

\$\$ GRAB AT GOLDEN EAGLE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A brazen morning robbery at a popular diner has community leaders in Morris Park and an elected official raising concerned.

A man posing as a food inspector asked to see the basement at the Golden Eagle Restaurant at 745 Morris Park Avenue and when taken downstairs, displayed a firearm and demanded money from the manager, according to police.

The robbery took place at around 7:20 a.m. on Friday, July 15, a police spokesperson said.

After receiving the cash, the suspect fled, with some of the diner's employees in pursuit. The robber pistol-whipped one of his pursuers, police said.

"The suspect then let off a few rounds...thankfully not

hitting anyone," stated a police source, and then fled the scene.

The investigation is ongoing as of press time, and so far no arrests have been made.

The incident raised concerns among community leaders in Morris Park.

Morris Park Community Association president Anthony Singorile said that the MPCA would be monitoring the situation and said that the community needs security cameras.

"It is getting out of hand," said Signorile after the robbery. "Cameras are a must."

Singorile called on elected officials, to help address security concerns in Morris Park.

Overall though, Signorile said that police from the 49th Precinct are doing a good job, and chose to highlight their recent success in combating

auto theft.

"Thank god for the 49th Precinct," said Signorile. "They are doing a wonderful job looking into this."

MPCA vice-president Al D'Angelo was concerned that the incident could have an adverse affect on Morris Park's reputation and desirability.

D'Angelo said that he believes Morris Park is one of the safest areas in the city, but if people see changes for the worse in terms of crime and quality-of-life, middle class people with the means to do so may decide to leave.

The MPCA vice-president said that he believes the decline in stop, question and frisk is leading to more criminals carrying guns.

Councilman James Vacca echoed that sentiment, indi

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Fun With Bronx Defenders

A water balloon drops on Danna Valerio's head when her friends hit the target of a game at the Bronx Defenders' community block party on Wednesday, July 8. For more photos from the party, see page 32.

Stateman's legacy stamped

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A trailblazing statesman who valiantly fought for the south Bronx may soon have a local post office named in his honor.

On Thursday, July 9, U.S. senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand along with congressmembers José Serrano, Charles Rangel and Joseph Crowley announced that both the Senate and the House of Representatives have passed legislation to rename the Morrisania Post Office in honor of the late former congressman and Bronx borough president, Herman

Badillo.

Morrisania Post Office is a historical federal building included on the National Register of Historic Places.

Badillo is remembered for becoming the first Puerto Rican city commissioner and borough president in addition to being the first Congressman to be born in Puerto Rico.

The bill will now be sent to President Obama and once approved, Badillo's name will be proudly displayed on the building.

"Herman Badillo's contributions to the Bronx, the City

of New York and our country as a whole, cannot be overstated," Congressman Crowley expressed. "Renaming the Morrisania branch of the U.S. Postal Service is a fitting tribute for someone who was not only a trailblazer for the Latino community, but a champion for vulnerable communities everywhere."

Born in Caguas, Puerto Rico on August 21, 1929, Badillo lost both of his parents to tuberculosis at an early age when the epidemic swept through the island in 1934.

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A rendering of an imagined waterfront space in Port Morris as part of the New York Restoration Project's Haven Project, a master plan for improved waterfront access and green space in the area. Courtesy of New York Restoration Project

NYRP has vision for Bronx waterfront

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

An ambitious master plan to increase access to open space in the south Bronx was recently released.

The New York Restoration Project presented The Haven Project, a vision to design, build, and fund a new network of connected open spaces including waterfront access in the neighborhoods of Port Morris and Mott Haven.

The ultimate goal of the proposal is to facilitate improvements in quality of life and deliver measurable health benefits for south Bronx residents.

The low-income neighborhoods, which are high in industrial infrastructure and low in health measures, have a need for additional and improved public outdoor spaces, said NYRP director Deborah Marton, in addition to untapped potential of underutilized waterfront.

"It presents itself as the ideal place to do this new network of open spaces," she said.

NYRP partnered with a host of organizations including South Bronx Unite, Civitas Inc., Montefiore Medical Center, Columbia University, HealthxDesign, and Barretto Bay Strategies, in addition to hosting three large community meetings to discuss ideas with residents from the neighborhoods.

"We believe deeply that the people that know best what a community needs and wants are the people on the ground," said Marton.

The master plan, available at NYRP.org, proposes:

- A waterfront park at 134th Street, including the preservation of the historic gantry cranes

- Improved street crossings, bike and pedestrian routes to the waterfront and the Randall's Island Connector, a NYC Economic Development Corporation initiative to connect the south Bronx with Randall's Island

- Continuous waterfront access from the Randall's Island Connector up to a redeveloped pier at 132nd Street, de-

signed to protect the neighborhood and industries from storm surge and foster waterfront recreation

- Deployment of green infrastructure and plantings, beginning with over 800 new trees planted in Mott Haven in 2015 with two years of stewardship

- Community identity and engagement through public art in a network of trails

Though many of the ideas are part of a long-term vision, and are contingent on significant funding, two short-term projects are in the works.

NYRP is developing a 'wayfinder' system to direct people along the safest routes to the Randall Island Connector when it opens later this year, and is funding a shuttle bus to provide transportation in the neighborhood to both the connector and St. Mary's Park.

"We know big capital projects take a long time," said Marton. "We wanted to make sure south Bronx residents benefited from the project immediately."

In order to create the best conditions for eventual funding of the projects, the master plan was rooted in data, she said.

"What is the latest research showing us about the correlation between health and open spaces?" was the key question that drove NYRP's ideas, said Marton.

That research includes evidence that the body mass index decreases near parks larger than six acres, but not at smaller parks, which is why it's so important to NYRP to provide access to large open spaces like Randall's Island.

Research also shows that air quality is better on the waterfront, said Marton, creating a compelling reason to provide public space on the shoreline.

If and when the components of the plan are realized, the Haven Project could become a model for the development of open spaces in a low-income community, said Marton.

"It could be one of the most extraordinary networks of green spaces in the city."

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Henry Rodriguez

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Thanks

Kevin Ford from City Island shares the following about the staff at **Providence Rest Nursing Home**:

I am writing to give thanks to all the staff at Providence Rest who treated my mother Josephine, 90, before she passed recently. Mom previously took care



Josephine and Kenny

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Ford also thanked the social workers and nurses Fay and Marge, and Sr. Catherine and the other sisters: *The nuns were straight from heaven*, he said. Ford also thanked Sisto Funeral Home and Frank for doing a professional job and making a difficult time easier.



Michael Aponte

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The Pelham Parkway Houses was the site of a successful drug bust operation last Wednesday, according to police. File photo

Drug bust nets 10 at PelPkwy Houses

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A successful drug bust operation was conducted last week at the Pelham Parkway Houses resulting in ten arrests, police said.

According to a NYPD spokesman, nine residents from the Pelham Parkway Houses and a 1428 Webster Avenue resident were arrested on Wednesday, July 8 for selling cocaine and marijuana which they distributed throughout the housing development.

The alleged perpetrators arrested as a result of the Bronx Narcotics take down within the Pelham Houses were Robinson Baez; Nilsa Rivera; Edwin Vargas; Gary Adamson; Erasmo Concepcion; Ively Acosta; Richard Vasquez; Lawrence Fowler; Jamel Williams from 1428 Webster Avenue and Brandon Mullings, the spokesman said.

Police said all the individuals face a felony charge of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree.

The case was initiated by the Bronx Narcotics Division and a year-long investigation was conducted targeting these specific individuals, he added.

The investigation into this case is still ongoing, the NYPD spokesman said.

Local community leaders and elected officials expressed their gratitude for law enforcement's handling of the situation and explained the significance behind last Wednesday's drug bust.

"This is a major drug bust and it indicates that we have a serious problem in the Pelham Parkway Houses that we need to be addressing," Councilman James Vacca said. "I'm glad that this joint effort by all police branches has resulted in this outcome and I want to thank them for making these arrests."

Councilman Vacca explained although he allocated money several months ago for total security camera coverage at Pelham Parkway Houses, it unfortunately has not deterred criminal activities there.

"We all have to continue being vigilant and keep up police actions in situations such as these," the councilman added. "If residents see any criminal activity happening there, they have to let law enforcement know immediately."

According to Anthony Vitaliano, Community Board 11 chairman, the board received numerous complaints about a year ago regarding drugs, including marijuana, at the Pelham Parkway Houses.

"The people from the Pelham Parkway Houses have complained to the 49th Precinct and to the Bronx Narcotics Division about narcotics at that location and a thorough year-long investigation was initiated resulting in ten arrests there. This is a job well done by the NYPD," Vitaliano said.

"This reassures the public and residents that direct actions are being taken by law enforcement in order to address their concerns especially those involving drugs in their community," Joseph Thompson, 49th Precinct Council president said.

"I think this is terrific and there should be more drug busts in the whole Pelham Parkway area," Edith Blitzer, Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association chairwoman expressed.

"The 49th Precinct is very well organized and I hope the new captain will really come down hard on the drug dealers here."

"We need more officers patrolling the streets because if these dealers saw them, they would be more leery of what they're selling out on the streets," she added.



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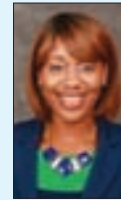
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Cancer survivor's weight loss inspires others

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A cancer survivor who lost nearly half of his weight is living proof that with the right motivation, everything is possible.

Steve Martin, a 23-year old has lost 230 pounds in the last three years.

The challenge began for Steve, who was born and raised in the Bronx, when he was diagnosed with lung cancer at age 14 in 2006.

A short time later he had to have part of a leg amputated and undergo lung surgery, before being diagnosed with cancer again in 2007 and 2011.

He became depressed and turned to food as a coping mechanism.

After the third diagnosis, weighing in at about 465 pounds, Martin knew that he had to make major changes in his life.

"That time period was very rough," said Martin. "I was obese, depressed and I was ready to let all of my hopes and dreams go."

Opportunity knocked for Martin when a Planet Fitness opened in his neighborhood in

the beginning of 2012.

Without hesitation, he signed up for a membership and quickly began working with the gym's various trainers, who helped him lose at least 25 pounds in his first three months.

Following a brief plateau, Martin made more changes to his routine - improving his diet and increasing his workouts.

At one point, he ran 7.5 miles each day as part of his workout routine, which also paid dividends.

After three years at Planet Fitness, Martin had lost a total of 230 pounds - nearly half of the 465 pounds that he weighed initially. Martin says that his motivation behind his weight loss, aside from his battles with cancer and a partial leg amputation, was when he initially heard about Planet Fitness' judgment-free environment and was welcomed with open arms by the gym's staff when he joined.

"Before I signed up (to Planet Fitness), I wasn't really living - I just existed," said Martin, who will be se-



A before and after picture of Martin, comparing his weight in 2012 and 2015. Photo courtesy of Planet Fitness

nior at Monroe College in New Rochelle this upcoming fall and can now pursue his career dreams of being a snowboarder and an actor.

"I had joined gyms and fitness centers before, but I never really stuck with them or my workout routines like I did at Planet Fitness. The trainers that I have worked with over the past few years, who each helped me improve myself and made me feel comfortable in my own skin, now also cel-

brate my success with me - and that is a great thing.

"Steve looks absolutely fantastic," said Valerie Gerace, operations coordinator of Planet Fitness for the past eight years. "He has definitely worked hard to reach this accomplishment, and what he has accomplished is truly amazing."

Martin's success story now stands as an example for other individuals who are suffering with weight issues in the

Bronx - a county that ranks among the highest in obesity in New York state.

"I would tell anybody who is going through what I went through to think positive and make positive (even if they are small) changes in their life - whether that change is joining a new gym, dieting, exercising or even setting goals," said Martin. "Every positive step will lead them in the right direction and away from obesity."

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Boogie Down Booth highlights Bronx genres

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Boogie Down Booth is back on Southern Boulevard.

After last year's placement of the music installation under the elevated train at Freeman Street, the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corp. revealed a second iteration of the piece on Tuesday, July 14.

The new booth, near 174th Street and outside Seabury Park, was created in partnership with NYC Parks, and features speakers streaming music from Bronx artists, as well as seating and solar-powered lighting.

"Public art brings people together in new and imaginative ways," said Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver about the project. "The Boogie Down Booth offers an interactive, engaging experience for New Yorkers of all ages."

The booth includes community bulletin board to learn about local events, and a mural wall painted by middle and high school students from the adjacent East Bronx Academy for the Future and youth from the Children's Aid Soci-

ety, who will host community events at the booth.

The installation, which recycles much of the material from the previous booth, will be open until July 2016.

Community participation in the creation of the booth was important to designer Chat Travieso, as is their continuing interaction. Its position facing the sidewalk encourages this, he said.

"It acknowledges some of the most dynamic places are the streets themselves," said Travieso.

The installation is designed to honor the heritage and culture of the Bronx.

"I hope the booth is a place where people of the community can come together and celebrate the rich musical history of the Bronx," said Travieso.

The playlist, curated by the Bronx Music Heritage Center, covers a variety of genres born in or inspired by the Bronx, including salsa, jazz, Afro-Caribbean, hip-hop, Garifuna, and blues, as performed by local artists. It functions as both a celebration and an education.



Local musicians Alex Kwabena Colon-Olaniyan (l) and James Lovell perform Garifuna music at the unveiling of the second Boogie Down Booth on Southern Boulevard at 174th Street on Tuesday, July 14.

Community News Group / Jaime Williams

"The Bronx is the birthplace of hip-hop and the borough of salsa, but it's much, much more," said BMHC director Elena Martinez.

The center was founded in 2010 by WHEDco, a community development organization that provides sustainable, affordable housing in the neighborhood.

WHEDco has encouraged economic development in the neighborhood through grass-

roots efforts, said community development director Kerry McLean.

