituals, such as at one's Bar or Bat Mitzvah and when being called to the Torah.

The service was followed by a dessert Kiddush for the congregation, provided by the Babchiks.



Samantha Babchik checks out the commemorative baby naming certificate presented by Temple Hatikva Cantor Kyle Cherry (far right) to her parents, Bethany and Michael Babchik, with big brother, Joey.

BY GENE DEFRANCIS

We proudly hosted our last 49th Precinct Council meeting. Thank you to the council for accepting our invitation and to all who attended. We hope you enjoyed the location as much as we enjoyed having you. It was a full house filled with great energy bridging the relationship between community and our precinct.

Thank you to Sal & Dom for their amazing spread of various cookies and biscottis. International House of Pancakes for providing the tea and coffee. Exit Realty for providing added refreshments. Farenga Bros for having their parking lot available for anyone in need of parking. And of course to Richie Sanz for allowing us to utilize the space.

It is a beautiful location if you have yet to check it out do so today at 815 Allerton Avenue, The Sanz Banquet Hall. They can assist you with all your event needs.

We held our monthly meeting the first Tuesday of the month. We mainly discussed preparations for our upcoming food festival and the event is shaping up very nicely.

Sanz is holding a flawless event. Mentoring young girls to be sophisticated young women. There is a small fee to participate but the investment will last a lifetime. Contact the Sanz for more information at (718) 654-8572 and ask for Pamela.

The 49th Precinct also sent a rep this month to discuss crime prevention. They have several programs in place to proactively combat car theft from window etching to programs where you mark your car if you want police to pull your vehicle over during cer-

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tain hours because you rarely or never drive at those times.

You can also get a sticker authorizing a police stop if you are a senior and someone under 40 is driving your vehicle. These programs are not designed for everyone. But if you feel this will benefit you and keep your car safe, contact officer Mederos of Crime Prevention Unit at the 49th Precinct.

We also addressed some Q-O-L issues including a few noise complaints from a local late night establishment. We have spoken with management and if they can not get a handle on the issue we will continue to put focus on it until it is resolved. Basically we want to maintain that the party stays inside and does not spill out into our residential streets.

Also we welcome Cricket Wireless to the corridor. Their official grand opening is right around the corner. We will post more information in an upcoming newsletter.

- Reminder:
- Saturday, July 18 Allerton International Food Festival
- Saturday, June 20 Allerton - Barnes Avenue Block Party

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to reach out to us. We receive many emails each day. We do not promise to contact you immediately but we do promise to address the issue.

TONY SALIMBENE

Hi again.

Now hear this. Just a quick note to remind all that our June meeting, swearing in of officers and start of summer BBQ will be on the 4th Sunday, that's the 28th of June and at the TN Memorial Post 1456, 1456 Shore Drive. All post family members are invited and may bring a guest or a prospective new member to meet us.

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## Lavender in the Garden Day at Wave Hill

On Sunday, June 28, indulge in a full day of luxurious, lavender-themed activities at Wave Hill, W. 249th Street and Independence Avenue, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Craft your own lavender-scented soap during a Cold-Process Soap-Making Workshop, and then use a Cooking with Lavender Demonstration to learn how to incorporate this versatile herb into a number of sweet dishes. Tote young ones along to a lavender-themed Family Art Project, and make sweetly scented pillows, sachets and Hacky Sacks for decoration and play. Round out the day with a visit to Wave Hill's blooming lavender border—a delightful collection awaits!

Engage in a rich array of simple projects as we go to town using the wonderful

softly scented and calming lavender flower. With lavender buds and fabric we'll make pillows and sachets, and even small, sweet-smelling Hacky Sacks for extended play. Free with admission to the grounds.

**Cold-Process Soap-Making Workshop: Affinity for Lavender, Sunday, June 28:** Join Melissa Rivera from Essence and Aroma for this hands-on workshop, where you'll learn cold-process soap-making and how to add an herbal infusion of lavender buds and essential oils to make the most relaxing bar of soap. Ages 12 and older welcome with an adult. \$55/\$45 Wave Hill Member. Registration required.

**Cooking with Lavender, Sunday, June 28, 1 p.m.:** Often associated with soaps and potpourri, lavender can be a

delightfully unexpected ingredient when used in sweet dishes. Taste lavender-laced treats prepared by a chef from Wave Hill caterer Great Performances, then follow your nose to the lavender border to enjoy our diverse collection of lavender in full bloom. Free with admission to the gardens.

The Family Art Project is generously sponsored by Target, with additional support provided by the National Endowment for the Arts. Sustaining support is provided by the Sally and Gilbert Kerlin Endowment for Environmental Science and Nature Education. Support for Garden Programs is provided by the Hagedorn Fund. Support for Public Programs is provided by The William Froelich Foundation.



Lavender in the Garden Day at Wave Hill.

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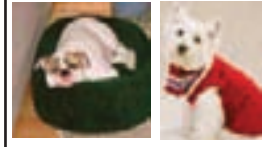
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# Rivers Run Community Garden's free outdoor concert

On Sunday, June 21, **Rivers Run Community Garden** (RRCG), Co-op City's first ever riverfront community garden is opening its doors with a free outdoor live musical extravaganza featuring Make Music performers from 11 a.m. to dusk at the site located on Co-op City Boulevard (left side of baseball field). The event is sponsored in part by Make Music New York, Citizens Committee of NY, Riverbay Fund Community Relations, Building 13 Association, Inc., and Rivers Run Community Garden's members and volunteers.

Now in its ninth year, Make Music New York, "the largest music event ever to grace Gotham" (Metro New York), is a unique festival of 1,000+ free concerts in public spaces throughout the five boroughs of New York City, all on June 21, the first day of summer. MMNY takes place simultaneously with similar festivities in more than 700 cities around the world – a global celebration of music making

All day, musicians of all ages, creeds, and musical persuasions – from hip hop to opera, Latin jazz to punk rock – perform on streets, sidewalks, stoops, plazas, cemeteries, parks and gardens. This year RRCG has been chosen to participate as a Bronx location for a full day of entertainment. Tentatively scheduled to appear are Kyle Young, Phantm aka Phantm Phuego, 212 Green, Newsong, Kuf Knotz, Shawnee Jay, J Love Copeland, Tommi Truthz, Gregg James, Brotherhood Experience, Benita Charles and Yoshi the Talent

The day will include a Bake Sale, tours of RRCG, crafts, information from NY Botanical Garden, composting information, and lots more.

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Upcoming **Wave Hill** events include:

Saturday, June 13; Sunday, June 14: Family Art Project: Luminous Paper Lanterns: Cut nature shapes from bright, multicolored tissue paper. Then, with a simple, papier-mâ-

ché method, use your cut shapes to make festive lanterns to brighten and make magical your summer days and nights. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Saturday, June 13: Tai Chi Chuan: In this beginner-level class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits.

Saturday, June 13: Gardening Workshop: Tropical Plants In A Strawberry Pot: Transform a terracotta strawberry pot into a sculptural tower of luxuriant tropical plants, perfect for a shady garden terrace or deck. Assistant Director of Public Programs Laurel Rimmer provides pots, plants and plenty of personal instruction as you design this verdant vertical garden. \$

Saturday, June 13: Gallery Tour: Join the Curatorial Fellow for a tour of current exhibitions.

Sunday, June 14: Summer Birding: Naturalist Gabriel Willow contributes his extensive knowledge of diverse bird species and their behavior on these walks through the gardens.

Sunday, June 14: Hatha Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors.

Sunday, June 14: Meditation: Each session, led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors,

Sunday, June 14: Family Nature Walk: Join naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow on a family-friendly walk to look at what's new in the gardens and woodlands.

Sunday, June 14: Meet The Artists: Tamara Johnson & Eto Otitigbe: Join in for an artist talk with Tamara Johnson and Eto Otitigbe, who will discuss the installations they have on view in the Sunroom Project Space and describe their artistic process.

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# 4-star general hailed from Van Nest

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey



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Four-star General James F. Collins hailed from Unionport Road.

I attended the outdoor Memorial Day ceremony at the monument in Van Nest Park dedicated to those who lost their lives serving our country.

It was hosted by the East Bronx History Forum and the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance and was held on the east sidewalk of Unionport Road at Mead Street.

As I stood there, I recalled that it was right near the home of a four-star general. James F. Collins was raised at 1820 Unionport Road.

He was born of native Irish parents on September 2, 1905 and attended P.S. 34 from 1911 to 1919 before going on to Regis High School. Thereafter he received an appointment to the West Point Military Academy from which he graduated and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1927.

Collins was assigned to Field Artillery and served in the Hawaiian Division before and during the Second World War.

He fought in the Papua New Guinea campaign where he

led American and Australian forces in ousting the Japanese from New Guinea.

