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WSMC sale spurs local biz fears

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Workers at Westchester Square Medical Center and local merchants are bracing to take an economic hit once it closes as an in-patient hospital.

A number of merchants in Westchester Square and on Zerega Avenue are especially concerned over loss of business, some saying it could hit their earnings by as much as 25%.



Photo by Alek Belise

STRONG KIDS AT BRONX YMCA

Ariana Porras kicked off the Bronx YMCA Strong Kids Campaign with a Tae Kwon Do presentation. Bronx Y Executive Director, Sharlene Brown, hosted the community event on Feb. 5, which showcased the children's many talents. The fundraising campaign, chaired by Geri Sciortino and John Habermann, supports the Y's programs that help nearly 19,000 Bronx children annually.

PLEASE DON'T GO GPO

Landmark Concourse building up for sale

BY DAVID CRUZ

Bronx elected and union officials gave their stamp of DISapproval this week to the proposed sale of the borough's iconic main post office.

They scored the plan at the only – and barely publicized – public hearing with no community input.

But an angry postal union said it intends to mobilize the community to keep the post office doors open.

They gathered inside the lobby of the near 80-year-old Melrose headquarters on Wednesday morning, Feb. 6 to hear postal officials talk about the money-saving move to sell the four-story land-

marked building on the Grand Concourse and 149th Street, with a \$14 million asking price, while leasing 7300-square-feet of space inside to retain its retail operation there.

No mail disruption

The money-saving move would not disrupt mail service to the community, said USPS real estate specialist Joseph Mulvey.

"There are no plans to close this post office," he told them.

But the federal agency will relocate its 30 employees to other USPS offices, said Mulvey. The agency will also have to work with a future buyer in leasing space, who could turn down the request, forcing customers to commute to other post of-

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Bronx remembers the mayor who saved it

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER AND DAVID CRUZ

Born in the borough he helped rebuild after the fires and destruction of the Seventies, former Mayor Ed Koch was remembered last week by a number of leading Bronx-ites after his passing.

"Mayor Koch was always proud of his Bronx roots. During his administration he helped rebuild the South Bronx, creating a task force that helped restore burned-out buildings while creating new, thriving communities-work that still resonates to this day," said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Diaz also called him "a man of wit and wisdom, a leader who helped lift our city out of the brink of bankruptcy, raising our spirits along the way and securing New York's place as the capital of the world."

During the city's war on a blighted Bronx, Koch enlisted the help of Fr. Louis Gigante, longtime head of the South East Bronx Community Or-

ganization (SEBCO). The two had plans to redevelop a stretch of burned-out apartment portion of the borough.

Getting the pair to work together was an easy setup.

Koch, who had heard about SEBCO's other housing restoration projects, stopped by Gigante's office - and was impressed, Gigante recalled, that SEBCO's office was devoid of graffiti when it was "rampant in the city."

After a quick tour Koch told Gigante "I want to work with you."

The two teamed up to restore fourteen buildings within Hunts Point-Longwood, the epicenter of the urban decay that engulfed the borough.

"He gave me the money, the opportunity, the program so we can build it," Gigante said of the \$5.4 billion federal housing restoration program.

But Gigante believes Koch simply didn't want to help a borough with a housing problem. "The Bronx was the most needed neighborhood



Mayor Koch on one of his numerous stops in the Bronx during the 1980s. He's seen here with then Councilman Jerry Crispino (l) and Dom Castore, former Community Board 11 chairman. File Photo

for housing."

The program eventually led to the revitalization of the neighborhood, restoring hundreds of units by the early 80s.

"I regard him as one of the best mayors we ever had," declared Gigante, adding Koch was not the type to "sit behind a desk."

While Ruben Diaz was a youngster in those years, former Borough President Freddy Ferrer vividly remembers working with Koch, who laid out a massive \$4 billion, 10-year rebuilding plan for the south Bronx and other decimated neighborhoods around the city.

"It took his administration

eight to nine years to get his housing program together, starting back in 1986-87, but that collaboration that began when I became borough president was extraordinary," said Ferrer, now acting chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Ferrer recalled the last time he was with Koch was

on NY1 cable-TV's "Wise-guys" news panel with Koch and former U.S. Senator Al D'Amato, "and he ended up agreeing with me against D'Amato - which is extraordinary!"

Asked the three greatest things that could be said of Koch, Ferrer responded: "Great in-your-face sense of humor, a memory like an elephant and real charm and wit that we'll not likely see for a long time."

And for trivia fans, Koch's Bronx roots began in a now long gone apartment building at 1680 Crotona Park E. before his parents moved to New Jersey.

Woodlawn resident Brian Andersson, former Commissioner of City Records, and executive director of the Ellis Island Restoration Commission at the time, recalled presenting Koch with a 1939 tax photo of his boyhood home.

"He was really touched," said Andersson. "It brought back a lot of memories for him."



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around town

by David Cruz

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Birth

Parents Devon and Keisha Parkes are the proud parents of not one, but two babies - fraternal twins Jayden and Jayda Parkes. The Wakefield pair was born Dec. 27. Congrats to the Parkes.

Meanwhile, parents Thomas and Daniela Gatelyn of Country Club welcomed Liliana Louise Gately into this world Jan. 5.



LILIANA LOUISE GATELY

Clamdiggers Compete

Very happy and proud to announce, with little preparation and incredible teamwork, Pack 211's Team "Clamdiggers" came in an outstanding 4th Place on the pack level to win the "West Meridian" trophy at the Klondike 2013 Competition at Alpine Scout Camp on Jan. 26. Congratulations to Brandon McGaughn, Jeremy Filomio, Jaden Torrado, Lucas Torres, Jordan Rodriguez, John Wilson, Jonathan Rodriguez, Aidan Torres, and Joseph Persteins. Congratulations to Troop 211 on the troop level Team Hornets for winning the 1st Place Trophy "North Pole."

Obituary

Joseph A. McDermott (a.k.a. "Joe") a longtime resident of Throggs Neck, passed on January 24, at age of 74 at Calvary Hospital. Born on May 9, 1938 to Joseph and Matilda McDermott, he

grew up with three brothers and one sister. While going to school, he worked part time as a mechanic's helper, where he learned the trade that would later allow him to fulfill his dream career of becoming a master mechanic. For many years he worked as a highly-respected mechanic for the Army National Guard of New York, where he achieved the rank of 1st Sergeant. To many he was known as "Top." While there he also taught classes, lectured, gave seminars and trained other mechanics on such important Army recovery vehicles as the "Dragon Wagon" and the "Wrecker." He then served as an exceptionally dedicated and talented mechanic for the Emergency crew of the FDNY for nearly 30 years.



JOSEPH A. MCDERMOTT



PACK 211'S TEAM 'CLAMDIGGERS'

He loved his fellow firefighters and referred to them as his "Brothers." On September 11, 2001 Joe was called to assist the FDNY with search and rescue efforts down at Ground Zero. He spent many grueling days there, coming to terms with the tragic loss of some of his FDNY brothers and friends. In 2006, after having retired from the FDNY, Joseph McDermott became a valued and beloved family member and employee of the Victor Quirolo & Sons Funeral Home. He took great pride in his new career and quickly became a source of comfort and peace for many grieving families. His friendly smile, hearty handshake and warm hugs will be remembered by all those fortunate enough to have known him. He was

married to the beautiful Corrine McDermott for 53 years. On March 17, 2012 Corrine passed. Following her passing Joseph grew very ill and was never the same. He is survived by three devoted children -- Linda, Michael and Cathy, who were taught many of life's most valuable lessons through their parent's deep love and hard work. In addition to his three children, Joe is survived by four beautiful grandchildren, Amanda, Joey, Jeffrey and Nicky; two cherished great grandchildren, Jason and Heather; one loving brother, Richie; and two beloved canine family members, Lulu and Harley. Joe will be missed dearly, but his memory will live on forever in the hearts of all those who knew him and loved him.

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Two grand marshals, honored clergy selected for 15th Throggs Neck St. Patrick's Day Parade

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

One considers himself American-Irish, the others Irish-American.

But no matter the order, three community leaders have been selected as the two grand marshals and honored clergy for the 2013 Bronx St. Patrick's Day Parade.

This year's 15th annual parade kicks off at noon Sunday, March 10, heading down E. Tremont Avenue from Lafayette Avenue.

Grand marshals are Joe McManus and Rosemary Lombard, with honored clergy Father Stephen Norton of St. Benedict's Church in Throggs Neck.

McManus is a member of Community Board 11, local Democratic state committeeman, and a Steamfitters Local 638 leader.

He has been marching in the parade about 10 years and has always enjoyed St. Patrick's Day, back to when his father would throw a party to honor the patron saint of the Archdiocese of New York every year.

"I was always proud of being Irish-American, but more proud to be American-Irish," said McManus, whose family lines in America stretch back to the 1850s.

McManus said he's most proud that his fellow Irish have built the Catholic Church in New York, police and fire departments, and many other institutions.

During the bloody fight over Irish independence in Northern Ireland, the Pelham Gardens resident and his wife took in foster children from Ireland, sent to escape the vio-



Joseph McManus



Rev. Stephen P. Norton



Rosemary Lombard

The grand marshals and honored clergy for the 2012 Bronx St. Patrick's Day Parade on E. Tremont Avenue were selected.

lence.

Grand Marshal Rosemary Lombard of Bedford Park spent 33 years as a teacher and reading specialist at PS 85 on Marion Avenue.

She has also led numerous groups promot-

ing Irish-American heritage, and was the first woman president of the United Irish Counties, and founder of the American Irish Teachers Association.

"My Irish heritage means everything for

me," said Lombard, recalling when her father would take them to Gaelic Park in Kingsbridge to watch the Gaelic football games.

"I got my early information on Irish heritage through my parents,"

she said. "My aunts and uncles would get together and talk about the old country."

Lombard, who is of 100% Irish decent, is the treasurer-director of the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade. She has been married to her husband James for 50 years.

"I am proud to be an Irish-American because of the longevity of our life here in this country, because of our faith, and for so much that the Irish have given to America," said Fr. Norton. "They built America in a lot of ways, so I am extremely proud to be an Irish-American." The parade committee is accepting journal ads to honor both the grand marshals and honorary grand marshals - those being honored posthumously. E-mail tnba342@aol.com.

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That heated brawl over slicing E. Harlem's 8th Council District in half and pushing it even further up into a mega-chunk of the South Bronx has been settled.

The oh-so-strictly-non-partisan Districting Commission issued its revised proposed lines on Monday, restoring most of the southern half of E. Harlem to Councilwoman **Melissa Mark-Viverito's** district, including La Marqueta, El Museo del Barrio and Mt. Sinai Hospital, as well as Randall's Island, instead of sticking it with distant and less accessible Queens.

To make up for restoring more of E. Harlem, the commission sliced southern Highbridge from her Bronx territory, which sweeps across Mott Haven.

The new lines also mean the Bronx will only have eight and a half Council seats instead of a full nine.

And with her E. Harlem political base restored, it's unlikely Melissa will be seeing any Bronx challengers for the seat.

Now it's up to the City Council to take a final vote on the new lines, which can be viewed at nyc.gov/districting.

R.I.P. ED KOCH

Neil Barsky, who's timely documentary "KOCH" just opened in theaters around town, told us last week that shortly before the born-in-the-Bronx iconic ex-mayor died, he told Neil that he wanted "to go quickly" - and not, as the inimitable mayor put it, "piece by piece, like slicing salami."

LONG KNIVES?

We have to figure a lot of community board members are nervously waiting for Feb. 18 to arrive, when Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.** announces new board appointments - and re-appointments.

With some close votes expected on the Kingsbridge Armory plan over at Board 7, and some swing votes at Board 9 in Soundview where Ruben's trying to dump longtime district manager **Francisco Gonzalez**, we'd bet some members won't be around much longer. Just sayin'...

COUNTY DOIN'S

The rumor mill was buzzing this week over a shakeup at Bronx Democratic Party HQ, with executive director **Ischia Bravo** reportedly leaving to run for term-

limited Council Majority Leader **Joel Rivera's** seat in the 15th C.D. covering E. Tremont and surrounding territory.

Stand down. It ain't happening.

While she may have a future as a savvy potential candidate sometime, somewhere, the timing wasn't right this time, Ischia told us. And Dem Boss **Carl Heastie** gets to keep using her talents.

Meanwhile, the big question is, with a still crowded and potentially growing field, who the party'll support in the September primary. Unless the heavens part, party backing is pretty much a ticket to a win.

TAPIA-ED OUT

And speaking of that race for Joel Rivera's council seat, west Bronx Democratic district leader **Yudelka Tapia** who IS running for it, is heading to Bronx state Supreme Court after losing her appeal last week with the city's Campaign Finance Board to void a \$47,774 penalty and repayment of \$59,930 in unspent campaign funds from her 2009 Council race in Morris Heights' 14th C.D. against Fernan-

do Cabrera, who also toppled longtime incumbent Maria Baez there.

Yudelka, who blames her old campaign treasurer and "bad communication" with the CFB, is hoping to clear up the issue in time to qualify for 6-1 matching CFB funds for the upcoming primary race.

ALBANY JUICE

While the committee chairmanships for Bronx electeds are pretty lean over on the state Senate side, five of the borough's 11 assemblymembers have glommed chairmanships and leadership roles in the current Albany session.

Jose Rivera is assistant Majority Whip; **Carmen Arroyo**, chair, Majority Program; **Jeff Dinowitz** continues as chair of Consumer Affairs; **Mike Benedetto** got Veterans Affairs, and **Nelson Castro** now chairs the Task Force on New Americans.

Castro, who came to the states from the Dominican Republic when he was 11, is the first Dominican-American elected to public office in the Bronx.

Over in the Senate, west Bronx Senator **Gustavo Rivera**, who's been leading the charge to

shape up the Bronx health-wise says he's happy as ranking member of the Senate Health Committee.

Meanwhile, Bronx senator **Jeff Klein** continues to CO-rule the roost there in a coalition body between his five-member Independent Democratic Conference and the Republican Conference, despite Dems holding a 32-30 ELECTED majority if you don't count Brooklyn's **Simcha Felder**, who's sitting with the Republicans.

TREE HUGGER

Newbie Parkchester/Castle Hill Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda** named one of New York League of Conservation Voters "Thirteen new environmentally minded candidates" who just took their seats in Albany.

It noted that Luis, who graduated from Hofstra University in 1988 with a degree in Natural Biology, "has always been a strong environmental champion of the Bronx. Having created the Cross Bronx Expressway Initiative, Sepulveda has been successful in raising awareness of the traffic congestion and health issues caused by the Expressway."

IN THE RING

We broke the news that Highbridge state Assemblywoman **Vanessa Gibson** had decided to run for the local 16th City Council district seat being vacated by term-limited **Helen Foster**. Now Vanessa will make it official, kicking off her campaign Feb. 21 at the Bronx Museum of Arts, joined by Dem Party Boss Carl Heastie, Boro Prez Ruben Diaz Jr. and other heavyweights to make her look like someone to beat. More about this race in later columns.

HOT DEMS

Bronx Dems are hot, so we've heard.

The County Committee and Bronx Young Democrats'll be cooking Monday, Feb. 11 at a Valentine's Day Mixer at BESO Lounge, 320 E. 204th St. from 6-9 p.m. Tab is \$5 for appetizers served with drink specials. RSVP: 718-679-9000 or ibravo@bronxdems.org.

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SUN, JAN. 13rd, 2:50 a.m. — East 138 St. and Brown Pl. A teenager was transported to Lincoln Medical Center in critical condition. The 19 year old Hispanic male was struck by a vehicle officials indicated. The teen was reported to be in critical condition and was placed on life support equipment. Police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were summoned to the scene to gather evidence.

MON, JAN. 14th, 8:30 a.m. — Morris Ave. and East 149 St. Police officers came to the aid of an on duty traffic agent. Authorities indicated that the city worker had been menaced by a civilian. The city vehicle was also damaged. Responding police officers did make an arrest.

TUES, JAN. 15th, 12:05 a.m. — Authorities were notified that an attempt was made in a city park to sexually attack a female. The culprit was described as a black male who was able to escape before police could be called.

WED, JAN. 16th, 7:50 p.m. — 497 Tinton Ave. Officials are looking into a robbery that occurred near East 147 St. A Hispanic male wearing a mask over his face robbed a Laundromat at gunpoint. The culprit fled before police were ever called.

SAT, JAN. 19th, 12:35 a.m. — Jackson Ave. and East 149 St. Police looking into a shooting made a determination that the victim did not want to hear. A 17 year old black male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a bullet wound to the right foot. The teen received medical treatment from the staff, but police investigators determined that the wound was apparently self-inflicted which lead to the teen's arrest.

SAT, JAN. 19th, 6:40 a.m. — Third Ave. and East 157 St. Additional police officers were dispatched into the area after officials learned of a shooting. A 32 year old Hispanic male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from nine bullet wounds. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

41st PCT.

TUES, JAN. 15th, 10:30 a.m. — 1180 Stebbins Ave. Police officers were alerted that there was an armed robbery at a neighborhood school. The incident was reported at the Metropolitan High School located near East 167 St. The armed robbery netted the thief a yellow metal chain.

TUES, JAN. 15th, 12:00 p.m. — 965 Longwood Ave. Police officers responding to a high school made several arrest. Officials indicated that seven persons were arrested with one suspect being charged with assault and the other six for disorderly conduct.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 3:40 a.m. — Longfellow Ave. and East 174 St. Another gun was vouched by police officers. This time a 380-caliber pistol was taken away from its owner and turned in as evidence for a pending trail.



POLICE BLOTTER

42nd PCT.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 12:40 a.m. — 590 East 166 St. Police investigators were summoned to Lincoln Medical Center on East 149 St. A black male entered the hospital looking for medical care for two bullet wounds. The man was suffering from wounds to the arm and back areas. Local detectives are handling the inquiry. Additional police officers were dispatched to the crime scene. It's reported that the culprit escaped in a grey colored van.

FRI, JAN. 18th, 2:25 a.m. — 1482 Webster Ave. With an arrest, police took another gun off of Bronx streets. This time a 25-caliber semi-automatic pistol was vouched as evidence as its owner was processed and could be spending three years in jail.

