

# INTERSECTION RAKES IN \$\$\$

## Waters Place left 'turn' fills city's coffer

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Beware - the northbound right lane on Waters Place could be a potential moving violation trap!

The 'T' intersection of Waters Place and Eastchester Road is a safety hazard for drivers and a hot spot for drivers who, unknowingly, make illegal turns onto Eastchester Road, even though there is no turn signage present.

According to drivers who use Waters Place and Eastchester Road, the potentially dangerous scenario has only gotten worse, as cars have been pulled over by the police for making left turns from a right lane which appears as a middle lane to motorists.

Back in July, Nancy Devore, a local resident and former employee of Montefiore Medical Center, was driving northbound on the two lane Waters Place, although a wide parking lane creates the illusion that Waters Place has three lanes.

She made the left turn onto Eastchester Road from the right lane and was pulled over by a police car. A car, in front of her car, had also been pulled over a few minutes earlier.

She received a moving violation ticket for making an improper turn, even though the intersection of Waters Place and Eastchester Road has no turn-only signage for any lanes.

Devore added that she has seen many cars turn left from the right lane for years, which helps drivers make wider turns and avoid collisions with oncoming traffic from both direction on Eastchester Road, without any issue.

"Drivers are turning left from the right lane - which appears as a middle lane, because it is the safest option for them," said Devore, who explained that turning left from the left lane on Waters Place puts cars in jeopardy of being hit from vehicles going in both directions, but particularly vehicles traveling northbound, on Eastchester Road. "We need proper sig

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## Print Fashion

The Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation celebrated its annual Speak Week from Monday, April 24 to Friday, April 28. The fun yet educational event connected students with working professionals from various career disciplines and industries. C.S. 134 students designed a fashionable black, white and read all over dress. See more photos on page 7. Photo courtesy of Rubenstein Public Relations

## BID Push resolves differences

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The push to create a Throggs Neck Business Improvement District appears to be making steady progress.

Members of the BID steering committee and some business and property owners who still were not on board with the BID met on Thursday, April 27 to work on a compromise on issues stalling the effort, attendees said.

Roughly 30 commercial property owners and merchants attended the meeting, including many in favor of the proposal and those with concerns, according to attendees.

Also discussed at an earlier meeting was the prospect for state funding for parking, pedestrian and landscaping improvements if a Throggs Neck BID on East Tremont Avenue is formed, according to Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

One of the snags for those still opposed to the BID was that corner commercial properties were slated to be charged more than those with less frontage facing the street, said John Bonizio, a TN BID steering committee member and chairman of the neighboring Westchester Square BID.

The original plan was to assess the properties at \$39 per linear foot, said Bonizio, which would have included the sides of corner stores.

"You end up with an inequality," said Bonizio. "The guy at the corner ends up getting charged a lot more (and) some people who were opposed to that came to the steering committee meeting and said it is not fair."

Under a compromise, the plan is to charge corner properties the \$39 per foot for the portion of their frontage on

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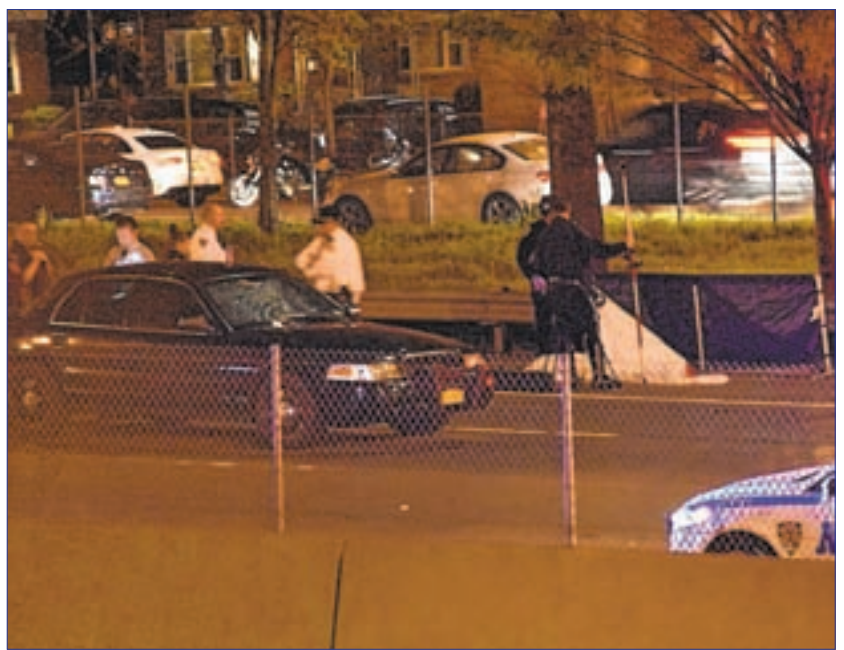
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Police laid a white sheet over the body of Sheldon 'Shaq' Sampson, a Tru 31 Motorcycle Club member, killed on the Bruckner Expressway early Saturday morning.

Photo by Edwin Soto

## Local motorcycle club member killed on I-95

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

A member of a Bronx motorcycle club was killed last weekend on the Bruckner Expressway, soon after attending a memorial for a fellow biker.

Sheldon 'Shaq' Sampson, a 35-year-old Mount Vernon resident and founding member of the north Bronx-based Tru 31 Motorcycle Club, was riding north on the Bruckner Expressway at around 2 a.m. on Saturday, April 29, when his BMW motorcycle rear-ended a 1999 Nissan Altima near the Country Club Road exit around 2:10 a.m.

The 49-year-old driver of the sedan told police he panicked when the bikers encircled his vehicle, and then abruptly changed lanes.

Sampson's bike hit the back of the sedan, throwing him into a guardrail and killing him instantly.

The driver has not been charged, according to police.

Sampson was declared dead on arrival by first responders.

Approximately 20 members of the Tru 31 Motorcycle Club who were also returning from the memorial, gathered at the scene of the accident to pay their respects to their fallen friend.

Club leader Haymes Harris said he and fellow members were still grappling with the sudden tragedy.

"It's like losing your own blood - like losing one of your family members," he said. "For those who were there, it's a constant struggle because it's still replaying in their minds."

Sampson had been with the club since its inception in 2013 and served as a public liaison to the community, Harris said.

The non-profit club wants to change the perception of motorcycle clubs, and is involved in charity fundraisers for organizations such as the March of Dimes, he added.

"We formed the club to make a change and have an impact in the community and each other, to keep each other out of harm's reach and make sure we stay together," he said.

Elizabeth Gill, the 47th Precinct Community Council president, said she was awoken early Saturday morning by a police officer calling to inform her of the accident.

"It was devastating," she said. "By the time I got dressed and got to the scene they were already removing the body. He was a nice young man. His family is devastated."

Tru 31 had become active at precinct meetings in recent months in an effort to build better relations between bikers and the general public, Gill said.

"They came to me and wanted to know what they could do to improve police and community relations, which is what the police council is all about," Gill said. "They started coming to the meetings and I got to know them, and they volunteered to do many things in the community. I have a different view of bikers since I met these guys."

Family and friend visitation for Sampson will be held on Wednesday, May 10 from 4 to 9 p.m. at McCall's Funeral Home, 4035 Bronxwood Avenue.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, May 11 at Grace Baptist Church in Mount Vernon at 11 a.m., with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Hastings-on-Hudson.



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Addresses	Block/Lots
906 East 176th Street	2958/ p/o 106
916 East 176th Street	2958/ p/o 109

In 1999, the City conveyed Block 2958, Lot 111, Lot 113, Lot 114, p/o Lot 106 and p/o Lot 109 in the Bronx to Brewran Corporation ("Brewran") for the development of office space and ancillary parking and retained ownership of the remaining portions of Lots 106 and 109. Brewran completed the project and leased the building and parking to the federal government for use by the Social Security Administration, which is still using the property. In 2000, Brewran conveyed the property to its affiliate, Claremont Westfarms, LLC, which is the current owner.

Although additional parking was needed on the portions of Lots 106 and 109 that the City retained, the conveyance of those portions was initially delayed pending the completion of a ULURP for a Zoning Map Amendment to extend a commercial overlay to permit the additional parking area. The ULURP was completed in 2009. This submission is for the conveyance of the remaining portions of Lots 106 and 109 for use as additional parking by the Social Security Administration.

Under the proposed project, the City will sell the Disposition Area to Claremont Westfarms, LLC ("Sponsor") for the negotiated price of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$31,830.00) ("Disposition Price"). The Disposition Price is based upon the square foot rate from the 1999 sale with an inflation factor based on the Consumer Price Index.

The Sponsor will provide approximately 3,404 square feet of parking on the Disposition Area for the adjacent Social Security Administration office building.

The appraisal and the Deed and Project Summary are available for public examination at the office of HPD, 100 Gold Street, Room 5-1, New York, New York on business days during business hours.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on May 24, 2017 at 1 Centre Street, Manhattan, Mezzanine at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached on the calendar, at which time and place those wishing to be heard will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the proposed sale of the Disposition Area pursuant to Section 695(2)(b) of the General Municipal Law and Section 1802(6)(j) of the Charter.

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# CB12 approves Shoelace Park improvements

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Plans to revamp Shoelace Park have been approved by Community Board 12 and have been submitted to the NYC Parks and Recreation Department for approval.

"The Parks Committee sees fit that the Shoelace Park Greenway plan move forward," CB12 Parks Committee chair Ivan Borrás told board members at their Thursday, April 27 meeting before board members overwhelmingly approved the project.

The \$3.15 million project will go towards safety improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, enhancing the park entrances, and create a more defined greenway in the northeast Bronx park.

"The Bronx River Alliance and NYC Parks are very pleased to advance this important link in the Bronx River Greenway, which when completed will be a continuous series of parks and trails along the full 23-mile length of the river," said Maggie Greenfield, executive director of the Bronx River Alliance and Bronx River administra-



Bronx River Alliance executive director and NYC Parks Bronx River administrator Maggie Greenfield is among those who have worked get a project to renovate Shoelace Park off the ground.

Bronx River Alliance

tor for NYC Parks.

The project, funded by the Transportation Alternatives Program of NYS Department of Transportation, Borough

President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and Councilman Andy King, will formalize the Bronx River Greenway link in the park from 211th Street to 229th

Street.

Transportation and Capital Projects Committee chairman John Isaac said the park was also the focus of an April 13 joint meeting with the NYC Department of Transportation about connections into Shoelace Park.

The DOT is creating more friendly bike and pedestrian access into the park, he said.

"Our committee recommends that we approve these projects because all it is a narrowing of the intersections, making it safer for the kids to cross going into the park," Isaac said. "It's defining the corridors and creating access points into the park."

Prior to the vote, Judy Hutson of the Friends of Shoelace Park told board members that King had very recently expressed a desire to halt the project since learning the area was the site of the first highway in the United States.

She urged board members to move forward with the parks project.

"We've been working on getting that grant since 2009," Hutson said. "We've

done many things in the park and we think it's great that it's historic and we should keep it in a historic way but this is the 21st century. Instead of being a highway for cars, it should be a highway for people."

But Brian Melford from King's office said the councilman was interested in creating an historic recognition to mark its historic significance.

"He actually wants them to get the money so he can start the second (funding) phase of keeping the site historic," Melford said.

Borrás acknowledged King's recent interest in creating a historic attraction at the site before the vote, but urged the board to continue on with the current plans given the time and money already invested in the project.

CB 12 district manager George Torres said the letter had been submitted and the project looked likely to be approved.

"We voted overwhelmingly for that project, so we think it will go forward," he said.

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Hello readers and welcome

to another edition of Around Town.

**Running For A Good Cause**  
**Alexis Lampono**, a Throggs Neck and Morris Park native, will be running in the New York City Marathon in November to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, her cousin **Jenn Nuccio** reports. To donate to the cause,



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Elizabeth Figueroa de Rivera

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**Birth Announcements**  
White Plains Hospital announced the birth of the following new Bronxites:

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Photo by Aracelis Batista



# POLICE BLOTTER

## 42 Precinct

Thursday, April 20 at 7:43 p.m. -- Inside of an apartment building at Southern Boulevard and Louis Nine Boulevard, three people pushed their way into a 21-year-old man's apartment at gunpoint. They pistol-whipped him before snatching an iPhone 7 and \$600. They then fled the scene in a Toyota with dark tinted windows.

## 45 Precinct

Monday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m.-- A 28-year-old security guard was trying to break up a fight at a mall located at 200 Baychester Avenue when he was stabbed multiple times in the body.

Six black men involved in the incident fled and the victim was taken to Jacobi Medical Center by private means. The six men are between 18-years-old and 25-years-old.

## 43 Precinct

Monday, April 24 at 10:34 p.m. -- A 24-year-old man was shot in the neck with a handgun near Ellis and Pugsley avenues. The person doing the shooting, described as a black man wearing a dark colored hooded sweater and red sweatpants, fled on Pugsley Avenue. The victim was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

## 47 Precinct

Friday, April 14 at 11:15 a.m.-- Three people were involved in a home invasion-style robbery near Brunner and Adees avenues. Two people forced their way inside a 26-year-old man's home at gunpoint and tied him up.

Then a third person entered, and the trio proceeded to steal a cell phone, jewelry and an undetermined amount of

# FATAL CAR ACCIDENT WITH GARBAGE TRUCK KILLS CHILD; UNDER INVESTIGATION



A little girl was killed when a garbage truck rear-ended her relatives' car on Bruckner Boulevard. According to police, a Chevy Malibu carrying three-year-old Brooklyn native Sophia Aguirre, her mother and grandparents was traveling north on the Bruckner on Saturday, April 29. Aguirre's 52-year-old grandmother was driving the car around 10 a.m. when she slowed down to avoid a raised metal sewer cap on the milled roadway at East 144th Street and Southern Boulevard. The toddler was sitting inside a car seat when a privately owned sanitation truck swerved to avoid a parked car and struck the Chevy Malibu causing it to slam into a metal pole. All four victims were rushed to Lincoln Hospital where Sophia was

pronounced deceased. Police said the adults sustained minor injuries and are listed in stable condition. The truck driver remained at the scene and no criminality is suspected. A NYC Department of Transportation spokesman stated the road was milled a week ago and was scheduled to be repaved soon. DOT crews had installed a ramp with asphalt slopping around the manhole cover as part of a \$1.8 billion project to transform the Bruckner-Sheridan Interchange. Following the crash, DOT staff visited the scene to search for any issues with the street. The agency determined the street is safe, but is still investigating the incident.

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Martinez (l) with Isekenegbe, Councilman Fernando Cabrera, Joyner, councilmen Jimmy Vacca and Ritchie Torres, school faculty and elected officials at the 60th Proclamation Ceremony. Photo by Jewel Webber

## BCC celebrates its 60th year anniversary

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One of the borough's oldest community colleges has embarked on a milestone year.

This year, Bronx Community College is celebrating its 60-year anniversary, after the school was officially opened in 1957.

Established by civic-minded groups to meet the growing need for increased higher education facilities in the Bronx, BCC currently serves a student body of just under 12,000, provides more than 30 academic programs that prepare students for a career and/or continuing their education at four-year colleges.

"One of the main goals of this school is to provide affordable but high quality education to first-generation, immigrant and low-income students who have the determination but just need the opportunity to be successful," said BCC president Thomas Isekenegbe, who has held the position since June 2015 and originally came here in 1981 from Nigeria. "In my opinion, a good education is the key to economic success and social mobility."

Isekenegbe previously served as president of Cumberland County College, a community college in Vineland, NJ, for six years.

"This school has always had a student-first mentality, and I've told many of these students in the past - one of you will be sitting in my chair one day," Isekenegbe said.

"I owe a lot to BCC - this school is the reason why I have learned so much and have been so successful," said Nicholas Asamoah, an honors student who currently serves as the president of the BCC Student Government Association and will graduate in June. "I never imagined I would make such a big impact here - and there is nothing better than inspiring someone and making their life better."

Asamoah, a chemistry/psychology

major who came here from Ghana in 2012, was recently accepted to John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Law and Society to complete his undergraduate degrees.

"They (BCC) made me feel welcome - as this school is accepting of all ethnicities and cultures," said Asamoah. "My mom (Patricia) always told me that getting an education was very valuable, and, with this education, I am very much looking forward to serving my community when I go back home."

"Education gives us the ability to spread our wings and discover our potential, and when you don't have an education, you live a different life," said Kirssy Martinez, a 2015 graduate who came to the Bronx from the Dominican Republic at age 14 and became the first DREAMer Valedictorian upon graduation, after receiving a scholarship from TheDream.US, a program which aids low-income immigrant students who come to the US at an early age with no documentation in attempts to provide them with a quality education. "Education is a privilege - and I was not only privileged but blessed to have the opportunity to go here. It was one of the greatest things to ever happen to me."

Martinez, who chose to balance five-course semesters along with her responsibilities as a parent, successfully earned the credits she needed to complete her associates degree in two years with a 4.0 grade point average. She said she gained tremendous support from the BCC Child Care Center, which assists student-parents.

Martinez, who will graduate with a major in political science and a minor in public policy in June, has also held previous internships through the UCLA Labor Center, which then placed her at the LatinoJustice PRLDEF, CUNY Women's Public Service Intern-

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# 9 Bronx post offices on USPS's audit list

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

Nine of the borough's post offices were recently under review for poor mail delivery and customer retail service.

The United States Postal Service recently completed their audit report of Delivery and Customer Service Operations - Bronx New York (labelled Project Number 17RG008DR000) pertaining to nine post office stations in the south Bronx.

The Bronx locations which were under review included the Bronx General Post Office as well as the Boulevard, Hub, Hunts Point, Morrisania, Mott Haven, Soundview, Tremont and West Farms stations.

Four of the post office locations, including the Bronx General Post Office, have provided residents with poor delivery and customer service in categories including limited access, insecure mailboxes, waiting times in line (greater than five minutes), high number of unclaimed packages, inefficient package storage and unmet Postal Service Form 3849 final notifications.

Out of the 13,395 customer complaints regarding mail



Hunts Point post office station, located at 800 Manida Street. File photo

delivery and customer services at post office and stations that the New York District received, nearly 500 complaints pertained to the troublesome Bronx stations.

Out of the 491 complaints, 298 highlighted untimely mail delivery and 127 described unprofessional behavior by Postal Service employees.

Each of the nine post offices have provided poor delivery and customer service in at least three of the categories listed above.

The Tremont station has the longest waiting time in line out of the nine locations, with the maximum wait time exceeding

two hours and an average wait time of one hour and twenty minutes.

In total, approximately 2,345 keys have been used by the nine stations, which go on a total of 150 routes. Morrisania station has the most routes - with 29.

The audit summarized that mail was not always delivered in a timely manner by carriers at these nine locations primarily because parcel route carriers lacked access to many buildings.

Additionally, some buildings with damaged or unsecured mailboxes made it difficult for the carriers to deliver

mail to those particular addresses.

The audit also confirmed that retail customers faced long wait times in line averaging between 7 to 56 minutes.

Customers picking up packages experienced even longer wait times averaging between 12 minutes and two hours.

According to the USPS, the goal is to delivery approximately 96.5% of mail on time, while a customer should experience more than five minutes of wait time for domestic transactions involving retail services.

To improve service in the future, the USPS will coordinate with building owners or managers to comply with Postal Service access and mail receptacle policies, evaluate existing package storing methods to ensure efficiency, provide refresher training to USPS staff and conduct additional community outreach activities to address complaints, provide additional information and come up with solutions to improve the customer experience.

The UPSP is also planning

on purchasing new mailboxes to replace damaged or unsecured mailboxes in public housing developments.

When mail is unable to be delivered, carriers must complete Postal Service Form 3849 and place it in the customer's mailbox, providing an attempted delivery date, carrier's initials and route number, as well as the reason for non-delivery.

Carriers are then supposed to return the undelivered package back to the post office station for redelivery or pick up by the customer.

Any additional attempt for delivery is made only if the addressee requests it.

If the package is not redelivered or picked up by the customer within 15 days, the package is returned to the sender.

Councilman Rafael Salamanca, former district manager of Community Board 2, could not be reached for comment, but a spokesperson said that his office is aware of the situation and pleased with the audit. According to reports, the audit was at Salamanca's request from 2016.

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# NYBG opens redesigned East Gate

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Visiting the New York Botanical Garden just got easier.

Following a yearlong project, a grand reopening for the Garden's East Gate was celebrated on Thursday, April 27.

Councilman Ritchie Torres; Bronx Parks Commissioner Iris Rodriguez-Rosa; Arlene Drayton, Community Board 11 Parks Committee chairwoman; Gregory Long, NYBG CEO and William C. Steere Sr. president; Andrew Fletcher, Empire State Development deputy director; Alexia Nazarian, Empire State Development project manager; Merrill Hesch, NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation regional grants officer and Joseph Thompson, NYBG Board of Trustees member, all attended the conduit's welcomed return.

The pedestrian gate is a convenient daytime entrance for Allerton, Olinville and Van Nest residents and visitors traveling from NYC via the IRT 2 train.

"The reopening of the NY

Botanical Garden's East Gate will ensure more residents, particularly in the eastern Bronx, have access to this incredible institution," said Torres.

Tower|Golde's design for NYBG's East Gate and Green Zone earned an Excellence in Design award by the NYC Public Design Commission in 2014.

The entrance is accessible by a Waring Avenue and Bronx Park East walkway leading to a bridge overlooking a deep ravine.

The remodeled area features a gently sloping, wheelchair-accessible pathway; new landscaping; a Green Material Recycling Center; a composting restroom and a pedestrian bridge to the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden.

"There's no place on Earth like the NYBG, it's a Bronx treasure," expressed Rodriguez-Rosa.

The project was supported by \$2.2 million in city funding provided by Mayor de Blasio; Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. and the City Council; \$600,000 in state funding pro-



(l-r) NYBG president Gregory Long, Joe Thompson and Arlene Drayton celebrated the grand reopening of the Garden's East Gate entrance following its extensive reconstruction. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

vided by Governor Cuomo; NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Empire State Development and a \$485,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"We are deeply grateful to the city, state and federal officials and agencies whose funding made it possible for us to provide our neighbors on east side of the Garden with a truly accessible and inviting way to enter our historic landscape," stated Long.

Aaron Bouska, NYBG vice

president for Government and Community Relations, said NYBG gave CB 11 and residents advance notice early last year that East Gate would close for reconstruction.

He added the East Gate site was once a holding area for boulders removed during the Bronx River Parkway's construction.

Drayton noted some 'Park Closes at Dusk' signs have not been reposted at Waring Avenue following the reconstruction.

"I will speak with the

Parks manager to make sure the signs are reposted because that is the general rule," she explained.