He also fought at Luzon in the Philippines and even after the war he continued to command the artillery in the Philippines and at Japan.

It's well to note that he was promoted to Brigadier General as the war drew to a close in 1945. The following year he was assigned to the National War College where in 1950 he would join their faculty.

His next command was heading up our forces in Alaska from 1954 to 1956. Thereafter he led the Second Infantry Division which had included South Korean troops until being deactivated.

The Pentagon then assigned him as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel under Assistant Secretary of Defense Herbert F. York from 1958 to

1961.

It was on April 1st of that latter year that President John F. Kennedy promoted him to Four-star General, the 54th person to hold that rank. Collins was serving as Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Army Pacific at the time. He retired in March of 1964.

The following month he was named president of the American Red Cross where he set about enhancing their services to our military in Vietnam. He increased services to civilians, but among his prime concerns were blood donations and its availability to our injured troops. He retired from the Red Cross on September 30, 1970.

He married Marian A. McLaughlin in 1932. She passed away on April 13, 1986 and is buried with the General in Section 2 of Arlington

National Cemetery. General James F. Collins, the pride of the Bronx, died on January 22, 1989 of prostate cancer.

He was 83 years old and is survived by his daughter and grandchildren.

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Notice of Formation of Morris Park Wellness Center, a domestic or foreign Professional Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on April 9, 2015. NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the PLLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her to C/O Ron Hayek 169 Union Blvd, Totowa NJ 07512. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Case#: P2015-0904 WHEREAS, ALTAGRACIA MARIA MELO of Providence, RI, in the County of Providence has filed a Complaint in said office demanding a divorce from SILVIO ALEJANDRO FOY, PURSUANT TO R.I.G.L. 15-5-16.1, AND ALL OTHER RELIEF AS THIS COURT MAY DEEM JUST. Now, therefore you the said DEFENDANT are hereby summoned to answer, if you shall see fit, before the Family Court, to be held in Providence, RI, within the County of Providence, on the 4th day of August, 2015, then and there to answer said complaint. FAILURE TO APPPEAR WILL RESULT IN DEFAULT AND DEFFENDANT WILL BE DENIED ALIMONY.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license for beer and wine has been applied for by B.B.'s Marina and Restaurant LLC, to sell beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3 Soundview Ave, Bronx NY 10473, for on-premises consumption.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, number Pending, for wine and beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell wine and beer at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 500 E. 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10455 for on premises consumption.

La Granja Peruvian Restaurant Corp.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1286431 for beer & wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer & wine at retail in a restaurant under the alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 124 W. 238th St., Bronx, NY 10463 for on premises consumption; Acapella Gourmet Pizza & Rest. Corp.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial number 1284790 for Beer and Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 545 East 183rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458 for on-premises consumption JJ SPORT BAR RESTAURANT CORP.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial number 1284787 for Beer only has been applied for by EMILIA SALDANA to sell beer at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 131 East 169th Street, Bronx, NY 10452 for on-premises consumption; DBA MI RINCONCITO RESTAURANT.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. COUNTRYWIDE BANK, A DIVISION OF TREASURY BANK, N.A., Plif. 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, July 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 727 East 136th St., Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 2565, 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 Plif., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 20082 - #86142

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an on premises license, #TBA has been applied for by Khalle Bar and Grill Corp to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 3638 Bailey Avenue Bronx, NY 10463.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an on premises license, #TBA has been applied for by Chelsea Craft Brewing Company LLC to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 463 East 173rd Street, Store 2 Bronx, NY 10457.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on March 27, 2015, bearing Index Number NC-000085-15/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) Leslie (Middle) Ann (Last) Diaz. My present name is (First) Leslie (Middle) Ann (Last) Clemente Fonseca AKA Leslie Clemente-Diaz (infant). My present address is 285 Reservoir Place, Apt GL, Bronx, NY 10467. My place of birth is Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. My date of birth is August 26, 2002.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. BELARMINIO JAVIER; 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 16, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York On July 6, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 3232 BRONX BLVD, BRONX, NY 10467-6305 Block: 4593 Lot: 13 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, being a part of Lot 94 on "Map of Olinville" By Rhenwood dated September 1852 and filed in the Westchester County Register's Office. 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 \$439,835.68 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 380673-13 JOSEPH VOZZA, ESQ.; REFEREE

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 July 13, 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

JAMES B. NUTTER AND COMPANY; Plaintiff(s)

vs. JANET DUNCAN SMITH A/K/A JANET SMITH AS BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABNER DUNCANS A/K/A REVEREND ABNER B. DUNCANS; DELORIS ROBINSON A/K/A DOLORES ROBINSON AS BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ABNER DUNCANS A/K/A REVERAND ABNER B. DUNCANS; 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 23, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York

On July 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 128 W 179TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10453

Block: 3221 Lot: 31 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City of New York, County of Bronx 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 \$361,044.07 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380530/2012 RICHARD O. TOLCHIN, ESQ.; REFEREE

# Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEISER

## June 11th Meeting

Bronx Park East Community Association will hold its monthly community meeting on the date of this paper's publication - Thursday, June 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. inside the CenterLight building at 2401 White Plains Road.

Our meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month and are a great opportunity for residents, businesses, students and everyone else in the Pelham Parkway and Allerton communities to speak up about their concerns and find out how they can take part in many positive advocacy efforts.

This month, in light of the mayor's 'Vision Zero' efforts to reduce pedestrian fatalities, we will have a special presentation by Family Life Theatre on the difficult traffic safety choices that pedestrians and drivers face.

Funded by the Department of Transportation Office of Safety Education, Family Life Theatre has made this stirring presentation at middle schools in our area and it is something that you will not want to miss!

As always, representatives from Councilman Ritchie Torres, senators Jeff Klein and Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and other elected officials will be on-hand to address your concerns face-to-face, as well as update you on their office's efforts.

At the meeting you will also be able to RSVP for CenterLight's 5th Annual 'Senior Prom', taking place Tuesday, June 30 from 2 to 5 p.m!

CenterLight is a not-for-profit health care provider which manages several senior housing facilities in Allerton and Pelham Parkway. They also do a lot for the surrounding community. Their annual prom is one of the ways that CenterLight gives

back. It is free-of-charge for Seniors 55 and older, but there are only 20 spots available. So come to the meeting and reserve your spot!

## Community Calendar

Here is a list of some of the important meetings, activities and events going on in our community, and the Bronx at-large. Please do your best to attend a few, on the days you're available. Be a part of the positive efforts going on in our city:

1. Monday June 15: Bronx Day in Albany. Join Assemblyman Gjonaj and Bronx elected officials as they bring Bronx pride to the state capital. Call (718) 409-0109 to RSVP your spot on the bus to Albany.

2. Tuesday, June 16 at 6 p.m.: Pelham Parkway Reconstruction Project Phase 2 Public Hearing. Learn about the second phase of Pelham Parkway's reconstruction and voice your concerns. Takes place inside the NY Institute for Special Education at 999 Pelham Parkway North.

3. Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m.: 6th Annual Bronx Antiques Roadshow. Dig through your collections for that memorable Bronx memento and bring it to the East Bronx History Forum's annual event inside Huntington Library at 9 Westchester Square.

4. Saturday, June 20 from noon to 8 p.m.: 2nd Annual Allerton-Barnes Block Party. Join Grace Lovaglio and the Allerton Library for pony rides, giveaways and fun on Barnes Avenue between Allerton and Arnow! To sponsor or contribute, call Grace at (347) 664-6445.

5. Wednesday, June 24 at 6 p.m.: Final vote of the NYC Rent Guidelines Board at Cooper Union, 7 East 7th Street. Come out and demand a rent freeze for all Bronx tenants at this final meeting

of the RGB!

6. Thursday June 25 at 7 p.m.: Community Board 11 full board meeting inside Einstein Medical School's Lubin Hall at 1200 Van Nest Avenue. This will be CB 11's last meeting until September.

7. Saturday, June 27: Pelham Parkway-Van Nest Library 'Superheroes' Block Party and Community Fair on Barnes Avenue between Pelham Parkway South and Lydig Avenue. For more information, call (718) 829-5864.

8. Sunday, June 28 from 1 to 7 p.m.: Discovery for Justice 'D4J' Fundraiser inside the Hispanic Transit Society, at 450 Soundview Avenue. Join B-PECA Members and D4J supporters Kenny Agosto, Norma Lopez, Francine Ruh and others as we support this important effort to reform the criminal justice system and repeal CPL 240. Admission is \$50 and you'll be treated to food, music and awesome people. For more information on the fundraiser, call D4J's Carmen Rivera at (347) 574-0445.

9. Tuesday, June 30 from 2 to 5 p.m.: CenterLight's 5th Annual Senior Prom. To RSVP, email [bxparkeast@gmail.com](mailto:bxparkeast@gmail.com) or call (347) 654-7044.

10. Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m.: 49th Precinct Community Council monthly meeting and board member election in Bronx House, at 990 Pelham Parkway South. This will be the final 49th Pct. meeting until September.

11. Thursday, June 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.: Vigil for Vision Zero and all pedestrians who have been injured/killed in car crashes. Manhattan location to be announced.

12. Saturday, June 25 from noon to 8 p.m.: 4th Annual Thwaites Place Block Party at Thwaites Place and Olinville Avenue. To sponsor or contribute, call/text Raphael

Schweizer at (347) 654-7044

13. Saturday, June 22 from noon to 7 p.m.: 3rd Annual Cruger-Mace Block Party at Cruger and Mace avenues. To sponsor or contribute, call Norma Lopez at (334) 526-0560.

14. July and August: Allerton residents and business-owners Isaiah 'Izzy' Rivera and Melissa Smoker will be running the 2nd Annual IMPACT Summer Handball Tournament, at NYCHA Parkside Houses' handball courts at Arnow and Olinville avenues. The days and duration will be announced soon. Special thank you to Citizens Committee for New York City for funding this year's tournament with a \$2,500 Neighborhood Grant!

15. 'Freestyle Friday' Art Gallery: Put Friday Evenings July 10 and August 14 on your calendar for a night of freestyle performance and art exhibition in our community!

The location will be announced soon, but if you know any artists or performers interested in exhibiting their talents, have them call/text (347) 654-7044.

## Thank You CM Torres

To end this column, on behalf of Team B-PECA, I'd like to give a special appreciation to the office of Councilman Ritchie Torres for their partnership and efforts in funding \$450,000 for improvements to Bronx Park East.

Over the 6-month long inaugural Participatory Budgeting process in Council District 15, Luisa Benedetto, Rafael Moure, Genesis Aquino, Ronn Jordan, Juan Antigua, Aisha Bamba and everyone else in Councilman Torres' office worked long hours to enable over 2,000 residents to choose what they want \$1 million of their tax dollars spent on.

With the efforts of 17 B-PECA volunteers and Torres'

office's partnership, Ballot Item #7 for 'Bronx Park East Improvements', received the second-highest vote tally with over 1,300 residents realizing the dire state our park is in.

Over the coming months, B-PECA will communicate with the councilman's office to ensure the \$450,000 is invested in a timely manner to bring Waring Playground and the surrounding Bronx Park East green space up to par with other lovely Bronx playgrounds.

Hopefully \$2 million can be given to Participatory Budgeting next year, but regardless, 'PB' has become a fixture in the Allerton/Pelham Parkway community.

For that we are grateful to Councilman Torres for being forward-thinking and making PB possible for the 15th City Council District.

## Contact B-PECA

As always, you can communicate with Bronx Park East Community Association anytime by texting or calling (347) 654-7044, emailing [bxparkeast@gmail.com](mailto:bxparkeast@gmail.com) or being a part of our vibrant facebook group.

Simply search, Bronx Park East Community Association on the facebook search tab and click Request to Join. There you will be able to see and share pictures, videos, memories, information of interest and most importantly, be a part of the on-going conversation.

Don't have facebook? Receive weekly text message news, info and community updates by texting Join to (347) 654-7044.

Remember, there is power in numbers: The more people show up for meetings, the more seriously we are taken as a community.

One makes a difference. One plus one eventually equals 450,000.

Be that one.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

The Waterbury LaSalle Community Association needs you! If you love our community as we do then you must become proactive. Get involved. Join us because there is strength in numbers and with your participation so much more can be done. Don't leave the job to your neighbor. Step up!

We are asking all members to be sure that you have

sent in your dues. We are counting on you and we have sent reminders as well as printing reminders in this column. Times are tough and we can no longer continue your Bronx Times Reporter subscription unless you are fully paid by July 1st. If your dues are not received by that date, we must cancel your subscription. If there are extenuating circumstances please call me at

**civic center**  
**Waterbury LaSalle Community Assoc.**

(718) 792-6385 and we can discuss the problem.

Thank you to our members who have sent in their dues. Some have sent extra and that is very much ap-

preciated. We are trying to keep our dues at just \$10. A great deal considering that a subscription to the BTR is included in that fee.

Our association is conducting a membership drive and you can help us by asking your friends and neighbors to join us. We live in a very unique community where crime is low and involvement is high. We must continue to be involved in large numbers

so that our collective voices will be heard.

During this time we are also asking for your ideas. What would you like to see us work on? What WLCA events do you like? What events would you like us to undertake? Drop us a line and let us know what's on your mind.

Remember these words of wisdom, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY**

Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff against Bossman Boateng, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) The Law Office of Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered October 9th, 2014

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451 on June 22nd, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Premises known as 2090 East Tremont Avenue, Apartment 8F, Bronx, NY 10462 A/K/A 2090 East Tremont Avenue, Apartment 8F, Building N-7, Bronx, NY 10462 A/K/A 2090 East Tremont Avenue, Apartment 8F, Building N-10, Bronx, NY 10462. Sec N/A Block 3944 Lot 2909. All those certain Lot, Pieces or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$171,934.58 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380312-2012 .

Joseph Strasburg, Esq., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1, Plaintiff(s),

Against ...Index No.: 380848/2010

DENNIS JOHN O 'GARA, "JANE" RODRIGUEZ. Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 1/28/2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on 7/13/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2033 Lurting Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461, 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 4303 and Lot 10.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$532,847.89 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380848/2010.

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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 5/14/2015 GS

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE3 MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE3, Plaintiff(s),

A g a i n s t Index # 380063/11

BIBI S BACCHUS, LEECON SINGH, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 5/11/2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10467 on 7/13/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 729 East 217th St., 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 4665 and Lot 34.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$470,614.83 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380063/11

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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Richard Tolchin, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 5/18/2015 TMM

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKER'S TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR GSA 2006-2 BY: SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. F/K/A MERITECH MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. AS ITS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, Plaintiff(s),

Against Index # 380989-08

M D ABDUL MANNAN, ROBERTO COLON, JOSE COLON, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 1/12/2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 7/13/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 1241 College Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456, 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 2439 and Lot 68.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$367,104.81 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380989-08.

William F. Mackey, Jr., Esq., Referee.

Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556 Dated: 6/3/2015 JPF

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE

C/O Litton Loan Servicing, LP 4828 Loop Central Drive Houston, TX 77081

Index #17763/07 Plaintiff(s),

Against PAUL LOPEZ, et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 6/29/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on 6/22/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2869 Schley Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Section 18, Block 5562 and Lot 170.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$237,870.79 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 17763/07.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee. Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, & Pincus, 425 RXR Plaza, 4th Floor, Suite 400, UNIONDALE, NY 11556

Dated: 4/29/2015 JPF

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING 2007-C TRUST, Plaintiff, against NICHOLAS DELLABATE, LAURA DELLABATE, et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/9/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 07/13/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 2327 TIEMANN AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10469 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4400 Lot 36. Approximate amount of judgment \$842,108.19 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381152/10. Francis Thomas Alberts, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1142298

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX US BANK National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSAB Mortgage-Backed Trust 2006-2, Plaintiff, against Shirley Brown; Trevor Brown; et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 23, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on July 13, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 814 East 214th Street a/k/a 812-814 East 214th Street, Bronx, NY 10467. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 4672 Lot 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$477,877.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381274/11. Leonard Charles Alois, Esq. - 2013LCA3(5), Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 14, 2015 1142390 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 07/03/2015

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, against EDWIN CHIQUITO, et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/27/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 06/22/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1482 BRYANT AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10460 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 3000 LOT 13. Approximate amount of judgment \$495,908.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380004-14. Heddyeh P. Broumand, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1139997

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSCB Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for PHH 2007-1, Plaintiff, against Andrea Peart; et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 4, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx New York on June 22, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1027 East 216th Street, Bronx, NY 10469. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the

buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4699 Lot 14. Approximate amount of judgment \$472,294.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 382297-09. Allison Brockington, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 13, 2015 1141508 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 06/12/2015

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against BINNAWATTIE SINGH, et al., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/14/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 07/06/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 820 EAST 214TH STREET, Bronx, NY 10467 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4672 Lot 50. Approximate amount of judgment \$736,424.09 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380262/13. William J. Madonna, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1141654

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - SREE CHANDRA ROY a/k/a SREE ROY, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 27, 2014 and Order dated March 31, 2015, I will sell at public auction on July 13, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 12G, in the building known as S-3 a/k/a 15, and by street address 1521 Unionport Road, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 3101 in Block 3938 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0112 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$8,883.77, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Nationstar Mortgage LLC, in the original principal sum of \$49,500.00 with interest. Index No. 381147/13.