43rd PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 5:15 a.m. — 755 White Plains Rd. An inquiry was launched when officials learned of a shooting of a livery cab driver. A 55 year old Hispanic male victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center in critical condition after being shot in the stomach and shoulder. The thief fired three shots at the drive while he was inside the vehicle. Officials indicated that the unknown culprit fled empty handed. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 7:40 a.m. — 2350 Hermany Ave. A Hispanic male was taken into custody for failure to follow orders. Authorities found the male laying in from of a bus. The culprit was charged with disorderly conduct.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 11:00 a.m. — 1440 Story Ave. Two city workers were injured while on duty. Both of the workers are assigned as school safety officers. The officers were injured while restraining a student. Due to the incident, the student's mother was arrested for interfering with government administration.

44th PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 2:10 p.m. — Ogden Ave. and West 165 St. A teen was taken to Lincoln Medical Center after suffering from a bullet wound. The 18 year old black male had been shot in the right leg officials indicated. The teen was reported in stable condition. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad conducted a crime scene search.

TUES, JAN. 15th, 9:30 a.m. — 1340 Exterior St. Authorities are looking into an incident where a bridge engineer fell while make an

inspection of a span. The worker accidentally fell off the side of the span over one-hundred feet into a railroad right-away near Depot Pl. and the Major Deegan Expressway.

TUES, JAN. 15th, 1:50 p.m. — Gerard Ave. and East 153 St. A 56 year old man was arrested after being found with a gun. The black man was nabbed with a 32-caliber revolver. The unit was vouched as evidence.

WED, JAN. 16th, 8:00 p.m. — 1184 Cromwell Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a one year old female Hispanic baby. The infant apparently fell into a bucket of cleaning bleach. The incident is under review by detectives pending the results of the Medical Examiners report.

45th PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 12:15 a.m. — 140 Einstein Loop. Police officers were sent to the South Section of Co-op City after a shooting was reported. Arriving police officers found not one, but two teenage victims. A 17 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the right calf while the second victim, also a 17 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the right heel. Both victims were transported to Jacobi Medical Center where the two teens were reported in stable condition. The culprit, a black male, reportedly fled in a mini-van.

MON, JAN. 14th, 8:25 a.m. — 2580 Schurz Ave. Authorities believe that an ill elderly man took his own life. Officials were informed that the 75 year old victim, who apparently shot himself, was suffering from cancer.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 9:00 a.m. — 900 Baychester Ave. Police were called to Co-op City. A man with a violent past history was knocking on neighbor's doors. The male went back into his apartment as police were being called. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were called to the scene to assist with containing the person so that authorities can gain control of the man.

46th PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 2:40 a.m. — 150 West 174 St. A Hispanic male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after an apparent suicide attempt. The 28 year old male apparently jumped from the building's roof and was reported to be in critical condition after keeping at bay for over forty minutes. Police officials summoned an airbag truck to the scene.

MON, JAN. 14th, 2:55 p.m.

— 108 Field Pl. Police are searching for three males who committed an armed robbery. At gunpoint the trio impersonating Fed Ex employees gained entry to an occupied home. The group was able to escape with five-hundred dollars in a silver colored SUV.

47th PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 11:30 a.m. — Bronxwood Ave. and East 221 St. Authorities are looking for the person who shot a 21 year old man. A young black male was taken to Jacobi Medical Center after being shot in the side of the face. The unknown culprit fled before police could arrive on the scene. Officials ordered additional police officers into the area.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 1:45 a.m. — White Plains Rd. and East 214 St. An official inquiry was started after detectives learned of a shooting. Apparently four shots had been fired, but there were no reports of any injuries. Police officers at the scene did discover that a store front and a vehicle were damaged by the discharge of the gun.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 2:55 p.m. — 942 East 223 St. A 24 year old black male was arrested after being coming a crime victim. The victim was struck in the rear of the head apparently with a pipe. During the initial stage of the inquiry authorities learned that a person had fired a gun. The inquiry lead to the arrest of a suspect who was charged with assault and the recovery of the gun. The victim of the assault was charged with burglary.

48th PCT.

SAT, JAN. 19th, 1:20 a.m. — Bathgate Ave. and East 187 St. A 17 year old Hispanic male was transported several block from the crime scene to near-by Saint Barnabas Hospital. The teen was suffering from three stab wounds to the left thigh and left shoulder area. Detectives from the 48th Pct. Squad are conducting the investigation.

SAT, JAN. 19th, 2:50 a.m. — 880 East 176 St. Police were at the scene of a party that was breaking up. A police supervisor requested that all available cars respond to assist with dispersing the group. The end result was that one person was arrested.

49th PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 1:15 a.m. — 780 Astor Ave. Police officers launched an inquiry into a shooting. A 26 year old black male was taken to Jacobi Medical Center. The young man was suffering from a bullet wound to the right leg. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

WED, JAN. 16th, 9:15 a.m. — 2916 Kingsland Ave. Two more pistols were taken away from a young man who failed to obtain a permit for the weapons. The 21 year old Hispanic man failed to obtain the proper NYC license to own a gun within the city. Removed from the suspect were two 9-mm pistols.

FRI, JAN. 18th, 12:10 a.m. — 981 Waring Ave. Detectives are looking into a shooting that sent a teenager to Jacobi Medical Center. The 18 year old black male was suffering from two bullet wounds upon arrival at the hospital. The medical staff treated the teen for a wound to the back besides the shoulder. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

50th PCT.

WED, JAN. 16th, 1:25 p.m. — 3920 Orloff Ave. Police investigators are looking for three black males. The unknown trio forced their way into a home at gun point. The culprits left with an unknown amount of property.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 9:10 a.m. — 3065 Sedgwick Ave. The body of a 93 year old man was discovered lying in bed. The man apparently took his own life with a bullet wound to the chest area. A 38-caliber revolver was discovered nearby.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 10:00 a.m. — 99 Terrace View Ave. Authorities looking into a threat to burn down a high school took a teenager into custody. A 15 year old Hispanic girl was arrested after threatening to burn the school down on an Internet social page.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 2:00 p.m. — 5424 Arlington Ave. Officials are investigating the death of a 55 year old Hispanic man. Apparently the emotionally disturbed man jumped from the 6th floor to his death.

52nd PCT.

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 5:50 p.m. — 3051 Valentine Ave. A 30 year old male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being shot near East 204 St. The Hispanic male was suffering from a bullet wound to the abdomen area. Additional police personnel were dispatched into the Norwood community after the shooting occurred. The incident is under investigation by local sleuths.

MON, JAN. 14th, 8:30 p.m. — 3150 Webster Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where a traffic agent was assaulted. Officials indicated that the government employee was attacked by an unknown male. Detectives are investigating.

WED, JAN. 16th, 12:20 a.m. — 3331 Perry Ave. Police investigators are faced with a double homicide in the Norwood community. A 31 year old Hispanic man, identified as 30 year old Jason Rivera was discovered in the driver's seat of a vehicle parked near East 209 St with a bullet wound to the head. In the passenger's seat was the driver's 20 year old niece, Jennifer Rivera, a Hispanic female who had been shot in the face. They

were transported to two different hospitals both succumbed to their injuries. Detectives from the Bronx Homicide Task Force are working with the 52nd Pct. Squad on this inquiry.

THURS, JAN. 17th, 5:45 p.m. — 286 East 204 St. Authorities are looking for the person who broke a store window in the Norwood community. The unknown culprit broke the front window of a jewelry store. Unknown if anything was taken.

Transit

THURS, JAN. 17th, East 161 St. Train Station. Police officers on duty at Transit District # 11 teamed up to help deliver a baby boy into the world at their police facility.

SAT, JAN. 19th, 9:15 p.m. — East Gun Hill Rd. and Seymour Ave. The city's emergency 9-1-1 system received a report that a male had been struck by an IRT train. Emergency units started out to the IRT station on East Gun Hill Rd and White Plains Rd. A search of the railroad facility was conducted by firefighters who were unable to find a victim. Police units were diverted to the IRT's Dyre Ave line where the station is near Seymour Ave., over a mile away from where firefighters were directed to respond to. At the Dyre Ave. line station first responders found a 61 year old male who was struck by a southbound train. Power was removed from the train track area after a 15 minute wait halting all train movement to permit a safe working area as the victim was removed from the roadway.

Housing

SUN, JAN. 13rd, 1:05 a.m. — 1460 Washington Ave. Officials were notified that a teenager had been shot. A 19 year old black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the right thigh. It was later on learned that the bullet wound was apparently self-inflicted. Police officers from PSA # 7 handled the incident along with members of the 42nd Pct. Detective Squad.

MON, JAN. 14th, 3:00 a.m. — 1385 Washington Ave. A brave motorist drove off as two males at gunpoint attempted to rob him. The unknown culprits fired several shots at the victim as he fled in the vehicle. The motorist escaped injury.

Fire Log

MON, JAN. 14th, 7:12 p.m. — 500 East 171 St. Upon arrival of the 26th Battalion, the chief indicated that there was a fire in a 20 story high apartment building. Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers alerted responding units that there was a report of children in apartment '2E'. Within minutes, the chief reported that all fire units at the scene were being used for a fire on the second floor. By 7:18 p.m. firefighters had water on the flames, starting to contain them. Ten minutes later, Division 6 reported that the fire was under control and the children were accounted for.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New learning

Dear editor,

Reading is changing at PS/MS 194 in Castle Hill. It's changing for kids all over the Bronx, and the rest of the city.

Students in our classrooms will be asked to: "Ask and answer questions about key details in a text" and to "Retell stories, including key details and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson," according to the new state standards for reading in first grade.

The city has set the ambitious goal of preparing all its students for college and careers. Non-fiction helps students build a base of knowledge that they will be able to use to analyze and discuss important ideas in science, mathematics, social studies and other subjects.

Students will need to build a vocabulary that consists not only of words, but ideas. They will be asked to start thinking more about the reality that surrounds us. For instance, we want them to learn that the Sun gives us light as well as energy, in the form of plants, which take sunlight and make it into food.

Using basic ideas like these provide students with the information they need to learn how plants work, the chemical reactions they use to turn light into sugar and how they break down sunshine and carbon dioxide molecules and turn them into oxygen.

We're asking kids to think about more complicated questions because the world is becoming more complex by the day. There are no more jobs of the future. The future is here.

"Why is this fact important?" is one of the key questions we ask our students. It helps spur them to analyze facts, to develop their skills to imagine and innovate, to become producers of ideas and goods that benefit society.

That's why PS/MS 194 is asking our students to do more. Reading non-fiction books will help them accomplish their life goals, and ours.

**Michael Gold, 1st grade teacher
PS/MS 194, Castle Hill**

Supportive housing profits

Dear editor,

I am shocked, just shocked (in my best Claude Rains voice), to find out the owner of the Pelham Bay building at the center of the SUS controversy has a history with supportive housing non-profits. With the huge profits to be made from supportive housing and shelters, it would be more shocking if he did not.

**Sandi Lusk
Westchester Square/Zerega
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House squeeze

Dear editor,

Re: your article in January 18-24 issue.

I sympathize with Patty Justiniano completely. I too was victimized by a builder, Frank Porco.

He built two two-family homes just four inches from my house.

I also have a very close view of lovely building blocks. The gutters from that house touch my house.

Just had to tell you and her how sorry I am for you and wish you good luck.

I too used to have a nice sunny house.

Anna Feaster

DeBlasio mayoral run

Dear editor,

The worst kept secret in City Hall was NYC Public Advocate Bill de Blasio's Mayoral ambitions.

The lines are clearly blurred between his day job and the new job he seeks. De Blasio has been engaged in a non-stop series of daily press conferences, news releases, issuance of various reports, letters to the editor, guest columns in newspapers and publicity stunts for years.

All of this was at taxpayers' expense to raise his name identification with voters and grease the wheels for his intended 2013 Mayoral run. Don't forget his visiting every local and county Democratic Party clubhouse from the day after lame duck Mayor Bloomberg took his last oath of office in January 2010.

Any public opinion poll can tell you that the average citizen believes taxpayers would be better off if the useless Office of Public Advocate was abolished.

There was good reason why De Blasio beat out Comptroller John Liu and former Comptroller Bill Thompson last year in finally paying \$300,000 in fines for papering the city with thousands of illegal posters during his 2009 election campaign. He doesn't want this as an issue to be used against him when running for Mayor in 2013.

Contrast De Blasio with former NYC Comptroller and 2009 losing Democratic Party Mayoral candidate William Thompson. He is a profile in courage for resigning as chairman of the Battery City Park Authority almost a year ago. He has been free to run full time for Mayor with no conflicts of interest.

There has been a consistent political quid pro quo with De Blasio. This started when he was a member of the New York City Council and continues with him serving as Public Advocate.

Look at his record with the United Federation of Teachers and virtually all municipal

labor unions. He has supported virtually all of the UFT and city labor union demands. I challenge anyone to find examples of de Blasio publicly disagreeing with the UFT or other municipal labor unions on any major issues during his career. Check De Blasio's campaign filings with the New York City Campaign Finance Board and see for yourself.

De Blasio like many other elected officials are puppets on the UFT and city labor unions' strings, just like the politicians and judges were in the pocket of Don Corleone in "The Godfather."

He would clearly not be able to represent the interests of parents, taxpayers and business people when negotiating future contracts with the UFT or any municipal labor unions if elected Mayor.

NYC will have a \$70 billion budget in Fiscal Year 2014 with over 200,000 employees. This is greater than most states and many nations. De Blasio has never built a business, created jobs, met a payroll, balanced a multibillion dollar budget or managed any significant agencies with large numbers of employees.

De Blasio's ego, just like those of his predecessors Mark Green and Betsy Gotbaum, is attempting to use the Office of Public Advocate as a stepping stone to run for Mayor. He has no real qualifications for the second toughest job in America.

Now that he has finally come out of the closet and declared his candidacy for Mayor - De Blasio should avoid the appearance of any conflict of interest by resigning the Office of Public Advocate today. He should end the charade and be honest enough to run full time for Mayor on his own time and dime.

Allow citizens a special election to elect a replacement who can represent constituents full time.

Even better, leave the office vacant and place a career municipal civil servant in charge. This would save the taxpayers money. Hard working municipal civil servants work full time. They can't campaign part time during the day like de Blasio. They would have to either take a leave of absence or quit their day job.

Larry Penner

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Keane Square Park benches gone

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Now you see them, now you don't.

Folks are wondering what happened to the benches in the small problem-plagued park in a Pelham Bay shopping district.

The benches disappeared from Keane Square Park about a month ago, according to Community Board 10 chairman John Marano.

Local merchants have long complained of the benches winding up as beds for homeless and people with substance abuse problems.

At one point in 2009, the Parks Department turned the inner facing benches outward to help defeat the problem, but it still continued to exist.

Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns did clear up of some of the vanishing bench mystery.

He said that he heard from Councilman Jimmy Vacca's office that the benches had been removed by the city parks department for maintenance.

A parks department spokesman confirmed that the benches had been removed and were coming back, but could not provide a time frame.

But a former president of the Pelham Bay Merchants Association said that he would be quite happy not to see the benches return.

"In the summer, it is good for the seniors, they sit there and it's nice," said Michael DiFigola, owner of Vito's Men's Wear at 1825 Hobart Avenue, diagonally across from Keane Square. "But in the fall, winter and late at night, you get a lot of undesirables."

That includes a number of people congregat-



The benches in Keane Square Park, seen here in 2009, used to face outward from the park before they were removed without warning.

ing there who appear to have substance abuse problems, he added. The problem is worse in the summer than the winter, he said.

"If they could take the benches out at night,

and leave them there during the day, it would be great," said DiFigola.

He added: "I hate to say that I like the idea of the benches being gone. It is unfortunate, but I think it is better off with-



Right photo shows Keane Square park without its benches by Patrick Rocchio

out the benches than with them."

Joseph Wall, a Pelham Bay resident who lives near Keane Square Park, said that the benches will be missed by seniors, who enjoy sitting on them

when it is temperate.

"There was no warning...that they were going to be take away," said Wall. "I know a lot of elderly people who would like to go there and sit in the summertime."

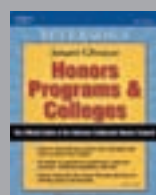


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Bronx BIDs rise to challenge

BY DAVID CRUZ

Movie nights, web-sites and site studies are what's in store for three Bronx business improvement districts.

The three BIDs - Fordham, Southern Boulevard and Third Avenue HUB- are winners of the city's BID Challenge, which asked executive directors to think of creative ways to better their business environments.

The BIDs, part of the nine total in the borough, won a total of \$74,000 in funding for their improvement projects.

In the ever-busy Fordham BID, shoppers would be able to take some time out of their day to enjoy a free movie. Organizers conceived a plan to host four Movie Nights at Fordham Plaza, featuring family-friendly films this coming summer.

Fordham Plaza is not part of the BID right now, but organizers are holding the venue as part of a larger effort to

include the plaza into its portfolio, said deputy executive director Daniel Bernstein.

"We want to give them a taste of the BID," said Bernstein.

He credited the idea for the \$26,000 grant to Sean Cox and Liana Shapiro, two Fordham University grads interning with the BID through the school's International Political Economy and Development program.

"Sean worked on all the writing and Liana Shapiro put together the slide show," he said.

Next, the Southern Boulevard BID is going digital.

With its \$28,000 grant now in its coffers, mom and pop websites will be crafted to boost sales to a BID in predominantly poor neighborhood.

"We know Southern Boulevard has a lot of foot traffic, but no one's coming in," said Medina Sadiq, executive director. "If that's not work-

ing, then we should get other people in."

Tapping into the web, Sadiq hopes the move will attract folks to stores like Palace Furniture Discount, Real Azteca Restaurant, and Alba Shoe Repair. The trio has no established websites.

"It's inexpensive," he said. "When you compare websites to television advertising, you build a website for a thousand bucks and you can use it forever."

Sadiq said he will hire a consultant to work with any interested store owner.

In the South Bronx, the HUB-Third Avenue BID won a \$20,000 grant to assess empty second floors and how to re-occupy them.

A report will then be tallied and shared with other BIDs hurting in that area.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383 or dcruz@cnglocal.com.



The HUB/Third Avenue BID (pictured here) picked up a city grant to strategize ideas to occupy vacant second-floor storefronts. Photo by David Cruz

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NOTABLE PASSINGS

BISHOP WENZELL JACKSON

BY DAVID CRUZ

Bishop Wenzell Jackson, a Bronx preacher and community leader, died from a heart attack Feb. 5. He was 47.

The towering Jackson, known for his baritone singing voice, was chairman of Community Board 4 since 2010. The board covers predominantly poor and working class neighborhoods of Highbridge, Concourse and Mt. Eden in the west Bronx.

