

CB 10 REJECTS CITY'S FP PLAN

Leaves Trump golf course parcel in limbo

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Community Board 10 voted at its Thursday, January 19 meeting to reject a controversial plan put forward by the NYC Parks and Recreation Department to create a passive park area adjacent to the Trump Links Golf Course.

Board members voted 20-7 against the proposal, with two members abstaining.

The city's plan calls for an open passive park on the 19.5 acres of land that sits along the waterfront just north of the Whitestone Bridge and Ferry Point park.

The proposed parkland would include a tidal marsh and provide scenic views for the public.

It would also eventually

connect to the western part of the park that was also slated for a facelift.

The \$10.7 million plan was recently presented to the board at a November special board meeting by Bronx Parks and Recreation Commissioner Iris Rodriguez Rosa.

"What the response will be from parks, or the city, I can't say," said CB 10 chairman Martin Prince.

Funding for the project had already been put aside by the parks department.

The shovel-ready plans can be implemented by the city even without the board's blessing, or could be abandoned altogether, Prince said.

"We might just be in a po-

sition where that \$10.7 million that was slated for the project will wind up leaving our community and go somewhere else," he said.

The city recently rejected a proposal by the Trump Organization, operators of the Trump Links Golf Course at Ferry Point, to lease the city-owned land to expand and improve the golf course and use the remaining land for a passive recreation facility.

Deputy Mayor Alicia Glen submitted the city's decision to Eric Trump, in a letter dated Monday, October 17, in which she said the land would provide the east Bronx with a crucial recreational amenity, waterfront access, and a protected wetland.

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\$275 million for Rodman's Neck upgrades

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A proposal that is part of the mayor's preliminary budget would allocate \$275 million for a renovation of the NYPD facility at Rodman's Neck.

The total funds will be allocated over a 10-year period.

The bomb detonation noise would not be mitigated under the mayor's budget plan.

Community leaders expressed hopefulness after learning that part of Mayor de Blasio's plan to upgrade Rodman's Neck's range and training facilities, made public on Tuesday, January 24, included \$73 million for 'six

fully (sound) baffled outdoor ranges.'

Sound barriers to block noise from gunfire at the range have been a request for shoreline communities, particularly City Island and Country Club, for a generation.

Councilman James Vacca, who said he spoke with the mayor on the matter directly, said that he is now confident that the some funds will be in the final city budget for next fiscal year, taking effect on Saturday, July 1.

"It is very rare that the mayor suggests something in the preliminary budget that is

not included in the final budget," said Vacca, who believes that the matter has been high on the mayor's agenda and that the project recognizes what police officers mean to the community.

The councilman said key future steps would be to get timetables for the construction and ensuring that the community has input in the design.

Vacca called the news a "fantastic first step."

The proposal will create "a modern training environ-

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SCA STEM Lab Takes Root

St. Catharine Academy celebrated the grand opening of its new state-of-the-art STEM Lab on Saturday, January 21. The new lab has taken root inside the school thanks to the Class of 1966's generosity. Sr. Ann Welsh, St. Catharine Academy principal, blessed the new STEM Lab during the dedication ceremony. See more photos on page 65.

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Councilman James Vacca joined school children from the campus as well as representatives from the Trust From Public Land and Michael Schnall (c) of New York Road Runners at a ceremonial groundbreaking for the 1.96 acre playground at the former I.S. 192 campus.

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Construction set for I.S. 192 campus schoolyard

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

An unused asphalt schoolyard in Throggs Neck is set to undergo a transformation.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was held on Friday, January 20 for the renovation of the Piagentini and Jones Educational Campus' schoolyard.

It will see a 1.96 acre asphalt yard transformed into a recreational juggernaut for students.

Joining schoolchildren at the groundbreaking, as work crews began preliminary construction, were Councilman James Vacca and representatives for the Trust for Public Land and New York Road Runners.

TPL helped design the playground with student input using financial support for their work coming from a NYRR donation of approximately \$330,000.

The councilman allocated \$800,000 for the project, and said he is confident it will be completed by the project target date of December.

"This is turning blacktop into a useful play space for our kids," said Vacca.

Vacca said that he worked to address concerns of neighbors and homeowners on Hollywood Avenue and he had several meetings to collaborate with them on the project.

Some changes to the design resulted from these meetings, he said.

"(The neighbors) were a very integral part of the process," said Vacca. "They made suggestions and we worked to accommodate them."

Vacca said that he believes the campus will eventually house students from grads K through 8, and that this adds urgency to the push to improve the space.

As of now, in keeping with regulations, only children in school or programming at 650 Hollywood Avenue, the former I.S. 192 campus, will be us-

ing the facility once it is complete, according to sources.

P.S. 392, I.S. 467 and I.S. 371, as well as a Phipps afterschool program will use it.

The project is the largest playground TPL has built of its 189 playground projects in the city, said Mary Alice Lee, TPL director of New York City Playgrounds.

"We are doing this in two phases because the school(s) wanted to be able to use the yard during the construction," said Lee. "We will start the second phase in the next few weeks."

One of the interesting features of this particular playground, that came from student feedback, was the creation of girls' basketball stations that are painted with pink lines because many girls at the campus schools said the boys monopolized the courts, said Lee.

The newly designed playground which plans to add green to the gray space, include basketball courts, a running track, tennis courts and volleyball, multiple kinds of green space including planting areas and a kick-ball area.

Michael Schnall, NYRR vice-president, stated that the playground is part is one of three in the city that NYRR plans on constructing with TPL that are slated to be completed by the end of 2017.

The shared campuses on will have school-wide participation in NYRR's free youth running programs, stated Schnall.

According to a previously published Bronx Times article, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. allocated \$750,000 for playground restoration to a particular school on the campus, P.S. 392, the Delta School, in the FY 2016 city budget.

A Diaz spokesman could not comment further on this allocation as of press time.

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U.S. Navy sailor Petty Officer 2nd Class **George Sarpong**, a native of the borough, is part of the Seabees, which work construction for the military and fight all around the world.

Sarpong is assigned to the naval construction battalion located at Port Hueneme, CA.

As part of the Seabees, he works as a hospital corpsman where he is responsible for the health and readiness in a Seabee medical department.

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The PSAL champions with Greg Fuchek (back, l), Bronx River High School principal; Assemblyman Gjonaj (back, 3rd from l); Councilman King (front, 2nd from r) and PTA members Augustine Tapia (front, 3rd from r) and Christine Bonilla (front, r). Photo by Laura Stone

Lehman Lions need funds to seal PSAL championship

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The Lehman High School Lions football team did something in December for the first time in four decades - and there's a chance they won't be able to celebrate it the usual fashion.

The Lions won the Public School Athletic League Bowl Championship on Saturday, December 3 but did not receive championship rings, trophies or a victory luncheon due to a lack of funds at Lehman High School.

On Friday, January 20, Assemblymember Mark Gjonaj and Councilman Andy King met with the team at a fundraiser in the school's gym to celebrate their feat.

"Congratulations to Lehman High School on winning their first championship in 46 years," Gjonaj, who contributed \$500 to help the team buy championship rings and trophies, said to the team. "Not only have you made your school proud, but you've made the Bronx proud."

"As a former youth athlete who played basketball, I remember the great feelings I would have when the team won championship games," said King who played varsity basketball at Evander High School. "When the team was celebrated at a luncheon and everyone received trophies it was one of the greatest feelings in the world."

King, who plans to give approximately \$3,000 to help the boys celebrate in style, hopes to have the party in the near future.

The Lions are currently attempting to raise \$30,000 for the rings and trophies through a GoFundMe page. As of this article they had raised \$3,120.

The championship was Lehman's first division title in 46 years.

The Lions road to the top included victories over rivals such as the Truman Mustangs and the Mckee Vo-Tech/Staten Island Tech Seagulls.

Lehman's only loss in the regular season came at the hands of the

Seagulls who they later beat in the semifinals 34-28 on their way to the bowl's final game.

A 30-0 shutout of the Mustangs in the last round clinched the championship.

"It feels amazing," said head coach Chris DiTullio of being the last team standing. "We're the only one of about 20 teams in the division that go to do this and I'm very proud of them."

DiTullio said many of the juniors and seniors recalled the 2015 season in which the team lost in the quarterfinals.

Therefore the Lions came ready to play this season.

"In the offseason from about February to August they had really, really good work ethic," DiTullio said.

He praised the team for paying attention to detail in their workouts, working hard at their craft and especially making sure they kept their grades up.

Coming into the season the team also addressed their weaknesses.

DiTullio said the Lions made sure to work on their strength, speed and conditioning.

Since many of the kids were sophomores and junior's the year before, they needed to get bigger for the 2016 season.

In addition, DiTullio said some of the losses the team suffered within the previous two seasons came after the team relinquished fourth quarter leads because the team was young and tired.

Training camp for the 2017 season begins in two weeks for the Lions and DiTullio hopes to witness another championship.

"We can't be satisfied," he said. "The players, the coaches, we have to build and continue to get better."

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Report: Parkchester, west Bronx have worst roads

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Parkchester and the northwest Bronx have the worst streets in the Bronx, according to a study just released by the NYC Independent Budget Office.

Parkchester earned the lowest rating in the borough, 30.31 percent, meaning just over 30 percent of the roads were considered to be in good shape by the NYC Department of Transportation as of the end of 2015.

Other areas with streets earning a score below 60 percent were Mount Hope (59 percent), Kingsbridge Heights (58.74 percent), University Heights-Morris Heights (55.1 percent), Soundview-Bruckner (55.01 percent), Spuyten Duyvil-Kingsbridge (49.54 percent) and Riverdale-Fieldston (38.71 percent).

The IBO is a tax-funded organization that is independent of the mayor's office.

The northwest Bronx's Councilman Andrew Cohen and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz also called for the DOT to step up its road repair schedule.

"While I understand that

the Department of Transportation has a limited budget to repave and maintain roads, it is unacceptable that these neighborhoods are rated so poorly," stated Cohen. "Riverdale and Kingsbridge neighborhoods must be given prioritization once DOT commences the repaving process this spring."

"Our roads are like a war zone," added Dinowitz. "Drivers in Riverdale and surrounding neighborhoods should not have to spend their entire commute dodging potholes and cracks in the road. This creates urgent safety concerns and causes untold costs to the city and its residents. The DOT needs to step up and make improvements to our streets before they do any more damage."

The assemblyman, who was recently named chair of a committee tasked with oversight of the MTA, also voiced concern over possible damage to the city's bus fleet and that poor road conditions would cost the city money due to tort claims by motorists who experience damage to their cars.

Councilman Fernando Cabrera chose to see the positive

in the report - that 70 percent of Bronx streets were in good condition.

"As progress continues in the Bronx, I will be working with DOT to advance transportation infrastructure in our neighborhoods," Cabrera said.

Citywide, just over 70 percent of streets are in good condition, while 29 percent are fair and 0.6 percent are in poor condition, according to the report.

Street conditions have trended downwards since 2012, according to the Mayor's Management Report.

The best roads in the borough, according to the report, can be found in the Williamsbridge-Olinville area, where 81.46 percent of roads are good, followed by Allerton-Pelham Gardens (80.7 percent) and Fordham South (80.25 percent).

The report was put together after the Mayor's Management Report in September stated street qualities have deteriorated in the past three years, said Giovanella Quintanilla, the person who put together the report. She stressed



The streets of Parkchester are the worst in the Bronx, according to a report put together by the Independent Budget Office using NYC DOT data

Community News Group/Arthur Cusano

that the report includes 2014 and 2015 data, but does not include 2016 figures.

"The DOT said they have already paved some of those roads," she said.

DOT officials said progress had been made since 2015.

"This fiscal year we've repaved 110 lane miles so far in the borough," a DOT spokesperson said. "This is crucial for the borough street resurfacing is a comprehensive

treatment that addresses a host of issues, including reducing the amount of potholes that can form on city streets."

The DOT resurfaced nearly 167 lane miles in the Bronx in 2016, and 159 lane miles in the last fiscal year.

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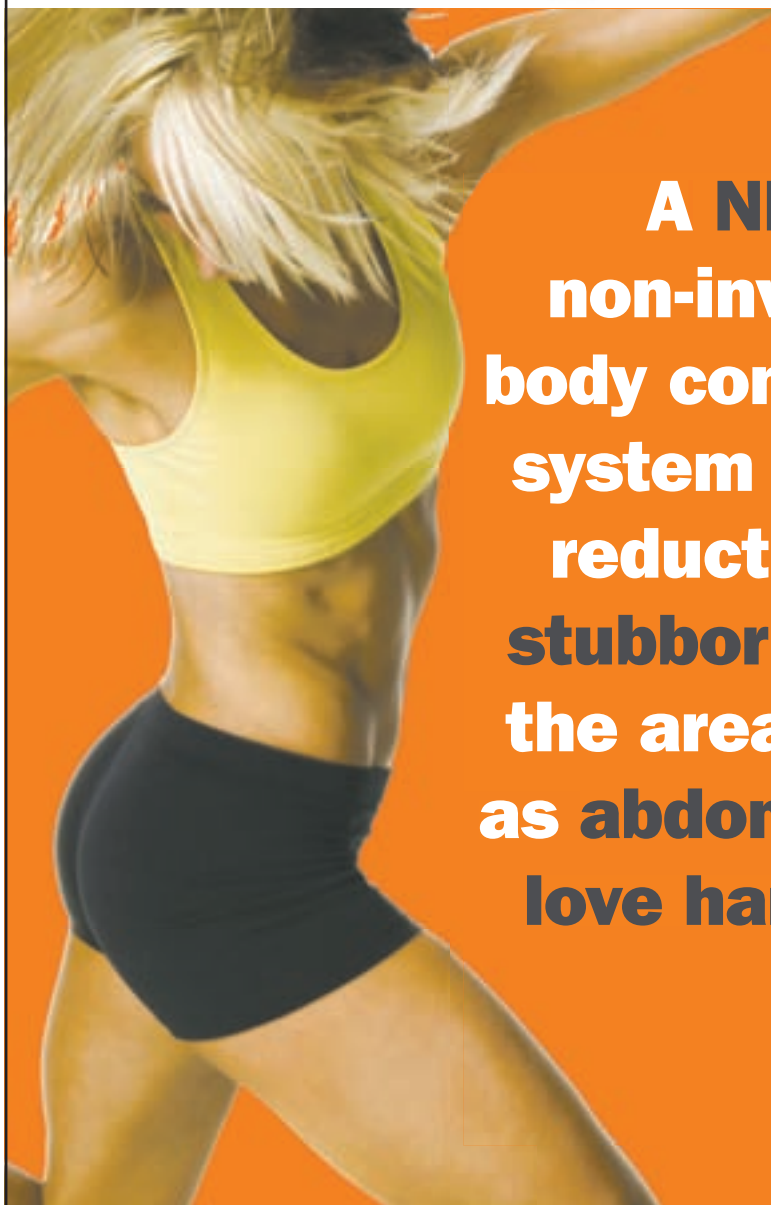
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(l-r) Luis Fermin, contractor from Fermin Construction; Mike Nisthalal, developer, and Andy Nisthalal stand in front of the stalled worksite at 3113 Westchester Avenue.

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Westchester Avenue laundromat building stalled

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Construction of a new laundromat and strip-mall in Pelham Bay is stalled due to a NYC Department of Buildings audit.

The DOB issued a stop work order recently on a new 150-machine laundromat and two additional stores being constructed at 3113 Westchester Avenue.

According to builder Mike Nisthalal, the one-story building will offer just over 6,000 square feet of retail space and four parking spaces.

It will be a modern building in keeping with others along the Westchester Avenue block, said the developer.

The building will be set back from the street on a 8,660-square foot parcel.

Each of the additional retail stores will be approximately 1,000 square feet.

The community can expect a state-of-the-art laundromat, along the lines of ones he has built in every borough except Manhattan over a 25-year career, he said.

The DOB audited its own approved plans after Councilman James Vacca, who periodically reviews new construction applications in his district, noticed certain features of the project that raised red flags, including possible technical issues with basement egress, handicap accessibility, curb cuts and parking.

The DOB ordered some changes be made, according to the developer.

Nisthalal said he set the front of the building back further from the sidewalk to comply with the audit.

Because the project was DOB certified and construction permits were pulled on Wednesday, December 14, the builder feels he has been unfairly singled out.

"I am bringing business to his district; I am bringing employment to his district; I am bringing money to his district," said the developer, expressing frustration over Vacca's in-

volvement, adding "(The development) enhances the value of everyone's property; there is more convenience, more work for people."

Vacca said he is not going to stop looking into construction projects he feels may be questionable.

The councilman believes that either the project complies with the zoning, or it does not.

The real reason for Vacca's objections to this project may be found in his objections to large-scale laundromats, period.

He also fought the opening of a laundromat on East Tremont Avenue in Throggs Neck to no avail.

He believes the new laundromat will create traffic and parking problems.

"He proposed four parking spaces, so where will people park?" said Vacca. "They would either double park or park on side streets in the community."

The councilman would like to see the owner consult with the community while explaining his thoughts and being sensitive to the parking concerns in Pelham Bay.

The zoning only requires four on-site parking spaces.

Michelle Torrioni, Pelham Bay Taxpayer Association president, said that if the developer could create more off-street parking, she believes it would be more attractive to potential customers since it is often difficult to find parking along Westchester Avenue.

Residential neighbors of the project seemed mildly inconvenienced.

One renter of an apartment on Edison Avenue which backs up against the project, Maritza Rodriguez, lamented that she had lost use of her backyard because the construction work fence was temporarily located on the property.

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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR 3-MONTH-OLD



The community paid their respects to a three-month-old girl who died a week after being hospitalized with injuries consistent with abuse. A candlelight vigil was held outside the 2115 Honeywell Avenue home of Sherlin Camacho on Tuesday, January 17, the day after she died at Montefiore Children's Hospital. According to published reports, police discovered the girl inside her home on Tuesday, January 10 in cardiac arrest and with several injuries including a fractured spine, bruised femur and broken rib. The medical examiner officially ruled the infant's death a homicide on Wednesday, January 18. The family's lawyer stated Camacho's parents do not have a history with the NYC Administration for Children's Services, but they in addition to a baby sitter and renter in the home have been questioned by law enforcement. No suspects have yet been named.



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42 Precinct

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The case held her cellphone, several bank cards, identification and other miscellaneous items. The individual fled the location on foot and there were no reported injuries during the incident. The person is described as a Black woman in her twenties who weighs about 200 pounds.

43 Precinct

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. -- Cops report a robbery of a 73-year-old woman that took place in front of 1492 Saint Lawrence Avenue. Two people, a Hispanic man and a Latina woman, approached her from behind, grabbing the back of her coat and stealing her purse. They fled on foot and the victim declined medical assistance. Police believe they know who the suspects are.

45 Precinct

Wednesday, January 18 at 1:30 a.m. -- A

66-year-old man was the victim of a robbery and an assault near Tratman and Glebe avenues.

He was approached from behind by two men wearing hooded jackets and black packs. They punched on the side of his face. The assailants took the victims's cellphone from his left pants pocket before fleeing the location.

48 Precinct

Tuesday, January 10 at 10:10 a.m. -- Cops responded to a 911 call of an infant having difficulty breathing at 2115 Honeywell Avenue. The infant was first taken to St. Barnabas Hospital and then moved to Montefiore Medical Center.

The two-month-old baby girl suffered serious injuries: a spinal fracture, retinal (eye) damage, a bruised femur (upper leg bone) and a broken tibia (lower leg bone).

Cops spoke to both parents and the Bronx Child Abuse Squad got involved in the case.

52 Precinct

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(Above) Charred and broken furniture littered the alleyway at the rear of 2350 Beaumont Avenue.
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Continues to defend 49th CO

Dear editor,

I find it hurtful, that the word "prejudice" was used to describe my views regarding Deputy Inspector Keith Walton in Paulette Sorg's Jan. 6-12, 2017 letter to the editor.

Prejudice is a strong word, and, to me, it harkens to phrases such as "prejudiced", used mainly to describe bigoted views. As a feminist, and someone who makes it a point to stand up for under-represented people this language is offensive.

