

CROTONA PARK TENNIS CENTER A GRAND SLAM

12,000 sf clubhouse opens

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Bronx leaders and tennis lovers came together to celebrate the grand opening of New York Junior Tennis and Learning's Cary Leeds Center on Monday, June 15.

"This new facility will be an invaluable resource to the surrounding neighborhood," said Bronx parks commissioner Iris Rodríguez Rosa, of the private-public partnership.

The multi-use 12,000-square foot, two-story clubhouse contains classrooms, a youth lounge and fitness center, and a technology learning lab that will facilitate NYJTL's educational initiatives, as well as a fully-functional tennis club with locker rooms and a pro shop. Gluck+ designed and built the facility.

The center's 20 tennis courts, 10 of which will be covered for weather, plus two under-construction exhibition courts with stadium seating, will host more than 6,000 hours per year of free tennis for New York City youth.

The center will offer a variety of programing for adults throughout the year, in addition to hosting a number of

tournaments.

"This project is huge," said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at the event.

It's another example of economic development in the Bronx, he said, as well as an incredible opportunity for kids to be introduced to a sport they wouldn't ordinarily have access to. As a mental sport in addition to a physical one, tennis offers incredible benefits, said Diaz, and NYJTL's academic programming builds on that.

"[NYJTL] makes sure our kids are ready and prepared, not only for college but to take control of the future of the City of New York," said Diaz.

Andrea Davis say NYJTL's existing community tennis program has helped her young kids come out of their shells and make friends, as they love going to tennis each week.

"They feel more comfortable around kids their age," said Davis.

The program has helped 13-year-old Summer Blackshear learn about focus and sportsmanship, and has given her leadership opportunities,



Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. plays tennis with kids from New York Junior Tennis and Learning's programs at the grand opening celebration of NYJTL's Cary Leeds Center for Tennis and Learning on Monday, June 15 in Crotona Park.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

she said.

She's excited to use the brand new facility as she continues with NYJTL.

"I think its really cool," said Blackshear of the center.

The center is a tribute to Cary Leeds, a star on Yale's tennis team who went on to become a world-ranked player, competing in six U.S. Opens and five Wimbledon tournaments,

where in 1981 he reached the semifinals in mixed doubles. After retiring from professional tennis, he attended business school and then co-

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Electeds: suspend bar's liquor license

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The party might be over, but the hangover still lingers.

Last month, the Bronx Beer Garden held a 'World BBQ' event which far exceeded its occupancy rate by over 500 guests and advertised free food; hookah smoking; and free jungle juice, a highly intoxicating

homemade mixture of liquor, according to local electeds.

When the event turned chaotic due to irresponsible management, and over promotion through social media, they claimed, the 45th Precinct and Fire Department were dispatched to regain control and evacuate everyone from the

3392 E. Tremont Avenue premises resulting in the bar's current owner voluntarily surrendering her liquor license to the 45th Precinct.

On Tuesday, June 2, the bar's current owner Michelle Kauffman and prospective owner Jerald Taylor met with

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DCP releases Hutch traffic study

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The completion of a Department of City Planning study of the Hutchinson River Parkway has many in the community contemplating their next moves to make progress on alleviating traffic congestion.

The 140-plus page report includes recommendations for a traffic corridor spanning the Hutchinson River Parkway from the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge to Co-op City: a roughly four-mile route along the highway and ancillary streets.

The findings addressed traffic and public transportation in areas north of East Tremont Avenue (focusing on the Hutch Metro Center area, proposed Metro North station and Westchester Square) and south of the avenue, where the study looked at accessing the Bruckner Interchange and Brush Avenue.

A DCP spokesman said that the agency believes that it achieved its goals.

"We have some quick, easily implementable recommendations," stated the DCP spokesman. "Each concern brought to us by the community was ana-

lyzed as part of the process and some required long-term recommendations or additional study."

Some activists with the East Bronx Traffic Coalition, a consortium of civic groups, indicated that the report was a good first step.

"The hope of the EBTC is that since the plan is now in writing, we can approach our elected officials and see if we can nail down funding for some of the recommendations," said member John Marano.

The EBTC is concerned about mitigating traffic from a growing number of developments coming online.

"Finding funds for any project is always a challenge, but we believe that the community, elected officials, and all the other stakeholders can collaborate to find ways to implement these capital improvements," the spokesman stated. "We are committed to being a part of that process."

The DCP spokesman said that the agency provides an overview of the roads in an area, and then it is up to either the state or city Departments of

Transportation to study the engineering details.

Among the recommendations are:

- providing additional access to the Hutch Metro Center
- exploring other access points over Westchester Creek to alleviate congestion at the Bruckner Interchange
- exploring the northern part of the study area to find another way for vehicular traffic from Hutch Metro to reach Pelham Parkway.
- improving the Bruckner Boulevard and Brush Avenue interchange by expanding the northbound approach, making signal timing adjustments and moving a bus stop.
- extending Bassett Avenue to Pelham Parkway
- providing an east-west connection over a rail line as part of the proposed Morris Park Metro North station.
- resolving ongoing issues as to the maintenance of the 'ring road' through Ferry Point Park.

One of the members of EBTC, John Doyle, said that the report added little new information, but he did give the agency com-



Community Board 10's Municipal Services Committee meeting at Monsignor Scanlan High School on Tuesday, June 9 included remarks by a DCP representative and a discussion of aspects of the traffic study with a focus on the Ferry Point community. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

plements for the idea of extending Bassett Avenue. He said at a Community Board 10 Municipal Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 9 that he felt more could have come out of the study.

"Many of the coalition members told DCP to 'go back to the drawing board' last year, as their report was short on solutions to our problems," said Doyle. "This report and the solutions written are nearly identical to the presentations shown at that time."

He added that the traffic problems troubling the community have been years in the making, and will require a sub-

stantial amount of investment in both the Hutch and I-95.

"It is definitely not going to be fixed by new directional signals," he added.

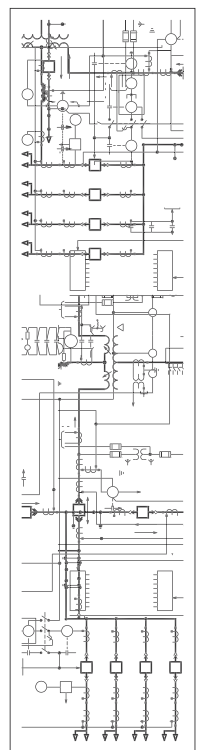
The East Bronx Traffic Coalition is inviting all interested in the issues of traffic to a public forum at Providence Rest, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, on Tuesday, June 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

To learn more about DCP's Hutchinson River Parkway Transportation Corridor Study, which had been ongoing since early 2013, visit: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/hutchinson_river_pkwy/index.shtml

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Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

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Detective Victor DiPierro will retire on June 30 after 20 years with the 49th precinct.

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DiPierro retires after 20 years with 49th Pct.

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The community will have to say goodbye to a longtime member of its local police force when Detective Victor DiPierro retires on June 30 after 20 years with the 49th Precinct.

After graduating from the police academy in 1996 at age 27, DiPierro spent the entirety of his career with the NYPD at the precinct on Eastchester Road, policing Morris Park and its surrounding neighborhoods.

He spent more than 10 of those years as a community affairs officer, which he describes as being a buffer between local residents and the police department.

His office absorbs all the community's complaints about nuisances like loud music or speeding cars, and other quality of life issues.

"We can't correct everything, but we try building relationships with that person and help them the best we can," said DiPierro.

Those discussions can also include more sensitive issues that people feel comfortable confiding in the officers, who can steer them towards helpful resources.

"We try to do the right thing all around for everyone," said DiPierro.

Before getting into community affairs, DiPierro patrolled the Morris Park area, making him a familiar face to many residents, including local teens who would get into trouble.

Years later, DiPierro said several of those former kids have told him they're grateful that he prompted them to straighten their life out.

"They've come up to me and thanked me for being a pain in the neck back then," he said. "That's the best feeling."

DiPierro joined the police department after working for a few years with former Community Board 10 district manager James Vacca, where he became a one-man graffiti-removal team.

He also worked for Assemblyman Stephen Kaufman, where he learned he enjoyed trying to make a positive impact in the community. His interaction at the time with the 45th Precinct inspired him to join the police force.

In the end, DiPierro feels that he reached his career goal.

"I achieved what I wanted to do — which was to make a difference in the community," said DiPierro.

He called leaving the precinct bittersweet, because the 4-9 is his second home, but he feels ready to move on to start a new chapter in his life.

DiPierro's partner Officer Jay Sturdivant, who has worked with him in community affairs for the past several years, will take over as the lead community affairs officer.

"He's good at what he does," said DiPierro about his successor. "I'm confident walking out the door knowing he's taking over the ship."

But while DiPierro will no longer be working in the neighborhood, he said he'll still be around, as he lives nearby in Country Club and frequents Morris Park often.

"I hate to say goodbye," said DiPierro. "I'll see you guys around."



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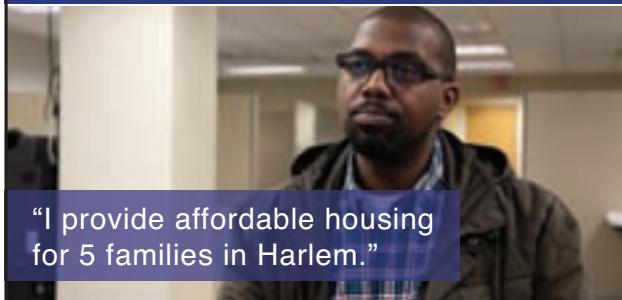
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(l-r) Delia McGee, granddaughter; Elizabeth, daughter; Mildred McGee, widow; Gibson, Greene; Kenneth Agosto, 36th Senate District special assistant; Assemblyman Keith Wright; Assemblyman Mike Blake; Judge Leland McGee and son pose at the street co-naming ceremony.
Photo courtesy of Elizabeth McGee

Late judge honored at street naming ceremony

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A street co-naming was recently held to honor and commemorate the life of a late judge, founder and community activist.

On Saturday, June 13, Judge Hansel McGee was honored at a street co-naming ceremony at the corner of East 165th Street between Boston Road and Cauldwell Avenue.

At the ceremony, Judge McGee, who passed away in July 2002 at age 76, was honored for his tenure as the New York State Supreme Court Justice and co-founding of the Harriet Tubman Charter School.

McGee was born on June 13, 1926 in Miami, Florida, before his family relocated to Harlem when he was an infant.

After his mother died and his father abandoned him, he spent time with various relatives before moving in with his sister in Morrisania in the 1940s.

Shortly after, he joined the US Navy, serving during World War II.

McGee graduated from City College in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry while working full-time as a research chemist at the Manhattan VA Hospital before he attended Polytechnic Institute and earning a Master's of Science in Organic Chemistry in 1960.

While working as a research chemist at IBM's Yorktown Heights, McGee began studying law at Brooklyn Law before being transferred to IBM's Washington D.C. Patent Law Office so he could attend the George Washington University Law School at night. He graduated in 1966.

In 1981, McGee was elected as a judge to the New York Civil Court and began his term in 1982. A few years later, he was appointed and then elected as a New York State Supreme Court Justice and served in that role until 1996.

As a community activist, Judge McGee served as the board chairman of the South Bronx Neighborhood Cen-

ters and the founder and chairman of the Bronx Chapter of the African American Legal Defense and Education Fund, while playing active roles within countless Bronx organizations such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence.

As an advocate for children and their education, he was also responsible for co-founding the Harriet Tubman Charter School with Cliff Frazier, chair of the MLK Center for Nonviolence, in 2000. The school, approaching its 15th academic year, teaches students kindergarden through eighth grade.

"Children receiving an education was very important to my father - he wanted them to strive for a better life," said daughter Elizabeth, who started the Hansel and Mildred McGee Foundation with family members and friends, a program that offers college scholarships to average Bronx high school seniors going to college. "He loved children, he loved people and he did everything that he could to help the community."

"One of the most beautiful things about Judge McGee is that he loved the community and all of the people within it," said Frazier. "The man was so easy to love."

"The man was a very strong advocate for youth and he made it his mission to assist children and young students in the Bronx," said Damyn Kelly, executive director of the South East Bronx Neighborhood Center, Inc., who worked with the judge when he was the chair of SEBNC in the late 1980s and early 90s. "This street co-naming was a reminder to everyone of how much he was involved in the community and how much he accomplished."

The street co-naming ceremony was attended by Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene and Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, as well as assembly members and members of the McGee family.

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Tuesday, June 9, 2:01 p.m. — Police responded to a shooting at Prospect and Longwood avenues, where a male was shot and removed to Lincoln Hospital.

42nd PCT.

Friday, June 12, 6:05 p.m. — Police responded to a shooting at 1428 Webster Avenue, where a 21-year-old male was shot in the head, shoulder, and abdomen.

Friday, June 12, 9:28 p.m. — Police responded to a shooting at 149th Street and 3rd Avenue. The victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

44th PCT.

Sunday, June 7, 4:32 a.m. — Police responded to a shooting at the Grand Concourse and E. 151st Street, where a male was shot in the thigh, and removed to Lincoln Hospital.

46th PCT.

Wednesday, June 10, 9:08 p.m. — Police responded to a radio run where a female victim was shot by a perpetrator. As officers entered the room, the perp pulled a gun and was shot by officer in the chest and removed to St. Barnabas Hospital. Police were not injured, and the gun was recovered.

Friday, June 12, 9:47 p.m. — Police responded to Morris Avenue and East 182nd Street where two people stabbed, one in the abdomen, and a pedestrian struck.

Sunday, June 7, 1:55 a.m. — Police responded to an armed robbery at East 187th Street and Elm Place.

47th PCT.

Sunday, June 7, 2:59 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of an assault in front of 4010 Bronxwood Avenue. Upon arrival, police observed a 20 year-old male conscious in front of the location with a stab wound to the left side of his torso. EMS responded and transported the victim to Jacobi Hospital where he was pronounced DOA.

Thursday, June 11, 12:17 a.m. — Police responded to a shooting at 752 E. 215th Street, where a person was shot twice in the groin and once in the hand.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great fundraiser

Dear editor,

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association's annual fundraiser dinner at Maestro's on Thursday, May 28 was a great success. The PPNA's dinner is a great chance for the PPNA to show our appreciation to members of our neighborhood who we feel have contributed to making the Pelham Parkway community a better place to live in. The event was well attended with well over 100 people in attendance. The event of course was well attended by our local politicians including Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, Councilman James Vacca, and Comptroller Scott Stringer.

The PPNA was proud to recognize three local businesses for their contribution to the Pelham Parkway community. They were Michael Orloff from the Pelham Parkway Vision Center, Silvia Hunter from Estilio Classico Inc, and Altin Ostreni from Ostreni Barber Shop all located along Lydig Avenue. We felt these small and local businesses really contribute to the overall atmosphere of our neighborhood and all give back to Pelham Parkway in a positive way. These are the type of businesses a community needs to truly thrive and we would like to congratulate them and hope people in our community will show their support by patronizing them.

In addition to those fine individuals we also recognized some local officials who we felt really fight hard for our community. The officials honored were Councilman Ritchie Torres, who has a long history of working with the PPNA long before becoming a councilman and Tommy Messina, who is the representative for Congressman Joseph Crowley, who represents our area of the Bronx.

Both men work tirelessly to make sure the Pelham Parkway community has its voice heard, whether it's in City Hall or even all the way in Washington. The PPNA applauds their service and looks forward to continuing to fight with them to make sure Pelham Parkway has the best of the very best.

The PPNA also had a raffle

to raise funds so that we can continue to do the good things that we do in this community. All items raffled off were donated to us for this purpose and we would like to thank the people who donated them to us.

We raffled two gift baskets with creams and oils that were donated by Colgate-Palmolive, and two gift baskets filled with various goodies were donated to us to raffle by the Bronx Zoo and the Bronx Botanical Garden. Apple Bank also donated to us a little gift that all people who attended received. In addition a beautiful HDTV was donated by Sonny Vataj. The PPNA would like to thank all these businesses and individuals who donated these gifts and would like to congratulate everyone who won them.

Steven Glosser and Louis G. Lutnick
Parkway Neighborhood Association

Passport denial

Dear editor,

Most Americans are unaware that tens of thousands of law abiding Americans are denied US passports and therefore cannot travel abroad. After 9/11, Homeland Security updated what is considered valid documentation as proof that you are an American.

This includes a former valid US passport (five years for minors, ten years for adults), an original birth certificate, a certificate of citizenship, or a naturalization certificate.

Seven million Americans are from closed adoptions, meaning they have no access to their original birth certificate. Of these seven million, tens of thousands of them (if not more) don't have any of the documentation considered valid by Homeland Security because they have amended birth certificates filed after they turned one-year old.

Homeland Security does not recognize any amended birth certificate filed after one year of age. Many children were not adopted until after their first birthday or the adoptive parents were not informed by the adoption agency that the infant's adoption must be finalized before they turn age 1.

This results in tens of thousands of law abiding Ameri-

cans being unable to obtain a US passport. Immigration tells these people to just ask for their original birth certificate, but in the vast majority of states it is impossible to do so because of archaic, inhumane laws. However, it gets worse, a whole lot worse.

These same adopted people who cannot obtain a passport, also are not considered actual US citizens because all they have is their amended birth certificate given to them and their adoptive parents after they turned one, meaning they can't vote, they could lose their jobs, and if they are unaware of this they could be in big trouble trying to return to the US after a nice weekend vacation in say, Toronto.

This effects both adopted people who were born abroad and adopted by American parents or adopted people who were born right here in the United States.

This regulation is ridiculous and it needs to change now. I urge everyone to contact the President and tell him to amend this so that all adopted Americans are recognized as US citizens, including those who were illegally adopted (such as from the Georgia Tann scheme) and all law abiding Americans, including all types of adopted people, are able to obtain a passport if they can afford one. The cost currently now of hiring an immigration lawyer to fix all of this is in the thousands. Nobody should have to pay a penny.

Megan DePirro

MTA shortchanged

Dear editor,

Federal support for transportation has remained consistent and growing. It has actually increased over past decades. When a crisis occurred, be it 9/11 in 2001 or Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Washington was there for us.

Additional billions in federal assistance above and beyond yearly formula allocations were provided. In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provided

billions more. Most federal grants require a 20% hard cash local share. In many cases, Uncle Sam accepted toll credits instead of hard cash for the local share saving the MTA billions over time.

Washington faces \$18 trillion in long term debt and a bankrupt Highway Trust fund which provides most transit dollars. Would your congressmembers vote to raise the national gasoline sales tax which supports the Highway Trust Fund?