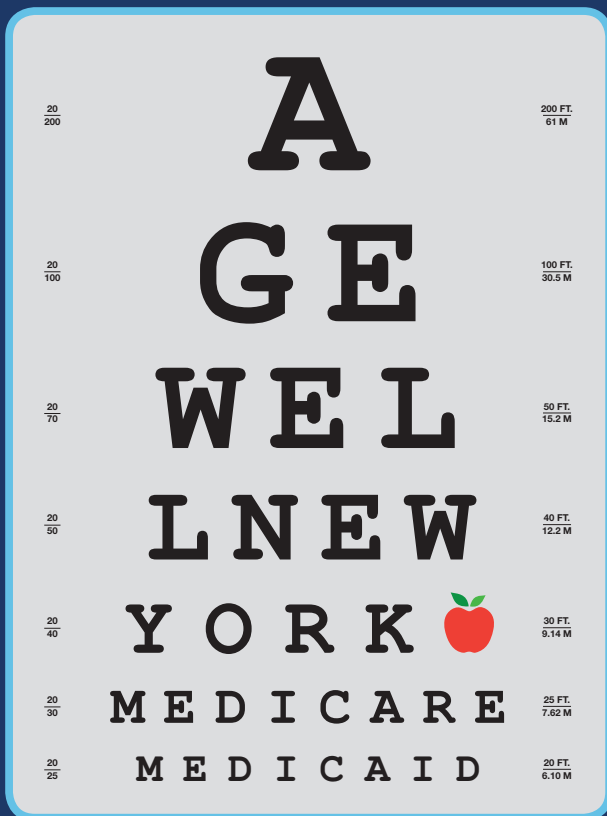
"What we saw was the opportunity to support and promote the commercial corridor," said McLean.

The first Boogie Down Booth, originally part of the Design Trust for Public Space's 'Under the Elevated' project, sought to address resident's complaints including loud noise and poor lighting

from the train in an innovative way, while celebrating the neighborhood's assets.

The new booth will create a destination in the neighborhood to encourage foot traffic, said McLean, and will stand as an example of arts as a tool for economic and community development.

"It's really the intersection of urban planning, art and community development," said McLean.




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Best bargain

Dear editor,

How refreshing to hear that the MTA will once again on Sunday, August 8 run "Nostalgia Ride to Orchard Beach and City Island" (Robert Wirsing -- July 9) using trains and buses that our ancestors rode decades ago.

Riding the old subway cars reminds me of a time when it was common to find both penny gum and soda machines dispensing products at many subway stations. Clean and safe bathrooms were readily available. It was a time when people respected authority and law. Previous generations of riders did not litter subway stations and buses leaving behind gum, candy wrappers, paper cups, bottles and newspapers.

No one would openly eat pizza, chicken or other messy foods while riding a bus or subway. Everyone paid their way and there was no fare evasion.

Likewise, riding the old vintage buses are also a great trip down memory lane. It was a time when bus drivers had to make change and drive, at the same time. No one dared bring any food on the bus or leave any litter behind.

In the mid 1960s, air-conditioned buses were just becoming a more common part of the fleet. You had to pay separate fares to ride either the bus or subway. There was no Metro Cards affording free transfers between bus and subway along with discounted weekly or monthly fares. Employee

transit checks to help cover the costs didn't exist.

Fast forward to today, and you can see how MTA public transportation is still one of the best bargains in town.

Larry Penner

Cultural outcast

Dear editor,

Recently Secretary of the Treasury Jack Lew announced a change for the \$10 bill. Scheduled for release in 2020, the image of Alexander Hamilton will be replaced by a woman, whose identity is yet to be announced.

Of all Americans who have come and gone, Mr. Lew and his associates have chosen one of the most gifted and heroic of the Founding Fathers.

Alexander Hamilton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, was born out of wedlock in the West Indies, and orphaned at a young age. He journeyed to NYC and eventually with the financial support of wealthy benefactors, who recognized his talents and ability, attended King's college, today Columbia University. Hamilton served and played an important role in the Revolutionary War, and soon, because of his prowess and courage, became the aide de camp to Gen. George Washington.

After the war Hamilton was elected to the Congress of the Confederation of New York, but soon resigned to practice law. In 1784 he founded the Bank of New York, established a system of tariffs and trade relations, and in 1789 was appointed the

nation's first Secretary of the Treasury by President George Washington.

Hamilton was instrumental in developing much of the structure of the government of the United States by the time he left office in 1805. And for those who might view the Founders through a racial lens, Alexander Hamilton was an abolitionist who decried slavery.

Hamilton's principles of currency were adopted by Congress, resulting in the Coinage Act of 1792 and the creation of the United States Mint. In 1801 Hamilton, one of the authors of the Federalist Papers established the New York Post as a Federalist newspaper then called the New York Evening Post by Alexander Hamilton.

Upon Mr. Lew's announcement, many voices spoke out in defiance and formed associations to fight for the preservation of Hamilton's image on the currency; they believed this to be an outrageous, disrespectful act, and just another politically correct imposition at the expense of a highly regarded, great patriotic American.

One of those who became enraged at the prospective change is former Fed chairman Ben Bernanke who said he is "appalled" by Treasury Secretary's Lew's decision to have Alexander Hamilton replaced. Revisionists seek to erase from our collective memories and the history books, all vestige of this nation's true founding.

Now you might ask what could possibly be the motive for this offensive change; actually

it has been building up over time and Hamilton is its first victim, and it is now reaching a crescendo under the aegis of 'white privilege'.

It is no longer a subject for debate in post-modern America; the white man has devolved into a cultural outcast, a pariah.

Bob Pascarella

Cat control

Dear editor,

We have a feral cat problem all over the Bronx. My main concern right now is the Hammond Cove Marina area. I am trying to organize a mass trapping which is very difficult. There about 40 to 50 cats there that are constantly reproducing.

All of the cat groups offer assistance with TNR transport and spay/neuter, but the trapper bears all of the other expenses for supplies out of pocket...especially food. This becomes very expensive, especially since most people are on a budget or fixed income.

These animals need to be fed twice daily. We need help with food. It is very expensive to feed all of these animals twice daily and it is a big chore very time consuming. It is costing about \$70 per week, and that is a conservative number.

This is a community issue. It is not fair for one person to bear the burden. They can conduct a pet food drive. Ask local businesses to donate some food. Thank you

Helena Melisi



POLICE BLOTTER

41st PCT.

Saturday, July 4, 6:43 p.m.

— Police reported a multiple stabbing at Longwood Avenue and Kelly Street. Three victims were transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

42nd PCT.

Wednesday, July 8, 3:53 a.m.

— Police reported a shooting at 3673 3rd Avenue, where a female victim was shot twice.

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 p.m.

— The victim, a 28-year-old male, was aboard a northbound BX15 bus

when he was confronted by the suspect for taking a photo of him after witnessing the suspect remove an undetermined amount of money from another female passenger, who left the location without reporting it to the police. The suspect forcibly removed the victim's backpack, which contained his credit cards and an iPhone 6 before fleeing the bus at 3rd Avenue and East 168th Street.

43rd PCT.

Tuesday, July 7, 1:19 p.m.

— Police responded to a 911 call for

a male shot in front of 1535 Taylor Avenue. Upon arrival, police discovered a 21-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the head.

EMS responded and transported the individual to Jacobi Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. There are no arrests at this time.

Subsequent to an ongoing investigation it has been determined that the suspect, a black male armed with a gun, approached the victim, shot at him and missed.

The victim, holding his 1-year-old daughter, then ran down Taylor Avenue and the suspect fired two additional rounds at the victim, striking him once in the back.

The suspect then fled in a grey Mercedes with unknown NY Plates. The victim's daughter was removed to Jacobi Hospital for observation and was released with a bump on her head.

47th PCT.

Sunday, July 5, 5:58 a.m.

— Police responded to a 911 call at East 226th Street and Bronx Boulevard, inside Bronx River Park. Upon arrival police discovered a 22-year-old female unconscious and unresponsive with multiple stab wounds to the torso. EMS also responded and pronounced the female deceased.

Tuesday, July 7, 11:00 p.m.

— Police reported a shooting at 1132 E. 229th Street.

50th PCT.

Wednesday, July 8, 9:37 a.m.

— Police discovered a 22-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the chest in front of 5221 Broadway. EMS transported the victim to NY Presbyterian Hospital where he was pronounced deceased.

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NYCLU Hart Island lawsuit settled

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Department of Corrections has agreed to provide greater access to gravesites on Hart Island as settlement of a lawsuit with the New York Civil Liberties Union.

The settlement will provide access to burial sites for families, and establish one weekend day a month when visitors will be able to use a city ferry from City Island to visit the remote, secluded, approximately 100-acre island that is the city's 'potter's field.'

Meanwhile, members of the City Island Civic Association continue to advocate for the transfer of Hart Island from the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections to the Parks Department to prevent the city from using the island for detrimental purposes.

John Doyle, CICA corresponding secretary, said that transferring jurisdiction to the Parks Department hurts no one.

The association views a bill currently pending before the City Council which would facilitate the transfer as a step towards preventing proj-



The city has settled a lawsuit pertaining to Hart Island, seen here from City Island, agreeing to provide families greater access to graves of their loved ones. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

ects on Hart Island like jails, homeless shelters and incinerators, he said.

"This is an opportunity for residents of the community to act strategically to prevent the possibility of future development," said Doyle. "I strongly urge anyone who has questions to contact the civic association, because it would be very much in our interest to seize this moment."

The CICA has supported the transfer of the island to the Parks Department by a vote of 44 to 2 of its membership, and

the matter has been discussed at eight of the organization's meetings, most recently in June, said Doyle.

Tom Smith, CICA treasurer, said that the surest way to maintain the island in its current form is to place its land under Parks. In order to alienate parkland, approval is needed from the state legislature, he explained.

"All we need to do is change the jurisdiction for conservation purposes," he said, adding "The reality is that the city could try to sell it."

Smith said that the association was trying to prevent the island from being sold off and developed, and he cited North Brother Island in the East River as an example of land that falls under the jurisdiction of the Parks Department, but is not a park.

Community Board 10 has voted to support the concept of seeing the island transferred to Parks.

Months ago, Councilman James Vacca expressed support for the legislation, saying it would protect the island in

perpetuity.

The legal agreement comes after the NYCLU filed a class-action suit against the city in December challenging city policy that stringently limited visitors to the island, where one million New Yorkers have been buried since the 1860s.

The settlement also will see the DOC escort visitors to the island to the burial sites of their loved ones, as well as see the agency maintain an online and telephone system where families can schedule a visit to the island and add grave marking numbers to an online database of burial locations.

In a statement, DOC Commissioner Joseph Ponte said the agency would comply with the terms.

"The parties to this settlement share a common goal: we want to enable access to the cemetery on Hart Island in a compassionate and safe manner," said Ponte. "We look forward to implementing this historic settlement, and pledge to work closely with the NYCLU in order to make the compassionate access it envisions a reality."

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Pearly Gates play program begins July 25

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Pearly Gates Park will be playing host to a Saturday children's play program thanks to local support and a group of dedicated volunteers.

For the fourth summer, the Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization's Mini-Summer Program for children between the ages of three to ten will be taking place on four consecutive Saturdays in July and August at the community playground in Zerega.

The fun begins on Saturday, July 25 from noon to 4 p.m. and runs every weekend until Saturday, August 15 at the park.

Metro Optics sponsors it, with additional funding provided by Assemblyman Michael Benedetto's office.

Sandi Lusk and Woody Brundage of the non-profit WSZIO volunteer to supervise playground associates hired to make sure the games and everything else for the children is full of fun and wholesome enjoyment.

"The program is free," said Lusk, but she added "Parents,

or a responsible party, must be present for each child while they are in the park."

The program was put in place in the playground, located on St. Peters Avenue off Westchester Square to give children constructive activities.

Those activities may include table hockey, arts and crafts, horseshoes, board games, jump rope, ball games and face painting, among others.

While this is the fourth consecutive year for this program, WSZIO ran programming in Pearly Gates Park years ago, and has been an active force for a quarter-century in making sure that it remains a community asset.

Supporters of the Pearly Gates Mini-Summer Program said that Lusk and WSZIO volunteers often reach into their own pockets to pay for activities at the Pearly Gates and elsewhere.

Speaking on behalf of Metro Optics, an optical retailer with four locations including one in Westchester Square, co-owner John Bonizio said that the company de-

cidated to support the endeavor because it affords families the opportunity to experience their community in a positive way.

"It is an opportunity to give back to the community that gives to us," he said.

Assemblyman Benedetto indicated that he appreciated WSZIO's volunteerism.

"They are good community-minded people who realize that kids need activities during the summer," said Benedetto of WSZIO. "The children need good outdoor activities and oftentimes the community just does not have that to offer."

Lusk and others at WSZIO are providing a fulfilling recreational program, said Benedetto, adding that Zerega often does not get these types of services.

"We have good people working with the kids, and the children really enjoy it," said the assemblyman, adding that he has gone out of his way over several years to support the program.

The final session, this year on Saturday, August 15,



Things like arts and crafts keep children occupied at the Mini-Summer program at Pearly Gates Park in Zerega. File photo

usually includes a celebration, which in past years has featured magic and puppet shows, said Lusk.

As in previous years, the

program's coordinators plan to raffle off for free much of the play equipment used during the Saturday programs after the final weekend.

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St. Theresa Feast set for July 22-26

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The St. Theresa parish feast will be held once again this year, with carnival-style rides, games and family fun on St. Theresa Avenue in Pelham Bay.

The annual summer block party will run the full length of St. Theresa Avenue from Westchester Avenue to the Hutchinson River Parkway service road every evening from Wednesday, July 22 to Sunday, July 26.

This year's theme is simply 'Welcome,' with the parish volunteers wearing t-shirts that say that word in many different languages, a reflection of the diverse Pelham Bay community.

The theme is a reminder that all are welcome in the church's fellowship, said feast committee member Antonia Cipollone-Bruno. It is a community-building event, she added.

"It reminds people that the community is important—that it is still important to remember the neighborhood, where you are from and to take pride

in where you live," she said.

The feast will open on Wednesday with a prayer written by a young person from the parish, followed by a procession of children. Another procession will take place on Sunday.

It features nightly live entertainment, rides, games and food, said Josephine Fanelli, principal of St. Theresa School. The event, now in its 19th year, is a major source of funding for the parish's operations, she said.

"The feast is not only a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together, but the proceeds of the feasts also help run the parish," said Fanelli.

It also serves as spiritual enrichment for Catholics, she said, and includes masses, adorations and a concert featuring both the church's choir and those of neighboring parishes, she said.

Parade committee member Michele Torrioni said that she has personally seen heartwarming reunions at the feast, adding she was touched

last year when she witnessed a spontaneous line dance form with random feast-goers who were enjoying a live band's performance.

"This is something that really brings the community, and people who may not see each other every day, together," she said.

This year is the first year that Msgr. Thomas Derivan, St. Theresa's pastor, will be at the helm of the feast, as its founder Fr. Robert Grippo was reassigned to another parish in 2014 after decades of service.

The feast grew under Fr. Grippo from a one-day block event into the five-day festival that it is today, said Fanelli, adding that it was Father Grippo's vision that made the feast possible.

According to the feast committee, the five days of fun will also feature health screenings, pictures with costumed characters, and an NYPD rock-climbing wall.