I am on the side of Deputy Inspector Keith Walton until a verdict is reached, because in America you are innocent until proven guilty. Walton did so much for the poorest, oft-ignored sections of the Bronx, and he deserves the benefit of the doubt.

Raphael Schweizer

Mario Cuomo: no saint

Dear editor,

There is more to the second anniversary for the passing of former Governor Cuomo. He was not a reformer, but rather a proud product of the Queens County Democratic Party clubhouse machine. After losing the Democratic Primary for lieutenant governor in 1974, Governor Hugh Carey appointed him secretary of state in 1975.

During his race against then Congress member Ed Koch for NYC Mayor in 1977, there were 'Vote for Cuomo not the Homo' posters all over town.

Mario was never above using class warfare as an issue to divide and conquer. Remember his reference to Republican governor candidate Lew Lehrman's expensive watch during a debate in 1982? Lehrman was a self made millionaire who was the founder of Rite Aid drug store chain.

One of Mario's claim to fame was being a great orator and debater. In 1986 Mario followed the infamous Rose Garden strategy in his race for a second term. His opponent was unknown and under financed. The late Republican Westchester County Executive Andrew O'Rourke had to

carry a cardboard cutout of Cuomo to debate. In the end, Mario agreed to one token debate at the 11th hour.

In 1992, Mario had no problem signing off on the reapportionment plan for new assembly and state senate district lines based upon the 1990 census. This bill preserved and expanded the Democrats control of the assembly, along with preserving the Republican majority in the state senate by gerrymandering of district boundaries. So much for good government reform of state government legislative districts.

When it came to supporting public transportation, rather than increase the level of state support by billions under MTA Five Year Capital Plans, it was Mario who started the trend of having state authorities like the MTA borrow rather than providing hard cash contributions. The same was true by increasing the level of state spending and long term debt hiding it off line under many other state authorities rather than the general budget.

We all mourn for the loss of anyone's father. Mario is not worthy of sainthood. He was a mere mortal, like the rest of us.

Larry Penner

Unreliable bus service

(The following letter was sent to MTA chairman.)

Dear Chairman Prendergast,

We write to you today on behalf of our community of 4,500 who have suffered a continued hardship of unreliable service on the Bx29 bus for some time. We wrote to you in November of 2015 and received a response in January of last year. It was mentioned that your agency would examine adding additional late night trips to City Island and that a follow-up meeting with our residents would take place later that year. While we have maintained communication with your employees, we have not received the results of this examination and the meeting has yet to be scheduled.

Over the past year, we have continued to collect complaints and pass them along to your agency. We have also had the opportunity to discuss

this matter with our members, many of whom notice patterns in the disruption of service. Often the bus seems to suffer a delay at times when traffic into and out of Bay Plaza is at a peak. Furthermore, riders have advised our Association that it is not uncommon for buses to pull up to Pelham Bay Station that are bound for City Island yet the signage instead reads that they are bound for Co-op City/Bay Plaza. Furthermore, we launched a Change.org petition to improve the quality of the bus service we receive, and it has already generated more than 500 signatures, indicating that there is a groundswell of support for changing this route.

Taking all of this information into account and after a continued discussion with our membership, we would like to respectfully request you examine the possibility of splitting the Bx29 into two separate routes, one for passengers bound for Co-op City/Bay Plaza and another for those bound for our community. We believe that doing so would allow regular and more consistent service for both neighborhoods, reduce delays for City Islanders, and alleviate the chances of buses arriving with incorrect bus signage.

We would all like to reiterate our request for 24/7 bus service as many other communities enjoy. Even if bus service was only on the hour during late evening hours (between 1 and 5 a.m.) it would be an improvement over the lack of service that exists now.

This lack of service has had unfortunate and tragic consequences; as you may be aware, a young woman was killed on her bicycle one evening in September of 2015. It was reported that she was using her bike because her work hours were often in flux, sometimes ending later than midnight and she couldn't rely on the Bx29 to get home.

Many late evenings, it is not uncommon to see restaurant workers traveling via bicycle down City Island Avenue in the early hours of the morning, after working long hours, because your transportation service does not run on a schedule to serve them. This is in addition to the many Islanders and visitors who are left stranded at Pelham Bay Station many evenings at midnight or 1 a.m. without a way to travel to our community. These situations are unacceptable, and we believe they wouldn't be tolerated in other areas of the city, yet because City Island sits on the outskirts, it is condoned and even tolerated by the powers that be.

This needs to change.

We realize these requests may seem drastic but we have waited over a year for your agency to get back to us with a substantive response and residents of our community have grown impatient. We pay the same fare and the same taxes as other New Yorkers, and we believe we are entitled to the same service.

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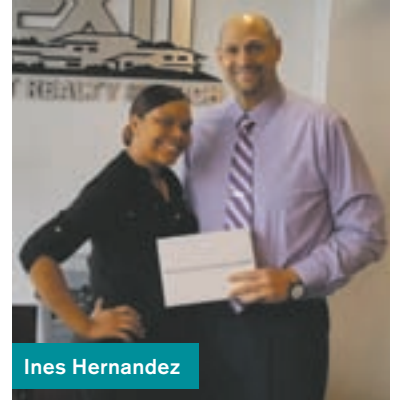
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Throgs Neck, Whitestone bridges to get LED lighting

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Bronx residents will soon see the MTA bridges in a new light - literally - as plans to install new LED lighting on all of New York City's MTA bridges are underway.

Governor Cuomo has included plans to illuminate the bridges, first discussed in a transportation proposal presentation in October of last year, in his proposed 2017 budget discussed Tuesday, January 17.

The lighting will be funded as part of a \$500 million MTA project aimed at installing electronic tollbooths.

In addition to the Throgs Neck and Whitestone bridges in the Bronx, the Verrazano Narrows, Henry Hudson, Cross Bay, Marine Parkway and all three spans of the Robert F. Kennedy will also be illuminated under the new initiative.

Cuomo has also said he hoped to add LED lighting to the George Washington Bridge, which is managed by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Under the proposal, LED lighting, which uses 40 to 80 percent less power and lasts six times longer than other types of lighting, will be adopted on all MTA bridges and tunnels.

Construction is expected to begin this month, according to the New York Power Authority.

The NYPA will be overseeing the project and the vendors hired to implement it.

"The design for the project and the associated cost estimate are being finalized with the MTA," said NYPA spokesman Paul DeMichele. "Once that is complete, we will have a cost estimate for the project. NYPA will utilize its low-cost financing to assist MTA with the upfront costs, and MTA will repay NYPA through its utility bills."

In addition to saving money by using less electricity, LED lights can be

programmed into different colors and patterns or set to music.

The lighting of the Bay Bridge in San Francisco, is estimated to have generated over \$100 million in economic activity, Cuomo said.

"Well, if that's what they can do in those other places, then imagine what we can do in New York because our bridges are some of the most beautiful on the globe, just structurally," he said.

Other cities have used the colored lighting to great effect.

For instance, lights on the Ben Franklin Bridge were switched to purple in honor of the musician Prince after he died last year and were red, white and blue when the Democratic Convention was held in the city last summer.

Cuomo said the bridge lighting could be in unison with the lighting of the Empire State Building and Freedom Tower.

The Empire State Building is often lit with different colors to celebrate holidays or the local sports teams.

Elected officials who represent the area near the Throgs Neck and Whitestone bridges said they were optimistic about the new look.

"I'm excited for the installation of new LED lights on MTA-operated bridges across the city, including a pair of crossings in my home district," said Senator Jeff Klein. "The planned synchronized light shows will offer spectacular views, which many of my constituents will be able to enjoy on a nightly basis."

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto said that while he didn't always see eye-to-eye with the governor, he did support the bridge initiative.

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West Farms shooting sparks safety measures

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A mother of four's shooting death has many West Farms residents demanding change.

On Wednesday, January 11, Councilman Ritchie Torres; Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda and Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr. held a press conference outside the West Farms Convenience Store, where the incident occurred, announcing new safety measures and resources to prevent future senseless violent acts in the neighborhood.

According to police, Cindy Diaz, 48, was walking home on Friday, January 6 around 5 p.m. after picking up dinner at McDonald's for her sons when she was fatally shot in front of the convenience store on 2012 Boston Road.

Diaz, a Lambert Houses resident, was struck in her arm and torso by two stray bullets after an argument between two nearby men turned violent.

She was rushed to St. Barnabas Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Police believe the gunman's intended target was a young

man standing near Diaz.

The young man's right bicep was grazed by a bullet which he sought treatment for at Jacobi Medical Center.

He has refused to cooperate with the police investigation.

The gunman has not been identified.

Councilman Torres has allocated \$350,000 to the NYPD and will contribute an additional \$175,000 for NYPD security cameras and safety improvements in his district which encompasses Bathgate, Belmont, Crotona, Fordham, East Tremont, Van Nest and West Farms.

Torres has requested the NYC Department of Transportation conduct a lighting study in order to install new community-wide lighting fixtures.

"This horrific tragedy has our entire community speechless and we must act now to prevent future acts of violence," he expressed. "My condolences and prayers are with the Diaz family and we will remain vigilant in capturing the suspect and ensuring the family receives justice."

Assemblyman Sepulveda has allocated \$500,000 for



Senator Diaz (3rd from l), Assemblyman Sepulveda (c) and Councilman Torres (2nd from r) held a press conference in front of the West Farms Convenience Store where Cindy Diaz was fatally shot.

Photo by Bob Kappstatter

NYPD cameras and security measures in West Farms.

The NYPD is in the process of installing these cameras.

The project's total funding from Torres and Sepulveda is \$1.025 million.

"Unlike most areas of NYC, the funding for safety and capital improvements here at Lambert Houses and in the West Farms neighborhood is long overdue," stated Senator Diaz. "I am hopeful that through funding from the

city and state that has finally been allocated to be used in our community, crime will decrease and our senior citizens and families will be safe."

Diaz is survived by her former longtime boyfriend Angel Rosario and their four sons Liam, Takis, Reino and Giovanni.

The St. Raymond school community has created a GoFundMe page to help the Rosario family cover their education expenses.

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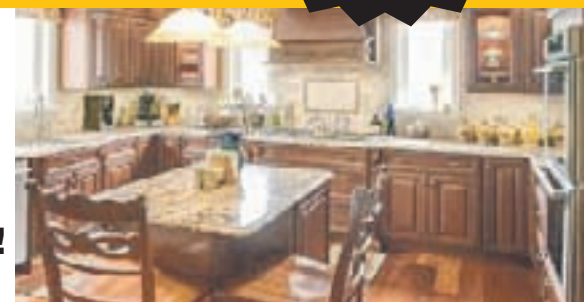
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Our Perspective

Presidents Change, But Our Values Should Not

By Stuart Appelbaum, President
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, UFCW

The President of the United States may have changed – but our values should not.

All working women and men – all people – deserve to be treated with dignity, justice and respect – regardless of who is President. And we will fight any attempts to deny them. Too many immigrant workers, women, white workers, and people of color feel trapped in an economy that fails them and only seems to reward those at the very top.

We must bring working people together across their differences. We must help them understand their common interests. And we must stand ready to fight and organize as a unified twenty-first century labor movement. Because working people desperately need strong unions.

You can't say that you want to help working families and then turn around and attack unions. And we won't stand idly by and let the new administration go after workers and their unions.

We must stand ready to fight and organize as a unified twenty-first century labor movement.

Together, we must build alliances and coalitions that can stand together for our values.

Together, we must transform our country from within and bring all communities into a larger progressive

movement. A movement that lifts up all working people. A larger progressive movement that takes the energy and learns the lessons from the Occupy Movement and Black Lives Matter and the Bernie Sanders campaign and the Fight for Fifteen. A larger progressive movement that is inclusive and diverse.

Together, we must build alliances and coalitions that can stand together for our values. Alliances that can stand up against all forms of bigotry and economic exploitation in all areas of society where our lives and the lives of other vulnerable communities are threatened.

We must do this together – because justice is indivisible.

You cannot be for justice for some and not for justice for all. Together, we must never stop fighting for what is right.



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The service on the Bx29 bus to and from City Island is a subject of much interest for the City Island Civic Association. Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

CI group requests dedicated bus line

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A local civic group is proposing changes to the Bx 29 bus route that it believes will provide riders better service.

The City Island Civic Association wrote the Metropolitan Transportation Authority on Tuesday, January 24 regarding service problems on the Bx 29 route.

These include long-standing concerns like lack of early morning bus service that strands some commuters and buses bound for City Island that are misidentified with Co-op City signage.

The civic group is now calling for the agency to examine splitting the route into two separate lines: one servicing Co-op City and Bay Plaza, the other the island.

Currently the bus runs between both communities.

“We believe that doing so would allow regular and more consistent service for both neighborhoods, reduce delays for City Islanders, and alleviate the chances of buses arriving with incorrect bus signage,” stated the CICA letter.

Splitting the route in two would help commuters to City Island avoid delays when more people take the bus to do holiday shopping at Co-op City malls, said John Doyle, a CICA board member.

He added, conversely, having separate routes would help straphangers traveling to Co-op City avoid delays on the Bx 29 caused by summer traffic snarls on City Island.

Many of the riders have a sense of frustration about the quality of service, said Doyle.

Approximately 523 Bx 29 riders have signed a change.org petition calling for expanding service hours on the

bus, which currently does not run from 1 to 5 a.m., and for better reliability.

There was a public meeting between Bx 29 riders and MTA at the City Island Nautical Museum in July 2015, but the CICA is still waiting for release of the collected data concerning the bus lines and to learn what changes MTA could make, according to CICA board members.

“People have been very patient with the MTA for over a year, waiting for them to get back to us on expanding the service,” said Doyle. “While we have an ongoing dialogue with MTA employees, we have not seen an improvement in service or in extending the times of the route.”

A Bx 29 rider stated that buses in the morning are frequently two to three minutes late, which sometimes causes her to miss a connecting express bus to Manhattan.

The evening commute is even worse, the rider said, with the Bx 29 to City Island often showing up early at Amendola Plaza and leaving before the scheduled time.

“The afternoon (and) evening bus from Pelham Bay to City Island is so inconsistent,” she stated, adding when the bus is missed she sometimes spends between \$10 to \$15 for a cab to the island.

The timing along the route is terrible based on reports that Barbara Dolensek, another CICA board member, has received.

In addition, she said, she has received several reliable reports that in some cases bus drivers are telling riders that the “trip is on them” or that the MetroCard swipe machine that collects fares on the bus is broken.

An MTA representative was not immediately available for comment as of press time.

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Throggs Neck merchants elect new board

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

The Throggs Neck Merchants Association swore in its new president Bob Jean on Wednesday, January 25.

The other new officers are Richard Rosario, vice president; Angela Molinini, secretary; Hussein Nouri, technology director; Patrick Caruso, government liaison; John Marano, resident advisor; Steven Kaufman, legal counsel and Lilyana Pekic, event coordinator.

"It feels really good," said Jean who added he is excited to get to work with the community.

Jean, who has served on the TMNA executive board for three years, felt he "always wanted to do more" for his community ever since his days as a union rep for the Communication Workers of America Local 1101.

During his time with the union - a time in which Jean had been working as a repairman for Verizon - he said he saw the work union members did for the community which inspired him.

Since leaving Verizon in

2002 he has worked to give back to the Throggs Neck and Pelham Bay communities.

He owned Health Unlimited on Hobart Avenue in Pelham Bay for seven years and has owned a florist, Anthony's Flower Farm, on East Tremont Avenue for six and a half years.

Each fall from October 1st to 9 p.m. on Halloween, Jean hosts a pumpkin patch for children at Anthony's Flower farm.

Children and their families are invited to paint and carve pumpkins.

The proceeds from the pumpkin patch go towards toys for needy children around the holidays.

Jean said he isn't looking for a pat on the back with his work and believes his new position will give him and the TNMA a chance to continue that work.

"It might sound a little cliché," said Jean, "but I truly believe you can move mountains with people if you treat them the right way."

In addition to community outreach, Jean and the local



The Throggs Neck Merchants Association swore in new president Bobby Jean, owner of Anthony's Flower Farm, on Wednesday, January 25.

Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

business owners have also been working on establishing a Throggs Neck Business Improvement District.

"The BID process is going well," he said.

While acknowledging the process was moving forward, Jean said he couldn't offer too much info on the BID's formation since the parties involved are still in the initial stages.

"We're still trying to get all our ducks in a row," he said.

John Cerini, the first president of the TNMA, and its founder in 2006, believes with Jean at the helm, the TMNA is in good hands.

"I'm confident Bobby can do this," said Cerini. "From the few meetings we've already had you can see his enthusiasm and I'm really excited about what he can do."

Cerini said Jean has already discussed implementing better networking and

communication between merchants.

In addition, the TMNA could even be considering a community discount card which would mean discounts for residents of the Throggs Neck community at Throggs Neck stores.

Cerini said he is also looking forward to the creation of a Throggs Neck BID.

He said he understands the skepticism that may come from having to pay fees associated with the BID but he believes it will be an investment in the community.

"We need to invest in our community and invest in ourselves," he said.

Cerini added that a BID will help the Throggs Neck business community compete with nearby malls and chain stores outside of the area.

He also said he is hoping the BID will attract an anchor store to draw more shoppers to the Throggs Neck shopping area.

Kaufman, who is a local attorney, held the president's post for the past four years.

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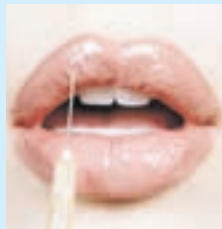
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Woman's body parts found at Metropolitan Transfer Station

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A horrifying discovery was recently made in a Bronx waste transfer station last week.

On the morning of Tuesday, January 17, between 4 to 4:30 a.m., a worker operating a bulldozer at the Metropolitan Transfer Station, located at 287 Halleck Street, came across a torso and a leg of an adult female.

Police responded to the scene at about 4:42 a.m. on Tuesday, after receiving a 911 call for possible human remains found in a pile of garbage inside of the waste transfer station.

No arrests were made immediately following the body part findings. However, on Sunday, January 22, 40-year old Somorie Moses was arrested, believed to be connected to the dismembered person in Hunts Point.

Moses, a Erasmus Street resident in East Flatbush, Brooklyn, was charged with concealment of a human corpse, after police officers found other body parts, including a head, hands and feet inside his apartment on Sunday.

A registered sex offender, Moses was convicted for attempted promotion of and profiting from prostitution in 2006 and served three years in prison.

As of press time, the NYC of Chief Medical Examiner's office was able to confirm that the first set of body part findings in Hunts Point were indeed connected to the other body parts in Moses' apartment.

They also confirmed that the cause of the woman's death is multiple blunt force injuries, including skull fractures. The manner of death was ruled



Body parts of an unidentified woman were found at the Metropolitan Transfer Station at 287 Halleck Street.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

as a homicide, after investigation.

The chief medical examiner's office was also able to identify the woman, but referred the request to the police, who did not yet have the authority to release the name of the individual.

Workers at Metropolitan Transfer Station in Hunts Point declined to comment on the incident.

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CB7: 'Wait' on Mosholu Parkway downzoning

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Residents pushing for the downzoning of Mosholu Parkway may have to wait a little bit longer following a Wednesday, January 18 Community Board 7 meeting.

Adaline Walker, chair of CB 7, said she appreciated the many residents who came out to the meeting to call for the downzoning.

However, she said, the board is currently focusing on downzoning a portion of Bedford Park.

Walker said the board has already hired a consultant to conduct a study on how they can downzone that area.

The board then plans to meet with the NYC Planning Commission on the matter.

Walker added that the board tried to see if they could add the entire Mosholu Parkway to the study but it was not possible.

Instead, the board encouraged residents who support the Mosholu Parkway downzoning to meet with elected officials and community members to garner support.

Supporters of the downzoning believe keeping the cur-

rent zone will destroy the aesthetic of the neighborhoods along Mosholu Parkway, allowing developers to build taller buildings.

They are hoping to convince city planning to downzone Mosholu, which is currently an R7/R8, to an R5 which allows buildings no taller than six stories.

Anthony Riviuccio, president of the Northwest Bronx Democrats, has been adamant that city planning is looking at Mosholu Parkway the wrong way.

"City planning sees Mosholu Parkway as a north/south corridor," he said.