"This is a shock to everyone," said CB4 District Manager Jose Rodriguez. "I didn't know he was ill."

Besides his board chairmanship, Jackson was also senior pastor at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Highbridge since 2003, after leaving a corporate job at Xerox.

Councilwoman Helen Foster agreed, saying "He became the pastor of all faiths."



Jackson set goals to changing the economic mindset of the mostly poor neighborhood, said Rodriguez, encouraging development. "He wanted to see how we can create prosperity within the district," said Rodriguez.

He noted that Jackson was a strong proponent for rezoning 161st Street to include more businesses.

He also had a passion for steering young people out of trouble, taking part in Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s "Peace in Our Streets" initiative.

Jackson also tackled ending a flood of homeless shelters around the neighborhood. News of his passing spread within the Bronx political sphere, particularly with elected officials who closely worked with him.

The borough president called Jackson's passing a "big loss for the Bronx."

Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson called Jackson a "special leader." "His spiritual leadership touched the hearts and souls of many who came in contact with him," she said.

Jackson is survived by his wife of 24 years Tamra.

As of press time, funeral arrangements were pending.

SCOTT MICHAEL GIANGREGORIO

BY DAVID CRUZ

Scott Michael "Scotty" Giangregorio, a veteran NYPD auxiliary police deputy inspector with 49th Precinct volunteer unit, died Jan. 28 at Montefiore Medical Center from pneumonia. He was 46.

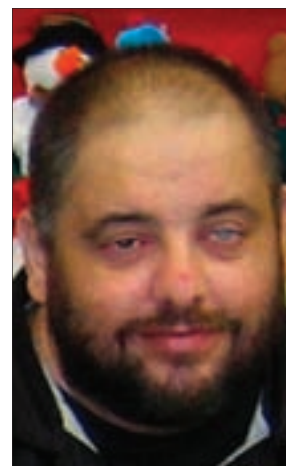
Precinct Captain Lorenzo Johnson announced his passing at the Jan. 29 precinct community council meeting to a stunned crowd.

"There will not be a day that goes by that he will not be missed," said Johnson.

Giangregorio joined the auxiliary police at age 19, serving for 27 years, overseeing 50-60 auxiliaries at the precinct.

"He got to be the police officer he always wanted to be," said sister Tracy Lanzana.

"We were in awe of him," said Auxiliary Lieu-



tenant Hazel Miura, a close friend of Giangregorio, who first met him when she and 11 other recruits were assigned to the unit fresh off training. "Scotty knew the guidebook frontwards and backwards."

He also knew the neighborhood, having grown so accustomed to it that when

his diabetes cost him his vision, he wasn't fazed by it. "This guy could tell you who was coming down the hallway by their footsteps," Miura said, lauding his strong work ethic even as his health waned. "He never missed a day of work."

"He would always be there for you, he would give you good advice, he would always teach us how to be good auxiliary officers," she said.

Giangregorio was waked at Dormi and Sons Funeral Home Jan. 31, with services at St. Claire's Church the next day, and burial at St. Raymond's Cemetery.

He is survived by his brother, sister, brother-in-law and members of the Four-Nine.

"We're gonna be in mourning for a long time," said Miura.



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Restoring shore line after Hurricane Sandy

Action Environmental Group and Sustainable South Bronx come together to restore shore line after Hurricane Sandy.

Hunts Pt., Bronx, Feb 4, 2013- Action Environmental Group's transfer station is located on 132nd st in the Bronx. It rests right on the shore line of the East River that was severely damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Action reached out to Sustainable South Bronx (SSBx), a non-profit organization based in the Hunts Point section of the South Bronx.

Six BEST Academy graduates worked at Action's fa-

cility to help with the clean-up. Over seven days, they cleaned the shoreline, removing all kinds of debris from newspaper to wreckage.

SSBx's mission is to address economic and environmental issues in the South Bronx – and throughout New York City – through a combination of green job training, community greening programs, and social enterprise. SSBx's flagship program is its BEST (Bronx Environmental Stewardship Training) Academy job training program, which prepares New York City residents from low-income

communities for jobs in the growing green collar sector. Action Environmental Group although predominately known as a "garbage company" invests a lot of resources and efforts to be a green company. Action offers green services like innovative recycling services and composting. Action is currently building an Optical Sorter at 132nd Street. This Optical Sorter will use optic lens that will identify and sort recyclables based on their chemical composition. This is make recycling easier and more efficient for their customers.

Children's Dental Health Month

National Children's Dental Health Month, celebrated in February, was established to further awareness about the importance of children's dental health. This includes such elements of preventive dental care as twice-daily brushing and flossing, regular dental care, wise food choices, and the use of fluoride in the prevention of cavities.

Many middle class parents of young children are well aware of the importance of dental care. However, according to Dr. Paul Chu, director of pediat-

ric dentistry at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, that's not necessarily the case among parents living in the city's poorer areas and among the Latino population, where the percentage of untreated cavities has been found to be nearly double the average among children 6 - 19 years old.

"Not surprisingly, economic status has been shown to have a great deal to do with preventive dental care," he said. "This is troubling because practicing poor dental care can set a child up for a lifetime of

health-related problems."

In addition to speaking regularly to children at local elementary schools and to parents at WIC (Women Infant and Children) centers in the Bronx, Dr. Chu and his team will present on February 27 at St. Barnabas Hospital to local Bronx community health centers on the importance of integrating oral health care into their center's activities and will provide free screenings and serve popcorn on that day to children at its clinic here.

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I.S. 192 ushers in revamped lunchroom

Councilman Vacca fully funds renovations in school's cafeteria

BY DAVID CRUZ

It's been described as a shoebox, a school cafeteria so cramped it left little elbow room for students.

But now the eatery at I.S. 192 Piagentini-Jones Campus has turned into a visual feast for students and teachers.

They're taking their lunch break in a colossal cafe featuring roundtables, HDTV's and several diner-style booths that have become something of hallmark for the new and improved dining room.

"Students think it looks like a restaurant," said Mary-Anne Shepard, principal of X366 Urban Assembly Academy of Civic Engagement, one of three schools housed within the Throggs Neck campus.

Eighth grader Dyna-

lee Rosario was glad to wolf down her burger and fries at the new cafeteria, remembering how rundown the old one used to be.

"The tables would be chipped and rough," said Dynalee, who already carved out space at the corner end of the cafeteria.

Eric Rumardo, 12, was definitely not a fan of the worn-out tables. "It never felt clean."

These days he shares a booth with pal Vanessa Ortiz, 12, thrilled to see the "uncomfortable" cafeteria replaced.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca, who earmarked \$250,000 needed to revamp the cafeteria, stopped by Monday, Feb. 4 to join students at a grand opening ceremony where a poster reading, "Thank you for our new cafeteria



It's not a mess hall anymore. Councilman Jimmy Vacca cuts the ceremonial ribbon for a diner-style cafeteria at I.S. 192 Campus. Photo by Alex Belisle

Councilman Vacca" hung from the ceiling.

"This cafeteria encourages conversation," said Vacca, who also allocated funds several

years ago to spruce up the school library.

He also took a moment to remind kids to "eat healthy" and back away from sugary drinks.

Jennifer Joynt, principal of X371 Urban Institute of Mathematics, was involved in designing the cafeteria's look.

"We wanted to change

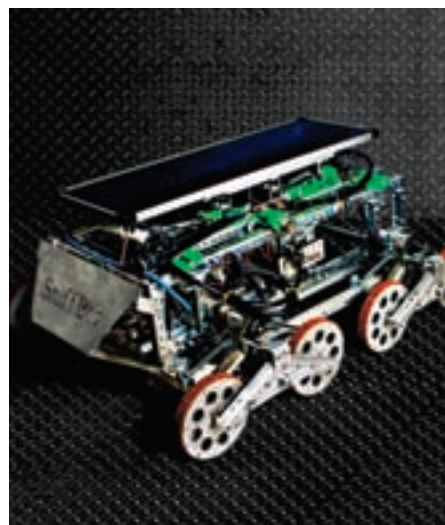
the vibe of the cafeteria," said Joynt. "It was a little too sterile before."

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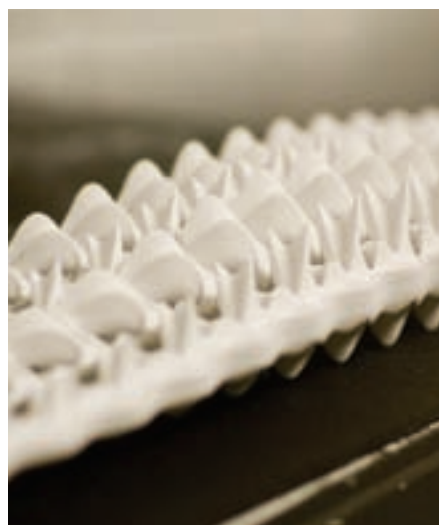
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Locust Pt. filmmaker directs Sandy doc

BY DAVID CRUZ

Locust Point's master of horror is tackling an even sinister monster – Mother Nature.

Jerry Landi, fresh off his release of "Krackoon" and the upcoming sequel "Bloodmarsh Krackoon," will helm a documentary chronicling the devastating impact that storms like Superstorm Sandy left on the Bronx enclave, prone to heavy flooding after major storms.

"This storm woke a lot of people up," said Landi, a gregarious lifelong Locust Pointer who enjoys "talking" with his hands.

He's now scouting for neighbors to share their experiences about Sandy and other life-changing storms, such as 1992's Hurricane Andrew, which condemned 40 homes. Sandy was just as bad as Hurricane An-

drew. The small-town neighborhood, a Zone-A territory overlooking Long Island Sound, was batted by Sandy's record-breaking surge that flooded homes, eroded beachfronts and knocked out the much-revered Locust Point Civic Association building, the nexus of community involvement.

"When I went into the house, and saw it, I cried," said Landi, working inside his editing lab, a small bungalow nestled in his backyard.

It's a sort of man cave complete with Michael Myers and Jason Vorhees action figures. An autographed picture of Landi with legendary horror filmmaker Roger Corman hangs prominently in his tiny office.

Landi has other photos detailing Locust Point's brush with storms, including a se-



Jerry Landi plans to step out of the horror genre and into the horrors of pounding storms like Hurricane Sandy. Photo by David Cruz

pia-colored picture featuring the former LPCA house smacked in the middle of a frightening deluge during the 1948 storm.

The photo, belonging to a longtime Locust

Point local, will be one of many images incorporated into the documentary. Neighbors will also provide storm videos, along with actual accounts, which will be used as part of the film's

narrative.

"I want it to be the voice of the people who lived through it," said Landi, convinced Sandy's power was a product of global warming. "The storms that have hit in

the country have never been seen before."

Landi's latest project will also work as a time capsule for Locust Point, featuring the nabe's brush with violent storms. Landi's philanthropic efforts were instilled by his father, Jerry Landi Sr., president of LPCA a few years back.

"My dad always said... 'if you're going to stay in a neighborhood, become part of the neighborhood to help make it better,'" said Landi, who followed in his dad's footsteps, becoming LPCA president until his film career picked up.

Landi said he plans to showcase the documentary at large venues to help raise money to rebuild LPCA. His project is part of a larger effort by LPCA to raise funds for the clubhouse, which is also working on a com-



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Calvary appoints new director of Nutritional Services Department

Calvary Hospital has promoted Donna DeEsso to Director of the Nutritional Services Department.

Ms. DeEsso, a 21-year veteran of the Hospital, is now responsible for all nutritional issues for 225 patients located at two inpatient facilities and the Bronx-based employee cafeteria; the professional growth of more than 50 clinical and food service personnel employees; business contracts with food and equipment vendors; and providing counseling to Calvary's home care and home hospice patients who reside throughout the greater New York area.

DeEsso first joined Calvary in 1991 as a clinical dietitian, following an internship she did in graduate school. Since then, she has served as chief clinical dietitian and assistant director of the department (since February 2008).

Prior to Calvary, DeEsso worked as a staff dietitian for a local hospital and as a nutrition consultant for developmentally disabled adults in the group home setting.

DeEsso was graduated from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition and food science and from New York University with a Master of Science degree in clinical nutrition.

She holds a teaching appointment as assistant professor in the department of family and community



DONNA DEESSO

medicine at New York Medical College.

DeEsso has presented on "The Role of Nutrition in Palliative Wound Care" at the 2nd Annual Palliative Wound Care Conference sponsored by the Hope of Healing Foundation (2011).

She is a member of: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Westchester/Rockland Dietetic Association, Greater New York Dietetic Association, New York State Dietetic Association, The Society for Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition, and the Greater New York Hospital Association. Born and raised in City Island, Ms. DeEsso resides in Westchester County.

A Toastmasters International Leadership Training Day is being held for the first time in the northeast Bronx.

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Councilman Jimmy Vacca, the Italian Consulate/IACE, the Bronx Columbus Day Parade Committee, and the Morris Park Association are offering Italian language classes for adults and children between the ages of 7 and 9.

Registration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Morris Park Association, at 1824 Bronxdale Ave.

Classes will be held on Saturdays at the Morris Park Association.

Space is limited and is available for a one-time \$50 registration fee for children and a \$75 registration fee for adults.

To register, please contact Tony at 917-715-2210.

CNR presents Serviam awards

During The College of New Rochelle's Founder's Week Luncheon on Jan. 29, stu-

dents Iesha Ferguson, Christopher Foye, Alka Kurian and Tazmin Uddin were presented

with Serviam Awards for outstanding community service.



Pictured with CNR President Judith Huntington are (l-r) Alka Kurian, School of Nursing; Tazmin Uddin, School of Arts & Sciences; President Huntington; Iesha Ferguson, Graduate School; Christopher Foye, School of New Resources, Brooklyn Campus.

COUNCILMAN VACCA HONORED BY KINGS HARBOR



Councilman Jimmy Vacca was the special guest at the Kings Harbor Multicare Care dinner on Jan. 24. He was honored for his efforts in restoring power to 700 Kings Harbor patients living at the Pelham Gardens home during Superstorm Sandy. Administrators thanked Vacca for convincing Con Edison to prioritize service for facilities like Kings Harbor.

(Above) Councilman Vacca holds his award, sharing a moment with Kings Harbor officials Alexander Stern, Morris Tenenbaum and David Berkowitz. Photos by Alex Belisle



Councilman Jimmy Vacca takes a few minutes to speak at the podium, giving thanks for the distinction.



GIRL SCOUTS PRESENT ANTI-BULLYING POSTER

As Girl Scouts from Troop 1081 made an anti-bullying presentation at the Morris Park Civic Association on Friday, Jan. 25. The girls also spoke before family, friends and staff at P.S. 83. Part of the goal for the Silver Award, the highest award.

(Above) Rebecca Sparer, Gabriella Tinelli and Gianni Reyes discuss different ways to teach lessons on bullying. Photo by Alex Belisle



ASSEMBLYMAN BENEDETTO SPONSORS CO-OP CITY VIEWING OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SWEARING-IN

The swearing-in ceremony of President Barack Obama for a second term became a party of sorts at Co-op City. Residents gathered around the television screen at the Dreiser Loop community center Jan. 21 to see the nation's first black president take the oath of office once again. The event was sponsored by Assemblyman Mike Benedetto.

(Above) Folks watch Mr. Obama take to the podium, giving a standing ovation. Photos by Alex Belisle

(Left) No doubt here, this Cooperator is pro-Obama.

BRONX DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HOLDS DINNER POW-WOW



It was a hot night at the Winter Reception hosted by the Bronx Democratic County Committee. The annual fundraiser drew a who's who of borough and city officials to Michaelangelo's on Arthur Ave. where they rubbed elbows with some of their Democratic swells.

(Above) Bronx Dem Party Boss Carl Heastie (center) spends time at the mic, surrounded by a wide swath of Democrats. Can you pick out your city, state or federal representative?

(Right) Councilman Jimmy Vacca stopped by the fundraising soiree with staffer Richie Torres. Photos by Edwin



ASSEMBLYMAN ERIC STEVENSON SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

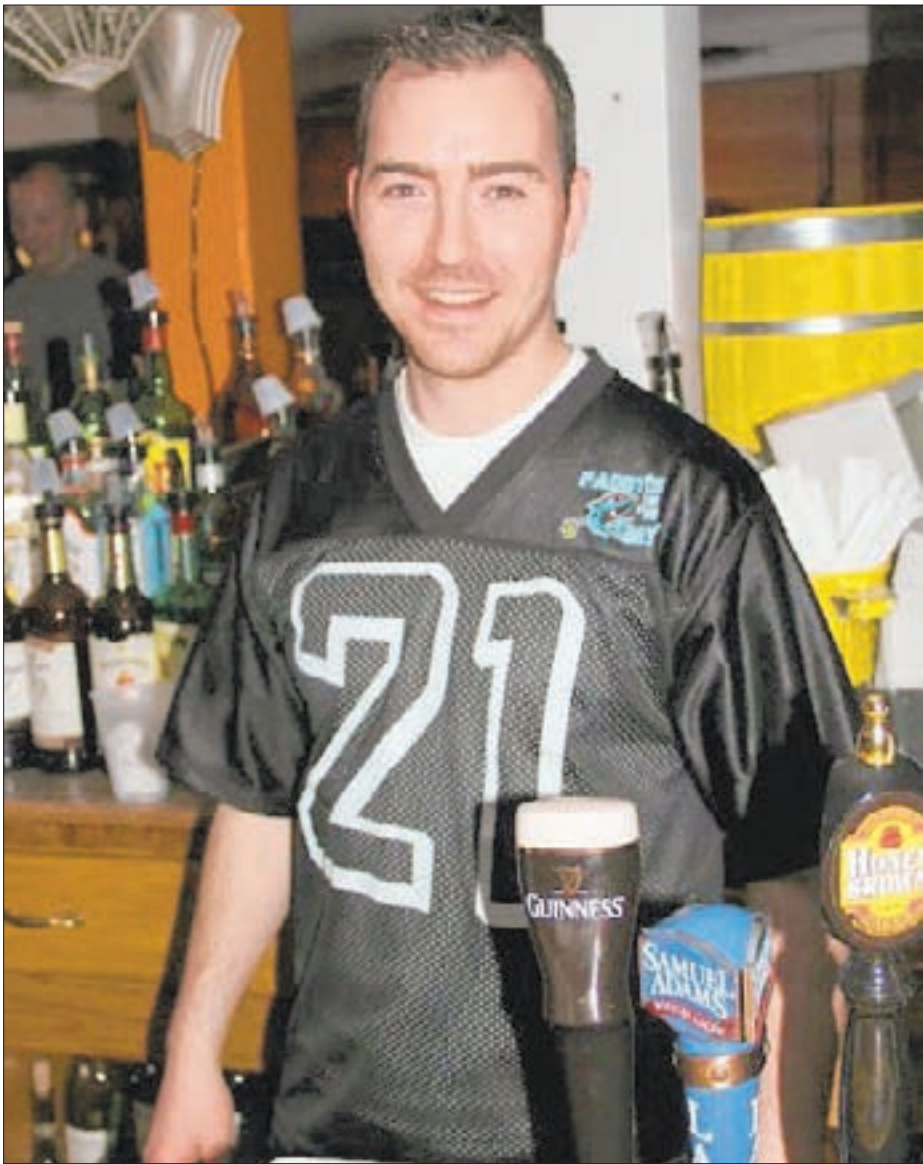


Future Politician! Assemblyman Eric Stevenson was sworn into his first full-term on Sat., Jan. 26 at Jane Addams High School. Stevenson took the oath on a bible. Speakers at the ceremony included U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. Seen here is a tender moment between the assemblyman (r) and his son Moses (l) at the celebration. Photo by Patricio Robayo

TEMPLE BETH EL HOSTS SPECIAL SERVICE WITH FAMED STORYTELLER



Temple Beth El on City Island hosted famed storyteller Elizabeth Kent during its service on Friday, Jan. 25. Kent, a member of the Covenant Avenue Baptist Church in Harlem, told the congregation about her biblical interpretation of Miriam, the sister of Moses. Kent, seen here during her presentation, has been storytelling for 25 years. photo by Patricio Robayo



SUPER BOWL FESTIVITIES AT THROGGS NECK BAR

The New York Giants or Jets may not have been in the Super Bowl, but Bronxites hung around Throggs Neck bars to watch the big game anyway. Some huddled at Paddy's on the Bay to catch the Baltimore Ravens square off against the San Francisco 49ers.

