

33-ACRE EXPANSION FOR HUTCH METRO

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx is building.

Simone Development recently announced that it will develop a mixed-use commercial endeavor on the currently state-owned property south of the Hutch Metro Center.

The 33-acre site at 1500 Waters Place is part of the Bronx Psychiatric Center campus, which is being consolidated by the New York State Office of Mental Health into a smaller 43-acre campus by mid-2015.

Empire State Development put out a request for proposals for the development in late 2013 and Simone Development submitted the winning bid.

According to ESD, the agreement with the state—which is subject to a due diligence period and public approval process—is for approximately \$16 million.

The company is excited to continue developing in the neighborhood, said Guy Leibler, president of Simone Healthcare Development.

“We have seen success here,” said Leibler. “And we believe in the Bronx.”

Much of the development will comprise of office space for healthcare tenants, as well as other businesses and gov-

ernment agencies, similar to the Hutch Metro Center.

“We believe there is an established infrastructure and need for continuing growth of the medical industry, in addition to business and government,” said Leibler.

Plans for the site also include a retail plaza, a 150-room hotel, and space for higher education—although agreements with tenants have not been finalized.

“We’re very excited that we think we can expand educational opportunities in the area,” said Leibler.

Another component of the campus will be recreational fields for community use.

The developers will replace the baseball diamonds currently on the site with a new one, and will construct a full-length football field.

Lehman High School would finally have a regulation-size field to host home games.

Those fields will be built sooner rather than later, said Leibler.

“We want to see these ball fields available for the community early on,” he said.

The developers are also keeping the community in mind when it comes to trans-



A rendering of Simone Development's plans for the 33-acre site directly south of the Hutch Metro Center. This view looks southwest from the Hutchinson River Parkway. Courtesy of Simone Development

portation. The second campus will also be served by shuttles to the subway, as is the case currently at the Hutch Metro Center.

They hope to get MTA bus service expanded in to the new development as well.

“We will continue to add transportation infrastruc-

ture,” said Leibler. “We’re very aware that these kinds of developments generate car [traffic].”

The developers are also hoping that plans for the new commuter train station in Morris Park are realized in the coming years, allowing workers easy access from the

north and south.

“Having a Metro North station within walking distance is going to be spectacular,” he said.

The developers estimate that more than 6,000 jobs will be created by the development of the second campus, similar

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Bronx Times Reporter's 35th year

BY JOHN COLLAZZI

It seems like it only started yesterday, but the Bronx Times Reporter will be celebrating its 35th anniversary

this week - 35 years of championing the resurgence of the Bronx back to its former glory and rightful place in this dynamic city.

Besides the many great de-

velopments this past year that have reshaped the borough for generations to come, the Bronx Times Reporter also

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BP's State of Borough Address instills pride

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. delivered his sixth State of the Borough address at the Mall at Bay Plaza.

With remembrances of the late Governor Mario Cuomo and former Borough President Herman Badillo, the speech on Thursday, February 19 outlined a number of projects expected to bring economic development, as well as educational and employability projects

Diaz said that the borough is in the midst of transformative growth, noting that since he took office in 2009, it has seen more than 16,000 new units of housing, and 15,000 new jobs.

"The state of the Bronx is stronger than it has been in decades," said Diaz. "We are maximizing our assets, while improving our quality of life."

In the speech, the borough president cemented his role as an economic development advocate for the 1.4 million residents of the county, speaking of various projects spurring growth:

- the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory into the Kingsbridge National Ice Center
- York Studios' plan to build a new film studio in Soundview
- Freshdirect's relocation to Port Morris
- a call to build a new freezer facility in Hunts Point for the fish and meat industry
- future redevelopment of the Harlem River Waterfront
- further expansion of the Hutch Metro Center
- building four new east Bronx Metro North stations
- a plan for decked rail yards to take the place of three west Bronx yards and free large tracts of land for development

"The Bronx has never been more open for business," he said. "If you are looking to invest, the time is now."

The borough president said that more needs to be done to increase the employability of residents regardless of their past experience or educational attainment.

He called for the creation of new specialized gifted and talented high schools in each of the boroughs, with the one in the Bronx using portfolio assessment rather than only standardized tests to determine admission.