The East Gate is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays and Monday federal holidays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from mid-January to mid-February.

It opens Saturdays at 9 a.m. when grounds admissions is free until 10 a.m.

The gate is closed for evening events and visitors should utilize NYBG's Conservatory or Mosholu gates.

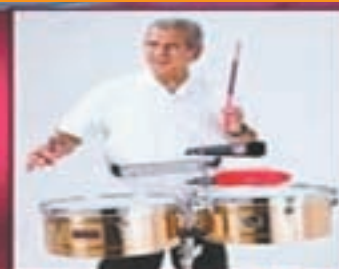


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# WCS Run For The Wild Races To Save Wildlife

MORE THAN 5,200 ran, jogged and walked through the Bronx Zoo to save at-risk wildlife. The 11th annual Wildlife Conservation Society's Run for the Wild, a 5K run and family fun run/walk, was held on Saturday, April 29 for runners and walkers to lend their full support for the animals which most inspire them. Following the run, everyone participated in various activities including a local microbrew beer garden, a rock climbing wall and a live DJ at the Bronx Zoo's historic Astor Court.



Runners' anticipation grew as John Calvelli (front, c), WCS executive vice president, prepared to cut the ribbon to start the race.



Bronxites enjoyed some foamy fun at this year's celebration.



Many racers ran in support of preserving wildlife at this year's Run for the Wild.



(l-r) Michelle Adam, 5K Run first place champion Tim Campbell, Mario Rodriguez, Tiffany Heineman, James Moormann, Edi Poinescu and Jeremy Raymar embraced their wild sides.



Jax Tran (l) and Alexandra Hazelton sported incredible toucan and tiger inspired face paint.



Con Edison Bronx Public Affairs manager Rolando Infante (back, l) and his staff enlightened residents on their energy company's services.



(l-r) Third place honorees Christopher Steward and Taylor Williams; first place champions Ann Marie, Cooper Melone and Tim Campbell and second place victors Jenn Russell, Alexander Eberlein and Toby Zitsman.

# Breaking Ground 'tops off' Webster Ave. building

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

An organization providing supportive housing held a 'topping off' ceremony on one of its newest buildings.

Members of the organization Breaking Ground celebrated the completion of the framework on one of two adjacent buildings it plans to open in 2018 to service both formerly homeless people and those in need of affordable housing.

The ceremony took place on Tuesday, April 25 at 1974 Webster Avenue, which Brenda Rosen, Breaking Ground CEO, said is slated to open in January 2018.

The Webster Avenue building, which is eight stories tall and contains a 101,860 square feet, will provide 170 units of affordable housing with support services for formerly homeless people and housing for low-income working individuals, said Rosen.

"This particular building will support 170 units and is located in an area (where) the community has asked for housing," she said.

An adjacent building at

4275 Park Avenue, will feature 248-units of affordable housing over 12 stories, and will mainly feature two-bedroom and three-bedroom units for families, said Rosen.

That building, known as Park House, contains 243,760 square feet and is expected to get a temporary certificate of occupancy by summer of 2018, she said.

The Webster Avenue building will have a mix of support services for the formerly homeless, including case management, primary medical care, financial literacy, cooking classes, gardening and outdoor activities.

"Whatever people are interested in that will be beneficial to their health and well-being we try to accommodate," said Rosen.

The activities in the building will be available to all residents and will center on self-sufficiency, she said.

"All of this is built around helping you get back on your feet and to stay on your feet," said Rosen.

The architectural firm COOKFOX designed the build-



(l-r) Dave Beer of Breaking Ground; Rick Cook, from CookFox Architects; Brenda Rosen, CEO, Breaking Ground; Fabian Ramirez of Capital One and Blanca Ramirez of Hudson Housing Capital. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ings, and even their designs promote well being.

For example, she said, they accentuate natural light, which has been scientifically proven to stimulate mental health.

"One of the priorities for Breaking Ground in building supportive housing is to have a strong eye towards design," she said, adding that it is design that fits into the community and promotes health and well-being.

Rosen acknowledged that often when people hear about

supportive housing or a building built on a budget for low-income people, they often think of an institutional setting or one with "chaos."

"What we demonstrate that it will be the absolute opposite of that," she said, adding "It will be beautiful and well run and will fit right in with the community."

A spokesman for Councilman Ritchie Torres said that "the councilman is looking forward to engaging with Breaking Ground as the project develops."

John Sanchez, Community Board 6 district manager said that he wasn't familiar with the specifics of the project because it was already in the works before he started his position.

Generally speaking, said Sanchez, community members are concerned with a proliferation of homeless shelters in CB 6, which has the highest concentration of shelters of any borough board.

Permanent housing, on the other hand, is what the community wants, he said.

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# 45th Pct. Council pushes for 'paid detail'

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The 45th Precinct Community Council is advocating for NYPD 'paid detail' options for local businesses that need security in their establishments.

The council unanimously voted at its meeting on Thursday, April 6 to support sending a letter to the NYPD asking them to allow off-duty police officers to provide paid security at bars, nightlife establishments and cafeteria-style restaurants.

The off-duty police officers would be paid by private businesses to ensure safety at any restaurant that may be prone to safety issues, said Bob Bieder, council president.

"The precinct council felt that it makes sense to have police there, because that is where the problems are," said Bieder. "As far as the local community is concerned, we need them at the bars and restaurants that are serving alcohol because they are deterrent."

Bieder said that many incidents simply would not occur or escalate into violence if there was a police officer on premise.

The council president said that there are plenty of bars along East Tremont Avenue where paid detail might make sense for owners, as well as on City Island.

After the board's vote, council member John Doyle said he had a discussion with a chief at NYPD paid detail, in which skepticism was expressed on the part of police about having officers working in establishments serving alcohol.

Current policy prohibits it, he explained.

"We had a conversation and they indicated that there was not a change in policy at this time," he said.

Nevertheless, Doyle said that the board is pressing forward in writing to James O'Neill, NYPD commissioner about changing policy and expanding the program.

"We would like to see paid detail available for high turnover, high volume establishments that may be open late into the evening," said Doyle.

He added that that he believes that if paid detail were made available to local business owners, community boards could make stipulations that problematic locations have paid detail during the liquor license renewal process.

He also said that NYPD already has made an exception to its no alcohol rule with paid detail at Yankee Stadium.

Bieder said that in addition to large venues like the stadium, paid detail police could be of use at community-oriented locations.

Hiring paid off-duty police officers is not an inexpensive proposition for business owners, said Bieder, but he is certain it would stop crime before it started.

"Paid detail is not cheap: you have the pay for the police officers time and benefits," he said. "But no one is going to do something (unlawful) if a cop is standing right outside."

Barbara Dolensek, City Island Civic Association vice-president, said that her organization wrote to the NYPD

on September 27, 2016 about allowing paid detail in restaurants, including those serving alcohol.

The organization feels that paid detail could be successful on City Island, and go a long way to improving quality of life and traffic issues, she said.

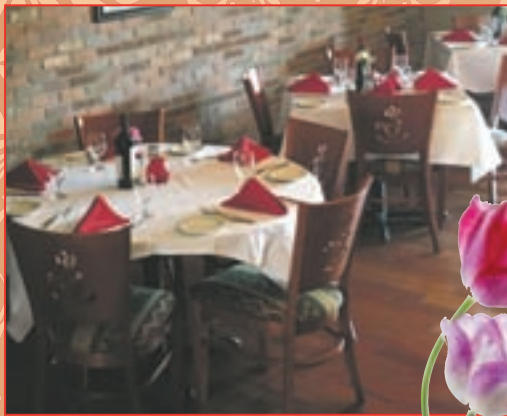
Last fall, merchants on the island were concerned because their liability for any incidents involving the police officers could lead to an increase in insurance costs making paid detail cost prohibitive, she said.

The full community council feels strongly that a paid detail should be available for establishments that serve alcohol.

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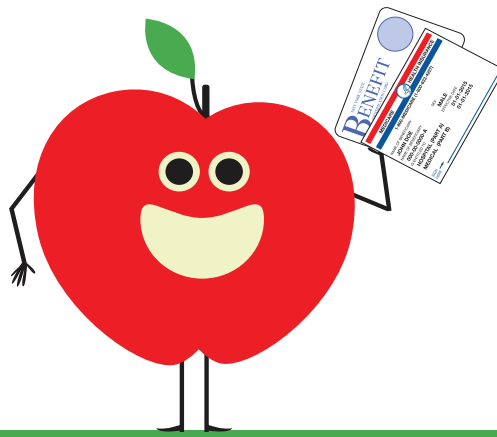
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Work has begun on the Westchester Avenue Bridge over the Hutchinson River Parkway to make the bridge higher and roadway safer to prevent accidents. Arthur Cusano

## Westchester Ave. bridge reconstruction begins

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Efforts to make The Westchester Avenue overpass that crosses the Hutchinson River Parkway safer are underway after years of complaints and accidents.

Work to raise the bridge ceiling to prevent large trucks from hitting it has begun, and overnight lane closures were scheduled to run through Friday, May 5, according to the NYC Department of Transportation.

The plan also includes adding a right turn lane onto Waters Place at the southbound Westchester Avenue exit off the parkway.

The bridge has been the scene of numerous accidents over the years caused by errant trucks traveling on the Hutchinson River Parkway failing to properly account for the height of their vehicle or a trailer, which would collide with the bottom of the bridge.

Community Board 10 president Martin Prince said he had just received a notice of certification on one part of the ongoing project about changing the grade of the bridge and the roadway at Westchester Avenue between Waters Place and the eastbound Hutchinson River Parkway.

"They want to lower some of the road and raise some of the bridge to try and prevent accidents and damage that occurs from trucks that roll under there," Prince said.

The work will require an official map change, he said, which will require a public hearing in CB10 and the adjacent Community Board 11.

That public hearing will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

However there is concern the ongoing project will add to the area's already robust traffic headaches.

Councilman James Vacca said he was concerned about the increased traffic the project will bring.

Vacca has been a vocal critic of the current street setup, which results in heavy traffic on both the bridge and nearby side roads.

The nearby Hutchinson Metro Center and the new city 911 Call Center have also added to road congestion in the area.

"There are a series of projects causing gridlock in our neighborhood and this construction will only make it worse," he said. "The city needs to get their act together and come up with a plan to mitigate the inconvenience."

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**Martin Prince**

The closures were in effect from the East Tremont exit to the Pelham Parkway east exit.

One travel lane will remain open at all times.

"The Westchester Avenue Bridge rehabilitation project is in place in order to maintain a state of good repair, as well as address substandard vertical clearance and reduce the occurrence of future bridge strikes," a DOT spokesperson said. "The contractor received a notice to proceed in August of 2016 and we anticipate completion in the fall of 2021."

The project first announced in April of 2016, will result in a complete replacement of the Westchester Avenue overpass, raising the clearance on the parkway from 9 to 11 feet to at least 12 feet, six inches.



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# More lead found in Bronx school water

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

New testing for lead in city school water pipes has resulted in more elevated results across the Bronx and city-wide, but NYC Department of Education officials say there is no cause for concern.

Elevated samples were detected in 1,278 out of the 1,544 DOE schools operated buildings citywide.

In the Bronx, at least one elevated sample was found at 251 of the department's 332 schools.

The DOE cautioned that the number of drinking fixtures with elevated results over 15 ppb (parts per billion) accounted for just 1.5 percent of all fixtures that were tested.

All cooking and drinking water fixtures with results over 15 ppb were immediately taken offline and are only placed back online once they have been remediated and results from updated tests are below 15ppb, according to the department.

Fixtures with elevated results are replaced, as are piping to the walls.

Schools with elevated re-



The P.S. 83 Annex is among the buildings in the Bronx found to have elevated lead levels in its water pipes. The water systems are being remediated, according to the NYC Department of Education.

sults are also placed on a weekly morning flushing protocol.

Under the old system, pipes were flushed before testing occurred.

The new samples were obtained after the pipes were allowed to sit overnight, which is when lead from pipes seeps

into the water supply.

The school with the highest number of elevated samples in the Bronx was P.S. 234 at 2050 Prospect Avenue, with 46 elevated samples.

The other top ten schools are P.S. 12 (27); I.S./H.S. 362 (26); P.S. 195 (26); I.S. 123 (26); P.S. 15 (25); I.S. 174 (25); X 450

/Adlai Stevenson Educational Campus (25); I.S. 98 (24); P.S. 306 (24) and P.S. 152 (23).

Testing at Lehman High School found 17 elevated samples, while 13 were found at the Bronx High School of Science.

Seven elevated samples each were found at the Dewitt Clinton, Christopher Columbus and James Monroe high school campuses.

The P.S. 83 Annex in Morris Park had 19 elevated samples, while P.S. 83 itself had five.

One elevated sample was also discovered at P.S. 41, which recently underwent remediation after lead was detected in samples in January.

"Families should rest assured that water in schools is safe for students and staff to drink," said DOE deputy chancellor Elizabeth Rose in a statement.

"As our citywide test results confirm, the number of elevations are minimal and we take immediate action to remediate all fixtures with results above 15ppb. We have shared detailed information with schools and families, and

will continue to keep communities updated," she added.

"The DOE's findings are cause for concern," said Councilman Ritchie Torres. "We already know from the EPA's standards that the level of lead recently found in too many of the city's public schools threatens the health and well-being of thousands of children drinking from tainted taps everyday. The city needs to immediately address any public health hazards facing children in schools with elevated lead levels."

When asked about the issue, Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj said budget allocations would address aging water systems to eliminate issues like lead in city pipes.

"New Yorkers should never have to worry about the water coming out of our faucets and drinking fountains," Gjonaj said. "This year's budget includes \$200 million for drinking and wastewater infrastructure improvements in New York City's watershed. Clean water is absolutely essential to our health and safety."

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# Bronx Tech Summit looks to bright future

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The Bronx may not be the first place that comes to mind when one thinks of the tech industry, but the second annual Bronx Tech Expo held Friday, April 28 at Metropolitan College anticipates a change to that perception.

The event, spearheaded by Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., is aimed at exploring ways the borough can benefit from the multifaceted industries that fall under "tech," such as programming, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, 3-D manufacturing, online commerce, social media and video game development.

While the borough does not have much representation in those industries, the potential is there as depressed industrial sites give way to new development in the south Bronx.

That's how Brooklyn became the epicenter of New York's tech industry, explained keynote speaker David Belt, who leads New Lab at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

That public-private partnership houses several start-

ups that otherwise may not have a place to develop.

"There was no place for hardware, so if you're an entrepreneur who wants to make a physical product at a high level in New York, unless you are part of a university or a big company which ends up owning all your intellectual property, you have nowhere to do it."

Belt said the borough's role as the city's breadbasket lends itself to programs such as hydroponic farming

"People talk about farm-to-table, but New York City is Bronx-to-table, all the food comes through the Bronx," Belt said.

The Bronx has many areas that could facilitate tech industries, said Adam Lupinsky of architectural firm WXY, which helped develop the now-thriving thriving Brooklyn Tech Triangle.

"You look at Port Morris, Mott Haven, Hunts Point, the Bank Note buildings...you have so many assets," he said. "How do you start to draw those assets out? And you also have interesting spaces above



Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. was the main sponsor of the Second Annual Bronx Tech Summit, held at Metropolitan College's Bronx campus on April 28.

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retail corridors."

Alfredo Agueiro of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation explained his organization's role overseeing the Bronx Empowerment Zones, which includes Hunts Point, Port Morris and

areas along the western Bronx up to High Bridge.

The BOEDC lends money out at lower rates than banks to startups in efforts to kick-start economic development and create jobs.

It now has an eye to the

future, Agueiro said, funding companies such as the software development company Scenyc (pronounced scenic) that now calls the Bronx home.

"Now that technology is the lynchpin of society and we're all intertwined in that, and the hard manufacturing jobs left, we have to figure out how to support the new businesses," Agueiro said.

Like Belt, he said the billion-dollar food industry based in Hunts Point was a natural place for technology to develop.

"When you place an order with Fresh Direct or Marley Spoon, it doesn't print out on somebody's desk and they go collect the items," he explained. "It's all software-based, paired with hardware. These are the industries BOEDC is looking to support."

Diaz Jr. welcomed the crowd by telling them the Bronx wanted a slice of the growing tech economy, and was building the needed infrastructure and transportation such as four Metro North stations.

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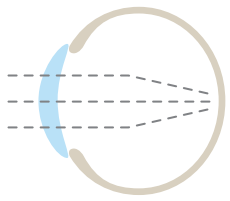
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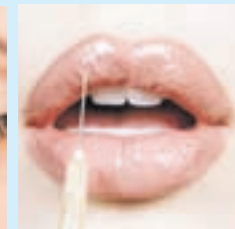
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Nurses fill many roles in the medical community, assisting doctors and helping to make in-patient stays more comfortable for men and women who are ill or injured. Specialized nurses, such as nurse practitioners, may even serve as the primary healthcare provider, offering diagnoses and writing prescriptions.

While there is a specific week set aside to show appreciation to nurses, many people agree that they deserve recognition throughout the year. Any instance is a good time to give back to nurses, and the following are a few ways to honor the nurses in your life:

**Play caretaker to him or her.** Nurses tend to the needs of others all the time, but some nurses do not get the respite they deserve. Those who want to show appreciation to a nurse who has helped them in their lives can present the nurse with a gift card for a massage and soothing spa treatment.

**Cater a meal.** Offer to cater a meal at the hospital or medical office so that all nurses on staff can benefit. If there is one nurse in particular you want to treat, give that nurse a gift card to a

nearby restaurant.

**Provide foot relief.** Nurses spend hours on their feet, and that can cause pain or stiffness throughout the body. Present a gift card to a store that specializes in comfort shoes or custom orthotics. A certificate for a pedicure or foot massage would no doubt be appreciated as well.

**Create a charmed existence.** Charm bracelets are the rage right now, and nurses may appreciate a bracelet that highlights their career path with specific charms. For something they can wear on the job, treat nurses to a Steth-o-Charm, which is a charm that slides securely onto stethoscopes. These charms come in many designs and can make for a memorable gift.

**Give a decorative badge reel.**

Nurses must wear identification or have swipe cards on them to gain access to areas of hospitals. Many badges are standard items without any flare or style. A colorful or decorative badge reel can be a nice way to brighten up a nurse's day.

**Give verbal or handwritten thanks.** One of the easiest and most heartfelt ways to show your appreciation to nurses is to simply tell them how you feel. Offer a handwritten note or speak with a nurse in person. Such a simple gesture does not take much effort, but it is bound to make an impact.



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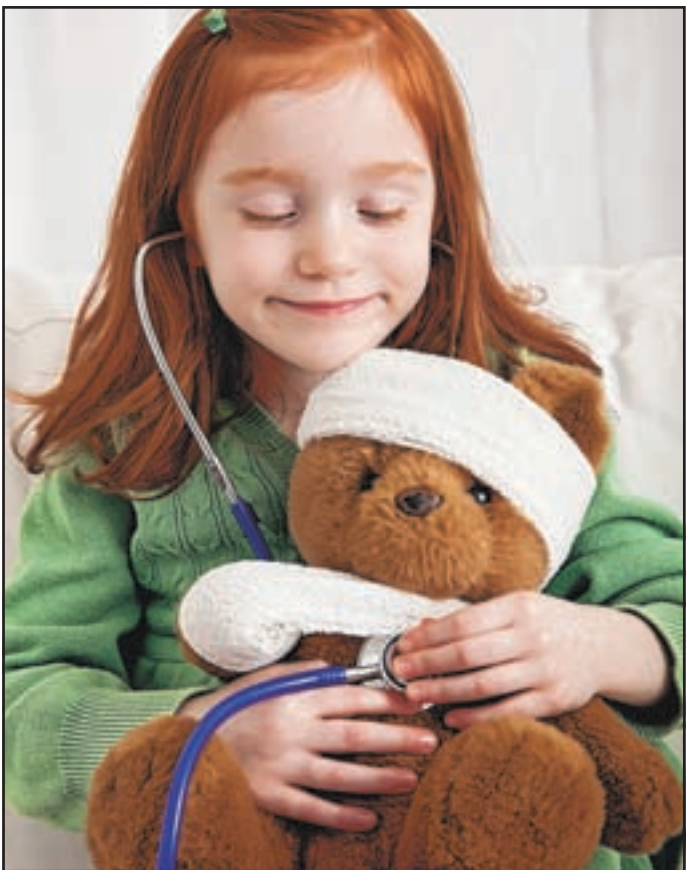
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# School nurses often unsung heroes



School nurses do much more than apply bandages to playground scrapes. School nurses conduct vital health screenings and are often the security blanket for students who need special care during school hours. Despite all they do, school nurses are often the unsung heroes within the school community.

School nurses certainly tackle their share of fevers, nosebleeds, cuts, and scrapes, but they play other pivotal roles as well, calling up moms and dads to pick up their sick sons and daughters, overseeing the school's health policies, and helping to ensure a safe school environment for students. In addition, the role of the school nurse has changed dramatically over the years. A school nurse may oversee vaccination schedules. He or she also may arrange for assemblies regarding "change of life" seminars

for children about to enter puberty. When there is an epidemic at the school, the nurse is often charged with notifying staff and parents and helping to contain the situation.

Apart from all of the tasks in treating "sick" children, nurses also are essential in helping to keep children with life-threatening diseases healthy while they are at school. The number of children with serious allergies, diabetes, asthma, and even seizure disorders has increased. According to the American Diabetes Association, roughly one in every 400 children and adolescents has diabetes. School nurses may help administer life-saving insulin shots to children who need them. According to Anaphylaxis Canada, one in 50 Canadian children has a peanut allergy, and about one to two percent of these can have severe or life-threatening reactions. School

nurses may treat serious allergic reactions or provide a safe place where children with serious allergies can eat lunch.

In some cases, school nurses become a mediator between home and school. Nurses may indirectly be teaching students as well. Each time the nurse treats a condition, he or she may be educating students on how to avoid that situation in the future. For example, a nurse may impart the importance of eating breakfast or teach youngsters about the benefits of stretching before diving into physical education class.

School nurses are often the unsung heroes of a school, wiping away tears when youngsters suffer an injury at school and acting as a reassuring voice when such injuries are painful.

## Sidestepping foot, hip, and back pain critical for nurses

Nurses work hard. And virtually all of that hard work, from administering medication to hanging IVs to moving patients and equipment, is done standing up on hard surfaces. So it's no surprise that many nurses experience foot and back pain after a long day — or night — on the job.