(Above) Tending bar is Mark O'Brian, who not only scored tips but the football pool jackpot
Photo by Josiane Bauke



Glue to the TV are patrons Adrein Rodriguez, Natalie Garcia and Liz Giglio, the big raffle winner of a 46" flat screen TV. Photo by Josiane Bauke

BRONX CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS "DRESS THE PART" DURING NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Catholic school students traded their uniforms for work outfits in an event where they got to "dress the part" for their future careers. Elementary students at Christ the King School on Grand Concourse dressed for all sorts of jobs ranging from police officer to baseball player. Part of National Catholic Schools Week that ran Jan 27 to Feb. 2, the school venue was themed to the Catholic schools raising the bar on educational standards.

(Above left) Eighth grader Darwin Contreras dresses the part of a police officer. Hey, with his height he can almost pass as a man in blue.

(Above right) In a few years sixth grader Emily Solis would like to be called "nurse."

(Right) Kathleen Irizarry hopes to make her way to the kitchen as a culinary chef.



Photo courtesy of NY Archdiocese

GIRL SCOUTS ON ICE



The Girl Scouts from North Bronx 124 strapped on their ice skates for an afternoon event at the Van Cortlandt Park ice skating rink. Sen. Jeff Klein joined them Feb. 3 for "Girl Scouts on Ice," an afternoon skating event where Klein doled out commemorative patches honoring 100-year anniversary of the Girl Scouts. Klein was joined by Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz (right) and candidate for City Council Andy Cohen (left).



The Things We



Louis Mahony, owner of Jerome's Florist on 3724 E. Tremont Avenue, shows some love to a Valentine's Day bouquet in preparation for the rush in business next week.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Melissa Liebman, hostess at Tosca Cafe at 4038 East Tremont Avenue, finalizes a dinner reservation for Valentine's Day.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Dominick Passafiume and mom Nella, put the icing in the cake for Valentine's Day at LaSalle Bakery.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt



Tying the knot at the Bronx Marriage Bureau at 851 Grand Concourse is a perfect way to make this February 14 a once in a lifetime moment.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Love is in the air in the Bronx.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, Bronxites will fall in love with these celebratory and gift suggestions.

Dancin' and roman-cin'

Treat your sweetie to a romantic dinner at Tosca Marquee Restaurant, at 4038 E. Tremont Ave. A prix-fixe dinner starting at 6 p.m. for \$55 a person will include a champagne toast, live DJ, a professional photographer, and roses for the ladies. Reservations, (718) 863-6363.

Celebrating good ole' love

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. will again honor Bronx couples celebrating 50 or more years together at the sixth annual Sweetheart Luncheon Feb.

14, including a DJ, dancing, a sit-down lunch and giveaways.

To RSVP, contact borough director of senior services Larcenia Walton at (718) 590-6248.

"Spending a half a century together with a person in marriage is a milestone worthy of celebration," said Diaz, especially "during the month of love."

Tying the knot

Love is definitely in the air at the Bronx Marriage Bureau in the County Building on the Grand Concourse.

"We're getting ready right now, putting up decorations to make people who come here feel good, feel festive and feel in love," said chief-knot-tier, Deputy City Clerk Shirley Saunders.

Couples go all out with their outfits around Valentine's Day, said Saunders,

from bright colored tuxedos to large, cinderella ball gowns.

"One woman came here with a wand," she said. "It's nice to see, it's different, it makes you smile."

Saunders said on an average day the bureau marries between 40 to 50 couples, last year they married 68 on Valentine's Day.

"This year we expect to meet and possibly exceed that number," she said.

For more information, call (718) 590-5307.

Gifts for your sweetheart

These local merchants are gearing up for the big day with a variety of specialty gifts.

Show your romance with a bouquet from Jerome's Florist at 3724 E.

Do For Love



Dominick Passafiume finishes up some heart shaped cakes, made special for the holiday, available at the E. Tremont Avenue bakery.
Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Tremont Avenue, with 33 different selections made special just for Valentine's Day. Call (718) 931-9440 or visit www.jerome-florist.com.

If your Valentine has more of a sweet tooth, try LaSalle Bakery at 3139 E. Tremont Ave. for delectable Valentine's themed pastries, cakes and cookies.

If it's the sparkle of a diamond or the glint of gold your sweetheart likes (and who doesn't?) LJ Jewelers has a wide range of jewelry for a wide range of pocketbooks at its three Bronx locations: at 3021 Westchester Ave., 3645 Bruckner Boulevard, and 715 Morris Park Ave.

Bugs and Botanicals

Now in its third year as a Valentine's tradition,

the Bronx Zoo's Name-A-Roach gift certificates for its collection of Madagascar hissing cockroaches has attracted thousands of hopeless romantics from around the world.

Each name costs \$10 and proceeds go to help the Wildlife Conservation Society save wildlife and wild places around the world. Go to www.bronxzoo.com/roach to place an order.

Garden of delights

Experience a romantic evening at the NY Botanical Garden as the historic Enid A. Haupt Conservatory is turned into a romantic Valentine's date destination, ranging from chocolates and champagne at Shop in the Garden to a tour through the sultry warmth of Tropical Paradise. The tour will have a special focus on plants that are well-known for their

love-inducing qualities, including delicious chocolate.

For more information, go to www.nybg.org/.



Chamber officers sworn in



New year, new faces at The Bronx Chamber of Commerce executive board. With a right hand raised, chamber officials inducted nearly two-dozen members to its board at the group's first major event of 2013. On Jan. 31 at the Lighthouse Restaurant on City Island, State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, Chamber execs Lenny Caro and Joseph Kelleher led these new captains of industry on to the board. They hail from small businesses to large bank institutions. Another special guest included retired Yankees ball player Dwight "Doc" Gooden, who picked up an award from the chamber. The festivities were soon followed by a sit-down dinner.

Top) (l-r) Here are some of the new members: (l-r) Geri Sciortino, Lisa Sorin, June Eisland, Dr. Carole Jones, and Vincent Mutarelli.

(Above left) Former New York Yankee and World Series champ Dwight "Doc" Gooden was recognized for his service to the borough by the Chamber. He holds his award with Lenny Caro and (l) Bronx Chamber Membership Chair John Haberman..

(Bottom left) Playing host is New York State's moneyman, Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

(Bottom right) Chamber Chairman Joseph Kelleher offers words at the celebratory inauguration.

(Above right) Congressman Joe Crowley presents a special recognition award to Chamber President Lenny Caro and Chairman Joseph Kelleher.

Photo by Alex Belisle



Maritime's Commencement

More than 400 family members, faculty and staff members gathered at SUNY Maritime College's Winter Commencement ceremony to wish 101 new graduates well January 25.

The commencement speaker, distinguished alumnus Gary Jobson, '73, an America's Cup winner, NBC Sports sailing analyst, author and lecturer recalled his own graduation and the many rewards and challenges that he faced in his own life.

Jobson, who received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from his alma mater in 2005, told the graduates that Maritime impacted

his life and continues to open doors for him.

SUNY Maritime College President, Rear Admiral Wendi B. Carpenter, USN (Ret.), introduced Jobson and told graduates that "you will always be anchored to the College and the incredible legacy that Maritime holds as you begin this new chapter in your life."

Diplomas were conferred on 22 graduates who received the Master of Science in International Transportation Management and 79 who received undergraduate degrees of Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical, Facilities, Marine, Mechanical and Naval Architecture) as

well as Bachelor of Science (General Engineering, International Transportation and Trade, Marine Environmental Science, Marine Operations, Marine Transportation, General Marine Business & Commerce and Maritime Studies).

The college's Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. celebrated the commissioning of three new Naval officers.

NROTC Unit Commanding Officer Captain Matthew Loughlin, USN, administered the oath of office to the three new officers during an official ceremony in the College Chapel.



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Women's HERstory celebration

The Women's HERstory Association is sponsoring its annual Women's Celebration to honor Women's Herstory Month on Sunday, March 24th.

The event takes place from 1 to 4 p.m. at the City Island Community Center at 190 Fordham Street.

The association is looking for vendors and performing artists to sing or perform spoken word to round out its educational and informational programing.

The vendors selling their wares and performance artists will join honored guests including a doctor from

Montefiore Medical Center to speak on women's health and an officer from the 45th Precinct's domestic violence unit to address violence against women.

Organizer Maria Meli can be reached at buggaloo9@hotmail.com or (347) 293-6814.

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Within two decades' time, Alzheimer's Association research shows, the degenerative brain disease will boom in minority populations in the United States.

More than 5.4 million people in the United States have Alzheimer's today, and that number is expected to increase to 14 million as the baby-boom generation ages.

Projected racial and ethnic disparities are pronounced across the nation: although more than 80 percent of the Alzheimer's cases diagnosed in 2006 occurred in the white population, the American Medical Association says that number is expected to drop to 60 percent by 2050 — because of the proportional rise in the number of minority cases.

Minority groups can

face unique challenges in the diagnosis and treatment of dementia, experts say.

Values shared by many groups across ethnic lines — reverence for elders and respect for family — can stand in the way of seeking help. In some minority groups, the elderly are less likely to have easy access to healthcare. Language can prove a barrier to early, accurate diagnosis. As in the white community, so can fear and stigma.

But the coming Alzheimer's surge creates urgency to overcome obstacles that have traditionally caused some minority communities to be reluctant to plan for the future that millions of their elders will face.

"There absolutely is a need to talk about Alzheimer's in the minority community," said Edie Yau,

diversity director for the Alzheimer's Association of Northern California. "But there are also cultural barriers and just pure stigma."

Researchers know that ordinary memory loss is far different from the profound loss of self that Alzheimer's can involve. People with Alzheimer's can undergo behavioral changes, including agitation and depression. They can lose their ability to walk, and even to eat.

Across ethnic and racial lines, the greatest risk factor for Alzheimer's is, simply, old age. Deaths from heart disease and most cancers have consistently decreased, leading to longer lives — and a consequent rise in Alzheimer's and dementia cases.

Aging minority populations can face particular risks.

Heart health tends to support brain health in the later years, for example — yet statistics show that older adults in many minority communities have high rates of hypertension and diabetes, which in turn raise the likelihood of vascular problems and dementia.

And out-of-date cultural standards can prevent families from seeking help.

It has taken time for family members in some communities to absorb the lesson that respecting elders means seeking a diagnosis, not avoiding one.

"It's a slow, incremental process," said Yau. "Even now, we're going into African-American churches and community centers, trying to provide information."

After three years, the Bridge to Healthy Families

project — a partnership of the Asian Community Center and the Alzheimer's Association — has brought education sessions on family caregiving to several thousand Sacramentans, said chief executive officer Donna Yee.

"We've gone to every civic and church organization we know of in our community," she said. "And we're finding that's increased the number of family members willing to use our social day respite program and engage their siblings as a team."

The slow pace of change means that in many communities, elders tend not to be diagnosed until the disease has progressed to mid- or late-stage.

National Institute on Aging research shows that Latinos tend to experience Alzheimer's symptoms six

years earlier than other ethnic groups — at age 67 as opposed to 73 — but are less likely to receive an early diagnosis.

"Our healthcare system needs to be structured to provide quality care for a growing number of ethnicities," said Dr. Ladson Hinton, a geriatric psychiatrist at the University of California, Davis, Alzheimer's Disease Center. "Often, the symptoms of dementia get attached to other things."

Delayed diagnosis often means that the best chance for families to educate themselves and make plans to care for their aging loved ones is delayed, as well.

With early diagnosis, medications can help forestall decline in some patients, giving them time to understand their illness and have a say in planning their own future.

— Anita Creamer / Sacramento Bee

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Weekly Health Update - by David Kaseman, D.C.

"Leave all the afternoon for exercise and recreation, which are as necessary as reading.

I will rather say more necessary because health is worth more than learning." ~ Thomas Jefferson.

Mental Attitude: Smoking and Anxiety. The belief that smoking relieves stress is pervasive, but likely wrong. Smoking is actually anxiogenic (causes anxiety) and successful quitters usually experience a drop in anxiety. - *British Journal of Psychiatry, January 2013*

Health Alert: Stroke! In males and females ages 5-14, the number of ischemic stroke hospitalizations increased 31% and 36%, respectively, from 1994 to 2007. For ages 15-34 the increase was 51% for males and 17% for females. For ages 35-44, the increase was 47% for men and 36% for females. The increase in obesity seems to be the primary cause. - *CDC, February 2011*

Diet: How Much Protein? An estimator used for daily protein intake is 0.36

grams per 1 pound of body weight (or .8g/kg). For example, if you weigh 155lbs, you should consume 56 grams per day (155 * .36 = 56 grams/day). Note: If you are overweight to begin with, do not use this estimator for your current body weight because this will calculate a higher protein intake number than you really need.

Exercise: Aerobic or Resistance Training? A study of 234 obese/overweight adults compared the effects of aerobic training (AT), resistance training (RT) and both aerobic training and resistance training (AT/RT). Researches found the participants in the AT/RT group both increased lean mass (muscle) and decreased body fat, while the RT group did not decrease body fat, and the AT group did not increase lean mass. According to Leslie H. Willis, an exercise physiologist at Duke University Medical Center and the study's lead author, "If increasing muscle mass and strength is a goal, then resistance train-

ing is required. However, the majority of Americans could experience health benefits due to weight and fat loss. The best option in that case, given limited time for exercise, is to focus on aerobic training. When you lose fat, it is likely you are losing visceral fat, which is known to be associated with cardiovascular and other health benefits." - *Journal of Applied Physiology, December 2012*

Chiropractic: Pregnancy and Back Pain. 20% of women who suffer from severe back pain during pregnancy refrain from having more children out of fear their severe back pain would recur with another pregnancy. - *Obstetrics & Gynecology, February 1998*

Wellness/Prevention: How Are You Doing This Year? Only 8% of people succeed in achieving their top New Year's Resolution. - *Journal of Clinical Psychology, December 2012*

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Montefiore puts its heart into Heart Month activities

The Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care is increasing its efforts to reduce heart disease, the leading cause of death in the United States, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender, with a robust calendar of events in recognition of February's American Heart Month.

Montefiore Medical Center's month-long program will educate patients, the community and its associates about heart disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

"Most people don't realize that heart disease kills more people each year than all forms of cancer and HIV combined. Prevention is everyone's best friend when it comes to this fight," said Mario Garcia, M.D., chief, Division of Cardiology at Montefiore, and co-director of The Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vas-

cular Care.

"Being heart healthy – eating right, exercising regularly and working with your doctor on a plan that's right for you – can improve one's quality of life and longevity."

Heart disease can stem from a variety of conditions including abnormal heart rhythms (arrhythmias), heart failure and coronary heart disease, which can lead to heart attack.

Coronary heart disease is the most common type of heart disease, killing more than 385,000 people each year and carrying a cost of more than \$108 billion annually.

Major risk factors for heart disease – high blood pressure and cholesterol, diabetes, obesity and smoking – can be controlled or managed. It is important for everyone to see a doctor for regular checkups and to discuss

how to reduce the risk of heart disease and improve overall health.

"About 600,000 Americans die of heart disease each year – that's one in every four deaths," said Robert Michler, M.D., professor and chairman, Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Montefiore, and co-director of The Montefiore Einstein Center for Heart and Vascular Care.

"Montefiore is a leader in providing innovative therapies and clinical best practices for adult and pediatric heart disease patients. We are passionate about Heart Month and helping people learn how important it is to lower their risk of heart disease."

Montefiore's Heart Month program offers events from healthy eating demonstrations, Zumba classes and educational talks to heart health

screenings. Patients, the community and Montefiore associates are invited to participate in all Heart Month events free of charge.

Following is a sampling of events and a full schedule is available at www.montefiore.org/heart-month.

Tenth Annual National Wear Red Day (February 1) – Montefiore and the American Heart Association (AHA) ask everyone to wear red and call attention to the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States.

Montefiore associates will gather at 10 a.m. in the lobby of The Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM) in red dresses, shirts, ties, jackets, hats and more for a group photo to commemorate a decade of raising awareness of heart disease.

Healthy Eating for

Kids Food Demonstration (Feb. 4) – Coming up with healthy snack options that kids want to eat can be difficult.

Join Montefiore dietitians to learn about creative and healthy snacks that will make kids and parents happy.

The interactive session will allow kids to make their own snack from 12:30 pm to 2 pm in the CHAM lobby.