The feast committee also stated that it would continue to host members of a local As-



Fresh zeppoles are just one of the many foods served at the feast. Here is a scene from a previous year's St. Theresa Feast. File photo

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FAMILY FUN DAY

The Westchester Square Zerega Improvement Organization and the Parks Department hosted its annual Family Fun Day in Pelham Bay Park on Saturday, July 11.

at Pelham Bay Park



John Turdo pulls a rabbit out of an empty box for Sean Alfalla and Chelsey Kahn.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Urban Park Rangers Adrianna Camalliro, Aneska Tejada and Tracey Currie show Rocco and Dylan Loungo and their aunt, Hectorine Fottas, some of the creatures that live in Pelham Bay Park, including the stick crawler Tracey is holding.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Jaydah and Kaley Smith sing for Devin Peacock of the "We Are Living the Dream" group.

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(Left) Woody paints Christiane Hayward's face.

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(Right) Sandy Lusk paints stars on Tracey Martins' arm.

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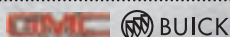
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'Rooted In NYC Survey' offers parks' views

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A national and environmentally-friendly bank recently conducted a survey which revealed interesting info about our parks.

TD Bank, one of the 10 largest banks in the United States, recently conducted a Rooted In NYC Survey, which resulting in numerous stats about the borough's parks, as part of TD's new initiative TD Forests: Rooted In NYC.

According to TD Bank, the survey's results revealed that 92 percent of Bronx residents believe that forests and other natural areas are important to the health of the community, but only 59 percent of those Bronx residents know which organizations and people are taking action in their community to create more parks and green spaces.

The survey also showed that just over one in three (about 34 percent of Bronx residents) believe there are not enough parks and shared green spaces in their neighborhood.

Meanwhile, 81 percent of those who live in the Bronx stated that they live within a

15-minute walk of a local park or shared green space

In addition, 42 percent of Bronx residents visit a local park or shared green space at least once a week.

The two statistics regarding lack of knowledge of organizations and weekly visits to parks seem to suggest that many residents have not been introduced to park-affiliated groups while also not having access to shared green spaces.

The survey's results also show that less than half of Bronx residents don't visit a park or local green spaces at least once a week.

Since over 90 percent of Bronx residents believe parks and shared green spaces are important, the results also suggest the lack of Bronxites' weekly visits to parks is due to inaccessibility.

"Having this data about parks in the Bronx is essential because will lead the borough's residents to healthier lifestyles, better physical and psychological perspectives and give them opportunities to enhance nearby green spaces," said Joe Doolan, head



Residents gather for a recent TD Mobile Forest giveaway at a TD Bank in Queens. Photo courtesy of TD Bank

of environmental affairs of TD Bank.

The survey's results are timely, considering that just last fall, Mayor de Blasio and NYC Parks commissioner Mitchell Silver launched the Community Parks Initiative, which targets investments in parks located in densely populated and growing neighborhoods where there are higher than average concentrations of poverty.

As part of the initiative, more than \$130 million is currently being invested in different parks across the city. The nine sites in the Bronx that will see significant capital

improvements are Ranaqua Park, Playground 52, Longfellow Garden, Little Claremont Park, Lyons Square Playground, Melrose Commons and Saw Mill Playground.

"It is very important that parks make a comeback in the Bronx, especially if you consider the history of poor urban planning and building abandonment that took place in this borough in the 1960s and 70s," said Joseph Sanchez, outreach manager of the Bronx River Alliance, referring to instances such as Robert Moses' Cross Bronx Expressway project, which helped national travel but destroyed eight lo-

cal neighborhoods in the process of its construction.

"Since that time, at least two or three generations have not had the privilege of having access to a park or shared green space. However, now that the Bronx offers green spaces such as the Bronx River, NYC's only fresh water river, Pelham Bay Park, NYC's biggest park, along with the restoration of the High Bridge, Bronx residents will have more opportunity than ever to appreciate and enjoy their parks. Bronx parks have a culture and history behind them, and this must be both highlighted and valued."

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S. Bronx NeON opens nutrition kitchen

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A new public-private partnership seeks to help close the meal gap in the south Bronx

The new Nutrition Kitchen, which opened at South Bronx NeON (Neighborhood Opportunity Network) on Monday, July 13, was created through a collaboration between the Department of Probation, the Food Bank for New York City and the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City.

NeON helps the Department of Probation provide clients with resources to address challenges in their lives, such as employment and education, to enable them to be successful in their reentry to society.

The Nutrition Kitchen, which will provide bags of food as well as nutrition information and cooking demonstrations, came out of the DOP's discovery that probation officers in the south Bronx were giving their personal lunches to clients who were hungry.

"Our staff has been providing food for their clients for a very long time," said DOP commissioner Ana Bermúdez.

Probation is a stage of opportunity in the justice system, she said, and it's important for the department to support clients in a holistic way as they try to succeed.

"We want to get the message out that being successful on probation, the definition of that, cannot just be criminal justice outcomes, it has to include well being and health outcomes for our clients," said Bermúdez. "You need to be healthy in order to conquer your life's challenges, as well as to have a successful future."

New York City is facing an enormous meal gap, where 1.4 million are food insecure, said Lisa Hines-Johnson, chief of operations at the Food Bank for New York City.

The new partnership with DOP allows the Food Bank to better reach their clients as well as others in the community through NeON.

"It takes more than one organization to meet the needs across the city," said Hines-Johnson.

Fighting hunger is essential creating an environment



Department of Probation Ana Bermúdez cuts the ribbon on the new Nutrition Kitchen at the South Bronx NeON, opened through a partnership with the Food Bank for New York. Community News Group / Jaime Williams

where people can succeed, she said.

"It's important to make sure you have a healthy, nutritious meal to go about your day," said Hines-Johnson. "It affects you physically, mentally and emotionally."

DOP Bronx branch chief Darryl Williams said he's seen how many DOP clients are in need of food, and how hunger affects the rest of their life.

In addition, clients respond to the fact that DOP staff try to help them with parts of their life outside probation, be it food, education or employment.

"They look at us in a different light, they look at us as really trying to help them," said Williams.

Several of NeONs resources, including GED classes and the nutrition kitchen, are

available to the general public, magnifying the office's impact in the community.

The South Bronx Nutrition Kitchen is the first of five that the DOP plans to open at NeONs throughout the city.

The Nutrition Kitchen will be available for DOP clients Monday through Friday, and will be open to the general public on Friday's between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Coqui the Chef's 'Summer Cooking Camp for Kids'

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Children are 'hopping' with excitement as they learn how to prepare meals from a giant talking frog.

Partnered with City Harvest, American Heart Association, Police Athletic League and Citizens Committee for New York City, the amphibian shares in these organizations' mission in improving resources in low-income communities where healthy food is rarely accessible and residents often suffer from high rates of diet-related diseases such as diabetes, obesity and asthma.

Influenced by Barney the Dinosaur and Dora the Explorer, this health/wellness company utilizes a fun, family friendly mascot in teaching children the importance of building healthy habits through cooking and nutrition classes.

The six-foot tall mascot, Coqui the Chef, is a master of the culinary arts who teaches young cooks and their families how to prepare healthier meals using ingredients from



Coqui the Chef (r) teaches children how to prepare and cook healthy meals at one of his cooking classes. Photo courtesy of Coqui the Chef

their kitchen.

His skills extend beyond the kitchen as he is also fluent in English, Spanish and Spanglish, according to Tania Lopez, founder and chief executive officer, Coqui the Chef's 'Summer Cooking Camp for Kids'.

She said the character of Coqui the Chef was created as a way to inspire her family to

eat more healthily and he originally began life as a cartoon.

Drawing inspiration from her culture, Lopez explained Coqui's namesake comes from a species of frog endemic to Puerto Rico whose unique croaks are considered by many natives as music to their ears.

The class is held every Friday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to teach children smarter cooking and

dietary habits, and collaborates with organizations such as schools, churches and centers who are willing to hold cooking classes there.

Lopez explained these classes begin with students identifying ingredients they recognize and sharing what they already know about them.

Afterwards, educators further elaborate on these ingredients and explain their nutritional values to the students.

"It's a really rewarding experience seeing their eyes light up and then being so proud of the meals they have created," she expressed.

A cooking show 'Cooking with Coqui the Chef', can be viewed on YouTube by children who cannot attend class, but still wish to participate in this experience.

Recently, the company established an Indiegogo campaign 'Kids Cooking for a Brighter Future' which seeks to raise \$10,000 by Monday, July 27 for in-person and online cooking and nutrition classes for children and their

families.

The money raised aids in funding recipe ingredients, kitchen tools, chef clothing, educational materials, trips to farms and professional filming of all classes for online sharing via social media.

In the last few years, Coqui's work in promoting healthy lifestyles has been recognized through a series of awards and grants which include the 2015 Osborn Elliot Award for Community Service from Citizens Committee for New York City, the 2013 Award of Appreciation from the South Bronx Police Athletic League for cooking initiatives, the 2012 and 2013 Citizens Committee for New York City Neighborhood Grant, the 2012 American Heart Association New York City Community Impact Grant and were declared the 2012 Guest of Honor at the National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

If interested in participating and for more information about Coqui the Chef, contact (347) 692-8102 or visit www.coquithechef.com.



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Talitha Cumi Urban Etiquette Finishing Academy invites the girls of the Bronx, to its Leading Ladies in Training two days of beauty, etiquette and empowerment.

The "Flawless Girlz" Finishing Summer program is a two-day introductory fast paced high energy camp which seeks to equip inner-city girls and teens between the ages of 7 -17 years of age, with skills needed to excel and begin to realize their self-worth as leaders.

The girls will gain skills in the areas of personal style, posture, poise, etiquette, social, self-esteem and development.

There will be a Parent Orientation meeting on Wednesday, July 29, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Sanz Banquet Hall, 815 Allerton Avenue.

To participate in the Flawless Girlz Day Camp, you must complete an application and submit your initial non-refundable deposit of \$50 by the July 17. You may register online at www.TalithaCumiAcademy.org or email: LadyPamela@TalithaCumiAcademy.org or stop by The Sanz Banquet Hall Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The total cost is \$150 for the 2-day camp. Payment plans and partial scholarships are available.

Dress in white blouse, black skirt or walking shorts and black shoes or dress sandals.

Participants will receive two meals during each session day, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Snacks will be provided throughout each day.

The "Flawless Girlz" Finishing School Day Camp will be held at The Sanz Banquet Hall, 815 Allerton Avenue.

The Department of Youth & Community Development's Cornerstone's has tapped **Mosholu Mntefiore Community Center** to set up a brand new community center at the Fort Independence Houses in July.

Located on Bailey Avenue and 234th Street, programs will serve school age children entering first through 7th grades, youth 13 to 21 years of age and adults.

During the summer the center will be open Monday through Friday 8am to 6pm and evenings 6:30 to 11 p.m. as well as Saturdays and Sundays.

During the school year the center will be open Mondays through Friday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. for after school, 6 to 10 p.m. for teens and adults and Saturdays.

All programs are free. For complete information stop by the center starting in July to register or call (718) 882-4000.

Former students of **Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center** are invited to attend a special alumni networking/reunion event on Saturday, July 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Mind-Builders, 3415 Olinville Av-

enue, near Gunhill Road and White Plains Road.

Guests will have a tour of the newly renovated building, view live performances, mix and mingle & more! In association with playwright/ producer Nelson Chimilio, Reflections the play will start promptly at 2 p.m. in the second floor theatre. Refreshments will be served in the café during the silent auction.

Child Development Center of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center is located at 3888 Sedgwick Avenue (Van Cortlandt Jewish Center) right next to the library, has space in its UPK program. The program runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. for four year olds, Head Start for 3 year olds is from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 4 year olds is from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Facilities include large fully equipped classrooms where children get to enjoy their hot and nutritious meals and snacks. The children also have a large rooftop playground with safety flooring.

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Stop by and visit the school and/or call for an appointment at (718) 882 4000.

Archbishop Stepinac High School has named Kevin J. Keane of White Plains, managing partner of O'Connor Davies, LLP, and a distinguished alumnus (Class of '74), chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Keane succeeds William F. Plunkett, Jr. (Class of '58) who served as the board's first chair since its creation five years ago.

In 2009, Keane was named one of seven officers of the nascent Board of Trustees which had been established following approval by the New York State Board of Regents of Stepinac's charter as an independent high school with the Archdiocese of New York. Keane also served as treasurer during the school's transition into a new era in which the board would oversee Stepinac's operations, not the Archdiocese.

A CPA, Keane has extensive experience in all areas of accounting and tax planning services and specializes in dealing with closely held businesses and their owners as well as expertise in mergers and acquisitions, financial and strategic planning.

Long active in community affairs, in addition to Stepinac, Keane has served on the boards and financial committees of various not-for-profit organizations including the John A. Coleman School of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, Litzitz Watch Technicum and the Irish Arts Center. He is also a director and founder of The Westchester Bank.

In 2012, Keane's commitment to the community through corporate giving and philanthropic work were recognized by Stepinac's Board of Trustees when it honored him with its Corporate Citizenship Award, presented to exemplary alumni.

He holds a B.S. degree in accounting from SUNY Albany and a MBA in corporate finance from Pace University.



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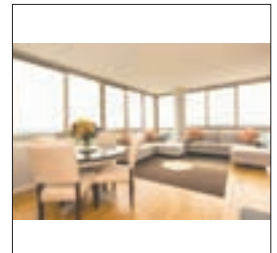
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(l-r) Healthfirst staffers Abdia Reynoso, Tuany Camilo and Enriques Mozzo; Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber of Commerce president; Healthfirst's Ybelisetz Perez, Juan Tavarez and Theuddy Pozo during the event.

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Enjoying the event were (l-r) Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson; Marlene Cintron, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president; Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber president; Joe Kelleher, Bronx Chamber chairman; Assemblyman Michael Blake; and Michelle Dolgow Cristofaro, chief of staff for the Bronx Chamber.

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BENEDETTO HOLDS CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto held a fundraiser for his re-election committee on Thursday, July 9. Overlooking scenic views of Hammond Cove, donors to his campaign schmoozed under tents at the Ice House Cafe.



(l-r) James McQuade, owner Schuyler Hill Funeral Home; Fran Mahony, former Democratic Female District Leader; Assemblyman Michael Benedetto; Councilman James Vacca; and retired Detective Victor DiPierro from the 49th Precinct.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r) Bridgette Roberts and Michael Heller, from Montefiore Health Systems, with Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

FAMOUS BOXERS TRAIN VILLA MARIA ACADEMY CAMPERS



Several lucky summer campers were treated to a rare opportunity to learn how to box from two of boxing's most famous fighters. Over 100 boys and girls participating in Villa Maria Academy's summer camp program on Wednesday, July 8, learned proper boxing techniques from retired professional heavyweight boxer Gerry 'Great White Hope' Cooney and retired world title holder in the middleweight, super-middleweight and light heavyweight divisions, Iran 'The Blade' Barkley.