Both the city and state and not Washington have shortchanged the MTA by consistently decreased hard cash contributions by billions under past MTA Five Year Capital Plans. Billions more are still needed to make up for these cuts. Everyone insisted that the MTA continue financing more of the capital program by borrowing. As a result, 17% or \$2.2 billion of the MTA budget goes for covering debt service payments.

Governor Cuomo and the legislature made a token effort of increasing contributions to the MTA Capital Program. Same with Mayor de Blasio and the City Council. Cuomo previously stated that "the MTA's proposed \$32 billion 2015 - 2019 Capital Plan is bloated by billions." Cuomo never said which capital projects he would delete to offset the \$14 billion shortfall. Many future capital projects would benefit NYC Transit subway and bus, MTA bus and LIRR riders.

MTA chairman Tom Pendergast was correct to testify at a recent NYC Council meeting to request more funding from NYC. The deficit will result in the MTA having to make difficult choices in deciding how to prioritize the expenditures of scarce resources. The consequences will be deferral of many critical capital improvement projects into the next 2020 - 2024 Capital Program. Riders can look forward to additional service delays and more fare increases beyond the next scheduled for 2017.

It is time for both the city and state to bring real money to the table.

Larry Penner

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LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Bronx Business Expo set for Mall

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business and Health Expo at the Mall at Bay Plaza on Tuesday, June 30.

The free event, taking place from 2 to 7 p.m., will feature networking opportunities, workshops and guest speakers.

While the annual event typically takes place in a catering hall, chamber president Lenny Caro said this year's special because it's taking place in the mall, which makes it easier for people to attend.

"We're welcoming the public to be a part of the great things happening in the Bronx," said Caro.

The chamber's event is the first business expo to take place in the Mall at Bay Plaza, which was the first enclosed mall in New York City in 40 years when it opened to great fanfare last August.

In addition to highlighting the chamber's members and vendors in attendance, the expo will recognize the borough's economic development

brought on by the new shopping center.

"We're celebrating the 100 companies that have opened in the mall or in the Bronx this year," said Caro.

Local elected officials will gather at 5 p.m. to commemorate the new additions.

The mall has brought upscale shopping to a borough where it was previously lacking, said Caro.

"It's what our Bronx residents needed," he said.

The expo is a way to celebrate that economic development as well as the numerous existing businesses in the Bronx, creating a space for the community to interact with the businesses.

"It will give great support and visibility to members of the chamber," said Caro. "It's another way to support local businesses."

The event will include workshops about health and financial literacy. Visitors can learn about health care providers, financial services, and other Bronx businesses, and government agencies will also



The Bronx Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo in 2014 created opportunities for networking.

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be on hand to answer questions about health benefits for seniors, as well as allow residents to learn if they are eligible for any unclaimed funds held by the state.

But ultimately, the expo

is about providing an opportunity for local businesses to connect with the community.

"The chamber's goal is to promote Bronx businesses and let the community know the many great things they

are doing," said Caro. "We're showing off the pride of the Bronx."

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P.S. 304 dedicates flag-filled Liberty Lawn

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

P.S. 304 students dedicated their Liberty Lawn on Flag Day as a fitting tribute to 'old glory' with rows of flags planted on what had been a barren vacant lot next to the school.

Students from every grade in the school and classes from two other schools that share P.S. 304's Throggs Neck campus planted the flags in honor of those who serve in the armed forces, first responders and Americana.

They held a star-spangled dedication of the Liberty Lawn on Friday, June 12.

At the ceremony, P.S. 304 principal Joe Nobile indicated that the project connected both patriotism and academic goals.

"Planting flags is not new," said Joe Nobile, P.S. 304 of the project, who added "We had this vacant property (next to the school grounds), and the staff and I talked this over."

The Liberty Lawn includes flags planted on a vacant parcel adjacent to the school and placards featuring lessons on bits of Americana like the Declaration of Independence and

the United States Capital.

The lawn will be open to community groups who would like to visit it, said Nobile.

Groups will be welcome to visit the site by appointment only until Saturday, July 4, and the Liberty Lawn may become a community fixture with flag plantings on future Memorial Days and Veterans Days.

Attending the ceremony were various members of the community, local non-profit organizations and elected officials: Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Councilman James Vacca, Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253, Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Throggs Neck Merchants and Community Board 10.

"I think very few schools do something like this," said Councilman Vacca. "The Throggs Neck community has always been supportive of veterans, and this is another indication of how we can show that we honor them always."

During his remarks, Assemblyman Benedetto pointed out that it was the 99th celebration of Flag Day, and he told



P.S. 304 students gather on Friday, June 12 on the Liberty Lawn with its rows of planted flags in honor of America and all those who have served their country. The students learned about the flag and what it represents.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

the children that when people all around the world see the American flag, they think of freedom.

John Cerini, treasurer of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association who was serving as P.S. 304 "Principal for a Day" told the children that this year's Flag Day is the 238th anniversary of the U.S. Congress adopting the stars and stripes as the national flag, way back in 1777.

Local activist John Ma-

rano and Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, both representing the board, spoke to the children.

Marano told the children that they could now teach their friends about the flag's meaning, while Kearns recalled the historical events that led to the writing of one of the songs sung during the ceremony, The Star Spangled Banner.

Judy Lanci and John Lanci represented Korony Post #253:

the former preformed a flag retirement ceremony, and the latter dressed as Uncle Sam.

Special thanks were offered to the P.S. 304 custodial crew, who cared for and prepared the grounds where the Liberty Lawn is located, even though technically, it is not on school grounds.

For more information on having a group visit the Liberty Lawn, contact Mary Mutze at mmutze@schools.nyc.gov.

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Orchard Beach fireworks set for June 25

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The annual New York Salutes America fireworks show and promenade festival will be held in Orchard Beach, and all are welcome to attend.

Billed as the borough's official kick-off to Independence Day celebrations, this year's event will take place on Thursday, June 25 at the 'Bronx's Riviera.'

Over 10,000 people are expected to be in attendance, according to event organizers.

Senator Jeff Klein and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. host the event every year.

"The annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration marks a special time for the Bronx community - bringing together families and children to commemorate our nation's independence and enjoy the summer season," said Klein.

This year's event will feature an eating contest, with local restaurants offering food, and prizes and giveaways.

Borough President Diaz said "things will definitely be heating up with this year's firework extravaganza and eating contest."

"It is a fun-filled evening when family, friends and the entire community comes together from across the city to experience our great borough," Diaz added. "Everyone will have a blast."

Longtime attendee John Marano said that he believes the event brings together the community.

"Speaking as a citizen of Throgs Neck, I think it is a great event and it brings community together, especially since it has been years now that fireworks are illegal," he said. "The kids today can actually see a beautiful display of fireworks in a safe manner."

John Doyle of the City Island Civic Association, who has attended numerous New York Salutes America fireworks shows and festivals, said that a great deal of work goes into the event.

New York Salutes America is a nice place to see friends and neighbors, and also serves as a gathering of community activists for networking, he said.

"It is also a showcase of the beauty of Orchard Beach, and that should be a source of pride

for all Bronxites," said Doyle.

New York Salutes America is a free event that is open to the public. It will include activities for children like balloon makers, music, and magicians.

Every year there is also a ceremony at the stage at the Orchard Beach Pavilion where Klein and Diaz address the crowd.

The extravaganza begins at 6 p.m., with the eating contest starting at 7:45 p.m. and the professional fireworks show at 9:20 p.m.

There are 20 spaces available for the eating contest, and anyone interested in taking part in this just-for-fun competition can either submit their names by e-mail to bkemraj@bronxbp.nyc.gov by Wednesday, June 24, or give their names to event coordinators at Orchard Beach before 6:30 p.m. on the day of the celebration.

The participants in the first-ever eating contest will be selected at the beach prior to the contest.

Winners will receive a Bronx Prize Package, according to event coordinators.



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St. Barnabas encourages healthy living

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Ideas to change healthcare, leading to a more collaborative approach that incentivizes quality over quantity, should be put to the test in a St. Barnabas Health System led effort that reaches out to the community for help.

The hospital will be leading a Performing Provider System. It will work in collaboration with a consortium of community health care providers, social services agencies, behavioral health/substance abuse treatment centers, doctors and housing non-profits to improve outcomes of Medicaid patients.

The goal is to reduce costs to the federal government for their portion of Medicaid funding and encourage earlier treatment of health problems before they worsen into more costly conditions.

The approach will eventually link the PPS funding, expected to exceed \$1 billion dollars over five years for St. Barnabas and at least 60 plus partners, to results that emphasize quality care over quantity, said Len Walsh, St. Barnabas chief operating officer.

"The whole idea is to connect the social determinants of health to patient outcomes," said Walsh, adding that under the current health care system – not just in the borough, but in the state and nationally – there are no

incentives to emphasize preventative quality care over quantity.

"We feel that this is a transformation from volume to value," said Walsh.

Examples of collaboration cited by Walsh include working with mental health and substance abuse care centers to encourage patients to receive preventive health care.

Another example he cited of a PPS effort is working with social service providers to encourage effective management of conditions like diabetes and asthma to reduce hospital admissions.

Conditions like diabetes and asthma are all too common in the Bronx, and Walsh said that working with people who have these conditions so they know when to use a nebulizer to control their respiratory conditions, for example, could lead to the cost reductions required under the program.

The St. Barnabas PPS effort also has a goal of reducing the number of people who use emergency departments for primary, non-emergency care instead of visiting physicians outside of this setting.

The PPS will identify patients who needlessly use the emergency department and look to explain the benefits of seeking treatment at a primary care physician, said Walsh.

"This is one of the most exciting times in health care," he added, and said that the fee-for-service model for Medicaid, which accounts for 70% of St. Barnabas' business, is broken.

Walsh believes that PPSs, which are being started elsewhere in New York State as a result of a deal with the federal government to reduce costs, could become a model for care even in places where commercial insurance is prevalent.

St. Barnabas will be collaborating with the Health and Hospitals Corporation on their PPS initiative.

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., in a statement, called the cost saving dollars coming into the borough exciting.

"Our county has become the model of collaboration and cooperation with regards to our healthcare system and status," stated Diaz.

He added: "I am proud of our hospitals, health centers, healthcare plans, community based organizations, neighborhood doctors, our constituents who have all joined our #Not62 campaign aimed at improving the overall health status of our borough by addressing the social determinants of health."

With the borough ranking last out of 62 New York state counties when it comes to public health for several



Len Walsh, St. Barnabas Hospital chief operating officer, is a strong proponent of the effort, which seeks to coordinate medical and community resources to incentivize improved medical outcomes.

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years, Diaz announced in his State of the Borough Speech in February the #Not62 social media campaign to encourage Bronxites to make healthy decisions.

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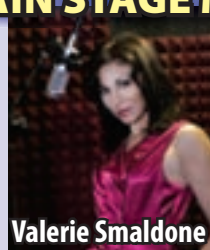
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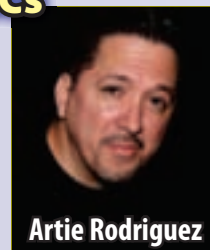
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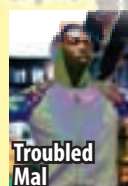
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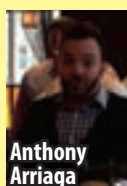
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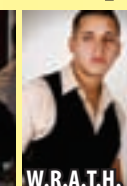
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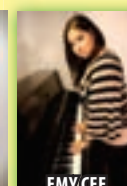
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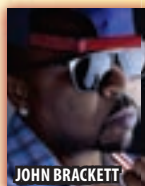
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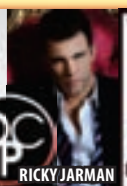
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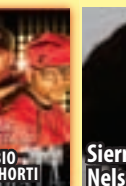
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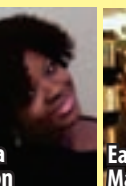
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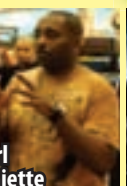
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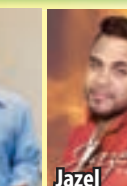
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BP Diaz meets with CNG's owners, staff

BY ROZ LISTON

Major League Soccer is still casting an eye at Aqueduct as the site for a new stadium after talks in the Bronx failed to come up with an agreement, the Bronx borough president told a meeting of the Community News Group earlier this month.

Ruben Diaz, Jr., who was elected borough president in 2009, visited the Brooklyn headquarters of CNG, the parent company of the Bronx Times Reporter for a wide-ranging discussion with the newspaper chain's editors.

Asked about the status of MLS's efforts to build a stadium in the Bronx for New York City's first professional soccer team, Diaz said the search had shifted back to Queens.

He invited the league to consider the Bronx after its proposal to put a stadium in Flushing Meadows Corona Park drew fire from preservationists, activists and some elected officials as well as the Mets, who play nearby at Citi Field.

The New York City Football Club, owned by the New

York Yankees and the Manchester City Football Club, began playing at Yankee stadium this year. The team is MLS's first entry into the city, but Diaz said the science of Yankee stadium is not ideal for soccer and MLS would like to construct a more appropriate stadium.

A potential spot was found right across from Yankee Stadium that would have involved removing a major Bronx company that manufactures the brain parts of elevators and employs 420 people, 80 percent of whom are from the Bronx.

Diaz insisted that Major League Soccer purchase the company and relocate it within the borough, to keep the jobs and tax stream in the county.

The city did not want to invest any money in the deal because there were too many pieces in play and the Abu Dhabi royal family, which owns Manchester City, is flush with money in its own right, Diaz said.

"The Yankees are back looking at Aqueduct," said Diaz, who expects to lose a



Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.
File photo

longstanding bet with state Assemblyman Francisco Moya of Corona, Queens that the stadium will ultimately be built in Queens—not the Bronx. The loser will have to give the winner an empanada.

There were no details on whether talks are now underway about Aqueduct, but in September Senator Joseph Addabbo, of Howard Beach, Queens said MLS was looking at a city-owned parking lot south of the Aqueduct race track as a possible site.

Addabbo, who opposes building a stadium at Aqueduct because of traffic concerns and limited public transportation, said the parking lot was under a long-term lease arrangement with the Port Authority.

The Bronx may lose soccer to Queens, but it will eventually be the home to a large group of disenfranchised auto shop owners from Willets Point, which is the site of an ambitious \$4 billion retail, commercial and residential project.

The Sunrise Cooperative's 46 owners entered into an agreement with the city to move to the Bronx as they faced the threat of losing their property to eminent domain.

"The group got a raw deal," Diaz said. "The city should have given them more re-

sources—sizable subsidies."

He said the Bronx was not very enthusiastic initially about having the Sunrise shops move to the south Bronx because the co-op would compete with the borough's existing industry and bring more traffic to Hunts Point.

But after a series of meetings with the community board and other groups, Diaz said it was decided that the Bronx needed to support the Willets Point auto owners.

The plan is to build a state-of-the-art facility with cutting-edge technology once Sunrise completes the steps to get the work started at the auto-repair facility.

The co-op is now facing eviction from Willets Point because the paperwork for certificate of occupancy and other basic requirements was not filed. The court-ordered deadline to move to the Hunts Point was June 1.

Diaz said he was confident the project would happen, but there was no timeline for when it would be done.

"It's up to Queens," he said.

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Community comments on PPN reconstruction

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Residents commented on the plans for the reconstruction of the north side of Pelham Parkway at a public hearing hosted by Community Board 11 on June 16.

Representatives from city agencies including parks, transportation, and the Mayor's Office for Persons with Disabilities were on hand to hear concerns.

The plans encompass Pelham Parkway's westbound main roadway and the Pelham Parkway North service road, and will address the road's deficiencies, including pavement deterioration as well as motorist safety regarding trees along the mainline, which will be protected with a guiderail.

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.

A major concern of residents at the meeting was the

loss of parking on Pelham Parkway North.

Plans will add a sidewalk on the south side of Pelham Parkway North between White Plains and Williamsbridge Road to make the parking there accessible. Because the road will be narrowed slightly, 'no standing' zones must be added at several intersections in order to allow for the turning radius of a fire truck. Several more parking spots will be lost due to the creation of sidewalk 'bump-outs' to protect existing trees.

An estimated 31 parking spaces will be removed, with 10 spaces at five intersections converted to handicap accessible spaces. The need for those 10 spaces was also questioned by attendees and community board members.

At the hearing, the community board said a task force would be looking into the proposed removal of about 26 trees for reasons of disease or sidewalk installation.

During the reconstruction of the south side of Pelham Parkway, completed in 2013, the Pelham Parkway Pres-

ervation Alliance formed to fight tree removal.

Attendees questioned why the stretch of the project between Eastchester Road and Stillwell Avenue was only being resurfaced and did not include replacing the sidewalk, and requested that drainage on the same stretch of the service road be addressed.

Certain sections of the project were not highlighted during the presentation, such as the portion of the project between Boston Road and Bronx Park East, where the impact of the project is unclear.

The closure of an unnamed street, cutting from the service road in front of the Institute of Special Education to the mainline, was also not addressed until pointed out on the renderings, and the board expects to fight the parks department on that point.

At the hearing, community members also aired their lingering frustration over issues that arose from the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway South.

A representative from the Department of Design and Con-



A rendering of the proposed changes to the Pelham Parkway Westbound Mainline, as part of phase two of the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway. A dedicated bus lane will be added by shifting the existing lanes and eliminating the shoulders.

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struction, Howard Pollack, acknowledged that distrust was generated by lack of communication during the first phase.

"We're hoping this process is going to be different than last time," said Pollack.

The public hearing was successful in providing an opportunity for local residents to respond to the plans, said Board 11 assistant district manager John Fratta, who has been working on the proj-

ect since 1986.

"I think we heard loud and clear from the community," said Fratta.

Over the summer, the board will push the agencies for answers and they hope to hold another public hearing before the board votes on the project this fall.

"There's going to be a lot more discussion before the board signs off on this," said Fratta.

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CB10, Riverbay to host Healthy Lifestyles Walk

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Just in time for the summer, an upcoming event hopes to promote healthy lifestyles and positive change for all Bronx residents.

On Saturday, June 27, Community Board 10's Health and Human Services Committee, Riverbay Corporation, Jacobi Medical Center, and Montefiore Hospital will be sponsoring a Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Walk around the Greenway in Co-op City.

The low intensive one to two mile walk will run from 10 a.m. until noon and participants are allowed to walk at their own comfortable pace.

The purpose of the Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Walk is to promote healthy lifestyles among Bronx residents.