Cardiac Wellness Program Saturday Seminar (Feb. 9) – Heart patients have been shown to greatly benefit from a heart-healthy, plant-based diet. Join cardiologist Robert Ostfeld, M.D., MSc., and nutritionist Lauren Graf, M.S., R.D., for a four-hour seminar to learn about this diet and its benefits, taste food samples and learn how to make them yourself.

Also meet patients who have adopted the diet

through the program and learn from their success. To register for the session, which begins at 10:15 am in the Tishman Learning Center, contact 718-920-5197.

CPR Training Class (Feb. 18) – Knowing how to give CPR can save a life. Montefiore offers a free class from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at CHAM, where participants will learn everything they need to know. To register, contact The Family Learning Place at 718-741-2357.

Social media also plays a role in Montefiore's education efforts for Heart Month. Follow @MontefioreNYC for information about educational Twitter chats, Montefiore events and general heart health facts and tips.

Additional information also will be available on Montefiore's Facebook and YouTube pages.

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The Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo has thousands and thousands of new bugs in need of names just in time for Valentine's Day.

Now in its third year, this light-hearted Valentine's gift is the perfect way to make sure your loved one knows your feelings are forever — with a roach in their name.

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Name-A-Roach has attracted thousands of hopeless romantics from around the world.

Each name costs \$10 and all proceeds will go to help the Wildlife Conservation Society save wildlife and wild

places around the world.

The Bronx Zoo has plenty of roaches to name with thousands of the super-sized bugs on exhibit in Madagascar! — an award-winning habitat for lemurs, crocodiles, and many other species from the African island nation.

Madagascar hissing cockroaches are the world's largest roach species reaching nearly four-inches long.

The namesake hissing noise is emitted as a defense mechanism.

Like nearly every roach species, Madagascar hissing cockroaches are not considered pests and rarely enter homes.

(Right) Hissing cockroach. - Photo courtesy of Julie Larsen Maher



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Family craft workshop at Huntington Free Library

The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Huntington Free Library (HFL) continue their 2012-2013 family-friendly craft workshop series at 12:30pm on Saturday, February 16th at Westchester Square's Huntington

Free Library with Puppet Making with Lucrecia Novoa.

Lucrecia Novoa's fascinating, large-scale puppets and masks are currently on view in the horror and fantasy exhibition "In The Realm of Dreams & Fears" at the Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos (450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street).

Marvel at her work at this exhibition and then spend a fun-filled afternoon with her as she helps you to create a small-scale puppet that you will be proud to display.

The workshop runs from 12:30-3:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank).

This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Lucrecia Novoa studied Fine Arts in University of Chile and the Massachusetts College of Arts.

The turning point of her career was when she attended the Art of the Mask course offered by Eric Bornstein in 1996.

Under Eric's patient guidance, she learned not only techniques of mask masking, but also how to mold gestures and expressions into the masks.

She began producing fantasy creatures using large masks and sophisticated costumes and soon sought her own characters, based preferentially on dark figures representing witches, monsters and ghosts.

Over the years, Lucre-

cia has been involved in several workshops, shows and theater.

She's assisted on student art workshops and had a very fulfilling experience with her dramatic adaptation of a Mexican story (Lucia Zenteno), which included masked characters, live music and bilingual (Spanish and English) dialogue. Lucrecia has organized her own workshops and exhibits over the last few years.

Of particular significance were the exhibits in the Waltham Public Library, which displayed my drawings, paintings, and masks in three consecutive years.

Puppet-making with Lucrecia Novoa is part of the free series of Third Saturday Family Craft Workshops presented by the Bronx Council on the Arts, the Huntington Free Library, and NYC Council Member James Vacca through April 20, 2013 at

the Huntington Free Library.

The series continues at 12:30pm on March 16th as BCA presents Doll Making with Alba Garcia. Ms. Garcia's work is also on view at the "In The Realm of Dreams & Fears" exhibition and on her website

at www.fantasiation.com.

Admission to all workshops is free, but space is limited. For information, call 718-931-9500 x33 or 718-829-7770, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

Directions: The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester

Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank) in the Bronx and can be reached by the #6 subway and BX 4, 21, 31, 40 and 42 buses.

All destinations are to Westchester Square. For additional directions or information, call 718-829-7770.

Lehman College Chamber Players presents free concert

The Lehman College Chamber Players will perform works by Schumann, Franck and Franz Mittler on Wednesday, February 13, at 12:30 p.m. in the Music Building's Recital Hall. This event is free and open to the community.

The program will include Cesar Franck's pas-

sionate Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano, Robert Schumann's lyrical Fantasy Pieces opus 73 for Cello and Piano and Franz Mittler's romantic Trio in G major.

The Lehman Chamber Players features violinist Paul Roczek, professor of violin at the Mozarteum, in Salzburg, Austria; cellist

Hamilton Berry, graduate of the Juilliard School; and pianist Diana Mittler-Battipaglia, professor of music and Choral Director at Lehman College.

Lehman is located on Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard West. For further information call 718-960-8247.

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President's Week at Wave Hill



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Upcoming Wave Hill events include:

SAT, FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH SUN, FEBRUARY 24 PRESIDENT'S VACATION WEEK: Spend an afternoon or a week at Wave Hill. On Tuesday, special programs are geared to families with children between the ages 5-10. Registration is recommended. Admission to the grounds is free for Bronx residents throughout this 10-day period. Please note that Wave Hill is closed Monday, February 18.

SAT, FEBRUARY 16 FAMILY ART PROJECT—A DESERT UNDER GLASS: Take a visit to Wave Hill's Cactus and Succulent House and leave winter behind. Spend some time sketching and painting the exotic desert dwellers, then, using sand and paint, make a desert mirage. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon. Ecology Building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUN, FEBRUARY 17 FAMILY ART PROJECT—A DESERT UNDER GLASS: Take a visit to Wave Hill's

Cactus and Succulent House and leave winter behind. Spend some time sketching and painting the exotic desert dwellers, then, using sand and paint, make a desert mirage. Free with admission to the grounds. Ecology Building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUN, FEBRUARY 17 GARDEN AND CONSERVATORY HIGHLIGHTS WALK: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center, 2 p.m.

TUE, FEBRUARY 19 PRESIDENT'S WEEK TARGET FREE DAY—FITNESS & MOVEMENT: Join Yoga for Bliss instructors for a one hour session of fun movement activity learning simple stretching, yoga, and breathing techniques indoors followed by active walking, jumping and playing outdoors. This program is geared to families with children between the ages of 5 and 10.

Registration recommended. Free, and admission to the grounds is free to

all visitors today, thanks to the generous support of Target. Due to a change in the calendar for New York City schools following Hurricane Sandy, family programs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday have been cancelled. Ecology Building, noon.

TUE, FEBRUARY 19 PRESIDENT'S WEEK TARGET FREE DAY—ARTY AFTERNOON: Express yourself with an array of creative art projects led by Family Art Project Leader Ilse Murdock and staff and/or Wave Hill's Guest Winter Workspace Artist. This program is geared to families with children between the ages of 5 and 10. Free, and admission to the grounds is free all day, thanks to the generous support of Target. Due to a change in the calendar for New York City schools following Hurricane Sandy, family programs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday have been cancelled. Ecology Building, 2 to 4 p.m.

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

Latin favorites at Bronx Arts Ensemble

The Bronx Arts Ensemble presents Latin jazz pianist and vocalist WILLIE RODRIGUEZ and his Ensemble performing Latin favorites, including selections from his album "Live at Willie's Steak House", February 16 at 8 pm at the Riverdale-Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture, 4450 Fieldston Road. Tickets are \$20; \$15 for seniors and students and include refreshments. For tickets and info,

visit bronxartsensemble.org or call 718.601.7399.

Rodriguez has been a fixture in Latin and Latin/Jazz music since the 70's. He has played and recorded with several Latin and Jazz artists throughout his career. Among his many recordings notably he is on Machito's Grammy award winning 1982 Salsa Big Band on the Timeless Label, Utrecht, Holland and on Celia Cruz'

Grammy award winning 2002 album on Sony. He has also recorded with Luis "Perico" Ortiz, Johnny Pacheco and Steve Turre. His career continues as an educator where he earned a doctorate in music education from Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. William (Willie) Rodriguez is the founder and principal of the Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music.

rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

ITEM: The one and only acoustic vocal trio No Stringz Attached plays a very special show on Valentine's Day at Vega Mexican Cuisine 187-189 Hartsdale Avenue Hartsdale NY.

Make your reservations early.

ITEM: A good time was being had by all on a recent Saturday night at Spoto's.

ITEM: Clem Semple is a singer/songwriter. This column had a chance to sample a few of his songs and found them intricate and instantly catchy. The songs are jazzy with stylish key changes. This is



Singer/songwriter Clem Semple.

a Bronx talent to keep an eye out for. Clem's day gig is working at the Bronx's

very own Compusmart Services in Pelham Bay. Rock on. Rock out.

Lehman Center's 2013 events

The **Lehman Center for the Performing Arts** continues its amazing season with seven new shows added to its 2013 roster. The new shows include:

A performance by **RICHELAY** and **BOBBY CRUZ** celebrating 50 years of Salsa Bestial featuring José Alberto "El Canario" and Ray Sepulveda with special guests Alfredo De La Fe and Jimmy Bosch on Saturday, March 9th.

After the St. Patrick's Day Parade a celebration of Irish music with **THE CELTIC TENORS** in the Bronx on Saturday, March 16th.

An evening of **FUSION URBANA** featuring the reggaeton duo **RKM & KEN-Y** plus New York's hottest bachata group **24 HORAS** and bachata sensation **KARLOS ROSE** on Saturday, April 20th.

TONY VEGA's Aniversario Tribute to "El Maestro" **WILLIE ROSARIO** as special guest with performances by The Queen of the Trova Jibara Victoria Sanabria with Musical Director **HUMBERTO RAMIREZ** on Saturday, April 27th.

The best salsa romantica concert **BACK TO THE 80'S III** returns with **HECTOR TRICOCHE** celebrating his 35 years in the music with Roberto Blade, Willie Gonzalez, David Pabon and Anthony Colon on Saturday, May 18th.

An evening of laughter with one of the most loved Latin Kings

of Comedy **PAUL RODRIGUEZ** AND **STAR TBA** on Saturday, June 1st.

The celebration of the National Puerto Rican Parade Weekend with salsa icon **WILLIE COLÓN YO SOY BORICUA** on Saturday, June 8th.

A complete listing is available at <http://www.lehmancenter.org/>.

Bronx River Art Center (BRAC) will host the opening of Process and Progress: Drew Manahan, Meta Local Collaborative & The Bronx River Alliance. This is the third in the series of five exhibitions that invites artists and architects to engage with systems of urban development in the Bronx and beyond.

Process and Progress is presented in BRAC's temporary gallery space at 305 East, 140th Street, #1A, Bronx, while their permanent facility in West Farms is undergoing renovation.

The exhibition series, Process and Progress: Engaging in Community Change, highlights the Bronx River Art Center's development during a time of significant structural and cultural change in the borough.

Process and Progress: Drew Manahan, Meta Local Collaborative & The Bronx River Alliance focuses on the past, the present and the future of the Bronx River.

Architect Drew Manahan explores how the wilderness around the river has resurfaced within

the South Bronx's urban environment through renderings and drawings and how this evolving ecology and the river is creating new ephemeral or transcendental experiences for the borough's inhabitants.

In partnership with the Bronx River Alliance, Meta Local Collaborative has curated a selection of photos, plans, maps, documents from the Alliance's archives.

These images trace how spaces along the river have changed throughout the years, revisit past restoration and recreation plans, and consider the river's present state and plans for its future.

For additional information please contact: Hatuey Ramos 718-589-5819 ext. 18, hramos@bronxriverart.org

Glide into the night for a good cause at **Van Cortlandt Park Ice Skating Rink** at Broadway and 242nd Street on Tuesday, February 12 from 6 — 10 p.m. This will be a wonderful evening to have great fun and help out the park at the same time.

Proceeds from the night's entrance fee and skate rentals will help Van Cortlandt Park Conservancy provide outdoor programming for Bronx children and their families.

For more information contact Paulina Mohamed at (718) 430-1890 or email her at paulina.mohamed@parks.nyc.gov.

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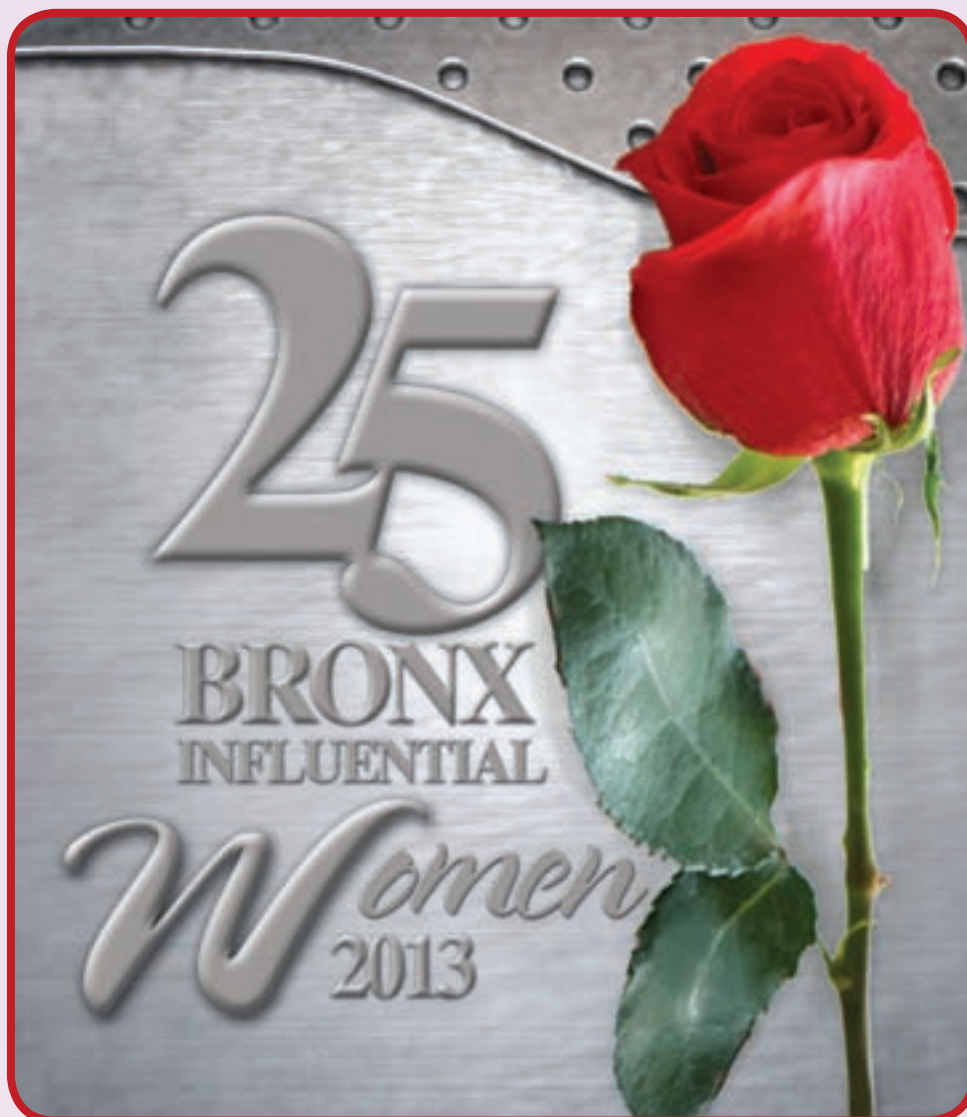
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These special words are reserved for those individuals who have devoted their own life to improve the lives of others. This year the Bronx Times, through a series of in-depth profiles, salutes 25 Influential Bronx Women. Each woman's unique accomplishments will be highlighted in a keepsake publication on March 29th 2013.

Please join us in recognizing the
25 Bronx Influential Women of 2013!

The 25 Bronx Influential Women for 2013

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Youth Leaders on the Move

BY ANITA VALENTI

Many, many thanks to my family, and the many phone calls from close friends and my civic association buddies encouraging me not to quit.

After a few days I realized that the liars had beaten me and as a senior citizen I could not allow that. As everything else in life, together, we enjoy happy moments and together endure the sad moments.

As a community we shall band together and as the saying goes. "This Too Shall Pass" is a phrase that helps when confronted with disaster and lies. United together, we will continue to fight for our of our community and the future of our children and our grandchildren.

We are fortunate we have many great civic association leaders who do not receive a salary and give up many good TV movies to attend community board meetings and neighboring civic association meetings to be informed and to be alerted of any negative proposals for our neighborhoods and to band together to stop the proposal in its tracks.

We cannot omit the other great volunteers who give of their time to our children.

The leaders of the cub scouts, boy scouts, girl scouts little league and on and on who give of their time generously. We are also fortunate to take advantage of opportunities to attend classes for computer

instruction, classes being offered for our children and for adults to attend fun dance classes to learn all the latest new steps, writing classes, karate classes for the smaller children to protect themselves against bullies and for adults to defend themselves against thieves.

When the weather improves, make the effort to become involved and attend your civic association meetings. Every one of you are the eyes and ears of your community. If you see something suspicious say something. Alert your neighbors. Pelham Bay is a wonderful community, so lets work together to keep it a wonderful community to raise our children in safety.

Joe Oddo, in last weeks Pelham Bay Taxpayers & Civic Association column described in detail the past events that have occurred and in the future, rally all of our civic association groups to join together and never again allow what was done "As of Right"

We understand that Hurricane Sandy was one of the worst storms in decades leaving too many without shelter, food, and electric power to heat our homes. Because of the immediate necessity to help those exposed to the winter elements and the immediate need for shelter, the move was done without informing the communities that were designated to bring people into a safe building to escape the horrible destruction Sandy left

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behind..

We all suffered, those in the direct path of Sandy and our community that was never informed of the transition of the people who suffered most from the stirn until after it was a done deal.

There would have been less anger, frustration and lies circulating if the truth had been told before the clients were moved in.

It was not my job to alert the media as was stated in the Bronx Times Reporter, Jan. 11-17 edition on page forty nine. I was informed on the late afternoon of December 28th while the clients had been moved in December 27th and continued to be moved in December 28th.

It was the job of our elected officials who earn a well paid salary to contact the media and alert the communities to the 'AS RIGHT' Legislation. We the taxpayers also have "RIGHTS". The right to be forewarned

BEFORE" THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED ADULTS WERE MOVED IN AND NOT AFTER!!!!!!