Millions of people in physically demanding occupations experience chronic back, hip, and foot pain. Repeated strain on the feet, hips, and back not only causes pain but also gradually reduces the ability of muscles to recuperate quickly. As a result, healthcare professionals such as doctors, chiropractors, and massage therapists spend countless hours treating patients whose pain and discomfort stem from job-related injuries.

For nurses, these ailments and injuries are difficult to avoid. In fact, research shows that nurses suffer from lower

back pain more than people in any other profession. The constant physical demands of the profession also prevent nurses from getting enough rest between shifts, which can exacerbate both the problem and the pain.

While treatments for foot, hip, and back pain can be effective, nurses can also take steps to prevent strain in the first place. The following are a few proven strategies for staying healthy and injury-free on the job:

**Wear the right shoes.** Nurses need shoes that fit well and provide proper support. Since it is important to give shoes a day to air out before being worn again, it's best to have more than one pair of work shoes. Full-time nurses should replace their shoes every six months.

**Tend to your feet.** Foot problems, such as corns, bunions, and ingrown toenails, are painful and can sap one's

energy, so treat them early and often.

**Stand up straight.** Good posture is one of the keys to preventing both foot and back pain. When the body is in the correct position, the vertebrae that form the spine are aligned and muscles and ligaments can hold them in place without strain. If necessary, various types of posture supports can help ensure that the body is properly aligned and supported properly.

**Bend right.** Always be aware of how you move your body. When lifting equipment or moving patients, give your back a break. Instead, bend at your knees and let your legs do the work.

**Think teamwork.** If your facility has a lift team, don't hesitate to use it. If not, work in pairs when lifting, shifting, or transferring patients.

**Turn, don't twist.** Lifting and twisting can strain the lower back. When picking



The physically demanding nature of a nurse's job leaves many nurses susceptible to foot, hip, and back pain.

up heavy equipment or even a patient, plant your feet firmly on the floor for support. As you turn, be sure to move both your feet and your body.

**Make a move.** Holding equipment or patients in one

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## Annual Bronx Pro-Life Oratory Contest winners

• SBH Offers Staff Meditation/Camp Intervention

• City Island Library Programs/PBA Community Safety Bulletin

• Jane Addams Campus Library Receives Inspire Grant

Three students from Bronx High Schools won prizes in the **Annual Bronx Pro-Life Oratory Contest** held Saturday, April 8 at St. Margaret of Cortona Church Rectory meeting room.

First prize worth \$300 was awarded to Kathryn Destin, a student at Mount Saint Ursula High School. Second place honors, with a prize of \$100, went to Thahia Ahmed, also a student at Mount St. Ursula. Third prize of \$50 was taken by Tania Magendren of DeWitt Clinton High School. To compete in the Annual Pro-Life Debate Contest, the students were required to research, and then write and deliver a five-to-seven minute speech. Three judges assessed the presentations based on content and their delivery.

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**SBH (St. Barnabas Hospital)** is now bringing meditation to its staff by offering a free weekly 30-minute class.

The project on Third Avenue, across the street from the hospital, which is scheduled to open in early 2019, will feature the Bronx Center for Healthy Communities, a space of more than 50,000 square feet devoted to health and wellness with preventive health strategies integrated into the programming.

Meditation, as defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary, is the act of "engaging in mental exercise (concentrating on one's breathing or repetition of a mantra) for the purpose of reaching a heightened level of spiritual awareness." According to instructor David Bakis, meditation increases focus, reduces stress, and results in greater happiness and peace of mind.

He begins the class by teaching proper posture – butts far back in the chair, back slightly arched, feet on the floor, hands in the lap. His soothing voice instructs students to close their eyes and to breathe in and out through their nose. In the background, gentle, relaxing music plays. "You breathe in to nourish, and breathe out to fully relax," he says. "Your thoughts will invade. Welcome everything that comes in. Think of a leaf floating on a stream."

According to the website of Journey Meditation, the company hired by the hospital, employee meditation leads to greater calm, clarity and peace of mind. This results in increases in productivity and retention and improvement in employee health.

Research bears this out. A Duke University study reported that employee meditation led to a 36 percent decrease in workplace stress. A University of Wisconsin study reported that employees who practiced meditation for just eight weeks indicated they were happier and more in touch with what they love about their jobs.

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**Camp Invention**, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment camp program, is coming to Villa Maria Academy the week of June 19 - June 23.

Camp Invention is a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity, and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship, and supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

What makes this camp truly unique is that the curriculum is inspired by some of

our nation's most brilliant minds, the inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

For students entering kindergarten through sixth grade, Camp Invention is a weeklong adventure that turns the summer from ordinary to extraordinary through hands-on problem solving, collaboration, and the use of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Inventive young minds can exercise their creativity and use their imagination, all while learning and developing new skills they typically don't get to use in the classroom. Children are empowered to have big ideas while they take on challenges that inspire them to question, brainstorm, work as a team and build amazing invention prototypes.

This year's fresh, action-packed Camp Invention curriculum features several hands-on modules:

\* **Duct Tape Billionaire:** Campers design duct tape products they can market and sell to mock investors;

\* **Have a Blast:** Children build high-tech Bubble Blasters and compete as a team in friendly air battles that use physics to boost their advantage;

\* **Mission Space Makers:** Teams hatch eggs, sprout living plants and grow crystal trees, all while on a mission to locate and prepare a new planet for human habitation; and

\* **Operation Keep Out:** Campers learn to reverse engineer old machines and devices, and use their parts to create the ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box.

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by certified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves more than 130,000 students every year and partners with more than 1,400 schools and districts across the nation. For information or to find the camp nearest you, visit [campinvention.org](http://campinvention.org).

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The **City Island Library** will offer the following programs in May:

**Growing Healthy Eaters:** This 6-session series' curriculum was created by the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene and aims to educate young children and their caregivers about the importance of eating well through a series of interactive, entertaining and delicious sessions. Workshop series is FREE. Space is limited, so please register in advance at the library. Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3:30 p.m.

**Lego League:** Bring your imagination and join us for fun with LEGOS! Blocks of various sizes will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 5-11. A limit of 10 children with their caregivers. Every Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m.

**Circle Time:** Children from birth to 3 years old and their caregivers can enjoy stories, songs, and finger plays while spending time with other toddlers. Limit of 15 children with their caregivers. Every Tuesday from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

**Read & Play:** Children from birth to 3 years old and caregivers can take part in wonderful stories, discover amazing toys, and meet new friends in this fun, informal program. Limit of 15 children with their caregivers. Every Friday from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**It's Bin Fun!** Toddlers and preschoolers can play and explore our various sensory

bins that will encourage curiosity through touch, sight, and sound! Parent and child participation required. Ages 2 - 4 years old. Saturdays, May 6 and 20 at 10 a.m.

**Craft-A-Way:** Drop in and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2 - 5. Friday, May 12 at 11:30 a.m..

**Podcasting at NYPL:** Have you ever wanted to learn how to create your own podcast or radio show? In each of the 4 podcasting programs, you will learn a different skill to make a fun and professional-sounding podcasting using a free tool called Audacity. Record an awesome hook, become an interviewing pro, learn high-tech editing skills, and put it altogether. Tuesdays on May 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 3 p.m.

**After School Lounge:** Come to the library after school for studying and a chance to unwind. Monday through Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m.

**City Island Chess Club:** Chess is widely considered the oldest game in the world, and has been played by people of all cultures for centuries. Now, we're encouraging families, friends, and people of all ages to come and learn how to play like a professional. Saturdays, May 6 and 20 at 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

**Friday Afternoon Activities:** On Fridays, at 3 p.m. a series of special activities is planned to celebrate the beginning of the weekend so check out this month's events and come hang out with us!

May 5: Wii and Board Games; May 12: Mother's Day Crafts; May 19: Wii and Board Games; May 2: Make a Duct Tape Wallet

**Heroin Awareness Program:** An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Learn the facts about heroin addiction, what are the signs and what to do when someone you know is addicted. A health educator presents this program from the New York Department of Health. Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m.

**Thursday Writing Club:** Each week a theme is chosen and stories are written in a group setting. It is amazing how the words flow onto your pages from the stimulation and encouragement of others writing. Gail Hitt guides the action. Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

**Growing Together:** A group for people who want to improve and develop themselves and help others to do the same by providing motivation and support as a group to the individuals in it. We seek to provide a comfortable atmosphere for people to explore goals they want to achieve and self-improvement ideas, and be a network of people willing to listen, help, and motivate them. Wednesday May 10th and 24th at 2:00 P.M.

**City Island Scrabble Club:** If you're looking for some friendly competition, then join our Scrabble Club! Come in and flex your vocabulary muscles. You may even learn a thing or two while you're making some new friends. Note: Limited to 12 participants, registration required. Call or stop by the branch to reserve your spot! Thursdays, May 4 and 18 at 1 p.m.

**City Island Book Club:** Mondays, May 8 and 22 at 5 p.m.

**The Island Writers:** This is a group for all who are interested in writing professionally or personally. Come check us out! Ev-

ery Tuesday at 1 p.m.

**Intro to Computers:** Come to the library, ask questions about how to use computers and sharpen your skills through computer use. "How do I turn the computer on?" "How do I set up my own e-mail account and e-mail family and friends?" Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon

**Résumé Workshop:** Designed to assist in creating a new or updated resume. Topics include cover letters and resources for job opportunities. A flash drive is required. Every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon

**One-on-One: Computer Training:** Stop by or call to make an appointment for one hour of instruction that focuses on your questions and interests.

**Saturday Afternoon Movies:** at 1 p.m.

May 13: Collateral Beauty; May 20: Loving; and May 27: Bleed for This

Some programs require advance registration, which can be done in person, or by phone. All programs are free.

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The **Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of the City of New York** (NYC PBA) today released a PBA Community Safety Bulletin that warns New Yorkers of the growing opioid epidemic in the city and provides important information about resources for New Yorkers struggling with abuse and addiction in their families. The bulletins were mailed to households on Staten Island's South Shore and four neighborhoods in the Bronx – approximately 14,000 bulletins in total – that correspond to the highest per capita rates of opioid related overdose deaths in 2015-2016, according to City's Chief Medical Examiner and the NYC Department of Health. On Wednesday morning PBA President Patrick J. Lynch and PBA members also gathered at major transit hubs in the high-risk areas to distribute the pamphlets to New Yorkers.

Police officers have already saved 111 lives using the overdose-prevention drug naloxone, and the PBA recently agreed, as part of its latest contract, to have all members carry the important life-saving drug and be trained in its use.

In addition to providing New Yorkers an overview of opioids and the dangers of their abuse, the bulletin also provides keys for preventing abuse within families and a guide to helpful resources, including information for the NY State Task Force to Combat Heroin & Prescription Drug Abuse hotline.

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The **Jane Addams Campus Library**, a school library shared by the School for Tourism and Hospitality and the New Visions Charter for Advanced Math and Science II, is one of six recipients of the 2017 American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) Inspire Collection Development Grant. Made possible by the generosity of AASL member Marina "Marney" Welmers, the Inspire grants provide funds for public middle or high school libraries to update their existing collections.

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# BRONX WEEK 2017





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Dear Neighbor:

It's that time of year again! I am thrilled to welcome the arrival of our annual celebration of the best of our borough: Bronx Week! Now in its 46th year, Bronx Week 2017 promises to once again offer Bronxites and visitors alike a chance to celebrate everything that makes our borough a great place to live, work and raise a family. This year Bronx Week will take place from May 11th through May 21st, and will feature community events, festivities and fun in every corner of The Bronx.

My office, the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (BOEDC) and The Bronx Tourism Council have once again developed some great events for Bronx Week this year that the whole community can take part in and enjoy. These include our annual Centenarian Celebration (Thursday May 11th), the Bronx Bankers' Breakfast (Friday May 12th), and Health Day (May 19th).

On Saturday, May 20th, we will host the highly-anticipated Bronx Ball where we will honor our 2017 Bronx Walk of Fame inductees: innovator Dr. Manny Villafañá – who is responsible for the design and implementation of a device that enhanced the pacemaker; actor Selenis Leyva from the hit Netflix series *Orange is the New Black*; DJ Funkmaster Flex, who hosts the very first Hip Hop radio show in New York; and Singer/Songwriter Prince Royce, *Stand by Me* and the recently-released *Déjà vu*, a duet with Shakira.

We'll wrap up the 11-day festival with a Grand Finale on May 21st, during which we will officially induct this year's honorees to The Bronx Walk of Fame on the Grand Concourse. Later that day, Bronxites and visitors from across the region will celebrate their achievements at our annual Parade, Food & Arts Festival and Concert on Mosholu Parkway. Thousands of people from all over take part in this tremendous event, and we hope you will join us this year.

Great things are happening in our borough. We have seen unprecedented new development and new job creation. We have some of the best tourist attractions in the world, and our culinary scene is without peer. Bronx Week 2017 offers a chance for everyone to check out borough and learn new things about what I call "God's Country," The Bronx.

We have worked hard, alongside the BOEDC and The Bronx Tourism Council, to make this year's Bronx Week a special, memorable event. I am honored to once again be part of this amazing annual tradition, and can't wait to see you at this year's events!

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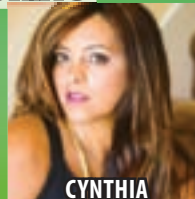
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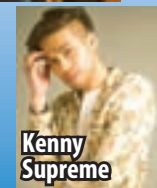
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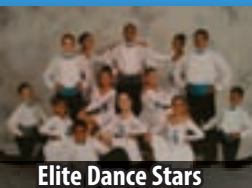
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# A celebration of the borough's best - BRONX WEEK 2017

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

The month of May means only one thing for Bronxites - Bronx Week!

This coming Thursday, May 11 will kick-off Bronx Week 2017, an annual festival which celebrates the art, business, culture, history, food, music and points of interest that the borough has to offer.

Borough President Diaz' media preview and celebration to kick off Bronx Week 2017 will be held in Veteran's Memorial Hall on Monday, May 8.

The borough-wide celebration, which will mark the 46th annual Bronx Week, will take place from Thursday, May 11 to Sunday, May 21.

The ten-day festival will include events such as the 19th annual Bankers Breakfast on Friday, May 12, which will see over 400 accountants, attorneys, business owners, financial leaders, real estate brokers and technical assistance providers come together in



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The Bronx Ball, a black-tie, star-studded event which honors the Bronx Walk of Fame inductees, will take place on Saturday, May 20.

Last year, the event paid homage to award-winning photographer and au-

mation.

A Bronx Week concert featuring local talent will also take place - more than likely during the parade. Last year, the concert included performances by Bronx-born freestyle dance singer Judy Torres, salsa singer Tito Nieves and hip hop group Naughty By Nature. The time or the line up of the concert has not yet been announced.

Bronx Week, which was originally called Bronx Day, has been held annually since 1971.

In 2010, Bronx Week was moved from June to May in order to get more participation from schools in the borough.

In 2011, the Empire State Building was lit up in the colors of the Bronx flag, which consists of orange, white and blue horizontal stripes, to honor Bronx Week's 40th anniversary.

The inductees of the 2017 Bronx Walk of Fame induction, which concludes Bronx Week each year are: innovator Dr. Manny Villafana, whose design and implementation of a device enhanced the pacemaker; actor Selenis Leyva, from the Netflix series 'Orange is the New Black'; DJ Funkmaster Flex, who hosts a New York hip-hop radio show; and singer/songwriter Prince Royce, writer of 'Stand By Me' and the recently released 'Deja vu', a duet with Shakira.

An official Calendar of Bronx Week events has not yet been published.

For more information on Bronx Week, visit the Bronx Tourism Council's website at [www.ilovethebronx.com](http://www.ilovethebronx.com).

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thor Arlene Alda and television and film star Vincent Pastore, among others.

The Bronx Week 2017 parade will take place on Sunday, May 21 along Mosholu Parkway, and will include arts, food and music. Celebrities, marching bands, community organizations, schools, sports teams and civic groups will be involved in the parade's festivities. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m.

A Food & Arts festival will follow the parade, where visitors will have an opportunity to purchase food as well as hand-crafted and specialty items from Bronx-based artists. The Bronx Health Pavilion will also offer free health screenings and health insurance infor-



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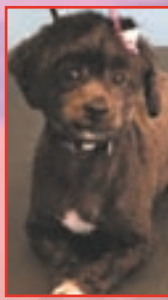
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In honor of National Autism Awareness Month, Astor Little League's Challenger Division's opening day ceremony was on Saturday, April 22 at its 2701 Bruner Avenue ball field. Astor Little League Challenger Division allows children with special needs like autism the opportunity to learn how to play baseball.



Rita Carstens-Hall; Eddie Clark, Astor Little League president; Chris Coppolla; Joseph Salerno Jr.; Tawana Seymore; Lloyd Hall and Priscilla Wilson took to the field with the Astor Little League Challenger Division on Opening Day. Photo by Edwin Soto

## FIVE BOROS COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNITION DAY

Las Maravillas Del Exodo, Inc. and the Bharati Foundation honored several exemplary local leaders at the Bronx series of the 'Five Boroughs Community Leaders Recognition Day' on Monday, April 24 at Community Board 9's office. This year's honorees were 43rd Precinct detective Eric Hernandez; 49th Precinct officer David Lepore; 43rd Precinct officer Max Gonzalez; Shawn Kingston; 43rd Precinct Community Council president Aurora Carrion; Mark Angeli; CB 9 Land, Zoning Planning and Economic Development chairman Mohammed Mujumder; bishops Angelo and Nancy Rosario, Church of God's Children pastors; Charles Laloma; Efrain Rios; Deena Rios; Juan Gabriel De Jesus; Luis Eladio Torres; Dorothy Febus; Melissa Libran and Maribel Gonzalez.



Members of CB 9, the Bharati Kemraj Foundation and Las Maravillas Del Exodo, Inc. with this year's honorees. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



## JESSE PALMER VISITS CHAM PATIENTS

The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation spokesman Jesse Palmer, Good Morning America television personality and ESPN football analyst, visited patients at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore on Thursday, April 20 to announce a new patient-support program and participate in the patients' sports-themed event.

Jesse Palmer (2nd from r) met with CHAM patients during his visit to launch a new Safety Net Grant Program to provide financial assistance to advanced cancer patients for treatment-related costs.

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## RING 10 HOSTS RUN WITH THE CHAMPS

Ring 10 of NY hosted 'Run With the Champs' on Sunday, April 23 at Villa Maria Academy to help raise money for professional boxers in need.

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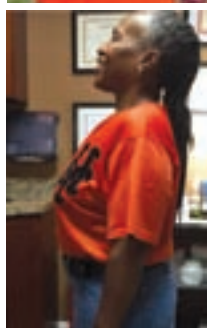
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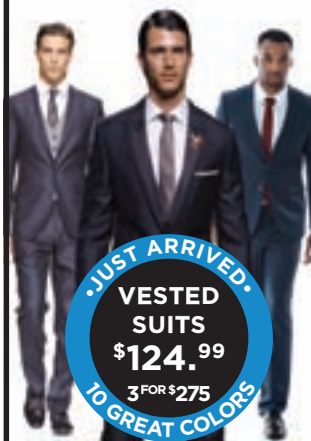


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# Community welcomes Bronx Jewish Center

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The Bronx Jewish Center is a space where one can so-

cialize in a comfortable home-like setting with great friends, superb food and stimulating discussion.

They are a forum where one can question your faith and not be afraid of judgment; a haven to run to when one is stressed or lonely and needs a true friend.

They offer a center for prayer and study, where one can gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of your Jewish heritage; an academy providing texts and teachers for those who seek to learn.

The Bronx Jewish Center forms a partnership between community members to help create programs, plan social action projects, promote health awareness activities and offer many volunteer opportunities. They are an environment where being Jewish is fun!

Monthly Friday night (Shabbat) dinners are offered every first Friday of every month. This Friday night, May 5, will be a Persian-themed Shabbat dinner. Come join for a relaxed, fun and delicious 4

course dinner, complete with authentic Persian cuisine. It is simply asked that you bring your appetite. Get ready for a little learning too!

The Bronx Jewish Center also offers one-on-one learning. Take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to learn about any Jewish-related subject under the stars with your very own personal Torah teacher.

Another service provided by the Bronx Jewish Center is the Gan Atid Preschool. The only Jewish preschool in the

Bronx, Gan Atid provides a warm and loving environment from 6 weeks- 4 years old. Call today to give your child a preschool experience that will last a lifetime.

They proudly celebrate all major holidays with the community. Look them up on Facebook or call them at (718) 812-1701. Their website is [BronxJewishCenter.org](http://BronxJewishCenter.org) or you may email at [office@bronxjewishcenter.org](mailto:office@bronxjewishcenter.org) or call

Rabbi Saadia Pewzner, director, Bronx Jewish Center, at (718) 812-1701.

## Supporting the Throggs Neck B.I.D. - What's in it for me?

BY THE THROGGS NECK MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Over three years ago, the Throggs Neck Merchants Association and Councilman James Vacca formed a steering committee to explore, and gather the data needed to potentially form a Business Improvement District.

The steering committee, comprised of local property owners, commercial tenants, and residents, is now entering the final phase to create a business improvement district (BID) in the Throggs Neck neighborhood.

Why a BID? Property owners and merchants in Throggs Neck have been fighting an uphill battle to remain relevant for years. The Throggs Neck Merchants Association does a lot for the community but can't do it all. Everyone is a volunteer and we don't have the political clout that a BID has.

At last week's merchant's meeting, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto spoke of grants we could be getting if a BID was in place. The BID will have a paid executive director whose exclusive job is to work for the BID. That person does not work for the city. The BID effort represents the one true initiative that gives us all an opportunity for success. The BID is an investment - by property owners and merchants - and the payoff for that investment has huge potential. In addition, new BIDs have started in the areas around Throggs Neck. If those areas have a BID and Throggs Neck does not, we will see a decline in the area and the other areas will improve and move past us. As an example, we now

have 19 vacant storefronts in our corridor.

Recently, there has been some trepidation regarding the BID by some in our area. So, to answer the questions most often put before us, let us tell you what's in it for the stakeholders:

- Increased property values - NYU's Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy concluded in its report on BIDs that "Business Improvement Districts in New York City increase the value of commercial properties within their borders by 15% on average."

- Increased sanitation and security - Throggs Neck's BID budget provides more than \$92,000 for annual services that may include, but not limited to, sidewalk sweeping, garbage bagging, the maintenance of lampposts and street furniture, the removal of graffiti on the first floor level, snow removal from the corner curb cuts, crosswalks and bus shelters, and surveillance by uniformed employees 6 days per week.

- Collective Marketing Programs - More than \$100,000 annually will be spent on marketing for Throggs Neck in programs that may include, but not limited to, holiday lighting, fairs and promotional events, local media advertising to increase foot traffic, cultural events, sidewalk sales, banners and other aesthetic improvements to the area.