"This is a great opportunity for the residents of Co-op City and other communities within our board, to come out on a beautiful summer morning to enjoy the company of neighbors and friends, as we walk along the Greenway, Co-op City's Central Park," Martin Prince, CB 10 chairman shared.

"We extend an invitation to all of our friends and neighbors to meet us at the stage on the Greenway in Co-op City at 10 a.m. on June 27th," he added.

According to Kenneth Kearns, CB 10 district manager, this event is part of an ongoing series of walks and other events sponsored by the Health and Human Services Committee of CB 10 and will mark the first time a Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Walk will be held at Co-op City.

"The upcoming Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Walk is going to be a great opportunity for everyone to come outside on a beautiful summer day and meet their neighbors all while promoting healthy lifestyles," Kearns explained.

The walk is open for all ages and participants should be mindful in wearing comfortable shoes and clothing as well as bring water to help stay hydrated.

Free giveaways will also be provide during the event however only while supplies last.

Parking for will be available in Garage #6 and drivers

are asked to obtain a parking receipt to bring to the Greenway Stage sign-up location for validation or otherwise have a fee charged.

This free event will take place at Co-op City's Greenway which contains LifeTrail Advanced Wellness Systems from Playworld Systems exercise equipment for public use.

According to Michelle Sajous, Riverbay Corporation director, this equipment was installed in Co-op City's Greenway about two years ago and sees usage from many residents, young and old alike.

The LifeTrail Advanced Wellness Systems from Playworld Systems located at Benchley Place and in Debs Place include such equipment as a stationary exercise bike, a lat pull-down machine, a pull-up bar and many other healthy lifestyle promoting technology.

"These are wonderful pieces of outside exercise equipment and we see so many people use them daily from little children to men who can bench press over 100 pounds," she expressed.



Co-op City will be holding the upcoming 'Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Walk' on its campus' greenway. File Photo

Sajous explained she is thrilled to have Co-op City hosting this event and shared that it has been a dream of Riverbay Corporation to have more health centric events for this community.

"Prior to this walk, we have never had an event at the Greenway and we are hoping people realize there's a scenic trail that they can walk and exercise on here," Sajous said. "The Bronx has the top numbers in diabetes and hypertension as well as obesity and we want to do something to change that."

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BY ROBERT WIRSING

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Based in Hunts Point, Sanitation Salvage Corporation has been servicing many New York communities including the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Westchester county for over three decades by serving the waste management needs of families, commercial businesses and industrial development companies.

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Fully licensed and insured, this waste management pro-

vider prides itself as being the industry standard through providing customized and intelligent waste management solutions for its approximately 10,000 diverse commercial customers and clients.

Family owned and operated by brothers John, Andrew, and Steven Squitieri, Sanitation Salvage Corp. started in May 1985 with only two garage trucks.

Since then, the company has grown to include a fleet of over 20 packer and roll-off waste management vehicles and 25 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment.

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In addition, the company



Bronx-based Sanitation Salvage Corp. has been serving the entire tri-state area for over three decades.

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operates a state-of-the-art transfer station and recycling facility, allowing the company to offer the most competitive pricing in today's sanitation marketplace while also being environmentally conscious through its complete composting programs.

According to John Squitieri, Sanitation Salvage was founded after the brothers purchased a small carting company.

Having previously worked alongside his father and his brothers during his teens and at another boutique sanitation firm, it seemed like a dream come true for the Squitieri family to own and oper-

ate their own waste removal company.

"We had always worked for somebody else, so when this opportunity came for us to own and operate our own business, we didn't want to pass that up," Squitieri shared.

He added this company is very committed to providing quality service for all of its customers and it is highly involved within the community.

Sanitation Salvage Corp. sponsors many community groups here in the Bronx such as the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Van Nest Little League, Aging in America, Morris Park Columbus Day Parade Committee, St. Pat-

rick's Home, La Union Dominican Men's Softball League, Carolei Club, Sons of Italy, Bronxchester Little League, and many others.

Raised in Morris Park and currently residing in Indian Village, Squitieri expressed excitement to be working in his family's company and in his home borough.

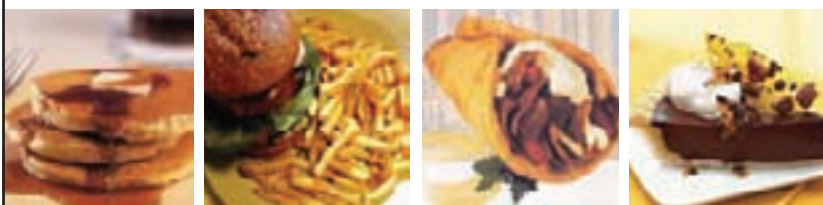
"We make our living working in the community and we want everyone to know we are always here to help," he said.

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Bronx teens perform at Garden Talent Show

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Siblings from the Bronx have proven that they can perform on one of NYC's largest stages.

Sisters Idania and Joelly Quezada, both born and raised in the Bronx, were just two of over 100 children and teenagers from the greater New York area that performed at Radio City Musical Hall for the Garden of Dreams Talent Show on Thursday, June 18.

Idania, a 16-year old who currently attends the Theatre Arts Production Company School, was a solo vocalist, performing the song 'Youth' by Daughter. Idania's 19-year old sister Joelly backed her up with the guitar during the performance in a venue that seats 6,000 people.

During the days of preparation leading up to the talent show, Idania and Joelly were mentored by the Rockettes, Darryl 'DMC' McDaniels and model Damaris Lewis, who observed their rehearsals and gave them feedback based on their practice performances.

"I learned a lot from the preparation process even

though it was nerve wrecking," said Idania, who has been singing for five years and also dances and acts.

"The mentors and the judges were very helpful - they taught me to relax and just focus on sounding good and just having a fun time on the stage."

Idania also said that she has also learned a lot from her older sister, who performed at the Garden of Dreams Talent Show for the third time on Thursday.

In a mentoring role, Joelly taught Idania different singing techniques while providing her advice and tips from her previous experiences performing on stage.

"It was great to accompany my sister on stage while she sang and I played the guitar," said Joelly, who has been playing the guitar for almost six years and is currently a Music Therapy major at Molloy College.

"When I first performed on stage in the 8th grade at age 14, I was in the same position that my sister was in before this performance - I was so shy and nervous - but eventually I learned

how to not get intimidated or scared in front of a big crowd. These rehearsals are definitely great learning experiences for young performers like us," she added.

After seeing both Idania and Joelly perform at the audition, the judges were highly impressed, seeing the potential and talent that the two teenagers possessed.

"When I saw them (Idania and Joelly) audition, it was almost like seeing them on the Madison Square Garden stage," said Darryl 'DMC' McDaniels, talent director and member of influential hip hop group Run DMC. "They were very professional and it was a great performance - I honestly felt like a fan."

"They're lucky to have this opportunity so early," added McDaniels, who also stated that he didn't perform at Radio City until 1993 after he had been in the music industry for over ten years. "However, they deserve it, because they are incredibly talented at a young age. Even though they might need some help with their anxiety, we know they can overcome their



(l-r) Joelly and Idania performed 'Youth' by Daughter for the talent show.

Photo courtesy of MSG Photos

obstacles with performing and life as a whole with confidence and proper mentoring."

Both Idania and Joelly are part of the Children's Aid Society, one of the many long-standing partnering organizations of the Garden of Dreams Foundation and Madison Square Garden Entertainment.

Through the partnership of these three organizations as

well as hospitals, wish organizations and community-based organizations, children with challenges such as homelessness, extreme poverty, illness and foster care are reached out to and cared for.

The talent show is just one of 500 events conducted by the Garden of Dreams Foundation each year.

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Pelham Bayites perform for earthquake victims

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Two Bronx residents are ready to perform at a famous venue for a great cause.

On Tuesday, June 23, Pelham Bay residents Anthony Liccese and Bill Maher will be performing classic rock to help needy children.

The performance, which will take place at the Cutting Room's new location of 44 E. 32nd Street, is an event presented by A Leg To Stand On, an organization that helps kids around the world who are in need of prosthetics.

All proceeds from this performance will go towards the earthquake victims of Nepal.

Liccese, who has been involved in music recording, writing and producing since the late 1980s, said that he learned a lot from his late friend and music partner John Christopher, also a Pelham Bay resident.

Together, Liccese and Christopher recorded more than 20 songs in the span of a decade.

Shortly after Christopher passed away at age 70 in 2013, Anthony joined the choir

at Our Lady of Assumption Church and recorded a song in John's honor.

He also has his own music production business, The HarmonyGuy Company.

Liccese also said that Maher, also known as Bongo Billy, commands the stage with an electrifying presence as he delivers percussive textures.

Both Liccese and Maher will be performing on stage with the Pittsburgh-based rock band The Cause.

Other performing bands include Titan Durty and Warriors from Mars.

"After attending these events for quite a number of years as a guest, I was thrilled when they asked me to play drums and sing for these events," said Liccese, who feels great that he found a way that he can positively contribute to such a negative situation.

"I have been performing in and around NYC my entire life and to perform at an event like this is simply amazing," he said.

"Every strike of the drum and every sung note feels like



Liccese plays the drums.

Photo courtesy of The HarmonyGuy Company

it is doing some good for the world and that, truly, is the musical higher ground that I have been seeking for a long

time."

Cutting Room's doors open at 6 p.m. Anthony and Bill will perform with The Cause at 8

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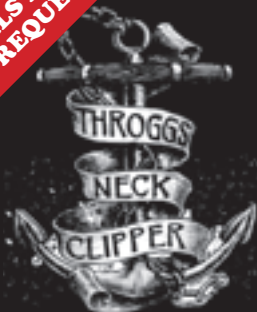


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Art Scene at Hostos

In an effort to support the arts, one of The Bronx's most important resources for community building, the **Hostos Center for Bronx Non-profits** (CBNP) is holding a special event, "Shifting Sands: New Dynamics in The Bronx Art Scene" on June 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Old Bronx Courthouse building on Brook Avenue.

Part of the CBNP's "Public Conversation Series," this event is being sponsored by The Bronx organization, No Longer Empty, which engages the public with contemporary art through curated, community-responsive exhibitions and education programs that revive underutilized properties. The goal of this event is to spark fresh perspectives on creating, presenting and experiencing art in The Bronx.

The CBNP's Public Conversations Series features quarterly field-building discussions on emerging paradigms in public policy and non-profit practice. The series seeks to highlight the innovations of Bronx practitioners and the grant making of New York-area funders—their successes as well as disappointments—as they grapple with new challenges in communities and test pioneering approaches to longstanding public policy issues.

Moderated by Sarah Calderon, from the Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education, featured panelists include Arthur Aviles from the Arthur Aviles Typical Theater (AATT); artist Alicia Grullon; cultural activist Bill Aguado; Carey Clark from The Point; artist and educator, Dennis RedMoon Darkeem; Eddie Torres from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs; and Michael Kamber from the Bronx Documentary Center.

Those interested in attending are asked to R.S.V.P at www.artsinthebronx.doattend.com.

Registration for summer programs at the Section 5 **Boys & Girls Club in Co-op City** will start June 15th through July 2nd. Registration opens at 3pm at 141 Einstein Loop. The Club serves Teens ages 13 to 19 years of age.

The club offers algebra and geometry boot camps, college advisements, cooking, computer lab, drama 101, hip hop dance, acting, art, photography & video, basketball, boxing and so much more.

Programs start July 6th. For more information call the club at (718) 671-8655 or just stop by.

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Nellie Gonzalaz and Aurea Mangual took the bus to Albany to celebrate Bronx Day.



Bronx residents made the trip to Albany for the festivities.



Senator Klein met with nearly 50 students from J.H.S. 127, at the State Capitol on Bronx Day.
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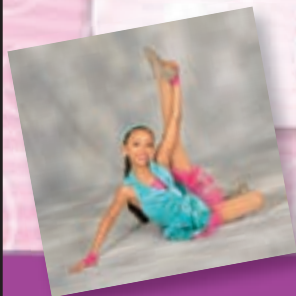


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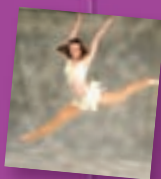
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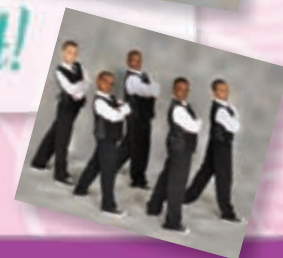
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(l-r) Senator Diaz, Assemblyman Sepulveda, honoree Jose Perez, Assemblyman Blake (back), and Assemblyman Crespo. Photo by Miriam Quin



Maria Del Pilar Avila was presented a 2015 Merit Award during last Thursday's event. Photo by Miriam Quin



Honoree Dr. Richardo Rossello stands with Nelly Gonzalez, Manhattan Community Board 4 assistant district manager. Photo by Miriam Quin



ABRAZO BORICUA IN NEW YORK

On Thursday, June 11, the Abrazo Boricua in New York was held at Maestro's and featured mayors, dignitaries, and community leaders who traveled from Puerto Rico to join a crowd of more than 500 people. The event was coordinated by Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr., Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, and Assemblyman Michael Blake. This annual celebration which serves as a prelude to the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, recognizes the many contributions made by the Puerto Rican community in the development of New York City. This year's edition was dedicated to Dr. Richardo Rossello, PhD in Biomedical Engineering; Jose Perez, Mastermind Ltd. chairman and chief executive officer; Dr. Rosa Gil, Comunilife, Inc. founder and president; and Maria Del Pilar Avila, New America Alliance, chief executive officer - four distinguished community members from New York and in Puerto Rico.

(Left) Dr. Rosa Gil's contributions were recognized during Abrazo Boricua in New York. Photo by Miriam Quin

BLESSING OF THE FLEET ON CI

Boating season kicked off with the Blessing of the Fleet on City Island on Sunday, June 14. The multi-denominational ceremony took place in the Long Island Sound off the dock of Fenton Marina, where locals traveled to have their watercraft blessed.



City Island Sail and Power Squadron member Franz Alvarez, Reverend Ezra of Trinity Methodist Church, Fr. Augustus of St. Mary's Star of the Sea, City Island Sail and Power Squadron Commander Barbara Mandarano, Rabbi David Markus of Temple Beth El, Lori Swink, Grace Church.

Photo by Laura Stone



(l-r) City Island Sail and Power Squadron members Franz Alvarez, Richard Welch, Commander Barbara Mandarano and Elaine and Richard Pfaff.

Photo by Laura Stone



(Rifgt) A FDNY Fire Boat put on a water show for the boats after they were blessed.

Photo by Laura Stone

CHNBA COMMUNITY MEETING

On Saturday, June 13, the Castle Hill Neighborhood Betterment Association, Inc. held a very important meeting inside Holy Family Church to update the neighborhood on what the group has been doing since their last fall meeting, its options going forward to stop construction of the Days Inn motel.



CHNBA's Angela Laguer, Hector Soto and Fernando Penate discuss the construction of the Days Inn with members of the community.

Photo by Edwin Soto

COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY SELECTED

St. Raymond High School junior David Morales was an award recipient for a Police Commissioner for a Day essay contest through the Police Athletic League. Morales was honored for his essay in a ceremony at One Police Plaza on Wednesday, June 10, where he got a chance to meet NYPD and PAL dignitaries, including Police Commissioner William Bratton.



David Morales and Deputy Inspector Russell Green, the commanding officer of the 43rd Precinct.

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KING, RESIDENTS CLEAN UP THE NABE

Councilman Andy King and residents of the 12th Council District recently beautified their community as a part of King's spring cleaning campaign. Prior to the event, residents submitted to the councilman's office specific addresses and cross streets that needed to be cleaned. For the cleanup, King, local residents and volunteers, including students from Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School and Immaculate Conception Catholic School, removed litter, debris and graffiti from their neighborhood.



King poses with students from Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School and Immaculate Conception Catholic School, who volunteered to help beautify the area around their schools.

Photo courtesy of Andy King's office

FOXY PETS HOSTS DOGGY PLAY DATE

Bronx Foxy Pets hosted their first Doggy Play Date at Pelham Bay Park on Friday, June 12. For the event, local residents brought their dogs to the park to socialize with other dogs.



Bailey Provetto's Yorkshire Terrier.

Photo by Miriam Quin



An albino Siberian husky enjoys being in the pool.

Photo by Miriam Quin

45TH PCT. COP OF THE MONTH

An award was presented to 45th Precinct police officer Albert Garcia as Cop of the Month for June. Garcia was honored at the 45th Precinct Community Council meeting on Thursday, June 4. He received a certificate from Councilman Andy King, who had stopped by the precinct council meeting to hear concerns and honor police officers. Garcia had dealt with a lot of tire and rim theft cases and handled them well. During the meeting, Councilman King also spoke about police disability pensions.



Police officer Albert Garcia (c) is honored as the 45th Precinct Cop of the Month, with Councilman Andy King and Bob Bieder, 45th Precinct Community Council president on Thursday, June 4.

Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

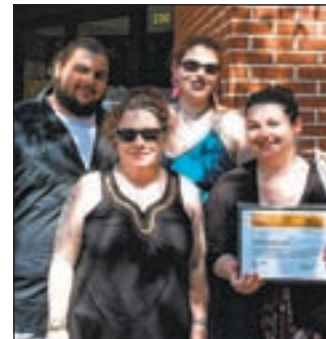
HART ISLAND FOUNDATION HOLDS MEETING

The Hart Island Foundation held a public meeting at the City Island Library on Saturday, June 13. At the meeting, Bronx resident Jessica Rocchio revived the NYC Mayoral Award for Volunteer Service for spending hundreds of hours handwriting and entering data for the Traveling Cloud Museum.



(l-r) Paul Tackowiak, Melinda Hunt, Roberta Omen, Jessica Rocchio, John Doyle and Saul Glist at the public meeting.

Photo by Edwin Soto



(l-r) Anthony Luni, Jeannine Fortunato, Donna and Jessica Rocchio standing outside the City Island Library.

Photo by Edwin Soto

JENNIFER LOPEZ FILMS ON BRONX BLOCK

Cameras swarmed Tremont Avenue as a TV crew shot a scene in a local tattoo parlor involving Jennifer Lopez from the new cop show 'Shades of Blue'.



Jennifer Lopez was back in the Bronx on Tuesday, June 9.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



A tattoo parlor at 3114 Tremont Avenue was the setting for a scene.