As I senior I remember many, many frightening storms, but nothing as frightening and devastating as Sandy. Many believe in Climate Change and just as many do not.

However, our states

must be prepared for the possibilities of future strong storms and where the residents in devastated areas can be transported to safe regions.

When traveling upstate New York in our great trains that allow us to enjoy the landscape of millions of trees in their fall glory of color, I became aware of miles and miles of only trees and bushes, running brooks, beautiful lakes and no homes in sight. For the future, many of these acres

of land should be utilized to build three, four story strong brick homes with staff for those needing care Also teaching them how to raise home grown vegetables in mini farms and trees that produce fruit. Taking care of chickens that produce eggs for breakfast, and other animals that give all of us organic food for our tables. Working closely with nature in the sun, and enjoying the fruits of their labor.

Together, with phone

calls and letters to our elected officials, we must avoid another uproar to our communities due to not informing our taxpaying residents of the "As Right" legislation and without the input and knowledge of the move. The taxpayers are the one whose salaries have shrunk by our government taking more and more out of our hard earned money working 24-7 and inflation shrinking the value of

Shake It Up For Purim at Temple Hatikva

Purim is the happiest event of the Jewish year, so join us as we "Shake It Up For Purim" on Friday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m. Temple Hatikva will be sponsoring our annual reading of "Megillah Esther" to be followed by a fabulous Purim Party. The Megillah Reading and Purim Party are FREE events co-sponsored by the Bronx Jewish Community Council.

Traditionally, when

reading the Megillah, participants utilize noisemakers to drown out the name of the villain, Haman. In keeping with that tradition, the temple is requesting that all those attending the Megillah Reading bring an unopened box of pasta so that all can "shake" that box and make lots of noise to drown out Haman's name. And, at the end of the Megillah Reading, donate all of the pasta to a food bank so

that Purim truly becomes a holiday for all to enjoy!

Make your plans now and be prepared to "Shake It Up For Purim" as Cantor Kyle Cherry chants the Megillah Esther. Bring family, friends, neighbors and children! And don't forget to wear your costume!

Temple Hatikva is located at 2440 Esplanade. For information, call (718) 792-1109 or e-mail Temple-Hatikva@aol.com

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO

Hello all!

Remember that Save the Date I wrote about? Saturday, February 23 at 4 p.m., the 2013 Blues and Jazz Benefit BBQ kicks off here at the Post. James Stallone Blues Band, Potato Heads, Innuendo Blues, Lou's Blues and No Excuse will be playing here. Joining them at 8 p.m., will be Jazz greats Rueben Wilson, Seleno Clarke and Judd Nielson.

There will be a Venison BBQ by Chef Mark Schmid. There is a cash bar. Although there is no charge

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for all this entertainment, donations are requested for the musicians. Call the Post at 718-822-8873.

Join the Throgg's Neck Memorial Post 1456 in their re-birth on Saturday, February 9 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Twenty five dollars gets you in and fed a smorgasbord dinner. There is a 50/50 and a bunch of sur-

prises.

Trivia Time!!

Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper die in a plane crash on February 3, 1959.

Teflon was patented on February 4, 1941.

The SLA kidnapped Patty Hearst on February 4, 1974.

The Confederate States of America was formed on February 8, 1861.

On the same date in 1910, the Boy Scouts were born.

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COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER GROUP

BY KENNETH KEARNS

Recently, there has been great concern exhibited on the part of the community concerning the movement of 65 residents with a history of mental illness into the Pelham Grand building, located at 1870 Pelham Parkway South. The residents of the building are clients of an organization known as Services for the UnderServed, a contractor to the New York State Department of Mental Health.

They were relocated to this property from their building, located at 318 Beach 85th Street in Far Rockaway. This building's lower two floors had been destroyed by Hurricane Sandy and it became uninhabitable. The residents have been placed in the building for a period of six to nine months (the time it takes to renovate the building in Far Rockaway).

The current residents at 1870 Pelham Parkway South lived in their own apartments in Far Rockaway, as they do at 1870 Pelham Parkway South. The Pelham Parkway South

building is not a single room occupancy structure. The residents are not transient, nor did they come from a homeless shelter. They came from an apartment building, where many of them have lived for years.

This building is located in a viable community and at the close of the renovation period, they will return to it.

The residents were moved into the Pelham Parkway building under a system employed by the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) which by law, is not required to inform a community board or elected official of a site placement in any community. Instead, the OMH depends on its contractor, in this case SUS, to conduct the outreach. SUS had already begun moving clients into the building, as they met with the community board and the electeds. This is how OMH, a taxpayer-supported, governmental agency operates.

Contrast this with their colleague agency the New York State Office of People

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with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), which when siting a group home in a community, is required to contact the community board with a 40-day notice, an opportunity to conduct a public hearing and to appeal a decision regarding the location of a home to OPWDD.

This notification and appeal systems are part of a law governing OPWDD, known as the Padavan Law.

The board will be contacting the governor and our state elected representatives to have OMH covered under the Padavan Law.

SUS has asked the community for its assistance in creating a Neighborhood Advisory Board for the facility which will serve as the eyes and ears of the community. The operator is also interested in pro-

viding tours of the facility, so that people can meet the residents and get to know them. The person in charge is Dr. Ades and he is willing to speak with anyone who wants a truthful analysis of the situation. His number is 917-408-1605.

Another concern is the disposition of the Westchester Square Medical Center.

For many years the hospital struggled to provide quality medical services, while contending with bankruptcy. Montefiore Hospital has been awarded the property and will operate an emergency care/ambulatory care center on site. Eventually, the building will be operated as a same-day surgery center on the upper floors.

There are many questions concerning the bed availability and the status of the employees. The board is committed to working to see that that the neighborhood has a viable health care institution serving it, and has contacted the New York State Department of Health requesting that it be retained as a full service institution.

In New York City, residential property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the service lines connecting their properties to the city's water main or sewer lines. If this line is broken or damaged, it is the responsibility of the owner to hire a New York City Licensed Master Plumber to effectuate the repairs.

This is a very expensive proposition, sometimes costing thousands of dollars. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection is offering an insurance program for the repair of these lines with American Water Resources. DEP's customers will pay \$3.99 per month for the protection of the water line and \$7.99 per month for the protection of the sewer line.

Customers who choose to join this voluntary program can insure both the water and sewer lines, or just one or the other. Additional information can be obtained by contacting 1-888-300-3570 or by visiting www.AWRUSA.com/NYC

How would like to help

your community? Be in the know on what the city plans for your neighborhood? Community boards assist people in their problems with city government and disseminate information about its programs, provide advisory opinions on land use matters and how the city spends its money. Sound interesting? Applications are available to join Community Board #10. Interested parties can contact the Borough President's Office at 718-590-3914 or go on line at bronxboborpres.nyc.gov.

Many of us are truly fortunate in having four legged friends; please remember to clean up after your dog. It is very important for the health of your dog and your neighbors. Besides, there is a \$250 fine for failing to clean up after your pet and violating the pooper-scooper law.

Community Board 10 is available to assist you with your concerns. Contact us at 718-892-1161 or BX10@cb.nyc.gov. Visit our office at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue. We are open five days a week between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

Recently, North Korea announced that it will conduct another test of its nuclear weapons, and it will also launch a rocket specifically designed to be eventually used to nuke the USA. That's not an interpretation; North Korea's leaders have specifically threatened to do just that. Even one nuclear warhead, strategically placed, could fry all the electronics in our entire country.

Pyongyang has made it clear that these actions are part of a consistent effort to enhance that nation's long-range nuclear capabilities, and that the United States is the target of its efforts. It refers to America as its "sworn enemy" and at other times as its "arch enemy." North Korea's National Defense Commission has emphasized that its disagreements—mostly the results of their own imagination—with America need to be settled by force.

It's not just the "Hermit

Kingdom's" bellicose attitude towards the USA or South Korea that concerns international observers. Recently, the RAND Corporation noted that:

"The potential combination of WMDs with North Korean missiles, coupled with North Korea's history of proliferation, raises concerns not only within the region but also globally and has a significant impact on related political decisions."

The mounting of nuclear tipped missiles onto mobile launchers, which appears to have occurred, makes targeting these devices difficult to achieve in a timely or efficient manner if it appeared that an actual strike against the U.S., South Korea, or any other entity might take place.

The United Nations Security Council has extended its sanctions due to North Korea's aggressive attitude.

As if that wasn't enough, North Korea is more than eager to sell its

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deathly technology to anyone interested. It already has made deals with Iran, another dangerous nation whose leadership barely reaches the fringes of rationality.

China, which finances North Korea, could stop all this nonsense in overnight if it wanted to. Although publicly Beijing has voiced disapproval, the reality is that it stands to gain much from having a nuclear North Korea. It deflects attention from its own rapidly growing military, and it could one day use that nation to launch an attack without Beijing's fingerprints on the trigger.

Washington remains unsupportive of funding anti-ballistic missile and other efforts that could deter a North Ko-

rean type EMP or other nuclear assaults on the United States. Indeed, it was while on a trip to the Korean peninsula that the President famously whispered to Russia's Medvedev that the White House would be "more flexible" towards Moscow's anti-US missile shield stance after

the November elections. The U.S. only maintains an extremely limited capability of dealing with the type of assault Pyongyang can unleash.

Unfortunately, the American media seems unworried, and far more interested in that football player's imaginary girl-

friend. You have to wonder about the odd things that get our attention, and the really important stories we ignore.

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College of New Rochelle open house

The College of New Rochelle will hold an Open House for prospective students on Sunday, February 10.

The Open House will begin at 11 a.m. with Mass in

Holy Family Chapel.

All participants will also have an opportunity to become informed about admissions and financial aid, hear from current College of New Rochelle students, watch a

basketball game and tour the campus.

For further information or to register for the Open House visit www.cnr.edu or call 1(800)-933-5923.

Site office for Hassell-Thompson

Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson announces the opening of a new site office at the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center located at 3450 DeKalb Avenue (at Gun Hill Road)

Starting Wednesday, February 6, the office will have staff available to meet with constituents to assist them with a variety of issues.

After February 6, the office will be open every other

Wednesday.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information or an appointment, call (718) 547-8854.

BY CHRYS NAPOLITANO

It's the middle of the winter and there is no need to go into the garden except to turn the compost tumbler. Denied the opportunity to put my hands in the dirt, I use the cold winter months to mull over what I'm going to plant, what seeds I need to order, what needs to be moved or pruned or eradicated and how much compost needs to be sifted and processed.

Last column, I talked about how by making our own compost we save money by not having to drive to the local garden center and schlep bags of it home and by not having to buy chemical fertilizer, weed killer or bug sprays.

Now, armed with some advance knowledge from the Farmer's Almanac, I'm ready for the dry April and May followed by the rainy June, hot July and August ahead.

I know when I need to start my seeds (I always start too early and plant too many) and when to get them in the ground.

But most importantly, I'm ready to adapt in case there is a drought. I will get my tomato plants into the ground the third week of May, so I'll start the seeds the end of March or the beginning of April.

I know now to hold off on planting the pepper plants until later on in June, after the threat of tropical storms have

passed yet still during the right phase of the moon. That is, according to the almanac. Having a timeline is comforting to the control freak in me.

I try to maintain a randomness, almost wild quality to my garden design but I tend to obsess about the details and then get caught up in them, never seeming to accomplish all my goals. For example, I'll find some wonderful varieties of heirloom tomatoes, but instead of editing my choices, I start hundreds of seedlings and get overwhelmed.

Growing herbs can be very easy and I have enjoyed using the results of my efforts year round to enhance simple meals.

Luckily I have been able to sell enough excess to cover my yearly "seed costs" and the rest of the seedlings go to the vegetable garden at St. Joseph's School for the Deaf. This year, I have promised myself to limit the number of

food for thought

tomato plants because the CSA seems to provide us with plenty.

I'm hoping this will free me up to concentrate on growing herbs and wildflowers. Ah, the dream of having the time to maintain a garden!

Growing herbs can be very easy and I have enjoyed using the results of my efforts year round to enhance simple meals.

Take mint for example, a glorified weed, actually, but if left to grow in a contained area, the leaves and blossoms can be used fresh in mojitos or mint juleps. Mix a ½ cup of packed fresh mint leaves with two tablespoons of confectioner's sugar and 1/3 cup of cider or rice vinegar in the blender and you have a great dressing to accompany grilled lamb.

Harvest, tie into bundles and hang near a window to dry it and use it for mint tea, but use it quickly; the flavor does fade over time.

This should not be a problem, as once you grow it; you will always have a ready supply.

I can never use all the mint I have growing, so I just let it go, the honeybees love the purple flow-

ers and I love anything in my garden that thrives on neglect.

Speaking of thriving on neglect, oregano is another easy herb to grow. I first encountered the possibilities of oregano when I was in Italy in 1995.

We had taken a field trip to Villa Adriana outside of Rome, and I found myself on a hilly spot that looked over the remains of the barracks, a great vantage point to check out the intricate mosaic tile floors that were pretty much all that remained. As I snapped my camera I became aware of a delicious scent as I stepped across the grass.

When I looked down I realized it wasn't grass at all, but oregano.

Yes, oregano is a "weed" too, and if left to its own devices, will overtake your yard just as fast as mint will.

I found that out five years ago when I spent \$10 on a potted oregano plant at a Sister's Servants of Mary plant sale. It grew big and flowered like crazy and the next year

I had 3 foot high oregano meadow in my backyard...many plants were dug up and potted and sold at Locust Point plant sales and are probably spreading over many more backyards in Throggs Neck.

Honeybees love these flowers too. Oregano is best dried; I find it's too strong to use fresh.

Sage is an herb I was not too familiar with when I moved into my first solo apartment in 1990. This was the first time I had my own kitchen and I started teaching myself how to cook.

I bought one of those windowsill herb gardens that included a sage plant. All the other plants died over time, but this one kept on growing.

I eventually planted it in my parent's backyard, which is now our backyard and that original sage plant, gnarly and ancient, grows amongst its many progeny.

I just let it grow and flower, the original plant bloomed lovely purple blossoms and obviously dropped many a seed which grew into dozens more plants.

Here's the funny thing, the plants bloom in colors ranging to a pale pink to deep lavender. The lovely mutations of nature.

And so, if I can control my self and only start a few tomato and pepper plants, I will grow a wide variety of herbs in my backyard this year.

I'll have to start seeds for the four kinds of basil (Genovese, lemon, lime and Thai) although last year quite a few plants grew "wild" from the dropped seed heads of the previous year and I never did get around to starting new plants from seed.

The rest of the herbs are

in my garden to stay either because they are perennials or they self seed every year: three types of mint, sage, three types of thyme, lavender, hyssop, parsley, rosemary, oregano, garlic chive, cilantro, fennel and a very strong Italian arugula that is growing like a weed on one side of my house.

The blossoms from all of these plants are edible and can be quite delicious when added to a mixed green salad.

In fact, the arugula is so strong that I have to mix it with fresh parsley to balance out the flavor, but the yellow blossoms have a delicate yet pungent snap.

They say that eating local honey is a good way to battle seasonal allergies, I sometimes wonder if eating edible flowers (including zucchini blossoms) is helpful in the same way.

Next column, I'll talk about some of the ways I use these herbs, fresh, dried and frozen, throughout the year.

Don't forget, if you are interested in joining the Locust Point CSA, go to www.stoneledgefarmny.com.

If you have any comments or questions about the CSA or about any of the topics I've been writing about, contact me at cnapolitano@netzero.net. Be the change you want to see in the world.

BY EDITH BLITZER

The Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association will be having their monthly community meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at The Bronx House, 990 Pelham Parkway South.

We are having a speaker from the New York City Board of Health, Joe Franklin. With all the reconstruction going on in Pelham Parkway we are getting some four legged unwelcomed visitors. It is up to us, the community, to make Mr. Franklin aware of the places we see them.

Last month, we had Iggy Terranova, from the Sanitation Dept. Department to help us with problems

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Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Assoc.

pertaining to dog poop and all related sanitation problems. I can tell you we had inspectors within two days giving out tickets to those that don't clean up after their dogs.

Only by you, your association and the representatives from city agencies working together can we clean up and improve the community we live in. Please join us on February 12 and let us hear from you.

BY AL BELFIORE

Greetings to all. After a brief warm-over, we are now smack in the middle of a winter chill with low temperatures and chilly winds over the entire Northeast region. The good news is that both groundhogs Staten Island Chuck and Punxsutawney Phil are predicting a short winter and an early spring.

Back to business, The LPCA Board of Directors objectives for the rebuilding of our civic is first and foremost in our short-term plans.

We have plenty of people that are working behind the scenes to make it possible to re-open our building. It seems, sometimes,

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that we are moving at a snails pace but I guess that any forward movement is a positive thing!

We are planning to meet (hopefully) this week with DCAS (Dept of Citywide Administration Services) and DDC (Department of Design and Construction) in order to finalize the rebuilding efforts.

Stacy from Jimmy Vacca's office has been working diligently on this matter and deserves a big shout out from the Board.

Comedy Nite will be held on a Sat. in March (details to follow) at the Locust Point Yacht Club. The good people there have generously agreed to donate their place for our benefit that evening.

It promises to be an unforgettable night with as many as 10 top Manhattan comedians who have also donated their talents to make this possible.

Admission is \$30 pp-- Beer, wine and soda will be available for an additional charge.

Anyone interested in attending can shoot me an email @ abelfi361@aol.com for further information.

On a sad note, our con-

dolences go out to the families of Mrs. Cracovia (105 years old), Amy Sclaro (longtime L/P board member), Eleanore Rathorn, Tom Giancaspro and Jack Magnus.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

In conclusion, we would like to send out a thank you to some very special people who live outside Locust Point that have donated to our cause.

You are our lifetime friends and your generosity will not be forgotten! As always, we are on a continuing fund-raising venture. I

f anyone else would like to help us out financially, email me at address above.

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Notice is hereby given that a license number 1268490, has been applied for by Jemi LLC, to sell liquor, wine and beer at retail in a restaurant under the Alcohol Beverage Control Law at 565 City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY 10464 for on-premises consumption.

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LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against MANSION HOMES, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 19, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 4th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Summit Place (30 feet wide), distant 58.84 feet easterly as measured along Summit Place from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Summit Place and the easterly side of Heath Avenue; being a plot 107.96 feet by 19.87 feet by 107.03 feet by 24.60 feet. Block: 3257 Lot: 119 Said premises known as SUMMIT PLACE, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 20,845.00 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381078/09.