- Government Advocacy - BID staff and the board of directors (made up of a majority of the BID's property owners, as well as merchants, the mayor, our councilman and our borough president) will work closely with city agencies and local elected officials to secure capital improve-

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ments and additional grants to advance the area and its program.

- Retail Mix/Vacancy Rental Efforts - The BID's executive director (selected by the board) will keep a confidential database of current and future vacancies and actively seek to fill these properties with Class A tenants by working with groups such as the Retail Council of NY. This is a free service extended to all BID property owners and

potential renters.

- Recognition - BID properties are considered 'better' than comparable properties in non-BID commercial strips. Throggs Neck joins this cadre once the BID is established.

- Value - All of this will cost each participant in the BID district about 11 cents per day per linear foot of sidewalk space. The cost is more than made up by the program's benefits and the potential for better tenants and higher property values.

The initial BID budget has been calculated for \$340,000 per year and the charge per street frontage foot is approximately \$39. The BID is entirely paid for by the assessment fee invested by the stakeholders.

This number was recently adjusted to have corner properties assessed similarly to in-block properties. Unlike other fees or taxes, 100% of the assessment goes directly into the programs of the BID. The city assures funding of the BID, which is fully tax deductible, and collection of the assessment fees to secure continued BID operation year after year.

There are 74 BIDs in the City of New York. Not one has failed or disbanded. That should tell you something in and of itself.

For further information on the BID, contact the BID Development Office at (718) 597-4629 or by email at [throggsneckbid@gmail.com](mailto:throggsneckbid@gmail.com).

## EARLY MORNING BLAZE AT ROSA DEL MONTE



A firefighter was hospitalized after battling a 3-alarm fire at a moving company's warehouse. Approximately 138 firefighters responded to the blaze on Saturday, April 29 at 3:30 a.m. at La Rosa Del Monte Express, a worldwide moving storage place at 1135 Tiffany Street. The FDNY gained control over the fire at 6 a.m. A firefighter was taken to the hospital for treatment and is expected to be okay. The warehouse held supplies for La Rosa Del Monte Express and the fire did not disrupt their clients moving plans. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

Photo by Edwin Soto

# CB 9 holds Senior Connected meeting

BY ROBERT CHRISTIE

Community Board 9 held its second monthly Senior Connected meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at its CB 9 offices.

The program allows senior citizens and those suffering from disabilities – who may not be able to come out to the general board meetings – to learn what’s going on in their community.

Attendees receive minutes from each committee meeting and general board meeting that occurred during the previous month.

Linda Brown, the chair of Senior Connected, said she saw a need for this exchange of information.

“[The senior citizen and disabled population] cannot come out at night to attend our community board meeting and there’s no other venue or place that they can go to get the same information everyone else is afforded,” said Brown.

“Here they can get the same information, hear the same things we hear and it’s in the daytime,” said Brown.

In addition to providing se-



Community Board 9 held its second monthly Senior Connected meeting on Wednesday, April 26 at the CB 9 offices. Photo Courtesy of Robert Christie

niors with information about what’s going on in their neighborhoods, community members are also able to speak to representatives from elected officials and local organizations.

During the Wednesday, April 26 meeting, representatives of Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Marcos Crespos, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda and the 43rd Precinct Community Council were all in attendance.

Each spoke about upcoming events in the community.

Each meeting will also fea-

ture a topic that affects senior citizens.

Wednesday’s topic was about scamming and senior safety.

Ellen Kolodney, an elder abuse specialist with the Bronx District Attorney’s office, and NYPD community affairs police officers explained which scams seniors should be aware of.

Kolodney told the attendees to never give out their social security number to strangers.

In addition, she stressed that senior citizens must be also wary of their own family

members.

Kolodney said it is possible for a granddaughter or grandson to take advantage of their grandparents kindness and have them co-sign for a car that grandchild has no intention of paying off.

In addition, there are instances where strangers call a senior’s home and act as if they are a grandchild in distress in order to steal money.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” said Kolodney.

At the end of the meetings, seniors are allowed to ask

questions of the representatives in attendance.

Francis Bost-Quick, a Bronx resident for 50-plus years, said having a program such as Senior Connected is “very vital.”

“I think it’s a place where you can say what you have to say without feeling uncomfortable,” Bost-Quick added. “I’ll come back; it was a good experience.”

Barbara A. Johnson, who’s lived in the CB 9 area for 40-plus years, said she doesn’t go to the general board meetings due to other obligations and this is easier for her.

“Also if you want to have other people involved and encourage them to come - especially seniors - they’re more likely to come out in the daytime than in the night time,” said Johnson.

Brown said the first meeting, which took place on March 23, had approximately 67 members and filled the CB 9 meeting room.

Each Senior Connected Meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month and runs from 10 to 11 a.m.

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## BROWN GIRL ART GROUP HOSTS ART PARTY

Brown Girl Art Group celebrated an art and birthday party for Ava Grant and her friends on Saturday, April 22 at the Huntington Free Library.



Birthday princess Ava Grant (front, 2nd from l); her mother, Lidia Mena (back, c) and Grant's friends proudly displayed their Elsa from 'Frozen' artwork. Photo by Thomas X. Casey



## PP JEWISH COUNCIL'S AWARDS BREAKFAST

The Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway recently honored Senator Jeff Klein and District Attorney Darcel Clark at its annual breakfast awards gala.

Senator Klein (c) proudly accepted his award from Charles Landsberg (2nd from l), JCCPP president and David Edelstein (r), JCCPP executive director.

Photo courtesy of Jewish Community Council of Pelham Parkway

## COLONEL KELLY, MANCHESTER MARTYRS HONORED

The historic Woodlawn Cemetery was the site of the 150th anniversary commemoration of Colonel Thomas J. Kelly and the Manchester Martyrs on Sunday, April 23. The special occasion began with a procession from the Joe Paterno large tree to the grave site featuring color guards, pipes and drums and Civil War re-enactors. The late colonel was honored with a NYS Senate Resolution and a NYS Freedom Award medal. Born in County Galway, Ireland in 1883, Kelly immigrated to New York in 1851 and enlisted in the American Civil War. Serving with the 10th Ohio Infantry, he was wounded in battle, but returned to service as one of the earliest members of a newly formed U.S. Signal Office and an Aide de Camp on Major General George Henry Thomas' staff. Kelly returned to New York and became intricately involved again with the Fenian Brotherhood in NYC and the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland and England. In August 1867, he called a secret IRB convention at Manchester where the circles declared allegiance to Kelly as chief organizer of the Irish Republic. Wanted by the English government, Kelly and captain Timothy Deasy were arrested in Manchester, but were freed seven days later by thirty to forty supporters who attacked their transport van. Dozens of men were arrested, many tried, but only three men were later executed by public hanging earning them the moniker of the 'Manchester Martyrs.' Both Kelly and Deasy fled to the U.S. and were never recaptured. Kelly remained active in the cause of Irish freedom and worked as a civil servant for the remainder of his career.



The procession was led by Erica Veil (l), with cousin Mary Sullivan and NY Guard member Shevlin, followed by members of Fenian Brotherhood, Emmet Circle of NY/NJ reenactors and Galway S&B Association of NY.

Photo by Laura Stone



Ken Tierney (l) presented the special resolution from Senator Martin Golden.

Photo by Laura Stone



## CB 2, 41ST PCT.'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Councilman Rafael Salamanca attended Community Board 2 and the 41st Precinct's inaugural Easter Hunt on Saturday, April 15. The Eggstravaganza was a huge success for kids in the Hunts Point and Longwood communities.

Salamanca (r) celebrated Easter Sunday with community and law enforcement members.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office

# Temple Hatikva announces Shabbat Service and social afternoon

Temple Hatikva will hold its next Shabbat service on Friday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m., continuing its regular monthly schedule. The service, which will immediately precede Mother's Day weekend, will include a celebration of mothers, past and present.

The synagogue begins all Friday evening services at 7:30 p.m. Every service is followed by a free Oneg Shabbat, an opportunity to unwind from the fast pace of your work week and commence the Shabbat with some challah, wine and desserts, while relaxing with

your area neighbors.

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"As an American Hebrew Temple, it is always great to be able to link our American holidays with our Jewish traditions," said the temple's Cantor Kyle Cherry. "It was said to me recently 'Didn't we just do an event recently honoring women in Judaism?'"

That did give me pause for just an instant, but we aren't simply honoring women. We are honoring mothers, teachers, protectors, a great wellspring of our culture, including all mothers, not just Jewish mothers. Being a mother may be the most difficult thing in the world and the most beneficial to all societies. Why not take more time to acknowledge and celebrate the fact? Besides, with all they've put up with throughout history, can we ever really honor women too much?"

In a lighter vein, Temple

Hatikva is planning a 'Nearly Summer Social' at Bronx House on Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. All welcome to enjoy a friendly, relaxed afternoon of fun, fellowship and Yiddishkeit. It will be a time for congregants to get to know each other better and others to come and get to know about Temple Hatikva, its practices and its programs.

There will be music, hors d'oeuvres, munchies, desserts, and Jewish Trivia. Come alone or bring a friend. Donation is \$7; paid-up members free.

Please RSVP by phone, by email, or through our website. Mail payments to Temple Hatikva, c/o Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway S., Bronx, NY 10461, or drop off payment (in an envelope addressed to Temple Hatikva) at the Bronx House main office and ask that they place it in the Temple Hatikva mail box.

Temple Hatikva is located at Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway S. The synagogue can be reached at (718) 892-5766, by email at TempleHatikva@aol.com, or on the web at www.TempleHatikva.com.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Most of the major U.S. media has chosen to provide little coverage of significant military matters, except when an imminent threat arises or shooting actually starts. One example: North Korea's immediate nuclear threats have recently made the headlines, but the long years of Pyongyang's development of its atomic and missile arsenals were touched on only lightly.

Over the past eight years America's already depleted armed forces were substantially reduced by budget cuts and a White House that sought to divert defense spending to its social welfare agenda, despite the rising threats from Russia, China, and elsewhere. The major media was largely supportive of that policy, and underreported the looming dangers. That press trend continues.

While the U.S. was in the midst of an extensive reduction in military spending,

Moscow, starting in 2010, launched a \$720 billion modernization program. As noted by the Economist in 2014, "Russia's defence spending has nearly doubled in nominal terms since 2007. This year alone it will rise by 18.4%."

The relative military positions of Washington and Moscow were reversed during the Obama Administration. Russia now, for the first time in history, is the world's most powerful nuclear state, a result of the Obama/Clinton New START treaty. The Wall Street Journal noted that President Obama had only a "dim and faddish understanding of nuclear realities."

The bizarre sale of American uranium interests to Russia, (uranium is the key ingredient for atomic weapons) and the resulting profit to the Clinton Foundation remains one of the most under-discussed scandals in U.S. history.

Moscow's nuclear development has been matched by

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Putin's massive investment in his conventional forces.

Last year, as reported by the New York Analysis of Policy and Government, USMC Lt. General Vincent R. Stewart, the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, addressed the House Armed Services Committee on key threats facing the United States. He noted that "Moscow continues to devote major resources to modernizing its military forces, viewing military power as critical to achieving key strategic objectives: acknowledged great power status, dominating smaller regional states and deterring NATO from military action in Eurasia. Russian leadership considers a capable and survivable nuclear force as the foundation of

its strategic deterrent capability, and modernized, agile general purpose forces as vital for Eurasian and limited out-of-area power projection."

Some of the Kremlin's massive arms buildup violated existing treaties.

The Washington Free Beacon reported late in 2016 that "Moscow has increased its deployed nuclear warheads over the last six months as the United States has reduced its own...Russia deployed nuclear-capable missiles to Kaliningrad, Russia, its small territory bordering Lithuania and Poland, both NATO members."

There are also concerns that Moscow may have violated other accords relating to nuclear weapons testing. The British newspaper The Sun reported in February that the "U.S. [sent a] specialist nuke-hunter plane to the UK as 'radiation spike' sparks fears Putin has tested nuclear weapon in the Arctic... Many

point to [a] radiation spike as "proof" the Russians have restarted nuclear weapons testing at Novaya Zemlya near the Arctic.

Russian treaty violations continue to grow. In February, Michael Gordon reported that Moscow secretly deployed a new cruise missile that violates existing arms accords. This follows reports that the Kremlin has produced and stationed significant quantities of another missile, the Iskander intermediate-range nuclear delivery rocket, on the border with its European neighbors. This violates an agreement made in the 1980's, but reflects Russia's revised military strategy that considers nuclear weapons just another battlefield choice.

Moscow has inserted its growing military into the western hemisphere. It has moved heavily into the Arctic, resumed military ties to Cuba, and developed air bases in Nicaragua.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Ok, some dates and reminders again:

First Wednesday in May we have the Bronx County Legion Meeting, 7:30 p.m. also at Post 620, can't thank them enough for all of their assistance. All Legionnaires welcome, every post should try to send one or two representatives.

On Sunday, May 7 we will have the Annual Blessing of the Colors (flags) at St. Benedict's Church, 11 a.m. Mass,

forms up at 10:45 a.m., colation to follow, courtesy of TN Memorial Post 1456, thanks Commander Joe.

Don't forget, Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14.

Monday, May 15 is the Bronx BP Annual Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast at Maestro's on Bronxdale off Morris Park Avnue. You must call the borough president's office to RSVP.

On Thursday, May 25 there will be a Fisher House dedication at J.J.Peters Kingsbridge

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Hospital at approximately 1 p.m.

Friday, June 9 is the Bronx County Convention/elections, again, courtesy of Sam Young 620. Will start promptly at 7:30 p.m., please arrive earlier for registration of delegates and check-in.

We will have our Post 253 meeting as usual in May, the 3rd Sunday, at ATNY, featuring nominations and election of officers.

Our June meeting will be moved to the 4th Sunday, the 3rd one is Father's Day, a happy one to all of you pops. It's our end of season BBQ on the 25th with swearing in of the elected officers, some awards, tunes and fun. This time, at TN Memorial Post 1456 on Shore Drive.

Of course, Memorial Day

Weekend will be a busy one, certainly an important one, a sacred and special one. Same schedule as always, more info to follow with exact times and locations - culminating with a 2 p.m. annual parade down City Island Avenue and those fantastic hot dogs at Hawkins Post 156.

Until next time: Remember one of our own, Bill Clancy Jr. will be elected this June as Detachment (state) Commander of the thousands of SAL NY members.

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# Am I legally responsible for someone's bills if I am a power of attorney?

No. When someone appoints you as his/her attorney in fact (people casually refer to their title as "power of attorney") to handle their financial affairs, you are acting as an agent to that person. You are called a fiduciary and fiduciaries must act according to certain fiduciary standards. For instance, a fiduciary must act in the best interests of the principal (the person who appointed you). That means that you stand in the shoes of the principal and all financial decisions must generally be in furtherance of that person's health, maintenance, education and support.

However, having this "power" does not make you responsible for the principal's debts and obligations. This is important to know because many times third parties will use scare tactics against an attorney in fact to collect a debt. Sometimes, nursing homes will ask the attorney in fact for a personal guarantee as a condition to the principal's nursing home admission, which is against the law.

To the contrary, if you use your power to transfer the principal's assets in avoidance of debts, such as nursing home obligations, you make be subject to a lawsuit for misappropriating such assets.

A properly drafted power of attorney is one of the most important documents in your arsenal of estate and elder law planning documents. One of the problems seen every week in our office is the use of boilerplate powers of attorney obtained from the internet or non-elder law attorneys. Using these documents could be very detrimental and costly to your family.

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To see your question in this column email: [smd@mfd-law.com](mailto:smd@mfd-law.com).

## Run the Bronx Saturday, May 6

Run the Bronx: The 39th Annual Roscoe C. Brown Jr. 10K and 5K Runs and 2-Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, May 6, starting at 10 a.m. sharp, rain or shine.

The event will be held at Bronx Community College, 2155 University Avenue, in front of the Roscoe Brown Student Center

Launched in 1978 by devoted marathoner, legendary Tuskegee Airman and then BCC president Dr. Roscoe C. Brown Jr., the race that now bears his name has become a signature annual event in the borough. This will be the first

Run the Bronx since Dr. Brown's death last July. He will be remembered with a moment of silence and the official retirement of his number in the race: 1.

There will be t-shirts, refreshments, medals for all and trophies for the more outstanding athletes. Local health care institutions and organizations will be on hand to offer free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol levels and other tests.

For more information, call (718) 289-5162 or go to <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/Run-the-Bronx/#degTop>.

When the entire community shares in a problem, we have the power to solve it if we all work together. We have had a very serious problem in our community for a very long time and it's time we work to make things better.

We have appealed to Montefiore CEO's and asked electeds to intercede but there has been no improvement. Sometimes, if you want to get something done, you have to do it yourself. There is strength in numbers and we are all affected by this, so let's get it done.

The problem is Montefiore Medical Center/ Einstein Hospital. Despite the fact that Governor Cuomo has given them 50 million dollars of tax payer money, this hospital continues to be riddled with problems so serious that it could put your life in danger.

The emergency room is so crowded that it can take 24 hours to go through triage, see a doctor and be treated. It also is not unusual for a patient to spend their entire stay there remaining in the emergency department and never getting a room. You also may be put in the hall of the emergency room and not in a cubicle. This is dangerous, demeaning and totally unacceptable. We deserve better treatment from an institution that benefits from our tax dollars. It seems as though our tax dollars are used for expansion in every direction except improving patient care.

Recently, Montefiore has been so crowded that it institutes a lockdown where they will not accept any ambulances for a certain period of time. This just magnifies the severity of the overcrowding situation at this hospital.

Instead of re-opening Westchester Square Hospital or working to open another facility, they choose to reject ambulances and continue putting patients in danger. This is just unacceptable and we must demand better.

Unfortunately, it is not just the mismanagement of their emergency room that puts their patients in harms way. Their nurses are given a patient/nurse ratio that is too high for even the best professionals to care for successfully. This is dangerous and we deserve better.

I have tried many times to find out what their infection rate is but no one at Einstein knows. I do know that too many people are afflicted with infections during their stay at Einstein. Of course, this is not surprising from a

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hospital that is so mismanaged. Hospital-borne infections can often be life threatening. And I can tell you that in hospitals where the infection rate is low, everyone knows what the

infection rate is. They have to because everyone needs to participate in the protocol that keeps the infection rate low. We deserve better.

Montefiore Hospital is a disappointment in many ways. Even their maternity department is not patient friendly.

At a time when families should be encouraged to celebrate the birth of a child, visitors are discouraged and often treated poorly. This is a time when Montefiore can show their best side but instead they continue to show their disinterest in the health and wellbeing of their patients and our community. This is unacceptable and we deserve better.

So, how can we affect the change that is needed? First, if you are a patient you need to ask the right questions and get satisfactory answers. Keep asking and going up the ladder until your question is answered. You need to complain formally, in writing, when things are not as they should be. Things will never change unless we demand it in very large numbers. It takes commitment but it is worth the time and effort.

I suggest that everyone write to The Joint Commission and make a complaint about the emergency room, the nurse/patient ration and the high rate of infection at Einstein Hospital. Here is the information you will need: The Joint Commission, One Renaissance Boulevard, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or [patientsafetyreport@jointcommission.org](mailto:patientsafetyreport@jointcommission.org) or fax (630) 792-5636. Montefiore Medical Center/Einstein Hospital, 1825 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY 10461

Remember: Expect the best. Demand the best. Work together to receive the best.

### Events

Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church we will be gathering for a great day of fun to benefit Pastor Ulf Lunow. Please join us

Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church, our association will have a forum for the candidates for City Council. This will be your opportunity to hear directly from each candidate on how they intend to improve life in our community. We hope to see you there.

## Mother's Day makeover

Renown local Throggs Neck photographer Richard Rosario is at it again.

Rosario is hosting his annual Mother's Day giveaway, in which three lucky moms will win a makeover, a photo session and prints.

The winners will be selected on

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

The event is absolutely free to enter and free to win.

Just visit [www.richardrosario.com/contest](http://www.richardrosario.com/contest) to register.

"It is time moms get out from behind the camera," said Rosario.

# JACOBI MEDICAL HOSTS FOOD TRUCK FEST

The unseasonably cold weather didn't deter Bronxites from enjoying some warm, freshly prepared multi-cultural meals at Jacobi Hospital's Food Truck Fest on Monday, April 24.



Food trucks of all shapes and colors lined the campus road outside Jacobi's rotunda.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



(l-r) Tosh Mayoral, Kari Shma, Todd Ruben and Adam Kramer enjoyed some tasty meals freshly prepared by the food truck vendors.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

# FRIENDS OF MOSHOLU CLEAN JEROME PLAZA

In honor of It's My Park season and Earth Day, the Friends of Mosholu Parkland helped revitalize the Jerome Plaza at Mosholu Parkway on Saturday, April 22.



Doug Condit, Community Board 7 and Friends of Mosholu Parkland member, helped clean up Jerome Plaza.

Photo by Miriam Quin



Daniel Cheveyo flexed his green thumbs by tending to the plaza's shrubs.

Photo by Miriam Quin

# BRONX ZOO EXHIBITS EASTERN HELLBENDER

Since 2009, staff at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo has been working behind the scenes to save the elusive Eastern hellbender which can be seen in a new exhibit in the zoo's historic Reptile House. The Eastern hellbender is a large species of salamander native to freshwater rivers and streams in Eastern North America which can grow up to two feet long. NYS lists the hellbender as a species of Special Concern as populations are declining due to several factors including chytrid fungus, water pollution and habitat destruction.



An Eastern hellbender propelled itself through its new aquatic home inside the Reptile House.

Photo by Julie Larsen Maher/WCS

BY GENE DEFRANCIS

Let me be clear. If you are from the mid west or the mid east, Brooklyn or Westchester, Mott Haven, Riverdale, City Island, Parkchester or Coop City, you will not dictate to the residents of Allerton what will happen here.

We will respect your opinions and suggestions. We will try to learn from you if we can and we will welcome you to our community. But we will debate and argue amongst ourselves what happens here and if we do not like something, we will let you know.

The Bronx is not the next Brooklyn. The Bronx is the Bronx. And will always be the Bronx. That does not mean we will not restore what was stolen, burnt and destroyed in our communities. We will have nice things. We will have nice stores and beautiful buildings. We will raise our education standards and lower our health hazards. Raise the

quality of food sources and lower the drug rate. And we will have a strong working relationship with our police department.

We won't be bullied, pushed around, mocked or shamed. We are Bronxites and we are proud people. There will be no more neglect. There will be accountability. And you are welcome to get on board or get out of the way.