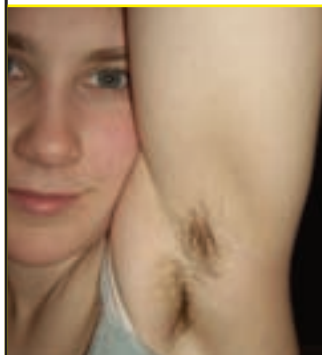
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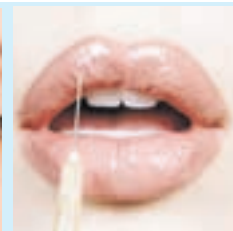
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KNICKS HOLD CLINIC FOR LOCAL TEENS

The New York Knicks hosted a basketball clinic for 75 local teens at the Webster Police Athletic League on Friday, June 12. The basketball clinic was attended by Councilman Ritchie Torres. Among other participants was retired Knicks forward Larry Johnson.



Johnson jokes with the kids during a break.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

CIRCLE IN THE SQUARE MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, June 13, the Westchester Square Business Improvement District and Councilman James Vacca hosted Circle in the Square Nights featuring a special screening of the 1985 classic, 'The Goonies' at Owen Dolen Park. In addition, this family-friendly event included music, face painting, arts and crafts in the park as well as free raffles and prizes throughout the evening.



Danielle Biasini (back row, left) with her son Justin alongside Andrea Bolanos and son Alexander and Melinda Rodriguez wait for the movie to start.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

UNITED FEDERATION OF TEACHERS GIVES 40 \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

The United Federation of Teachers presented 40 \$5,000 college scholarships to young students from the borough on Monday, June 8. The 46th Annual Albert Shanker Awards are drawn from union funds.

Bronx Shanker scholarship award recipients at UFT headquarters on Monday, June 8.

Photo courtesy of UFT / Jonathan Fickies



41ST PRECINCT FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On Friday, June 12, Senator Jeff Klein honored local 'Cop of the Month' recipients, civic leaders and students at the 41st Precinct Community Council Fellowship Breakfast for their outstanding contributions to the Hunts Point community.



(l-r) Lieutenant Baren, 41st Precinct; Senator Klein and police officer Craft, 41st Precinct.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office

MT. SAINT VINCENT HOSTS RIVERFEST 2015

Bronxites celebrated RiverFest 2015 on Sunday, June 14. The event, organized by the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation, featured music, fun and food on the idyllic campus of Mount Saint Vincent overlooking the Hudson River. Grammy winning music group Blood, Sweat and Tears headlined the event.



Local rock band Genetic Control performed at RiverFest.

Photo by Patricio Robayo



Tara Quinn and Jeremy Martin perform acrobatic feats.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

CUB SCOUTS MEDAL HONORS

Cub Scouts from St. Theresa School Pack 1214 received medals during a Mass on Sunday, May 31. The cub scouts, who are Webelos scouts in the fourth and fifth grades, received their honorors from Msgr. Thomas Derivan for completing their 'Parvuli Dei' Children of God books.

The cub scouts get their awards at the church.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Soli





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Kings Harbor wins national awards



Kings Harbor Multicare Center wins national awards.

Kings Harbor Multicare Center, a 720 bed subacute and long term care facility in the northeast Bronx, has received the 2015 Innovative Practice Award from the NYS Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) for its program, "War Against Pressure Ulcers". The awards were initiated to showcase the high quality services its members provide to their residents.

After identifying a rise in the incidence of pressure ulcers, Kings Harbor's interdisciplinary team implemented an awareness/educational program that proved to be highly successful and extraordinarily well received. It created enthusiasm and increased involvement by staff and families, which resulted in significant improvement and decreased numbers of pressure ulcers. "Due to the overwhelming success, the awareness program was opened to surrounding nursing homes, hospitals, and the community," said Alexander Stern, Administrator of Kings Harbor. "We are proud to be recognized with this presti-

gious award from NYSHFA for this successful program."

The facility has also received the 2015 American Health Care Association (AHCA) Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through quality care. The award is the first of three distinctions possible through the National Quality Award Program honoring centers across the nation that have demonstrated their commitment to improving quality care for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

"Kings Harbor Multicare Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing quality care and I commend them for that," said the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board of Overseers Chair Christine Boldt. "I encourage Kings Harbor to continue their quality journey by striving for the Silver and Gold levels."

"It is a great honor to be recognized with a National Quality Award," said Toni Mooney, Vice President of Nursing. "Improving the lives

of the residents and families we care for every day is what brings us joy and this award symbolizes the dedication and

commitment we have to the quality journey."

For further information on Kings Harbor go to www.kingsharbor.com, and "like" them on Facebook at <http://fb.com/kingsharbormulticarecenter>.

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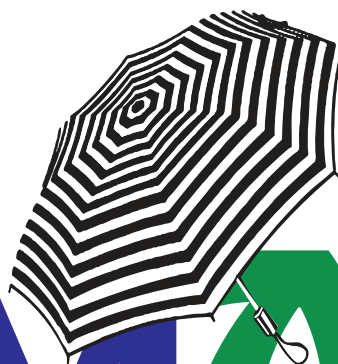
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Spellman's 2015 grads

On Saturday June 6, 307 graduates of Cardinal Spellman High School received diplomas in a ceremony at the Lehman College Performing Arts Center. An invocation by Rev. James O'Shaughnessey was followed by Deneisha Johnson of the Senior Class singing the National Anthem. Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, Principal, congratulated the

Class of 2015, who in four years have lived the Spellman experience and embraced the culture and values of Cardinal Spellman High School. The 307 join over 21,000 Spellman alumni since the first graduation in 1963. "Work hard and strive to make yourself and the world a better place," Mr. O'Keefe told the graduates. The Principal also

announced the names of a number of teachers celebrating anniversary years in 2015: Alice Cavazzini and John DiPalermo (35), Anthony Felicissimo (25), and Emily Bruno and Anna D'Ambrosio (20). Also recognized were Rev. James O'Shaughnessey (37 years) and Rev. John Kraljic (19 years) of the Theology Department who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

Prior to the awarding of diplomas, Steven Plate, Spellman Class of 1972 and Director of the World Trade Center construction project spoke about his experiences in the field of engineering. He told the graduates "Anticipate great things you will accomplish, while maintaining the core values of God, family and passion." Student speakers were Valedictorian Maya Lugo, the top ranked student in the Class of 2015, who will be attending Columbia

University in the fall, and Salutatorian Kristen McMonagle, heading to St. John's. The Cardinal Spellman Trophy and Memorial Scholarship, given to the two students who best embody the spirit of Francis Cardinal Spellman, was awarded to Keith Guerrant and Kristen McMonagle. Adam Biolsi and Maya Lugo received the Spellman Spirit Award, while the Spellman Alumni Award went to Justin Henry and Victoria Ochiobi. The Seton-DeLaSalle Award, named in honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity, and Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, was presented to Kissondial Ram and Deanna Giralddi. Also recognized at the ceremony was Adam Biolsi and his family. Adam is the ninth (and final) member of the Biolsi family to graduate from Spellman.



Steven Plate, director of World Trade Center Construction (far left) and Daniel O'Keefe, principal (far right), with top ten students in the Class of 2015: Maya Lugo, Kristen McMonagle, Erica Garcia, Varinia Munoz, Deanna Giralddi, Kissondial Ram, Enellie Milel, Melanie Melo, Lizandei Bernardo and Athena Vallejo.

Stepinac High School wins four top Metro Awards

Archbishop Stepinac High School's acclaimed Drama Club captured top Metro Awards—the highest honors that high school production groups can win in the New York region—for its landmark production of Billy Elliot.

Billy won four Metro Awards for Best Director (Frank Portanova, Director of the Drama Club); Best Actress in a Leading Role (Gianna Prignano); Best Dance Performance (John Guaragna) and Best Vocal Performance by a Female (Amelia Sasson).

Stepinac was the first high school in the nation to be given the rights to stage Elton John's Tony Award-winning musical about a boy in a rough mining town in England who would rather dance than learn to be a boxer.

Last year, Stepinac's Drama Club was one of only a few schools in the U.S. that were licensed to perform Disney's Mary Poppins which garnered top Metro Awards including Best Director for Mr. Portanova.

Stepinac again served as the host venue for the Annual Metro Awards.



Frank Portanova, the Drama Club's award-winning director, with the cast of "Billy Elliot" at Stepinac's recent Trustees Awards reception.

BY GINA CERINI

On Sunday, June 14 a Dart tournament at the Redwood Club on Schurz Avenue was held as a fundraiser. We want to thank everyone who came out to support us. A special thank you goes out to the Redwood Club for hosting the event, Paul from the Throggs Neck Dart League, Anthony and Laura for all they did to put this event together.

We received food donations from Throggs Neck Clipper, Wicked Wolf, Jimmy Ryan's and Barino's Market. Please support these local establishments in our community for their generosity. Tell your neighbors, friends and family to support TNVAC as the money raised will help to pay off a substantial loan on one of our ambulances. It takes two things to make any volunteer organization really work - volunteers and funding. In order to continue being an active running ambulance corps, we are always seeking monetary donations to pay for supplies and insurance. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please visit us at www.tnvac.us for further information. Look for our future fundraisers in the fall, your support is always appreciated.

Our upcoming Community Roundtable will be 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24 at TNVAC Headquarters, 3955 East Tremont Avenue. We hope you will

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come out and join us as we plan for the future of the Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps, we ask for your knowledge and participation. RSVP at chair@tnvac.us or (718) 430-9501 before June 19. Our mission is to provide free and prompt pre-hospital emergency care to those in Throggs Neck, Alden Park, Edgewater Park, Locust Point, Ferry Point, Silver Beach, Spencer Estate, Country Club, Waterbury/LaSalle, Schuyler Hill and Pelham Bay area when needed.

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"LIGHTS CAMERA, SAVE!" AT RIDGEWOOD



Ridgewood Savings Bank recently presented awards to the local winners of its "Lights, Camera, Save!" video contest, designed to engage teens in educating themselves and peers about saving and using money wisely. The participants were judged on creativity, message and production value -- with the first place winner receiving an Apple iPad Air. The "Lights, Camera, Save!" video contest is part of the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's National Teach Children to Save Program. "We congratulate the winners and all contestants for showcasing the important message of this contest--which is 'start young, save more,'" said Walter Reese.

(L-r) at Ridgewood's main office: Ridgewood Savings Bank's Walter Reese, Senior Vice President - Retail Banking; Emily Anne Di Santi, first place winner; LouAnn Mannino, Vice President; and Nancy Adzemovic, Branch Banking Officer.

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MARY JANE MUSANO

In our community, there's a very famous saying that fits us perfectly. Here, a bad situation brings out the best in us.

I'm sure that by now most of you have heard that on Saturday, May 10, things got dangerously out of control at Bronx Beer Garden on Tremont Avenue. A hip-hop event was promoted and drew around 800 people to the location that has a permit and capacity for only around 300. Free liquor was given to patrons with no consideration of their sobriety and within a very short time their drunk, disorderly and disrespectful patrons were unleashed on our streets. They created havoc in our neighborhood and several people got seriously hurt.

A bad situation it was, but

our officers at the 45th Precinct, led by Lt. Tripani, arrived on the scene quickly and quieted a potentially lethal situation. They dispersed the crowd, closed the bar and confiscated their license, but they didn't stop there. They asked the bars along Tremont Avenue to stop selling liquor so as not to add to an already tumultuous situation. Most complied, and therefore the crowd had no place to go to continue their poor behavior, and they left our community.

Two things happened that day that I believe would not have happened in other communities. Our great police officers, arrived quickly, took control of an awfully dangerous situation and then went up and above by asking bar owners to help. Then, the bar

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owners complied even though it meant less money in their pockets.

That story alone would be uniquely wonderful but within the next few days something else happened that should make everyone in this community proud and thankful. Three of our local electeds, Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto and Councilman James Vacca, wrote a letter to the State Liquor Authority asking that the liquor license of the offending establishment, as well as any interim license (because this

bar is being sold) be revoked.

They took a very important step to protect this community and I hope that the SLA will do what was asked of them. The united front of our three electeds should send a strong message to the SLA. We certainly will let you know their decision.

All the right things happened to keep us safe. These actions also send a strong message to other establishments that they must follow the laws and respect the residents of our community.

I hope you realize that this string of events kept order in our community and it happened because we have the best police precinct, merchants, senator, assemblyman and councilman. I urge you to make a call to all of them to

say thank you.

Here are their phone numbers or e-mails. Don't put this paper down until you make the call or write the e-mail: The 45th Precinct community policing cao45pct@gmail.com, Klein (718) 822-2049, Benedetto (718) 892-2235, Vacca (718) 931-1721, Throggs Neck Merchant's Association (646) 657-1312.

I know that your call or e-mail will be very much appreciated. And while we are making calls and sending e-mails, why not call the State Liquor Authority and urge them to revoke the license of Nicky's Beer Garden aka the Bronx Beer Garden. Here's the number for the SLA (518) 474-3114.

Our collective voices will keep our community safe and let others know that we are a force to be reckoned with!

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the BBQ for the shut-ins at the VA Hospital. Thank you to Post Commander George Brins, George Amato, Tony Leboy, Clorindo Nieves, and Joe Pennasso, the most dysfunctional Legion member in Department of NY if not national. I was honored to work shoulder to shoulder with him. He placed

hot dogs in their respective buns (no mean feat). After the third or fourth he had it down pat. I was on the pulled pork sliders. Thanks to all.

Our Flag Retirement went very well. Thank you Transit Pride Pipers for providing the music. Thank you to Victor Sedoruk and John Rutter for manning the fire.

On Friday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a veterans and community job

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

fair at the Bronx Library, 310 Kingbridge Road on the Concourse level.

Tips for this are, dress as you would for a job interview, come with a positive attitude, bring military ID.

Remember the Comedy Night at the post on August 15, \$40 gets you in and fed. Cash bar.

Still missing your DD-214? Call (866) 272-6272 follow the instructions and get a replacement.

Trivia Time!!

The Battle of Bunker (Breeds) Hill took place on June 17, 1755.

On the same date in 1972, The Watergate break-in hap-

pened.

Texas learned that the Civil War was over, June 19, 1865.

The first Father's Day was on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, WA.

On the same date in 1953, the Rosenbergs were executed,

On the same date in 1960, Freedomland opened.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

BIG STAR RESTAURANTS, LLC
Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY
4/17/2015. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY
designated as agent upon whom
process against it may be served. SSNY
to mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o
Paschalidis Law Offices, LLC, 3403
Broadway, Ste 201, Astoria, NY 11106.
Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Cruz Feng
Service LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY
Dept. of State: 5/13/15. Office location:
Bronx County. Sec. of State designated
agent of LLC upon whom process
against it may be served and shall mail
process to: Corporate Creations
Network Inc., 15 N. Mill St., Nyack, NY
10960, regd. agent upon whom process
may be served. Purpose: all lawful
purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Domi
American LLC, a domestic or foreign
Limited Liability Company (LLC).
Articles of Organization filed with
Secretary of State on 06-24-2014. NY
Office Location: BRONX County.
Secretary of State is designated as
agent upon whom process against the
LLC may be served. Secretary of State
shall mail a copy of any process against
the LLC served upon him/her to C/O
Peter Calderon, 2727 Gifford Ave.,
Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful
activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

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liability company (LLC). Name: MDF
TAX AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES
LLC. Articles of Organization filed with
Secretary of State of New York (SSNY)
on 10/03/2014. Office location: Bronx
County. SSNY designated as agent of
LLC upon whom process against it may
be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-
cess to: SAM A FORSON 100 BENCH-
LEY PLACE 30M BRONX, NY 10475.
Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Makeup by
Jenessa, LLC. Arts of Org filed with
Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)
01/02/2015. Office location: NY County.
SSNY designated agent upon whom
process may be served and shall mail
copy of process against LLC to: United
States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014
13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, New
York 11228. Principal business address:
1633 Haight Avenue., Bronx, NY 10461.
Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MARK I
CONTRACTING LLC
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State
of NY (SSNY) on 05/06/15. Office
location: Bronx County. Princ. office of
LLC: 3138 Spencer Ave., Bronx, NY
10456. SSNY designated as agent of
LLC upon whom process against it may
be served. SSNY shall mail process to
the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office.
Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of UBC 138TH
DEVELOPER LLC Arts. of Org. filed
with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on
05/01/15. Office location: Bronx County.
SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon
whom process against it may be served.
SSNY shall mail process to c/o Urban
Builders Collaborative LLC, 334-336
East 110th St., NY, NY 10029. Purpose:
Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of UBC 138TH
LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of
State of NY (SSNY) on 05/01/15. Office
location: Bronx County. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to c/o Urban Builders
Collaborative LLC, 334-336 East 110th
St., NY, NY 10029. Purpose: Any lawful
activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MD
HUTCH OWNER LLC Appl. for Auth.
filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)
on 05/04/15. Office location: Bronx
County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE)
on 04/28/15. Princ. office of LLC: c/o
Simone Development Companies, Attn:
General Counsel, 1250 Waters Pl.,
PH-1, Bronx, NY 10461. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to the LLC at the
addr. of its princ. office. DE addr. of
LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711
Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington,
DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE
Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G.
Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste.
4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any
lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

GOLD CREST CARE CENTER
LOCATED AT 2316 BRUNER AVE
BRONX, NY 10469 A PARTICIPANT IN
THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PRO-
GRAMS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN
ITS POLICIES REGARDING ADMIS-
SIONS, EMPLOYMENT OR THE PRO-
VISION OF SERVICES BECAUSE OF
RACE, CREED, COLOR, AGE, GEN-
DER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,
DISABILITY, SPONSORSHIP, MARI-
TAL STATUS, CITIZENSHIP OR NA-
TIONAL & ETHNIC ORIGIN OR
SOURCE OF PAYMENT. DATE
6/19/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 1286272 for liquor has been
applied for by the undersigned to sell
beer/wine at a Restaurant under the
Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3188
Edward L Grant Hwy, Bronx, NY 10452
for on premises consumption.
EL NUEVO PATIO RESTAURANT
CORP
1388 EDWARD L GRANT HWY
BRONX, NY 10452

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS
FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff against
SHALINE ANDERSON A/K/A SHALINIE
ANDERSON, LEO ANDERSON A/K/A
LEO A. ANDERSON, WELLS FARGO
BANK, N.A., CITY OF NEW YORK EN-
VIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD,
BRONX SUPREME COURT, CRIMINAL
COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND FINANCE TCD
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT
SECTION, ROBERT MURRAY, BIAN-
CA MURRAY Defendant(s)** Pursuant to
a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly
dated SEPTEMBER 16, 2014. I, the un-
designated Referee will sell at public auc-
tion to the highest bidder at BRONX
COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600,
851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX,
NEW YORK on July 20, 2015 at 2:00
PM premises known as 3825 CARPEN-
TER AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10467. 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. Block 4653
Lot 89 Approximate amount of lien
\$214,184.95 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to provi-
sions of filed judgment **Index#
380598/12** EDMOND PRYOR, ESQ.,
REFERESTEIN, WIENER AND ROTH,
L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAIN-
TIFI ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD,
SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514
DATED: June 12, 2015 FILE # WELLS
58880.