DENNIS E. KROLIAN, ESQ., Referee.
Windsels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

The above sale, originally scheduled for February 4th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. has been postponed. The new sale date is March 4th, 2013 at the same time and place. DENNIS E. KROLIAN, ESQ. REFEREE.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION I, INC., Pltf. vs. JOSEPHAT E. NWOSU, et al, Defts. Index #381422/10. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Dec. 19, 2012, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Mar. 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 117 White Plains Rd., Bronx, NY. Said property located at a point on the westerly side of White Plains Rd. distant 246.09 ft. northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of White Plains Rd. (100 ft. wide) with the northerly side of Cornell Ave. (68 ft. wide); Running thence northerly along the westerly side of White Plains Rd. 19.83 ft. to a point; Thence westerly at right angles to the last mentioned course 80.17 ft. to a point; Thence southerly at right angles to the last mentioned course, 198.83 ft. to a point; Thence easterly at right angles to the last mentioned course 8.17 ft. to the westerly side of White Plains Rd. the point or place of beginning. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$1,938.10 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANIEL A. PADERNACHT, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW , Attys. for Pltf., 1400 Old Country Rd., Ste. 309, Westbury, NY. #82306

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Rally to keep landmark post office

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"Its loss would have severe implications for the entirety of the Bronx," said Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene, testifying on behalf of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Javier Lopez, district director for Congressman Jose Serrano, called the move "shortsighted."

Union officials also blasted the agency for short notice of the morning meeting, which drew no community members.

"If you have a town hall meeting, you have to invite the town," said Chuck Zlatkin with the New York metro Area Postal Union. "This is not the way to publicize a meeting to the public."

In response, Community Board 4 said it is planning to hold an evening public meeting on the issue this month.

The landmark

At the moment, there

are no reported takers for the gray brick facility with arch-shaped windows at 558 Grand Concourse, covering the entire block from E. 149th to E. 150th Streets.

Built in the 1930s, the facility is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, meaning the exterior cannot be architecturally changed, including any potential hi-rise buildings from the roof.

It was once the epicenter of the borough's incoming and outgoing mail, until the USPS diverted mail to the Manhattan general post office.

Since the shutdown of the service, the post office uses only 10% of the building's 175,000-square-feet of space for administrative and retail uses.

Maintaining the building has become costly for the cash-strapped agency, which lost \$16.5 billion last year.

But Jonathan Smith,

president of the New York Metro Area Postal Union, argued "there was no excuse to move the processing center out of its facility."

There is also no excuse to remove 13 Walt Whitman-inspired mural panels by famed Depression-era painter Ben Shahn, said Colleen Heemeyer of the NY Landmarks Conservancy.

Sounding Off

The public can still comment by mailing a letter to Joseph Mulvey, US Postal Service, 2 Congress Street, Room 8 Milford, MA 01757.

The 30-day comment period ends March 5. The public will have the right to appeal a final decision by the USPS.

Meanwhile, the union said it will be lobbying electeds and the community to fight the sale. "This is not a postal issue," said Smith. "This is a community issue."



Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene offers remarks on the intended sale of the Bronx General Post Office. - Photo by Alex Belisle

Westchester Square Medical Center sale spurs local business fears

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Montefiore Medical Center, which won a state-funded bid in bankruptcy court for the hospital's assets, plans to turn the hospital into an out-patient facility with an ambulatory surgery center and full-service emergency department, with ER patients in need of admission transferred to nearby in-patient facilities.

It has committed to rehire nurses and unionized workers among the 586 employees who will be laid off when WSMC closes in March. It will re-open as Montefiore Westchester Square.

"It is Montefiore's intention to offer employment to all qualified nurses and members of 1199, the service employees' union," Montefiore, which operates a major healthcare system, said in a statement. "We will work within our system to create positions consistent with our clinical demands."

"ripple effect"

Montefiore said in a statement that it is "confident" that once in operation at the facility, "we will

provide a continued base of customers and revenue for local businesses."

But many of the local merchants - particularly take-out food, flower, and gift shops - say they are bracing to take an economic hit when the in-patient facility closes.

Stephen Villano, owner of Flower Connection at 2652 E. Tremont Ave., said people working in or visiting WSMC generate 20-25% of his business.

"It is a ripple effect," said Villano, who has regular accounts at the hospital.

"You know, 580 jobs is a lot of pocket money for a lot of people," he said, noting that if every WSMC spends \$15 a day locally, it totals millions of dollars annually.

"It is going to kill my business," said Villano, who already has seen a 30% drop from the recession and slow recovery.

Over at Real Taste Caribbean American Restaurant at 1444 Williamsbridge Road, owner Fitz Stewart said he would lose much of his business.

"We have a good relationships with the workers over there," said Stewart.

"They eat here on their lunch break, and sometimes we deliver to them."

Hospital helps

"My main concern is that around here it is not really busy in the commercial area, so the hospital really helps us," he said.

At Frank & Joe's Deli at 1700 Zerega Avenue, co-owner Roxana Bennaton said WSMC generates about 10% of their business.

"We always have calls for delivery to the hospital," she said, "and this place has been delivering there for 60 years."

"A lot of the workers have been there for many years and now those people are looking for a job," she added.

Both Bennaton and Frazana Hossian at J&F Discount at 1570 Zerega Ave. said that WSMC brings a lot of people into the Zerega area who would not otherwise be there, and many become their customers.

Sam Ata, the brother of the owner at Total Parcel and Shipping at 1442 Williamsbridge Road, said that many people going to an appointment at WSMC come in to make purchases at the shop.

Even Pete Hernandez at Santwer Locksmith at 1446 Williamsbridge Road in Westchester Square said he

gets business from WSMC.

"The maintenance men come in here sometimes to make keys," he said, adding

he also receives calls for lock service from the hospital.

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SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, A NATIONAL BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF WAMU COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE SECURITIES TRUST 2007-SL2 COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATE SERIES 2007-SL2, Pltf. vs. HAVILAND ESTATES LLC., et al, Index #380700/09. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 20, 2011, I will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Supreme Court, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, March 4th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. prem. k/a 2250 Haviland Ave., Bronx, NY. Said property located on the southerly side of Haviland Ave., 254.71 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the said southerly side of Haviland Ave. with the westerly side of Havemeyer Ave., as the same are legally open, being a plot 103.06 ft. x 35 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$999,714.07 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Hon. JOHN PERONE, Referee. JASPAN SCHLESINGER LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 300 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY. #82225

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX
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Against
ANDRES B. ALVAREZ, et al,
Defendant(s)
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX
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Condominium unit in the Parkchester North Condominium known as apartment 4D, in the building known as N-4 a/k/a 97, and by street address 1938 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as Tax Lot 1949, in Block 3944 of Section 15 on the tax map of the Borough of Bronx, together with an undivided .0214 percent interest in the common elements of the Parkchester North Condominium. The amount due under the Judgment is \$10,277.63, with interest, costs, etc. Sale subject to terms of sale and provisions of the Judgment herein, including being subject to a mortgage held by Bank of America, N.A., in the original principal sum of \$96,900.00 with interest. Index No. 382344/09.FRANK LOMBARDI, ESQ., Referee ROY, MONDELLO, LAROCCA & RISOTTO, ESQS. Attorneys for Plaintiff
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX FIRST AMERICAN CAPITAL LLC., Plaintiff against CALVIN HILL, VERICA HILL, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated July 3, 2008, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 4th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises lying and being in the Borough of Bronx. In the Condominium known as "The Parkchester South Condominium". Together with an undivided .0137 percent interest in the common elements assigned to Unit Number 8C. Said premises known as 28 METROPOLITAN OVAL, UNIT 8C, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 55,419.13 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 24211/04.
KIM RAMOS, ESQ., Referee. McGovern & Amodio Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 2 William Street, Suite 306 White Plains, NY 10601

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX MJA FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff against 2700 JEROME AVE. REALTY CORP., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 8, 2013, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 11th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Jerome Avenue, distance 273.55 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Jerome Avenue with the southerly side of 196th Street; being a plot 150 feet by 130 feet by 150 feet by 130 feet. Block 3317 Lot 17. Said premises known as 2700 JEROME AVENUE, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,064,559.41 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380892/11.
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Lazarus Lazarus & Winston Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 3699 Bainbridge Ave., Bronx, NY 10467-1168

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX RICHARD BAILEY; ANNETTE BAILEY Plaintiffs against TIMMIE BENNETT, BETTY BENNETT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Interlocutory Judgment Directing Sale entered herein and dated November 15, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 11th day of March, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York being described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the east side of Garfield Street, 370.05 feet south Morris Park Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 25 feet by 100 feet by 25 feet. Said premises known as 1718 GARFIELD STREET, BRONX, NY Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 0303358/10.
LORRAINE COYLE, ESQ., Referee.
Higgins & Trippett LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiffs 1120 Avenue Of The Americas, Fourth Floor New York, NY 10036

LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2012-1352/A CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Barbara Anne Aggouras; Richard Manners; Peter J. Manners; Thomas E. Manners; Ruth M. Brogan; John Mangiameli; Salvatore J. Mangiameli; John J. Mangiameli; Leonard A. Mangiameli; Midge Park; Henry J. Sodaro; Janette Austin; Carol Petricci; Leonora C. Claps; Francis G. Mellon; Sal C. Mellon; Richard J. Marsh; NYC Department of Social Services; Elliot S. Small, Esq.; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of JOANNE MANNERS, deceased, if living, or if dead, to their respective distributees, next of kin, heirs at law, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, creditors or other successors in interest, whose names and post office addresses are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Send Greeting: A Petition and Account having been filed by Public Administrator of the

County of Bronx, having offices at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451,
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, at the Surrogate's Court Building, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York 10451, on March 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of JOANNE MANNERS, deceased, who at the time of her death was a domiciliary of 3155 Grace Avenue; Bronx, New York 10469, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$22,390.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$11,195.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$11,195.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as Counsel to the Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed her statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$15,252.44 be allowed; that the possible claim of Elliot S. Small, Esq. be disallowed in its entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York for the benefit of the unknown distributees of the decedent; that, in the event objections are filed herein, the Court hold a hearing to establish the identity of the decedent's distributees and grant relief pursuant to SCPA 2225 if appropriate; that such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper be granted. Dated, Attested and Sealed, January 29, 2013. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County, Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk.
This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full

account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney. Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C.
Tel. No. 1-212-925 9100 (Manhattan) & 1-718- 992-1428 (Bronx) Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

LEGAL NOTICE

Supplemental Citation
The People of the State of New York, By the Grace of God Free and Independent, and The Attorney General of the State of New York
TO: LUIS M. QUINTANA, whose whereabouts are unknown, if living or if dead, to his respective heirs, legatees, beneficiaries, fiduciaries, assignees, successors and creditors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, being a distribute of the estate of EMMANUEL LUIS QUINTANA, who at the time of his death resided at 795 Garden Street, Bronx, NY 10460, a petition having been duly filed by HELEN OBREGON, who is domiciled at 795 Garden Street, Bronx, NY 10460.
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Room 406, Bronx, New York on MARCH 27, 2013, AT 9:30 A.M.,
WHY the \$7,241.39 net proceeds of the \$12,500 settlement in the wrongful death lawsuit in Estate of Emmanuel Luis Quintana v. Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center (Supreme Court, Bronx County Index # 7635/06) should not be allocated 100% to the cause of action for wrongful death and distributed as requested in the petition as follows:
100% of the net balance to HELEN OBREGON, mother of the decedent; in the amount of \$7,241.39, AND WHY Luis M. Quintana should not be barred from sharing in the settlement proceeds pursuant to E.P.T.L 4-1-4, resulting with the -0-% of the balance to LUIS M. QUINTANA, father of the decedent; in the amount of \$0.00; and
WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with.
Dated, attested and sealed, January 31, 2013, Hon. Nelida Malave-Gonzalez Surrogate, County of Bronx.

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Don't Is A Four Letter Word

The "Hand-wringers" say don't play Dodge Ball, don't play "Red-Rover," don't play "Ring-o- Leevio," make sure you put on your elbow and knee pads when you play outdoors, don't belly-flop down the hill in the snow on your sled, the list goes on and on.

Then they wonder why children don't want to play outside.

When I was younger (Oh Gosh, did I just say that?) we might not have had all of the technological advancements available today- we just had fun.

As for helmets, all of the local mothers seemed to have belonged to a union of watchers perched on elbow pillows who would yell out of the window at you, "Don't hit your head, it'll make you stupid."

The biggest draw for NFL football is the danger associated with it and how players deal with it.

Advice

The Sports Curmudgeon reported that, "I have a friend who is an attorney, who once dabbled in representation of sports folks, and I asked him about the likelihood of the Yankees doing that (voiding A-Rod's deal). Here are the salient portions of his response to me: "[The Yankees] would need a court to void the contract because the CBA forbids [the Yankees doing it] ... Punishments for violating the drug policy and failing drug tests can only come from MLB itself meaning Bud Se-

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Hayes' Robinson beats St. Ray's in OT

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Chris Robinson knew he has plenty of time for one last shot and used all of it to send Cardinal Hayes home happy.

The junior wing caught the ball on the left side with 4.3 seconds remaining in overtime and the Cardinals trailing by a point to St. Raymond. He raced up the middle of the floor to the 3-point line and shot of a one-handed floater that found nothing but net.

"I threw it up," Robinson said. "I saw it go in. It was slow motion after that."

A wild celebration followed him giving Cardinal Hayes 91-89 road win in CHSAA Class AA boys basketball Friday night. The entire Hayes bench and a large portion of its fans rushed Robinson at center court. It left him under a pile of humanity. Eventually he was lifted up on his teammates shoulders and extended his finger high into the air after scoring 30 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

"We knew to put the ball in his hands," Hayes guard Jamal Smith said. "He made a play for himself."

Robinson didn't win he game alone however

He and Smith come up huge late in the fourth quarter and overtime after star senior guards Shavar Newkirk and Tyler Wilson both fouled out. Smith had four of his nine points in the closing minute. Newkirk scored 17 points and Wilson added five. Hayes (15-5, 10-2) took nine charges, including three by Ramel Coleman, who also added eight rebounds.

"We have an all-around team," Robinson said. "It's just not one

person."

Robinson, who Lods considers a sure fire Division I talent, did most of the heavy lifting. He hit a 3-pointer, forced a steal on the press and hit Smith for a layup that tied the score at 88-88 with nine seconds left. Troy Ferguson (15 points) hit 1-of-2 free throws to put St. Ray's (14-6, 8-4) up one, but the Ravens didn't get the defensive pressure they wanted on the final play.

"He was hot all game," St. Rays Jorge Lopez said of Robinson. "I knew if we gave him a chance to shoot the ball that more than likely the ball would have gone in."

Until the overtime, the game appeared on a similar course to the team's first meeting when the Ravens rallied from 14 points down in the third quarter to win. This time they trailed by 10 and came all the way back to lead 73-72 with 1:52 remaining. St. Ray's would need a baseline layup from Jaquan McKennon to send the game to overtime. Shawn Jones scored 21 points and Luis Santos had 15 points and 10 rebounds.

"Almost ever game we've played has been a slow start," Lopez said.

Lods was happy for a strong finish after tight losses to Christ the King and St. Rays this season. Robinson did what he had hoped, getting his team the best possible shot and odds to win in a game that didn't appear going their way.

"We couldn't get a roll all night," Lods said. "They got the last 10 calls. I've had such bad luck lately. I was so due for some good luck. I finally got it."



Hayes' Chris Robinson (r.) shoots over St. Ray's Lorenzo Rojas. St. Raymond High School for Boys played Cardinal Hayes during a game at St. Ray's on Friday, January 13, 2012. Christina Santucci

Fernandez sparks Fieldston past Poly Prep

BY MIKE MORTON

Annie Fernandez and Fieldston coach Rock Rosa noticed a helpful trend after its win over Dalton last week.

They realized the senior forward has been more effective coming off the bench in the second half and she did just that against Poly Prep.

It particularly came in handy after a sloppy first half that saw Fieldston trailing by six. Fernandez then

performed as expected, scoring all eight of her points off the bench in the third quarter to help lead her team to a 31-28 home in Ivy League girls basketball Friday night. Poly won the first meeting 39-32.

"It provokes me to think and to get in the mindset I need to get in, so that when I step out on the court I'm not only focused but I'm hungry," Fernandez said of coming off the bench.

A change to a more aggressive full-court press in the second half also helped to swing the momentum for Fieldston's (13-5, 6-2). Poly Prep (10-4, 3-3) forced a slow tempo and feed the ball to its star Jacquie Kennedy, who scored 10 of her 13 points in the first half. The Eagles made the move to push the pace to try to catch the Blue Devils off guard and they said.

"I believe the pressure, the way

we play the game, we forced them to speed up a bit," Rosa said. "I think they got so comfortable with slowing the game down that they didn't know how to react to it, and we started to score."

Fieldston dominated the third quarter as a result of its halftime adjustments, outscoring Poly 13-4. Fernandez led

Fieldston with eight points, which

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Yankees sign five players to minor league contracts

Invite total 44 additional players to 2013 spring training

The New York Yankees today announced that they have signed five players to minor league contracts with an invitation to Major League Spring Training: OF Matt Diaz, INF Dan Johnson, OF Thomas Neal, OF Juan Rivera and C Bobby Wilson. The club has also invited 39 additional players to 2013 Spring Training, bringing the total number of invitees to 44 (20 pitchers, six catchers, nine infielders and nine outfielders). The total number of players now scheduled to report is 84 - 17 more than 2012's total of 67.

The list of invites includes Yankees first-round draft picks OF Slade Heathcott (2009) and SS Cito Culver (2010), and 2012 South Atlantic League All-Stars OF Tyler Austin and C Gary Sanchez.

Diaz, who turns 35 on March 3, is a career .291 (543-for-1,863) batter with 211 runs, 97 doubles, 14 triples, 45 home runs and 225 RBI in 726 games over 10 seasons with Tampa Bay (2003-04), Kansas City (2005), Atlanta (2006-12) and Pittsburgh (2011). He is a career .324 (306-for-945) batter with 31 home runs against left-handed pitchers, and has appeared defensively at all three outfield position. Diaz grew up in Lakeland, Fla., played baseball at Florida State University and was selected by Tampa Bay in the 17th round of the 1999 First-Year Player Draft. His last name is pronounced Dye-ez.