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

# East Bronx History Forum news

BY THOMAS CASEY

The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room announces The East Bronx History Forum will hold its 6th Annual Bronx Antique Road Show on Wednesday, June 17. The Antique Roadshow has developed into the most anticipated event of the year. Each year, unexpected members and guests have searched their basements, attic and family collections with amazing results. This year promises to be the best yet, with participants voting for 'best in show'.

The East Bronx History Forum meets to discuss Bronx history and held its first meeting June 2005. The 6th Annual Bronx Antique Road Show will be the forum's 102nd meeting. All meetings are free and open to the public at The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, located at 9 Westchester Square.

Please arrive early and get a seat up front and avoid the standing room only crowd.

Members and guests that participate in the Antique Road Show will have one or two items from their Bronx collec-

tions available for exhibit and discussion. The members will talk about how they acquired the item, its age and its Bronx connection to history. Participants may bring an object or provide documents, newspaper articles and photographs for display.

This will be the last monthly meeting of the season, with the East Bronx History Forum returning on September 16. The EBHF will lead a walking tours during the summer months. The Huntington Free Library will host a Bronx History Ex-



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hibit and Book Sale during the Westchester Square Fair on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please view

the East Bronx History Forum web page at BronxNYC.com for details and follow us on Facebook

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

It's a business model that has become as American as an ice cream cone at a drive in stop, or a hamburger at your favorite fast food shop.

The franchise model of business has allowed large numbers of Americans to become business owners, and has provided jobs to extraordinary numbers of people who might otherwise face unemployment or may never have had a chance to enter the job market at all. The Competitive Enterprise Institute notes that "minority-owned franchise businesses succeed at a rate 46 percent higher than that for minority-owned non-franchise businesses."

But it is a formula that is under attack on two fronts. Attempts to increase the minimum wage to \$15, and a legal maneuver that would raise liability for franchisors to the extent that it would make the entire franchise model a non-viable business model, may bring an end to this successful part of the U.S. economy.

USNEWS reports: "The franchise business model that has flourished for over two generations is under attack. The Service Employees International Union, as part of a national campaign to bolster its membership and finances, is leading an assault on franchise

businesses. If the unions prevail, nearly 800,000 small business owners who employ more than 8 million workers could face economic uncertainty, even bankruptcy, and thousands of other would-be entrepreneurs could be deterred from pursuing their dreams and creating additional jobs, according to a recent industry report; meanwhile, franchisees are expected to create nearly a quarter million new jobs in 2015 alone. In addition, the franchise model, which involves less risk than that typically associated with a small business startup, has been especially attractive to aspiring women and minority entrepreneurs. Around 20 percent of franchises were owned by minorities in 2007, compared to 14.2 percent of non-franchised businesses."

The Daily Signal concurs: "Legal experts worry that the franchising model could become extinct. The stakes are huge because by the end of this year, the more than 770,000 of these independently owned franchise stores nationwide are expected to employ more than 8 million workers. More than 31,000 automotive businesses, more than 155,000 fast-food restaurants and nearly 90,000 real estate businesses are part of this model."

The minimum wage dis-

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pute is fairly simple: those representing workers want to force owners to provide substantial wage hikes, while business owners worry that those hikes will wipe out their profit margin and force them out of business. But the liability issue is more akin to a law suit strategy that seeks to incorporate as many 'deep pockets' as possible into an action in order to gain the largest recovery, even if many of the parties dragged into the law suit have no real connection to the issue at all.

It would work like this: if an individual who works for a franchisee gets injured, he would not only be able to sue the owner of the franchised business he works for, but also the entire parent franchise company. That liability would shake the entire franchise industry to the core, as it would provide almost unlimited liability.

Forbes analyzes it this way: "The real objective for trial lawyers is to bring in another set of deep pockets for the phase of the case in which they

attempt to prove the amount of punitive damages that should be awarded," Oncidi [ a partner in a Los Angeles law office who focuses on labor and employment law] said. "They would much rather have a punitive damages award based on the income and profitability of the franchisor rather than just that of the franchisee."

The legal theory being proposed by critics of the franchise industry, including the National Labor Relations Board and the Service Employees' International Union, is called 'joint employment,' which would define a franchisee worker as being employed not only by the franchisee but by the entire parent franchise company as well.

Alyosius Hogan of the Competitive Enterprise Institute explains the issue: "National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) cases involving three different companies could upend... business practices by radically redefining what constitutes a joint-employment situation—when an employee is considered jointly employed by two businesses. The joint-employer cases threaten to overturn decades of established precedent, upsetting the expectations of thousands of businesses that have relied on the current rules in developing their business models. These cases involve

major American businesses—McDonald's, CNN, and Brown-Ferris Industries (BFI), to list but a few—and regular American citizens across the nation would be harmed.

"NLRB General Counsel Richard Griffin and U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Administrator David Weil are pushing a radical re-definition of 'employee.' Their goal is to give unions greater leverage against the businesses they seek to organize, by turning many American workers' employment by one company into simultaneous joint employment by two or more companies.

The effect would be to add an additional, usually larger, employer to the collective bargaining table for negotiating wages, safety, and benefits... "Furthermore, the NLRB is using sly means to impose this new definition of joint employment. Rather than issuing a rule, the board will simply exploit its ability to decide the cases it prosecutes. Utilizing case law evades a number of congressional checks and balances to administrative rule-making power."

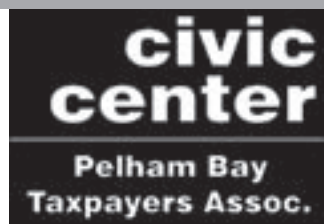
Contact COMACTA at nycommunityaction@gmail.com; tune into our radio broadcasts at amfm247.com, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

BY MICHELE TORRIONI

Hello everyone. Our last meeting before summer breaks is Tuesday, June 16 in the cafeteria of St. Theresa School at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be John Doyle who will be speaking on the East Bronx Traffic Coalition. Please join us for the meeting and tell your neighbors and friends to join us.

Please bring with you any

questions or concerns you might have or send them using our email phta196@gmail.com. We will try to address any issues in a prompt manner to the best of our abilities. Also, if there is something you would like discussed at our meetings or a guest speaker you would like to see, please let me know so we can try to make arrangements for them to join one of our meetings.



The Waterbury/Lasalle Association meeting on Thursday, June 11 will have speakers from the Huntington Library speaking on the overall his-

tory of the Bronx with special attention paid to the areas of Westchester Square, Waterbury/Lasalle and Schuylerville. Come join us for their meeting. It will be held at P.S. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

As we break for the summer months remember to keep your eyes and ears open for anything happening in our community and bring those issues to our attention as soon as pos-

sible, although we are not meeting during the summer months does not mean we do not want to know what is happening in our community.

Get out and enjoy the many events happening in our community during the summer. The Greek Festival, St. Theresa Festival, the concerts and movies in the park hosted by our elected officials and much more.

LEGAL NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff - against - LYNETTE WILSON, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 20, 2007. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600 f/k/a B-129, Ground Floor, 851 Grand Concourse, in the City of Bronx, NY on the 22nd Day of June, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land; with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

Premises known as 2658 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458. (SBL #: 12-3287-28)

Approximate amount of lien \$429,545.21 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 16580/06. Howard Vargas, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: April 14, 2015

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX BOARD OF MANAGERS OF PARKVIEW CONDOMINIUM, Plaintiff

against JOHN DEGIORGIO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 9, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 29, 2015 at 2:00 PM premises lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, In the Condominium known as "Parkview Condominium", known as Apartment No. 2B. Together with an undivided 3.289% percent interest in common elements. This Unit is also designated as Tax Lot No. 1002 in Block 4174.

Said premises known as 1600 PARKVIEW AVENUE, APT 2B, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 47,577.63 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 21192/2013E.

CESAR FERNANDEZ, ESQ., Referee SMITH, BUSS & JACOBS, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 733 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against KOI E. GERMANY, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 4, 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 29th day of June, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 4052 Grace Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL # : 4980-20.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 562,289.55 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380098-13. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

Fein Such & Crane, LLP 1400 Old Country Road, Suite C103 Westbury, N.Y. 11590

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Please note: Referee will only accept bank check, certified check or money order at the sale. (NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!)

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-HE11, 800 STATE HIGHWAY 121 BYPASS, LEWISVILLE, TX 75067, Plaintiff against

FRANCINE E. TERRY, et al, Defendant(s).

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

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 29th day of June, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 800 East 170th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10459.