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 May 13, 2015, bearing Index Number
NC-000187-15/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) Bonita
(Middle) Lynn (Last) Howard.My present
name is (First) Benita (Last) Overstreet
AKA Bonita Lynn Jenkins, AKA Bonita
Lynn Wilson AKA Bonita Lynn Howard
AKA Bonita Lynn Mary Jenkins AKA
Bonita Wilson.My present address is
2213 Turnbull Avenue, Bronx, NY
10473. My place of birth is Manhattan,
New York. My date of birth is November
04, 1942.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX
COUNTY. COUNTRYWIDE BANK, A
DIVISION OF TREASURY BANK, N.A.,
Pltf. vs. PAUL S. APPLETON, et al,
Defts. Index #381426/08. Pursuant to
judgment of foreclosure and sale dated
June 18, 2010, I will sell at public
auction at the Bronx County
Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, 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 Pltf., 242
Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No.
20082 - #86142

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX
COUNTY. CITIMORTGAGE, INC, Pltf.
vs. MARGARET BARTELS, et al, Defts.
Index #35291/2013E. Pursuant to
judgment of foreclosure and sale dated
May 4, 2015, I will sell at public auction
in Room 600 of the Bronx County
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, NY
on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.,
prem. k/a 1960 Anthony Avenue, Bronx,
NY a/k/a Block 2814, Lot 151. Approx.
amt. of judgment is \$439,414.43 plus
costs and interest. Sold subject to
terms and conditions of filed judgment
and terms of sale. LEONA BEANE,
Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS
WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for
Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File
No. 60904- #86257

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

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Over the past several years, First Amendment rights have come under significant attack from the highest levels of government. It can be seen in President Obama's influencing of the Federal Communications Commission to attempt to place monitors in news rooms, and his transfer of control of the internet to an international body not devoted to free speech. It can be observed in his rather embarrassing attacks on news outlets that disagree with his policies.

A description of the President's initial reaction to contrary opinion was described in 2009 by Spectator magazine:

"The Obama Administration declared war on the minority of media outlets that do not worship the political left's newest false idol immediately after Obama was sworn in. Three days into his presidency

Obama warned Congressional Republicans against listening to radio host Rush Limbaugh...Then the White House launched a jihad against Fox News Channel and its hosts by first boycotting appearances on the cable channel and then second, by engaging in name-calling and leveling baseless allegations."

The Washington Post has reported that FCC member Ajit Pai revealed that the National Science Foundation underwrote a project, dubbed "Truthy" which sought to focus on people using Twitter to express non-left wing ideas.

The President is not alone in his actions. As Hans A. von Spakovsky and Elizabeth Slatery wrote in a Heritage article, "Frustrated with the Supreme Court's consistent defense of political speech protected by the First Amendment, the Left is driving a movement to

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amend the Constitution to allow Congress to limit fundraising and spending on political speech. Supporters of this amendment claim that restricting the amount of money that may be spent on political speech and activity is not the same as limiting speech, but as the Supreme Court has recognized, bans on spending are indeed bans on speech. Limiting spending on political communication necessarily affects the quantity and quality of that speech. Rather than 'level the playing field,' this constitutional amendment would protect incumbents and violate a fundamental right of Americans."

Progressive local governments have gotten into the act, as well, as described by Reason magazine. In Houston, when religious leaders protested what they perceived to be an overbroad ordinance concerning gays and local businesses, they protested. In response, Mayor Anise Parker subpoenaed five local pastors, demanding they turn over their sermons.

Perhaps the most important analysis of the attempt to silence non-leftist speech comes not from a conservative, but from a journalist closely associated with liberal politics. Kirsten Powers served in the Clinton Administration and was a fixture in Democrat politics in New York. In her new book, 'The Silencing: How the Left is Killing Free Speech,' she provides one the most bluntly honest and hard-hitting analyses of this problem

to date.

"This intolerance," she writes, "is not a passive matter of opinion. It's an aggressive, illiberal impulse to silence people. This conduct has become an existential threat to those who hold orthodox religious beliefs... increasingly I hear from people across the political spectrum who are fearful not only of expressing their views, but also as to where all of this is heading. I've followed this trend closely as a columnist with growing concern. It's become clear that the attempts—too often successful—to silence dissent from the liberal worldview isn't isolated outbursts. They are part of a bigger story."

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

BY LYNN GERBINO

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Villa Barone Manor. We have a great line up. John Roche, formerly of the Bronx Times and other local papers, has published his first novel, Bronx Bound, and will be with us to read from it.

The novel is a great whodunnit peppered with the flavor of local Bronx places and I know you will thoroughly enjoy the book and John's reading.

Bronx Bound will be available for purchase that evening, as well as John signing a copy of the book for you!

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I have a few for him to sign, one of which will be sent off to Afghanistan to a childhood friend.

Also visiting that evening will be District Attorney Rob Johnson and judges Mitch Danziger and Ben Barbatto.

We'll see if they can prognosticate who will be the killer!!

We will also have a report of the East Bronx Traffic

Committee, which has been attended by Rob Barbarelli for Throggs Neck Homeowners Association.

We have a lot on the agenda, as this will be our last meeting until September. We hope to see you there...all are welcome. If you have not sent in your dues, please do so.

Please send a check for \$15 to : Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, NY 10465. We need your support!

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

Homeowners welcome John Roche

John Roche, a former editor of the Bronx Times Reporter and familiar face known to many, has recently published his first novel Bronx Bound, a brilliantly written whodunnit set in and about many Bronx landmarks familiar to you all.

John will visit Throggs Neck Homeowners Association on Tuesday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. at The Villa Barone Manor and will bring his characters to life with a reading. There will also be books available for purchase and John will be available to sign your copy.

We are so happy to welcome John to our meeting and to hear about the characters he brings to life with his witty prose," states Lynn Gerbino, president of Throggs Neck Homeowners. "I have read the book and I know anyone who lives or has lived in the community will love this book as much as I did. Please join us on June 30th!"

All are invited to join Throggs Neck Homeowners Association for this special reading and an evening of fun. Refreshments will be served.

BY JOANNE TIMMINS

With Memorial Day come and gone, summer is now officially, begun. Remember the old rule about wearing white only after Memorial Day? Remember using aluminum reflectors to tan more quickly? Remember rolling around on grassy areas without fear of ticks? Ah, those were the good ole' days.

We at TNCAP are just as eager as the next person to begin making some new happy memories for summer 2015. We too are ready to stream out the door toting all sorts of paraphernalia, food and beverages for summer fun.

We know, however, that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' when it comes to summer activities, especially when those activities involve the drink-

ing of alcohol. Alcohol is a depressant drug that affects the central nervous system. The same effects that make it hazardous for driving also make it hazardous for other activities too, like boating and swimming. Our 'ounce of prevention' includes making very careful and informed choices about mixing alcohol with our summer water activities.

It is estimated that one out of two water recreation deaths of adults and teens involves the use of alcohol (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism). Because even moderate use of alcohol can lower inhibitions and increase risk-taking behaviors, it can contribute to swimmers and boaters making poor choices on the water.

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Swimmers may swim out too far from shore; swimmers can slip and fall off or collide with diving boards.

Because alcohol increases drowsiness, small children may not be properly supervised by adults who have been drinking by the beach or pool.

Boaters may drive too fast; ignore water safety rules; forget to wear a life vest; fall overboard. A boat operator with a BAC of 0.1 % is 16 times more likely to be killed in a boating accident (NIAA).

Of course, drinking and driving remains a huge concern in the summertime when so many people are traveling. It is estimated that drinking and driving accounts for one death every 51 minutes in the United States (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Because alcohol impairs the ability of the brain to react, to track objects in our visual field, to control our motor coordination and balance, to think clearly and problem-solve, the use of equipment and machinery should be avoided while drinking.

Driving a car or motorcycle, operating a lawn mower, climbing a ladder, using an electric saw, riding an amusement park ride, using a gun or bow and arrow—all these are not good ideas with

alcohol in the bloodstream.

When planning for family fun, consider leaving the alcohol (including beer, wine and wine coolers) at home.

Have lots of non-alcoholic beverages on hand, especially water. If you must drink, limit yourself to one drink per hour, which gives the body time to metabolize the alcohol.

Provide plenty of food, which can slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream and also slow down the rate of drinking.

To keep the fun going 'til Labor Day, pack that ounce of preventative common sense along with the beach towels, beach chairs, sun block, cooler and charcoal. After all, autumn in New York is pretty awesome, too. Stay safe and see you then.

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Upcoming Wave Hill events

SATURDAY, JUNE 20:
SUNDAY, JUNE 21: FAMILY ART PROJECT: BIG HAND, LITTLE HAND: Using plaster of Paris, create an exact replica of your hand and the hand of one of your family members—maybe Dad's! Then, build onto your plaster hands with metallic and natural materials, like leaves, sticks and stems.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20:
TAI CHI CHUAN: 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 20:
WAVEHILLHISTORYWALK: Discover the fascinating history of Wave Hill's architecture and landscape.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20;
TUE, JUNE 23: GALLERY

TOUR: Join the Curatorial Fellow for a tour of current exhibitions.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21: HATHA YOGA: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21: MEDITATION: Led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23: GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS WALK: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

TUE, JUNE 23: CHAIR YOGA: Learn how to adapt traditional yoga poses while sitting or standing with the support of a chair. Outdoor classes combine stretching, strengthening and breathing techniques designed to relieve stress, calm the mind and increase mobility. Led by a member from the Yoga for

Bliss team, chair yoga is suitable for all ages, fitness levels and physical conditions. \$25/\$15 Wave Hill Member. Program fee includes admission. Advance registration offered online only and includes a \$2 discount. Drop-ins will be accommodated as space permits.

All levels welcome. Classes held indoors during inclement weather.

Free offsite parking is available nearby with continuous, complimentary shuttle service to and from the offsite lot and our front gate. Complete directions and shuttle bus schedule at www.wave-hill.org/visit/.

Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center, is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For further information call (718) 549-3200, extension 232.



Alexis Rockman, *Property Line*, 2008. Oil on paper. 71" x 51.5". Courtesy of the artist and Baldwin Gallery, Aspen.

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BRONX YMCA GOLF OUTING WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2015

at

Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses
 870 Shore Road, Bronx, New York

\$175 per golfer / \$650 per foursome
 Includes Golf Tournament, Networking Lunch & Dinner

Rain or Shine

Dinner Only Options for Non-Golfers
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For more information or to register, please contact
 John Quinones at john.quinones@verizon.net or
 Geri Sciortino at geri@bronxdesign.com.

FDNY hosts summer block parties

Fire Commissioner Daniel A. Nigro announced the **FDNY** will continue the Department's 150th anniversary celebration by hosting a series of 12 Summer Block Party community events at Firehouses and EMS stations in all 5 boroughs.

At each Summer Block Party, FDNY members will hold demonstrations, offer free fire safety education and conduct tours of FDNY apparatus, including the FDNY150 Fire Truck and Ambulance. In addition, those attending can take part in free compressions-only CPR classes and learn more about careers within the FDNY.

Volunteers from the American Red Cross will also be on hand at all locations to schedule free smoke/carbon monoxide alarm installations.

The Summer Block Parties are made possible by generous support from the FDNY Foundation. Those in attendance will be able to take part in raffles to win FDNY items and other prizes. FDNY members will also be distributing fire safety coloring books and fire helmets for children, flashlights and other FDNY 150th Anniversary items. All children in attendance can meet the FDNY Fire and Life Safety Mascots, Hot Dog and Siren, as well as take part in obstacle courses, dance performances and other activities led by local community groups.

The Bronx block party will be held on Saturday, July 11, at Quarters of Engine Company 88 and Ladder Company 38, 2225 Belmont Avenue; and Saturday, August 22, at Quarters of Engine Company 60 and Ladder Company 17, 341 East 143 Street.

Celebrate dad with a Father's Day "base ball match" at **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum** on Sunday, June 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. The New York Mutuals — reenactment actors from Old Beth Page Village Restoration — play the Manetto Hill Surprise with 1864 rules, balls, bats, and uniforms—but no helmets or gloves. After the game, children join in the fun with a game of rounders with team members.

Before the game, enjoy a Civil War era sing along on the Sing for Hope piano on the mansion's terrace; free house tours at 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. as part of the Path Through History Weekend; and a raffle for the game ball round out the afternoon. Registration for the "base ball match" is requested by emailing info@bpmm.org or calling (718) 885-1461. Cost is \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, students, and members; \$5 children 12 and under.

The Sing for Hope program is a beloved public art installation that brings brightly colored pianos to the parks and public spaces of NYC's five boroughs for anyone and everyone to play. For two weeks in June, 50 pianos — each a unique art piece created by a different artist or designer — serve as gathering places in their communities, hosting impromptu concerts by professionals and amateurs alike in an open festival of music for all of New York City. After the two-week public exhibition, Sing for Hope donates the instruments to under-resourced organizations allowing the pianos to enrich lives for years to come. The Sing for Hope piano will be accessible to the public from 9 to 5 p.m. through Sunday, June 21st. Check bpmm.org for schedule of musicians playing the piano.

Sunday, June 21 is also the last chance for museum-goers to view the spring exhibition *Accomplished Women:*

Schoolgirl Art from Female Academies in the Early Nineteenth Century. The exhibit features a unique selection of early 19th-century American schoolgirl embroideries and watercolors from the collection of William and Sally Gemmill and offers a special opportunity for the public to see beautiful and rare works from a major private collection. Twelve pieces in total are included in the exhibition, among them a mourning embroidery by Abigail Walker—part of Bartow-Pell's permanent collection.

The best way to take advantage of all of these offerings —and support the museum—is to become a member. Members can enjoy many programs free or at a discount. Through the end of June, the Bartow-Pell Conservancy is offering a special centennial membership for new members only: Enjoy all the benefits of a Heritage Membership, \$180, for only \$100. For more information about membership or any of our upcoming events visit www.bpmm.org, call (718) 885-1461, or email at info@bpmm.org.

Circus comes to the Bronx as part of **City Parks Foundation's SummerStage Kids International Contemporary Circus Festival**. New Yorkers will be dazzled juggling, hoop diving and partner acrobatics shows specially designed to entertain all ages! The circus programs introduce New York City youth to contemporary circus, a growing genre that incorporates physical theater, dance and acrobatics.

The 2015 season marks the third year of SummerStage Kids' focus on contemporary circus. Families will get the chance to see the best circus companies, from North America and beyond, make their mark in New York City as part of the International Contemporary Circus Festival. For the first time, SummerStage Kids will bring an evening circus program to the Bronx, with Brooklyn's own Hybrid Movement Company and, from the state of Washington, The Incredible Incredible, performing for one night in Crotona Park. Hybrid Movement Company will present two works incorporating dance, acrobatics, and visual arts while The Incredible Incredible presents 'Palindrome', the story of two imaginary friends meeting for the first time, a piece inspired by mime, physical comedy, American sideshow, European clowns, and street theater.

For more information on SummerStage Kids International Contemporary Circus Festival events, visit <http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/events/category/circus/>.

For the past 15 years, The **Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance** has presented the Bronx's only consistent celebration during gay pride month - The Out Like That! Festival at BAAD! The festival takes place at BAAD!'s home base at 2474 Westchester Avenue and continues through Friday, June 26, with a fierce line-up of dance, theatre, and wonderful performances featuring queer Bronx artists including Elizabeth "Macha" Marro's new show *Wholly Macha*, events by Bronx choreographers Richard Rivera and Ni'Ja Whitson, and a closing night dance concert celebrating dance diva Sylvester and Gender Freedom. For information and directions call (718) 918-2110 or visit www.BAADBronx.org.

The award-winning actress/comedienne/drag king, Elizabeth "Macha" Mar-

ro, returns to BAAD!'s stage with her first solo show in years with her beloved characters Petronelia, Willy Güiso Jugo, Dicky Doolittle, and others averting life's curve balls with humor and fierce ghetto flava. Directed by Arthur Aviles.

Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m., free! **YOUth!** This new monthly initiative at BAAD! celebrates young LGBTQ people with an event that begins with an art/culture presentation followed by an open mic, dance off (with a two \$25 prizes) and an after-party. This month's offering will include short gay films and the coming out scene from the TV show *Empire*.

Saturday, June 20 at 1 p.m., free, Richard Rivera / Open Rehearsal: Bronx-based choreographer Richard Rivera, who was recently granted a Peptat/BAAD! Open Call Artist Residency presents new work in progress. Audience members are invited into the intimate creative process as Richard shows and shares dances he is preparing for a show in November.

Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m., \$15: **NI'JA WHITSON** in *When Water Dries the Mouth: Experiments & Suite Prayers*: The award-winning Bronx-based Dancer/Choreographer/Artists Ni'Ja Whitson / The NWA Project will present a culminating event of a year-long inquiry into the Divine in ritual, religion, sexuality, and sex. While investigating the corrosive and subversive powers of institutionalized religion, this evening of experiments, statements, and prayers draws upon the complicated legacies of Queer, Black, and African Indigenous expressions of toward salvation.

Friday, June 26 at 8 p.m., \$15: Celebrating **SYLVESTER** and Gender Freedom: The Out Like That! Dance Concert: Through the power and verve of dance, this shared bill of choreographers express celebrate the dance diva Sylvester and gender freedom through works that either use his music or express their ideas of gender freedom with Filip A. Condeescu, Kharis Collins and eight other choreographers.

BAAD!, crowned a funky and welcoming performance space by The New York Times, creates, supports and presents works in all creative disciplines that are empowering to women, people of color and the LGBT community.

Out Like That! receives support from the Simon Bolivar Foundation, the Mertz Gilmore Foundation, The New York State Council on the Arts, the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and Coun-

cilwoman Carmen Arroyo. BAAD! and AATT receive support from the above mentioned sources and from The Lambert Foundation Fund of the Tides Foundation, The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, The New York Community Trust and individual donors.

DJ-Engineers DJ SpazeCraft One and the Original Jazzy Jay; hosted by WHEDco's **Bronx Music Heritage Center** in collaboration with The Living Remix Project; coordinated by Make Music New York and Found Sound Nation

Background: All are invited to stop by and sing, play an instrument, or record sounds that will become part of a final musical track representing the Bronx. DJ-Engineers DJ Jazzy Jay and DJ SpazeCraft One will record, loop, and play back for the public on the spot. This Street Studio is one of twelve mobile recording studios that will appear on sidewalks throughout NYC as part of Make Music New York.