Therefore, said Riviuccio, it would make sense to zone the southern half of the parkway differently from the northern half of the parkway.

Currently, the southern half of Mosholu Parkway is at an R8 - which allows buildings as high as 10 stories.

The northern half of the parkways is zoned R7.

This zoning encourages smaller apartment buildings on smaller lots and - if a building is on a larger lot - taller apartment buildings with less



Community members pushing for the downzoning of Mosholu Parkway may have to wait a little bit longer following a Wednesday, January 18 Community Board 7 meeting. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

lot coverage.

Riviuccio is hoping to get city planning to view Mosholu Parkway from an east to west development perspective.

He believes if they do, they will see it as one stretch of land that can be designated as one zone.

"I have lived off Mosholu for over 30 years," said Riviuccio. "One of the things that keeps me here today is the same reason I fell in love with this neighborhood four decades ago - it has an almost

country-type atmosphere."

"Mosholu Parkway was known as 'The Gateway to the Botanical Garden,'" he added. "I would love to keep that preserved."

At the meeting, residents also discussed specific projects they feel could impact the "country-type atmosphere" of the parkway.

For example, Riviuccio said, the meeting's attendees expressed concern about the new 13-story, 163 unit building by Stagg Development that is

coming to Van Cortlandt Avenue.

Despite the board's decision, Walker said the board is not opposed to downzoning Mosholu.

"We live here, we eat here, we sleep here," Walker said of the community board. "We are volunteers in this community."

However, she said the board must see how the study on Bedford Park goes before they can focus on Mosholu Parkway.



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NYCHA plans upgrades to 991 Bronx apartments

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

An expansion of the New York City Housing Authority's Permanent Affordability Commitment Together program could mean much needed repairs for approximately 1,000 apartments in the Bronx.

According to a January 18 press release from NYCHA, the Department of Housing and Urban Development granted the expansion which will bring an additional \$300 million dollars in funding for a total of 1,700 units throughout the Bronx and Brooklyn.

Through PACT, NYCHA can shift funding for their units from Section 9, or public housing, to project-based Section 8 which will allow for the partnerships with private developers.

However, even though a developer will manage the buildings, NYCHA remains the landlord and is able to make sure units stay affordable and tenants' rights stay intact.

The PACT expansion will benefit 1991 units in the borough.

Those units include apartments at Twin Parks West, the Franklin Avenue conven-



NYCHA apartments in the Bronx will be getting their own repairs and renovations thanks to the PACT program.

Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

tional apartments, the Betances apartments and the Highbridge Rehab.

"For many low-income families in the Bronx this means a significant improvement in their quality of life—and for that, I commend the department," said Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

According to Councilmember Ritchie Torres, PACT is "the best opportunity to save public housing for future generations."

"NYCHA is at a crossroads and it must either adapt to the changing federal landscape and funding streams, or risk losing buildings to decay," he said. "The Rental Assistance Demonstration Program provides much-needed investments while allowing NYCHA to retain ownership of land and buildings."

The repairs on these apartments won't come right away.

NYCHA expects to first meet with the community

to discuss what repairs they need and answer any questions residents have.

"The PACT process centers around community engagement because at its core this new public-private partnership is about improving residents' quality of life," said a NYCHA spokesperson.

The spokesperson also stressed the maintenance of tenant rights through NYCHA during the private/public partnership.

Many times in these types of partnerships, residents are fairful that a new developer means a new landlord that can hike up the rent or take advantage of tenants.

In addition to the Rockaways' Ocean Bay, NYCHA has also done other private/public partnerships outside of the PACT program.

In August 2016, NYCHA completed repairs to the Bronchester Houses on E. 156th Street through a partnership with L+M Development.

The building received new paint, new pipes, central air for residents, and a new basketball court and play area.

"The developments in this PACT include some of NYCHA's most challenging buildings and the authority had no way to address their needs with the limited capital funding received and over \$17 billion in capital needs throughout the portfolio," said the spokesperson. "Through the RAD program, residents in these developments will see their buildings transformed and fully rehabbed with over \$300 million being invested back into these buildings".

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Bronx Narratives puts borough's life online

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

An up and coming online publica-
tion has found, and continues to find
new ways to express the life experi-
ences of a Bronxite.

Bronx Narratives is doing just that
- while encouraging the borough's lo-
cal residents to remain active in their
community.

Bronx Narratives was started
in 2014 by lifelong Bronxites Don-
dre Green, Decota Letman and Hoay
Smith, whose goal was to describe the
experiences of those who currently
live and/or have lived in the Bronx, as
well as encourage residents to explore
and support various initiatives within
the borough, to fill a void they believed
was missing in media.

Topics usually covered on Bronx
Narratives include arts and culture,
food, events, history and neighbor-
hood tales.

Although most of the Bronx Narra-
tives team is based in the north Bronx,
the online publication covers stories
from all around the Bronx.

"We see ourselves as a platform
for the community - and we want to
share the true voices from the people
who reside here," said Dondre Green,
co-founder and creative director.
"There's a lot of great things happen-
ing here that we'd like for others, espe-
cially those who live in the borough, to
be aware of."

Green, currently a Pelham Gardens
resident and a graduate of Riverdale
Kingsbridge Academy, said that the
Bronx Narratives team has connected
with its readers through photowalks,
where they explore local neighbor-
hoods and parks, as well as creating



Green, co-founder and creative director for
Bronx Narratives.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Narratives

monthly podcasts (available on their
website) and hosting events at Bronx
businesses.

"We are continuing to find new
ways for people to interact and iden-
tify with a place that we all call home,"
Green added. "There are many stories
to tell about this borough and I'm fully
committed to sharing all of them."

Bronx native Decota Letman, the
publication's co-founder, lead editor
and logistics coordinator who special-
izes in public relations, writing and
event coordination, graduated from
John F. Kennedy High School and cur-
rently resides in Bronxwood.

Co-founder lifelong Bronxite Hoay
Smith, a Wakefield resident, gradu-
ated from Mount St. Michael Academy
and Mercy College, and fills the role
of Bronx Narrative's art director, pri-
marily focusing on aesthetics for his
illustrations and curations.

Bronx Narratives will be hosting
an event from 4 to 7 p.m. on Satur-
day, January 28, at the newly opened
brewery Gun Hill Tavern, located at
780 E. 133rd Street, where they will be
debuting their first ever Limited Edi-
tion Print Magazine, which will in-
clude live art by Bronx based artists
Andre Trenier and Annie Leginni, an
in-depth keynote presentation on the
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A series of round-table styled dis-
cussions on community-based issues
and topics will follow.

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For more information on the pub-
lication, visit www.bronxnarratives.com. To RSVP to Saturday's event,
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Flyer for Bronx Narratives event on Satur-
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At a time when income disparity is increasing and the cost of living is on the rise, politicians should be focused on improving New York's economy and helping the working class, not implementing a tax that will hurt their most vulnerable constituents without any meaningful environmental or public benefit. In fact, the only ones who benefit are the grocers who get to keep ALL of the tax money.

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Ridgewood Bank staff volunteer their time

BY MARK HALLUM

Ridgewood Savings Bank employees volunteered 2,400 hours and collectively raised over \$67,000 to donate to various charities throughout the city over the course of 2016.

Since 2004, Ridgewood Savings has operated a community reinvestment program called 'Spirit of Ridgewood,' which engages employees to volunteer through local 501c3 organizations.

This year 340 employees offered a hand to the charity of their choice, with 147 associates volunteering 10 or more hours and 29 volunteering over 20 hours of service.

"Through the 'Spirit of Ridgewood' program we participated in 68 events and raised over \$67,500 all through the efforts of our employees," Leonard Stekol, Ridgewood Savings Bank's president, said. "This incredible effort is rarely recognized outside the charities we help, but so appreciated by the directors and the deserving people each charity helps."

Charitable organizations such as The Interfaith Nutrition Network, St. John's Bread and Life, Room to Grow, the East 233rd Street Senior Center, Yorkville Common Pantry, World Vision, and Forestdale were some of the organizations that were involved.

Although 'Spirit of Ridgewood' has only been in existence since 2004, Ridgewood Savings has offered help to charities in the program for much longer.

Volunteer work from Ridgewood Savings Bank extends beyond city limits to The INN, a Hempstead based non-profit.

"Ridgewood Savings Bank has been a huge supporter of The INN for over 20 years," Jean Kelly, executive director, said. "Employees are front and center at our fund-raising events and familiar faces as volunteers in our soup kitchen. They have donated countless items that guests desperately need for daily basic survival, including food, clothing and personal

care items.

Rachel McNeil of the Bronx-based East 233rd Street Senior Center said the volunteers offered meaningful work to help the elderly at their facility.

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Leonard Stekol

"The Ridgewood Savings Bank employees stop in, bring food, organize the pantry and even cook the food that is given to the seniors at the center. I love that they are actively helping our cause," she said.

Room to Grow is a Manhattan-based organization dedicated to offering care to impoverished children for the first three years of their lives.

"Ridgewood's generosity and their teams of volunteers help support Room to Grow in our mission to enrich the lives of babies born into poverty throughout their critical first three years of development," said Bethany Brichta, external relations for the organization. "Room to Grow provides one-on-one parenting education and all the needed baby essentials to families dedicated to giving their children the best possible start in life."

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Parkchester Chorus spring auditions

Parkchester Chorus announces membership auditions for this spring. The theme of this May's concert is, Americana, and will have selections showcasing music in American history.

Have you thought of joining or auditioning for a chorus? With a membership body from all over the Bronx, now is the time to come see, try out Parkchester Chorus. Come to First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck, 2075 Baisley Avenue, before or on Monday, February 6, as auditions are being held till then. Chorus begins at 7:30 p.m., but if you are auditioning, come earlier. By coming early you will have the time to meet with director Miles Fellenberg. Requirements are first and uppermost, the desire to join a chorus, having some choral or vocal experience and if you are able to read music that is helpful too.

In December 2016, the chorus, accompanied by a talented string quartet and our resident pianist, Ava, celebrated the holiday with a program that included, "The Messiah" and a diverse menu of holiday music.

For this May, a great American musical tapestry is being planned. Parkchester Chorus has openings in all voice parts. Parkchester Chorus performs two outreach concerts and two public concerts, one each semester. However, other community participation opportunities are considered. Parkchester Chorus is partially supported by performances and with public funds from the Bronx Council On The Arts, through the New York State Council On The Arts Decentralization Program

First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck is accessible by train or bus. Semester dues for chorus members are \$40 for individuals, \$60 for couples. Parkchester Chorus' next concert is Sunday, May 21.

For more information, visit Facebook or website, <http://www.parkchesterchorus.org/>, email Parkchester Chorus at: parkchesterchorus.members@gmail.com. Parkchester Chorus is made possible with public funds from the Bronx Council On The Arts, through the New York State Council On The Arts Decentralization Program.

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Food Bank For NYC, Bright Temple AME Church Create Soup Kitchen

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, nearly 150 Food Bank for NYC volunteers from different backgrounds rolled up their sleeves on Monday, January 16 to create Hunts Point's first food pantry. The volunteers were hard at work transforming an unfinished kitchen at Bright Temple AME Church into a soup kitchen and dining room equipped to serve thousands of families whose nearest hot meal may be a half hour walk away. Food Bank for NYC partnered with Bright Temple AME Church in 2015 to reopen the church's food pantry to serve as the neighborhood's only local food pantry.

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- (1) Pastor Sherwyn James from Bright Temple AME Church (back, 2nd from l), Reginald Jones, Jessie James and Sabrina Johnson with volunteers.
- (2) (l-r) Charles Martinez, Dana Cordy, Russell Gordon, Zac Hall and Sayed Christopher worked together to build shelves for the soup kitchen.
- (3) (l-r) Margarette Purvis, Food Bank for NYC president; Congressman José Serrano and pastor Sherwyn James from Bright Temple AME Church attended the massive renovation project.
- (4) (l-r) Volunteers Lacrai Mitchell, Keila Simons and Kimberly Reveil gave the soup kitchen a fresh coat of paint.
- (5) A volunteer's shirt says it all.
- (6) Many volunteers were instrumental in creating Hunts Point's first soup kitchen
- (7) Volunteers worked diligently transforming Bright Temple AME Church's unfinished kitchen into a much needed local soup kitchen and dining room.



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On Wednesday, January 4th, Lynne Holden, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, and President of Mentoring in Medicine, Inc., held a modified field trip at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula. Dr. Holden presented a hands-on interactive educational experience in three parts. First, in an exercise used to reinforce the musculoskeletal system, using gloves, students dissected a chicken leg and thigh. Designated benchmarks were located concluding with the bone marrow and a clinical association describing the indications for and description of a bone marrow

transplant. Then, students learned about interpreting normal and abnormal vital signs. They were taught what a stethoscope is and practiced listening to the sounds of the body. Lastly, to reinforce their knowledge about the skin and wound closure techniques, they practiced how to place simple stitches in a laceration on a pig's foot, as well as on a banana. "Having students exposed to these types of health related activities during high school can make them aware of opportunities they may not have considered," said Dr. Suroj Tiwari, AMSU Science chairperson.

BronxNet and BronxWorks will partner for the third year in a row at The Bronx Polar Bears 2017 Dip Against Homelessness. The event will take place on Saturday, February 11 at Orchard Beach. The event will kick off at 11 a.m. with an official welcome, safety instructions and warm-ups. The big plunge into the cold waters of the Long Island Sound will take place at noon followed by hot soup for the participants. The team will include BronxWorks executive director Eileen Torres, BronxNet executive director Michael Max Knobbe, friends and staff of both organizations as well as a few other special guests! "We are thrilled to partner for the 3rd year in a row with BronxNet and the Bronx Polar Bears to raise awareness of homelessness in the Bronx," states Torres, "Each year this event grows in size and we are grateful to all who come together to show support for our most vulnerable neighbors."

All are invited to attend but registration is requested to help raise money for services provided by BronxWorks for the homeless population of the Bronx. Each year the BronxWorks Homeless Outreach Team makes thousands of contacts with street homeless men and women. Engagement is the first step in bringing about change. A trip to the BronxWorks Living Room/Safe Haven or a safe bed at a church that collaborates with BronxWorks is a critical interim step before BronxWorks helps street homeless persons obtain permanent housing. Visit www.bronxworks.org/dip-against-homelessness to register or feel free to contact BronxWorks at 646-393-4002 or trogers@bronxworks.org if you have any specific questions. Donations of warm winter gear including hats, gloves, socks, and scarves are also appreciated and may be brought to the event, or to a BronxWorks location or to BronxNet Television at Lehman College.



Participants gather prior to the 2016 Dip Against Homelessness (BronxWorks)

Noir: Defining the Melodrama at Hostos

Longwood Arts Project, the visual arts program of Bronx Council on the Arts and Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, invites you to the opening of *Noir: Defining the Melodrama*, an exhibition featuring works inspired by film noir and detective stories. Drawings, illustrations, paintings, photography and video exhibited revisit, reimagine and respond to symbols used in the noir style, while addressing ongoing social concerns such as crime, gender roles, isolation and displacement. The opening reception with artists

and the Bronx Culture Trolley will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 5 to 9 p.m., at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos. This exhibit is being co-curated by Juanita Lanzo, Charlie Vazquez and Kimberly Vaquedano-Rose. It will be on view through May 4. *Noir: Defining the Melodrama* will feature interactive creative writing workshops that connect the written word to works on display, in collaboration with BCA's Bronx Writers Center (BWC). Four contemporary genre-focused

writing workshops will be held at Longwood Art Gallery as part of the exhibit's public programs as well as the Big Read. The writers facilitating these sessions include Regine Sawyer, Richie Narvaez, Sofia Quintero and BWC director, Charlie Vazquez. "We are excited and humbled to present recent work by twenty-six artists that directly and indirectly respond to the dubious times we are living in, through humor, anger and wit," says Juanita Lanzo, Longwood Arts Project director and curator.

Participating artists include Laura Alvarez, Tyrone Brown-Osborne, Carey Clark, Alyssa Clear, Roberto De Jesus, Ray Felix, Elizabeth Glushko and Steve Pavlovsky, Daniel Hauben, Rasheed Humphrey, Patrick Jewell, Nikki Johnson, Jayson Keeling, Gabrielle Lopez, Jeanette May, Osjua Newton, Gelah Penn, Néstor Pérez-Molière, Jaime Permut, Ethan Shoshan, Shira Toren, Nitza Tufiño, Dennesa Usher, Boo Lynn Walsh, Joe Wippler, and Michael Young. For updated events and public programs visit www.bronxarts.org

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Erica Coleman joined **BronxWorks** earlier this month as general counsel. In her role, Erica will oversee legal and compliance matters as well as human resources, employee education and training, information technology, and quality assurance.

Prior to joining BronxWorks, Erica worked as pro bono practice attorney at Winston & Strawn LLP where she exclusively represented nonprofits in corporate and transactional legal matters.

Previously Erica also practiced law in various private and non-profit settings, including nearly five years as an associate in the Business, Financing & Restructuring Group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, followed by two and half years as director of Programs & Operations at Start Small Think Big, a Bronx-based nonprofit organization that furthers community economic development through pro bono legal services.

Erica earned her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and she graduated cum laude from St. John's University School of Law in 2008.

"We are very excited to have Erica Coleman join the BronxWorks family," stated Eileen Torres, executive director. "Erica is well versed in the nonprofit sector and has experience working in our beloved borough. She embraces the challenge of further understanding the complexity and changing needs of our organization."

An Information Session for the spring and summer semesters of the **Lehman Academy for Children and Teens and Summer Camp** for ages 5-12 is offered by Lehman College Continuing Education on Saturday, February 4 at 10:30 a.m.

Professional guidance will be provided on a wide range of enrichment courses: academic, including English language arts, math and test prep for the SAT, ACT and NYC Specialized High Schools exam; technology; creative arts with classes in art, crafts, piano, and guitar; and physical fitness including basketball and all levels of swimming in the Lehman Olympic-size pool.

Classes start at the beginning of February, March and April. In addition, information is given on the very affordable and popular Summer Camp, which provides children with the opportunity for enrichment, creativity, physical fitness and socialization, all held on the campus of Lehman College.

Numerous convenient schedules are available and early bird discounts are offered. The camp is licensed by the



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NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Additional information sessions are offered on April 22, May 20, and June 10 at 10:30 a.m. on the Lehman College campus, 250 Bedford Park Boulevard, in the Music Building, 1st floor Dining Room.

For additional information about all spring and summer classes for adults and children, call 718-960-8512 or visit www.lehman.edu/ce.

Gamble Sports Management is hosting an International Basketball Showcase for women in the Tri-State area that are interested in playing professional basketball overseas (the "Showcase"). The Showcase will take place at three locations in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York on April 8 to 9, 2017: <https://gsmwbbtri-state.eventbrite.com>. The Bronx locations will take place on Sunday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the APEX at Lehman College, 250 Bedford Park Boulevard.

Coaches and owners from the women's professional basketball league in Puerto Rico (BSNF) will be attending the Showcase to sign players for the 2017 season. A WNBA Agent will be attending all Showcase sessions and Gamble Sports Management will be evaluating players for basketball jobs in Europe.

Cost: \$25 per session for Puerto Rican players (parents or grandparents from P.R.); \$80 per session for all other players.

For more information and to register, contact cgamble.gsm@gmail.com or call (305) 741-5777.

"Great Gardens and their Legacies" is the theme of the 17th Annual Winter

Lecture Series at **The New York Botanical Garden**. Three beloved and influential gardens in the United States, Germany, and England--Chanticleer, Hermannshof, and Great Dixter--will be featured in presentations by the innovative gardeners who share the challenges of maintaining and expanding these iconic spaces.

The speakers at this year's series -- which runs three Thursdays, January 26, February 23, and March 30, are: R. William Thomas, director and head gardener at Chanticleer in Wayne, Pennsylvania, who continues to expand on the garden's legacy of artistic freedom; Cassian Schmidt, director of Hermannshof, the acclaimed public garden near Heidelberg, Germany, which has a dynamic mix of plants arranged by habitat and origin; and Aaron Bertelsen, who manages the vegetable garden and kitchen at Great Dixter in East Sussex, England, and is the author of the forthcoming "The Great Dixter Cookbook."