(l-r) Gerry Cooney and Mike Trapani demonstrate boxing techniques at last Wednesday's boxing clinic.

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The students at Villa Maria Academy with Mike Bernard, Villa Maria Academy athletic director; Iran Barkley, boxing coach Mike Trapani and Gerry Cooney.

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SENATOR KLEIN DONATES SUMMER BACKPACKS

By securing a \$60,000 state grant, Senator Jeff Klein helped fund a summer backpack giveaway for children at Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club and HELP Bronx homeless shelter. Both the senator and the Youth Service Opportunities Project donated summer backpacks filled with brand new summertime playthings offering endless hours of entertainment to nearly 300 Bronx children on Thursday, July 9. Students at Prospect Hill Elementary School prepared these fun-filled summer backpacks which included fun summer toys such as books, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and more.



Senator Klein (r) with Daniel Quintero (l) Kips Bay executive director, Gavin Richardson, Aramis Vega and Jaela Rodriguez.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

ESSEN CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A Bronx medical group's decade long service of providing primary care to the borough's underserved elderly, frail and disabled population was recognized at a special event last week. Essen Medical House celebrated its 10 year anniversary on Thursday, July 9 at Tosca Marquee which saw partner hospitals Mount Sinai, St. Barnabas and Bronx Leabanon as well as Senator Gustavo Rivera in attendance. The Creston Avenue-based medical group's chief medical officer and founder Dr. Sumir Sahgal was presented the 'Physician of the Year' award by the American Academy of Home Care Medicine as well as a proclamation by Senator Rivera recognizing his work.



Senator Rivera (r) presents Dr. Sumir Sahgal with a proclamation for his work with Essen Medical House.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

BRONX DEFENDERS HOLD BLOCK PARTY



A water balloon breaks over Danna Valerio head.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

The Bronx Defenders held their 2015 Community Block Party on Wednesday, July 8 at the organization's headquarters of 360 E. 161st Street. The block party included a barbecue, performances from local musicians, face painting, basketball tournaments, balloon animals, pony rides, carnival games, and other activities.

(Above) (l-r) Bronx Defenders staff Walter Rodriguez, Kamau Butcher, Autumn Souty, Brian Wexler, Alex-Guan Pham, Vince Tsai, Jessice Mafiosa and Chelsey Sveinsson gather at the block party.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Andrew Almeda hopes to hit the target with a bean bag so a water balloon can drop and break on his friend.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

MONTEFIORE HOSTS SARCOMA WALK



Montefiore held their 10th annual 'Stomp Out Sarcoma' walk in Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday, July 11 as a part of Sarcoma Awareness Month. The walk, which was held to increase overall knowledge about the rare form of cancer, was attended by Montefiore patients, their families, staff from the Children's Hospital at Montefiore and local residents.

(Above) Those in attendance walk a running track in Van Cortlandt Park to 'Stomp Out Sarcoma'.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

(l-r) Dennis Mattox Jr., Savanna Mattox and Delonte Mattox attended the event to show their support to the cause.

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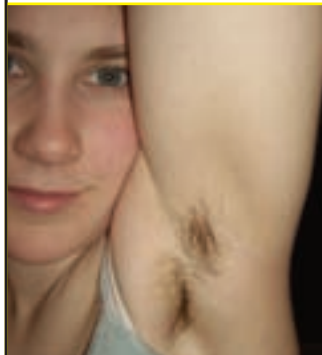


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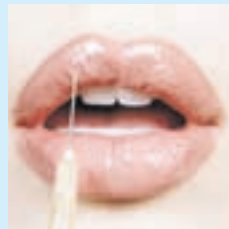
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When ending your own life is not suicide

Agony is not something most of us want to live through, especially when the end result is not something great, like childbirth, or learning to walk again, or recovering from cancer. Agony when it is the last stop before death — or, worse, a long layover en route — is just plain bad.

So why does New York State not let doctors prescribe the medicine that terminal patients need to shorten their torment?

Right now there is a case in our state Supreme Court, as well as four bills with bi-partisan support in the New York State Legislature, that all have the same goal: Let the dying die without suffering unbearable pain. The old term for this — “assisted suicide” — got it all wrong.

Suicide is when you kill yourself because you don't want to go on living. “Aid in dying” is for folks who don't have any choice. They are terminally ill. Many

would love to go on living — like that young woman with brain cancer last year, Brittany Maynard — but they are terminally ill. Death is around the corner, but first can come a period of screaming pain or torment. A prescription can offer a quicker exit from the torture chamber.

When Brittany learned her cancer was terminal, she moved to Oregon, because that state has allowed doctors to give aid in dying since 1997. When her glioblastoma reared up for its final blow, the 29-year-old scored the only victory she could against it. She said goodbye to the world and the people she loved, then raced past the gruesome final scene by taking pills — pills her doctor gave her.

That sounds like compassion to me. In New York State, it is a crime.

Currently, our law prevents doctors from even discussing the possibility of a less drawn-out ending. What that means is that people like Sara Myers, a New Yorker with amyotrophic



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

lateral sclerosis, is looking at a day when “this disease will rob me of my ability to breathe. There is no medicine to stop or even slow the progression of this disease.” A doctor can't save her life. But a doctor could save her the terrifying moment she finds herself unable to breathe, by giving her the pills to leave peacefully.

New Yorker Steven Goldberg has AIDS and his case is far gone.

“I've had to have toes am-

putated, I'm unable to swallow solid food,” he says.

He also has cancer of the larynx, his body is wasting away and he is in “chronic severe pain.” Is it compassionate to make him linger in this state when he is going to die soon anyway?

Eric Seiff, a New York lawyer, has bladder cancer.

“Should I decide my dying becomes unbearable, I want my physician to be able to prescribe medication I can take to achieve a peaceful death,” says Seiff. Just knowing that this is possible would be a great comfort. Indeed, in Oregon, for every 300 people requesting aid in dying, only one person actually takes the pills. But knowing they *can*, makes the illness much more bearable.

Sara, Steven, and Eric are three of the plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case here. When the case was filed, they were quoted as a way of making an abstract notion concrete: This is not about doctors killing people, or panels deciding who should live and who should die.

It is about granting mercy.

“Advances in medicine and technology have allowed people to live longer,” says David Leven, executive director of End of Life Choices New York, a group that is also part of the lawsuit, represented by the Disability Rights Law Center and Debevoise & Plimpton. But while doctors are allowed to prescribe feeding tubes for people with dementia, and invasive treatments for those with terminal cancer — sometimes without the patient's explicit consent — they can't prescribe the lethal dose that the patients must ask for while they are sound of mind.

A peaceful death as life draws to a close is not suicide. It is the ending most of us hope for. It should not be a crime to grant our dying wish.

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

NEW BEGINNING ANIMAL RESCUE ADOPTIONS



(Left) Jenny: Silky Terrier adult dog. Jenny has been a resident of New Beginning Animal Rescue for quite some time. Jenny does not trust easy and would need an owner who is willing to give her the time she needs to feel safe. She will make a wonderful pet once she feels that way. She is loving and loyal. Jenny would do best in a home with no children.



(Right): Domestic Short hair adult cat. Oreo started her life out on the street. She was cared for by neighbors and eventually taken in by her mom. Recently her mom fell ill, needed to move, and the family left Oreo behind alone. Oreo is a sweet girl who wants to be loved, but she is confused as to how she ended up in a cage. She needs someone to love and to trust again. She would make a lovely pet, but would do better as an only cat in the home.

AARP Driver Safety Program

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto will be sponsoring an AARP Driver Safety course on Saturday, August 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course is a closed class with AARP.

Space is limited. Registration for this class begins on Monday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m. No reservations will be taken prior to that time!

To reserve a seat, please call (718) 892-2235.

This 6-hour course will re-

fresh your driving knowledge with a review of time-tested safe driving tips.

Those who complete the course will receive a reduction of approximately 10 percent from the base rate of automobile and motorcycle liability premiums each year for three years.

The course will be held at the Fort Schuyler House, 3077 Cross Bronx Expressway.

Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser

A Pocketbook Bingo Fundraiser - Ladies Night Out, will be held on Friday, Septetember 18 at St. Francis Xavier, 1711 Haight Avenue. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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BY TONY SALIMBENE

Short note this time.

Pleased to report that the Theodore Korony Memorial Foundation had it's annual meeting and all is well. Allo-

cations and investments are under constant review for maximum efficiency.

We thank Dave Stuart for dedicating many years to the foundation's financial man-

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agement, perpetuating the goals of our organization onward after we all report to the supreme commander. We welcome Tom Hansen as the new financial officer and Colleen

as she moves over to Tom's seat as vice president. Pat Devine remains at the helm.

Glad to hear Bobby S. was in good spirits, and again, get well soon.

SENATOR KLEIN FUNDS PEEPHOLES

Senator Jeff Klein and the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation installed dozens of new entrance door peepholes for seniors and people with disabilities at Evergreen Gardens on Thursday, June 9. The installations were part of \$180,000 in state funding to improve crime prevention in communities in the 34th District. As part of the installation, more than 150 households have already received peepholes that provide panoramic views of the hallway, and 75 more are planned.



Hazel Muira, NIDC director of housing and community development and Klein outside of Evergreen Gardens, 950 Evergreen Avenue, during a building visit.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office



Senator Klein and Victoria Bulted, an Evergreen Gardens resident, inspect a recently installed peephole.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's office

EDGEWATER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER BBQ

With summertime in full swing, the Edgewater Volunteer Fire Department held a family-friendly BBQ event at their local headquarters. The seasonal gathering featured tons of great barbecued food and exciting prizes.



(l-r) The Edgewater Volunteer Firefighter Department's Captain Joseph Raneri, firefighter Peter Mullane, Lieutenant Mark Schoenstein and firefighter Brendan Burke had a great time at last Sunday's BBQ.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

CASTLE HILL FAMILY DAY HELD

Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, and District Leader Julia Rodriguez hosted the annual Castle Hill Family Day at Holy Family church on Saturday, July 11. The event was an afternoon of food, games, arts and crafts, face painting and surprises.



District Leader Julia Rodriguez (L) and Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda with some of their constituents: Sumil, Priya, and Nanda Kahn, Naiange Lopez, Stephanie Sepulveda (no relation), Sammy Colon and Jessica Trejulio.

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Congressman Jose Serrano with (l-r) Elizabeth Garcia, Olga Berios, Ida Lopez, Angela Alvera and Reynaldo Vasquez.

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MIDSUMMER NIGHTS' COCKTAIL PARTY



(l-r) Carlos Beato, Bon Secours CEO; Sr. Patricia Mennor; Sr. Jeanne Glisky; Sr. Pauline Sweeney; Br. Arthur Caliman; and Stephen Kazanjian, Bon Secours mission director.

Photo by Edwin Soto

Bon Secours New York Health Care System held their Midsummer Night's Cocktail Party fundraiser to benefit Schervier Nursing Care Center in Riverdale on Tuesday, July 7. The event honored Sr. Pauline Sweeney, former chairwoman of the Bon Secours New York board of trustees. The evening began with cocktails in a new courtyard garden in the facility, and was followed by a program in the facility's community hall, with entertainment provided by Santi, Cuban jazz.



(l-r, sitting) Sr. Patricia Mennor, Sr. Jeanne Glisky, Jeannine Padro-Gallego and Sr. Pauline Sweeney (l-r, standing) Kity Khundkar, Sr. Fran Gorsuch and Emanuel Gallego.

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Bronx Summer Concert Series at Orchard Beach

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. has announced the slate of performers that will take part in the 2015 Bronx Summer Concert Series at Orchard Beach.

“The Bronx has been nurturing ground for the development of a lot of types of musical genres, and we want to keep that musical tradition alive,” said Diaz Jr. “Whether it’s Hip Hop or Salsa, music is as much a part of our identity as Yankee Stadium or the Bronx Zoo. Our concert series helps add to that longstanding legacy of great music that comes out of our borough.”

The Bronx Summer Concert Series at Orchard Beach all concerts are on Sunday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. .

The concert series is sponsored this year by Optimum, Macy’s, BronxCare, Latino Sports Ventures, the National Jazz Museum in Harlem, the



Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, The Bronx Tourism Council and NYC Parks.

This year’s concert series lineup, who will perform next to the Orchard Beach boardwalk at the main stage by Sec-

tion 9, will feature acts such as: Sunday, July 19: Conjunto Imagen & The Karl Browne Band; Sunday, July 26: Julian Vazquez “El Diamanté de la Salsa” & Music with a Message; Sunday, August 2: Tipica 73; Sunday, August 9: Nelson

Gonzalez; Sunday, August 16: The Mambo Legends Orchestra; Sunday, August 23: CharanSalsa; and Sunday, August 30: Luis Damon

“The summer season is a great time to celebrate the musical heritage of the borough,”

said Olga Luz Tirado, executive director of The Bronx Tourism Council. “Not only are we the birthplace of Hip-Hop and Doo-Wop, but the borough was home to many Jazz greats and played a pivotal role in the global phenomenon we know as Salsa.”



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High Bridge Walking Tour

A High Bridge Walking Tour will be held on Saturday, July 25, at 11 a.m.

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Join **Bronx County Historical Society** educator Angel Hernandez as he leads a historic walking tour of the High Bridge neighborhood with an inclusion of other historic items throughout the area.

This tour will start at the foot of the Bronx-bound staircase of the 167th Street #4 subway station located at the northeast corner. Bronx buses #35, #1, and #2 run near the tour meeting location.

This time, the tour will cross the High Bridge! Tour costs \$10 for BCHS members, \$20 for non-members.

Make reservations by contacting the society at (718) 881-8900 to reserve your spot.

The tours generally run for two hours.

Upcoming **Wave Hill** events include:

Sat, July 18; Sun, July 19: Family Art Project: Floating Flowers: Collage and piece together a mixture of buoyant materials cut from recycled foam trays, colorful foam sheets and reeds to make a lotus flower look-alike or other fanciful floral creation of your own imagining. Keep it as a small sculpture—or see if it floats! Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Sat, July 18: Tai Chi Chuan: In this beginner-level class, Irving Yee, a member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School, introduces students to the internal martial arts and promotes an awareness of its benefits.