Tax account number: SBL # : 2963-16.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 382,216.96 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381034-07. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2011-A TRUST and THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, as Collateral Agent and Custodian of the NYCTL 2011-A, Plaintiff against BYRON MCFARLANE, CYNTHIA MCFARLANE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated December 12, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June

22, 2015 at 2:00 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of the Bronx Boulevard, distant 75.36 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of 213th Street with the easterly side of Bronx Boulevard; being a plot 100.06 feet by 25.12 feet by 100.06 feet by 25.12 feet. Block: 4645 Lot: 4 Said premises known as 3608 BRONX BOULEVARD, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 12,832.40 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 21046/2012.

RICHARD TOLCHIN, ESQ., Referee O'Connell, Doyle & Lewis, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 260 Madison Ave, Suite 204, New York, NY 10016

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against

DEBORAH JACKSON; MITCHELL JACKSON, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 31, 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 29th day of June, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Said premises known as 3996 Rombouts Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

Tax account number: SBL # : 4971-29.

Approximate amount of lien \$ 572,309.91 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380266-13. Jeffrey E. Dinowitz, Esq., Referee.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2013-88/A - CITATION - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO: Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, as Administrator of the Estate of William Heitner, also known as William E. Heitner, deceased Susan E. Klare; Karoly G. St. King; Christine M. Quintal; NYC Department of Social Services; Verizon; Consolidated Edison; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of William Heitner, also known as William E. Heitner, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other

successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 336; Bronx, New York 10451, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on August 4, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of IRENE HEITNER, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 3616 Henry Hudson Parkway; Bronx, New York 10451, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$25,237.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$12,618.50 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$12,618.50 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$372,957.83 be allowed; that the possible claims of Verizon and Consolidated Edison all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, June 5, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael P. Hausler Chief Clerk

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

Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100

Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

ACCOUNTING CITATION File No. 2013-2376. SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, TO: Attorney General of

the State of New York; NYC Department of Social Services; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of KENNETH WOODSIDE, 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 JUNE 23, 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 KENNETH WOODSIDE, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 1070 Havemeyer Avenue, Bronx, NY, be judicially settled; (2) that legal fees of \$2,044.13 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$1,022.06 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$1,022.07 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 2301 and 1106 (1) & (2) be allowed; (5) that the claim of NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$838,680.64 be allowed; (6) that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be paid to NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; (7) that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; (8) that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted.

NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate.

Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk. Dated, Attested and Sealed, May 8, 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.

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# Now, that's what I call old New York!

To me, "old New York" is the city I moved to in 1981. Back then, the subway cars were so covered with graffiti, you couldn't see out the windows. You always added a 20-minute cushion to your commute, just in case. And Times Square...

Well, I'm getting off track. My point is, everyone's got an "old New York." The one Edith Wharton was referring to when she was writing a hundred years ago was the "old New York" before the Civil War, already a quaint and distant memory in the Gilded Age.

Old New Yorks are always being demolished, or updated beyond recognition, so it is astonishing to learn that one slice of the old old New York not only still exists, it stands virtually intact, right down to its original furnishings from 1832. It is the Merchant's House Museum at 29 E. Fourth St., and last week I went to hear at lecture about it at another amazing venue, the National Arts Club. (Hat tip to Gary Shapiro, the club's dapper emissary, who alerted me to the talk.)

"We call it the 'Miracle on 4th Street,'" began the speaker,

Carl Raymond, a tour guide at the Merchant's House who is also a professional chef. He combines both those skills to sleuth out what the home's original owners would have been eating 183 years ago, when they first moved in. But before getting to the meat of his talk — as it were — he explained how the miracle came to be standing at all.

When a young man named Seabury Tredwell moved to New York at age 18 to make his fortune in the hardware business, he lived in a boardinghouse. Perhaps predictably, he fell in love with his landlady's daughter. They married and had seven kids. In 1832 they bought a brand new house on Fourth Street — the suburbs at the time — and in 1840, when Seabury was 60, they had a surprise eighth child, Gertrude.

"Like my mother," continued lecturer Raymond, "Gertrude never threw anything away." She also never married. So when she died in 1933, just 20 feet from the bed she'd been born in 93 years earlier, she was surrounded by the very same objects that she had grown up with, right down to 39 dresses. These included the one her mom



## RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

got married in more than a hundred years earlier, in 1825.

Gertrude's heir was about to sell the place and all its dusty contents when a distant cousin, George Chapman, realized that this was no ordinary fixer-upper. Stepping inside was like walking into a time capsule — the King Tut's Tomb of Manhattan. Gertrude had kept the house "as papa would've wanted it" and Chapman wanted that

for the rest of us. He purchased the place and turned it into a museum.

In 1965, Merchant's House was one of the first 25 buildings on which our city bestowed landmark status. To this day, 90 percent of the items in it are original.

So what did the Tredwells eat during the century or so that they lived there?

Alas, nothing particularly delicious at first.

Despite our modern pining for heirloom vegetables, early 19th century New Yorkers generally boiled these to death. The watery mess was served alongside boiled or roasted meats with perhaps some melted butter as gravy. And since Eliza was raised in a boardinghouse, it is likely she served the same kind of food her mom did, including what one boarder back then described as "the dessert feared by every boardinghouse resident: a sour apple encased in dough."

Historians contend that more change occurred in the 19th century than in any other era, and happily, some of that occurred in the kitchen. By the end of the 1800s, French cuisine

was all the rage, along with the new practice of serving food in courses, instead of putting it all out at once.

You can still see the dining room table and chairs the Tredwells used, and some of their cookware, and the bells to call the servants, a la Downton Abbey. But threatened is the beautiful original plasterwork in the dining room and elsewhere.

The neighboring lots are not landmarked, and a boutique hotel is slated to rise on one side. Vibrations from nearby construction could crack the walls. The museum is hoping to ensure that doesn't happen by working with lawyers and engineers to develop protection plans.

With any luck, the Merchants House will be around for another 183 years, when aged locals may remember an "old New York" back when food was created by cooks, not 3D printers, and delivered by bike, not drone.

For more information visit [merchantshouse.org](http://merchantshouse.org) or call (212) 777-1089.

*Lenore Skenazy speaks at conferences, companies and schools about her book and blog Free-Range Kids.*

## With Hillary as front-runner, Mike needs to step in

I'm a Democrat and I am very concerned about the upcoming presidential election. Our country's ability to tackle all kinds of inequality — racial, gender, economic, and the list goes on — largely hinges on the outcome of the 2016 election, and if Democrats prevail.

I want to make clear that I don't think all Republicans are completely misguided, just many of them such as union-bashing Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin and polarizing Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and thuggish New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Moderates like Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio — although too far to the right on many issues for me — at least offer new ideas on education and immigration.

But we saw what eight years of George Bush-Dick Cheney did to our country — a near economic collapse, a rush headlong into a calamitous war, and a rightward tilt of our Supreme Court.

So the stakes are high in 2016. It is easy to find fault with some of President Obama's policies and methods — particularly in Middle Eastern foreign policy and his ability to negotiate with an intransigent Congress — but history will almost certainly be very kind him. His landmark health care plan will one day be hailed as revolutionary as Social Security. Obama rarely gets enough credit for bringing America back from the brink of economic collapse early in his

presidency with his steady stimulus plan and strong monetary policy.

Ironically, the first President of African-American decent hasn't done enough to help the underclass in this country and the huge gap of economic inequality has widened. There has been a surge of activity around the country around the minimum wage, but this is not nearly enough.

There has been no attempt to address America's unfair tax code, no attempt to make higher education less expensive for middle class and low-income families or reform the predatory college loan program.

There also is the proverbial elephant in the room: the presumptive — and seemingly only — Democratic nominee for president, Hillary Clinton.

I am a fan of Hillary's because she is progressive without being dogmatic and polarizing; she is extremely competent and has invaluable experience on foreign and domestic issues; and she is battle-scarred and has been tested in public life for three decades.

*But.*

For all her experience and intelligence, I worry that Hillary is not a great candidate or campaigner. I worry there is much Clinton fatigue in this country. I worry the media and the public will focus on the wrong things and damage

her electability. I worry she will stumble late in the campaign. I worry there is no Democratic back-up plan.

So I will join the small but growing chorus of those who are saying, "Run, Mike. Run!"

Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg is perhaps the only other supremely qualified moderate in public life who could lead this country. He has the intelligence, the independence, the wealth, the team, and — most importantly — he was great when holding the *second* hardest job in America for 12 years.

I'm debating whether it would be better for Bloomberg to jump into the Democratic primary soon, so Hillary has a real challenger to sharpen her campaign and message, or whether he should wait until early 2016 to see if Hillary flounders.

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So, even though there has been no of-



TOM ALLON

ficial word from Bloomberg, I would bet many Americans would love to have another choice in the Democratic primary. Bernie Sanders is a smart, outspoken lefty who speaks truth to power, but he has no chance of being the next president. Martin O'Malley and Lincoln Chafee have impressive records and may be rising stars, but it is doubtful either is ready for prime time.