All lectures begin at 10 a.m. in the Botanical Garden's Ross Hall.

Join Bronx authors Robert Gumbs and Fordham University's Professor Mark Naison as they present their book *Before the Fires: An Oral History of African American Life in the Bronx from the 1930s to the 1960s*, along with the research that was done during the process. The authors will have copies of their book for sale and signing. This lecture will be held at **The Bronx County Archives** located at 3313 Bainbridge Avenue, on Saturday, February 4, at 1 p.m.. For directions, call (718) 881-8900.

A quantitative measure of how successful **Herbert H. Lehman College**, the City University of New York's only senior college in the Bronx, is in educating, empowering and engaging lower-income students, appears in a newly re-

leased study by The National Bureau of Economic Research and The Equality of Opportunity Project.

The study, "Mobility Report Cards: The Role of Colleges in Intergenerational Mobility," placed Lehman College #4 in the top ten colleges nationwide with the highest "mobility rate." This is a new statistic developed by a team of economic researchers which matches a college's share of students from lower-income families with its success at "propelling" graduates upwards into the top 40 percent of wage earners nationwide.

Need fun activities to engage the kids while out of school for President's Week? **Pelham Art Center** offers fun, creative outlets for kids ages 3-13. Choose from Treasure Hunt! Art Camp for ages 3-7 and Clay for kids 7-13, Duct Tape Creations for ages 8-13, and Digital Collage for ages 8-12, February 20 to 24.

In Treasure Hunt! Art Camp, young campers will explore adventure stories through games, movement, acting and storytelling, then in art class they will make their own "treasures" with all types of art media, including clay, paint, and mixed media! Treasure Hunt! Art Camp will run Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$330/\$297 PAC members. In the mornings, older students can create three dimensional art work while creatively exploring many art-making techniques using colored duct tape in Duct Tape Creations. In Digital Collage, they will learn to use Photoshop to manipulate images, including their own drawings, to create themed artwork. In Clay in the afternoon, students will gain basic knowledge of the ceramic process including glazing, firing, hand building and the wheel.

Find out more and register online at www.pelhamartcenter.org under "Camps" or over the phone at (914) 738-2525, ext. 111.

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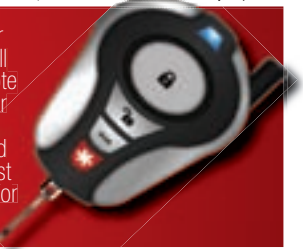
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A Healthier Bronx...

A Community Health Column brought to you courtesy of Doctors for a Healthier Bronx.

Diabetes: A Lifestyle Illness!
BY: SUNIL S. JHANGIANI, MD, MBA,
FOUNDER AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Diabetes is a disease in which your blood glucose, or sugar, levels are too high. With Type 1 diabetes, your body does not make insulin. With Type 2 diabetes, the more common type, your body does not make or use insulin well. Without enough insulin, the glucose stays in your blood. Over time, having too much glucose in your blood can damage your eyes, kidneys, and nerves. Diabetes can also cause heart disease, stroke and even the need to remove a limb. Pregnant women can also get diabetes, called gestational diabetes.

Diabetes is a major public health problem not just in our borough, but nationwide and globally driven mainly by our improper eating habits, lack of physical activity and an accumulation of excess body weight.

Diabetes Symptoms

Fatigue
 Excessive thirst
 Sudden weight loss
 Blurred vision
 Frequent urination
 Some individuals may have no symptoms.

Diabetes Risk Factors

Age - 45 or older.
 Overweight or obese (above normal BMI)
 Having an immediate family member with diabetes.
 Had gestational diabetes, or gave birth to a baby weighing more than 9 lbs.

High blood pressure
 Elevated cholesterol and/or Triglyceride levels with Low levels of HDL cholesterol (“good” cholesterol).
 Inactive and sedentary lifestyle.
 Exercising fewer than three times a week.

- Diabetes Management: Top Priorities
- Maintain healthy weight
 - Exercise daily
 - Avoid sugar sweetened beverages
 - Limit alcohol
 - Limit sodium
 - Stop smoking
 - Eat a balanced diet

Diabetes: Diet And Lifestyle Modification

When you have diabetes, your body cannot make or properly use insulin. This leads to high blood glucose or sugar levels in your blood. By eating healthy you can reduce your blood sugar and manage diabetes better with attention to the three main issues mentioned below:

1. What to eat?
2. How much to eat?
3. When to eat?

Below are a few tips on how to control your blood sugar levels and manage your diabetes. Just making slight changes to your diet, meal times, portion sizes, exercise factors and enhancing the nutritional quality of the foods you eat will help you better manage your condition.

Here’s what we recommend:

1. Maintain your weight
2. Eat a balanced diet & a variety of foods every day. Do not skip meals. Limit or avoid intake of sugar-sweetened beverages. Limit the intake of sodium to less than 2300 mg per day with



Students from P.S. 89, medical students for Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Bronx residents participating at a community health fair organized by Doctors for a Healthier Bronx.

further reductions if you also have high blood pressure.

3. Eat foods rich in fiber (20 to 35 grams per day). Fruits and vegetables provide good amounts of fiber.
4. Eat light food, avoid processed foods. Stay away from desserts and sugary drinks that have empty calories.
5. Maintain a regular exercise schedule. Do not eat immediately after exercise
6. Avoid smoking and alcohol
7. Maintain regular meal timings
8. Eat recommended amounts at regular & fixed intervals
9. Drink adequate amounts of water
10. Match your mealtime schedule to your insulin schedule as explained by your doctor or the diabetes nurse.

Diabetes Treatment

If you have diabetes, make sure

that you maintain regular follow up visits with your doctor and take medications as recommended. The doctor may have you also consult with a nutritionist to help you plan your diet/activity plan. The nutritionist will recommend a menu plan based on your weight, goal, height, age, and physical activity.

Diabetes Treatment and Management program provides
 Balanced nutrition
 A Flexible diet plan that has been customized for you.

An incremental exercise plan.
 These plans will enable you to:
 Achieve normal or near-normal blood glucose levels.

Provide adequate calories for reaching and maintaining an optimal body weight.

Prevent, delay or treat nutrition related complications.

Launch of Gifted & Talented Education Task Force

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. announced the creation of a new “Gifted & Talented Education Task Force” to study issues surrounding gifted and talented education in New York City public schools, as well as the admissions process for the city’s specialized high schools.

The newly created task force will be comprised of government officials, community members and parents who are familiar with the issues gifted students face in New York City schools. The task force will host public hearings in March, and will release a set of recommendations for the future of gifted education in New York City.

Both borough presidents have been outspoken about the dearth of gifted and talented programs in historically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The task force will be made up of both borough presidents, as well as three parent leaders from each borough.

“For too long, students in communi-

ties all over the city-such as the South Bronx and Central Brooklyn-have been denied the opportunities that their counterparts in other boroughs have been provided when it comes to gifted and talented programs. We cannot send our children to Stuyvesant, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech if they are not prepared. And we cannot expect them to be prepared if they do not have the same advantages that are offered to other communities. Our children lack gifted programs and adequate test prep resources, among other things, and the results are crystal clear. Through this task force, we will work to change that,” said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

“Gifted and talented children live in communities from Park Slope to Port Morris, from Bedford Park to Brownsville. Unfortunately, our students’ home addresses are playing too heavy a role in their access to high-quality specialized education that taps into their full academic potential. This task force will uproot the causes of these challenges and

lay out a road map for a more equitable and prosperous system,” said Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams.

Borough President Adams appointees from Brooklyn are Ralph Yozzo, member of Community Education Council District #16; Melanie Mendonca member of Community Education Council District #23 CEC and Nikki Lucas, a parent at J.H.S. 88 Peter Rouget.

Borough President Diaz’s appointees from The Bronx are Katie Sperling of Parents’ Alliance for Citywide Education (PACE); Dr. Nancy Kheck, Borough President Diaz’s Appointee to Community Education Council #11 and a parent at M.S. 181; and Steven Francisco, Borough President Diaz’s Appointee to Community Education Council #10.

“The struggle for equitable access in the Bronx permeates every step of the Gifted & Talented process. I look forward to working with other members of the taskforce to propose solutions that will increase the opportunities and representation of the entire Bronx commu-

nity in the Gifted and Talented system,” said Steven Francisco.

“As a veteran medical-science educator, I’ve conducted education and public outreach in the K-12 setting throughout my years of teaching university and medical students. My goal is to help learners at all levels to explore their passions and channel their potential,” said Dr. Nancy Kheck.

“I am excited that Borough President Adams has formed this task force to identify barriers in education equality for gifted and talented children in under-served areas. I look forward to serving and sharing my own experience to help other families in my community and well beyond,” said Nikki Lucas.

“The PACE group is honored to work with Borough Presidents Diaz and Adams to help ensure adequate educational options for underserved communities in The Bronx and Brooklyn,” said Katie Sperling.

“Gifted and talented programs are very important to help our children be all that they can be,” said Ralph Yozzo.



(L-r) Edward Cardinal Egan Scholarship recipients Junior Jessica Celzo and Sophomore Roseanna McDaniel Biancardi.

St. Barnabas H.S. scholarship winners

Saint Barnabas High School junior Jessica Celzo and sophomore Roseanna McDaniel Biancardi were recently named recipients of the prestigious Edward Cardinal Egan Scholarship.

On Tuesday, January 17, Jessica and Roseanna, two of 250 recipients throughout the diocese, were invited to attend the annual award ceremony at Cathedral High School in Manhattan. Both students were presented with certificates during the ceremony.

The scholarships, sponsored by the Tri-State Italian-American Congress, are awarded to students of Italian descent who have been nominated by their principals and show financial need and

attendance in a Catholic school within the archdiocese.

The Tri-State Italian-American Congress, formed in 1988, funds the scholarships and are advocates of Catholic education.

"I am immensely proud of both Jessica and Roseanna. They work hard at their studies and define what it means to be a Barnabite and a part of the Barnabas family", stated Interim Principal Frances Dziunia.

For information about St. Barnabas call Jennifer Geideman, MPA at (718) 325-8800 x11, at jgeideman@stbarnabashigh.com or visit www.stbarnabashighschool.com.

Calvary's bereavement courses

Calvary Hospital announced that their 24th Annual Bereavement Course will take place on Mondays, 6 TO 8 p.m., from March 6 through May 8. The course is designed for those who work in the helping professions (social workers, counselors, teachers, nurses, funeral directors, etc.) who may need to address bereavement and grief related issues in their professional lives. (The course is not for bereaved family members.) The hospital's 10-week course is taught by various specialists from Calvary Hospital and from Calvary@Home (Home Care and Hospice). Upon completion, each participant will receive a Certificate of Attendance. Continuing Education Credits and contact hours are pending from the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Funeral Directors and ADEC (Association for Death Education and Counseling). These courses have been approved for contact hours by; CASAC (Credentialed Alcoholism and Sub-

stance Abuse Counselor); CPP (Credentialed Prevention Professional); and CPS (Credential Prevention Specialist).

Fees are as follows: \$225 per person to attend all 10 sessions; \$200 each for 2-4 people registering from the same institution; 175 for five or more people. Special offer for graduate students is \$50.00 for the complete course; people may also choose individual sessions for \$50; the course is free of charge for all Calvary Hospital Employees.

To register for the entire 10-session course, or for individual sessions, go to www.calvaryhospital.org to download a copy of the registration form. Individuals can also register at the door. Checks should be made payable to Calvary Hospital. Send all registrations and payment to: Calvary Hospital- Bereavement Services, 1740 Eastchester Road, Bronx, New York 10461 or call (718) 518-2173, lpappalardi@calvary-hospital.org.

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Christ Church Riverdale receives Sacred Sites Grant



Christ Church Riverdale was awarded Sacred Sites Grant.

The New York Landmarks Conservancy, a private non-profit organization, has announced 19 Sacred Sites Grants totaling \$260,000 awarded to historic religious properties throughout New York State including a \$2,000 Sacred Sites Grant to Christ Church Riverdale to help fund church door restoration.

"Maintaining these remarkable buildings for their congregations, social service and cultural programs, and history is one of the most important things we do," said Peg Breen, president, The New York Landmarks Conservancy.

"Religious structures really do anchor their communities."

Christ Church Riverdale in the Bronx was awarded a Conservancy Grant of \$2,000 to help fund church door restoration. The church resembles a rural English medieval parish church. Constructed in 1866 to the designs of Richard M. Upjohn, the church is an excellent example of Gothic Revival country church architecture. The church features pointed stained glass windows in the semicircular apse, along the nave and in the transept ends. The church is of locally quarried stone and colorful brick-

work characteristic of this Gothic Revival style.

Christ Church Riverdale hosts several community non-profit organizations including A.A., The Riverdale Choral Society and the Sharing Community. The church serves as a polling and meeting site for the community and hosts a very popular music series including classical, jazz and ethnic music as well as a choral concert altar guild, Episcopal Church Women, and various receptions. A local Jewish congregation, Congregation Tehillah, occasionally uses the church sanctuary

and hall when its usual venue, the Riverdale Society for Ethical Culture, is too small to ac-

commodate all worshipers. Combined, these activities serve about 450 people a year.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

There is a foreign policy conceit that affects all new American presidents, Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative.

Despite the reality that nations retain roughly the same international goals for centuries, newly elected White House occupants seem to believe that somehow, some way, they can by charm or skill persuade foreign leaders to disregard the course of their history. Most presidents realize the folly of that perception relatively quickly. Unfortunately, former President Obama utterly failed to learn the lesson throughout his entire tenure.

Relations with Russia will not change for the better merely because there has been a personnel change in the Oval Office. The Associated Press recently reported that "It would be challenging to reach common ground [between Russia and the U.S.] on some issues even if Trump

and ... Putin both want it, as the interests of Russia and of the United States differ sharply..."

President Trump has indicated that he is seeking better relations with his Kremlin counterpart. The intention may be commendable, but the reality is it will not occur. Russia will only reduce its aggressive tactics if it is compelled to do so by powerful economic or military factors. Washington should not ignore past and ongoing Russian misdeeds by signing onto agreements that require lifting sanctions or limiting U.S. troops in Europe in return for assurances from Moscow that it will behave more reasonable. The concept is unrealistic. Offering arms pacts is also a futile gesture. Bluntly, Russia is already cheating on those it has already signed.

President Trump is not wrong in signaling that he is willing to speak or meet with Putin in the hopes of improving communications. The

Community Action civic Association

two leaders should develop a relationship to avoid misunderstandings and misinterpretations that could lead to conflict. However, common ground will not be found unless Russia does a full reverse on many of the activities it engaged in during the Obama presidency. These include its continuing unlawful activities in Ukraine, its dramatic military buildup, (Russia's massive military buildup should be a key issue for the Trump Administration.

Despite pressing domestic needs, Putin surged forward with his armaments program at a time when Russia faced no viable threats. It has allied with China, on its southern border. European nations have very weak military ca-

pabilities, a fact that became a campaign issue when Trump complained about their inadequate contribution to NATO. The U.S., under Obama, sharply reduced its military (funding) its threatening positioning of troops bordering Eastern European nations, its meddling in the internal affairs of its neighbors, its resumption of nuclear bomber patrols along the coastlines of the United States, its return to Cuba and Nicaragua, its militarization of the Arctic, its support for Iran's nuclear program, and other related activities.

Unlike Islamic extremists, Russia, while aggressive, is neither irrational nor prone to suicidal actions. It will respond positively when it realizes that its actions will produce more harm than benefit. The Kremlin realized that its dependence on its military for international gains was failing when President Reagan responded to it with a major increase in U.S. military

strength. Russia's realpolitik outlook helped prevent the Cold War from turning hot. President Trump's pledge to strengthen the U.S. military should have a similar positive result.

But when Moscow encounters weakness, either at the negotiating table or in the field of arms, it has and will take every advantage possible. By advocating a reversal of President Obama's devastation of the U.S. military and America's system of alliances throughout the globe, President Trump has singled a return to a more realistic worldview. That practicality should not be diminished by a belief that relations with Moscow can be improved without creating conditions that compel Putin to believe that he has no other viable alternative.

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DR. PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

On Sunday, February 5, Super Bowl Sunday, there will be an 11 o'clock Mass at St. Benedict's Church commemorating the sacrifices of the Four Chaplains. This will be hosted by the Hawkins Post American Legion.

Back at 620, membership dues are due. This goes for the S. A. L. delinquent members will be dropped from the rolls, so get your dues in ASAP.

The ongoing prettification of the post is still in effect.

The Marine Corps League

is alive and well. They meet the third Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

We here at the post are still collecting eyeglasses, cell phones, serviceable clothing, men's women's and children. We are also still collecting non-perishable food-stuffs.

The latter goes to a church soup kitchen in the south Bronx. All donations can be dropped off at the Ericson Place entrance. If no one answers, just leave the goods on the door step inside the fence. Many thanks for your generosity. The glasses, phones

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and clothing go directly to the vets.

More happenings: April 5, 7:30 p.m. - County meeting at the Sam Young Post; April 19, 7:30 p.m. - County Executive Meeting at the Hawkins Post on City Island; and Monday, May 29, at 2 p.m., the Hawkins Post will host the Memorial

Day Parade on City Island.

If any post has up coming events and wants to include same in this column, please give me a three week lead time and I can make the deadline.

Short column this week.

Trivia Time

Captain Sully landed Flight 1549 in the Hudson River on January 15, 2009. This was a result of multiple bird strikes and difficult parking in the city.

52 hostages taken in Iran were freed after 444 days of captivity on January 20, 1981.

January 22, 1944, saw the Anzio Beach head landing and the Allied push toward Rome.

Gold was discovered in California on January 24, 1848.

Krueger, the first canned beer, went on sale on January 24, 1848.

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As part of his holiday trip from his home in the Dominican Republic back to the Bronx, former patient Alex Ramirez made a trip back to NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi to express his 20+ years of gratitude to the hospital staff.

In 1994, Alex Ramirez was flown to New York to receive treatment at NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi following a severe spinal cord injury from a diving accident in his native country, the Dominican Republic.

"I only had limited wrist function," he recalled. "I really had to relearn everything."

That's when occupational therapist Stephen Leonard and the rehabilitation team at NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi got to work. They partnered with Alex for four months of intensive rehabilitation, during which Alex relearned basic functions like sitting up, balancing himself, dressing, bathing, and other important skills, so that despite his paralysis, he could go about his daily life.

"Alex was in a tough place when he arrived," said Leonard. "But we knew that as long as he was committed to his recovery, we would be there to assist him, every step of the

way. Both figuratively and literally."

The rehabilitation team was also able to provide Alex with the emotional support he needed to overcome such a devastating injury, pairing him with therapists to help him adjust and eventually thrive.

"Steve and his colleagues at Jacobi went above and beyond to help me," said Alex. "I can never thank them enough."

Today, Alex is now Dr. Ramirez, teaching radiology to 600 students at a medical school in the Dominican Republic. Twenty years later, Leonard is the director of the



Dr. Alex Ramirez and occupational therapist Stephen Leonard.

rehabilitation team at NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi.

If you or someone you care about is in need of rehabilita-

tion services, contact the Rehabilitation Department at

NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi at (718) 918-6204.

BY GENE DEFRANCIS

We are happy and grateful to announce we have an office space at 930 Allerton Avenue (between Radcliff and Colden avenues).

Tax Time Associates have been gracious enough to share their space with us. We will begin clothes drive (starting immediately) of new or gently used clothes. The items can be dropped off at our location. Especially professional attire for our young men and women. We will also accept canned food items.

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Membership cost \$25 and includes a subscription to the Bronx Times.

Or just stop by to say hi or share questions comments concerns.

We are also gearing up for our fourth anniversary party in April. Sponsors are welcome to reach out to us now and secure their space in the Journal at AllertonMerchants@gmail.com

Spread the word and add your friends to our Facebook page.

We wanted to share with the public a letter we sent to our community board who has joined us in our efforts to accomplish a few safety goals:

"Thank you for your attention this week to our concerns in Allerton regarding our residents safety and the safety of our local businesses.