Sat, July 18: Wave Hill History Walk: Discover the fascinating history of Wave Hill's architecture and landscape on a walk with a Wave

Hill Garden Guide. Hear about those who once called Wave Hill home, among them Mark Twain, Theodore Roosevelt, Bashford Dean and Arturo Toscanini. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Sat, July 18: Meet-The-Bees Beekeeping Workshop: Get up close and personal with the bees of Wave Hill! Observe bee behavior in the gardens, then suit up in a hat and veil to peek inside a hive filled with 50,000 honeybees. Search for worker bees, drones and brood (baby bees), and maybe even catch a glimpse of the elusive queen. Beekeeper Roger Repohl leads this fascinating foray.

Sat, July 18: Gallery Tour: Join the Curatorial Fellow for a tour of current exhibitions. In the main gallery, *Seven Deadly Sins: Wrath—Force of Nature* explores contemporary anxieties about the environment through painterly and sculptural depictions of natural disasters and their aftermath. The Sunroom Project Space hosts two site-specific installations that integrate the outdoors into the architecture of Glyndor House. Tamara Johnson extends the balustrade of the pergola into the Sun Porch, while Eto Otitigbe's installation in the Sunroom gives sculptural form to his experience of Wave Hill's grounds. Tours take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2PM. Free with admission to the grounds.

Sun, July 19: Hatha Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other certified instructors.

Sun, July 19: Meditation: Each session, led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors, includes instruction in simple techniques, followed by guided meditations. Sessions are held indoors. All levels welcome.

Sun, July 19: Garden Highlights Walk: Join us for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds.

Wave Hill is located at 675 West 252nd Street.

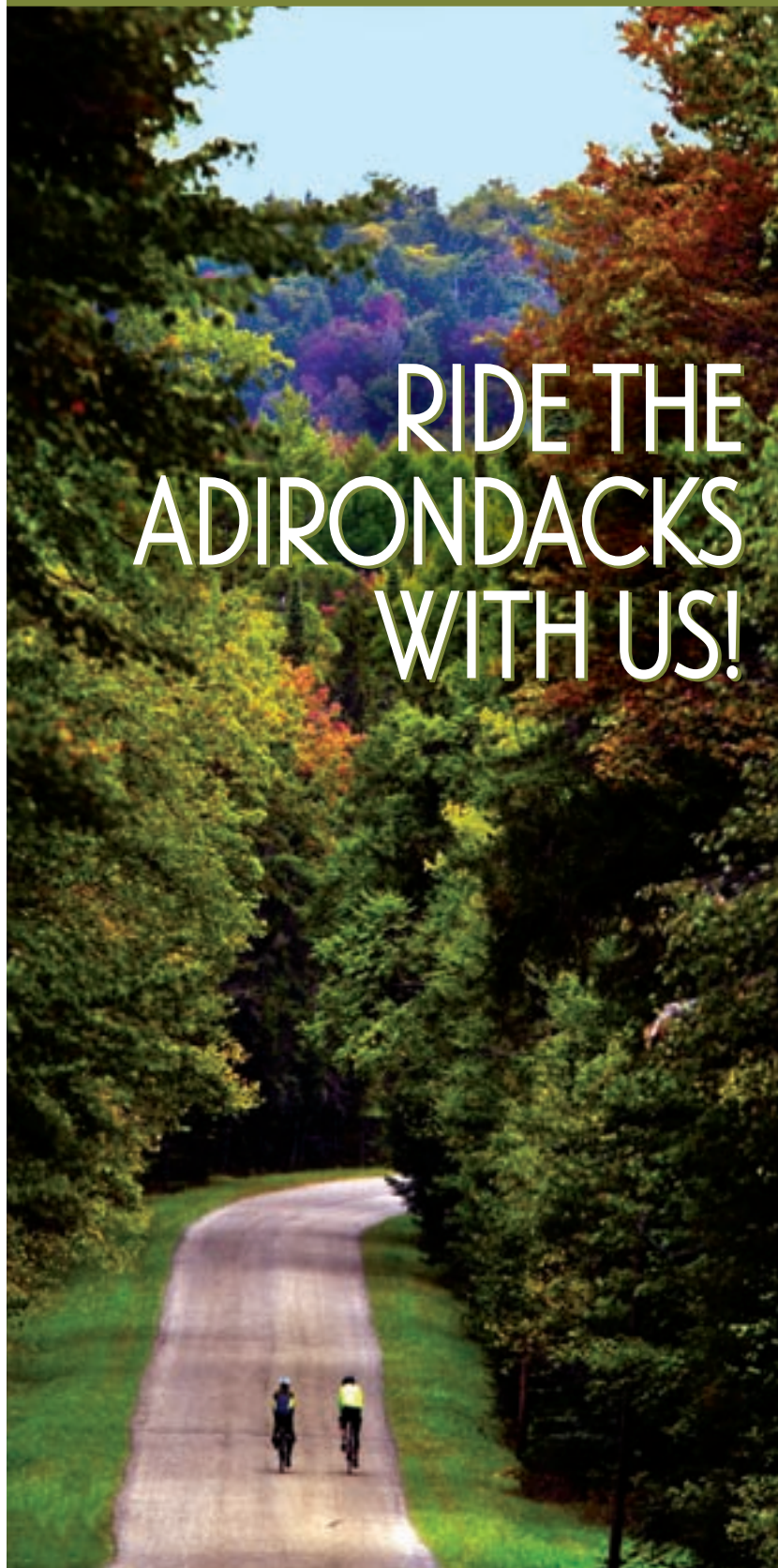
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John McNamara's hobo travels recalled

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by Bill Twomey

Just about everyone you speak with will agree that no recent Bronx historian can produce the quality and originality of John McNamara's columns.

He began writing them in 1956 and continued doing so for the next 44 years. He set the standard for those of us who followed by looking into areas where no one else thought to venture and sharing his findings with his readers, many of whom would follow his stories week in and week out. His column was often the first thing people read upon opening their paper.

It wasn't just Bronx history that was captured by his pen, but he also set about recording his vast and varied trips around the globe. That in itself sets him apart from other journalists as many of his experiences can never be re-lived.

His chronicles on the Great Depression have captured that historic epic as he lived it. The same can be said about his "riding the

rails" as a hobo or traveling aboard tramp steamers with no fixed schedule. Some things do change and some experiences simply cannot be repeated.

John's world of yore has come and gone. We, for our part, can be grateful not only for his wanderlust, but also that he had the skill and craftsmanship to capture such a broad slice of his life in writing.

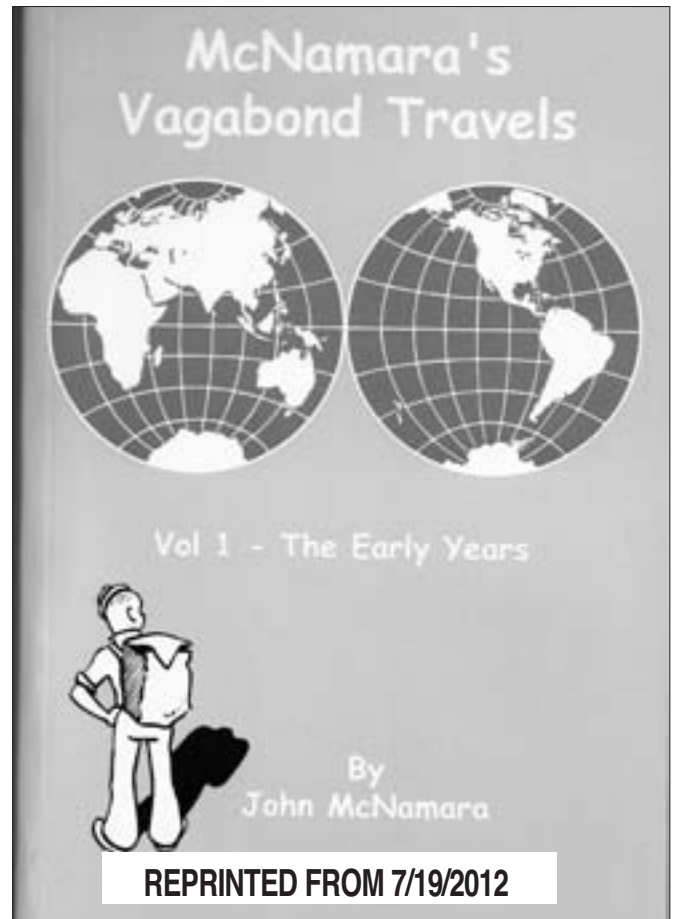
Fortunately, some of those stories were recounted in his last book, "McNamara's Vagabond Travels." Each is a little historical gem polished to perfection by the master himself. He approved the proof copy of the book shortly before his death on October 15, 2004, just a couple of months shy of his 92nd birthday. His daughter, Betty, then followed the book through the

production process.

Look at the front cover and you'll note that it reads "Vol. 1 - The Early Years." This book was meant to be the first in a series about his global travels.

What surprised everyone is that the book simply didn't sell very well, negating the need for further volumes. Everyone who read the book was mesmerized by it saying that it read like a fast-paced novel. Unfortunately, there was no money in the budget for advertising so the publisher had to rely on press-releases only.

The book is not easy to find, but if you're looking for a copy, you can contact Bunratty Publishing at 4265 Alma Street, Palo Alto, California 94306 or you can email bunratty@mail.com. The book has 221 fascinating pages and is moderately



John McNamara's Vagabond Travels.

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Notice of Formation of Madest Studios LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 5/13/15. Name amended to Madest LLC. 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 SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. FAUSTO REDROVAN; 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 January 15, 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 August 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1897 CROTONA AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10457-6401 Block: 2946 Lot: 38 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York known and designated as Block 2946 Lot 38 on the Bronx County Land and Tax Map.

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 \$743,738.65 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 380685/12 JOSEPH T. JEDNAK, ESQ.; REFEREE

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

ORDER OF NOTICE IN FAMILY CASES STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT Judicial District of ANSONIA MILFORD at MILFORD Docket number AANFA155011277 Plaintiff's name CORREA, PAIGE, J. Defendant's name CORREA, AMADO Notice to CORREA, AMADO

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Order of Notice and the Complaint/Application/Motion which asks for: divorce (dissolution of marriage).

The Court finds that the current address of the party to be notified is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him have failed. The Court also finds that the last known address of the party to be notified was: 1700 Crotona Park East, #4C, Bronx, NY 10460.

The Court Orders that notice be given to the party to be notified by having a State Marshall or other proper office place a legal notice in: Bronx Times, a newspaper circulating in Bronx, NY, containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and, if accompanying a Complaint for divorce (dissolution of marriage), complaint for dissolution of civil union, legal separation or annulment, or if accompanying an Application for custody or visitation, a statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint/Application on file with the Court.

The notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before (date) 07/16/2015 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court;

Assistant Clerk Gretchen Magel Date signed: 6/29/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Application for a change in class of a retail license by license no. 1281443 from on premises rest. wine to on premises liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 2815 & 2819-2823 Middletown Road, Bronx, NY 10461 for on premises consumption. Liridoni Pizza Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Frank's Pizza DA'Franco & Tony Ristorante

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF13, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF13, Pltf. vs. LORAIN Y. MILLER A/K/A LORRAINE Y. MILLER, et al, Defts. Index #35334/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 13, 2015, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Aug. 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 3365 Radcliff Avenue, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4634, Lot 61. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$433, 208.97 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. BIANKA PEREZ, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY. File No. 62094- #86391

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006 FRE1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES; Plaintiff(s) vs. CAROL STERLING; SHANE STERLING; 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 7, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York On July 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 3306 FISH AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10469 Block: 4736 Lot: 41 ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BRONX, 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 \$389,548.10 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 380793/11 LEONARD C. ALOI, ESQ.; REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. WINSTON ISAAC; 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 25, 2010, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at 851

Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On August 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1519 Commonwealth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460

Block: 3917 Lot: 42 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected situated, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as part of Lot No. 110 in Block "C" on a certain map entitled, "Map of Property belonging to Hudson P. Rose, known as the Mages Estate, West Farms, New York City" filed in the Register's Office of the City and County of New York on February 16, 1896 under Map No. 430.

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 \$227,151.41 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 381130/08 FRANCIS J. APICELLA, ESQ., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE NETWORK, INC.; Plaintiff(s) vs. LOUIS KIMBROUGH; 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 17, 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 27, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 2444 PROSPECT AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10458

Block: 3115 Lot: 18 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$468,037.43 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 380468/12 JAMES A. GARVEY III, ESQ.; REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARY JULIUS; 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 June 2, 2015, I will sell at Public Auction

to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On August 17, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1489 EAST 172ND STREET, BRONX, NY 10472

Block: 3862 Lot: 47 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$476,049.00 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 381290-13 Solomon Lesch, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Residential Credit Solutions, Inc., Plaintiff, against Angela Brancato; et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 10, 2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 600, Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on July 27, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3087 Hatting Place, Bronx, NY 10465 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block 5524 Lot 99. Approximate amount of judgment \$375,751.27 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 380315/12. Allison Brockington, 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 1143491 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 07/17/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, against SHAMSUNAHAR RIPA A/K/A S. RIPA, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/21/2008 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 08/03/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 624 COSTER STREET, Bronx, NY 10474 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: 2766-Lot: 47, 10-2766-47. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,749.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 15778/07. Edward L. Koester, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1144716

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pecially those that faced the greatest financial incentives to retain students. These effects suggest modest benefits for public school students from increased competition. As... noted previously, district schools often operate as monopolies, particularly those serving low-income populations with no other financially viable options. And sadly, a monopolist has little incentive to respond to the needs of its captive audience. Thankfully, the evidence suggests that when those families are empowered to “vote with their feet,” the district schools become more responsive to their needs.”

A 2013 study by the Florida Department of Education found that “seventy-four per-

cent (74%) of graded charter schools earned a school performance grade of ‘A’ or ‘B’. As reported in the 2011-12 Student Achievement Report, charter schools performed better than the state average in 156 out of 177 comparisons of student proficiency, student learning gains, and achievement gap.”

The Freidman Foundation for Education Choice notes in “Studies conducted since the late 1990s convincingly show that school choice is an effective intervention and public policy for boosting student achievement. Twelve studies using a method called random assignment, the gold standard in the social sciences, have found statistically significant gains in academic achievement from school vouchers. No such study has ever found negative effects.

One study’s findings were inconclusive. Random-assignment methods allow researchers to isolate the effects of vouchers from other student characteristics. Students who

applied for vouchers were entered into random lotteries to determine who would receive the voucher and who would remain in public schools; this allowed researchers to track very similar ‘treatment’ and ‘control’ groups, just like in medical trials. Highly respected random-assignment research has been conducted in five large cities: Milwaukee, Charlotte, Washington, D.C., New York City, and Dayton...”