I hope Hillary Clinton continues to hone her centrist but populist message and gains overwhelming support, but I would sleep better at night knowing that Bloomberg is ready to step in at any time to ensure we don't have a Walker or Rubio presidency. Run, Mike, run!

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



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plete paperwork for the Office of Victim Services.

The spokeswoman added that office is working on finding a cemetery plot for the deceased child.

was also in touch with Awilda Cordero, executive director of the Assistance for Emergency Rights, who is helping com-



A crowd gathered near the store of the fatal crash.

Photo by Edwin Soto



Kennedy Chicken and Sandwiches was exposed to the elements after a Mercedes SUV backed into the store, claiming the life of a 7-year-old Bronx boy.

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Monsignor Scanlan High School

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## Agency refuses to end noise

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you are trying to do your lesson, or if you have a SMART Board on and you are delivering some Internet lesson and you hear a plane come over," he said. "You cannot hear; you have to stop your lesson or replay what you already have shown on the screen."

These interruptions become problematic for teaching, and there are no set patterns to the air traffic, the principal said.

There are times during the day when it is quiet and then there are periods when the low-flying planes appear every 90 seconds, he added.

"It is not continuous for the six and a half hours, but for the time that they are coming over, it is continuous," said Doran.

Joseph Solimine Sr., chairman of the Facilities Committee for the board of directors, supplied the Bronx Times with a letter from PANYNJ that indicates that the school qualified for the program in 1993.

Solimine explained that if a school is in the flight path, known as a contour, and the level of sound exceeds 65 decibels, then a school can qualify for funding, 80 percent of which comes from the FAA and 20 percent from the PANYNJ, which administers the program.

"We are saying that the Port Authority and FAA made a commitment...and we want them to honor that," he said.

PANYNJ lost the records of the 1990s correspondence with the school in the World Trade Center attacks in 2001, and after reviewing the sound levels and testing the school again, determined in 2006 that the school no longer qualified

for the program, documents supplied by Solimine show.

A letter to the school from PANYNJ in 2006 indicates it is no longer in the flight contour and that "noise levels from aircraft have dropped dramatically in the last few years."

Ongoing sound metering on the school ground is continuing, he and Doran confirmed.

Solimine said based on research into the matter, he believes that Scanlan is entitled to funding for many of the buildings on its grounds, which in addition to the high school, includes a pre-k program, and in September, a charter elementary school.

"The campus is 13 acres," he said, adding "This is an educational fortress being interrupted by airplane noise."

If it were to qualify, Solimine, a volunteer board member, said that the school could install new 'soundproof windows,' as well as an upgraded heating and air-conditioning so that windows do not have to be opened when the weather is warm.

Carl Cannizzaro, owner of local firm Ensign Engineering, who is familiar with the situation at Scanlan called it a "20-year epic."

A source at the PANYNJ confirmed that the agency believes that the Monsignor Scanlan no longer qualifies for the program.

"The high school does not meet the FAA guidelines to receive noise soundproof funding because it is not located within the current noise contour map, which includes areas with a 65 (day-night sound level) average for decibel levels," stated a spokeswoman for the Port Authority.

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"They have nothing to be ashamed of. There are probably like 75 teams in AA, 73 of them are still in school right now.

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

## Lower Crime Stats

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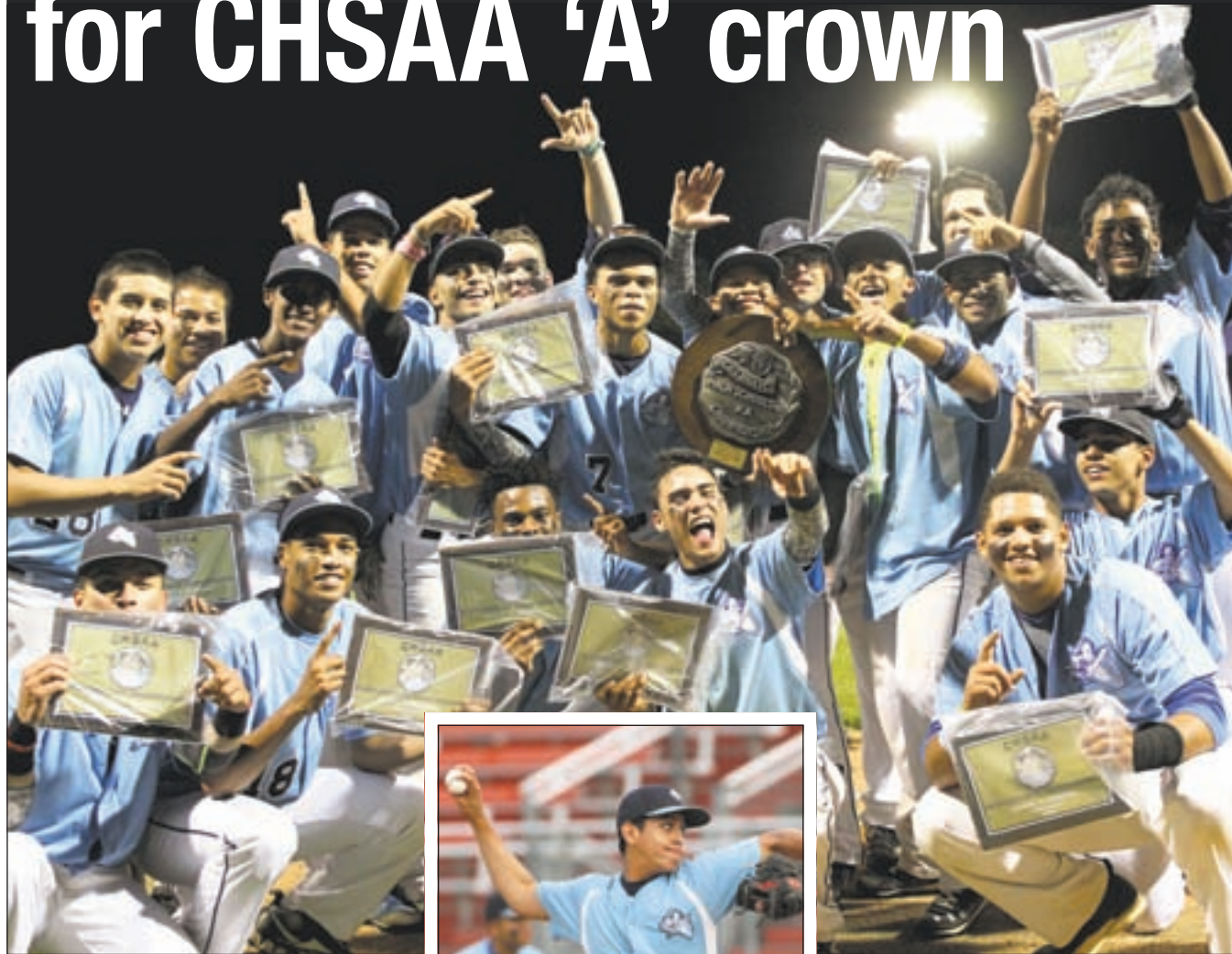
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Police recovered \$439 in a Hello Kitty-brand bag from  
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# Scanlan tops Nazareth for CHSAA 'A' crown



BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Mario Rodriguez wanted to end his high school baseball career without the stress of having it be an elimination game. The Monsignor Scanlan senior catcher ensured it by delivering a walk-off single to lift this team to the CHSAA Class A title.

"We lose, we have to play this game again so let me end this game here and make this the last at bat," he said. "I was looking away. He left it middle, so I just took it right back up the middle."

The Crusaders defeated the Kingsmen 4-3 in eight innings to win the crown on June 4 at Jack Kaiser Stadium on the campus of St. John's University. A loss would have forced a winner-take-all Game 2.

"It feels great," Scanlan coach Julio Casiano said. "It's been a very long season for us."

After a throwing error led to their first run, Scanlan jumped ahead in the bottom of the third. Pitcher Errny Ordonez's RBI double made it 2-0.

"I knew I was going to hit," the sophomore said. "I was pitching so I did what I



Monsignor Scanlan starter Errny Ordonez picked up the win in the city title game.

Photo by William Thomas

had to do."

Ordonez had a no hitter going for 4 1/3 innings before back-to-back singles from Andre Westbrook and Michael Torres broke it up. It looked like Ordonez got out of the jam with the lead, but Nelson Rodriguez dropped the third strike to Agustin Quiles and run came home. A throwing error and another pass ball led to two more runs to put the Kingsmen ahead 3-2.

Ordonez was able to get Jordan Serrano out to keep it a one-run game.

"If that fourth run was to score it would be harder," Ordonez said. "I knew I had to hold them there and I did. And my defense helped me," Ordonez said.

Scanlan tied the score at 3-3 on a fielder's choice from Nelson Rodriguez in the bottom the sixth.