Johnson, 33, has appeared in 413 combined Major League games over parts of seven seasons with Oakland (2005-08), Tampa Bay (2008, '10-11) and Chicago-AL (2012), batting .237 (313-for-1,320) with 59 doubles, 56 home runs and 194 RBI. He also played a season in Japan in 2009 with Yokohama. He spent most of the 2012 season with Triple-A Charlotte (.267, 127-for-476, 28 home runs), before appearing in 14 games with the White Sox as a September call-up (.364, 8-for-22).


He hit three homers in the team's regular season finale at Cleveland. He was originally selected by Oakland in the seventh round of the 2001 First-Year Player

Draft.

Neal, 25, made his Major League debut in 2012 with the Cleveland Indians, going 5-for-23 (.217) in nine games. He spent the majority of the season with Double-A Akron, batting .314 (127-for-405) with 77 runs, 24 doubles, 12 home runs and 51 RBI in 117 games for the Eastern League champions. Among Eastern League leaders, he ranked third in on-base percentage (.400), fourth in batting average and tied for fifth in runs, appearing in games at all three outfield positions. Neal was originally selected by San Francisco in the 36th round of the 2005 First-Year Player Draft, and acquired by Cleveland on 7/30/11.

Rivera, 34, batted .244 (76-for-312) with 14 doubles, nine home runs and 47 RBI in 109 games with the Dodgers in 2012. He made 30 starts in left field, 39 at first base, five in right field and one at DH. Originally signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent in 1996, Rivera appeared in 88 games with the Yankees over parts of three seasons (2001-03), hitting .262 (68-for-260) with eight home runs. He has collected 67 outfield assists in his career, tying for 12th-most among active players in the Majors since his debut in 2001.

Wilson, 29, has spent his entire career in the Angels organization, after being selected by the Angels in the 48th round of the 2002 First-Year Player Draft out of St. Petersburg College. He hit .211 (36-for-171) with five doubles, three home runs and 13 RBI in 75 games in 2012 with the Angels, and caught 15-of-60 stolen base attempts (25.0%) - the seventh-highest percentage among AL catchers. A native of Dunedin, Fla., Wilson is a career .208 (81-for-389) batter in 191 Major League games with a .994 fielding percentage behind the plate, and catching 23.0% of potential base stealers (29-of-126).



**2013
SPRING INVITEES**

OF Abraham Almonte
C Francisco Arcia
OF Tyler Austin
INF Greg Bird
RHP Corey Black
LHP Juan Cedenio
RHP Preston Claiborne
INF Cito Culver
RHP Matt Daley
OF Matt Diaz
OF Adonis Garcia
RHP Shane Greene
RHP Nick Goody
OF Slade Heathcott
RHP David Herndon
C Kyle Higashioka
INF Walter Ibarra
INF Dan Johnson
RHP Tom Kahnle
INF Addison Maruszak
RHP Jim Miller
RHP Bryan Mitchell
RHP Mark Montgomery
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INF Jayson Nix
RHP Zach Nuding
LHP Vidal Nuno
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RHP Kelvin Perez
RHP Branden Pinder
INF Jose Pirela
RHP Ryan Pope
OF Juan Rivera
INF Kyle Roller
C Gary Sanchez
OF Rob Segedin
LHP Josh Spence
LHP Matt Tracy
INF Gil Velazquez
RHP Chase Whitley
C Bobby Wilson

Nine Zodiac Athletes make Colgate Women Games finals.



ZODIACS

BY WINSTON DINKINS

If you would have asked any of the coaches, how many student athletes would make the Colgate Women Game's finals. none of the coaches would have thought it would be nine. This team is blessed, to have nine girls qualify for this highly competitive track and field final, after a hard four week trails, is fantastic.

The Women Colgate Games is probably the most competitive girls' in-door track meet in the north-east coast. Athletes travel as far as Washington DC to compete.

Zodiacs had 11 girls compete in the semi finals on Saturday, February 2 and nine qualified.

The following student athletes will compete in finals on Saturday, February 23 for a chance to win the educational grants of 1st place \$1,000 - 2nd place \$500 - 3rd place \$250: Andrea Amoroso (Shot Put), Sukanya Wade (55 meters), Tiara Williams (55 meters), Pearl Webster-Rutledge (Shot Put), Jalina Robinson (55 meter hurdles), Lisha McKenzie (55 meter hurdles), Jasmyn Phillips (55 meter hurdles), Adaria Reaves (55 meters) and Jada Mora who won all of her 55 meter hurdle races. Great Job. Come out and support the future Olympians. For tickets (free), go to the Women Colgate Games web site.

On Sunday, February

9, Zodiacs will be traveling to Boston Ma. to compete in the Needleham Classic on Sunday, February 10. Some of the best team, north of New York City will be attending this meet. I'm sure that our children will represent New York well.

Zodiacs compete all year round in multiple events from cross country, in-door and out-door track and field meets. The children learn how to balance sports and education.

For additional information visit www.Zodiacstrack.org or contact president Thomas Francis at 718-679-2060 or co-president Winston Dinkins at 914-441-6196, email WATCLT@AOL.COM.

Throgs Neck Little League T-Ball meeting

The Throgs Neck Little League is holding a meeting for T-Ball parents on Sunday, Feb. 10.

The meeting is for parents only, and will

discuss squad formation, parades, and other items.

There are openings at the league for Tee Ball 5/6 year olds and School Leagues 7/8 year old.

Go to throgsnecklittleleague.com for registration info and 2013 rosters in other divisions. For further information, call the league at (718) 822-8232.

Ahmed leads wild rally as Kennedy tops Gompers



Kennedy junior Bahir Ahmed scored 33 points in a win over Gompers.

By JoSePh Staszewski

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

It was a dunk of celebration and frustration all at once.

The final buzzer sounded as Kennedy star Bashir Ahmed finished unleashing a thunderous right-handed tomahawk slam. The junior, with the game well in hand, raced down a loose ball and took off from the middle of the lane before throwing it down.

He was unleashing her anger pent up from the Knights loss to Gompers its first meeting and put a fitting cap to his team's improved fortunes.

The slam, which brought the crowd to their feet, was the final points of Kennedy's thrilling 68-58 comeback win over the Panthers in PSAL Bronx AA boys basketball last Thursday. The Knights rallied from 15 points down in the third quarter to move into sole possession of second place.

"I tried to hurry up and get down court and get that dunk," Ahmed said. "I was mad off the last loss too. I wanted to show a little something."

He displayed plenty.

Ahmed dropped in a game-high 33 points, including 13 in the fourth quarter. He refused to let the game get away, even when Kennedy (12-2) fell behind 43-28 with 3:50 left in the third. Ahmed kept attacking the offense and defense glass, blocking shots, driving to the paint and draining 3-pointers.

"He won the game," Kennedy coach Johnny Mathis said. "Bashir's consistent. He's mister everything."

Ahmed did have some help.

Kennedy turned up its trapping scramble defense, forcing the once unflappable Gompers backcourt into turnovers, which led easy points. The Knights also welcomed the return of junior guard Juan Arias, playing in his first game because of credit issues stemming back to last year.

He was a major factor, scoring nine of his 14 points in the fourth quarter that saw Kennedy outscore Gompers 30-12. Arias connected on three 3-pointers in the final quarter, including one from the right side that put the Knights

up 62-58 with 57.2 seconds remaining in the game. Anthony Cruz chipping in 10 points for Kennedy.

"I'm a shooter," Arias said. "That's what I do best."

Gompers coach Ned Jackson said he knew all about Arias despite his limited playing time, but was more concerned with limiting Ahmed. That didn't happen, nor did the Panthers (12-3) handle Kennedy's pressure defense, something they worked on in practice.

The Panthers backcourt Yohan Almont (17 points), Naquan Moore (16 points) and Wayne Weir (12 points) was dominant for two and a half quarter. They didn't hold a lead or respond well when Kennedy rallied.

"It came down to, can you handle prosperity?" Jackson said. "And we couldn't. We had a 15-point lead. That's youth and just putting too much on yourself."

Ahmed on the other hand put the game on himself and led Kennedy to a much needed win.

"He's the best player," Arias said. "Wherever he goes we go with him"

Pipe Dreams: Equality; Prop Bet

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lig's office. Individual clubs cannot take adverse actions with regard to PEDs and if the Yankees tried to void this contract, the union would easily argue that was an 'adverse action.'

Knowing that, how possible cold it be that the Yankees would give detrimental info to MLB.

Equality

Bob Molinaro (Hamp-tonRoads.com) asked these questions, "The NFL fined Tom Brady \$10,000 for his cleats-up slide against the Ravens, deeming it unsportsmanlike conduct, but docked 49ers running back Frank Gore \$10,500 for wearing his socks too low. Preferential treatment for a quarterback? Or just another example of the league's extremely erratic penalty scale?" Ah- the "fashion Police" again is at work.

Baltimore-Frisco

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) reminisced about old time 'Niners like Tittle, Perry, McElhenny,

and John Henry Johnson (all HOFers as well as Colts Unitas, Berry, Ameche, and Moore. "There's no other way of saying it: Robert Irsay took the cowards way out. In the middle of that March night in '84, a fleet of 11 Mayflower vans descended on the Colts' headquarters, packed up the franchise and set out for Indianapolis. After weeks of alarming hints and ludicrous double-talk, Irsay ducked out of the backdoor like a common thief. These days all seems well in that Midwestern town. People say that Peyton Manning reminded them of Unitas, and now they're seeing traces of Manning in Andrew Luck. An endearing continuum, if you will. But those aren't the Colts. They never will be. The Colts belong in Baltimore, where regret lingers to this day."

Quandary

I'm in a quandary.

I've been writing for a long time about football players who suffer brain in-

juries from repeated blows to the head during games and practices. At the same time I enjoy seeing boxing matches, especially those ending in KOs.

What's the difference? Really, there isn't any. I have to come to grips with this.

Prop Bet

Jerry Greene (Orlando Sentinel) proposed this Super Bowl prop bet; sometimes even more outlandish than this. "How long will the postgame handshake/hug last between the brothers? You choose either less or more than 7.5 seconds. (I love this bet and will take "under.")"

John Smoltz

Tom Robinson (Hamp-tonRoads.com) talked about the career of John Smoltz, who will be eligible for induction into the MLB-HOF in 2015. In 21 years he had a 213-155 w/l with 154 saves in relief. Although he pitched 6 years in relief, he still posted 3074 Ks. His WHIP as a starter was 1.2 and as a reliever- 1.7.

Fernandez sparks Fieldston past Poly Prep

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saw six players scor at least three points. Freshman center Starr Greer had six points and junior forward Carolyn Susman and junior Caroline Katz both scored five.

"We don't have one star, we're all made up of stars together," Susman said. "I personally didn't have my best game, but it's not about that. It's about making sure that we're playing as a team."

The win gives Fieldston in sole possession of second place behind defending NY-SAISAA champion Hackley in the Ivy League. Being in second could mean competing for a chance to host a home playoffs game.

Despite being in a favorable position, the players are hungry for a chance to continue to move up in the standings and improve their play-off odds.

"Our thoughts [on being in second place] are that we should be first," Fernandez said. "I think we have the potential to take the Ivy this year."



Fieldston's Larissa McPhee drives the ball at defenders.

By Steven Schnibbe

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Index No.: 382909/09

Date of Filing: August 27, 2012

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF BRONX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

-against-

SARAH ANN GREENAWAY, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said SARAH ANN GREENAWAY, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; USA O/B/O SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the

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

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Betty Owen Stinson of the Supreme Court of the State of New York,

signed on October 18, 2010, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, State of New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by SARAH ANN GREENAWAY to BNY MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC in the principal amount of \$290,319.00, which mortgage was recorded in Bronx County, State of New York, on October 28, 2005, as CRFN 2005000605374. Said mortgage was thereafter assigned to SEATTLE MORTGAGE by assignment of mortgage recorded October 28, 2005 as CRFN: 2005000605376. Thereafter, said mortgage was further assigned to Plaintiff by assignment of mortgage dated December 21, 2009 and recorded on March 18, 2010 as CRFN: 2010000092713.

Said premises being known as and by 1766 LACOMBE AVE, BRONX, NY 10473.

Date: August 23, 2012

Batavia, New York

Virginia C. Grapensteter, Esq.

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue

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Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure

while you are working 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-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies.

LEGAL NOTICE

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF BRONX
SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

In the Matter of ALAJAE B. FREEMAN
Docket No. B-20946/12

Application for the Guardianship and Custody of a Child Pursuant to the Provisions of Section 384-b of the Social Services Law. In The Name Of The People Of The State Of New York

TO: KEISHA FAYE HALEY Whereas Leake and Watts Services, Inc., a duly authorized agency (the "Petitioner"), has filed a petition in this Court for an Order committing the custody and guardianship of ALAJAE B. FREEMAN jointly to the Petitioner and the Commissioner of Social Services of the City of New York ("CSS"). YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED, to appear before this Court at 900 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, New York 10451, Part 47 on the 6th Floor, on March 15, 2013 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day to show cause why an Order should not be made committing the custody and guardianship of the aforementioned child jointly to the Petitioner and to CSS. WARNING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that: 1) This proceeding may result in an Order freeing the Child for adoption with the consent of the Petitioner or CSS, and without your consent or further notice to you; 2) You have the right to the assistance of counsel, including the right to have

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counsel assigned by the Court, if you are financially unable to obtain counsel; 3) Upon your failure to appear, all of your parental rights to the Child may be terminated; 4) Your failure to appear shall constitute a denial of your interest in the Child, which denial may result, without further notice, in the transfer or commitment of the Child's care, custody or guardianship or in the Child's adoption in this or any subsequent proceeding in which such care, custody or guardianship or adoption may be at issue. Dated: January 23, 2013, Bronx, New York
BY ORDER OF THE COURT

Michael Williams, Clerk of the Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO LAW, that the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on 2-13-2013 at 2.00 p.m. at 66 John Street, 11th floor, on a petition from 609 Edibles Inc. to continue to, maintain, and operate an un-enclosed sidewalk cafe at 2410 Arthur Avenue in the Borough of Manhattan for a term of two years.

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The New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II and for Advanced Math and Science II will hold a joint public hearing on the internet protection policy for students in their programs on Thursday, February 14th from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held on the Samuel Gompers Campus located at 455 Southern Boulevard, 3rd floor, Bronx, NY.

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Finding a Dentist who "Fits" your Lifestyle

Ask those of us who have been around for a while if life has changed much in the last 20-30 years, and you will get an earful.

Once upon a time people spent their lifetimes within 25 miles of their birthplace! Today, just our mobility has made tremendous changes in everyone's lifestyle. The corner drug store has been replaced by a huge chain stores in a small local strip mall. We can't send out kids around the corner to the bakery anymore. Firstly, its not there, and secondly, most of us don't like to send our kids anywhere out of our sight! The corner store is likely a real estate office, bank, or some other service entity.

Once upon a time we had a family doctor who treated us all (except for the baby.) And a family dentist who had a practice in his house around the corner. We saw these same practitioners for years, until they retired. Sometimes they even treated a second family generation. So what changed? Families became mobile. Moms started to work outside the home. In the 70s and 80s loyalty got trampled under insurance policies that dictated who your family could see as determined by your employer. If the employer changed, so did the accepted list of doctors. In addition, the home office that treated 12 people a day was not generating enough revenue to pay the rising costs of malpractice insurance, and could not hold or afford the modern diagnostic equipment that was bringing the medical and dental professions into our modern, high tech world. Like the corner bakery, the family medical and dental practitioner home office was replaced by the professional building that housed a group practice that could schedule 25 or more people a day by using auxiliary staff, pay for expensive modern diagnostic equipment, and accept most insurance plan networks. By the 90s, over the course of about 30 years, everything medical and dental changed. The backlash, however, has been formidable. People want the convenience of a family of-

fice close to home. One that will accept their insurance today and if there is a job change. They want modern equipment and state of the art treatment, but not at the expense of knowing who will be treating them, and not at the expense of the personal trust and depth of caring that is so mandatory in the doctor/patient relationship.

Focus groups formed to determine what patients want in a dental practice have all found the same priorities today, as those that existed "once upon a time." Most patients surveyed assumed that the dental profession trains practitioners who are capable and knowledgeable. Whereas skill is primary requisite for all the polled would-be patients, 90% of those surveyed assumed that the pool of available practitioners were all knowledgeable, skilled and capable. Unless the practitioners reputation proved otherwise, any College of Dentistry graduate was deemed as potentially capable as any other. The issues that determined choice were based first upon convenience, with personality, ethics, and the appearance of cleanliness in equal measure as the second.

What is Convenience, Really???

According to "Wikipedia," convenient procedures, products and services are those intended to increase ease in accessibility, save resources such as time, effort and energy, and decrease frustration. Convenience is a relative concept. Some things that we consider necessary today, like our cell phones, were once considered a convenience. Service conveniences are those that save shoppers time or effort, and includes variables such as credit availability and extended hours.

When it comes to making a choice of dentist, therefore, physical proximity is the number one factor. If you can get there quickly, be seen on time, receive as many required elements of your treatment as possible there without having to leave the office, and have as many family individuals seen there as possible, that is the best possible scenario for fulfillment of the physical convenience of the

Dental Diary

office. If the service convenience is there as well, and your insurance is accepted, there is credit availability and extended and/or emergency hours, that office is a convenience home run!

Personality, Ethics and Cleanliness

What we like (or dislike)

about people has more to do with who we are, than who they are. When it comes to health providers, some people are comfortable with the know-it-all who is reassuring but aloof, some find the laid back down-to-earth attitude puts them more at ease. One man's meat is another man's poison. That is why it is important to make that all important first visit an interview of sorts, and look to see the individual through your own eyes, not those of a friend or colleague whose

emotional needs are not the same as yours. Starting with how the staff answers the telephone, your impressions are yours alone. How you are treated begins before that first appointment is made. Ask questions and evaluate the answers. Staff is a reflection of the manager who hired them. The manager is a reflection of the practitioner who hired her/him. Like a pebble in the water, every thing you see, and every one you speak to is a ripple from the

person in charge.

In closing, how one responds to the medical/dental profession is a very personal thing. Find the service convenience first, then make your own evaluation of the office by making an interview style appointment. We don't hire people without an interview. Hone your interview skills and hire a dentist. Good Luck!

Dr. Wolfson is director of Morris Park Dental Associates, 960 Morris Park Ave. Call 718-377-6453 for info.

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