Despite a clear record of success from coast to coast, opposition to educational choice programs continues to flow from hard-left politicians who fear that the loss of centralized control will impede their ability to use schools for their agenda, and union officials who are concerned that they will lose influence.

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

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Throggs Neck Home Owners Assoc.

overnight from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. and on Sunday into Monday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. One Queens-bound lane will also be closed from 10 p.m. Saturday through 7 a.m. Sunday for the same work.

The roadway binder and asphalt work has been done each summer since 2012 with minimal impact to traffic. Motorists can use the Bronx-Whitestone or the Robert F. Kennedy bridges as an alternate route.

This work is heavily dependent on good weather. The

contractor cannot apply new binder and asphalt in rainy weather or in extreme humidity.”

School is out, which means the Summer Meals Program is back in session.

The Summer Meals Program offers anyone 18 years of age or younger two healthy meals every weekday all summer long. Just show up at any one of the hundreds of participating locations around the city and grab a free meal. No paperwork or registration is required.

To find a site near you, visit www.schoolfoodnyc.org, call 311, or text “NYCMEALS” to 877-877.

Also, in case you missed the news, NYC beaches will remain open past Labor Day this year as part of the #NY-

CBudget16 adopted by the City Council last month. I think it is a great idea to keep the beaches open, but I think it would have been wiser to keep them open for a few more weekends, rather than a whole week. The children have to go back to school and will not be able to use them..keeping them open for a few more weekends would have been a better option in my opinion.

Keep in touch with us if you need us, you can call us at (718) 823-0327.

Please ‘like’ our Facebook page, we have up to date info on there. My goal is to set up a web site for us and I received some technical help from Sandi Lusk, so let’s see if we can make this happen. Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

to be made, get it to me with a two week lead time and I will include it in this Pulitzer prize-worthy column.

Trivia Time

The first All-Star Baseball Game was played on July 6, 1933. No I don’t know who won, but my Triviologist, Joe Cusimano does and he will get the info to me in time for inclusion in the next column.

The first pre-sliced bread made it’s debut on July 7, 1928 in Chillicothe MO.

Henry VIII annulled his 4th marriage on July 9, 1540. It’s good to be king!

President Zachary Taylor died of cholera on July 9, 1850.

Al Hamilton was shot in a duel with Aaron Burr on July 11, 1804 and died the next day. Put Burr’s picture on the ten dollar bill.

Congress authorized ‘The Medal of Honor’ on July 12, 1862.

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

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Overwhelming evidence points to the success school choice, including options such as charter schools and voucher programs, can provide to the vital task of improving student performance.

The latest example comes from a Connecticut Department of Education study conducted in the spring of this year.

The study reported that “statistically meaningful gains” for students in alternatives to the traditional public school setting.” While the authors of the study emphasize the limited nature of their research, it joins numerous other analyses indicating that providing school choice with options such as charter schools helps many students succeed.

In June, the Opportunity Lives organization noted that: “School choice is helping to improve public schools. School Choice legislation has been signed in 28 states plus

Washington, DC. This growing trend is better for students and parents as it challenges the public school systems and teacher unions to provide a higher quality of education.

Jason Bedrick writes at The Cato Institute: “When parents chose schools other than their child’s assigned district school—perhaps using Georgia’s tax-credit scholarships—the government school system responded by being more responsive to parental demands. ...This is not an isolated phenomenon. Out of 23 empirical studies of the impact of school choice policies on district school performance, 22 found a statistically significant positive impact. ... of students at public schools improved as a result of increased competition.

“We find greater score improvements in the wake of the program introduction for students attending schools that faced more competitive private school markets prior to the policy announcement, es-

BY LYNN GERBINO

Thanks so much to our guest speakers for joining us at our last meeting for the summer. We had a great visit with District Attorney Robert Johnson, and judges Mitchell Danziger and Ben Barbatto. The evening was topped of with a visit by our homegrown Bronx author John Roche who spoke about his first novel Bronx Bound and signed many of the books purchased that evening.

Please be aware of the paving that will be going on during the summer on the Throggs Neck Bridge. Here is a copy of the press release sent to me.

“Several Bronx-bound lanes and one Queens-bound lane at the Throggs Neck Bridge will be closed throughout the summer in order to replace a

total of 75,000-square-feet of binder and asphalt overlay.

The work is scheduled to begin this weekend, Friday, July 10 to Monday, July 13 and will take at least six, non-consecutive weekends to complete.

“The least impact to customers is to do the work on weekends and overnight when traffic is lighter,” said Throggs Neck facility engineer Edmond Knightly. Similar work has been done using the same weekend and overnight closures on the Queens-bound roadway. Once completed motorists will have a smoother, more-even riding surface.

One Bronx-bound lane will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday. On Friday and Saturday nights, a second lane will be closed

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO.

Hello all!

The next BBQ that we will be hosting for the shut-ins at the VA Hospital will be on Sunday, September 13, at noon. Volunteers, stay available.

The Christmas, slash Holiday Party, will be held on Sunday, December 13, at noon. Same place. Volunteers, don’t let me repeat myself. Thanks in advance.

Remember, the Comedy Night here at the post on Saturday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. Forty dollars per person gets you five comics, buffet dinner with coffee and desert. There will be a cash bar, raffles and a 50/50. Call for reservations at (718) 822-8873.

If any other post or veterans organization in the Bronx Times reading area has any function or announcement

FOR ADVERTISING INFORMATION CALL (718) 260-4593

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
FREMONT INVESTMENT AND
LOAN,
Plaintiff,
Against
Index No.: 07-18570
JOSEPH O. AKOMODI, FATAI A.
AMOLAJA, MARY A. AKOMODI, ET
AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in
the Bronx County Clerk's Office on
10/1/2009, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on
8/10/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known
as 752 East 216th Street, 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 of Bronx,
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, and designated on the tax maps of
the Bronx County Treasurer as Block
4663 and Lot 42.

The approximate amount of the
current Judgment lien is \$620,552.20
plus interest and costs. Premises will
be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale;
Index # 07-18570.

Blanka Perez, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road,
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 6/19/2015 File Number:
27438 PB

LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-
CESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW
HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT
JUVENILE SESSION. FILE NO. 14 JT
82. IN THE MATTER OF: T.C.R. (dob:
15 September 2013). TO: JONATHAN
CONCEPCION, PUTATIVE-FATHER
OF T.C.R. Take notice that a pleading
seeking relief against you has been filed
in the above-entitled action. The nature
of the relief being sought is as follows:
Termination of all parental rights you
have to T.C.R. You are required to
make defense to such pleading within
forty (40) days following Friday, July 17,
2015, which date is the date of first
publication of this Notice. Upon your failure
to do so, the party seeking service
against you will apply to the Court for
the relief sought. You have the right to
attend this hearing and you have the
right to be represented by counsel. You
have been assigned Attorney Emily
Jones. Counsel may be contacted at
(910) 762-7771. YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE
PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PA-
RENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED
FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015, AT
9:30 A.M., or upon a date and time set
thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Jus-
tice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North
Carolina, 28401. This is the 13th day of
July, 2015. Jennifer G. Cooke Attorney -
New Hanover Co. Dept. of Social Ser-
vices 1650 Greenfield Street Wilming-
ton, NC 28401 PO Drawer 1559 Wilming-
ton, NC 28402-1559 910) 798-3612
(910) 798-3772 * fax.**

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
Plaintiff(s),
Against
Index No: 380710/11
JOSE H. ACEVEDO A/K/A JOSE
ACEVEDO, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in
the Bronx County Clerk's Office on
5/14/2015, I, the undersigned Referee,
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on
7/27/2015 at 2:00 pm, premises known
as 1569 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 4F,
Bronx, NY 10462, and described as
follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being a part of Parkchester
North Condominium, the Unit known as
Apartment No. 4F in the Building known
as Number N-4 and by the street
number 1569 Metropolitan Avenue 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 3944 and Lot 4164,
together with an undivided 0.0207
percent interest in the common
elements.

The approximate amount of the
current Judgment lien is \$136,766.81
plus interest and costs. The premises
will be sold subject to provisions of the
aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale; Index # 380710/11.

Laura C. Browne, Esq., Referee.
STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
(Attorneys for Plaintiff), 187 East Main
Street, Huntington, NY 11743
Dated: 6/9/2015 File Number:
201101110 GS

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Wells
Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee, for
Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series
2006-NC5 Asset-Backed Pass-Through
Certificates, Plaintiff, against Allan
Robinson, Vidalee Robinson, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May
10, 2013 I, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on
July 27, 2015 at 2:00PM, premises
known as 811 East 228th Street, Bronx,
NY 10466. All that certain plot piece or
parcel of land, with the buildings and
improvements erected, situate, lying and
being in the Borough of Bronx, County
of Bronx, City and State of NY, Block:
4853, Lot: 43. Approximate amount of
judgment \$630,574.38 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
382200-09. Paul D. Siegfried, Esq.,
Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile
Crossing Boulevard, Rochester, NY
14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 22,
2015 1144735 6/26, 7/3, 7/10,
07/17/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON
BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE
HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-3
HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3,
Plaintiff(s),
Against
Index# 380677/10
CARLOS DE LA CONCHA; et al.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered
1/22/2014, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on
8/3/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known as
216 Betts Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473,
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, State of New York,
and designated on the tax maps of the
Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3461
and Lot 13.

The approximate amount of the
Judgment lien is \$482,903.00 plus
interest and costs. Premises will be
sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment; Index # 380677/10.

Eleanor P. Vale, Esq., Referee.
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES,
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road,
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 6/18/15 File Number:
20580 CN

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff
against JOY WALBROOK, SYLVIA M.
BEAZER A/K/A SYLVIA BEAZER
WALBROOK, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale dated May 7, 2015 and
entered on May 28, 2015, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at public
auction at the Bronx Supreme
Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand
Concourse, Bronx, NY on

August 3, 2015 at 2:00 PM premises
situate, lying and being in the Borough
of the Bronx, County of the Bronx, City
and State of New York, bounded and
described as follows: BEGINNING at a
point on the westerly side of Gunther
Avenue, distant 419.36 feet northerly
from the corner formed by the
intersection of the westerly side of
Gunther Avenue with the northerly side
of Givan Avenue; being a plot 95 feet by
18 feet by 95 feet by 18 feet.

Said premises known as 3345
GUNTHER AVENUE, BRONX, NY
Approximate amount of lien \$
328,255.46 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment and Terms
of Sale.

Index Number 35145/2013E.
CESAR A. FERNANDEZ, ESQ.,
Referee
Jeffrey A. Kosterich, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
68 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Tuckahoe,
NY 10707

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF
BRONX
HSBC BANK USA, N.A., AS
INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR THE
REGISTERED NOTEHOLDERS OF
RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN
TRUST 2007-1,
Plaintiff,
Against
Index No.: 381331/11
GLORIA HARRIS, CROMWELL W.
HARRIS, MELLISSA PHILLIPS,
DAPHNE STEWART, JOAN DENNIS,
SEAN ELLIS, NISHARA PHILLIPS,
SAHARAH STONE, et al.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in
the Bronx County Clerk's Office on
3/2/2015, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, 851 Grand
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on
7/27/2015 at 2:00 pm premises known
as 2723 Cruger Avenue, Bronx, NY
10467, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough and
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, and designated on the tax maps of
the Bronx County Treasurer as Block
4509 and Lot 56.

The approximate amount of the
current Judgment lien is \$778,223.34
plus interest and costs. The premises
will be sold subject to provisions of the
aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and
Sale; Index # 381331/11.

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

MOSHE S. NEISS, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80
Business Park Drive, Suite 110,
Armonk, NY 10504
Dated: 6/16/2015
PB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX HSBC
BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET
ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-AF2,
Plaintiff, against JOSE RAMIREZ, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
2/9/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will
sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on
08/03/2015 at 02:00PM, premises
known as 1637 UNDERCLIFF
AVENUE, Bronx, NY 10453 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: 2880 LOT:
126. Approximate amount of judgment
\$608,668.74 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
380267/08. Mark F. Bernstein, Esq.,
Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney
for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY
14068 1144631

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF
FNF SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff, vs.
TRINO PALACIOS, ET AL.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on
October 24, 2014, I, the undersigned
Referee will sell at public auction at the
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on
August 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises
known as 1147 Hoe Avenue, Bronx, NY.
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected, situate,
lying and being in the Borough and
County of Bronx, City and State of New
York, Block 2745 and Lot 42. Premises
will be sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index # 381248/12.

Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee
Berkman, Henschel, Peterson, Peddy
& Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza,
Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF
BRONX, NEW YORK COMMUNITY
BANK, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST
TO SYNERGY BANK, Plaintiff, vs. BAN
ENTERPRISES, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April
23, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on July
27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known
as 2448 Lorillard, Bronx, NY. All that
certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with
the buildings and improvements thereon
erected, situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, Block 3058 and Lot
76. Approximate amount of judgment is
\$335,840.64 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index #
380203/11.