Nazareth threatened with runners on first and second and two outs in the eighth. Ordonez, who pitched a complete game, allowing three hits, and struck out 10 batters, suffered a cramp. He got back up and got Gasper Valle to ground out to short to keep things tied.

"My leg was hurting. I wanted to throw a strike," Ordonez said. "I did and my shortstop got me out of it."

Getting out of the jam gave Mario Rodriguez the chance to be the hero in the bottom half of the eighth.

"This team has a lot of heart," Mario Rodriguez said. "We knew once we were behind we were going to come right back. It's the best feeling to go out my senior year with a bang and pass it down.

# Block "S" Dinner Honors Spellman Athletes



Cardinal Spellman High School recognized the contributions of over 350 student athletes at the Block "S" awards dinner recently held at the school. Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Principal, welcomed everyone in attendance, and acknowledged the hard work and dedication of the coaches in developing the athletic talents of the students. The evening included the induction into the Spellman Hall of Fame of three individuals who have contributed to the success of the athletic program through the years. Carol (Martin) Colton, Class of 1980 and member of the swimming team; Dan Eagel, former football coach, and Raymondus Hunt, Class of 1981, who competed in Track and Field are the newest members.

The night also featured the presentation of the Schiazza "S", which is given to students who have received seven or more varsity letters over their four year high school career. It is named in honor of the late Salvatore Schiazza, who served at the school as Athletic Director, Moderator of the Alumni Association, and member of the Board of Trustees. Seniors Isaac Aguero, Adam Biolsi, Luana Bowers, Danae Dookhie, Aba Joseph, Alejandro Martinez, Rebecca Mota and Christopher Wilson were recipients of the 2015 Schiazza "S."

Scholar-Athletes, recognized for their excellence in both athletics and academics, were Adam Biolsi and Varinia Munoz. Athletes of the Year were Adam Biolsi, Luana Bowers, Paget Bramble and Jade Vega.

The following received the Most Valuable Player award in their respective sports: Baseball: Luis Dominguez and Tyrone Bowman; Boys' Basketball: Corey Grant and Jason Grant; Girls' Basketball: Jade Vega, Niajah Morgan and Kameron Stone; Bowling: Nicholas Sciubba; Football: Elloheim Tucker and Kenny Johnson; Girls' Lacrosse: Victoria Occhiobi; Boys' Lacrosse: Chris Wilson and Isaac Aguero; Boys' Soccer: Tonin Tonaj; Girls' Soccer: Varinia Munoz; Cheerleading: Kayla Martin; Softball: Deanna Falciglia; Boys' Indoor Track: Mitchel Thomas; Boys' Outdoor Track: Aba Joseph; Girls' Indoor Track: Luana Bowers and Leah Anderson; Girls' Outdoor Track: Rebecca Mota and Leah Anderson; Boys' Cross-Country: Mitchel Thomas; Girls' Cross-Country: Leah Anderson; Boys' Volleyball: A.J. Troche; and Girls' Volleyball: Kendra Dawson, Tye Addison and Nicole Hill.

# Extra-inning loss ends Fordham's season

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was never suppose to end this quick for Fordham Prep.

The third-seeded Rams couldn't get the bats going and made key errors in an opening round loss to No. 6 Monsignor McClancy. Fordham again lacked the key hit in a, 3-2, eight-inning loss to No. 2 Xaverian in the loser's bracket of the CHSAA Class AA Intersectional baseball tournament on June 4 at Richmond County Youth Complex.

"Again it didn't just fall our way, the little things that you work on," Rams coach Pat Deane said. "It didn't go our way. We wasted a great pitching effort."

No. 2 starter Chris Calamari allowed three runs on seven hits and struck out two. Two of those hits were back-to-back doubles in the bottom of the eighth inning by Nick Meola and Mason Marino to produce the winning run. Calamari had only thrown only throw around 80 pitches and would have come out for the ninth if need be.

"Xaverian is a tough team," Calamari said. "You got to battle the whole way."

Fordham (14-9) missed its chance to take control of the game in the fifth. Conor McNamara dribbled a double to left center to begin the frame off Xaverian reliever Steven Catuogno.

Two strikeouts sandwiched around a great defensive play Xavier Vargas at first base kept the Rams from bringing McNamara across the plate.

"That was a big one," Deane said. "Leadoff double, we got to get him over to third. They got just didn't get the bunt down. Jimmy Hulbert is a good contact hitter. There is no doubt he is driving in a run from third with one out."

Xaverian (18-4) led 1-0 in the second inning a fielder's choice from Louis Mandile. Fordham Prep got even on a third-inning on Daniel Alvarez's sac fly by in the third. The Ram then jumped ahead 2-1 when Christian Greco, who has two hits, doubled home Thomas Huvane in the fourth. Xaverian drew even on a sac fly from Vargas in the bottom half of the inning.

Fordham Prep couldn't figure out Catuogno, after Clippers ace Rob Amato exited after four inning. The reliever allowed just three hits in four innings of work. In a tight contest, the Rams didn't execute well enough to win.

"It's those little plays in the infield and the outfield, capitalize in different situations" Calamari said. "We had a runner on second with no out and we didn't capitalize. Against a really good team is hard to get away with it."



Fordham Prep's Chris Calamari allowed three runs on seven hits in a loss to Xaverian.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

# Senators dream season ends in city final loss

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The team known more for its books than ball will not be able to call itself city champions after a magical ride to the title game.

The second-seeded American Studies at Lehman College baseball team was shutout by No. 12 East Side Community 7-0 in the PSAL Class AA title game at Yankee Stadium on May 3. The Senators, who were making their first final appearance, collected just two hits against East Side starter Timothy Lopez. He struck out six and also drove in three runs at the plate.

"This one game doesn't really define us," said American Studies senior shortstop Jonathan Rubin. "We know what we did this season. We know what we accomplished and I am proud of that."

The season was still a rebounding for the small Bronx school, which is the top-ranked public school in New York State and No. 11 in the country by U.S. News and World Report. Its enrollment is just 400 students.

American Studies, who



Members of American Studies baseball team show the emotion of a tough loss to East Side in the PSAL Class AA championship game. Photo by Robert Cole

was the No. 29 seed in the 'B' division last season, finished second in the Bronx AA West league in 2015. It won 15 straight games before losing in the final. Many of them came with its home field of Harris Park deemed unplayable midway through the season.

The Senators beat division winner and borough rival Bronx Science 12-2 in the semifinals. American Stud-

ies (17-3) also took down much bigger schools such as Curtis and Townsend Harris along with way.

"They have nothing to be ashamed of," Senators coach Howard Blitz said. "There are probably like 75 teams in AA, 73 of them are still in school right now. We are here in Yankee Stadium on a beautiful day playing baseball."

The magic ran out in the title game. East Side led just 1-0

on an RBI single by Lopez off reliever Jack Buckley in the fourth. The Tigers opened the game up an inning later with a five-run fifth. The big blow was a two-run single by Hasane Azir off Eli Kimbell to make it 4-0. Lopez added another RBI single to put East Side up six. Blitz felt his team ran out of gas after playing eight games in 11 days to close the regular season and the emotion of knocking off Bronx

Science. His players agreed.

"I think we got wrapped up in the whole thing," Rubin said. "At the end of the day it's just a game, a game we got to win. I don't think we had the energy we have most games."

Two errors, including a throw to first that got away, hurt American Studies in the frame in an otherwise well-pitched game. East Side scattered seven hits over the other six innings. Blitz started senior Samuel Frere-Holmes, who is awaiting Tommy John surgery, on the mound. He loaded the bases with one out in the first, before Buckley came onto strike out the next two batters to end the threat. Frere-Holmes was told he could not do any more damage to his arm.

East Side eventually broke through and used the big fifth inning to end American Studies' title dream. The defeat was the only thing that took away from a memorable day.

"We are in the same dugout as the Yankees," Buckley said. "The only thing that could have made it better was if we won."

## Morris Heights native Rodriguez closes out GW's city title win

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Wesley Rodriguez ensured his team a city championship by ripping the baseball out of his coach's hands.

The George Washington star senior, who was playing third, has seen the velocity on his 98-mile-per-hour fastball drop in recent weeks. He was tired, according to head coach Steve Mandl. That is why he didn't plan on putting the Morris Heights native into the title game to protect a one-run lead with two on and one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Instead, Trojan pitching coach Rafael Rodriguez walked to the mound to discuss a potential defensive play with the infield and reliever Kelvin Tapia. Rodriguez would have none of it. He grabbed the ball.

"That last inning I had to come in," he said. "I had to do what I had to do — one more time."