The artists then have six hours to mix one five-minute track to share that evening at the "Street Studio Smackdown" party at the DUMBO Spot in Brooklyn (160 Water St, 8pm-12am). Everyone who records material throughout the city is invited to this free evening event.

The South Bronx has an incredible music history and lasting legacy across many genres. Fifty years ago, cutting-edge music proliferated in the South Bronx; Donald Byrd, Herbie Hancock, Thelonious Monk, Charlie Parker, Tito Puente, Machito, the Chantels, and others launched their careers here. In the 1970s, as arson, redlining, and disinvestment decimated the area, a new generation of local innovators—including Grandmaster Flash, DJ Kool Herc, Cold Crush Brothers, and KRS-ONE—sparked the Hip Hop movement. Today, artists from a wide array of cultural backgrounds make the Bronx their home, creating new work, collaborating across genres and generations, and innovating music forms.

On Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m., take a walk down memory lane with Phil Coltoff as he talks about his new book, *The Block*, which covers his early years growing up in the Crotona Park section of the south Bronx. This free lecture will be held at the **Museum of Bronx History**, located at 3266 Bainbridge Avenue.

Authors will have extra copies of their books for purchase and signing. For directions, call (718) 881-8900.

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Our Lady of Mercy School grew with Fordham population

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Our Lady of Mercy parish on Marion Avenue south of Fordham Road was officially established in 1907 but was actually in existence at St. John's College (later known as Fordham University) as early as 1852 according to a Fordham archivist.

The church moved out of the college in 1892 and Fr. James Rigney was re-assigned from his parish in Staten Island and appointed pastor.

He purchased the Keary property on Marion Avenue where he established his church and school with the church opening in 1910.

I checked a 1912 Bromley map and found the rectory, church, and school on the east side of Marion Avenue south of Fordham Road.

The school building was the only wooden structure and after its purchase served as both a rectory and school with the classrooms upstairs.

Fr. Rigney passed away on September 25, 1898 and Fr. Michael J. McEvoy was appointed to take his place. He purchased additional

property on Marion Avenue and is largely responsible for much of its development. He died on May 13, 1907 and Fr. Patrick N. Breslin (1867-1938) was named as the third pastor.

He extended the school building and rectory in 1913 and a survey taken the following year indicated that there were 132 boys and 193 girls in the school with seven Ursuline nuns and two lay teachers.

The student body was growing at an alarming rate and a new school was opened in 1916. The nuns needed help to manage the growing student body.

The Dominican Sisters were called in and arrived in 1917 to teach the boys and the Ursulines remained to instruct the girls.

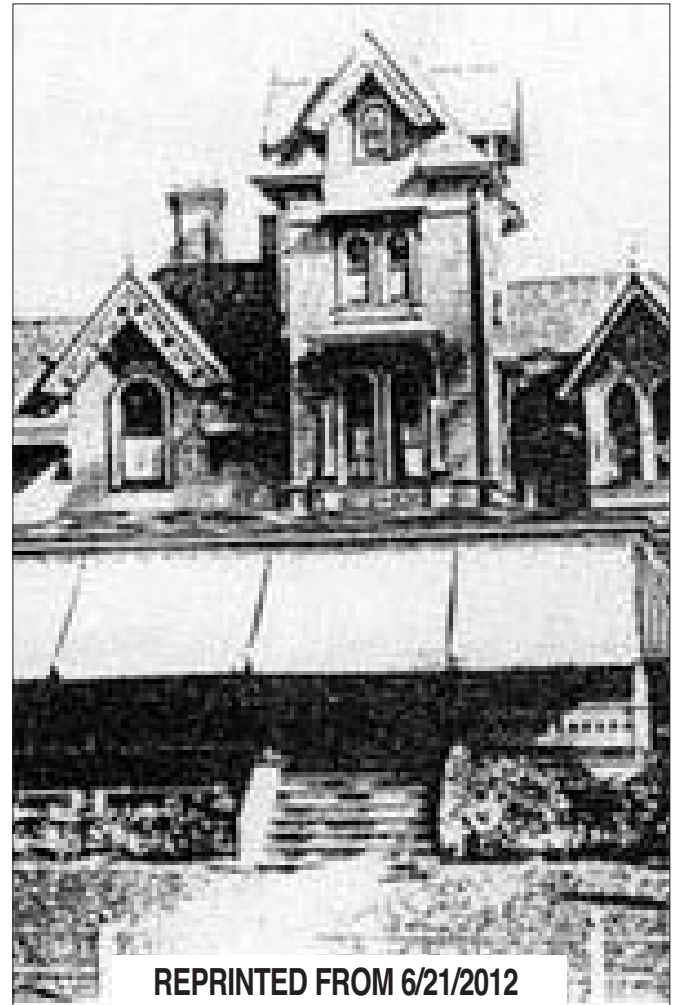
The baby-boom after World War II created another need for teachers as a survey undertaken by Fr.

Joseph Schuyler in the mid-1950s showed that there were one thousand students in the school and 8350 registered parishioners.

The tide has changed, however, and many private schools now find themselves downsizing for a number of reasons including economics and the lower birthrate for Catholics. Families with four, five or more children, once the norm, are a thing of the past (my father was one of 12).

Today many couples have one or two children. Our Lady of Mercy School currently has about 300 students with Denise O'Connell as principal and Fr. Ambiorix Roriguez as pastor. I love their motto: "I can, I care, I count."

(Right) This is the original rectory and school for Our Lady of Mercy Parish on Marion Avenue south of Fordham Road.



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Visit www.deskovic.org or write to jeffreysdeskovicfoundation@gmail.com. Skenazy speaks at conferences, companies, and schools about her book and blog *Free-Range Kids*.

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Doing the time, but not doing the crime

Jeffrey Deskovic is curious about everyone and everything. He goes to lectures and reaches out to people, including me. When I met the 41-year-old Throggs Neck activist for breakfast at City Coffee in Jackson Heights last week, he asked the weary waitress where she was from.

"Peru," she replied, and she perked up when talk turned to her country's purple corn drink — chicha morada.

"It is very delicious but you must drink it ice-cold."

"Bring me one of those!" said Jeff.

Jeff is making up for lost time: the 16 years he spent behind bars for a rape and murder he didn't commit.

Jeff was exonerated in 2006. A new D.N.A. test matched a convict doing time for another rape and murder. Since getting out, he has been bringing attention to wrongful convictions and false confessions — like the one he made, at age 16.

You may remember the case. It was up in Peekskill, New York, where Jeff was born and raised by his mom

and grandma. The victim was a 15-year-old girl at his high school. Jeffrey caught the attention of police for a bizarre reason: he seemed too deeply upset. The cops spent the next six weeks focusing on Jeff.

"Half the time they talked to me as if I was a suspect. The other time they would pretend they needed my help to solve the crime," said Jeff. "They'd say, 'Kids won't talk freely around us. They will around you.' They were asking my opinions and congratulating me on my insights."

For a shy young man who'd dreamed of becoming a police officer, these were heady, confusing times. One day the cops said they had new, special information to give him, but it was so sensitive that first he would have to take a lie detector test.

He skipped school for this incredible privilege and three cops drove him out of town. There, for the next six hours, they kept him in a small room, giving him endless cups of coffee — as if he wasn't shaky enough — but no food.

"After 40 minutes, the po-



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

lygrapher started giving me the third degree. He raised his voice and kept asking me the same questions over and over. As each hour goes by my fear escalates, and toward the end he said, 'What do you mean you didn't do it! You just told me through the test results that you did! We just want you to verbally confirm it!' That shot my fear through the roof. It was then that the cop who

pretended to be my friend told me the other cops were going to harm me — he said he'd been holding them back but couldn't indefinitely. And he added if I did as they wanted, they would stop and I could go home afterwards."

Jeffrey fell to the floor and curled into fetal position, sobbing. But he gave them their confession. The false one that sent him to prison.

There was no other evidence against him. His semen did not match that found on the victim, but the prosecutor said it didn't matter because the girl was promiscuous — even though police interviewed 19 friends who confirmed that she had never had a boyfriend, much less sex. But those interviews were kept from Jeff's Legal Aid lawyer, who, for his part, never bothered to interview Jeff's alibi — the boy he'd been playing Wiffle ball with at the time of the murder.

After 15 years behind bars, Jeff finally came up for parole. He still said he was innocent. To the board, this meant he was not taking responsibility for his actions.

Parole denied.

He was freed only after the Innocence Project took his case and did the new D.N.A. test.

Jeff sued the prosecutors who kept the evidence from his lawyer, and his lawyer who didn't interview his alibi, and the polygrapher who said the test had "proven" his guilt — and won.

With that money, he set up a foundation to help the unjustly imprisoned. Now a lawyer, investigator, and paralegal work on exonerating people behind bars for no reason — and helping them once they get out.

But most of all, they're working to prevent wrongful convictions in the first place.

There's a bipartisan bill in Albany that would create a commission on prosecutor conduct, Jeff says. The commission would punish prosecutors who railroad defendants.

And with that he finished his story and his chicha morada. He smiled at the waitress, and headed out into a beautiful June day.

BY MICHAEL P. MCNERNEY

The next meeting of the Country Club Civic Association will be held on Wednesday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. The location of the meeting is the cafeteria building of the Villa Maria Academy, located at 3833 Country Club Road. This is the building immediately to your left upon entering the campus. The June meeting will be our last until we reconvene in September, therefore we recommend you attend.

On Tuesday, June 23, members of our association will be attending the East Bronx Traffic Coalition Public Forum on local traffic issues. This meeting will be held at Providence Rest, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, from 7 until 9 p.m.. Our members have been paramount in organizing this coalition, and ensuring that local traffic issues are being properly addressed by elected officials and municipal services. This presentation on current problems, and proposed solutions, would serve as an excellent opportunity for you to share your thoughts and ideas. We therefore encourage you to attend.

Our organization has coordinated a Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, June 27, from noon until 4 p.m.. We will assemble at 11:30 a.m. in the Villa Maria parking lot to distribute materials and assign coverage areas. From there we will be combing through our neighborhood to address any issues that are in need of immediate rectifi-

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Country Club Civic Association

cation.

Examples of this would be graffiti on utility poles, mail boxes, and call boxes.

We have begun assembling a list of volunteers, and have started collecting supplies that would be necessary for us to complete our mission. We could always use more volunteers and donated materials though. Please consider what you can do to better assist us on this day.

Remember, the burden of maintaining our community falls upon us all, and not just the select few. Volunteers will be provided a free t-shirt and will be treated to a BBQ afterward. If you are interested in volunteering or donating materials, please contact our event coordinator Angela Ryan at the number listed below.

The association can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 211, Bronx, NY 10465, and via telephone at (718) 823-1814. Be sure to check our answering machine message for updated notifications regarding any changes to our meetings.

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

EAST BRONX TRAFFIC COALITION

Join the East Bronx Traffic Coalition on
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF THE FBR SECURITIZATION TRUST 2005-1, CALLABLE MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2005-1; Plaintiff(s)

vs. GAIL-LYNN MICHEL; 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 May 4, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York

On July 20, 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Premises known as 1320 CLAY AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10456

Block: 2887 Lot: 8

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, 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 \$416,584.34 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380059-14

Jeanette Westphal, Esq.; REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

New York State
Surrogate's Court

Probate Citation Supplemental Citation
File No. 2015-584 Bronx County, THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent. TO: Attorney General of New York State, Public Administrator of Bronx County and the Unknown heirs at law and next of kin of MARILYN DYER, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Lienors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest. A petition having been duly filed by Joy Kelly who is /are domiciled at 2922 Hering Avenue, Bronx, New York 10469. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx Room 406, New York, on July 21, 2015 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate Marilyn Dyer, aka Donna Marilyn Dyer lately domiciled 2955 White Plains road, Bronx, New York 10469, United States admitting to probate a Will dated May 13, 2004 (and Codicil(s), if any, date a copy of which is attached, as Will of Marilyn Dyer deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Joy Kelly. Dated, Attested and Sealed, June 9, 2015. Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez Surrogate, Michael Hausler, Chief Clerk, Oshrie Zak, Esq. (212) 721-0015. Zak Law Group 881 Gerard Avenue, Suite 200, Bronx, New York 10452. Note: 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 appear for you.

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

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

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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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 Lurling 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 Mortgagor, 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 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 Aloï, 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

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKER'S TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN FOR GSAA 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, ETAL.,

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff, against Sabrenah Mubarak, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/24/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, New York on 07/20/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 1594 Unionport Road, Unit 9E, Bronx, NY 10462 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3944, LOT: 1771. Approximate amount of judgment \$95,601.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35051/2012E. Biana Perez, Esq., Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff, 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-054589-F00 1143412

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 COUNTY OF BRONX Astoria Federal Savings and Loan Association, Plaintiff, against Chantal K. Smith a/k/a Chantal Kadhi-Smith; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 5, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on July 20, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 767 Beck Street, Bronx, NY 10455 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 2708 Lot 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$329,796.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380301-12. Cesar Fernandez, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 2, 2015 1143992 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 07/10/2015

Ridgewood Savings Bank marks 10th anniversary of mobile branch

Ridgewood Savings Bank announced the 10th anniversary of its Mobile Branch, which brings banking directly to the people—at senior living facilities, schools, and community events throughout the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, and Long Island.

“The Mobile Branch reflects our commitment to serving our communities,” says, Peter M. Boger, chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Ridgewood Savings Bank. “It brings the bank to people who can’t easily get to a branch—allowing many seniors to maintain their financial independence. It also provides a fun and engaging venue where we can teach children valuable financial lessons.”

The Mobile Branch was the first of its kind in New York State. In addition to now making regular stops at 22 senior housing centers, it serves as a traveling classroom for the ABA Teach Children to Save Program. The branch travels to more than a dozen elementary schools each year, where students come aboard to learn the basics of banking and managing money. It is also a welcome sight at a host of parades, street fairs and festivals, where it provides information and giveaways, along with a conve-

nient on-board ATM.

This 40-foot-long vehicle features a fully equipped bank office inside, enabling real-time transactions with cellular technology. The traveling branch is equipped with teller windows, ATM, private office, and customer service desk. A ramp can be lowered to ensure full wheelchair access.

The Mobile Branch also has been used in disaster recovery efforts. When the Breezy Point community was devastated during Superstorm Sandy, Ridgewood parked the Mobile Branch on site for several weeks, offering banking services as well as cell phone charges and supplies. It has also been used to serve as a temporary branch in other locations when the need arises.

Walter Reese, Ridgewood Savings Bank’s senior vice president of Retail Banking, explains, “The Mobile Branch originated when we were brainstorming about new ways to serve our customers. Although banking has changed during the past 10 years and technological advancements have given many customers greater access to their finances, the bus still serves an important role in our community.”

According to Monica Zantotti, Ridgewood Savings Bank



(L-R) From Ridgewood Savings Bank: Cathy Scibelli, Branch manager, Mobile Branch; Anthony Simeone, executive vice president and chief lending officer; Geraldine Brennan, senior vice president and chief risk officer; Walter Reese, senior vice president of Retail Banking; Rosemarie Mignogna, senior vice president and chief technology officer; Monica Zantotti, vice president and district manager; Laura K. Peters, senior vice president; LouAnn Mannino, vice president; and Peter M. Boger, Chairman, president and CEO.

vice president and district manager, “Due to popular demand we are consistently expanding our footprint—including the most recent addition, the Dominican Village in Amityville. Our success is due in part to people like Branch Manager Cathy Scibelli, who lets everyone who steps aboard the mobile branch know that their business is important.”

Customers look forward to the individual attention that Ms. Scibelli and her staff bring to their banking needs—even taking their transactions inside the lobby of facilities when the weather is inclement. She also brings banking to life for the many school children who

board the Mobile Branch for the Teach Children to Save program.

Recently, the Ridgewood Mobile Branch pulled up to the Plattduetsche Home in Franklin Square for a special event to celebrate its 10th anniversary. At the celebration, the seniors streamed out to the canopied garden space to enjoy a luncheon and an anniversary cake decorated with the Mobile Branch’s image.

Dorothy Rifkin, who participated in that event, says, “I have been banking at Ridgewood Savings Bank for 80 years—my entire life—since my family gave me a savings account as a baby. I think it’s

great to be able to continue this tradition right here at my home, without having to walk to the branch.”

Mobile Branch customers have access to a full range of services including the ability to: open new accounts, make deposits and withdrawals, cash checks, transfer funds between accounts, notary public, purchase money orders and teller checks, and purchase US postage stamps.

Vincent Benincasa, also a customer, explains, “Not only is it so convenient, but it also feels very safe to me and the staff is so helpful and nice. The branch is a meaningful part of our lives.”

BY LOUIS G. LUTNICK

On June 9, the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association had our last monthly meeting for this session. It was a well-attended meeting, as is par for the course during our June meetings.

This year we brought in a special guest from Morning-side Multicare Center to provide a brief summary and information about their services and assisted living programs. The program does accept Medicaid and is eligible for private as well. The most important thing that they conveyed to us is that they will work out an individual plan for each person to try to meet their budgetary needs. They also assured us they provide mental programs as well as traditional physical programs for patients.

The meeting, being our last of this session, provided us a

way to discuss some general topics instead of being so focused on one topic as usually we are during meetings. With the coming of summer the big topic was of course barbecuing. We’ve already seen plenty of people ignoring the signs in Bronx Park on both the south and north side and along the parkway since Memorial Day so we know we are going to see a lot more in the coming months.

Well we’ve have also seen some response from the Parks Department as well, they were distributing papers informing people in the park that there is ‘No Barbecuing’ in the park, nor propane tanks or open flames allowed. Violators will receive fines up to \$200 or more. The flyer also had a list of parks where you could barbecue.

Hopefully wide disseminating of this info will help



to alleviate the issue. In addition with regards to this issue, people are moving No barbecuing signs from one side of the parkway to the other side of the parkway, or changing them to different directions so they cannot be seen. As always if you see someone violating the barbecuing ban call 311 to file a complaint and get a complaint number and then follow up with the community board or PPNA with the number. Remember there is power in numbers and the more complaints they receive the more likely we will see a positive response.

Another issue was the issue of rats. The heat comes and it brings the vermin with it. Part of the problem is the unsanitary situation on our sidewalks because of dumped grease by food trucks and even restaurants. If you see someone illegally dumping grease then please call 311.