"As noted in our meeting these issues are not new and

we have addressed them several times to the proper channels. The start to 2017 was not a very good one in Allerton and we feel could have been deterred if the solutions we suggested had been implemented.

"In 2017 already we have two fatal car accidents on Boston Road within the first week of the New Year. We are determined to prevent a third fatality and we want to work closely with our community board to do what we can.

"It is in the minutes of a general community board meeting in the presence of all of our elected officials that we requested a left turn only light at the intersection of Boston Road and Allerton Avenue.

"This intersection is a launching pad for speeding. When cars gets jammed at this intersection waiting for oncoming traffic as the cars in front wait to make a left turn it is not uncommon for cars to speed out of the jam to 'make up for lost time'. This is a common bad driving practice witnessed at this intersection. Add the element of alcohol or another factor that inhibits drivers and it is a recipe for disaster.

"Add the fact that half of the turns are blind left turns where vision is obstructed for drivers to see pedestrians if they are rushing to make a left turn before oncoming traffic prohibits them.

"It is dangerous and it is a known hazard to everyone who lives here. We could also speculate that many homeowners on the east side of Boston Road are intimidated by this crosswalk preventing some (especially many elderly or disabled homeowners) from shopping at our local busi-

Allerton International Merchants Association

nesses.

"Also several months ago we also brought up the need for cameras in our shopping district. We were proactive and received a quote from a reliable, trustworthy and local security company well known in our community. NyTek has given us a very generous price to install two storefront cameras at 40 different stores for \$40,000.

"We know that there are grants available to help small businesses add such features as well as grants to help beautify the facade of such businesses (which does effect safety and perception of safety in our community). We want to work with our community board to fund these projects through Small Business Services and other pro small business organizations.

"Again as predicted by our organization we saw the need for such cameras. And this month in this early new year at least three of our stores have been broken into, each one lacking security cameras.

"We also want to revisit the need for proper lighting and cameras in our two alleyways (between Wallace/Holland and Holland/Cruger) and raise funds to repave and gate this private property because it is a need for the entire community.

"To conclude we would also like to work together to acquire more lighting for the

entire Allerton corridor.

Angie's Salon, especially during the winter months when the sun goes down earlier, has a deep concern of their female clients and staff closing at night. Not too long ago our street light that lit up this block was replaced with a transformer. Understanding that both a light and a transformer can not co-exist, we still require a solution to add lighting to this and other blocks along Allerton. NYPD experts have also requested that we turn our lighting system to LED lighting.

"So we would like to formally request we work together to find funding to add LED decorative light poles that come from the ground on this and several other blocks where lighting is critical for the success of small businesses and the safety of our residents and visitors.

"I look forward to finally coming to a solution on these very important issues and

thank you sincerely for your time and service to this community."

We are very optimistic that we resolve these issues this year among concerns. 2017 will be the year to see results. We are very serious about quality of life issues. Concerns stemming from our area shelters, panhandler, businesses blocking the sidewalk with merchandise, businesses harassing pedestrians, businesses blasting music and delivery bikes not following traffic laws will not be tolerated.

To all the residents that continually report these complaints. We thank you for your patients as we work to resolve them.

Keep the information coming and together we will continue to grow this great community.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanz 815, Allerton Avenue.

Jeanne-Jugan Home donations

Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged, located at 2999 Schurz Avenue, is always in need of brand new or near-new items that can be sold in its gift shop and Annual Christmas Bazaar. They have a special need for new toys. Other items include jewelry, gift sets, electronic items, specialty items, new tagged clothing,

accessories, collectibles., but no VHS.

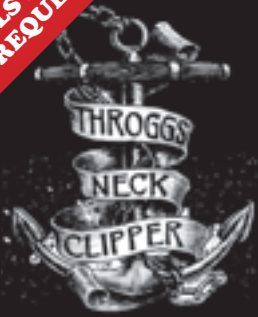
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Lehman recruiting for its virtual reality training lab

Lehman College, part of The City University of New York, is the first local higher educational institution to offer an 11-month training program as part of its new Virtual Reality Training Academy and Development Lab. The college is partnering with EON Reality Inc., a world leader in virtual and augmented reality knowledge transfer, and is accepting applicants for the course that will begin on April 24. Topics of study will include animation, 3D graphics, and web design.

The non-credit course will be held on nights and weekends at Lehman's School of Continuing and Professional Studies to maximize participation. Tuition will be \$499 for CUNY students and employees, and \$599 for non-CUNY applicants and will be linked to employment opportunities in the fast-growing fields of Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR). One of the academy's significant goals is to train the borough's growing sector of

technology professionals.

"This vital partnership with EON Reality is a great example of how Lehman is cementing its place as the most important, mission-critical senior college of The City University of New York," said José Luis Cruz, president of Lehman College. "This effort will provide our students with invaluable, state-of-the-art experiential training and position them for career opportunities in the burgeoning VR/AR industry."

The first step of the process is to complete an online application. Potential applicants can learn more about the academy at its first open house on Wednesday, February 1 at CUNY on the Concourse, 2501 Grand Concourse (at Fordham Road), 3rd floor, from 6-8 p.m. A second open house will be held on March 16 at the same location and time. For information and to apply, visit: <http://lehman.edu/vr/> and www.eon-reality.com.

The program is looking for

applicants with a background in computer science, web development, game design, architecture, mathematics, and related fields. Candidates who are passionate gaming and design hobbyists will also be considered. The 11-month program starts with three months of classes in which students will be immersed in VR and AR content creation and theory. The following eight months will be devoted to real-life lab projects that students can use to develop their entrepreneurial skills. Additionally, the facility will include an Icube Mobile, a four-wall immersive VR room that will enable students to experience and test their creations.

Sunyata Smith, a doctoral lecturer in the Lehman School of Education's Department of Middle and High School, is applying to the new program so she can incorporate VR and AR into her science classes. She believes these are skills that will be taught in future classrooms with K-12 students.

Smith's interest in VR started in 2009 as an avid user of Second Life, the online virtual world and marketplace. Later, she taught herself how to create 3D games and models.

The Virtual Reality Training Academy is a major addition to the Bronx, which hopes to see significant job growth in the technology sector. Student recruitment will focus on those who live or work in the region, as well as students from all CUNY institutions, particularly those in the Bronx.

"Advances in science and technology move at the speed of light and our higher-learning educational institutions must keep up, at the same pace, with the changes that occur in their field," said Borough President Rubén Díaz Jr. "I am extremely proud of my alma mater, Lehman College, launching a Virtual Reality Training Academy, understanding the importance of teaching new career fields and giving their students—our future leaders in science and

technology—necessary tools to adapt and compete with the best-of-the best in the global job market. I thank Lehman College for starting this program and providing our brightest students with the modern means to elevate their career skill-sets, bolstering local, city and national economy in the long-term by providing quality education, further enhancing the Bronx's work-force."

As industries continue to be disrupted by technological advances, new fields are emerging and workers will need retraining to adapt and stay competitive. The Virtual and Augmented Reality field is growing and will require an infusion of talent to meet the market's demands, which some project could be \$150 billion by 2020. EON Reality's 17 years of experience in using Virtual Reality for training and education will empower Lehman to create VR learning modules to help train workers for other industries.

BY CHRYS NAPLITANO

When I wrote my first column back in 2012 (!), I said that sometimes Food for Thought will simply be something to mentally chew on. With that in mind, I address the question of "what do we do now?" We have a new president.

Some of us attended or watched the inauguration; some of us marched on Saturday, some of us condemned it.

It's Monday morning and I've seen this question posed on social media in a variety of ways.

I won't bore you with the phone numbers and email addresses of your elected officials so that you can voice your opinions. You are all free to Google that yourselves. I have always advocated being active in your community, there are many civic and community organizations locally that are doing great things, be a part of it. And of course, attending community board meetings and precinct council meetings is the definition of grass roots advocacy. Plus, there are a lot of great people that attend these meetings, with many political viewpoints that work together, perfectly or imperfectly, to try to solve community problems.

But enough of that...Instead, I want to propose a few ways that we can each make a difference and work on things that I think we can all agree on.

One of the campaign prom-

ises made by our president is to bring back good jobs to the American people and he has talked about the many abandoned factories across America. This is something I truly support. I spent the early part of my career in the fashion business and saw the demise of NYC shops that employed craftspeople to make clothing and accessories. I mourn that loss. It didn't happen because of 'the president', it happened because each of us became addicted to the low cost of imported clothing. Clothing manufacturers and retailers, happy to make more and more profit, filled the need. As we happily snapped up \$29 dresses made overseas, factories across America closed.

His promises won't mean anything as long as we as Americans continue to buy products that are not made in America. So the first thing that each of us needs to be more conscientious about is buying products simply because of what they cost and their ease of access. Yes, it is very easy to go to the mall and get great bargains on clothes, but when you get home and look at the labels, none of it is made in the USA. Seek out American made products. They may cost more money; it may force you to rethink whether or not you actually need that sweater.

Many of you may find that comment cavalier; many people can't afford more expen-



sive clothes. I get that, I have been broke in my life too. So I shopped at yard sales and thrift stores and found what I needed at a fraction of the price. I didn't care about the provenance; I was supporting a neighbor who needed to clean out their house for extra cash or a local non profit. I was helping to stop clothes from going into a landfill. There's no embarrassment at that.

Another item that eats up our dollars is food. We have all been trained to read the labels on our food to check for sodium content, calories, fat or even to make sure it doesn't contain an allergen. But we rarely look to see where the food is made. Anything processed that comes in a box that is from China should be avoided at all costs. Anything processed that comes in a box period should be avoided, but I don't want to be an absolutist. There are exceptions dictated by desire...however, when it comes to produce or protein, you have to go domestic and if you can afford it, go organic. CSA's and farmers markets are popping up all over the Bronx, they give you the opportunity to use your food dol-

lars to the highest potential – 100% direct to the farmer as opposed to 16% when you buy at a grocery store.

When it comes to health care, the best care is good health and food can be the best medicine. While we wait for Washington to come up with a plan to repeal and replace ACA, each of us needs to continue to be aware of how what we eat, and where it comes from, affects us. Buying fresh local food that is raised without the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides that is not shipped over great distances via truck - not only affects our health and the environment, it affects the bottom line of agribusiness and big oil. Agriculture, the environment, big business and health care – all of these contentious issues! Who knew the potency of what we put on our forks.

While I don't believe that anyone should tell anyone else what they can and cannot eat or purchase with their own food dollars, I do believe that education is the best way to help people make better choices. Whether it be via a school or community garden, by the example of the White House in continuing to tend the garden started by Michelle Obama to inspire us to eat a more whole and healthy diet or by reading this column, each of us needs to be responsible for our own health.

And lastly, I encourage

each of us to talk to each other. Get outside, go for a walk, turn off the TV or the social media. Make plans with friends to meet at a local restaurant and enjoy each other's company. Visit a local park, volunteer at a homeless shelter, with an animal rescue group or a senior residence. There are groups that are under fire right now and in threat of losing Federal Aid, if you can financially afford to, send a donation to help keep them afloat. If Federal funding runs out, it is not the death knell to programs that help those in need, it is the carrion call for us all to step up and put our dollars where we feel strongly.

And lastly, pursue art! Visit museums and take classes. I love the new trend for painting parties and these are a great way to support causes, to support local businesses (shout out to my girl Lourdes Melendez-Gamez and Confetti Party Place on Westchester Avenue, every week she is offering awesome events that bring joy and fun and togetherness) and provide us with outlets to just simply be together, laughing and joyful. Seek out these opportunities and if you have a talent, share it. There are many community centers looking to offer their members classes in art, exercise and many other skills. Reach out and see how you can help. Be the change you want to see in the world.



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Where's My Mailbox?

Councilman James Vacca's constituent liaison, Yari Fernandez attended the district services cabinet meeting yesterday, and a representative from USPS was there, and has provided the following report.

The mail boxes have been removed due to mailbox fishing, so new redesigned will be installed in the future. Unfortunately, they do not have a definitive timeline as to when because they have to ship the boxes from different parts of the country. They will be conducting a density test to determine the locations of the new boxes.

They will be strategically placing the mailboxes at new locations according to the density of the population, residential/commercial areas, and the proximity to other boxes. The USPS will be visiting all the community boards in the Bronx this year to address this issue. Mail theft has been a major problem for the USPS because the perpetrators are repeat offenders.

The USPS will be tackling this problem through prevention and education. They will be replacing the old mail boxes with modified boxes in high crime areas. The USPS wants the constituency to know that the mail carrier will take your mail or you can leave it in your mailbox. They advise individuals go to the post office directly or mail their items before the last collection time. They implore constituents to call 911 to report mail fishing and then the postal inspector at (212) 330-2400. If you have questions or concerns contact Donna Harris USPS public information representative at dmharris@usps.gov or call (212) 330-3344.

Quote of the month: The American Republic will endure until Congress discovers it can bribe the public with the public's money. Alexis de Tocqueville

'Twas The Season

The Northeast Bronx Association and Einstein Hospital again sponsored Toys For Tots to benefit the Einstein Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center and the Department of Psychiatry's Wellness Center. We appealed to everyone to donate unwrapped toys for children ages infant to 12 years old, who might not otherwise receive such gifts. NEBA collected the gifts through our Seniors group. Einstein and its young patients are grateful for your donations and for the collection effort of our seniors

headed by Louise Restagno and Janice Shapiro. We are also thankful for Igino (Eugene) DiPaolo who makes significant contributions to this program every year. The children are our future so we thank all who contributed.

Next meeting is Monday January 30, 7:30 p.m., Kings Harbor MultiCare Center, E. Gun Hill Road at Stillwell Avenue, use the main entrance.

The guest speaker is Tatiana Constantinople from Speak Up For A Better Bronx. Also Timothy Boyle FDNY.

Representatives from the 49th Precinct; Senator Jeff Klein; Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj; and Councilman James Vacca will be present.

NEBA Food Drive

Once again this year NEBA was able to organize a food drive for those less fortunate during this holiday season. We are grateful to those who donated fresh turkeys: Assemblyman Gjonaj; Joe McManus and the Liberty Democratic Club. Of course our seniors brigade headed by Louise Restagno and Janice Shapiro collected tons of canned goods. And many thanks to Frank Restagno who delivered all the turkeys and Mark Saplicki who delivered all the canned goods. The food was distributed to the St. Lucy Food Pantry and to the Soup Kitchen run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. May God bless all who donated and otherwise took part in this charitable effort.

As the holiday season comes to a crescendo we remind you that St. Lucy's parish runs a food pantry for the needy all year long, and your donations of non-perishable items are always welcomed! St. Lucy's is located at 833 Mace Avenue, at Bronxwood Avenue, (718) 882-0710. The same is true for the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal where non-perishable items are collected regularly at the Church of the Holy Rosary, located at 1510 Adeo Avenue, off Eastchester Road, (718) 379-4432, or at their convent at 3357 Bainbridge Ave, off Gun Hill Road (718) 547-9840. It is never too late to be charitable.

Grateful For Supporters

On Saturday December 10, the Northeast Bronx Association held its annual volunteer appreciation luncheon at Fratelli Restaurant. The food and service was wonderful, and everyone enjoyed themselves. We gather to give thanks to the active volunteers of NEBA for their efforts. They unselfishly give their time in order to make this organization a success. The dedication of our

Patrol volunteers has contributed to decreased crime and increased quality of life – making our community a better place to live for all. I also appreciate the understanding and commitment of the families of these volunteers. We are proud of this small group of residents who are concerned enough to actually do something to improve the living conditions in our area. Honorable mention to all who regularly attend our meetings and bring various concerns to our attention in the true spirit of 'neighbors watching out for neighbors'.

To assist NEBA in helping the needy, our supporters and volunteers have consistently donated food and toys.

On behalf of our entire organization and in the spirit of the New Year, I would once again like to give thanks to our key supporters. In this economic climate, we were fortunate to continue to receive financial assistance, and we are grateful. Thank you Councilman Vacca and thank you Borough President Ruben Diaz and thank you Assemblyman Gjonaj! They are the reason we are able to produce our programs and not charge dues to our members.

We are also fortunate to have wonderful corporate neighbors. Kings Harbor MultiCare Center has been a sponsor for NEBA since our inception, thanks to Morris Tanenbaum, and Alexander Stern. We are also grateful for the district manager of our Community Board 11, Jeremy Warnake, and his sidekick our long-time friend John Fratta.

The quality of life in our community is a direct result of the constant commitment and hard work of the men and woman of the 49th precinct, under the leadership of Captain Thomas J. Alps. They have maintained our community as one of the safest in the city. The civilian patrol of the Northeast Bronx Association is proud to be under the leadership of such fine officers as our partners in combating crime. Special mention to our Community Affairs police officer Detective Jay Sturdivant and Crime Prevention police officers Tyrone Mederos who attend our monthly meetings. It proves that when we all work together to find solutions to our problems, everybody wins.

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We are truly blessed to have such wonderful supporters and we wish all a Happy New Year.

Please attend our upcoming meeting to receive updates on various community concerns, which are cannot be disseminated easily in this newsletter.

Thank You Con Ed

At our last meeting in November the office of Councilman Vacca and NEBA arranged for representatives from Con Edison to address the frequent power outages which occur mainly in the Pelham Gardens area. Thank you Rolando Infante and the engineer from Con Ed for explaining what happens when the power goes out and answering all the questions and concerns of our residents. Bottom line: If you experience a power outage, you need to contact Con Ed. Every outage needs to be reported so that Con Ed can properly allocate resources to get power back. For more information on what to do before service goes out, what to do if your power goes out, and how Con Ed responds to power outages go to www.coned.com or call (800) 752-6633.

A few of the salient points:

- Check that the power isn't out because one of your breakers or fuses tripped. If everything seems OK, contact us.

- The exact location of any hazardous conditions, such as downed wires, broken or leaning utility poles, or trees leaning against poles or wires (please keep your distance from any hazardous conditions)

- The names and addresses of anyone you know who uses life-support equipment

- After you contact us we'll do our best to keep you up to date. You can see an estimate of when power will be restored by viewing our outage map (online). If you reported your problem by phone, we'll give you a call with this estimate, and again when your service is restored.

- While the power is out be sure to tune your battery-operated radio to local stations for updates about service restoration in your area. Use flashlights rather than candles or gas lanterns to minimize the risk of fire. Check on friends or neighbors who are elderly, disabled, or have special needs. Turn off light switches and unplug appliances to prevent damage to the appliances when service is restored. Leave only a single lamp or radio turned on so you'll know when power's been restored. Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Food will stay frozen for 24 to 48 hours

with the doors closed.

- Do not go near downed power lines.

- Never use charcoal or gas grills indoors, because they can cause a buildup of deadly carbon monoxide.

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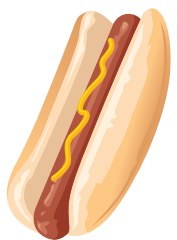
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In the blame game, it's always mom's fault

The shower is where America does it — in private, with no one judging, just because it feels good.

I'm talking about singing, of course, that once-universal pastime that uplifts the soul, re-boots the body, and doesn't demand a monthly fee. So why aren't we singing all the time?

In "La La Land," the hit movie that may sweep the Oscars, everyone on screen bursts into song. Yes, that's what a musical is: an embarrassing admission that we're all a-tingle with music, just waiting for the chance to explode. But aside from Disney, most moviemakers have not been pumping out song-and-dance movies for, oh, about half a century.

There's a reason more Americans knew Carrie Fisher than her mom, Debbie Reynolds, star of "Singing in the Rain." Musicals were once the most American of movies. Now action movies are. But with the success of "La La Land," that may be about to change — and maybe we'll change, too.

Singing is so basic to human happiness, some scientists believe it might have evolved even before language. It was the way stories were passed down before writing, because it is a lot easier to remember a song than a paragraph. And that's why kids still sing their ABC's — our brains are built to embed music.

What's more, when actual language eludes us — for instance, after a stroke — sometimes music doesn't, since it is processed in another area of the brain. After my mom had lost almost all her memory, I could sing a few songs from her childhood and she could, out of the fog, join in.

The power of music is mysterious. One study of cancer patients found that an hour of singing boosted their immune proteins. It also lowers blood pressure. Even people with lung disease feel better when singing.