We deal with all types of groups. From developers from New Jersey who want to profit in our community. To protesters and advocates who want to share their problems with us. We are willing to listen to your issues. We are willing to help you succeed financially in our community. But our residents will come first. Our small businesses that are a staple in our community will be protected. This is not negotiable.

We constantly receive questions and calls to become

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a Business Improvement District. I constantly tell them guarantee me our small businesses will survive and thrive and we will consider it. I'm open to listening to what anyone has to say, but our priorities lie within our people. If they can't survive under a BID, then we are not doing a BID. If we can protect the small business owners who were there for us when we first started then I'm all for it. When it is guaranteed these store owners will profit from it, then we will go forward.

I'm not a critic of the BID. The theory is great and it makes sense. It is also not fair that we have 120 stores on Allerton and only 60 participate in contributing to the commu-

nity. But today we don't have the foot traffic for many of our staunchest supporters to sustain. And any group thinks they will come to Allerton to form a BID behind our back will truly see how well organized and united this merchants association is.

To the protesters who come to our community meetings to disrupt our democracy, you will also see how united our community is. Allerton is a special kind of Bronx. It has a rich and beautiful history and a story of its own. Not only was it neglected for some time, it wasn't even recognized as its own neighborhood until recently.

So this is a respectful warning to those who want to come into Allerton and bulldoze this community with their projects and ideas. All are welcome to live, to learn, to make money. But you will respect this community and it's residents.

Thank you to everyone

who helped with the beautification of our community this past weekend. Thank you Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj and Senator Jeff Klein for organizing it. We will be doing another beautification soon... our annual Mothers Day clean up. If you wish to join us send us and email. AllertonMerchants@gmail.com.

Also if you want to participate in the Allerton Domino Tournament, send us an email. Date, location, prize and entry fee all TBD.

The warm weather is coming, so look out for information regarding local block parties and events. Mark your calendar for the annual International Food Fest on Saturday, June 24.

Join our Facebook page - Allerton International Merchants Association.

If you want to be heard don't be shy to say something. Your community is your business.

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

The American Legion has called upon Congress to designate May 26, 2017 National Poppy Day. The Legion,

Auxiliary, Sons and Riders are out to bring awareness of the significance of the poppy to the general public. The poppy is the flower that is symbolic in remembering our fallen and

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Lashawn Sykes Public Affairs Officer telephone: (757) 443-1887, or log onto Lashawnsykes@navy.mil Reservations are due by Friday, May 12.

Date changes: Cemetery Flag replacement Saturday, May 20 10 a.m.; Blessing of the Colors, Sunday, May 7 11 a.m. at St. Benedict's and Saturday, May 6 at 1 p.m. is our monthly post meeting. Come on down and make your ideas known.

### Trivia Time

Great Britain was created on May 1, 1707.

On the same date in 1840, the first postage stamp was adopted again in Great Britain.

The Empire State Building was opened on May 1, 1931.

Again on the same date in 1960, Gary Powers and his U-2 Spy Plane was shot down by the Russians.

Lou Gehrig's Streak of 2130 ended on May 2, 1939.

The Navy Seals got Osama Bin Laden on May 2, 2011.

The Kent State debacle happened on May 4, 1970. This happened in Ohio at 12:22 p.m.

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

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support of the living. It originated at the end of WWI. The Legion designated the poppy as it's official flower on September 27, 1920. This flower was placed on graves of the fallen during WWI. The poem by Canadian Lt. John McCrae, M.D. put this significance into words: "In Flanders fields the poppies grow between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below."

So if you see a Legionnaire selling poppies, stop and make a donation and wear it proudly.

Fleet Week is Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, May 29. There will be a ship tour at SUNY Maritime College at Olivet Pier. This is in celebration of the Sea Services and commemorating the 75th anniversary of the SeeBees. To schedule a group tour, contact



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# PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE TEEN PAGEANT

The Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc. hosted its Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade Teen Pageant on Sunday, April 23 for girls ages 14 to 18-years-old. This year's judges crowned Kayla Perez as their queen, Reina Guerra as first princess and Nya Acevedo as second princess. The royal court will continue their fairy tale princess dream when they march in the 31st annual Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade on Sunday, June 4 at 9 a.m. from East 192nd Street to Van Cortlandt Avenue East.



(front, l-r) Ms. Cooperacion Johnalys Sanchez, Best Evening Wear first place winner Katherine Rolon, teen first princess and Best Evening Wear second place winner Reina Guerra, teen queen Kayla Perez, teen second princess Nya Acevedo and Best Evening Wear third place winner Alexis Rodriguez with the pageant judges.

Photo by Miriam Quin

## CROTONA PARK HOLDS FREE TREE GIVEAWAY

NYC Parks and the New York Restoration Project partnered with the staff at Crotona Park for a tree giveaway on Sunday, April 23. Bronxites took home one of nine native tree species including witchhazel, serviceberry and black gum.



(l-r) Juan, Desiree, Katelin, Juan and Dhaimy Lizardo picked up their free trees at Crotona Park.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## SALAMANCA VISITS P.S. 150 STUDENTS



Councilman Rafael Salamanca recently visited P.S. 150 students who are learning how to play chess through the 'Chess in the Schools' organization. Salamanca has allocated city funding to provide local children with the opportunities to gain additional strategic thinking skills through chess.

Councilman Salamanca (r) observed an exciting game of chess.

Photo courtesy of Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Office

## VETERANS, VA SALUTE JOHN MARANO

Patrick Devine and Peter del Debbio honored community activist John Marano with a surprise American Legion Certificate of Appreciation on Wednesday, April 12 at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center.

(l-r) Peter Del-Debbio, John Marano, Dr. Erik Langhoff, Rosemary Cancel-Santiago, Jean McLaughlin and Patrick Devine.



# by Healthy Seniors CliCC Benefits & Entitlements

Senior citizens are a vital part of the community. They have worked hard to lay the foundation for future generations to succeed. When they reach their older years, they may need assistance with paying rent, healthcare expenses, or food costs. Programs that can assist seniors in their later years, when they may face financial difficulties, are available in New York City.

We will cover a few of these programs here today.

The Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) is a program primarily administered by the New York City Department of Finance. SCRIE allows seniors who qualify to have their

rent frozen at the current amount. This can be a great benefit to individuals living on a fixed income when they face rising rent costs.

In order to qualify for SCRIE a person must be at least 62 years of age and be the primary tenant on the lease. He/she must have a combined household income of \$50,000 or less, and spend more than a one-third of income on rent. Individuals can live in rent controlled, rent stabilized, or Mitchell-Lamas housing. This is an under-utilized benefit that could be helpful for many people who have limited financial means and struggle to pay monthly rent.

The Senior Citizen Homeowners exemption provides a property tax exemption for seniors who own their own homes or co-op apts. In order to qualify, older adults must be 65 years of age in the year of submitting the application, have a combined income of \$37,399 for all owners, and it must be their primary residence. Through this program seniors can have the assessed value of their home reduced by anywhere from 5% to 50% depending on income level.

Other programs that are also available include The Medicare Savings Program, NYC 210 (NYC School Tax Credit, IT 214 (Real Property Tax

Credit), EPIC (Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage), SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), and Meals-on-Wheels.

These are just a few of the benefits and entitlements for which seniors may qualify.

Please contact R.A.I.N. One Stop at: 718-239-4358 with questions or for more information on the programs. A specialist there will be more than happy to speak with you and discuss your eligibility.

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## Farah Retina Consultants specialize in eye disease

According to the CDC the two leading causes of blindness in the United States are diabetes (for people under the age of 50) and macular degeneration (for people over the age of 50). While the Bronx population is at risk, both diseases can be treated and vision loss can be prevented and reversed. Dr. Sam Farah, a dual fellowship trained and board-certified eye doctor, specializes in the treatment of these diseases and offers suggestions for preserving your eye health.

### Diabetes

Diabetes is a very serious disease that can affect your vision. 12.5% (one in eight) of adult New Yorkers has diabetes, and the Bronx population in particular has significantly higher

percentage, reaching 16% in some areas. The good news is that by working with your primary care doctor on controlling your sugar and by making regular visits to your eye doctor, you can preserve your vision and protect your eyes. While preservation of vision is the most important first step, today there are innovative treatments that restore vision loss for diabetic patients.

### Macular Degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD), is an eye disorder associated with aging and results in damaging central vision. There are two types — wet and dry. One's odds of getting AMD are determined by genetics (70%) and by environmental factors such as

sun exposure, diet, and smoking (30%). Smoking cessation, diet modifications, and certain vitamins can slow down the progression of macular degeneration and prevent vision loss. Medical treatments can reverse vision loss caused by wet AMD.

### ABOUT DR. FARAH

Dr. Sam Farah is a board-certified ophthalmologist with dual fellowship training in ophthalmic pathology and in retinal disease and surgery. His office is conveniently located in the Pelham Bay Professional Building at 3250 Westchester Avenue. Most insurance plans are accepted and same day appointments can be accommodated. The office is easily accessible by bus, subway and car, and secure parking is

validated.

Dr. Farah spent the first 10 years of his practice in academic medicine at Columbia University and Montefiore Medical Center. Since opening his private practice in 2005, Dr. Farah has developed a loyal patient following and cultivated partnerships with esteemed medical colleagues. He maintains an academic position as an assistant professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and has published numerous articles on retinal disease in major academic journals. He is a member of the Montefiore Health System.

For more information, contact Dr. Farah at (718) 823-0820 or visit [www.farahretinaconsultants.com](http://www.farahretinaconsultants.com).

## How to use your time well to get more done

Do you feel like there's not enough time each day? Use these tips to help you manage your time better!

- Move your bedtime. Try going to bed 15 minutes earlier than your normal time. You'll wake up wanting to get things done!

- Strike a "Power Pose." Stand up tall, push out your chest, and breathe

deeply. Stay like this for 2 minutes to lower stress!

- Plan ahead. Write down what you want to get done at the start of each day, week, month, and year. Write your list on a sticky note or a planner. Cross off your goals when you reach them.

- Rank your tasks. Start your list

with the things you must need to do. Put the smaller things at the end. Finish the things that matter most first.

- Set a timer. If you're stuck on a task, set the timer on your phone for 50 minutes to do work. When the timer goes off, give yourself a 10 minute break. Then set your timer for another 50 minutes of work.

- Be smart with your time. If you feel like you can't focus, take a walk. Look at the buildings and trees around you. You can also try coloring for 10 minutes.

To learn more about wellness call the Wellness Department at Community Healthcare Network at (212) 432-8494 or email [wellness@chnnyc.org](mailto:wellness@chnnyc.org)

### BY STEVEN GLOSSER

#### Eye Glass Drive

There is a tremendous need for recycled eyeglasses throughout the world. This year the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association is partnering with the Lions Club International to collect used eyeglasses for charity.

Together we are collecting used eyeglasses. We will have them cleaned, sterilized, and designate the prescription of used eyeglasses and collect, store and package them for distribution to needy groups and adults and children throughout the world. Help make a difference and improve peoples lives. Please check for any unused eyeglasses you may have.



The following locations in the community have graciously donated space for our collection boxes: Bronx House, Apple Bank, Capital One Bank, Bank Of America, Lydig Coffee House, Pelham Parkway Vision, Key Food, Sterling Optical, Designer Optical Of Pelham and NY Eye Surgery Center.

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# GRAFFITI REMOVAL CLEANUP DAY BEAUTIFIES COMMUNITY



In partnership with the 49th Precinct, Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj hosted Graffiti Removal and Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 29 in Pelham Parkway. Volunteers from Harry S. Truman High School and local community associations helped beautify numerous sites across Community Board 11's jurisdiction.

(Above) Volunteers; Assemblyman Gjonaj (front, 2nd from r); captain Thomas Alps (2nd row, c), 49th Precinct commanding officer and community activist John Marano (front, c) made Pelham Parkway graffiti free.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Alice Weise-Goode (c), Nubian Hair Studio owner, received The Trailblazer Recognition Award from Abena Anum, Bronx Holistic Healing and Marilyn Johnson, East Bronx Academy for the Future.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## LET'S GET IT TWISTED CELEBRATES HAIR & ART

In celebration of natural hair and creative expression, 'Let's Get It Twisted! The Eclectic Bronx Natural Hair + ART Fest' was held on Saturday, April 22 at the East Bronx Academy for the Future. The imaginative celebration featured works and live art demos from such creative artists as Katya Joseph, Kern Bruce, She Kimono, Shantelle LaTice Fuller and Ti Jay.

Artist Katya Joseph displayed some of her visually stunning works.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico



# CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Cardinal Spellman High School hosted a two versus two basketball tournament on Wednesday, April 26 to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research. The sporting event was held in memory of former Spellman teacher Patricia (Opper) Hanon, who passed away from breast cancer in 2005. The school raised over \$500 and is still accepting donations. For additional information, contact Jaclyn Cullen at [jcullen@cardinalspellman.org](mailto:jcullen@cardinalspellman.org).

(Left) Athletic director Fred Opper (5th from l) honored his late sister's memory with an exciting basketball game.

Photo by Fernando Justiniano

# Native American fashions at the Museum of the American Indian

When you think about Native Americans and fashion, your first thought might be “Beads.” (Well, at least *mine* was). Wait, no. Feathers! No — buckskin with fringe. What’s more Native American than buckskin pants worn by some high-cheeked hunter about to shoot a deer?

Well how about a Louis Vuitton arrow quiver?

That is just one of the beautiful and unsettling items on display Native Fashion Now, an exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian in Downtown Manhattan, just opposite the Bowling Green subway stop. Admission, by the way, is free — the museum is part of the Smithsonian Institute.

Step into the exhibit and you are surrounded by the kind of beauty and boundary-pushing you’d expect at a fashion show, not a powwow — and that’s the idea. While most non-indigenous Americans may think of Native fashion as whatever the “bad guys” wore in old westerns, Native Americans themselves have been designing chic clothing since at least the 1950s.

That was when Lloyd “Kiva” New burst onto the scene. Trained at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Cherokee designer opened a boutique in Scottsdale, Arizona, that was so popular, you could buy his dresses in New York and Beverly Hills. Neiman Marcus carried his clothes. He hobnobbed with the

Kennedys. When New came out with a line of leather handbags inspired by Navajo medicine pouches, they were the Birkin Bags of their day: Everyone wanted one. His genius was to straddle both cultures. He used beads, yes, and Native symbols and colors, but the dresses of his on display at the show were classic ‘50s and ‘60s silhouettes.

Think of the first cocktail dresses Barbie wore. She’d look great in New’s.

Frankie Welch, New’s friend and sometime collaborator also of Cherokee extraction, incorporated Native designs and even basketry patterns into her work, too. From the ‘60s through the ‘80s, her styles were so popular, she designed clothes for five first ladies and seven Presidents. Her most celebrated creation was the Cherokee Alphabet scarf, an accessory she designed in 1966 when Virginia Rusk, the secretary of state’s wife, asked her to come up with an “all-American design.” What could be more all-American than Cherokee?

While Welch continued designing, New pivoted in the early ‘60s and opened the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, which to this day serves as an incubator for Native American fashion. Karen Kramer, curator of the Native



**RHYMES WITH CRAZY**  
Lenore Skenazy

Fashion Now exhibit, goes to the annual Indian Market there, which has grown to a gathering of 1,000 artists. While the market had always held a “traditional clothing” contest, Kramer said, “I started noticing more and more contemporary Native fashion making its way on to the scene.”

That was the inspiration for this show, which debuted at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, where Kramer works. “There are a lot of things in this show that might not look quote-unquote ‘Native American,’” she said. “But why is that? Everything in the show *is* Native American, so it should look native whether there are symbols and patterns you recognize or not.” Most of the clothes are simply, strikingly gorgeous.

For instance, there’s an Oscars-worthy gown of orange and black swirls accompanied by a spiky headdress made of, as it turns out, porcupine quills. The ensemble is worn with a short cape of shiny black feathers as sexy as it is stunning, fastened with a sparkly beaded choker.

Then there’s the “Old Time Floral Elk Tooth” dress by Bethany Yellowtail, of Apsaalooke (Crow) and Northern Cheyenne heritage. A sheer black sheath cov-

ers a tight ivory-colored mini-dress. The sheath is decorated with elks’ teeth, which Kramer says were the epitome of wealth and style among the Apsaalooke people (also known as the Crow). That’s because only two teeth per elk are ivory, and considered suitable for adornment. On the dress, they form an outline that is sleek and slightly scary.

But not all the items on display are meant for the red carpet. In a section of the exhibit titled “Activators,” Kramer highlights designer who area also activists. “Native Americans Discovered Columbus,” says a T-shirt that manages to flip history on its head. Jared Yazzie, of Dine (a.k.a. Navajo) heritage designed that shirt to protest Columbus Day.

“I’m rockin’ the tee today because I am the 500-year resistance,” he wrote on his social media account. “I have been persecuted, stereotyped, hated, and killed. I stand strong with my people. I wear the tee to continue the fight and share the truth.”

As with all the clothes in Native Fashion Now, the shirt is a startling reminder of the fact that, like America itself, American style has been around for thousands of years, and it just keeps evolving.

*Skenazy is a founder of Free-Range Kids, a contributor to Reason.com, and author of “Has the World Gone Skenazy?”*

## BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

On Tuesday, April 24, I had the pleasure to speak at both the Throggs Neck Homeowners and the Waterbury LaSalle community meetings. At both meetings, I was able to speak about the Locust Point CSA and the Fresh Food Box program sites here in the Bronx at BronxWorks, 1130 Grand Concourse and in Hunt’s Point, 940 Garrison Avenue. I also spoke about the possibility of creating a community Farmers Market in the area.

Since I had to leave the Throggs Neck meeting to go to the Waterbury LaSalle meeting, I had more opportunity to chat and answer questions so important. It was a great question and led to a terrific back and forth. I want to thank both Mary Jane and Lynn Gerbino for giving me the opportunity to speak at these meetings!

Since the meeting it seems that issues that I spoke about have invaded my consciousness. While nursing a very sore toe, injured by a slam into a chair leg, I had the chance to catch up on a number of documentaries and view a few things I had saved on YouTube, including President Obama’s recent panel discussion at the University of Chicago and a CUNY Food Policy Forum on How to Grow a Regional Food Economy.

It all made me realize how important it is that we can bring programs to the community to encourage con-

sciousness about how we eat, what we eat and where our food comes from. In order to answer Mary Jane’s question, I explained that the label is important because it ensures that the food you are eating was raised without the use of chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. However, I explained, while farms like Stoneledge Farm (our CSA supplier) tick off all of the right boxes (local, family owned and operated and certified organic with a diverse planting of 45 varieties of produce), you can’t let perfect be the enemy of the good.

Quite often, small farms cannot afford the costs involved in the USDA Organic label, but use the same practices and methods. You may run into this when shopping at local farmers markets. This is an opportunity to speak to the vendor and ask them questions about their farming practices (provided they are able to take the time to talk).

On the other side of the coin are the large farms that produce monocrops of organic vegetables. Some purists scoff at the idea of ‘big ag organic’, but I don’t believe it’s totally bad. While the benefit is that chemicals are not being used, these crops are still at risk to disease and total crop failure. If you’ve read my column, you know how much I love to bring



up the Irish Potato Famine, the best explanation as to why we shouldn’t plant monocrops. And so, yes, I will admit that I buy those large bags of frozen organic vegetables at Costco. Those

frozen peas, frozen corn and frozen mixed vegetables have helped us create quite a few meals on the fly in the middle of winter when it’s difficult to find local and seasonal options.

And then there is “green washing”, which is when an inherently unhealthy product is labeled organic as if that will negate the fact that it is junk food or processed food. Organic chicken nuggets or organic potato chips would be great examples here. Those potatoes are still grown as a monocrop and those chickens are still raised on tremendous farms. Not making a judgment call on chicken nuggets or potato chips, but adding an organic label only makes that product more expensive, not healthier.

Large commercial enterprises (such as the Wonderful Corporation, producers of Pom Wonderful and owners of Fiji water) are planting huge monocrops of pomegranate trees, almond trees (almond milk) and grape vines all over California. Monocrops of bananas are grown all over the world and represent only one variety. Not only are these

crops now experiencing massive crop failures due to disease, many of these crops are creating a water sovereignty situation wherein the communities living around these farms have no access to clean and safe drinking water.

That’s why the idea of being conscious of where your food comes from is an important new consideration in our global food market. American farmers and American agriculture has the potential to not only feed us, it has the potential to create economic opportunity for all, if we tune out the political dissonance and focus on the grass roots efforts that are uniting us rather dividing us.

I love that our community is so interested in this issue and I hope that in the next year or so we can truly bring in more programs like the Fresh Food Box and the Farmers Market. For more information on the Fresh Food Box program, go to [www.growny.org/foodbox](http://www.growny.org/foodbox). If you feel like doing a little advocacy for your community, go to the ‘contact us’ icon and let GrowNYC know that we need a Fresh Food Box site in the Northeast Bronx.

There is still time to sign up for the Locust Point CSA. Go to [www.stoneledge.farm](http://www.stoneledge.farm). There are sites in City Island and Parkchester as well. If you want a half share and need a partner, email me at [cnapolitano491@gmail.com](mailto:cnapolitano491@gmail.com).

## NEW WAYS TO APPRECIATE YOUR BODY



Peter Selwyn, a palliative doctor at Montefiore and choreographer Tamar Rogoff teamed up recently to create 'Grand Rounds,' a show where real doctors, patients and professional artists explore rituals around death and help patients find a new appreciation for their bodies. In Grand Rounds, Rogoff casts an ensemble of differently-abled performers to represent family. Performances continue to Sunday, May 14 at La MaMa Theatre on 66 E. 4th Street in Manhattan. Performances run Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

(Above) Dr. Peter Selwyn (c) met with performing artist, Tamar Rogoff, to discuss palliative care at Montefiore and hold dance workshops to help patients and caregivers discover new ways to move their bodies.

Photo courtesy of Montefiore Health System



## RENAMING OF 'ALFONSE AGOVINO, SR. WAY'

Councilman James Vacca, community leaders and friends and relatives of the late Alfonse Agovino, Sr. met at Harrington and Mayflower avenues on Saturday, April 29 to rename the intersection 'Alfonse Agovino Sr. Way.' The 93-year-old Pelham Bay resident passed away in January 2015. Agovino, Sr. served as AHRC president for three years and a member of the Board of Directors for 25 years. The community activist also served on the Bronx Developmental Disabilities Service Office Parent Association, the NYS Commission on Quality Care for the Mentally Disabled Advisory Council, Board of Visitors Metro NY DDSO and the NYS Autism Advisory Council on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto presented a state proclamation to the Agovino family.