If you know of a rat problem in a building or store then contact the PPNA through Facebook, and we will use our contacts at the Board of Health to help with the situation. Some other tidbits, look forward to seeing the express bus return to its previous stop thanks to the efforts of a concern citizen (No timeframe given though) and the community expressed the need for more night patrols especially with the increase in crime (not likely given the lack of staff or funding at our local precincts).

The PPNA will return with

our regularly scheduled meetings in September. We already have a list of potential speakers, thanks to people who have made suggestions so our community should look forward to our next season of meetings.

Additionally we will continue to operate during the summer months. We will have a graffiti cleanup as we do every summer so check our Facebook page for information. We will of course monitor the barbecuing situation, and have many other initiatives we will post about as soon as we have info on it.

Remember the PPNA is a not-for-profit organization as such we depend on not just donations but volunteers as well. If anyone is interested in donating or finding out how to volunteer with us please contact us through Facebook and we will get back to you. Thank you and enjoy a healthy summer.

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 Mortgagor,
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 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 OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK BRONX COUNTY

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION as Trustee for the
registered holders of Sovereign
Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust
2007-C1, Commercial Mortgage Pass-
Through Certificates, Series 2007-C1,
Plaintiff,
- against -
F & S CREST, LLC, CASTLE OIL
CORPORATION; THE CITY OF NEW
YORK (Environmental Control Board);
NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT
AUTHORITY, TRANSIT
ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK
CITY DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION and PARKING
VIOLATIONS BUREAU,

Defendants. Index No.: 380797/09
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered
December 22, 2014, I, the Referee
named below, will sell at public auction
at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room
600 at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx,
New York on the 20th day of July, 2015
at 2:00 p.m., premises commonly known
as 1735 Lafayette Avenue, Bronx, New
York 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, bounded and
described as follows: BEGINNING at the
corner formed by the intersection of the
Northerly side of Lafayette Avenue, as
legally opened, and the Westerly side of
Rosedale Avenue, as shown on the final
maps; RUNNING THENCE northerly
along the westerly side of Rosedale
Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE westerly
parallel with Lafayette Avenue, 100 feet;
THENCE southerly parallel with
Rosedale Avenue, 100 feet to the
northerly side of Lafayette Avenue; and
THENCE easterly along the northerly
side of Lafayette Avenue, 100 feet to the
corner to the aforesaid, the point or
place of BEGINNING. TOGETHER with
all right, title and interest of, in and to
any streets and roads abutting the
above described premises. SAID
PREMISES being known as and by
street number 1735 Lafayette Avenue,
Bronx, New York 10473. The Property
will be sold subject to the provisions of
the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale,
under Index No. 380797/09, and the
terms of sale. Dated: New York, New
York June 8, 2015. EDMOND PRYOR,
ESQ., REFEREE. ZEICHNER ELLMAN
& KRAUSE LLP

Stephen F. Ellman, Esq.
Theodora D. Vasilatos, Esq.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
1211 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036
(212) 223-0400

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

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX

AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC,
Plaintiff against
FERHANA AHMED, et al
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered on March
10, 2011.

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

Said premises known as 1093
Longwood Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10474.

Tax account number: SBL#: 2731-4.

Approximate amount of lien \$
586,744.06 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 381238-08. Edmond
Pryor, Esq., Referee.
McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210
New Rochelle, New York 10801
(914) 636-8900

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale

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

Unit Number Name Items
019 Cordero, Sylvia 041 Barnes,
Darrell 057 Jenkins, Dayshawn

151 Cobbs, Stephanie 153 Rivera,
Jose 244 Kenia romero

251 Goodwin, Vanessa 266
McSwain, Mark 308 Arroyo, Melody 350
McBean, Adrian

358 Goris, Laura 368 Mencias,
Oscar. R 504 Cepeda, Orlando 606
Reese, Kim

612 Lipp Conde, Maria 619 West,
Jessica 620 Garay, Carmen 645 Sosa,
Jennifer

715 Sadler, Lydia 723 Hamer, Vickie
733 Velazquez, Ana 765 Roman, Hector

404V Feliz, Waldy 409V Toliver,
Raymond 410V Olivera, Sandra 411V
Olivera, Sandra

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2011-1502/A -
SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION - THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW
YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD,
FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO:
Miguel White, whose whereabouts are
unknown, if living or if dead, to his
respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries,
fiduciaries, assignees, successors and
creditors in interest, whose names are
unknown and cannot be ascertained
after due diligence; Send Greeting: A
Petition and Account having been filed
by Public Administrator of the County of
Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand
Concourse, 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 LEEANN
WHITE, also known as LEEANN WHITE
MORALES, deceased, who at the time
of her death was a domiciliary of 746
East 179th Street; Bronx, New York
10457, be judicially settled; that the
Administrator be allowed its statutory
charges calculated pursuant to SCPA
1106(3); that the commissions
calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307,
EPTL 5-4.4(b) and SCPA 1106(1) & (2)
be allowed; that any possible funeral
claim of Diamond Morales Raife be
disallowed in its entirety for a failure to
substantiate; that the possible claim of
Michelle Acevedo be disallowed in its
entirety for a failure to substantiate; that
the net cause of action proceeds,
including any further proceeds related to
the portion of the cause of action that
remains pending against Defendant
JUAN S. SANDOVAL, be allocated 50% to
wrongful death and 50% to conscious
pain and suffering; that, in the absence
of anyone appearing and filing
objections hereto, the entire net estate
be deposited with the Commissioner of
Finance of the City of New York for the
benefit of the unknown distributees of
the decedent; that, in the event
objections are filed herein, the Court
hold a hearing to establish the identity of
the decedent's distributees, grant relief
pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate,
and apply the provisions of EPTL 4-1.4
to disqualify the decedent's parents,
Diamond Morales Raife and Miguel
White, as distributees on the grounds of
having failed and refused to provide for
the infant decedent and having
abandoned the infant decedent, if
appropriate; and that such other and
further relief as the Court may deem just
and proper be granted. Dated, Attested
and Sealed, June 11, 2015. (L. S.)
HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ,
Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P.
Hausler, Chief Clerk.

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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.
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Excellence in Stroke Care for Lincoln Medical

Milton Nuñez, executive director of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) Lincoln Medical Center, announced today that HHC Lincoln has received from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association (AHA/ASA) the "Get With the Guidelines - Stroke Gold Plus Award" as well as the "Get With The Guidelines® - Target: Stroke Honor Roll - Elite Plus Quality Achievement Award," for the successful implementation of higher standards of stroke care, aimed at reducing death and disability, and improving the lives of stroke patients.

"When a patient comes through our doors in a critical situation, they trust us to provide the right care, at the right time," said Milton Nuñez. "As a

New York State designated Stroke Center, Lincoln Medical Center continues to achieve a high level of quality performance, implementing life-prolonging treatments, and ensuring that the care we provide to stroke patients is aligned with the latest scientific guidelines."

HHC Lincoln earned the "Stroke Gold Plus Award" for achieving 85% or higher compliance for two consecutive years with all seven of the Association's stroke achievement measures, including aggressive guidelines for the use of certain medications, and encouraging patients to enroll in Smoking Cessation and other secondary stroke prevention programs to improve patient outcomes.

To achieve the "Target: Stroke

Honor Roll - Elite Plus Award," hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the blood clot-busting medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. If given intravenously in the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, the medication, tPA, has been shown to significantly reduce the effects of stroke and lessen the chance of permanent disability.

"Our receipt of this important Gold Plus status and our inclusion in the Honor Roll-Elite Plus is a testament to the great care provided at Lincoln Medical Center," said Anita Soni, MD, Chief Medical Officer. "I am proud of

our world-class medical team whom work tirelessly to ensure that stroke patients receive the most appropriate and evidenced-based treatment. The patients in our community deserve the absolute best in healthcare and we work toward this goal daily."

"The Gold Plus is a top award given to select hospitals in each state and would not have been possible without the support and hard work from multiple disciplines and departments," said Riyad Basir, MD, FCCP, Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care, Director of Stroke Center. "This is one of the finest examples of collaboration amongst interdisciplinary teams. With a stroke, time lost is brain lost, and this award demonstrates our commitment to quality and patient-centered care."

CHRY'S NAPOLITANO

We had our first LPCA CSA 2015 distribution last Monday night and tonight will be the second week. Lots of new faces but mostly our CSA is filled with 'repeat customers', some who have skipped a few years and have returned to the fold and some that have been with us from the very beginning. So many people are seeing the financial benefits (as well as the health benefits) of joining. I noticed that for one of our split shares, we have half purchased by a family with two children who is splitting her share with a trio of single women. The three women plan on leaving the distribution to return to their apartment and plan their meals for the week around what they received.

So to those who say that CSA is too expensive, I say, here is a way that people can still take advantage of the access to local food while not having it break the bank. A few weeks ago, we spoke at a meeting of one of our local neighborhood civic associations and after the meeting was over, a local organizer person (who I will not name) started arguing with me about how I could in good conscience, promote the CSA while 'senior citizens were eating out of garbage pails.

I tried to reason with him at first, saying that there are many programs that help feed seniors and low income families and that sometimes people just don't know where these programs are and how to utilize them. He didn't seem to want to hear this and finally I said, "Well then, if you don't like my solutions, then what do you think needs to happen?"

Insert sound of crickets here, because of course, he had not solutions! Instead, he

sputtered, after a few seconds of silence, "What do you think, we're supposed to start Victory Gardens again, you want people to grow their own food? That's going backwards!!" I smiled and reminded him that sometimes the advances we've promoted have not worked out so well and that maybe the old ways are better.

He continued to rage and I realized that I was wasting my time and I told him so and that I was pretty much done speaking with him.

I understand anger and frustration, I'm on the board of my local civic organization and I get very frustrated when things don't progress. I get angry when I realize that my own will and desire to do something, however trivial or game changing, is not enough sometimes. Sometimes, we just beat our heads against the wall. Sometimes, we're just angry and frustrated. Sometimes, we can't get past the anger and frustration to see the answer.

What's the answer? I don't know that for anyone other than myself: the answer is to breathe, to slow down and remember that we are all trying. I try to stay focused and not get distracted by what I like to call the "bright, shiny objects" of modern society that distract us from what is important. It's not easy and sometimes it takes a great force of will to remove myself from this artificial world and simply sit in the backyard and watch the dogs run around. Sometimes, as I've said in recent columns, it means just turning off the morning news!

I would rather focus on the good, on the happy people in our CSA. This year, we set an intention to bring our CSA to



another level. We want our members to learn how to utilize their shares to the fullest potential and avoid as much waste as possible. After 10 years in CSA, we know what has to be eaten first and what can wait until the weekend.

We know recipes and techniques that will help our members fully enjoy their shares, especially when they receive things that they don't know what to do with. The first weeks of CSA are filled with salad greens and Asian greens. For the first week, we made sure our members know to use the red leaf lettuce first, it's so tender! We recommended a night or two of family salad bar and told our members that the Asian greens will last until later in the week.

Bok Choi, Chinese cabbage, Mizuna and mustard greens may be new to some and so we told our members to stir fry these vegetables in a combination of sesame oil (flavor) and avocado oil (high smoke point) and dress them with my 'Spicy Peanut Sauce', which is made with pantry basics and whipped up in a blender (see recipe below).

I made a large platter filled with each of the stir fried Asian greens from that week's share and dressed it lightly. Everyone enjoyed being able to taste the dish and before the evening was over, there was nothing left!

1 cup peanut butter (nothing fancy, I used plain old Skippy, just don't use low fat!)

1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup sesame oil
3 tablespoons rice vinegar
2 tablespoons finely chopped garlic
2 tablespoons grated peeled fresh ginger

1 1/2 teaspoons chili paste or 1 teaspoon dried pepper flakes

1 tablespoon Hoisin sauce
Juice of 1 lime
3/4 cup water

Combine all ingredients in a blender and keep stored in a jar. Make a batch and keep it in the fridge to top your stir fry's. What's also great is the leftovers, I like the dressed greens cold with some chopped avocado and a good squeeze of lime juice. Should keep for a month in the fridge. If you have a peanut allergy, you can substitute any other nut butter. I would recommend cashew.

Another new element to

our CSA this year is that we worked with our meat and dairy supplier to have some basic products available for our members to purchase at the distribution site. We will continue to curate what's available in the market and expand the options for our members by introducing new products every month. For our first offering, we will have available to our members all the makings of a local BBQ - ground beef, ground turkey, hot dogs, vegan burgers, sauerkraut and pickles.

We're working on a simple order form so that more of our members can access these terrific artisanal products, especially once items on hand begin to sell out.

In the meantime, I will try to block out the negative and continue to be the change I want to see in the world.

BY TONY SALIMBENE,

Next meeting, Sunday, June 28 to be held at TN Memorial Post 1456 (sick of me reminding you yet?) That's regular time with our after election BBQ to follow.

Remember, if anyone knows of a veteran in distress, please contact one of us so we can get the information to the right person or agency. You will be hearing a lot about Pat Devine's mentor work with the newly established Veteran's Court.

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gram).

Thank you New York State and the D.A.'s office.

We wish Joe Garofolo and Jerry Decanio well - two of our WW2 vets. Joe served in the Pacific, Jerome in the Aleutians.

Chris D. and I are off to Department of NY American Legion College to learn about what we are actually supposed to be doing at the post!

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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.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK. In the matter of Index No. 652793/2014. Date Index No. Purchased: 09/12/14. AMENDED SUMMONS. CHOICE MONEY TRANSFER, INC., Plaintiff, -against- ENVIRO-CORP CORPORATION, MARIA D.

GARCES, LORENA E. BACULIMA, MARTHA PINTADO, HUMBERTO PINTADO, URSULA C. MENDOZA a/k/a NARCISA ALONSO and JOHN DOES 1-10 - Defendants. Defendants To Be Served: **Maria D. Garces** 30 Ardmore Drive Brentwood, New York 11717. **Humberto Pintado** 110 St. James Terrace Yonkers, New York 10701. **Martha Pintado** 110 St. James Terrace Yonkers, New York 10701. The basis for the venue designated is the Plaintiffs principal place of business. **TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the amended complaint of the Plaintiff(s) herein and to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff(s) at the address indicated below within 20 days after the service of this Summons (not counting the day of service itself), or within 30 days after service is complete if the summons is not delivered personally to you within the State of New York. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT should you fail to answer, a judgment will be entered against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Dated: Hackensack, New Jersey, September 30, 2014. **s/Michael J. Cohen.** Michael J. Cohen WINNE, BANTA, HETHERINGTON, BASRALIAN & KAHN, P.C. 21 Main Street - Court Plaza South

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Choice Money Transfer, Inc. seeks \$447,100.00 in damages plus interest, costs, disbursements, and attorneys fees against, among others, Envirocorp Corporation and the above named defendants. Choice alleges that the defendants: breached an Agent Agreement by converting funds; were unjustly enriched; breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; breached their fiduciary duty / duty of loyalty; defrauded Choice; violated N.Y. Debtor & Creditor Law § 270 et seq.; are individually liable for Envirocorp's acts based on fraud and undercapitalization; violated N.Y. Gen. Oblig. Law § 11-104; engaged in unfair competition; and conspired to harm Choice. Choice also prays for punitive damages for fraud, violation of Debtor & Creditor Law § 270 et seq., and Gen. Oblig. Law § 11-104; for a constructive trust; to compel the defendants performance under the Agent Agreement; granting a writ of attachment; for an order enjoining the defendants from engaging in unfair competition; and for other relief as the Court deems proper.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

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

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Andrew Marchand (ESPN.com) suggested: "With most players needing three to five years to develop, there is no point, Cashman said, in drafting for need. By the time a draftee makes the majors, a club's past weakness might pivot into a strength."

In 1992, the Yankees, at No. 6, decided on a high school kid from Kalamazoo, Michigan, named Derek Jeter. Whatever happened to him?

Scouting and fate determine the future of a franchise. Sitting at No. 16, the Yankees are in their best position in more than two decades.

ESPN.com draft expert Keith Law predicts the Yankees will take Cornelius Randolph, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound shortstop from Griffin, Georgia. He thinks catcher Chris Betts from Long Beach, California, and second baseman Ian Happ from Cincinnati, also are possibilities.

While no one can know for sure what they will do, the Yankees won't have to rely as much on chance this year to get the player they want.

"There are more people in the pool," Oppenheimer said.

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Cardinals draft former Horace Mann star Bader

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Harrison Bader doesn't see getting draft as just completion of a lifelong dream but the start of one.

The St. Louis Cardinals selected the former Horace Mann and current Florida University baseball star in the third round and 100th overall last week in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Bader saw the news in school's gym after his team's practice in preparation for the College Baseball World Series. After the realizing sunk in, Bader's mind began to think about what lies ahead.

"My excitement shifted from, 'Oh my God I can't believe I got drafted,' to 'Oh my God I can't wait to get ready to start taking care of business in pro ball.'"

The Cardinals were one of the organizations Bader, the Gators left fielder, spoke with prior to the draft. He couldn't be happier to be selected by a organization that has won 11 World Series titles, including one in 2012 and have a history of developing young players.

"They have had a tremendous amount of incredible players come through and still do," Bader said. "To be a part of something so special and something as winning as the Cardinals have been really speaks for itself."

His journey couldn't have taken a much different route out of high school. Bader de-committed from Pittsburg, picked Maryland before head coach Erik Bakich left for Michigan, only to end up at Florida after it lost two outfielders in the 2012 draft. Bader went on to be a star with the Gators. The experience has been a humbling one.

"To be where I am at two years later, I wouldn't believe you," Bader said.



Former Horace Mann star Harrison Bader was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the third round.

Photos courtesy of Florida Athletics/Tim Casey

The junior has let his game do plenty of talking during his career at Florida. Last year as a sophomore he led the squad with a .337 average, while posting 24 RBI, 27 runs scored and 15 walks. Bader swiped 13 bases and only made one error in the field. This has seen a rise in his power number. He is batting .292 with a career-high 15 home runs and 61 RBI to go

along with 14 doubles. Bader has yet to commit an error. The power surge has come naturally, without a change of approach at the plate.

"The power numbers honestly took care of themselves," Bader said. "My approach to the plate has always been the same. I think the power numbers came with a little experience and being more comfortable in the SEC."

Bader's immediate goal is to try to help Florida win a national championship and cap what has already been an amazing year. Long term, he has much grander plans with the Cardinals.

"I have every intention of proving them right and working everyday to make a difference in a major league lineup," Bader said. "That's the ultimate goal."

Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning

BY LARRY LEEDS

Earlier this week the Cary Leeds Center for Tennis & Learning officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony in Crotona Park. The \$26.5 million state of the art sports and education center will touch the lives of an estimated 30,000 South Bronx students in one of the poorest Congressional districts in the United States.