Rodriguez shut the door on Tottenham, but not without a little drama. An

infield single loaded the base. He got a ground out and then struck out Everett Rodriguez looking on a sinking fastball to seal No. 3 George Washington's 1-0 victory over No. 1 Tottenham in the PSAL Class AAA baseball final at Yankee Stadium on May 3. Rodriguez also scored the game's lone run to give the Trojans their first crown since 2011.

"I told this team in September I was going to lead this team to a victory in the championship," Wesley Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez, who is projected to be drafted in the top three rounds in the MLB First Year Player Draft, fell flat on his back in celebration in front of the mound as his teammates ran from the dugout to pile on top. After he ran over to his mother for a hug next to the Trojans dugout.

Sealing a city title was a situation he dreamed of since he was a freshman. He had been around the GW



Brooklyn native Wesley Rodriguez celebrates catching the final out of the sixth inning in the PSAL Class AAA final. Photo by Robert Cole

program as a youngster, according to Mandl. He's seen games like this before. This one was going to be his.

"That's how he is," Mandl said. "He wants [the ball]. We give it to him."

The Trojans (32-7) can thank Rodriguez for a lead to protect. He doubled to lead off the fourth inning for GW's first hit of the game. Rodriguez later came around to score on a two-out RBI single by Leandy Castro.

"He is the best pitcher I ever had and he's one of the top 2-3 hitters I have ever had," Mandl said. "As a two-way player there is no one like him."

Rodriguez continually praised his teammates, especially starter Yanmanuel Infante and Tapia, who combined to shut down Tottenham for 6 1/3 innings. They still needed his help to finish the job. Rodriguez ensured his talents were taken advantage of even if it had to be by force.

"Those are the moments I look up to in baseball," Rodriguez said. "If you don't want to be in those moments, that guy, that wants the ball in those moments. That guy who wants to hit in those moments don't play."

# Lending A Hand at the Bronxchester Challenger



The Bronx is one of the most underserved boroughs in New York City, for individuals on the spectrum with Autism. Most families must travel outside of the Bronx to find services and programs for their loved ones. The Challenger League is a ten session program to help children on the spectrum with sensory integration, and social

engagement, through baseball. The program allows children, both girls and boys, regardless of their functioning level, to play baseball in a safe, and judgment free environment. St. Raymond baseball athletes assisted these children as pinch hitters both on and off the field on May 9 in a service oriented baseball game.

## Pipe Dreams: Mets/Yankees

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 the employee's car. The rest, she said, went into the alley's slot machines.  
 Tuesday was National Paper Airplane Day. So when is National Spitwad Night?  
 Johnny Depp reportedly faces up to 10 years in prison for illegally bringing his dogs into Australia.  
 And you wonder why James Dolan won't let his Knicks play exhibition games there?  
 ESPN commentator Jeff Van Gundy, on the Warriors' lackadaisical start in Game 4 vs. Houston: "There is no carpe in their diem."  
 Which of these handy-dandy tips was NOT listed among Yahoo.com's "three ways to avoid a dangerous air bag"?  
 a) Stop texting and driving  
 b) Stop drinking and driving  
 c) Hit the mute button whenever Skip Bayless comes on  
 Russian President Vladimir Putin has accused the U.S. of meddling in FIFA affairs in its prosecution of the soccer-bribery scandal.  
 Putin reportedly said it with a straight face while standing in seized Ukraine territory.  
 Brad Rock of Salt Lake City's Deseret News, on BYU football signing two huge rugby players — a 6-7, 410-pounder from Tonga and a 6-7, 322-pound New Zealander: "If only Andre the Giant were still alive."

"Playing NBA basketball for a living is a very, very, very good gig," Rockets coach Kevin McHale told the San Francisco Chronicle. "Everyone should try it."  
 The average NBA salary this season, according to reports, is \$5.1 million.  
 Speaking of headlines, what's the over/under on the first "Soccer loses Blatter control" sighting?  
 Scrappy Cavaliers guard Matthew Dellavedova — whose contact knocked the Hawks' Kyle Korver out of the playoffs — is drawing opponents' ire for diving at their legs for loose balls.  
 Hawks radio broadcaster Steve Holman, to his listeners during Game 4, when the Cavs' Dellavedova arrived at the scorer's table: "Tonya Harding checking in."  
 From Fark.com, after Felix Hernandez got rocked for seven runs: "Yankees embarrass the king. This is not a repeat from 1783."  
 Times reader Bill Littlejohn, after Dolphins kicker Caleb Sturgis injured himself playing kickball: "Isn't that like Arthur Rubinstein injuring his hand while playing 'Chopsticks'?"  
 Someone paid Ticketmaster \$36,843 for a courtside seat to Game 1 of the NBA Finals, ESPN reported.  
 So what does \$40,000 get you — a ticket, three beers and parking?

## SRHS Lacrosse Scores Big



Roberto Rivera '15 represented St. Raymond High School for Boys as an All Star for the CHSAA playing the winner of the PSAL vs. Private School All Stars team as a player in the NYC Mayors Cup.



Avery Colon '15 was voted by the coaches of the CHSAA Lacrosse League as the Defenseman of the Year of the "B" Division. Avery played lacrosse for three years at SRHS. He plans to play next year at Mount St. Vincent.

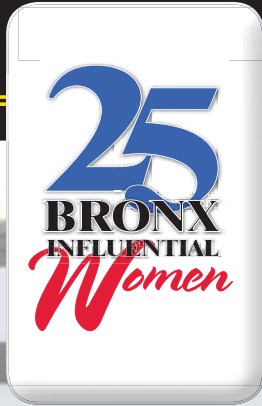
## GAI 2015 Champions

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Girls Basketball Team of the Greek American Institute, together with their coach Spiro Argyros, won the Championship game of all the Greek Archdioceses' in New York City. The girls are, as follows:



Top Row: Rosie Buczkowski, Niki Katechis, Olivia Braun, Manolia Argyros, Nicoleta Papavasiliakis, Tatiana Balasenowich, Natalie Gonzalez, Panayiota Siskos, Coach Spiro Argyros  
 Bottom Row: Sonia Dobronravov, Ariel Morales, Konstantina Siskos and Christos Argyros (the coach's son).

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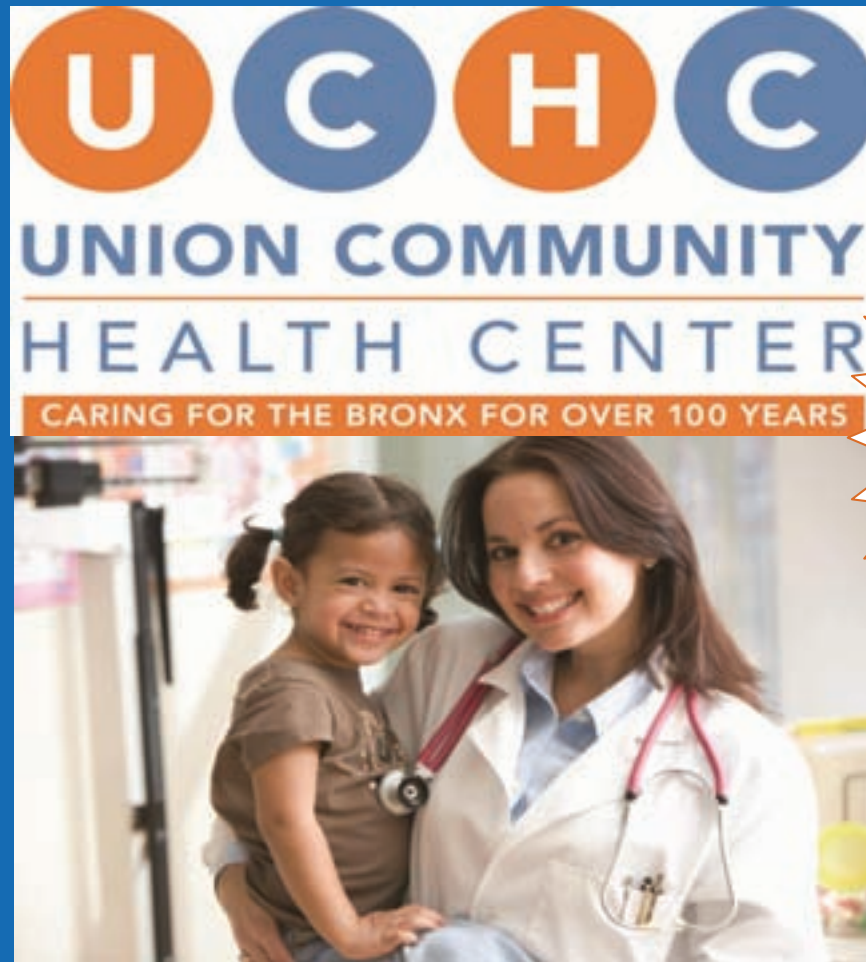
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