(Above, l-r) Al Agovino, Jr.; Toni and Michael Agovino; Councilman Vacca and Chris Agovino held the ceremonial street sign honoring the late WWII Navy veteran and trailblazing disability advocate.

Photo by Aracelis Batista

## 'HAIRSPRAY' PERFORMED AT OLA



Local Celebrity Theater performed the classic musical romantic comedy 'Hairspray' on Saturday, April 29 at Our Lady of the Assumption School.

(Above) The 'Hairspray' cast gave a crowd pleasing musical performance.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

(Left) John Hartigan (l) and Catherine Saraceno starred as Hairspray's Edna and Tracy Turnblad. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## 'LITTLE DOCTOR'S PROGRAM' PARTICIPANTS



Christ the King School's fourth grade class teamed up with New York Blood Center's 'Little Doctor's Program' to host a blood drive and health fair on Sunday, April 23 at the school.

As part of the 'Little Doctor's Program,' student ambassadors clad in lab coats and scrubs led tours and distributed stickers and refreshments to donors. The fair also featured face painting, games, free health screenings, giveaways and health insurance information from Fidelis Health Group. The school provided an enrollment booth for 2017-18 registration.

(Above, l-r) Christ the King School students Justin De Los Santos, Jonah Quintanilla, Emma Polio, Glenys Gonzalez and Anjelica Alcantara dressed in lab coats for a blood drive and health fair.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX SUMMONS Docket No.:B463/16 In the Matter of the Commitment of STARLIN JUNIOR GONZALEZ A minor under the

age of eighteen years, to the guardianship and custody of CATHOLIC GUARDIAN SERVICES pursuant to Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law of the State of New York. IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: WARLYN ESTARLIN GONZALEZ A/K/A WARLIN ESTARLIN GONZALEZ ADDRESS: UNKNOWN Petition having been filed in this Court, alleging that the above-named child in the care of Catholic Guardian Services, should be committed to the guardianship and custody of Catholic Guardian Services, an authorized agency. A copy of said petition being annexed hereto. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Part 14, Bronx, NY 10451 on JUNE 1, 2017

before Judge Tally at 10:00 a.m in the forenoon of said day to show Cause why the Court should not enter an Order committing the guardianship and custody of said child to the petitioning authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York as dependent child as provided by law. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that if said child is found to be destitute or dependent child as defined by Section 384-b. of the Social Services Law and if guardianship and custody are awarded to said authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York, said child may be adopted with the consent of said authorized agency and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York without further notice

to you. In the event of your failure to appear before the Court, all of your parental rights in the child may be terminated. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said failure to appear before the Court shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result in the transfer or commitment of the child's care, custody or guardianship or in the child's adoption, all without further notice. You are entitled, as a matter of law, to be represented by Legal counsel at all stages of the proceedings herein. If you cannot afford to retain private counsel, the Court, at your request, will assign an attorney to represent you throughout

these proceedings without charge to you. Dated: 4/28/2017 BY ORDER OF THE COURT s/Stephen Byrnes Clerk of Court

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## Bronx Community College celebrates its 60th year anniversary

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ship Program and Causus CUNY Scholars Program, as part of the Edward T. Rogowsky Internship Program.

She has also interned for Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner and added that she is very interested in politics and actively working so that woman can get a seat at the table.

BCC has made a tremendous economic impact, as it is estimated that the higher earnings of its students are 35% more than a high school graduate at career midpoint, while the average

salary of graduate students is just under \$32,000.

In total, the added income attributable to the accumulation of credits in the workforce exceeds \$175 million each year.

The college also provides financial wellness, as nine of ten BCC graduates are free of federal loan debt.

Approximately 54% of BCC's students are first generation immigrants, while 53% of students come from low-income households.

BCC, whose current campus was owned by New York University from

1894 until 1973, was originally spread across different buildings in Fordham Heights and the northwest Bronx before NYU sold the campus to NYS Dormitory Authority in 1973, making it possible for BCC to move to the campus.

In 2012, BCC's 45-acre campus became the first community college in the country to be declared a National Historic Landmark.

BCC is also home to the country's first hall of fame, the Hall of Fame for Great Americans, which includes 98 statue portraits of the county's historic figures, including John Adams, Susan

B. Anthony, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, George Washington Carver, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Paine, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Thomas Jefferson, Edgar Allan Poe and Jackie Robinson, among others.

On Thursday, May 4, BCC hosted its 60th Anniversary Trailblazers Series kick-off with fellow alum Kam Wong, who currently serves as the president and chief executive officer of New York's Municipal Credit Union, which is one of the oldest and largest credit unions in the country with more than 400,000 members and over \$2.6 billion in assets.

# Bronx scene

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## Upcoming Wave Hill events

Saturday, May 13; Sunday, May 14: Family Art Project: Fabric Frames And Lavender Sachets For Mom: Celebrate Mom by creating a wrapped-fabric frame—bring a photo of her with you, if you wish—and adorn it with dried flowers and ribbons. Make a small, fragrant sachet gift tied with ribbons and bows and filled with dried lavender.

Saturday, May 13; Sunday, May 14: Garden Highlights Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Saturday, May 13: Gallery Tour: Wave Hill's Curatorial Fellow will lead a tour of the spring exhibitions in Glyndor Gallery. The group show, Outcasts: Women in the Wilder-

ness, explores how women have been treated and portrayed as outcasts in history, myth and biblical legend. In the Sunroom Project Space, Borinquen Gallo's imaginary hive interior is informed by Wave Hill's beehives.

Sunday, May 14: Spring Birding: Welcome migratory birds back to Wave Hill this spring! Explore the gardens and woodlands with naturalist Gabriel Willow on a quest to spot some of our favorite feathered friends as they return to the Hudson Highlands.

Sunday, May 14: In The Shop: In-Store Vendor Lovewild Design: For Mother's Day, Wave Hill welcomes Lovewild Design, a family and women-run studio in Brook-

lyn that started with wedding invitations, expanded to home and bath products and added pregnancy-specific goods when its family grew by a little one. Today, Lovewild crafts handmade lovelies like recipe dice, kitchen towels, screen printed bags, temporary tattoos and tea gift sets.

Sunday, May 14: Yoga In The Garden: Classes are led by certified Yoga Haven instructors, for all levels.

Sunday, May 14: Family Nature Walk: Join naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow on a family-friendly walk through the gardens or woodlands. No registration required. A

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



Wave Hill Family Art Project - Fabric Frames and Lavender Sachets for Mom  
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property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: November 10, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: COREY ROBSON, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Plaintiff designates BRONX as the place of trial situs of the real property SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 1119 TINTON AVE, BRONX, NY 10456 Block: 2661 Lot: 155 INDEX NO. 32577/2016E CIT BANK N.A., Plaintiff, vs. JOYCE CRAWFORD A/K/A JOYCE BOWDEN A/K/A JOYCE COLCLOUGH, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ODESSA I. BOWDEN A/K/A ODESSA BOWDEN, all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest and the creditors, assignees and successors in interest thereof of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff of Odessa I. Bowden a/k/a Odessa Bowden; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE- TAX COMPLIANCE DIVISION-C.O.- ATC; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THE CITY OF NEW YORK; THE CITY OF NEW YORK, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT, and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #25," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after 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) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall

not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$442,500.00 and interest, recorded on December 18, 2006 in CRFN # 2006000690873, of the Public Records of BRONX County, New York, covering premises known as 1119 TINTON AVE NEW YORK, NY 10456. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. BRONX County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: April 10, 2017

RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: COREY ROBSON, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Plaintiff designates BRONX as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 862 CRANFORD AVENUE BRONX, NY 10466 Block: 5120 Lot: 23 INDEX NO. 32873/2016E

CIT BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. JOSEPH FOLLINI AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; LORRAINE JEROLIMO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; LAURA IZZO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; GEORGE FOLLINI, JR. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; LOUISE DANVLUK AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; KIRK FOLLINI AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; JULIANNA HODULICK AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; ROXANA ACCATTATO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; GEORGE ACCATTATO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; ROCCO ACCATTATO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; AUDEY SPARKES AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; ROBERT

PITONZO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO; CHRISTOPHER PITONZO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE D'AMELIO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FLEET NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FLEET BANK; NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants. To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorney within 20 days after 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) in the event the United States of America is made a party defendant, the time to answer for the said United States of America shall not expire until (60) days after service of the Summons; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$352,500.00 and interest, recorded on November 13, 2002, at Liber 2075 Page 1513, of the Public Records of BRONX County, New York, covering premises known as 862 CRANFORD AVENUE BRONX, NY 10466. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. BRONX County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a

copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: April 10, 2017 RAS BORISKIN, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff BY: COREY ROBSON, ESQ. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106 Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

**LEGAL NOTICE**

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTRY OF BRONX  
File # 197739  
Docket # V-28006-7/16 and O-28009-16

In the Matter of a Custody/Visitation Proceeding and Family Offense Proceeding

Sithar Say, Petitioner  
-against-  
Christina Marie Russo, Respondent

regarding Alexander Maximus Say  
dob 10/27/2009  
and Mason Leon Say  
dob 10/20/2009

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IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

To: Christina Marie Russo  
(Address Unknown)  
Petitions under Articles 6 and 8 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court and annexed hereto  
You ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before this court on  
Date/Time: June 6, 2017 at 11:00 am  
Purpose: Return of Process  
Part 19 on the 6th Floor  
Location: 900 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, NY 10451

to answer the petitions and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

On your failure to appear as herein directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest

Dated: March 9, 2017  
Stephen G. Byrnes, Clerk of Court  
NOTICE: Family Court Section 154(c) provides that petitions brought pursuant to Article 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 of the Family Court Act, in which an order of protection is sought or in which a violation of an order of protection is alleged, may be served outside the State of New York upon a Respondent who is not a resident or domiciliary of the State of New York, If no other grounds for obtaining personal jurisdiction over the respondent exists aside from the application of this provision, the exercise of personal jurisdiction over the respondent is limited to the issue of the request for or alleged violation of, the order of protection. Where the Respondent has been served with this summons and petition does not appear, the Family Court may proceed to a hearing with respect to issuance or enforcement of the order of protection.

# John McNamara's hobo travels recalled

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

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

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

His chronicles on the Great Depression have captured that historic epic as he lived it.

The same can be said about his "riding the rails"

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

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

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

Fortunately, some of those stories were recounted in his last book, "McNamara's Vagabond Travels." Each is a little historical gem polished to perfection by the master himself.

He approved the proof copy of the book shortly before his death on October 15, 2004, just a couple of months shy of his 92nd birthday. His daughter, Betty, then followed the book through the production process.

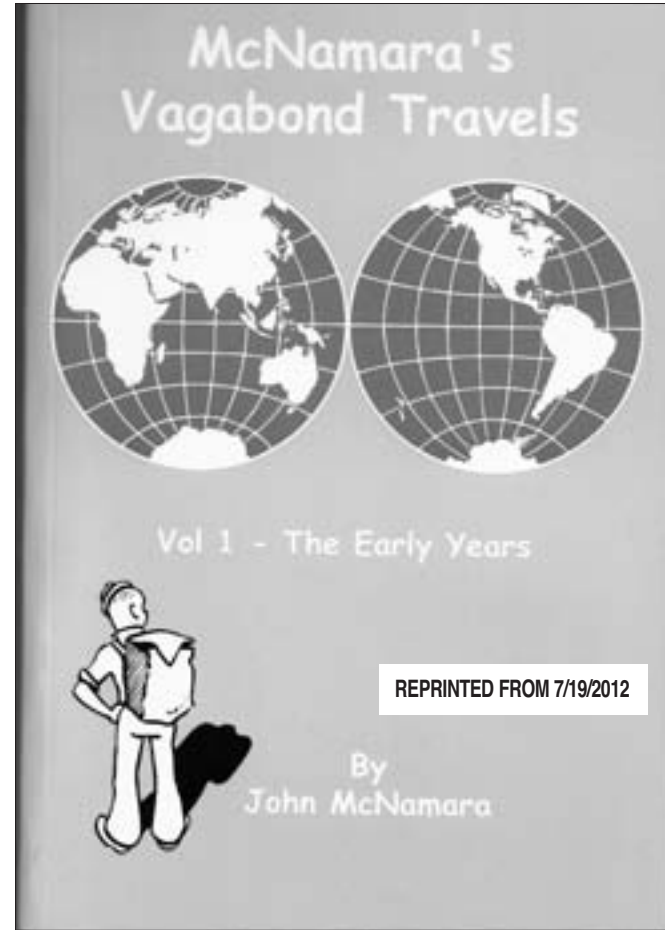
Look at the front cover and

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

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

The book is not easy to find, but if you're looking for a copy, you can contact Bunnatty Publishing at 4265 Alma Street, Palo Alto, California 94306 or you can email [bunnatty@mail.com](mailto:bunnatty@mail.com).

The book has 221 fascinating pages and is moderately priced at \$19.95. The Bronx County Historical Society also has copies for sale.



John McNamara's Vagabond Travels.



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LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- ANTONIO BARBUTO, FEDERICO BARBUTO; LUIS MARTINEZ, if living, or if he be dead, et al; 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 THOMAS DAMINO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on March 21, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5644 and Lot 375 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as N/A KING AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$302,388.46 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 381652/2010. JOSEPH A. CAROFANO, ESQ., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- UNICOL REALTY LLC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on March 22, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 2261 and Lot 43 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 125 ST. ANNS AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$72,726.48 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 260078/2015. JOYCE D. RANDAZZO, ESQ., Referee

Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- ALBA EMERIC, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale

entered herein on November 25, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying in the Borough of The Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 3446 and Lot 43 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 151 PUGSLEY AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$ 37,116.54 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 382513/2009. JAMES NOTICE, ESQ., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2015-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiffs -against- TELNOR CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on March 22, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on May 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 5940 and Lot 539 on the Bronx County Tax Assessment Map.

Said premises known as 5040 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE, BRONX, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$171,767.41 plus interest & costs.

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

Index Number 22520/2016. LEONARD ALOI, ESQ., Referee Phillips Lytle LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 28 East Main Street, Suite 1400, Rochester, NY 14614

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 2015-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN for the NYCTL 2015-A TRUST, Plaintiff -against- STEVEN JENKINS, SR., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated April 11, 2017 and entered on April 13, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx Supreme Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on June 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the County of Bronx, Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, known and designated on the City of New York Tax Map as Block 4687 Lot 20.

Said premises known as 911 EAST 216TH STREET, BRONX, NY, for information only

Approximate amount of lien \$5,975.48 plus interest & costs.

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

of Sale. Index Number 20727/2016E. LISA D'ALESSIO, ESQ., Referee Rosenberg & Estis P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX

----- x THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC.,

on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, INDEX NO 260756/14 NOTICE OF SALE - against - AMALIA ROBLES, et. al., Defendants.

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Pursuant to a Judgment dated March 6, 2017, I will sell at public auction on May 22, 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 5C, in the building known as S-2 A/K/A 5, and by street address 1480 Parkchester Road, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 2358 in Block 3938 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided 0.0133 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester South Condominium.

The amount due under the Judgment is \$10,282.90, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION in the original principal sum of \$92,000.00 with interest.

Index No. 260756/14. DENNIS KROLIAN, ESQ., Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff 505 White Plains Road, Suite 113 Tarrytown, NY 10591 (914) 591-7722

LEGAL NOTICE

INDEX NO.: 35921/2015E. Date Filed: 04/05/17.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1204 Franklin Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10456. BL #: 2614-17.

Plaintiff principal place of business is 7301 Baymeadows Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against-

MARYROSE MLAYI, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who

may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff, ETAL, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.

SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.

SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

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

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$200,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the BRONX on November 5, 2007, in CRF Number 2007000556072, covering premises known as 1204 Franklin Ave., Bronx, NY 10456 - BL #: 2614-17.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendant and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendant MARYROSE MLAYI, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by Extended Order of Publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Robert T. Johnson, J.S.C of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, dated March 2, 2017.

Dated: New Rochelle, NY March 20, 2017 MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, P.C.

By: Sonia J. Baez, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot St., Ste. 210 New Rochelle, NY 10801 p. 914-636-8900

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW 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 office, 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 the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS

(1-877-226-5697) or visit the department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME.

You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless

and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you

choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay your taxes

in accordance with state and local law. 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.

# Catholic Widow/Widowers bus trip; BAAD! series; Bronx County Historical Society events; NYBG upcoming programs

On Saturday, June 10, the Catholic **Widow and Widowers of the Bronx** are planning a trip to Magnaninn's Winery in Wallkill, New York.

The trip will include wine tasting, a six-course dinner, music, dancing, and bus transportation.

The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m. from in front of Our Lady of the Assumption School Auditorium on Middletown Road and Parkview Avenue.

Tickets are \$75. For further information call Connie Andersen at (718) 829-8142. All are invited.

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The **Bronx Academy of Art & Dance** introduces a new series called *Courageous Conversations: Strategies for Living and Loving in America*, a free mix of topical talks and resilience workshops led by leading thinkers and doers from the arts, media and politics, followed by a facilitated/open community forum for queer people on how to navigate and thrive in the current political climate.

The next presentation is on Tuesday, May 9, at 8 p.m. at BAAD! 2474 Westchester Avenue in the Westchester Square section, and features the award-winning writer, scholar and activist, Sarah Schulman and the award-winning, provocative journalist, Steven Thrasher. These two powerhouses have fostered changed through their art, activism and professional practice.

The event is free and open to the public. Call (718) 918-2110 or visit website: [www.BAADBronx.org](http://www.BAADBronx.org) to RSVP and for more information. *Courageous Conversations* is supported by The Liberty Fund of The New York Community Trust.

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The **Bronx County Historical Society**, 3309 Bainbridge Avenue, has the following events scheduled:

Historic Houses of The Bronx - Free Public Lecture: Saturday, May 13, 11 a.m.: There are many historic buildings still standing in The Bronx. While some have been highlighted in the borough, others have yet to be honored.

In celebration of Bronx Week, BCHS Program Director Angel Hernandez will highlight our borough's historic house legacy with an illustrated presentation. This lecture will be given at The Bronx County Archives, located at 3313 Bainbridge Avenue.

Marvelous Mott Haven - South Bronx Historic Districts Walking Tour: Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.: Join the Bronx borough historian Lloyd Ultan on a historic stroll through one of The Bronx's noted historic areas - Mott Haven. The southernmost

section of our borough, Mott Haven was one of the first communities to be urbanized across the Harlem River. The tour will include Mott Haven's three historic districts, historic structures along Alexander Avenue, and more. This tour will start on the southeast corner of E. 138th Street and Alexander Avenue, outside the #6 Third Avenue subway station. Bronx buses #15, #32, and #33 stop near this location. \$10 for BCHS members, \$20 for non-members.

In the Footsteps of Edgar Allan Poe: A Walk from Poe Cottage to High Bridge Walking Tour: Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m.: Although the American poet Edgar Allan Poe has been gone for many years now, his home and High Bridge continue to serve as reminders of his beloved walks in The Bronx. Join BCHS Program Director Angel Hernandez on a 3-mile walk from Poe Cottage to High Bridge via Aqueduct Avenue. The tour will meet at the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage in Poe Park on the Grand Concourse and E. Kingsbridge Road. \$10 for BCHS members, \$20 for non-members.

Beer Garden at the Museum of Bronx History during Bronx Week 2017 - Sunday, May 21. Free event: The Bronx County Historical Society and From

The Bronx will partner this year to present a beer garden pop-up show on the grounds of the Museum of Bronx History on Sunday, May 21, from 1:30 to 7 p.m. (winding down at 6:45 p.m.).

This event will follow the Bronx Week finale parade on Mosholu Parkway, just a couple of blocks from the museum. Patrons will have the opportunity to buy specially crafted beer, Bronx merchandise, and snacks. The Museum of Bronx History is located at 3266 Bainbridge Avenue and will be open during the event with free admission.

For further information call (718) 881-8900.

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The **New York Botanical Garden**, Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) at Fordham Road, will offer the following programs and events:

Mother's Day Weekend Garden Party, Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: NYBG celebrates mothers with its Mother's Day Weekend Garden Party. In addition to live entertainment, outdoor fun, and picnicking, families can enjoy chalk drawing in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, tours of the Azalea Garden and Native Plant Garden, bird walks, and face painting on Crabapple Path. Kids can create their own Mother's Day cards at the Clay Pavilions and learn how to

make a table centerpiece bouquet in the Perennial Garden.

Chalk Drawing; By the Children's Adventure Garden Waterfall, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Family Photography; Across from the Clay Pavilions, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Face Painting; At the Base of Crabapple Path, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Floral Arranging Demonstrations: Centerpieces; In the Perennial Garden, noon and 2 p.m.

Live Music: Moonshine Falls; On the Daffodil Hill Stage, noon, 2, and 4 p.m.

Mad Science: "Fire & Ice" and "Spin, Pop...Boom!"; On the Daffodil Hill Stage, 1 and 3 p.m.

Book Nook; On Conservatory Lawn, Sunday, May 14 only, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch Presented by STARR Catering Group, Sunday, May 14; 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Mother's Day Brunch Presented by STARR Catering Group will feature hearty breakfast staples, fresh-baked pastries, artisanal cheeses, a carving station, coffee, tea, and more. A cash bar will offer wine, beer, and cocktails for purchase. Tickets range from \$55-\$90 and include brunch in the Garden Terrace Room, an All-Garden Pass, and complimentary valet parking. To make reservations, visit [nybg.org/tickets](http://nybg.org/tickets). Reservations close Saturday, May 13 at noon.

CHIHULY through Sunday, October 29: Artworks by world-renowned artist Dale Chihuly will be on view at NYBG in his first major garden exhibition in New York in more than ten years. CHIHULY, presented by Bank of America, will showcase approximately 20 installations and include drawings and early works that reveal the evolution and development of Chihuly's artistic process during his celebrated career. Set within NYBG's landmark landscape and buildings, this sensory-filled exhibition is a must-see throughout the changing seasons from spring through fall.

The garden's dramatic vistas become living canvases for work created specifically for NYBG, showcasing Chihuly's signature organic shapes in brilliant colors. Among the singular sights, a new monumental work inspired by his storied 1975 Artpark installation will enliven the water features of the Native Plant Garden and the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory Courtyard's Tropical Pool, reflecting the interplay and movement of color and light.

CHIHULY Nights. Saturday, May 13; 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.: On CHIHULY Nights, the exhibition is spectacularly illuminated amid NYBG's sweeping vistas and magnificent Conservatory. After sunset, visitors

can experience the luminous quality of Dale Chihuly's colors and forms when lit under the evening sky. In the Visitor Center plaza, a rotating lineup of performing artists and musicians provides entertainment while you relax and enjoy shopping, food, and Avión Tequila cocktails available for purchase.