And of course, it is bonding. Sing with a group and you are one — a fact understood by anyone who has ever been in a choir, or the military, or the bus to summer camp.

But Americans (heck, humans) have been singing less



RHYMES WITH CRAZY

Lenore Skenazy

and less ever since technology started to do it for us. While in the pre-Edison era most middle class families had a piano around which to sing, the record player and radio made it easy to hear music anytime. The smart phone made it even easier.

And since the people singing on tape, television, and iTunes (but not necessarily YouTube) sing better than the rest of us, we started to believe that this is a task, like neurosurgery, best left to the professionals. So, barring the occasional "Jingle Bells," or "Happy Birthday," most of us sing only to ourselves if we

sing at all. This is a loss of such gargantuan proportions, it is as if we stopped walking, or dancing.

Which, come to think of it, we sort of have. Even the clergy report that congregants are singing less. What would it take for us to bring singing back into our everyday lives?

•**Make singing a regular part of school:** By the time kids are in eighth grade, only a third have a music class. What's more, there doesn't seem to be much agreement on which songs to teach. So even though my kids went to public school, K-12, they don't know "My Country 'Tis of Thee" or even "I've Been Working on the Railroad." You can argue that we have a wider world now, but sharing at least a few songs is an easy way for people to connect.

•**Stop trying to sing like Mariah:** Nowadays when we sing, we think we have to sound like the professionals. (See: Karaoke.) But that's like saying that anyone who wants to play basketball shouldn't bother unless he has the word "Jordan" in his name. Singing is actually a skill that almost

everyone gets better at the more they do it. (Not *great* at. Just *better*.)

•**Establish your own glee club:** Around the country, people are starting informal groups where people get together and sing. This sounds so fun that I'm thinking of starting one myself — provided everyone sings better than I do.

•**Join the party:** In the meantime, find a place — church, community center, synagogue — where people are already singing and join in. In turn, whoever's in charge should remember to promote the kind of songs the average person likes to sing — not too complex, not too soprano. There's a reason folk songs lasted through the centuries. They're written for the folks, not opera stars.

•**Start singing!:** Do it while waiting for the bus. And if I happen to be standing next to you, I just may join in.

Lenore Skenazy is a keynote speaker, author of the book and blog Free-Range Kids, and a contributor at Reason.com.

BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Those of you that know me probably know that I am an avid lover of all animals. If you are as well, then you know what a joy it is to have a pet as part of your family. They are filled with love, eternally loyal and always happy to see you no matter what mood you are in. They enrich your life. They keep you company. They make you laugh and they also make you cry.

If you have experienced the wonderful joy a pet can bring then unfortunately you have experienced the heartbreak when your beloved animal passes away. They become an integral part of your family and when they are not there anymore it creates a hole in your heart a mile wide.

On Tuesday, January 3, my sweet little boy, Maxie, passed away in my arms. It was both a privilege and a heartache that I was able to hold him as he passed from my arms to God's. He was the sweetest, smartest, most affectionate, most social cat I have ever known. Everyone loved him but no one could have loved him as much as I did. He touched my very soul.

When a family member passes away, you do a lot of crying and a lot of thinking, too. So, between the tears, I tried to think of something I could do to make something positive come

from my heartbreak. I thought that passing on information that would help animals and their families would be a good tribute to Maxie.

When choosing a vet for Maxie, we knew that we needed someone that took great care of him but also understood that cat Mom's need support, too. We

found that in Dr. Laura Twedt who practices at Meadow Veterinary Hospital at 1600 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains. She is a great doctor and a very understanding person. The staff is friendly and accommodating and the facility is spotlessly clean. It was a great fit for us and maybe it will be for you, too. Y

You can reach them at (914) 949-1115 or send them an e-mail at info@meadowvethospital.com. Check out their website at www.meadowvethospital.com.

Maxie came to me as a rescue. He was my neighbor Jimmy's cat and when my neighbor passed away, Maxie became a part of my family. There are so many animals that need homes, so many animals just waiting to give their love to a caring family. Why not consider adopting a pet from a shelter?

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Did you know that we have a great, no-kill shelter right here in our community? New Beginning Animal Rescue at 2515 Newbold Avenue is owned and managed by Pedro Rosario who has more than 20 years of experience in the care of animals. You can reach New Beginning Animal Rescue at (347) 691-3282 or you can e-mail them at bark@nbanimalrescue.org. They also have a very informative website. Go to www.nbanimalrescue.org to find out

more about adopting a pet, volunteering at the shelter or donating money or much needed supplies. Everyone can do something to help in the care of these animals that are waiting for families to love them.

So, if you are looking for an exceptional vet, thinking about adopting a pet or have some time to volunteer I hope this information will help you. Maybe you can make a donation to New Beginning Animal Rescue as a tribute to your beloved pet or my sweet Maxie.

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Senator Klein helps restore resident's health coverage

Senator Jeff Klein recently helped Jessica Rivera, a 1520 Lurting Avenue resident, regain her healthcare coverage through Affinity Health Plan.

Rivera, an Affinity client for two years without any complications, attempted to call this past October to recertify through the marketplace to get the same level of coverage for January 2017.

On that call, she claimed that the NYS marketplace technician entered her income information incorrectly stating she only made \$42,000 a year instead of the \$52,000 a year she reported to him.

The mistake lowered her family's annual earnings and made Rivera conditionally eligible for Medicaid because she had not verified her income change.

Once she realized the error, Rivera sent in her correct income information and Medicaid dropped her conditional coverage on November 30.

Rivera is slated to be covered through Affinity starting January 1 and received a

\$540 credit on her account because she paid her premium despite not being covered in November which can be applied to her first month's premium in the new year.

What complicated this matter was that Rivera was scheduled for a C-section on December 12 at Einstein Hospital.

She successfully delivered her newborn daughter, Emily Jule Carrero on December 8.

Klein contacted the NYS Department of Health and verified Rivera's claim.

The senator contacted Affinity's member services again and spoke to a supervisor who assured him they would work with the state to facilitate this change as soon as possible.

Klein's office also contacted Einstein to explain Rivera's situation to which the hospital's Medicaid representative discussed coverage options with Rivera.

Her insurance is supposed to be re-instated and Rivera will contact Affinity to add her baby to the plan.



Senator Klein (back, l) with Jessica Rivera and her family. Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office

ESPAILLAT, DINOWITZ HOST ACA PROTEST RALLY

Congressman Adriano Espaillat and Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz hosted a protest rally on Sunday, January 15 to speak out against the approaching repeal of the Affordable Care Act by the Republican controlled Congress. Espaillat, Dinowitz and their Democratic peers claim that up to 30 million will lose their health insurance if ACA is repealed.



Assemblyman Dinowitz (l) and Congressman Espaillat discussed the effects repealing ACA will have for millions of Americans. Photo courtesy of Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office

METRO COLLEGE HOSTS TECH MEETUP FORUM

Metropolitan College of New York hosted 'Bronx Tech Meetup #RealEstate Edition', a real estate forum discussing tech and other issues facing the Bronx development on Wednesday, January 18. The forum's panel consisted of several local real estate leaders to help determine where to focus tech sector development for the borough.



(l-r) Panelists included Dirk McCall, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s Office director of External Affairs; Gary Axelbank, BronxNet moderator; Marlene Cintron, Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation president; Keith Rubenstein, Somerset Partners founder; Inessah Selditz, LAB at Rockwell Group associate experience and interaction designer; Guy Leibler, Simone Healthcare Development president and Majora Carter, Majora Carter Group founder. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

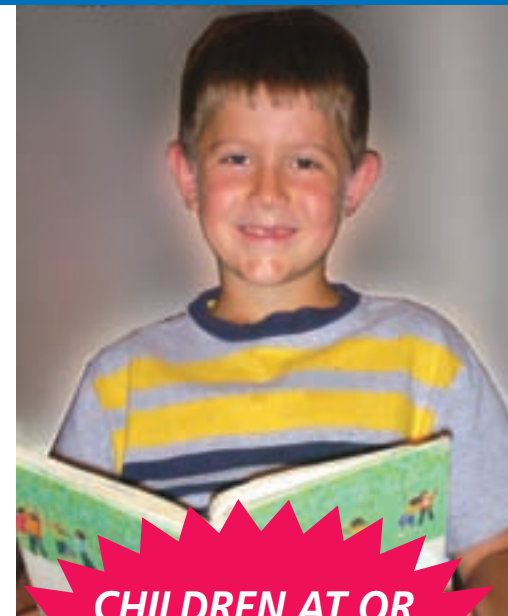
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BLAKE DELIVERS STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

Assemblyman Michael Blake delivered his 2017 State of the District address on Sunday, January 22 at the V.I.P. Community Services on 1870 Crotona Avenue. The assemblyman gave a recap of the district's accomplishments from the past year and outlined its future initiatives.



Assemblyman Blake donned a purple hat in solidarity with all women who participated in the Women's March on D.C. last Saturday.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(front, l-r) Aspiring artists Jared Cruz, Liana Julian, Kayleen Monter, Kaytin Grandy, Chloe Dixon and Dahlilah Nixon met Moana's friend Lila (back, c) during the party.

Photo by Laura Stone



Artist Chloe Dixon concentrated on her painting of 'Moana' character Pua.

Photo by Laura Stone

CONFETTI HOSTS 'MOANA' PAINTING PARTY

Young aspiring artists got creative on Sunday, January 22 celebrating Confetti Paints: 'Moana', a painting party dedicated to Disney's latest hit animated flick. The artists enjoyed learning art techniques while painting Pua, Moana's loyal pet pig with puppy energy and an innocent brain.

BOSTON MARKET OPENS AT 5520 BROADWAY



Boston Market celebrated the grand opening of its newest Bronx restaurant on Tuesday, January 17 at 5520 Broadway with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. During the event, Bob Gerard, Boston Market director of operations, announced a partnership with Bronx-based non-profit Mercy Center whereby 10% of the first week's proceeds, up to \$2,000, will be donated on behalf of the brand. The restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Boston Market's Doug Arnold (l), area manager and Bob Gerard (2nd from l), director of operations accepted the check from Mercy Center's Stephen J. Stritch III, executive director and Paula Sarro, associate executive director.

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BOROUGH PRESIDENT DIAZ HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. honored the memory of the great civil rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during his annual interfaith service on Monday, January 16 at Trinity Baptist Church.



(l-r) Detective Kimberly Ford, lieutenant Jose Torres and officer Danny Martinez informed people of 'Together as One NYC', a special interfaith service at the Latino Pastoral Action Center on Thursday, January 26.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Senator-elect Jamaal Bailey (c) celebrated the late civil rights leader's birthday with Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

DIAZ, PUBLICOLOR HONOR MLK

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Fathers Taking Action, the Bronx Youth Corps, Acacia, the Children's Art and Science Workshops and PubliColor repainted the first floor common area at the Bronx River Community Center on Monday, January 16.



Borough President Diaz (2nd row, 3rd from l) along with members of the Bronx River Community Center, Children's Art and Science Workshop, Acacia Network and PubliColor gave the center's recreation room a fresh coat of paint.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

DRESS FOR SUCCESS PREPARES BRONX EXIT



Dress for Success Worldwide commemorated its Bronx branch's 12th anniversary with an exhilarating celebration on Thursday, January 19 at 839 E. 149th Street. The non-profit's Bronx location will soon relocate all suiting services to 32 E. 31st Street in Manhattan and will continue serving Bronx women in their journeys toward economic independence.

Dress for Success board members, graduates and donors celebrated the non-profit's 12 years serving the borough's women.

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Joi Gordan (l), Dress for Success World Wide CEO and Regina Howard-Norman (2nd from l), Dress for Success Manhattan Branch manager graciously accepted their citations from Alexis Walter, Mayor de Blasio Community Affairs Office and Nestor Medina, Assemblyman Victor Pichardo's community outreach director. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



JACOBI PATIENTS ENJOY HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi patients were treated to a holiday Hot Cocoa Party on Thursday, January 19 courtesy of the Oncology Department. Approximately 180 patients participated in the event which was coordinated by Ladysbelle Garcia, a social worker of the Oncology Department.

Patients enjoyed not only the refreshments, but were also given knitted winter caps donated by the American Cancer Society.

Photo courtesy of Jacobi Medical Center

KINGSBRIDGE HEIGHTS OCTAVITAS PARRANDA

Despite the cold weather, the inaugural Kingsbridge Octavitas Parranda on Saturday, January 14 helped warm residents' holiday spirits through a unique Caribbean holiday caroling tradition. The event was made possible to the collective efforts of community activist Samelys Lopez, Jose 'Dr. Drum' Ortiz, BombaYo!, Miriam Quin Photography, BronxNet, Eduardo Christian Ramos, News 12 the Bronx, the Kingsbridge Merchants Association, Assemblyman Jose Rivera, Rexhep Myftari, La Cocina Nueva, St. James Park, Lynette Arroyo and Community Board 7's Gloria Bent among many others.



Event organizers Miriam Quinones (back, 3rd from l), Samelys Lopez (back, 4th from l), Jose 'Dr. Drum' Ortiz (front, 2nd from l) and the team were excited to perform for the neighborhood. Photo by Miriam Quin



The sudden snow storm didn't stop Jose 'Dr. Drum' Ortiz (c) and others from spreading holiday joy to Kingsbridge residents. Photo by Miriam Quin

DIAZ PRESENTS CHECK TO MMCC



Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. presented a \$50,000 grant from Bank Leumi USA to the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center on Tuesday, January 17 for its Workforce Development Program.

The check was presented by Bank Leumi USA's Avner Meldelson (back, 2nd from l), chief executive, John McGann (back, l), chief administrative officer and Borough President Diaz (back, c) to Rita Santelia, MMCC CEO (back, 3rd from l) and Laurie Meltzer Brandremer (back, 2nd from r), MMCC director of development.

Photo courtesy of Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s Office

M.S. 89 PANTHERS PERFORM AT CITRUS BOWL

The Bronx's very own M.S. 89 Panthers cheerleading squad performed for a sold out crowd of 70,000 people at the Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl on Saturday, December 31 in Orlando, FL. The Panthers' many victories last season earned them the distinct honor of being one of the top eastern region cheerleading squads invited to perform in the Citrus Bowl. All teams invited to perform in the Citrus Bowl are trophy winners from the Universal Cheerleaders Association, Universal Dance Association, National Cheerleaders Association and National Dance Alliance.



M.S. 89 Panthers visited the magical Walt Disney World Resort during their Florida visit.

Photo courtesy of NIDC



The squad members had a great time during their meaningful trip as many of them had never traveled outside of New York prior to the performance.

Photo courtesy of NIDC

BOMBAYO SALUTES LOPEZ RIVERA



BombaYo Culture En Vivo performed a drum salute for soon to be freed terrorist Oscar Lopez Rivera on Friday, January 20 at Andrew Freedman Home. Lopez Rivera, a Puerto Rican nationalist and an Armed Forces of National Liberation leader, was granted clemency by the outgoing president. In 1977, Lopez Rivera was arrested and tried for seditious conspiracy, use of force to commit robbery, interstate transportation of firearms and conspiracy to transport explosives with intent to destroy government property.

BombaYo Culture En Vivo celebrated the Oscar Lopez Rivera's freedom.

Photo by Miriam Quin

P.S. 94 HOST 10TH ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

P.S. 94's 10th annual spelling bee had everyone buzzing with excitement on Wednesday, January 18. This year's champions were first place winner Brian Puma, second place victor Sheikh Wajed and third place honoree Shahrin Alfi.



P.S. 94 staff, officer Shakoya Harris (3rd from l) and the late round participants of the 2017 Spelling Bee competition.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

NY RANGERS AT SASF FLOOR HOCKEY CLINIC

Former NY Rangers Adam Graves and approximately 200 NYC students participated in Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation's Elementary School Floor Hockey Clinic round-robin event on Monday, January 16 at P.S. 134. Through the partnership with MSG/Jr. Rangers youth organization, a camera crew recorded highlights from the event which will feature at a future Rangers game.



SALAMANCA SPREADS 3 KINGS DAY CHEER

In honor of Three Kings Day, Councilman Rafael Salamanca distributed toys to local children on Friday, January 6 at Casita Maria Center for Arts and Education. With Three Kings Day being a special holiday for many cultures including the Puerto Rican community, Salamanca is proposing legislation to make it an official holiday in NYC.

Councilman Salamanca gave a youngster a brand new toy car for the holiday.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office



NY Rangers alum Adam Graves (back, c) with Maureen Fonseca (l), SASF CEO, and students.

Photo by Rana Faure/MSG Photos

DA CLARK TESTIFIES AT RIKERS ISLAND HEARING

The Council's Committee on Public Safety and Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services hosted a joint hearing discussing issues at Rikers Island on Tuesday, January 17. Several officials including District Attorney Darcel Clark and Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson attended the hearing to discuss the plight facing juvenile inmates and the need for increased security on the island. Clark also shed light on the difficulties her office has faced prosecuting those who committed further crimes while in custody.



District Attorney Clark (r) testified at a joint hearing regarding issues at Rikers Island.

Photo by John McCarten/NYC Council



SALAMANCA PRESENTS CHECK TO CBALL

Councilman Rafael Salamanca recently allocated \$15,000 in funding to CBALL in its efforts to continue youth basketball leagues for Bronx youth. The councilman allocated over \$150,000 in city funds for youth programming this past year.

Councilman Salamanca (2nd row, c) presented a hefty ceremonial check to CBALL's youth basketball league.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office

SALAMANCA, MAYOR HELP HOMELESS VETS

Councilman Rafael Salamanca, Mayor de Blasio and other officials helped formerly homeless local veterans move into new, affordable and permanent housing on Morris Avenue on Thursday, December 22. The housing was a pleasant surprise to the 16 formerly homeless vets who were able to celebrate the holidays in their new homes.



Councilman Salamanca (r) and Mayor de Blasio (c) helped veterans move into their new home.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office



SALAMANCA COMMEMORATES MLK

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Councilman Rafael Salamanca joined his neighbors at Union Grove Baptist Church on Monday, January 16 to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King and to find ways to continue his work in the south Bronx.

Councilman Salamanca addressed the importance of Rev. Dr. King's work as a civil rights leader.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office



Science teacher Sheree Petrigmani (2nd from l) with her students (l-r) Cheyenne Tobar, Jasmin Juliano and Mariah Villalon.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ST. CATHARINE ACADEMY OPENS STEM LAB

St. Catharine Academy administrators and Class of 1966 alumnae held a dedication ceremony for the high school's new STEM Lab on Saturday, January 21. The new lab was made possible through the Class of 1966's generous \$50,000 gift which funded the school's capital campaign.



Sr. Patricia Wolf (front, 3rd from l), president and Sr. Ann Welsh (front, 2nd from r), principal with students and Class of 1966 alumnae inside the new STEM Lab.

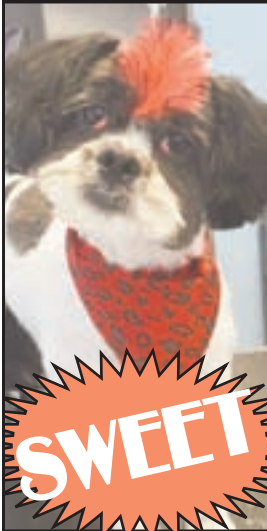
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Sealed with a hiss at Bronx Zoo

More than 4,000 romantics have already named a Madagascar hissing cockroach after a beloved for Valentine's Day, sending a clear message to their sweethearts that their love will last forever – just like a roach.

The Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo, with more than 58,000 of these roaches living in its Madagascar! exhibit, is thankful for each name. With its V-Roach gift idea, WCS has raised \$40,000 to save wild-life and wild places around the world.

"A roach for Valentine's Day is proving to be priceless," said John Calvelli, WCS executive vice president of Public Affairs. Who says romance isn't alive and well?"

Some of the roaches at the zoo are now blessed with such names as: Hissing Hottie, Cranky Frankie, Lisa Lovebug, and Hisssterical.

Anyone can still name a roach after a loved one by going to <http://www.bronxzoo.com/name-a-roach/> by 6 a.m. EST, Tuesday, February 15.