Orlando Anthony Cavallo, Esq.,
Referee

Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz,
Mineo & Terrana, LLP, 333 Earle
Ovington Boulevard, Suite 1010,
Uniondale, NY 11553, Attorneys for
Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME
COURT COUNTY OF BRONX WELLS
FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against
CARL V. MCFARLANE, et al.,
Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated
12/16/2014 I, the undersigned Referee
will sell at public auction at the Bronx
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851
Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on
07/27/2015 at 02:00PM, premises
known as 2935 WICKHAM 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
of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and
State of New York, BLOCK 4789, LOT
16. Approximate amount of judgment
\$256,150.79 plus interest and costs.
Premises will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment Index#
380930/13. Gerald S. Leonescu, Esq.,
Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EMIGRANT SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF LOUISE TUCKER A/K/A CORETHA JENKINS; WILLIAM JENKINS, SR., AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF LOUISE TUCKER A/K/A CORETHA JENKINS; WILLIAM JENKINS, JR.; DENINE JENKINS, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 05, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on August 03, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 4034 Ely Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 4979 and Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$24,277.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380577/10.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSMP'S MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-4, Plaintiff, against MARGARET GUADALUPE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP TO CARMEN R. MORET, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/9/2015 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, City of Bronx, NY on 08/03/2015 at 02:00PM, premises known as 94 WEST 169TH STREET, Bronx, NY 10452 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: 2517 Lot: 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$292,728.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381925/08. Joyce A. Brown, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 540, Getzville, NY 14068 1144454

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PARKCHESTER NORTH CONDOMINIUM, on behalf of the unit owners of the Parkchester North Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - SHIPU AHMED, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated December 8, 2014, I will sell at public auction on August 10, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit

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

ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCKA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff
828 South Broadway, Suite 100,
Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF BRONX CITIMORTGAGE, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff - against - HELAL HOSSAIN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 4, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx County, New York on the 27th Day of July, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1703 Saint Peters Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY 10462. (Block: 3999, Lot: 57). Approximate amount of lien \$379,318.95 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 382121/10. Harry M. Forman, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700
Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: April 29, 2015

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 August 10th, 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
057 Jenkins, Dayshawn 104
Serrano, Doris 128 Hallwood, Jermaine
143 Harrison, Dawn 171 Carrion,
Manuel 271 Garcia, Luis Antonio
337 Mcdonald, Samantha 358 Goris,
Laura 361 Polanco, Jorge 363 Delgado,
Israel
368 Mencias, Oscar. R 416 Ortiz,
Paola 420 Watson, Crystal 434 Bruns
Pearson, Linda
444 East Tremont Head Start 606
Reese, Kim 642 Lee, Sharika 720 Cruz,
Jose
759 Beltre, Rhina 761 Beltre, Rhina
762 Moorehead, George 303V
Alexander, Cynthia
307V Franqui, Carmen 409V Toliver,
Raymond B060 Rojas, Santa

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Sale

Secure Self Storage will be holding a Public Lien Sale located at 1725 West Farms Road, Bronx NY 10460. The sale will be held on Monday August 10th, 2015 at 1:00 PM the Contents of the units will be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details. For more information call 718-991-9010

Unit Number Name Items:
1006 Vette G Swift, 1048 Jarrid
Johnson, 1058 James White, 1160
Ajane Doughty, 1164 Aida Rivera, 1203
Hector Baez Jr, 1234 Stephanie Raysor,
1259 Rhonda Gallant, 1280 Noemi
Rosas, 1282 Elfreida Feliciano, 1372
Gary M Faust, 1501 Edgar Urena, 1584
Pedro Garcia, 1591 Terry Reid, 1689
Casey Russell, 1707 Shayla Mouzon,
1727 Mario Petigny, 1734 Maurice
Blankumsee, 1757 Candace Coward,
1765 Conrad Hunter, 1794 Erica
Guilfulchi, 1834 Noemi Rosas, 1853
Lawand Sellers, 1854 Amanda Rosales,
1914 Christopher Santiago, 2020
Tonekquea Moore, 2153 Anthony C.
Reed, 2157 Bruce Savage, 2184 Ana
Alvarez, 2232 Steven Gonzalez, 2247
Colbert Perez, 2304 Irene Haddock,
2386 Tedra G Mcneil, 2394 Herman
Brown, 2408 Norman Jones, 2514
Jamal Mitchell.

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No.: 35315/2015E
Date of Filing: June 4, 2015
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE
ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE") A
CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND
EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plain-
tiff,

-against-
JHARNA AKTER AS HEIR AT LAW
AND NEXT OF KIN OF MOHAMMED D.
HOSSAIN; MAKSUDA AZAD; MO-
HAMMED B. MIAGE; MOHAMMED S.
MAIH; BRONX SUPREME COURT;
CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATION-
AL ASSOCIATION F/K/A CAPITAL
ONE BANK; CITIBANK, N.A.; CRIMI-
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CHASING, LLC; JOHN DOE 1
THROUGH 50; JANE DOE 1
THROUGH 50, INTENDING TO BE
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DIS-
TRIBUTEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES,
TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS,
AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF
MOHAMMED D. HOSSAIN WHO WAS
BORN IN 1953 AND DIED ON AUGUST
18, 2011, A RESIDENT OF BRONX
COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN AD-
DRESS WAS 2096 DAVIDSON AVE,
BRONX, NY 10453, THEIR SUCCE-
SSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE
AFORSAID DEFENDANTS BE DE-
CEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS
AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUC-
CESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE
AFORSAID CLASSES OF PERSON,
IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD,
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUS-
BANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY,
ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES
AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE
UNKNOWN TO THE PLAINTIFF;
"JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES," said
names being fictitious, parties intended

being possible tenants or occupants of any premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Fernando Tapia of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on May 26, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, State of New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by MOHAMMED D. HOSSAIN to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS dated July 19, 2006 and recorded in CRFN: 2006000461802 in the County of Bronx on August 16, 2006. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION by assignment of mortgage dated February 26, 2013 and recorded in CRFN: 2013000489447 in the County of Bronx on November 26, 2013.

Said premises being known as and by 2096 DAVIDSON AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10453.

Date: April 29, 2015
Batavia, New York
Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq.
ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSO-
CIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff
Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue
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New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should

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LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF THE BRONX SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS In the Matter of the Guardianship of Docket Number: B-16237/14 ISIAIAH JAMES LABREW Pursuant to Section 384-b of the Social Services Law of the State of New York and/or Article 6 of the Family Court Act TO: ISIAIAH LABREW SEND GREETING: A verified Petition has been filed in this Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES, the Petitioner, is a permanently neglected and/or abandoned child, as defined by Article 6, Part I of the Family Court Act and/or Section 382-b of the Social Services Law. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Family Court at 900 SHERIDAN AVENUE, BRONX, NEW YORK, PART 7, before the Hon. CAROL R. SHERMAN, on SEPTEMBER 2, 2015, at 12:00P.m. of that day to show cause why the Court should not enter an Order depriving you of all the rights of custody and guardianship of the above-named child, and awarding custody and guardianship of the child to the Petitioner and the Commissioner of Social Services as a permanently neglected and/or abandoned child as provided by law. UPON YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR ALL OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IN THE CHILD ABOVE-MENTIONED MAY BE TERMINATED AND THE COURT WILL HEAR AND DETERMINE THE PETITION AS PROVIDED BY LAW. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE, IN THE TRANSFER OR COMMITMENT OF THE CHILD'S CARE, CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP OR IN THE CHILD'S ADOPTION IN THIS OR ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDING IN WHICH SUCH CARE, CUSTODY OR GUARDIANSHIP OR ADOPTION MAY BE AT ISSUE. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT YOU ARE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER, AND IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR A LAWYER, THE COURT WILL APPOINT ONE TO REPRESENT YOU, FREE OF ANY CHARGE TO YOU. NOTICE IS GIVEN TO ANY PARTY CLAIMING STATUS AS A FATHER OF A CHILD BORN OUT-OF-WEDLOCK PURSUANT TO SECTION 384-C OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW AND/OR SECTION 111-A OF THE DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW TO BE HEARD AS TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.

Dated: Bronx, New York by Order of the Court /s/ CLERK, FAMILY COURT BRONX COUNTY

Green grab at Morris Park's Golden Eagle Restaurant

From page 1

cating that low police officer morale and an uptick in shootings in the city are troublesome.

"I would say police morale continues not to be good," said the councilman. "I think many of the police perceive the statements by political figures to be not supportive, and generally, I think many police view this as a tough time for them."

The councilman said that while overall crime in the city seems to be decreasing, violent crime in the borough appears to be increasing.

He cited a recent shooting in Parkchester where a man was shot at a playground while carrying a small child, and another in Zerega several weeks ago when a police officer was shot at, but not hit, as examples.

"I am concerned about the rise in gangs in the Bronx," he added. "I don't see it in my district, but it is happening and we are part of the Bronx."

On the upside, Vacca pointed to funding for almost 1,300 new police officers in the new city budget that took affect on Wednesday, July 1, as a step in the right direction, and said he will be back next year asking for more.

"I consider (that allocation) a down-payment," he said.



Shots were fired during a robbery attempt at the Golden Eagle Restaurant in Morris Park on Friday, July 10.

Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

Stateman's legacy stamped on historic post office site

From page 1

Raised by his grandfather and aunt Aurelia Rivera, Badillo, then 11, emigrated to America in 1941 settling in New York City.

Badillo graduated with honors from City College in 1951 where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and three years later was declared valedictorian of his class at Brooklyn Law School.

He was elected Bronx borough president in 1965 and in 1970, he was elected to Congress.

Badillo would spend seven years as a congressman representing the south Bronx, an area for which he fought for voting rights, programs to help inner cities and bilingual education.

In 1971, Badillo brought mainstream attention to the issue of Puerto Ricans not being eligible for federal benefits under Social Security, such as food stamps.

From 1999 until 2001, Badillo served as CUNY board chairman and oversaw the end of open enrollment in senior colleges, higher admissions and graduation requirements.

Badillo, 85, passed away on December 3, 2014 in Manhattan due to congestive heart failure, according to published reports.

"Herman Badillo's legacy serves as a proud reminder of the American Dream. Badillo came from a Puerto

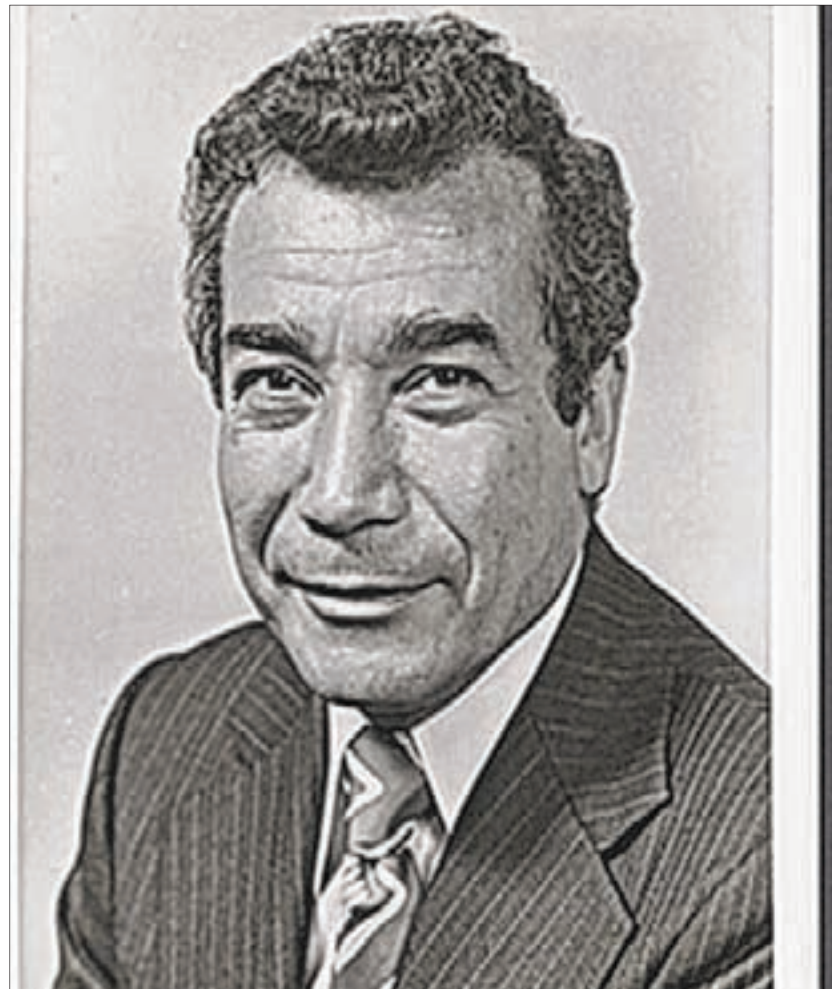
Rican family and he showed us that despite the humble beginning, economic disadvantages and discrimination he faced, he was able to persevere," Senator Schumer said.

"Herman Badillo was a trailblazer and a pioneer in Congress, as Bronx borough president and as a fighter on the issues that mattered to him the most. Renaming the Morrisania Post Office in honor of Herman Badillo is a fitting tribute to his service in the federal government and I was proud to have been able to propose this wonderful honor for a man who was both a mentor and a friend to me," Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said.

"I thank our senators, Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, as well as our congressional representatives, for supporting this wonderful recognition for Herman Badillo and I look forward to President Obama signing this legislation and making the 'Herman Badillo Post Office' a reality."

(Right) The late Herman Badillo left his imprint on American history by becoming the country's first Puerto Rican elected as congressman, Bronx borough president and city commissioner.

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Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY KENNY AGOSTO
AND RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

Thank you to the 45 residents who attended the Bronx Park East Community Association July monthly meeting. We look forward to working with Aldo Perez of Northeast Bronx Dawah in eliminating the sale of K-2 synthetic marijuana from store shelves in our Allerton and Pelham Parkway communities.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.

In the meantime, there are so many lovely neighborhood and Bronx-wide events going on in our area and NYC this July and August.

While it may be easiest to list the highlights in calendar form here, instead this column will serve to break down the digital divide.

If you don't have email, facebook or text messaging, you need to avail yourself to at least one.

B-PECA heavily utilizes our facebook group, email list-serve and text messaging to inform residents of upcoming events and activities.

So, this column is your opportunity to become tech-savvy.

After reading this column, you are urged to either:

A - Open up an email account and send an email to bxparkeast@gmail.com, so you can receive our email newsletters.

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Learning only stops when breathing does. You're never too old to surprise yourself with what you can learn. You can do it.

In Memoriam -

This week in memoriam, we remember longtime Bronx Community every day man, Herman Frohberg, who passed away from a heart attack due to complications from Diabetes. Frohberg served as a longtime River Bay professional and husband of Leslie Frohberg, aide to Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson; Reknown south Bronx Cardiologist and community doctor to the poor, Dr. Barry Rudin, who compassionately ran a medical practice with his twin brother, the late Dr. Arthur Rudin; 10-term former Bronx Congressman Mario Biaggi, 97, after a long illness; Bronx resident, Caji Dawkins, 29, son of P.S. 138 principal, Lorraine Carroll-Dawkins, Dawkins was killed crossing Bruckner Expressway; Blues legend B.B. King, 89, complications from Diabetes; WWE professional wrestler Dusty Rhodes, 69, from natural causes; British actor, Patrick Macnee, 93 played John Steed on The Avengers; Archie's Place Star, actress Ann Meara, 85, Meara was married to comedian Jerry Stiller and mother of movie star Ben Stiller; and popular actor, Dick Van Patten, 86 from complications from Diabetes. Van Patten best known as TV patriarch Tom Bradford on hit sitcom: Eight Is Enough. Van Patten played several roles in various Mel Brooks movies.

We pay special tribute to assassinated South Carolina State Senator Rev. Clementa

Pinkney and eight other slain members of the Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC. May all of these souls Rest In Peace. May their families be comforted during this season of mourning and remembrance.

Congratulations -

We congratulate longtime Bronx community activists William Rivera and George Torres on their appointment as district manager of community boards 9 and 12, respectively.

Congratulations to NYPD Detective Victor DiPierro on his retirement after 20 years with the 49th Precinct.