Film Screenings: Chihuly Short Cuts, Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Short films offer an intimate look at Dale Chihuly's creative process, revisiting earlier themes and exploring new ideas that inspire the continued evolution of his work.

What in the World is a Herbarium? through Sunday, October 29: With more than 7.8 million preserved specimens, the William and Lynda Steere Herbarium is the largest herbarium in the Western Hemisphere. This exhibition celebrates the Steere Herbarium as the centerpiece of the Garden's botanical research program, and a priceless resource for scholars from around the world. Through this exhibition, learn how Garden scientists are working to study and save the plants of the world.

Nature's Sculptures, Saturday, May 13 & Sunday, May 14; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Using Chihuly's glass sculptures as a foundation, kids will explore the shapes and colors of plants in the Garden. They will find inspiration in the vivid colors and patterns of nature throughout the Garden's landscape, and craft a habitat to house their own air plant.

Dig! Plant! Grow! Salad Days, Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14; 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Explore the spring crops growing in the garden, mix and make your own salad take-home packet of salad dressing, and make a plant-parts salad art collage.

Bird Walk, Saturday, May 13; 11 a.m.: Collect data on resident bird populations and migratory species that help to assess the health of bird populations and to guide conservation action.

Azalea Garden Tour, Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14; 12:30 p.m.: Join in for a guided tour of the 11-acre site that offers an encyclopedic collection of the world's azaleas planted along a broad hillside punctuated by rock outcrops and shaded by mature native trees.

Native Plant Garden Tour, Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14; 2:30 p.m.: Join a tour guide for an insider's view of the Native Plant Garden. Enjoy a mosaic of nearly 100,000 native trees, wildflowers, ferns, and grasses designed to flourish in every season.

For more information, (718) 817-8700 or visit [nybg.org](http://nybg.org).

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

Wells Fargo Bank, NA D/B/A  
Americas Servicing Company, Plaintiff  
AGAINST

Angel Roldan; Yenny Roldan; et al.,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated  
January 6, 2017 I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public auction at the  
Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New  
York on June 5, 2017 at 2:00PM,  
premises known as 1394 Bristow Street,  
Bronx, NY 10459. All that certain plot  
piece or parcel of land, with the  
buildings and improvements erected,  
situate, lying and being in the Borough  
of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and  
State of NY, Section 11 Block 2964 Lot  
62. Approximate amount of judgment  
\$510,970.77 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index#  
380665/11.

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.

Gary Slobin, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: April 1, 2017  
#91407

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

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR  
NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1,  
Plaintiff

AGAINST  
ALVIS NEWELL and GWENDOLYN  
MARSHALL, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March  
14, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will  
sell at public auction at the Bronx  
County Courthouse, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor),  
Bronx, on May 22, 2017 at 2:00PM,  
premises known as 1127 FTELEY  
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 3747, LOT  
65. Approximate amount of judgment  
\$703,367.07 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment for Index#  
381925/10.

Mark F. Bernstein, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

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

Deutsche Bank National Trust  
Company, as Trustee for HSI Asset  
Securitization Corporation Trust

2006-HE1, Mortgage Pass-Through  
Certificates, Series 2006-HE1, Plaintiff  
AGAINST

Oswaldo De La Hoz; Jocelyn De La  
Hoz; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March  
11, 2010 I, the undersigned Referee will  
sell at public auction at the Bronx  
County Courthouse, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New  
York on May 15, 2017 at 2:00PM,  
premises known as 2935 Dewitt Place,  
Bronx, NY 10469. All that certain plot  
piece or parcel of land, with the  
buildings and improvements erected,  
situate, lying and being in the Borough  
of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and  
State of NY, Block 4564 Lot 96.  
Approximate amount of judgment  
\$469,086.36 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index#  
381264/08.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: March 23, 2017- #91314

**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF  
BRONX, EMIGRANT MORTGAGE  
COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff,

vs. GREGORIA MARTINEZ, ET AL.,  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on  
October 16, 2015, I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public auction at the  
Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New  
York, on May 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.,  
premises known as 928 Tiffany Street,  
Bronx, New York. All that certain plot,  
piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and  
being in the Borough of the Bronx, City  
and State of New York, known and  
designated as Block: 2712; Lot: 120 will  
be sold subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment Index # 381044/2013.

Edmond J. Pryor, Esq., Referee  
We are a debt collector attempting to  
collect a debt. Any information obtained  
will be used for that purpose.

Stagg, Terenzi, Confusione &  
Wabnik, LLP, 401 Franklin Avenue,  
Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

**LEGAL NOTICE****NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME**

COURT COUNTY OF BRONX  
Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff  
AGAINST Elliott Aponte, et al.,  
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated

1-20-2017 I, the undersigned Referee  
will sell at public auction at the Bronx  
County Courthouse, Room 600, 851  
Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York on  
5-22-2017 at 2:00PM, premises known  
as 1331 Chisholm Street, Bronx, NY  
10459. All that certain plot piece or  
parcel of land, with the buildings and  
improvements erected, situate, lying and  
being in the Borough and County of the  
Bronx, City and State of New York,  
BLOCK: 2971, LOT: 32. Approximate  
amount of judgment \$423,236.74 plus  
interest and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed Judgment

Index#: 35490/2013E. Bruce L.  
Bozeman, Esq., Referee Frenkel  
Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon,  
LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY  
11706 01-064739-F00

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

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff  
AGAINST

Theresa Harris; et al., Defendant(s)  
Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March  
10, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will  
sell at public auction at the Bronx  
County Courthouse, 851 Grand  
Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, New  
York on May 15, 2017 at 2:00PM,  
premises known as 1156 Jackson  
Avenue, Bronx, NY 10456. 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, Section 10 Block 2652 Lot  
17. Approximate amount of judgment  
\$313,859.96 plus interest and costs.  
Premises will be sold subject to  
provisions of filed Judgment Index#  
381271/08.

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.

Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee  
Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC  
Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff  
175 Mile Crossing Boulevard  
Rochester, New York 14624  
(877) 759-1835  
Dated: March 29, 2017  
#91350

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS  
TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED  
HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET  
SECURITIES COSPORATION  
MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OSI,  
Plaintiff against

IZUKA UDOM-RICE, et al  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale dated on March  
24, 2017.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at  
public auction at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,  
Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 22nd day  
of May, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. 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 the  
Bronx, County of Bronx, City of New  
York and State of New York.

Said premises known as 4401  
Manhattan College Parkway, Bronx,  
N.Y. 10471.

(Block: 5813, Lot: 105).  
Approximate amount of lien \$  
2,044,829.70 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380932-09. Mark  
Bernstein, Esq., Referee.  
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
(914) 636-8900

**LEGAL NOTICE****REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN  
FORECLOSURE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -  
against - DWIGHT GREEN A/K/A  
DWIGHT A. GREEN, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale entered on  
January 29, 2016. I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public auction, at the  
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,  
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx  
County, New York on the 5th Day of  
June, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. All that certain  
plot, piece or parcel of land, situate,  
lying and being in the Borough of Bronx,  
County of Bronx, City and State of New  
York.

Premises known as 19-97 Arthur  
Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) New  
York 10457.

(Block: 3068, Lot: 38)  
Approximate amount of lien  
\$534,366.55 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35417/2013E. Lawrence  
T. Schiro, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700  
Rochester, NY 14614-1990  
Tel. 585/760-8218  
Dated: April 6, 2017

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL  
TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR  
AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE  
ASSETS TRUST 2007-5 MORTGAGE-  
BACKED PASS-THROUGH  
CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5,  
Plaintiff against

ARTHUR E. DIMELLA, JR., et al  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 2,  
2012.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at  
public auction at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,  
Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 15th day  
of May, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. premises

Lying and being in the Borough of  
Bronx and State of New York.

In the condominium known as  
"Pennyfield Estates II Condominium."

Together with an undivided 9.1996  
% interest in the Common Elements.

Said premises known as 24  
Pennyfield Avenue, Unit 1C, Bronx, N.Y.  
10465.

(Block: 5529, Lot: 1103).  
Approximate amount of lien \$  
638,850.48 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 382698-09. Lisa Jadidian,  
Esq., Referee.  
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
(914) 636-8900

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

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL  
TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE  
TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME  
MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST  
2007-1, Plaintiff against

STEPHANIE JOHNSON, et al  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale entered on March  
21, 2017.

I, the undersigned Referee will sell at  
public auction at the Bronx County  
Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse,  
Room 600, Bronx, N.Y. on the 5th day  
of June, 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 the Bronx, City  
and State of New York.

Said premises known as 3028  
Gunther Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10469.

(Block: 4774, Lot: 144)  
Approximate amount of lien \$  
537,614.98 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 380127-11. Glinnesa D.  
Gailliard, Esq., Referee.  
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C.  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210  
New Rochelle, New York 10801  
(914) 636-8900

**LEGAL NOTICE****REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN  
FORECLOSURE**

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF  
BRONX

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,  
Plaintiff - against - JUNE O'CONNOR  
A/K/A JUNE B. O'CONNOR, et al  
Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale entered on  
November 02, 2016. I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public auction, at the  
Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600,  
851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, Bronx  
County, New York on the 15th Day of  
May, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. 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.

Premises known as 1733 Edenwald  
Avenue, Bronx, (City of New York) NY  
10466.

(Block: 5003, Lot: 37)  
Approximate amount of lien  
\$737,016.14 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 35397/2013E. Irving  
Rosen, Esq., Referee.  
Davidson Fink LLP  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
28 East Main Street, Suite 1700  
Rochester, NY 14614-1990  
Tel. 585/760-8218  
Dated: February 14, 2017

# SNOW WHITE AND CINDERELLA VISIT ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL PATIENTS



Disney princesses Snow White and Cinderella paid a surprise visit to young patients at St. Barnabas Hospitals on Friday, April 28 in honor of National Princesses Week. The children who are inpatients and outpatients had the opportunity to greet the princesses who are provided to local hospitals by A Moment of Magic Foundation.

(Above) Snow White and Cinderella spent some quality time with (l-r) My-Kayla, Kacie and Jayden.  
Photo by Silvio Pacifico



Snow White gave Julian Arroyo a brand new book to read.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

## RAIN HOSTS SPRING FASHION SHOW



The Regional Aid for Interim Needs, Inc. Boston Secor Neighborhood Senior Center hosted its Spring Fashion Show on Wednesday, April 26. The stylish event featured the 'New Spring Fashion Collection' exclusively by the seniors, prizes for Best Design, a delicious lunch, raffles and a photo booth.

(Above, l-r) Dr. Anderson Torres, R.A.I.N. president; third place honoree Roslyn Berkeley; second place winner Norma Torres; first place champion Phillie Johnson; Iris Bonhomme, R.A.I.N. Boston Secor Neighborhood Center program director and Flora Montes, Bronx Fashion Week president.  
Photo by Aracelis Batista



## SPORTS & ARTS IN SCHOOLS SPEAK WEEK

The Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation celebrated its annual Speak Week from Monday, April 24 to Friday, April 28 hosted by the organization's Speakers Bureau. The Bronx's own C.S. 134 were treated to a surprise visit from NYC-based plus-size designer Yona Love (back, r) on Wednesday, April 26 and participated in school time fashion show. Speak Week is a unique event connecting students with working professionals.

Photo courtesy of Rubenstein Public Relations

## PELHAM BAY LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY CEREMONY



Pelham Bay Little League had a ball celebrating its Opening Day Ceremony on Saturday, April 29. The time honored tradition started with a parade from Buhre and Westchester avenues leading to an on-field ceremony featuring local elected officials.

(Left, front, l-r) PBL's Mason Casaro, Joseph Burgos, Evan Cabanas, Joshua Quezada, Kevin Moran, Mekhi Valle and Jaden Paparo, (back, l-r) Thomas Messina representing Congressman Joseph Crowley, Senator Jeff Klein with coaches Jorge Burgos and Jeff Valle.  
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE:  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

Rudolf Kats d/b/a Columbia Capital Co., and Central Funding Company, Plaintiffs, vs. Janet Bhoopingsingh, et al., Defendants. Attorney for plaintiffs: Christopher J. Panny, 26 Court Street, Suite 412, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Tel. 718.852.6600.

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated March 6, 2017, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Bronx County Supreme Court, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY, on May 22, 2017, at 2:00 P.M., premises beginning at a point on the westerly side of Willett Avenue, distant 50 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Willett Avenue with the southerly side of East 213 th Street, being a regular parcel of land with dimensions 50 feet by 100 feet, known as 3561 Willett Avenue, Bronx, New York, block 4642 lot 41, and more particularly described in filed Judgment. Premises are sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment, and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment: \$486,733.33, plus interest and costs. Index No. 35184-2014E. Leonard C. Alo, Esq., Referee.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-BC5, Plif. vs. LASCELL SPENCE, et al, Defts. Index #36000/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Dec. 6, 2016, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2936 Yates Ave., Bronx, NY 10469 a/k/a Block 4559, Lot 17. Said property located on the easterly side of Yates Ave., 282.55 ft. northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Arnow Ave. with the easterly side of Yates Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 50 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$546,573.47 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LISA BETH D'ALESSIO, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP, PLLC, 242 Drexel Ae., Westbury, NY 11590. File No. 34997.#91186

On May 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 320 HARDING PARK AVE, BRONX, NY 10473 Block: 03430 Lot: 0281 ALL THAT TRACT 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 \$617,245.75 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 35953/2014E David Lesch, Esq., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

CHRISTIANA TRUST, A DIVISION OF WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE FOR PENNYMAC LOAN TRUST 2011-NPL1; Plaintiff(s)

vs. DAVID NEGRON; LUISA NEGRON; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 6, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On May 22, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 320 HARDING PARK AVE, BRONX, NY 10473 Block: 03430 Lot: 0281

ALL THAT TRACT 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 \$617,245.75 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 35953/2014E David Lesch, Esq., Referee

**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 June 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1595 ODELL STREET UNIT # 1D, 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 Goffney, Esq., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. OSCAR ALVAREZ; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 2, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.

On June 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 1468 ST LAWRENCE AVE, BRONX, NY 10473 Block: 3916 Lot: 4

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 \$296,245.41 plus interest and costs.

INDEX NO. 380897/11 Tara Goffney, Esq., Referee

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 380883/12 YARON ZIEGEL, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 9/18/2014, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/22/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 3909 Dyre Avenue, Bronx, NY 10466 and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 4968 Lot 20.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$306,484.86 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 380883/12.

Linda G. March, Esq., Referee. STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 167 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768

Dated: 3/23/2017 File Number: 201202749 SLC

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,

Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 35459/14 HECTOR A. GONZALEZ A/K/A HECTOR GONZALEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on 03/08/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on 5/15/2017 at 2:00 pm, premises known as 1317 Herschell Street, Bronx, NY 10462 and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York and designated on the tax maps of the Bronx County Treasurer as Block 3844 and Lot 109.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$496,324.95 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 35459/14.

Richard Tolchin, Esq., Referee. STIENE & ASSOCIATES, P.C. (Attorneys for Plaintiff), 167 Main Street, Northport, NY 11768

Dated: 3/13/2017 File Number: 201400472 SLC

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Isolyn Beloff, Vinita N. Davis, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 06, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY on May 22, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 758 EAST 224TH STREET, BRONX, NY 10466. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4837, LOT 75. Approximate amount of judgment \$466,448.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 35881/2015E.

VICTOR E NEGRON, ESQ., Referee

Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2006-7, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, Plaintiff

AGAINST AMADOU BAILO BAH, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 16, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600 (Ground Floor), Bronx, on June 05, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 1006 DUNCAN STREET, BRONX, NY 10469. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4611, LOT 133. Approximate amount of judgment \$636,961.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 380285/13.

Tamara I. Jordan, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. FRANCISCO SUERO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 14, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on May 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 1333 Noble Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3872 and Lot 52. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 380637/12.

Richard O. Tolchin, Esq., Referee

Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR CARRINGTON MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-FRE1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff, vs. JERRY NUAMAH; PATRICIA KISSI; ALEXANDER KISSI, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 27, 2015, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on May 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 716 East 224th Street, 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 4837 and Lot 55. Approximate amount of judgment is \$590,517.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381152/09.

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

# Lehman's Spring Concert

The Lehman College and Community Chorus will present its annual free Spring Concert on Sunday, May 7, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lehman Concert Hall. The program will feature Mozart's Requiem. Complimentary tickets will be available at the box office beginning at 1 p.m. on the day of the performance.

Directed by Lehman Professor Diana Mittler-Battipaglia and accompanied by the Lehman Symphony Or-

chestra, the 140-member chorus will also perform shorter works by Thompson, Whitacre, and Copland, as well as a medley from the Man of La Mancha. In addition, the program will feature Dvorak's Slavonic Dance in E minor.

Members of the chorus and soloists include Lehman students, alumni, faculty, staff, and a broad selection of residents from many communities in the Bronx and the greater New York area.

For reservations, call (718) 960-8247 or email: [music.department@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:music.department@lehman.cuny.edu).

Lehman is located at Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard. Attended parking is available for a \$5 fee.

(Right) The 2015 Lehman College Community Chorus presents its annual Spring Concert.



## National Nurses Week—why we celebrate

Saturday, May 6 through Friday, May 12, is National Nurses Week, a time set aside to recognize the men and women who have dedicated their lives to the field of nursing. Nurses make a difference in our lives every day; they're on the scene (or behind the scenes) in many locations, from hospitals and clinics to schools, offices and in our homes. National Nurses Week is a time to learn about and honor these often unsung heroes by thanking them for the skill, services and smiles they provide all year long.

Homecare nurses from the Visiting Nurse Service of New York are familiar faces throughout the Bronx and across all five NYC boroughs and Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties. You'll find them in homes and community-based settings where they help diagnose and treat diseases, injuries and disabilities. They dress wounds, facilitate infusions, administer medications, and provide direct care to patients who come from all walks of life. Here are a few unexpected ways these nurses make life better for New Yorkers every day:

### Just Being There

"Often when I visit one of my older patients in Staten Island, I'll be the only person they see or talk to all day," says RN Lynn Taylor who visits patients in Staten Island. Our goal is to maximize physical, cognitive and behavioral well-being so that our patients have the highest possible level of independence at home and in the community. "We dress wounds and help manage pain and other symptoms, but sometimes I think what's most healing is simply that we show up, listen, and show we care."

Removing "Little Gray Of-

fenders"

When visiting a first-time, soon-to-be-mother, Bronx RN Michele Belton arrived to find her patient visibly upset and on the verge of tears. "What's wrong," she calmly asked, "are you in labor?" Pointing to the other side of the bed, the patient revealed a wriggling mouse, partially attached to a glue trap that was slowly "marching" across the floor. The nurse bravely covered the rodent with a broom and then swept up "the little gray offender" and discarded him in the trash outside the apartment building. After washing her hands, she did her regular Nurse Family Partnership home visit, which included a discussion of environmental concerns and calling 311 to report the problem.

### Walk, Ride Or Skate A Mile In Our Shoes

Some nurses clock an average of five to seven miles a day on-foot between visits to patients. Others, like Conrad Parker, use bikes, scooters, skates or skate boards to get from home to home in Manhattan. "I have three small kids and this is probably my one chance to get a good workout in a couple of times a day" Conrad says. "I have a backpack that's super heavy. I try to keep it as light as possible, but honestly carrying my backpack cycling is a lot easier on my back. When I walk with my backpack, I feel it a lot more," he adds.

### Reading, Writing And Sleuthing

"We're like little detectives," says Alicia Schwartz, RN, with VNSNY CHOICE Health Plans in Queens and Manhattan. Aging people with multiple chronic illnesses can sometimes take as many as 19 medications or more. It can be a

challenge to keep up with them and to stay aware of side effects and other symptoms when medications change. One patient of Alicia's was so averse to taking meds that she often skipped important blood pressure meds that had been prescribed after a stroke. "We see resistance to lifestyle changes like suddenly having to take medications. It's not easy to accept that the best that you are going to feel is not as good as you remember feeling when you were younger, but we work to build trust and to educate our patients. For my patient, we worked out a plan so that she could take meds in the morning, after meals, and at night. The plan worked just right."

### Let's Crawl On The Floor

"One of the best ways to connect with an infant" says Adelmis Granoderoro, who helps first-time Suffolk County moms plan for and navigate the first year of their baby's life, "is to get down on all fours yourself and see the world from your little one's perspective. This empathetic response helps connect a young mom to a child's early developmental processes, especially visual development. Even physically, when you're on the floor yourself, it is much easier to imagine the strength that is needed for an infant to hold his head up, turn over, or begin to crawl and pull up."

### A Time To Encourage Laughter

For Sari Isinkaunana, a Taiwanese hospice nurse who visits patients in their homes in New York's Chinatown community, laughter really is the best medicine. "I've been working in Chinatown for many years, and a lot of people and families know me," Sari says. "The trust we've built is so im-

portant, it can help us communicate about fearful or uncomfortable things. Once, when I needed to check to see if a bed-bound patient was getting sores on his bottom, his modesty made it difficult for him. His wife and I teamed up to gently persuade him. "In all these years," he laughed to his wife as he turned over, "you never asked to look at my butt!"

### Finding The Strength To Quit

Life had suddenly turned dark for one of Nurse Huda Scheidelman's upper east side patients who divorced shortly before his 60th birthday. Once a man who loved to get out and explore the city, his health had declined as a result of unmanaged diabetes and pack-a-day smoking. After manifesting symptoms of severe depression, he wasn't following the new meal plan from his dietitian, his blood sugars were out of control, he'd left his job because diabetes made walking painful. Mixing compassion with facts and a bit of "tough love," Huda helped him understand how smoking and not taking his insulin was a way of cheating himself, and slowly but surely he got back on course with his insulin, started following his diet and kicked the smoking habit. "Thank you," he said on a recent visit, "I don't know what I would have done without you."

### Hit Me With Your Best Shot

When Jane Sadowsky-Emmerth, RN, a clinical case manager with the licensed home care agency Partners in Care arrived to teach her patient with ulcerated colitis how to give herself blood thinner injections, the 30-year-old busi-

ness executive's face lost all its color, "I can't do it, she said. I just can't give myself a shot." Without her prescribed four daily injections, Jane's patient would need regular blood transfusions—not something she could reasonably fit into her busy work schedule. As a temporary measure, Jane teamed with her patient's husband to administer the shots until the daily ritual became less daunting and her patient was able to handle the task herself. "I don't know how you did it," she said, "but you've helped me relax and understand that this is how I care for myself now. I can never thank you enough."