As Bronx residents visit the Center for the first time, they may wonder, 'Who was Cary Leeds?'

Cary was a star tennis player, and a graceful, charismatic, and attractive young man. He was once voted the most handsome male player on the professional circuit. He played tennis for Yale, competed in six US Opens and five Wimbledon championships, and at the height of his career, was the 12th ranked doubles player in the world. After he left the circuit, he continued to play tennis and was ranked number two in the nation in the over forty singles classification. He spent the rest of his life fluctuating between business and teaching young players the game of tennis before passing away in 2003 at age 45.

Cary was also my son.



Larry Leeds, Cary Leeds and Dalia Leeds (Larry's husband and Cary's mother) together in 1977.

It is sad day when parents outlive their progeny, and thus it was with my wife Dalia and myself. In the year's since Cary's passing, Dalia and I developed a strong desire – which became a passion – to make sure that our son's life would be remembered in a way that would make the world a better place.

New York Junior Tennis League (NYJTL) co-founder Skip Hartman,

who helped coach Cary at age thirteen, had the idea that we build The Cary Leeds Center. NYJTL, now known as New York Junior Tennis & Learning, has a mission focused on children, tennis, and education – three areas that were central to Cary's life. NYJTL is uniquely qualified to manage the Center's programming under the guidance of President and CEO Deborah An-

toine, herself a fine tennis player.

The completion of the Cary Leeds Center marks the culmination of a decade-long intensive effort. The fundraising has been a public-private endeavor with over 530 private donors whose individual contributions ranged from one hundred dollars to several millions of dollars. The Mayor's Office, the City Council and the Bronx Borough President's Office contributed mightily to our cause. The project is a testament to the magnificent results that are possible when government and the private sector work together for the common good.

Dalia and I were amazed by how many of Cary's friends rushed to contribute once plans for the Center were announced. These friends joined with our family to strive to memorialize Cary's life. As a result, thousands of young Bronx residents will benefit from the joint character-building experiences of tennis and education. Thus our dream is being fulfilled by these wonderful experiences that so many children will have as a result of Cary's legacy. If Cary could look down from heaven he would be so very proud and honored.

Bronx native Rodriguez drafted by D-Backs

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Wesley Rodriguez needed a distraction as the wait to find out his baseball future dragged on longer than expected.

The George Washington fireballer and Morris Heights native stepped away from following the draft to shoot some hoops with friends. Baseball was supposed to be the last thing on his mind for a few hours.

"I needed to not think about things, relax," Rodriguez said.

Instead during that time Rodriguez's phone finally rang. His name was called.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound Rodriguez, a pitcher and third baseman, was projected to go in the top five round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. Instead he was selected in the 12th round and 346th overall on the third day of the draft last week. Rodriguez was surprised by how far he had dropped, but was happy to have his dream of being drafted fulfilled. He took a moment to let it all sink in.

"It was like a moment of silence," Rodriguez said. "Then it really hit me."

During the wait he said his family stood by him and told him to keep his head up and to stay confident that things were going to turn out well. Rodriguez, who is committed to Pittsburgh, was a bit antsy at the PSAL Wingate dinner on the first day of the draft. He was constantly checking his phone, while waiting to be honored as the league's best senior student-athlete in his sport.

"It's a blessing to say I am going to get drafted, but the wait is crazy," Rodriguez said.

He had not signed with the Diamondbacks heading into this week. Rodriguez said after the Mayor's Cup all-star game last Sunday that his camp is still negotiating with the club.

"Hopefully I can become a Diamondback if everything goes well," he said.

Rodriguez was the best player in New York City this season. He batted .673 in league play, smashed six home

runs and drove in 33 runs. On the mound he went 5-0 while striking out 56 batters and walking just three in 25 innings of work.

Rodriguez, who was clocked as high as 98 mph on the radar gun, had MLB scouts following him all season. There was one from every team, including Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski, watching him strike out 16 batters as the Trojans won the Monroe tournament title.

George Washington coach Steve Mandl called him the best two-way player he's ever coached and among his top three hitters along with former MLB All-Star Manny Ramirez. Rodriguez saw his velocity dip later in the season, but he was still effective. He scored the winning run and came on with two on and one away to get the final out of George Washington's 1-0 win over Tottenville in the PSAL title game.

"He just does everything," Mandl said. "He is intelligent. He has an approach. He has tremendous power. He goes to



Morris Heights native Wesley Rodriguez was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 12th round.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

the opposite field. He knows what he is doing there, but with a golden arm they are probably going to take him as a pitcher."

The selection took longer than expected, but the feeling

was still the same after the expectation of it all season.

"It was like a weight off my shoulder, like a building came off my shoulder," Rodriguez said. "It's crazy. The feeling is amazing."

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Andrew Marchand wrote about Adam Warren, "His quality start was his fifth straight. No one on the staff has had more in a row this season."

Still, you could imagine the Yankees would ideally like to put him back in the bullpen to pitch the seventh in support of Dellin Betances and Andrew Miller. It could make the Yankees even better at the back of games. But, if Warren and Sabathia continue to pitch like they have starters, how do you take Warren out of the rotation?

Warren has always been liked, but maybe not loved by the Yankees. He was always been in a group of prospects, but was never the headliner, like the since traded Manny Banuelos.

Warren doesn't tantalize you with how great he could become, he lulls you into realizing maybe this guy has staying power to be pretty good.

On a team filled with a lot of nice guys, Warren may be the nicest. The guy never seems to be in bad mood, nor does he ever lose his cool. They are not the most important attributes, but his even keel does not hurt. For his sake, he is not thinking about what might be, rather what is.

"I hate to look too far into the future into what might happen," Warren said.

We don't have that same dislike and -- if the trends continues and there are no injuries -- the question that must be asked: How do you take Warren out of the rotation?"

I'm sure the trade talk is abuzz on River Ave. about this time. Let's see what the next starts bring.

Silver Threads

Kevin Amovitz (ESPN.com) wrote about, NBA Commissioner, Adam Silver's, talk at the NBA finals, "On the suggestion of seeding NBA playoff teams 1 through 16 rather than ordering the top eight in each conference, Silver said concerns over player health and the longer distances teams would travel during early-round matchups were a deterrent."

"I think ultimately where we came out is this notion of 1-through-16 seeding, while it seems attractive in many ways, because of the additional travel that will result, it just doesn't seem like a good idea at the moment," Silver said.

He cited the Golden State Warriors, who would have faced the Boston Celtics in the first round of this year's playoffs under such a scenario.

"This notion of, for example, this team would have played Boston in the first round under a 1-through-16 seeding and would have had to criss-cross back and forth across the country, which does not seem like a good idea," Silver said.

The commissioner said the NBA will make adjustments to the schedule in 2015-16 to limit back-to-back games as another effort to reduce the grind of the season and reduce the number of injuries to players.

"I think the science over time zone travel has gotten much better, where moving four time zones we think may have an effect on players' bodies that we may not have understood historically," Silver said. "So this is all something we're taking a very close look at. We're working in conjunction with the players' association on this."

I don't feel it has to be one or the other. There has to be some way these smart guys can figure out how to combine the two.

Molinaro Marinara

Bob Molinaro (Hampton Roads Pilot) wrote, "Tail wags dog: Alabama-Birmingham president Ray Watts, the man who killed the school's football program, welcomed it back six months later after the people who write the big checks and others who were making his life a living hell convinced him that a university without football just doesn't count for much anymore. Isn't that one not-so-sub-

tle message to emerge from this Bama brouhaha? Though football will create millions in deficits, Watts now says that it would "foster much goodwill" and bring "positive national attention." The lesson here, boys and girls, is an old one: At almost every level of competition, school administrators are powerless to stop football.

Carolina way: Watch as media and fan interest in the NCAA's notice of allegations against North Carolina focuses on whether or not Roy Williams and his highly ranked basketball team can escape serious sanctions - not on the years of shameful academic fraud at the school."

Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote: "Bidding on eBay for a Detroit stadium urinal autographed by ex-Lions star Barry Sanders has surpassed \$2,000.

2,000! Imagine what you could get for one signed by Whizzer White." Hard to believe, yet true," noted Greg Cote of The Miami Herald. "This is the first NBA Finals since 1998 that does not include Kobe Bryant, Dwyane Wade or Tim Duncan."

Alabama-Birmingham reinstated its football program for play in 2016 — just six months after announcing it was scrapping it.

If anyone has any sense of fortuitous timing, the season opener's very first play call will be a reverse."

Walmart is taking songs sung by Celine Dion and Justin Bieber off its in-store playlist after complaints from employees.

But when it comes to assaulting the senses, why stop there? No more Phillies games on the TV sets!"



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Stepinac High School names Keith Richardson new baseball coach

Archbishop Stepinac High School, ranked as one of the 50 top Catholic high schools in the nation, has named Keith Richardson as the new baseball coach.

Previously an assistant baseball coach at the all-boys high school, Richardson succeeds Pat Duffy who announced his retirement after serving for more than 10 years at the helm of Stepinac's baseball program. Duffy piloted the Crusaders team to an impressive record of 205 wins as well as 4 Division Championships in 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Stepinac Coach Mike O'Donnell said many of Duffy's former players have gone on to play baseball in college. "Pat has worked very hard to make Stepinac baseball what it is today."

Richardson's long-time association with Stepinac began in 2004 when he started coaching baseball. In 2011, he left Stepinac to serve as assistant baseball coach for his alma mater, Pace University, but returned to Stepinac a year later as assistant director of athletics and assistant baseball coach with Duffy.

Richardson is a graduate of Pace



Keith Richardson

where he earned a BBA in Business Management and also played baseball. He holds a Master's Degree in Physical Education and Sport Pedagogy from Manhattanville College.

"I am truly honored to be named Stepinac's head baseball coach," Richardson said. "I would like to thank Father Thomas Collins (the school's President), Principal Paul Carty and

Coach O'Donnell for entrusting me to lead our proud baseball program." He added: "I am extremely grateful to Coach Pat Duffy for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this special program, and for being such a great mentor and friend. I will do my very best to continue the success and tradition that has been built at Stepinac."

O'Donnell stated, "We have been very lucky to have Keith in our baseball program for more than 10 years. I know he will do a great job in continuing the growth of the program and helping our athletes make successful transitions to college athletics."

About Archbishop Stepinac High School

The mission of Archbishop Stepinac High School is to offer young men of the Archdiocese of New York a highly competitive academic and extracurricular program that will prepare them for college and leadership roles. The faculty and staff accomplish these objectives by pursuing excellence and creating a supportive, disciplined atmosphere with a strong sense of camaraderie and Christian values that is unique to the Stepinac

Preston softball stars go out winners at Mayor's Cup

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Preston's seniors have known nothing but heartbreak at the end of each of its seasons, losing in four straight CHSAA Archdiocesan softball championship games.

One final game allowed Panthers Julianna Orrico, Madeline Giannini and Victoria Rivera got to go out winners as part of the CHSAA senior all-star team at the Mayor's Cup's game last Friday at the College of Staten Island. The Catholic school's best beat their PSAL counterparts 9-0 for bragging rights. Orrico was named the game's MVP.

"It's bitter sweet," Orrico said. "I loved putting on the uniform again with all of these girls I've played with over these four years. It's definitely awesome. I'm sad to have give the uniform back, but it was a good way to end it."

She was big part of the CHSAA's four-run first inning. She singled and an error on the play allowed two runs to come home. Orrico later came

around to score on a two-run single by Notre Dame Academy's Lauren Duffy to give the CHSAA a 4-0 lead. The Catholic schools tacked on another run in the second against Frank Sinatra ace Breanna Traphouse.

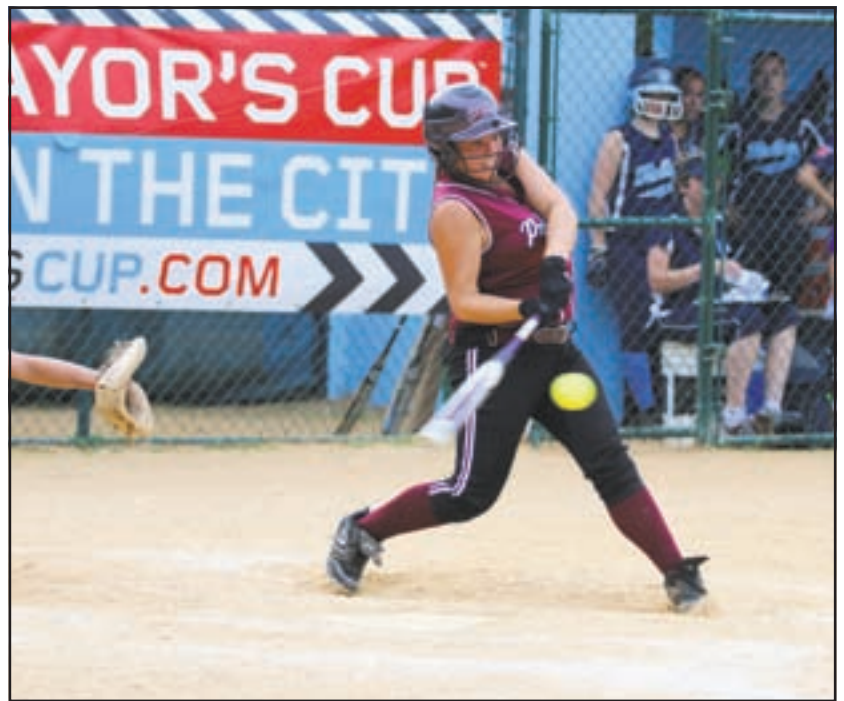
"We just took advantage," Orrico said. "I started it up and then we kept it going and we got four run in that first inning and that as big."

She then came on to pitch two scoreless frames in the third and fourth. Orrico struck out one, but did not allow a base runner. She said it was much more difficult to navigate through a lineup for all stars.

"You have to be on your toes, make sure you are hitting your spots," Orrico said.

Giannini nearly didn't get a chance to make an impact. She was late to the game after getting out of work. The outfielder is a golf caddy at the Greenwich Country Club in Connecticut. Traffic to Staten Island didn't make things any better.

"I was worried," Giannini said. "I



Preston's Julianna Orrico took home MVP honors at the Mayor's Cup softball game.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

really wanted to participate in it and I got stuck in traffic on the highway. I was getting real nervous because I really wanted to make it. It's something really special."

She arrived midway though the contest and to played the final three innings. Giannini walked in the eight and scored one of the CHSAA's four runs in the frame.

"I didn't warm up or anything so I

was a little nervous, a little rusty," she said.

It all added up to memorable an happy experience for the Panthers trio.

"It feels good to end with a win, go out with a bang in something as cool as this," Giannini said. "It's pretty fun to end like this and remember my high school four years of softball like this is really cool."

WARRIOR FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Warrior Football commissioner Joe Desimone and chief Jerry Demers invite all boys and girls ages 5 to 13 to take part in registration for

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829-7574 or Joe at (347) 242) 1423.**



Preston's Julianna Orrico took home MVP honors at the Mayor's Cup softball game.

Photo by Steven Schnibbe

Crotona Park tennis center opens

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founded a software company, while he coached youth tennis until he passed away in 2003. A column by his father, Larry Leeds, can be found on page 68.

"Cary really knew how important sports could be in changing the lives of children," said NYJTL CEO Deborah

Antoine.

NYJTL will not disappoint, said founder Skip Hartman, and will offer incredible opportunities for kids in the surrounding neighborhoods for years to come.

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The new Cary Leeds Center for Tennis and Learning opened on June 15 in Crotona Park.

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Electeds: suspend bar's liquor license

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community and elected officials to address concerns raised by World BBQ.

During the meeting, Kauffman explained she was overwhelmed and was not equipped, nor possessed the management skills required to operate the establishment and was in negotiations to sell the location to Taylor and his wife.

Afterwards, the lieutenant in charge returned the liquor license to Kauffman who claimed no other events aside from a weekly meeting with police and corrections officers were scheduled for this location.

According to a spokesperson from Senator Jeff Klein's office, Kauffman and Taylor misrepresented themselves during the meeting after it was discovered another event similar to World BBQ was still set occur despite them stating otherwise.

Senator Klein, Councilman James Vacca, and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto wrote to the New York State Liquor Authority commissioners Jeanique Greene and Kevin Kim on Thursday, June 4, calling for the immediate suspension of the Bronx Beer Garden's liquor license.

"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," the letter reads. "Nonetheless, it has come to our attention that both the current owner and prospective owners misrepresented themselves at that meeting."

"Beyond that, 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," the letter stated.

Both the senator's spokesperson and Councilman Vacca confirmed the Bronx Beer Garden cancelled this past Saturday's event.

"We're very disturbed and outraged by what happened at the Bronx Beer Garden last month and that is something we do not want to happen here again," Assemblyman Benedetto said. "We don't mind having bars or taverns in the neighborhood, however we expect them to be mindful of the community and to have control over their establishment as well as in the events they hold."

"This letter is strong and I believe we all must be strong as well to protect our community's quality of life," Councilman Vacca said. "We hope the SLA will act upon this letter and we will be keeping a closer eye on the Bronx Beer Garden."

"The Bronx is our home and as such I refuse to let negligent, deceitful business owners endanger the safety and security of local families and children. The out of control party that occurred at the Bronx Beer Garden last month demonstrates that the current operator is unfit to run this business in our community," Senator Klein expressed.

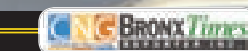
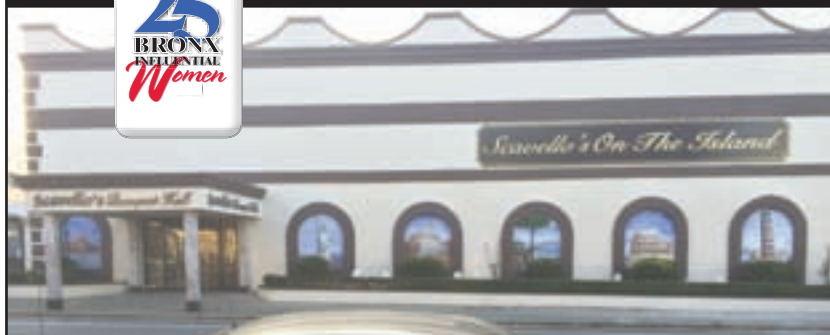
The Bronx Beer Garden is in the process of being sold, Kauffman confirmed to the Bronx Times Reporter. Calls to Taylor were not returned.



(l to r): famed tennis coach Nick Bollettieri, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., and former mayor and NYJTL supporter David Dinkins.

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