Madagascar hissing cockroaches are the world's largest roach species reaching nearly four-inches long. The namesake hissing noise is emitted as a defense mechanism. Like nearly every roach species, Madagascar hissing cockroaches are not considered pests and rarely enter homes.

Hissing cockroach wreath.

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N.L. Britton, botanist, established Botanical Garden

Nathaniel Lord Britton was one of those rare individuals born to nature. Even as a young boy he was enamored by plants and the natural world around him. He was born on January 15, 1859 on Staten Island and had the good fortune to have nurturing parents and neighbors with an interest in science. One of those neighbors was John Strong Newberry, a professor of geology and mineralogy at Columbia College. Upon graduation from the Staten Island Academy, he was enrolled in the Columbia College School of Mines where he began his course of studies in 1875.

He graduated in 1879 as an engineer of mines and so great was his aptitude and knowledge that he was immediately given the position of assistant instructor. During that same year he worked as a field assistant with the Geological Survey of New Jersey and collected fossil specimens with his friend Arthur Hollick in the Wyoming Territory. The two also published "The Flora of Richmond County," the first of many, many works. They were very active in the Torrey

do you remember

by Bill Twomey

Club, an early botanical organization. It was at that club where he met Elizabeth Gertrude Knight, who would later become his wife. She also became one of the world's leading experts on moss.

Britton received his doctorate degree from Columbia in 1881 and published his thesis "A Preliminary Catalogue of the Flora of New Jersey" that same year. He continued his work with Columbia advancing in position along the way. He also continued publishing papers on all facets of botany becoming known as one of the leading experts in the nation.

One of the Torrey Club outings took him to the Bronx and he immediately fell in love with the area and would one day make it his home. When visiting England with his wife they discovered the Royal Botanic Garden at Kew Gardens and upon their return Elizabeth gave an impassioned

speech to the Torrey Club and the seeds for the Botanical Garden in the Bronx were sown.

It was not until 1892, however, that the state legislation set aside 250 acres of Bronx Park and \$250,000 to make this dream come true.

The following year Cornelius Vanderbilt presided over a meeting of the leading citizens of the day and plans were made to raise another half a million dollars to place the new botanical garden on a strong financial foundation.

Plans moved ahead rapidly with the support of Vanderbilt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Seth Low, and other leading members of society.

The site chosen in the Bronx proved ideal as the Lorillard family had maintained and developed their property with care. It even included a grove of hemlocks.

When the New York Botanical Garden was fully es-



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established in 1895, Britton gave up his position at Columbia to become the first director-in-chief. He was also a member of their first board of managers along with Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt II, and J. Pierpont Morgan. He finally gave up the position of director in 1929 to pursue his botanical research in warmer climates. His wife, Elizabeth,

who worked with him at the Garden since they helped establish it so many years earlier passed away on February 25, 1934 and he followed her in death on June 25, just four months later. One thing that seems certain is that there would be no Botanical Garden in the Bronx without Nathaniel Lord Britton and his wife, Elizabeth.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BERN&DEL. LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 10/18/2016. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The LLC, 3859, 3rd Avenue, Suite 912, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BP Harvest International LLC, a domestic or foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on (04/29/2014). NY Office location: BRONX County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to C/O (BP Harvest International LLC, 1734 Townsend Avenue, Store C, Bronx NY 10453). Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of HomeSaver Services, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on 11/02/16. NY office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to Jeffrey Thompson, 2396 Morris Ave. #2E, Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PELHAM PARKWAY, LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/20/2009. Office Location: Bronx County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to principal business address: 912 Pelham Pkwy South, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: any lawful practice.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Platinum Property Investors LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/2016. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated agent upon whom process may be served against LLC to: 4730 S. Fort Apache Rd., Ste. 300, Las Vegas, NV 89147. Principal business add.: 100 Casals Pl., #26F Bronx NY 10475. Purpose: any lawful act. 0000186021.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of UE Bruckner Shops LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/22/16. Office location: Bronx County. Princ. bus. addr.: 210 Route 4 East, Paramus, NJ 07652. LLC formed in DE on 10/5/16. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, regd. agent upon whom process may be served. DE addr. of LLC: The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given a license, number 1289620 for 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 601 East 189th St., Bronx, NY 10458 for on premises consumption. Bronx Brew, LLC d/b/a Arthur Hall

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO
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PETITION FOR Dissolution (Divorce) of Marriage
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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name):
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CASE NUMBER:
FFL141883
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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an on-premise license, #TBA has been applied for by 1247 Castle Hill Avenue Restaurant LLC d/b/a Bronx Havana Cafe to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail with one additional bar in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 1247 1249 Castle Hill Avenue Bronx NY 10462.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 12-20-16, bearing Index Number NC-000553-16/BX, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) Bryson (Middle) Ellis (Last) Jenkins. My present name is (First) Bryson (Middle) Ellis (Last) Jenkins-Smith (infant). My present address is 141 West 128th Street, Apt. 14, New York, NY 10027. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is April 17, 2016.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3; Plaintiff(s) vs. EDWARD L STEWART; PAULINE B STEWART; 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 November 24, 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 February 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm.
Premises known as 1224 UNION AVE, BRONX, NY 10459
Block: 2682 Lot: 8
ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York.

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.
Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.
Approximate amount of judgment \$632,530.81 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 382180/09
Edward Simon Zizmor, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff(s),
Against
Index # 17763/07
PAUL LOPEZ, et al.,
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 6/29/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on 2/27/2017 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2869 Schley Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465, and described as follows:

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

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

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee.
Clarfield, Okon, Salomone, PL, 114 Old Country Road, Suite 400, Mineola, NY 11501

Dated: 1/9/2017 NY97092464002 MNB

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

Home Bridge Financial Services, Inc., f/k/a Real Estate Mortgage Network Inc., Plaintiff
AGAINST
John Jackson a/k/a John H. Jackson; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 21, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 27, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2753 Briggs Avenue, Bronx, NY 10458. 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 3301 Lot 104. Approximate amount of judgment \$488,220.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 35311/2013E.

Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as a deposit in the amount of ten percent of the purchase price.
Vielka E. Wilkinson, Esq., Referee
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard
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(877) 759-1835
Dated: December 1, 2016- #90183

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The ¡Bronx Live! winter 2017 season includes The Bronx Opera Company's performance of Sir John in Love, and Casita Maria's dynamic and innovative Blitz Buzz performed at Twins Gourmet Bodega.

Christine Licata, director of Performing & Visual Arts at Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education stated: "BronxNet leadership, interviewers and production crews offer unparalleled levels of engagement and support in building the social and cultural capital of the Bronx. We are so fortunate to partner with BronxNet, not only in documenting great Bronx artists, educators and community leaders but also in ensuring that our community growth initiatives are communicated as clearly and accessibly as possible."

The Bronx Opera Company, which

celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, is showcased each Sunday at 7 p.m., in the series Sunday Night at the Opera.

"The Bronx Opera is proud to have been featured on BronxNet for over two decades. Professional artists come to the Bronx from all over the country and the world seeking the experience, exposure and opportunity that the Bronx Opera and BronxNet provide. The Bronx Opera and BronxNet have opened doors for performers who now appear at the Metropolitan Opera, on Broadway, and at other well-known venues," said Bronx Opera executive director Michael Spierman.

Bronx Live has been bringing Bronx viewers the best of local performing arts since 1994. The program gives more Bronxites access to world-class performances, while helping to build audiences for Bronx artists and arts organizations. Bronx Live is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the New York City Council.

"It is elevating and enriching to see these magnificent artists performing live on local stages, and we'll keep you



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posted on upcoming performances at these great venues on BronxNet. We're also pleased to be able to extend the life of the performances through our arts documentation and dissemination. We are thankful to the gifted artists for sharing their work on BronxNet, and to the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York City Council for helping to make it

possible for us to share incredible arts performances with our audiences," said BronxNet executive director Michael Max Knobbe.

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Bruce Museum exhibit; Wave Hill highlights

On Saturday, February 11, the **Bruce Museum** in Greenwich, CT, opens its newest exhibition, *Canvas and Cast: Highlights from the Bruce Museum's Art Collection*.

Featuring 35 paintings and seven sculptures from the Bruce's growing collection, the show celebrates long-time favorites and many recent acquisitions representing significant moments in the history of art from the 16th through the 20th centuries. This exhibition, organized by Peter C. Sutton, The Susan E. Lynch Executive director, and curated by Courtney Skipiton Long, Zvi Grunberg Postdoctoral Fellow 2016/17 at the Bruce Museum, examines art historical themes including sculpted and painted portraits, narrative scenes and statues, landscapes, still lifes, and genre scenes.

For over a century, the collection at the Bruce Museum has grown steadily and been developed carefully through donations and purchases. After Robert Moffat Bruce bequeathed his home as well as a few portraits to the Town of Greenwich in 1908, the Bruce Museum hosted its first exhibition of art four years later. At the time, the Greenwich Press noted that it was a welcome change to see "a long gallery hung with paintings from the best works of local artists."

Beginning in the early 20th century, the Museum acquired paintings that were created by artists who were influential in establishing the American Impressionist movement, such as Theodore Robinson, John Henry

Twachtman, Leonard Ochtman, and Frederick Childe Hassam. Emulating the French Impressionists with their loose and broken brushwork and characteristically quick approach to painting landscapes en plein air, these American artists captured the effects of changing light in nature, but often with a more subdued palette.

Canvas and Cast explores artists' handling of different media – bronze, marble, oil, pastel, acrylic and collage – through examples of 16th-century Dutch portraiture, 19th-century American figural sculpture, academic style painting, and French and American landscapes from the turn of the 20th century.

Canvas and Cast: Highlights from the Bruce Museum's Art Collection runs through June 11, and is generously supported by The Charles M. and Deborah G. Royce Exhibition Fund and the Connecticut Office of the Arts.

Upcoming Wave Hill events and highlights include:

Saturday, February 4; Sunday, February 5: Family Art Project: Coyote And Owl Fixtures And Tricksters: Hear about the folklore surrounding two wonderfully mysterious and enchanting creatures, the owl and the coyote. Learn about these local animals and their habits and special attributes. Then join visiting Wave Hill Winter Workspace artist Yeon Jin Kim to create a fanciful wintery tableau of simple paper puppets and shadowy scenes that capture your own make-

believe owl and coyote mythology.

Saturday, February 4; Sunday, January 5: Hoot And Howl In The Shop: Visitors enjoy 20% off all Folkmanis finger puppets in The Shop at Wave Hill. Hoot and Howl Weekend event.

Saturday, February 4: Coyote Info Station: Coyotes have lived with New Yorkers for longer than you may think. Environmental educators from the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum explain the history of coyotes in New York City and suggest tips for living peacefully with these wild neighbors. Students from Wave Hill's Woodland Ecology Research Mentorship program will also be on hand to share their research on coyotes cavorting in Wave Hill's own backyard.

Saturday, February 4; Sunday, February 5: Nature Talk: Coyotes In The Big Apple: Dr. Mark Weckel of the American Museum of Natural History and his team of high school student-scientists have been gathering information about these clever canines as part of the Gotham Coyote Project.

Saturday, February 4: Owl Pellet Dissection: Owls swallow their prey whole. During digestion, parts of the prey, such as bones, feathers and fur, are bound up into a tight pellet, which the owl regurgitates. Drop in for this exploratory workshop, and discover the origins of the owl's diet.

Saturday, February 4: Garden & Conservatory Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Saturday, February 4: Nature Presentation: Owl Discovery: Get an in-depth look at the fascinating world of local owls with environmental educators from Volunteers for Wildlife, a wildlife hospital and education center. Meet live owls and enjoy up-close observation of their amazing nocturnal hunting adaptations.

Sunday, February 5: Nature Talk: On The Trail Of Urban Coyotes: Dr. Chris Nagy, director of Research at the Mianus River Gorge, addresses many questions both in NYC and in the larger metropolitan region as part of the Gotham Coyote Project. Find out how camera traps and DNA from "scat" (aka poop) allow scientists to observe and track wildlife without ever touching or disturbing the animals.

Sunday, February 5: Inter Workspace Drop-In Sunday: Artists in the Winter Workspace program share their studio practice with visitors on this Drop-in Sunday. Stop by Glyndor Gallery to speak to the artists and get a closer look at the creative process.

Sunday, February 5: Nature Presentation: Owls Raptors Of The Night: Discover how owls adapt to life in the forest and the city with Carl Heitmuller, an environmental educator from the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. Meet a live owl from the museum's collection and find out who's who in your neighborhood.

Wave Hill is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For further information call (718) 549-3200 ext. 232.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s)
vs. INNOCENTIA AKU GIDI; 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 November 9, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York.

On February 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1595 ODELL STREET, BRONX, NY 10462-7055 Block: 03943 Lot: 4120

The Unit known as Apartment No. 1D (hereinafter called the "Unit") in the building known as Number E-7, in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, designated and described as Unit 1D in the Declaration establishing condominium ownership known as the Parkchester South Condominium (hereinafter called the Property) made by the Parkchester Apts. Co under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), dated November 1985 and recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York in the County of the Bronx on the 19th day of March, 1986 in Reel 638, page 1496 (hereinafter called the "Declaration") and designated also as Tax Lot No. 4120 in Block No. 3943 of Section 15 of the Department of the City of New York and on the Floor Plans and site plan certified by Hurley and Farinella, Architects filed in said Register's Office as Condominium Plan No. 23. TOGETHER with an undivided .0093 percent interest in the common elements of the property described in said Declaration.

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 \$98,625.46 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 35997/2014E
Tara Gofney, Esq., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT BRONX COUNTY
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against
DEBORAH JACKSON ,et al Defendants

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered MARCH 31, 2015

I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, AT 2 P.M. AT 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK ON ANY MONDAY EXCEPT HOLIDAYS ON FEBRUARY 27, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.. Premises known as 3996 ROMBOUS AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10466. Block

4971 Lot 29. ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$572,309.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 380266/13.

JEFFREY E. DINOWITZ, ESQ., Referee

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

EVERBANK, Plaintiff -against- IBET HERNANDEZ, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, JOSE DIAZ, CLORIA DIAZ, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated DECEMBER 29, 2016

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NEW YORK on February 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM premises known as 1514 UNIONPORT ROAD, NO.7B, BRONX, NY 10462. The Unit known as apartment No. 7B (hereinafter called "the Unit") in the Building known as number 53 and by the street number 1514 Unionport Road in the Borough and County of The Bronx, the City and State of New York

Block: 3943 Lot: 3092 Together with an undivided .0103 percent interest in the common elements

Approximate amount of lien \$58,029.87 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 35420/2013E

CHRISTOPHER CHANG, ESQ., REFEREE

STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF

ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514

DATED: January 20, 2017 FILE #: RUSHMORE 62406

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 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST

Veejay Rajaram; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 7, 2014 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on February 27, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1237 Boynton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10472. 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 3773 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$528,123.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 381087-12.

Michael H. Maizes, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 6, 2016- #90402

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, PNMAC MORTGAGE OPPORTUNITY FUND INVESTORS LLC, Plaintiff, vs. MARTHA MEJIA, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 27, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 06, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1541 Metropolitan Avenue, Unit 7C, 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 3944 and Lot 4603 together with an undivided 0.0225 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$124,412.54 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35266/13E.

Sheldon Sontag, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, EXTRACO BANKS, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. JAIME RODRIGUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 179 Mosholu Parkway A/K/A 179 E Mosholu Parkway N, 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 3335 and Lot 139. Approximate amount of judgment is \$791,300.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35079/2013E.

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

Philip Wayne Coleman, Esq., Referee

Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP, FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff AGAINST Griselda Joselin Alvarez, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4-25-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on 2-6-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2590 Heath Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463. 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: 3237, LOT: 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$622,464.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35127/2014E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Damien Bosco, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-046118-F01

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Donald Frances aka Donald Francis, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11-22-2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, NY on 2-27-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 2221 Boller Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475. 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 the Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 5134, LOT: 123. Approximate amount of judgment \$589,207.94 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index#: 35410/2013E. Only cash or certified funds payable to the Referee will be accepted as deposit. Manuel Sanchez Jr., Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-055421-F00

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff,

ROSEMARIE THOMPSON-FORDE A/K/A ROSEMARIE THOMPSON A/K/A ROSEMARIE FORDE, SAMUEL FORDE, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Bronx County on November 1, 2016, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 6, 2017 at the Bronx County

Courthouse - Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

749E 224th St
Bronx, NY 10466
SBL No.: 4838-25

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of the Bronx, County of the Bronx, City and State of New York

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 382095/2010, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

Steven I. Lubowitz, Esq., Referee Judgment Amount: \$405,747.50
Stephen J. Lapp, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel: 585.987.2800

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA HOME EQUITY LOAN, INC., ASSETBACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1,

Plaintiff, v. EUNICE CLARKE, ELAINE M. CLARKE, et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Bronx County on June 9, 2016, I, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 6, 2017 at Room 600- 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY , front vestibule, County of Bronx, State of New York, at 2:00 P.M., the premises described as follows:

715 E 224th Street
Bronx, NY 10466
SBL No.: 4838-39

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York

The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 35475/2014E, any state of facts an accurate survey and inspection of the premises may disclose, to covenants, restrictions and easements, if any, to assessments or water charges not a lien upon the property, to violations, zoning regulations, prior liens of record, if any, and ordinances of the city, town or village in which said premises lie, to leases, tenancies and occupancies, and to other charges and liens with priority over plaintiff's mortgage.

Michael P. Amodio, Esq., Referee Judgment Amount: \$379,168.79
Stephen J. Lapp, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
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CB10 rejects city's FP plan; leaves Trump golf course parcel in limbo

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Prince said despite some misunderstanding by the public, the Trump Links proposal was never put before his board, but was instead rejected by the city.

"There was some conversation that the board would like parks to renegotiate with the (Trump) Links, but that was out of the scope of what we were talking about," Prince said. "It was generally understood that Trump Links was the tenant of the parks department and they would be negotiating on the issue no matter what."

The Trump Organization wants the waterfront land to enhance the 17th and 18th holes so it can vie for tournament play.

Its company was also willing to rehabilitate other areas of the park in exchange for a lease extension for the golf course.

Much of the apprehension to the Parks Department plan was rooted in past problems, most prominently a lack of maintenance and supervision of the western portion of Ferry Point Park and the years it took to get a new comfort station (restroom) built there, Prince said.

"They said, we've trusted them before and it took them so many years to do such-and-such," he recalled. "We're under a new administration and different parks commissioner, and now would be a good time to work on some things we couldn't work on before. But some folks feel it's always going to be the same."

Calls to the Mayor's office and the Trump Organization for comment were not returned by press time.



Community Board 10 members voted against a NYC Parks plan for city land adjacent to the Trump Links golf course. The Trump Organization had their proposal for the property rejected by the city last fall. Community News Group/Arthur Cusano

\$275 million for Rodman's Neck police firing range upgrades

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that better prepares officers," according to information from the mayor's office.

In addition to the six ranges, there is \$51 million for a new tactical village as well as \$54 million for a facility for gun services, ammunition storage, classrooms, lockers and administrative space.

Barbara Dolensek, City Island Civic Association vice president, said that based on her knowledge, the sound remediation part of the project which the community desires will likely not happen for at least another three to four years.

"First they need to design it, then they will do infrastructure, and then the ranges," said Dolensek, "(and) at that point, they can do the baffling."

She said she'd like to see inexpensive temporary sound baffles installed at the facility while this process takes place to muffle noise of gunfire, which

travels easily over the water to places like City Island or nearby Spencer Estate.

Another CICA board member, John Doyle, who recently started a petition calling for noise abatement at Rodman's Neck said that he is waiting for the "shovel to be in the ground" on the project before he starts celebrating.

"At the end of the day, we all want the same thing: we all want sound remediation in that area and we want it as soon as possible," said Doyle.

Dolensek feels that the range, which she has visited and toured with police personnel, should be upgraded to better serve the police and correction officers who use it.

She indicated that aside from the noise issue, the range is fine where it is.

Meanwhile, local police advocate and activist John Marano, said that he hopes to see mechanisms for the control not just of noise but also of pollution emissions from Rodman's Neck.