### One From The Heart

Before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Neely Bagley put most of her creativity into performing as a cabaret singer and fine tuning her skills as an artist and illustrator. After that day, she decided she needed to do more to help others who were suffering, so she went back to school and became a front-line nurse with the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. "I use my drawing to help people understand," Neely explains. "One of my first heart failure patients had been suffering from the disease for years without realizing it. 'No one ever told me,' he complained. So I just started to draw it all out for him until he really got it." As often happens, with understanding came gratitude, and the patient—like so many who have benefited from the diverse skills, creativity, care and compassion that nurses like these demonstrate every day—was able to heal and embrace a healthier new normal with wisdom, independence and grace.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

5775 MOSHOLU AVENUE 3G REALTY LLC Art. Of Org. Filed Sec. of State of NY 12/08/2016. Off. Loc.: Bronx Co. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY to mail copy of process to The Limited Liability Company, 5775 Mosholu Avenue, Unit 4D, Bronx, NY 10471. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of B&A Elite Services, LLC. Article of Organization was filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02232017. Office location BRONX COUNTY. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. Mail to 3444 White Plains Rd, Bronx, NY 10467.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Completer Elevator Cabin, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on March 8, 2017. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 1536 Vyse Avenue, Apt 5D, Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of GAX Productions, LLC. Article of Organization was filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03172017. Office at 3845 Sedgwick Avenue. Bronx County. Purpose: LLC may engage in any lawful act or activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of International Hope Strategies LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on November 1, 2016. Office location: Bronx County, Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 1894 Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bronx, NY 10457. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Mi Pais Food Market LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on July 5, 2016. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 821 Jennings Street, Bronx, NY 10459. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an on-premise license, #TBA has been applied for by 3541 Riverdale Corp to sell beer, wine and liquor at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 3541 Riverdale Avenue Bronx NY 10463.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of OCK Products, LLC. Arts of Org Filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/7/2017. Office location: BRONX, County. SSNY Designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 1967 WEHRLE DR. St 1-086, BUFFALO, NY 14221.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of Roll 227 LLC a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State on January, 12 2017. 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 to Cheyenne Moseley C/O Legalzoom.com INC 9900 Spectrum Drive Austin, TX 78717. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of formation of Spirit Clean Soap & Suds, LLC. Article of Organization was filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02232017. Office location is BRONX County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. Mail to: 3444 White Plains Rd, Bronx, NY 10467.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Formation of THA Warehouse LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on November 30, 2016. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC service upon the LLC to C/O 175 Walnut Avenue, Suite 302A, Bronx, NY 10454. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a license, serial #1301833 for beer & wine and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer & wine at retail in a restaurant under the ABC Law at 494 E. 138th St., Bx, NY 10454, for on-premises consumption; El Punto Restaurant Corp.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on April 20, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000139-17/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) Scarlett (middle) Nicole (Last) Cantos Loja. My present name is (First) Loreanny (Middle) Nicole (Last) Cantos AKA Loreanny N Cantos (infant). My present address is 1377 Bronx River Ave, Apt 2, Bronx, NY 10472. My place of birth is Bronx, NY. My date of birth is May 07, 2014.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a Summer Tavern wine license, #TBA has been applied for by National Golf Group LLC d/b/a Turtle Cove Golf Center; Park Place Cafe to sell beer and wine at retail in an on premises establishment. For on premises consumption under the ABC law at 1 City Island Road Bronx NY 10464.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Amended Order entered by the Supreme Court, Clinton County, on the 25 day of April, 2017, bearing Index Number 2016-0147, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the Clerk, located at 137 Margaret Street, Plattsburg New York, grants me the right to assume the name of Shomari Yaakov Mizrahi. My present address is 110 Waring Place #3H, Yonkers, New York; the date of my birth is February 13, 1990; the place of my birth is Kingston, Jamaica; my present name is Shomari Seaton.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Bronx County on 4-27-2017, bearing Index Number NC-000143-17/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) Irene (Middle) Noelle (Last) Clemente. My present name is (First) Irene (Middle) Norlle (Last) Clemente AKA Irene N. Clemente. My present address is 1345 South Blvd. Apt 1B, Bronx, NY 10459. My place of birth is Staten Island, NY. My date of birth is February 22, 1978.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. WILMINGTON TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR VM TRUST SERIES 3, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, Plff. vs. KIM NEBLETT SAMUELS A/K/A KIM NEBLETT-SAMUELS INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF CORRI SAMULES AND AS ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF CORRI SAMUELS, et al, Defts. Index #32133/2016. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale Mar. 6, 2017, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 816 S Oak Drive, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 4605, Lot 34. Said property located at a point on the southerly side of South Oak Drive, as on the final maps distant 233.50 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of South Oak Drive with the westerly side of Bronxwood Avenue. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$532,084.63 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provided by law. JOYCE D. RANDAZZO, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUPO, PLLC, Attys. for Plff., 242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, NY. File No. 35902-#91448

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff(s) vs. Twana Ambrose, et al, Defendant(s). Index No. 0380173/13. In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$255,983.44 plus interest and costs duly granted by this Court and entered in the Bronx County Clerk's Office on the 8th day of March, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on the 5th DAY OF JUNE, 2017 at 2:00 P.M., the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows:

The Unit known as Apartment No. 7F in the Building known as Number N-5 and by the street number 1970 East Tremont Avenue in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York, designated and described as Unit No. 7F in the Declaration establishing The Parkchester North Condominium, made by the Grantor under the Condominium Act of the State of New York, in the County of the Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972, in Reel 198, at Page 65 and designated as Tax Lot No. 2264 in Block 3944 of Section 15 of the Borough of the Bronx on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York, and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by Edward J. Hurley, Architect, on the 10th day of February, 1972, and filed in the Office of the Register of the City of New York, County of the Bronx, on the 11th day of December, 1972, as Condominium Plan No. 2. Said premises known as 1970 East Tremont Avenue, Unit 7F. Premises sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale.

SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement, if any, contained in Deed recorded August 8, 2008 in CRFN 2008000316828.

RICARDO E. OQUENDO, ESQ., Referee

Helfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. PENNYMAC CORP., Plff. vs. URSULA OSWALD, et al, Defts. Index #35738/2014E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Mar. 6, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 3234 Layton Ave., Bronx, NY 10465 a/k/a Block 5464, Lot 5. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$417,935.25 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. MALACHY PATRICK LYONS JR., Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Plff., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 69536. #91316

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE ELLINGTON LOAN ACQUISITION TRUST 2007-2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Pltf. vs. DAVID GIFFORD, et al, Defts. Index #35004/2013E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated March 16, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Rm. 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 4238 Bronxwood Avenue, Bronx, NY a/k/a Block 5005, Lot 68. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$753,571.71 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. KENNETH BURROWS, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. For Plff., 53 Gibson Street, Bay Shore, NY. File No. 52776 - #91438

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plff. vs. NATHANIEL FROST, et al, Defts. Index #35307/2013E. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Mar. 9, 2016, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2062 Valentine Ave., Bronx, NY 10457 a/k/a Block 3142, Lot 25. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$253,086.31 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. SABRINA MORRISSEY, Referee. FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP, Attys. for Plff., 53 Gibson St., Bay Shore, NY 11706. File No. 63508. #91337

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX  
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff  
AGAINST  
Ciaphas Wellington, et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 02, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, on May 22, 2017 at 2:00PM, premises known as 637 EAST 223RD STREET, BRONX, NY 10455. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4825, LOT 41. Approximate amount of judgment \$640,352.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 32095/2016E.

Gerald Stuart Leonescu Esq., Referee

Gross Polowy, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100  
Williamsville, NY 14221

# TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

## 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.

## Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

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# Intersection rakes in \$\$\$; Waters Place turn fills city's coffer

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nage at this intersection - at least give people a chance to get into the proper lane to make a turn before they are pulled over. Right now, there is no signage saying that drivers can't turn left from the right lane."

When Devore went to fight the ticket last month at the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at 696 E. Fordham Road, after waiting nine months to get a hearing, she witnessed others fighting the same ticket and telling stories about the same left turn she had made.

She even saw a stack of tickets at the hearing officer's desk - which she believes pertained to the same left-hand turn she was ticketed for.

Devore's ticket costs \$138 and two points on her license, which resulted in an increase in her car insurance rate.

"I have no problem paying the fine and moving on - but I don't want points on my license for something that is unjustified," she added.

"However - this is not about me and my situation, this is about improving the signage on Waters Place to create a safer scenario for drivers," Devore concluded.

According to the DOT, the green light at the T intersection (no head-



Waters Place leading to Eastchester Road, where many cars make left turns from a right lane which appears to be a middle lane. Photo courtesy of Nancy Devore

on traffic) of Waters Place and Eastchester Road has a two-phase signal - a green light for the right lane and a

green light arrow for the left lane. The agency also confirmed that the vacant parking lane which is

commonly mistaken as a right lane, is there to allow large vehicles space to turn.

## Throggs Neck BID push resolves differences

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East Tremont Avenue and a flat \$300 fee for the side frontage, he said.

The assessment fee is billed to the property owner, but it is usually passed down to the merchant either directly in 'pass through clauses' written into leases or indirectly through higher rents, said Bonizio.

Additional changes, including modifications to the BID's proposed first year budget, were made to keep the cost at \$39 per foot, said Bonizio.

The assemblyman, who attended



The proposed boundaries of the Throggs Neck Business Improvement District with a map of included properties along E. Tremont Avenue. Photo courtesy of Throggs Neck BID steering

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the merchant meeting the evening before to lend his support to the BID effort, said he addressed possible state funding for municipalities that could be available if a BID is created.

"I told them that the beautification, improvements and the constant maintenance that would come to the merchant corridor along East Tremont Avenue would be a good thing for the community as a whole," said Benedetto.

Benedetto said that he would like to be able to earmark state capital funds to make the shopping strip more vehicle friendly, walkable and picturesque.

He said the BID mechanism would provide a conduit for state funding to a

locally-based 'quasi-city organization,' as BIDs fall under the umbrella of the NYC Department of Small Business Services.

"That was my plea to them: give me the opportunity to channel funds to a worthy cause that will help the area in general," said the assemblyman. "It is going to increase the value of those properties and will make the Throggs Neck community a more attractive place to live and shop."

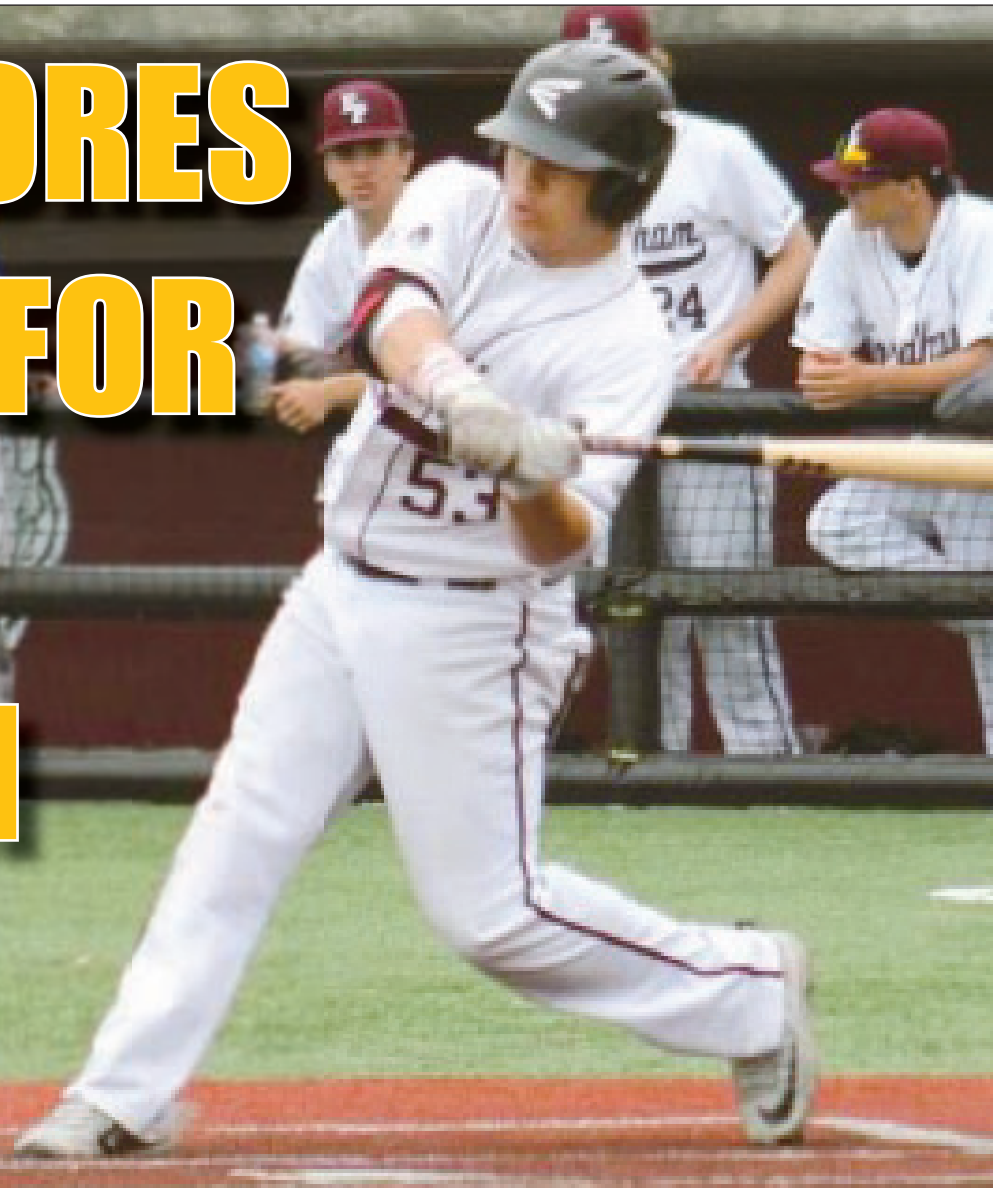
This would ultimately benefit shop owners, he said.

The steering committee is seeking "broad-based support" of commercial property owners and businesses to move forward in the legislative process, said Bonizio.

"I focused on what was in front of me and not on anything negative that would take me away from going down the right path."

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# SOPHOMORES STEP UP FOR SURGING FORDHAM PREP



Fordham Prep sophomore Nick Dowe did a bit of everything on April 30, sparking the Rams to a 3-1 divisional victory.

Nora Apostle

**BY KYLE GORMAN**

It wasn't the spring day they'd been promised.

A wind picked up over Houlihan Park as the temperature dropped into the low fifties, but Fordham Prep's baseball team never lost its focus. It was an unexpected day – when it came to both the weather and the Rams' performance.

The squad grabbed a 3-1 victory over division rival Salesian on April 30, sparked by the dominant play of sophomore Nick Dowe.

"First pitch, fast ball, first at bat I really just reacted to it and hit it the way it was pitched to me," Dowe said after the game, "Brought two guys in, felt good about it."

Dowe, one of the few sophomores on the Fordham Prep roster, made just his second

start of the season in the victory, but, by the end of the afternoon, he'd managed to erase any doubts about his game.

In a matchup where both starting pitchers seemed in total control of their stuff, Dowe opened up the offense in the bottom of the second. With two batters on and two outs in front of him, Dowe stepped up to the plate for his first chance of the day.

On his first swing, he sent the ball screaming down the right foul line. The ball curved forever towards the line, but landed within the chalk, just sneaking in as a hit. With the two Fordham runners racing home, and Dowe racing for second, the Salesian outfielder bobbled the ball for just one second. The second was enough to bring both run-

ners in, send Dowe to third base, and bring the game to 2-0. Fordham (8-2) never lost the lead the rest of the afternoon.

Salesian was quick to respond, with a run coming in the top of the third, leaving it 2-1 in Fordham's favor. Unfortunately for Salesian, Dowe had an answer of his own.

Dowe took his third at bat in the bottom of the sixth. He connected on the pitch – with Jason Apostle and Matt Aventura on second and third – and the ball cut right through the middle of the field, flying past second base and into center field. Dowe was able to drive Apostle home, but he was overeager turning at first. He was tagged out at second, taking a possible run from Aventura off the board.

"Worked the pitcher a lit-

tle bit and then got a fast ball down the middle and took it for a nice line drive up the middle," Dowe said of his third RBI of the day. "Sort of foolish on the base path, but still scored a run. Felt good."

Despite the miscue, the Rams couldn't bring themselves to be too frustrated with Dowe's performance. After all, he set the tone for the entire day and, most importantly, the victory.

"He was the offense, absolutely," Fordham Prep Coach Pat Deane said. "He's a confident kid. Very carefree... Nothing really bothers this kid. Very Proud of him."

Dowe wasn't the only sophomore to make an impact for the Rams in the game. Pitcher Alfredo Delgado put on a show from the mound, with five strikeouts, and drawing eight

pop-ups from Salesian, including three in a row in the fourth.

"He pitched like senior today, there's no doubt about it," Deane said, explaining his pitcher's day, "Nice composure. Got ahead in the count all day. Breaking stuff was working late in the game for him, which was fabulous... He plays a lot more mature than a sophomore would."

Even after a big three-RBI day, Dowe was quick to put the focus elsewhere, quick to point out that it was a team victory. And while he's hoping to get in the game a bit more from now on, the sophomore was, simply, happy to contribute to another win.

"Always about the team, you know?" he said. "Just supporting them, doing whatever I can to help."

# Grabbing the spotlight: Hometown standout shining a light on Fordham's defense

BY LAURA AMATO

He's never been one to back away from a challenge.

Bronx native Lawrence Menyah spent an hour, one way, on the train each day during high school, getting up early and getting home late – all for one very specific reason.

He wanted to be the best.

Now, Menyah is ready for the next challenge, ready to bring that same determination to the football field at Fordham University.

"I really want to become the best," Menyah said. "The best player on my team and in the whole country, honestly. I just want to be the best and go as hard as I can all summer, just to motivate myself to be that kind of player."

Menyah hasn't wasted much time getting back into the swing of things on the gridiron. The junior defensive back has brought his own personal brand of focus every practice, even in the somewhat less-than-intense spring season, and he's stepped into a leadership role already. He's got two seasons of experience with the Rams under his belt and teammates have turned to Menyah to help set the defensive tone throughout the spring.

"The last couple of weeks have been pretty good," he said. "We're learning a new defense and we're getting to know the coaches. Me and my teammate are

getting familiar with the schemes and knowing where to be and just working on playing faster."

Menyah has plenty of reason to be confident this year. He was a key part of the Rams defensive secondary last season, racking up 37 total tackles and two interceptions, appearing in all 11 games.

Still, he knows there's room for improvement and Menyah is looking to take the next step defensively. He's more than ready to hit people again.

"I want to be the one to stop the offense from making all those headlines," Menyah said. "I want to be the one who really shows the defensive side of the ball. That's where the grind is and the aggressiveness is and that's what I really like around this game."

Menyah – who grew up in Mt Hope – is nothing short of determined, but he's quick to point out that his determination got its start at Brooklyn Tech, where he served as a team captain and made a name for himself on the defensive side of the ball.

He didn't spend hours on the train for nothing and Menyah credits his experience at the school for his success, both on and off the football field.

"[The coaches] always had the best outlook for the players and they made sure I stayed on the right track," Menyah said. "I focused on what was in



Bronx native grad Lawrence Menyah is ready to up his leadership game this season, already settling into a new role during Fordham's spring season. Fordham University Athletics

front of me and not on anything negative that would take me away from going down the right path."

Fordham will stage several more spring practices before the end of the semester and a few weeks off before camp gets underway in August, but Menyah isn't wasting a single moment.

He wants to be the best, bringing hits and shining a light on defense and, while he knows it won't be easy, Menyah is certain he can rise up to the challenge.

"There's really on other way to go about it," he said. "You can't wait around and expect it to come to you. You have to go and get it."



Fordham junior Lawrence Menyah hopes to seize the spotlight on the defensive side of the ball this season, bringing hits and making plays.

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# Crossing the finish line: South Bronx pair find success at Penn Relays

BY ROBERT COLE

Four years ago they were terrified.

South Bronx track and field standouts Gloria Avila and Cameron Mouzon competed in the Penn Relays as freshman, running in the 4X100 relay and to say that it didn't go well would be a bit of understatement.

They didn't have fun. They were far too nervous, lining up against some of the top teams in the country and, at the time, head coach James Gordon was disappointed with the effort of his runners.

He spoke with the girls about always giving their best, regardless of their position in the race, but the words didn't really sink in. Given that they were at such a grand event, it was surprising to hear the girls say, "they did not want to be there," and that they "wanted to return to the Bronx," even though there was one race left.

It wasn't the performance any of them wanted.

Fast forward to April 27 and, four years later, back on the track at the Penn Re-



South Bronx track and field standouts Gloria Avila and Cameron Mouzon competed in their final Penn Relays on April 27, notching a complete turnaround from their performance as freshman.

Photo by Robert Cole

lays, the South Bronx squad –including Avila and Mouzon – weren't terrified anymore. They were ready to compete.

"Each year we got more

comfortable," said Avila when reflecting on the difference in her race this year. "We came here and we broke a PR, it was great."

Mouzon, her four-year

teammate, echoed Avila's sentiments, appreciating every metaphorical hurdle in their relay career.

"Today is different because we have grown so much," she said. "We are training and have gotten so much faster."

"The experience is great because not all teams get to come and race against all these teams and do their best. I am very grateful to our coach for bringing us here all four-years," Mouzon continued.

South Bronx didn't win the relay, finishing fourth out of nine teams in the competition. Overall, the squad finished 123rd out of 350 teams in the small school division, which included schools from across the country.

In the end, however, neither Avila nor Mouzon could bring themselves to be disappointed. This time around, they didn't just stay at the event – they competed and, most importantly, they rose to the challenge instead of, literally, running away.

"All that matters is we run our best and break our own records," Mouzon said.

Although they did not win the event, it was evident that the pair learned what an honor and privilege it was to have the opportunity to have participated at the Penn Relays.

As far as the South Bronx contingent was concerned, that may have been even more important than finishing on the podium.

"They came a long way from freshman year," Gordon said. "It has been a pleasure to coach them, next year they will be sorely missed."

Avila and Mouzon are closing in on the final turn of their track and field career, but the South Bronx duo know they'll never be able to truly leave the sport behind. The learning curve has been steep, but the pair wouldn't change a single moment and, after competing at their final Penn Relays, know they've racked up as many lessons as they have records.

"Track is amazing and I love it," Avila said. [But] track is also hard work, you have to want it and you have to have that passion."

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