We also congratulate the families of the late Judge Hansel McGee and community activist Margaret Mack on their street naming on East 165th Street and Boston Road and Jerome Avenue and Paul Avenue.

We wish Community Board chairman, Fr. Richard Gorman and longtime community activist Patricia Tomasulo as they recover from their ailments. Get better soon.

Exclusion - A Dirty Word -

This final note is being written by B-PECA chair and co-founder Raphael Schweizer.

It was noticed that there was a glaring omission in a column written by a neighboring Allerton community organization last week.

While it is not my intent to end this column on a negative note, it needs to be said that those who seek to exclude and delegitimize are setting poor examples.

To be perfectly honest, B-PECA is a community organization like no other in Community Board 11.

We are trail-blazers, trend-setters and example-makers that others have followed.

Who else organizes four block parties a year on the



Waring Avenue 'Princess' Jasmine celebrated her 6th birthday in Bronx Park East's Waring Playground in May. It's starlets like her who deserve a renovation of Waring's 30-year old play equipment.

streets of CB 11 without assistance from marketing firms?

Who else wipes commercial corridors (such as Allerton Avenue) clear of every drop of graffiti with their own brushes and elbow grease?

Bronx Park East Community Association has, and continues to, revolutionize community activism in the northeast Bronx.

And while it would be nice to be given credit by those who we have assisted, their blessing certainly isn't needed.

I commend the work of all the community and merchants groups in CB 11 and urge residents to become active in the ones closest to them!

However, if some think that the achievements of Team B-PECA can be glanced over just because someone has a personal grudge, well, than that person is exactly the opposite of the spirit of inclusivity and unity which he claims to represent.

The truth may be 'difficult' to swallow, but as Ludwig van Beethoven said, "Difficult is good. Difficult is beautiful. Difficult, is closer to the truth."

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And the list goes on.

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By Bob Connolly

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Can't Count For Dopiness

Just because Jason Pierre-Paul is earning Millions, it doesn't mean he won't do dopy things like playing with fireworks without a signed contract in his pocket.

He had a finger taken off over the Holiday. Another NFL'er lost two fingers over the same Holiday. He's not alone here. Many other athletes never think about what could happen. Look at that "huckleberry" De Andre Johnson, the supposed all-world QB from FSU. His draft status could very well drop because he punched a girl in the face, in a bar, on camera. What NFL team wants to take on that problem?

Speaking of being dopy-Rory McIlroy is right there with JPP. Ah fame is such a waste when it's bestowed on the young.

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The Sports Curmudgeon said, "In another NBA-related report, the Knicks are supposedly the leaders in the race to sigh Aaron Afflalo and they are offering a 3-year deal worth \$38M. Afflalo is a good defender who shoots

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Bronx native Glover focused on health after Achilles injury

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

You will not see Mike Glover playing streetball anywhere near a blacktop court this summer for the first time in 15 years.

The 28-year-old Bronx native and former Iona College star suffered a ruptured Achilles last January, just one game into his season with Estudiantes Concordia in the top league in Argentina. It was the first major injury of his career.

Glover is healthy now, but doesn't want to risk his future in the game on a few more games at Rucker Park or Dyckman.

"It's a big adjustment," Glover said. "I have been playing streetball since I was 13. It's a hard way to adjust, but I am also thinking longevity."

He certainly looked like his old self while leading defending Nike Pro City champion TNP to its first win on July 7. The 6-foot-8 Glover scored 20 plus points and grabbed six rebounds in a win over Sean Bell. He came alive in the fourth quarter, scoring inside and attack the glass.

"I didn't expect to come back from something that that quick," he said.

It's a far better feeling than what he had nearly a year and half ago. Glover was gaining traction in his pro career after a successful second season overseas playing for Hacettepe in Turkey. His opportunity in Argentina's top league didn't long once he felt like he was kicked in the back of foot while backpedaling in a drill and ultimately rupturing his Achilles.

"It was tough to digest," Glover said.

He called the pain excruciating after surgery. Glover was sent home once he was cleared to fly and was forced to sit on his couch, away from basketball for the first time in his life. As tough as it was, he got through-out. He was back working out in April and went through five months of rehab.



Iona forward Mike Glover (1) in action against Brigham Young in an NCAA First Four college basketball tournament game, Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in Dayton, Ohio. (AP Photo/Skip Peterson) Skip Peterson

Glover played with Villa Angela in Argentina's second tier league last season. The year was about proving to everyone he was healthy, something he felt he did after a tentative start. Glover averaged 9.0 points and 8.5 blocks per game for a Villa

Angela team that went 14-8 in the regular season.

"I found ways to get through," he said. "Game by game I was getting very comfortable."

Glover doesn't want to see his momentum slowed again.

It's why he's staying away from the concrete courts of New York City. Too much is at stake not to.

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Age not just a number for Hayes' Covington

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Justin Covington has never used being younger as an excuse. Instead it continues to be a motivating factor in his football career, which appears headed towards a Division-I future.

The running back is a 16-year-old senior at Cardinal Hayes and has been any of his team's youngest member since he began playing back in seventh grade. It instilled in him that he will likely not be the best player wherever he goes, only pushed him to be better.

"I was always the little guy and I always had to work harder to consider myself one of the top guys on the team," Covington said.

Covington was again called on to do more than expected last year in his first varsity season. Cardinals star running back Timothy Poindexter injured his shoulder in the preseason, pushing much of the workload Covington's way against the best teams the CHSFL AAA division has to offer. He embraced the challenge and excelled in his role. Covington ran for 692 yards and six touchdowns on 121 carries as a 15-year-old.

"It was a little overwhelming at first because it was a lot at once," Covington said. "Once I got use to it was ok."

Cardinal's coach C.J. O'Neil was impressed with how well Covington fared. He is 5-foot-11 and 199 pounds and plays with a mindset beyond his years. It wasn't easy to put up the numbers he did. Covington didn't wear

down, playing his best two game late in the year.

"As much as a physical specimen as he is that is still a lot to be carrying the AAA division," O'Neil said. "He played JV his sophomore year and they dominated, but he wasn't getting hit like you are when you play St. Anthony's."

Covington's play got the attention of colleges in the process. He picked up an offer from Yale last weekend and also has offers from UPenn and Princeton. He also has offers from Fordham, Bryant, Lafayette, Navy, Villanova, Rutgers and Boston College are all interested.

"He got better and he is a smart kid," O'Neil said. "He is going to have a heck of a year."

Covington, a 90's average honors student, said his recruitment is still wide open and plans on seeing where everything is at the end of his senior season.

"Then I will figure out if I want Ivy or a different division," he said.

Covington's focus for this season is on being a better captain and leader. On the field he'd like to move his ability to make quick cuts. He understands how hard it will be in the AAA after getting a taste last season. He continues not to take anything else for granted.

"You have to always work harder," Covington said. Because there is always people better working harder than you did."

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at a decent percentage aided somewhat by the fact that he only averages 7 or 8 shots per game over his career. Clearly, the Knicks can use any player who is even average on defense; and Lord knows, they do not need anyone else on the floor who wants/needs to take lots of shots. Having said that, I suspect that Knicks' fans will not create a flash mob that stops traffic for 3 blocks around Madison Square Garden when/if the Knicks finalize this deal. Nor should they."

Phil Jackson might be the "Zen-Master" when it comes to designing offensive plays, but I think he needs a lot of help with personnel matters. Otherwise the Knicks would have had a better free agent signing period. Even his mentor, Red Holzman, had help in that area.

No Pitch Count

IJason read a release that said that until the installation of John Smoltz into the MLB-HOF, no other member had undergone Tommy John surgery-how come?

Earlier pitchers threw for over 300 innings a season along with posting double digit numbers of complete games with not many complaints- save for a blister here and there.

Are the size of today's contracts becoming the governing factors?

It's one thing to lose a \$50K pitcher and quite another to lose a \$50M pitcher.

All-star A-Rod

Ian O'Connor (ESPNNY.com) wrote, "So if Rodriguez wants to help his cause the little bit he can help it, he will stay as clean as the uniform laid out for him before every game, lead the New York Yankees to their first playoff appearance since 2012 and then deliver the kind of performance David Ortiz gave the Boston Red Sox in their three championship runs. Or the kind of performance the same Alex Rodriguez gave the Yankees in the 2009 postseason, only this time without the help of his friendly neighborhood chemist."

Perry Patter

Dwight Perry (SeattleTimes) wrote, "Brian Diagonal, tweeting a picture of Bill Walton standing up in front of him at a Grateful Dead concert: "Bill Walton blocked many shots in his career; here he is blocking one of mine."

Three-fourths of American high-school students flunked geography on a recent standardized test, The Boston Globe reported.

Considering the NFL thinks Dallas is in the East, Indianapolis is in the South and St. Louis is in the West — well, is it any wonder?"

No wonder Marcus Hanel likes the position closest to the plate.

Hanel — Milwaukee's bullpen

catcher — broke the record for most cheesesteaks consumed at Citizens Bank Park when he downed an astounding 23 of them during the Brewers' recent four-game series in Philadelphia."

Which trophy was not awarded after Women's World Cup final?

- a) Carli Lloyd, Golden Ball
- b) Hope Solo, Golden Glove
- c) Sepp Blatter, Golden Ball

"And in Pamplona, the early score is Bulls 11, Idiots 0."

Brad Dickson of the Omaha (Neb.) World-Herald, on the Broncos fining linebacker Von Miller for flatulence during team meetings: "He tried to claim Tom Brady let the air out of him.

Kevin Garnett, 39, will become just the third player in NBA history to play 21 seasons after re-signing with the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday, but no contract figures were disclosed.

Apparently the two sides were still haggling over the AARP discount.

The Ever Giving Gift

The Sports Curmudgeon told us about Jose Conseco, "José recently was a "guest designated hitter" playing for the Pittsburgh Diamonds in the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball Clubs. He struck out a couple of times in a game against the San Rafael Pacifics and also pitched a couple of innings throwing his infamous knuckleballs which once were going to get him back into MLB. José also recently hosted a high stakes poker game at his home in Nevada where one of the players was a former winner of the World Series of Poker — but he had to call in his regrets that he could not be there to host the game because he was stranded in Pittsburgh CA after that baseball game. The gift that keeps on giving...

Molinaro Maranara

Bob Molinaro (Hampton Roads Pilot) wrote: "If a man were responsible for an own goal that eliminated England from the World Cup, he would endure widespread derision and vilification from Fleet Street and the Twitter-sphere while enjoying barely an ounce of sympathy like that being reserved for Laura Bassett. Sparing Bassett the scorn that would be heaped upon a male in her position is the decent, humane thing to do. For once, the sports world got it right. But the compassionate response also is an indication that the women and their game aren't being taken seriously.

How much enthusiasm still exists for MLB's interleague play? I'd say a lot less than a few years ago. Is it really creating more excitement over the long season? Maybe in rare cases, but not enough to justify its continued existence."



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BronxWorks is an Official Charity Partner of the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon

BronxWorks is thrilled to once again be an Official Charity Partner of the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon. The race will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

“The TCS New York City Marathon provides a powerful platform for our passionate runners to fundraise and raise awareness for BronxWorks, an organization close to their hearts. We are looking forward to supporting the BronxWorks runners throughout their memorable journeys as they train for, and ultimately achieve their goal of completing this race, all while raising critical funds which benefit the BronxWorks mission to help individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being.

The BronxWorks Team continues to actively recruit runners who would like to join their efforts and participate with a Charity Partner and be a part of the TCS New York City Marathon. Over the past few years, the BronxWorks team has included community members, employees, family and friends of staff as well as many new to BronxWorks who are moved by the organization’s efforts to feed, shelter, teach and support of 40,000 Bronx residents each year.

“We warmly welcome BronxWorks as an official charity partner for the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon,” said Michael Rodgers, Vice President of Development



and Philanthropy for New York Road Runners. “All of our participants are inspired to run for reasons significant and special to them, and we are especially appreciative of those who make a meaningful commitment to run on behalf of one of our official charity partners. We wish the best to all of these runners as they begin to plan and prepare for an experience of a lifetime at the 2015 TCS New York City Marathon.”

The 2015 TCS New York City Marathon will feature a talented American and international professional athlete field, charity runners, and thousands of runners of all ages and abilities. More than 10,000 volunteers help to support participants across the

26.2-mile race route, which touches each of New York City’s five boroughs, and is lined with more than one million neighbors and guests. Last year, NYRR celebrated each of the 50,530 runners who crossed the finish line and made the 2014 TCS New York City Marathon the largest in the world, including the one-millionth finisher ever in the history of the event. Participants hailed from more than 130 countries and each of the 50 states. The 2015 TCS New York City Marathon will again air live locally on ABC7 and nationally on ESPN2.

To learn more about the TCS Marathon and joining Team BronxWorks, contact Gianna Dell’Olio, Director of Advancement

and Communications at (646) 393-4007 or gdelolio@bronxworks.org.

About BronxWorks

With over 30 locations throughout the borough, BronxWorks has worked from the ground up in Bronx communities for over 40 years to help residents build healthy, stable futures for themselves and their neighborhoods. BronxWorks helps individuals and families improve their economic and social well-being. From toddlers to seniors, we feed, shelter, teach, and support our neighbors to build a stronger community. For more information about BronxWorks, contact Gianna Dell’Olio at (646) 393-4007 or visit www.bronxworks.org.



3rd Annual Metropolitan Track & Field Reunion

You’re invited to the 3rd Annual Track & Field Friends & Family Reunion, presented by Butch Carey and Crown Trophy of the Bronx, taking place on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 6-11pm at Garden 54 located at 314 East 54th Street in Brooklyn, NY.

This annual function serves as a networking event for the Track & Field community and will recognize young athletes for their commitment and dedication to competitive excellence, highlighting the achievements of today’s up and coming age group champions from various Track & Field clubs in the Metropolitan Area.

We invite everyone in the track & field community to join us on this special occasion, where we reconnect with old tracksters and make new connections. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at: metropolitantackfieldreception.eventbrite.com.

Still accepting nominations! Email Janett Florindo at janettf@gmail.com and include a brief description of your nominee’s achievements for consideration.

Sponsorship and Vendor Opportunities are available. Contact Gina Padilla at 347.982.3860 or via email at rpadilla2352@gmail.com for more details.

We look forward to having you at this wonderful event celebrating the Track & Field community and recognizing our youth athletes.

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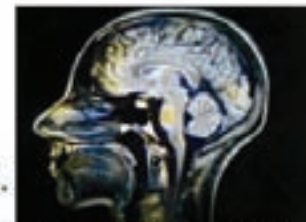
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