Rodman's Neck, the off-limits to the public NYPD shooting range, is slated to receive \$275 million in the mayor's preliminary budget for restoration.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff against

BENJAMIN ADEGBITE, CATHERINE ADEGBITE, DLUFEMI ADEGBITE, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 3, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 27th day of February, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises described as follows: All that 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.

Said premises known as 4006 Bronx Boulevard, Bronx, N.Y. 10466.

(Block: 4821, Lot: 34).
Approximate amount of lien \$ 635,682.23 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No.: 381596/08. Howard Vargas, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, V.

FRANCES BROWN, et al. NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 9, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and FRANCES BROWN, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on February 27, 2017, at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1007 EAST 217TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10469: Block 4700 Lot 27:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERRECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 382885/2009. Harold B. Beeler, Esq.-Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION solely in its capacity as Trustee, as successor in interest to WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee, Plaintiff - against- FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS

UNLIMITED, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 11, 2017 and entered on January 18, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on February 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of The Bronx, City and State of New York, known as Unit 1002 in the condominium known as ("2516-2530GC Condominium") together with an undivided 50% percent interest in the common elements.

Said premises known as 2516-2530 GRAND CONCOURSE, UNIT 1002, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$12,712,616.67 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 35190/2015.

EDMOND J. PRYOR, ESQ., Referee

Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck P.C.

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
875 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEETO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MLMI TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1,

V. MYRA ROSADO AS ADMINISTRATIX OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE GATHERS A/K/A MAXINE GATHERS WHITE, et al.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 24, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEETO BANK OF AMERICA N.A. AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE MLMI TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE1 is the Plaintiff and MYRA ROSADO AS ADMINISTRATIX OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE GATHERS A/K/A MAXINE GATHERS WHITE, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the BRONX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 600, 851 GRAND CONCOURSE, BRONX, NY 10451, on February 27, 2017, at 2:00 pm, premises known as 2149 PROSPECT AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10457: Block 3097 Lot 48:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BRONX, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 35426/2014E. Philip W. Coleman, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-4, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-4, Plaintiff, against

EMMANUEL UFOMADUH A/K/A EMMANUAL E. UFOMADUH, ROSEMARY UFOMADUH, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 17, 2016.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at

public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 27th day of February, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises 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.

Said premises known as 4602 Bronx Boulevard, Bronx, N.Y. 10470.

(Block: 5078, Lot: 9).
Approximate amount of lien \$ 568,405.08 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No.: 380996-12. Daniel Padernacht, Esq., Referee.

McCabe, Weisberg, & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF BRONX

THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the

Parkchester South Condominium, INDEX NO. 260835/14
NOTICE OF SALE

Plaintiff,
- against -
INNOCENTIAAKU GIDI, et. al.,
Defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment dated October 4, 2016, I will sell at public auction on February 6, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 1D, in the building known as E-7 A/K/A 67, and by street address 1595 Odell Street, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 4120 in Block 3943 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided 0.0093 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$9,564.22, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$93,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 260835/14.

VERONICA GUERRERO, ESQ., Referee

ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS.

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Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

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AVAILABLE UNITS AND INCOME REQUIREMENTS

Income Category	Unit Size	Monthly Rent ¹	Units Available	Household Size ²	Annual Household Income ³ (Minimum - Maximum) ⁴
	30% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Studio	\$368		3 →
30% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	1 bedroom	\$395	4 →	1 person	\$15,498 - \$19,050
				2 people	\$15,498 - \$21,750
	2 bedroom	\$482	3 →	2 people	\$18,515 - \$21,750
				3 people	\$18,515 - \$24,480
30% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	3 bedroom	\$551	1 →	4 people	\$18,515 - \$27,180
				3 people	\$21,463 - \$24,480
	3 bedroom	\$551	1 →	4 people	\$21,463 - \$27,180
				5 people	\$21,463 - \$29,370
6 people	\$21,463 - \$31,530				
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	1 bedroom	\$558	5 →	1 person	\$21,086 - \$25,400
				2 people	\$21,086 - \$29,000
	2 bedroom	\$676	6 →	2 people	\$25,166 - \$29,000
				3 people	\$25,166 - \$32,640
				4 people	\$25,166 - \$36,240
				3 people	\$29,143 - \$32,640
	3 bedroom	\$775	2 →	4 people	\$29,143 - \$36,240
				5 people	\$29,143 - \$39,160
				6 people	\$29,143 - \$42,040
				6 people	\$29,143 - \$42,040
	50% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	Studio	\$670	3 →	1 person
1 bedroom		\$720	6 →	1 person	\$26,640 - \$31,750
				2 people	\$26,640 - \$36,250
2 bedroom		\$870	5 →	2 people	\$31,818 - \$36,250
				3 people	\$31,818 - \$40,800
				4 people	\$31,818 - \$45,300
				3 people	\$36,858 - \$40,800
3 bedroom		\$1000	2 →	4 people	\$36,858 - \$45,300
				5 people	\$36,858 - \$48,950
				6 people	\$36,858 - \$52,550
				6 people	\$36,858 - \$52,550
60% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS		Studio	\$822	1 →	1 person
	1 bedroom	\$882	8 →	1 person	\$32,195 - \$38,100
				2 people	\$32,195 - \$43,500
	2 bedroom	\$1,065	40 →	2 people	\$38,503 - \$43,500
				3 people	\$38,503 - \$48,960
				4 people	\$38,503 - \$54,360
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	3 bedroom	\$1,224	7 →	4 people	\$44,538 - \$54,360
				5 people	\$44,538 - \$58,740
				6 people	\$44,538 - \$63,060
				6 people	\$44,538 - \$63,060
	100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	1 bedroom	\$1,254	2 →	1 person
2 people					\$44,949 - \$72,500
2 bedroom		\$1,511	4 →	2 people	\$53,795 - \$72,500
				3 people	\$53,795 - \$81,600
				4 people	\$53,795 - \$90,600
				3 people	\$62,229 - \$81,600
3 bedroom		\$1,740	2 →	4 people	\$62,229 - \$90,600
				5 people	\$62,229 - \$97,900
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				6 people	\$62,229 - \$105,100

1 Rent includes gas for cooking.

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What Happens After You Submit an Application?

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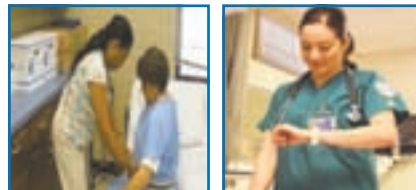
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises are situated. REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff, against UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LELIA M. TRENT AKA LELIA TRENT, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said Defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, NYS DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, NYC PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and "JOHN DOE" and "JANE DOE", the last two names being fictitious, said parties intended being tenants or occupants, if any, having or claiming an interest in, or lien upon the premises described in the complaint, Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: 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 ATTORNEYS 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 SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage with the maximum principal amount of \$727,500.00 dated July 28, 2010,

executed by Defendant(s) LELIA M. TRENT AKA LELIA TRENT to GENWORTH FINANCIAL HOME EQUITY ACCESS, INC. recorded on August 13, 2010 in CRFN: 2010000274616, in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX. GENWORTH FINANCIAL HOME EQUITY ACCESS, INC. assigned all of its rights, title and interest in the Reverse Mortgage by way of a corrective assignment executed October 12, 2015 to REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX on December 9, 2015, in CRFN: 2015000435939. This corrects the assignment executed May 16, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of BRONX on June 2, 2011, in CRFN 2011000195211, covering premises known as 1040 E 228th Street, Bronx, NY 10466, (Block 4874 and Lot 59). The relief sought within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. To the above named Defendants: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Ben R. Barbato, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, and filed along with the supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx on 08/12/2016. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, (Block 4874 and Lot 59), said premises known as 1040 E 228th Street, Bronx, NY 10466. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. There is now due and owing, the principal sum of \$413,191.46 together with all sums that may be due for interest, taxes, insurance, loan advances, and/or fees for inspections, property preservations or other expenses incurred to protect the property, and expenses and costs of suit as may be allowed by the loan documents and/or approved by the court. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY

(30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services' at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov> FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 260353-14 Borough: Bronx

Block: 4704 Lot: 46 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs, v. The heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors, creditors, successors-in-interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through MARION MILLS AKA MARION CYPRESS, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and all creditors thereof, and the respective husbands, or widowers of hers, if any, all of whose names and addresses are unknown to Plaintiffs; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; RICHARD MILLS and "JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #100", the names of the last 99 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or occupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of

said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and the assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the second amended complaint in the above-entitled foreclosure action, and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal service within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the second amended complaint. Bronx County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject premises. Dated: November 21, 2016 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an Order of Honorable Ben R. Barbato, a Justice of the Supreme Court, dated December 19, 2016, and filed with supporting papers in the Bronx County Clerks Office. This is an action to foreclose a tax lien covering the property known as 1046 East 222nd Street, Borough of Bronx, New York and identified as Block 4704, Lot 46 (the "Tax Parcel"). The relief sought is the sale of the Tax Parcel at public auction in satisfaction of the tax lien. In case of your failure to appear, judgment may be taken against you in the sum of \$14,653.23, together with interest, costs, disbursements and attorneys fees of this action, and directing the public sale of the Tax Parcel. PHILLIPS LYTTLE LLP Anthony J. Iacchetta

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Quinnipiac star got his hoops start at Scanlan

Quinnipiac freshman Peter Kiss got his basketball start in the Bronx, playing at Monsignor Scanlan before a long and winding career that landed him in a Bobcats uniform.

Alex Serbetzian

BY LAURA AMATO

It felt a bit like fate.

Peter Kiss had never played basketball before, had never considered a Division I basketball career, or even anything more than a few hours of pickup hoops with his friends when he stepped onto the court at Gauchos Gym.

That idea, however, didn't last long.

Kiss was good – really good – and it didn't take long for him to find his way to Monsignor Scanlan and the boys basketball team there. That was three years ago and, now, Kiss isn't just a Division I basketball player, he's a dominant one, in the midst of a successful freshman campaign at Quinnipiac University.

"It was a long journey that had a lot of twists and turns in it," Kiss said. "It's just the

competitive nature of the sport, that's what drew my attention. I love competing and I love getting the chance to try and play people who are better than me."

Kiss started his basketball career at Scanlan, competing with the squad for his sophomore season and learning the fundamentals of the game there.

He's always been an athlete – he played baseball and ran track throughout high school – but there was something about basketball that fueled Kiss' competitive tendencies. It was, at its core, a challenge and Kiss is never one to back down from a challenge.

"I definitely love playing with a team," Kiss said. "I like being able to see other people succeed and helping them get better. I love seeing the team

succeed."

Kiss hit his basketball-playing stride at Scanlan, but he didn't stay in the Bronx for long. He spent his sophomore season with the Crusaders before attending attended Victory Rock Prep School in Sarasota, Florida and, eventually, graduating from Notre Dame Prep in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Every step has helped him fine-tune his basketball skills.

"It's really just been a process of working out and staying what the coaches on the team have been telling me to do," Kiss said. "I don't think there's one particular skill or anything that sets me a part. I'm just incredibly competitive and I play hard all the time and I think that helps me."

Kiss was looking for a bit of consistency when picking a college program and he knew, from the get-go, Quinnipiac was the right fit for him. He had a good relationship with Bobcats coach Tom Moore and was anxious to find a team close to home.

It is, after all, the first time in awhile his parents have been able to see him play.

"My family can make the trip," Kiss said. "It's also a great academic school and that made my choice easy."

Kiss has had an immediate impact with the Bobcats this season, averaging just over 28 minutes in his first 19 games. He's also chipping 12.3 points, 4.7 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game.

It hasn't been an easy season – particularly in a league like the MAAC with no clear

frontrunner yet – but Kiss simply views it as just another challenge.

"There's no one team that really separates itself from the pack. So every night has opened my eyes," he said. "There's no clear favorite in the league and it's wide open every game."

Kiss isn't taking anything for granted this year and, with the end of the regular season looming, the Bobcats freshman guard is determined to lead his team to postseason glory.

This time, he's certain, it won't feel like fate – it'll feel like hard work.

"Hopefully we can come out with a winning record and go into a great spot in the MAAC Tournament," Kiss said. "We just want to get ready for the postseason and, hopefully, make a run."

Hayes hoops handled in loss at Christ the King

BY LAURA AMATO

There just wasn't an answer.

Cardinal Hayes did everything it could think of to slow down Jose Alvarado on Jan. 20 – put the team's best defender on him, double-team him, triple-team him.

None of it worked.

The Christ the King star lit up the scoreboard in the CHSAA matchup, giving Hayes fits all night as the Cardinals fell 75-63 on the road.

"We didn't make shots, but Christ the King was fired up to play tonight and unfortunately we weren't," said Hayes coach Joe Lods. "I thought Alvarado certainly separated himself from us today and showed why he's heading to Georgia Tech and we're headed to the bus right now."

Alvarado finished with a game-high 32 points, but actually got off to a slightly slow start. He hit his stride in the second quarter, however, seizing any open court space as Hayes did its best to contend with the Royals' other scoring threats.

The senior guard racked up 20 points in the first half, including 11 in the second quarter, as the Royals went into the break with a comfortable 37-24 lead.

It also left Hayes desperately searching for some kind of defensive answer.

"We were just kind of paralyzed by how well he was playing," said Cardinals coach Joe Lods. "I thought it was like paralysis by over analysis. We were looked like deer stuck in head lights while he's shooting his threes."

Hayes, simply, couldn't slow down Alvarado and while the Royals star continued to hit his shots, the Cardinals struggled to sink theirs.

Christ the King wrapped up the third quarter on a 12-2 run, jumping out to a 14-point lead heading into the fourth.

"It just seemed like we were clicking, we were playing hard and just run-



Cardinal Hayes point guard Joe Touissant (2) couldn't quite spark his squad on Jan. 20 as the Cardinals fell on the road to Christ the King. CNG/Laura Amato

ning up and down the floor," said Royals coach Joe Arbitello. "I think guys are starting to get more sure of where they're supposed to be on the floor, which is giving Jose a little more room to operate with."

Cardinal Hayes made it a ten-point game with just over six minutes left, but the Royals answered with another 10-point run, keeping the Cardinals off the board for the next three minutes.

By the final whistle, the usually hot-

shooting Cardinals were left frustrated on offense, racking up empty possessions on one-and-done shot attempts.

"It certainly wasn't our night," Lods said. "I tell the guys to never get too high or too low, but this is certainly a low point."

It's a disappointing loss for Hayes, which had been riding a wave of recent success, but the Cardinals are determined not to dwell on the performance for too long.

After all, there are more games to be played and more chances to sink baskets and Hayes is just anxious to get back on the court – leaving Alvarado, and his jumpshot, in the rearview mirror.

"What did Jeff Van Gundy tell the Knicks when Michael Jordan dunked all over them? Try harder? There's no answer for that," Lods said. "Sometimes in life there are problems with no answer and Jose was a problem tonight."

Masiello doesn't mince words in massive post-game rant

BY LAURA AMATO

Steve Masiello didn't hold back after Manhattan's 81-68 loss to Siena at Draddy Gymnasium on Jan. 22.

In fact, the Jaspers coach staged one of the most talked about post-game pressers of the season, earning national attention for comments.

Masiello, who is just one win away from 100, was asked about his team's adjustments to playing from behind when he launched into an analysis of today's entire society.

"We're a fraudulent society from top to bottom," he said. "Our society's fraudulent. Everything about our society is edited. Everything about our society is prear-

ranged so this generation is a fraudulent generation. And what I mean by that is they put their Instagram picture the way they want. They put their tweet out the way they want. Nothing is interactive."

He didn't stop there.

"Nothing is real so when things don't go the way people want them to, people really struggle with it if it's not 75 degrees and sunny and the stars aren't aligned, if it's not exactly 4 p.m., they didn't get exactly eight hours of beauty sleep..." Masiello continued, "young people today struggle with it. Our society struggles with that, and for me – I can't speak for other coaches – I

see it more than ever. When adversity comes in, people struggle."

It was a difficult game for Manhattan in the MAAC matchup, as the Jaspers struggled to match Siena's offensive intensity from the opening whistle.

Manhattan shot just 37.7 percent on the game and didn't connect on a single three-pointer in the second half. Siena, meanwhile, shot 53.6 percent in the final 20 minutes of play as Brett Bisping racked up a game-high 24 points.

Zane Waterman led Manhattan with 14 points and nine rebounds, while Calvin Crawford added 12 points,

Samson Usilo chipped in 11 points of his own.

Siena led by as many as 20 points in the second half and while Masiello was quick to critique his team, he was also determined to point out that this is a group of players he enjoys coaching.

"They're not bad kids. This might be one of my favorite groups I've ever had. They struggle with adversity," he said. "They struggle with, that's a by product of our society today, so I think we're a reflection of our culture a little bit, not to get too deep."

Masiello's post-game rant wasn't the only dramatic moment for the Jaspers this

week.

The Manhattan coach also announced that senior Rich Williams will redshirt and miss the remainder of the 2016-17 season, after undergoing surgery on Nov. 7 to repair a torn meniscus.

Williams, a 6-foot-5 wing who was named a second-team preseason all-MAAC honoree, was expected to return to the court sooner rather than later, but ultimately decided an extended rehabilitation period was the correct decision.

It's a tough blow to the Jaspers, who have struggled in MAAC play all season. Williams averaged a career-best 14.8 points last season.

Lopsided second-half dooms Wings in loss to LuHi

BY GREGORY ALCALA

Wings Academy couldn't quite get liftoff on Jan. 21.

The squad dropped a lopsided 59-36 game to Long Island Lutheran in a non-league matchup that was nothing short of disappointing. Wings was held to just 14 second-half points, while the Crusaders exploded for 19 points in the fourth quarter alone.

"We didn't make the proper reads and we didn't finish," said Wings head coach Billy Turnage.

After an equally competitive first half from both teams, which saw Lutheran take a five-point cushion into the break, the Crusaders (13-2) came out firing on all cylinders in the third quarter. Wings, on the other hand, looked out of place and rushed, turning the ball over and taking contested shots as LuHi forwards Chris Coalman and Esam Mostafa clogged the lane.

Wings got its cleanest offensive sequence with just over three minutes left in the third as senior guard Elijah Chapman drove to the lane, drew defenders and found junior forward Jordan Bryan, underneath, for an easy dunk that cut the Crusaders lead to six, down 33-27.

On the very next possession, however, Wings got burned on a full-court press attack, broken easily by the Crusaders' crisp passes and ball movement. Junior forward Harrison Warnock capped off the play with an easy layup, padding the lead and setting Wings back on its collective heels.

Wings had a chance to cut the lead to six but would go scoreless on their last five possessions of the quarter due to quick shots, 1-on-1 play and forcing shots rather than setting up good attempts.

LuHi took a ten-point lead into the fourth quarter and maintained the double-digit cushion down the stretch as Wings continued to make a handful of mistakes. The Crusaders went on a 7-2 run midway through the quarter to jump out to a 51-34 lead with 2:42 on the clock.

Mostafa scored four of his total six points during that stretch along with Harrison Warnock, who contributed two of his 10 points to the game breaking run.

"We struggle with city teams



Long Island Lutheran forwards Esam Mostafa and Chris Coalman made things difficult for Wings forward Brian Mitchell as the Crusaders rolled to a victory on Jan. 21.

Photo by Gregory Alcala

at away games," said senior guard Brandon Jacobs said post-game. "So going into our next game we have a lot of confidence right now that we can pull out a game on the road."

Pietro Gionavardi was one of the unsung heroes of LuHi's success. He scored seven of his team-high 14 points in the second quarter, including two threes', one of which improved the Crusaders lead to five, 27-22 heading into the half.

"We were moving the ball a lot," Gionavardi said. "It's always about the team. We work on that (moving the ball) a lot." He also said that he was confident in his shot on Saturday and said that moving the ball consistently on the perimeter helped him get good looks at the basket.

For Wings, Chapman led all scorers with 14 points while Jose Perez, the team's leading scorer on the season, recorded six, far below his 24 season-average, after sitting for the entire first half. It was the second-straight non-league loss for Wings, which is still trying to find its footing heading into the final stretch of the regular season.

"We got to make shots, that's what it comes down to, you have to make shots" Turnage said. "If we don't make shots we can't setup our defense."

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