He also called for the top two students at each middle school graduating class to be guaranteed admittance at this school.

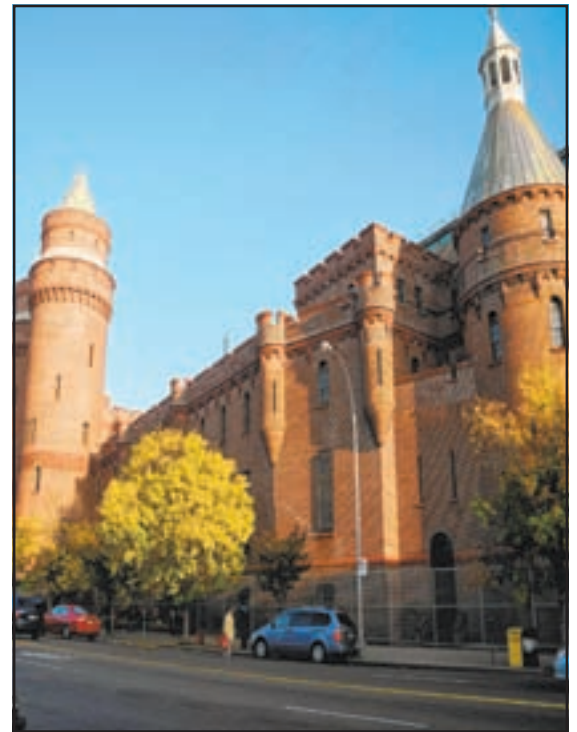
While focusing on school and employment, the 13th Bronx borough president also spoke of improving the quality-of-life for residents.

He spoke of his advocacy that he said led to the Bronx receiving



A large crowd of attendees listen to the borough president.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt



The Kingsbridge Armory.



This rendering of a five-building residential complex is just one of the proposals for Fordham Landing.

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The Mall at Bay Plaza.

File Photo



One of the planned new Metro North stations.

more high speed Wi-Fi kiosks as part of LinkNYC, a citywide plan to transform public payphones into Internet hotspots.

And he put forth plans to create a Customer's Bill of Rights for nail

salons, a partnership with the city Department of Finance to enroll seniors in rental assistance programs and a social media campaign to improve the borough's performance in health and wellness indicators.

Diaz was upbeat about what can be accomplished.

"If we put in the effort, if we advance a strategy and work assiduously to see it enacted, nothing is impossible," he said.

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Special get well wishes to Frank Menillo, who recently returned home from a long tour of physical rehabilitation.

Frank, we all missed you, and can't wait to see you out and about in your beautiful yard. You are an inspiration to all of us. Love, your Rawlins Avenue friends and neighbors.

Look who turned one

Happy first birthday to **Rebecca Lynn DiPierro**, who celebrated her special day on Tuesday, February 24.

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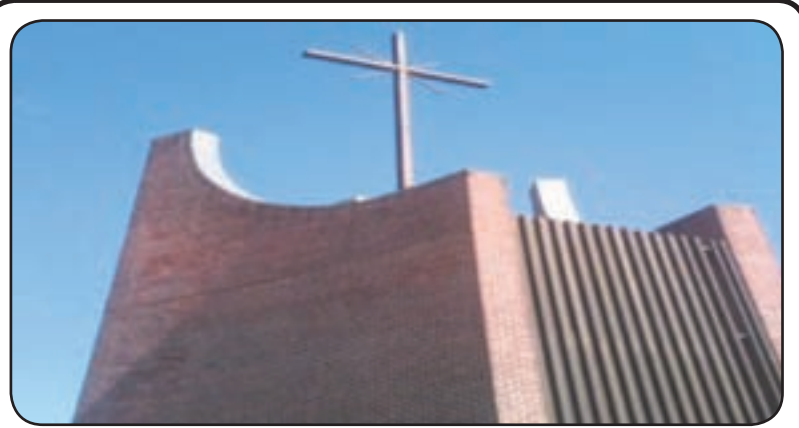
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Parishioners' try to save 116 year old St. Roch's

BY ROBERT WIRSING

After offering the Mott Haven community sanctuary for 116 years, St. Roch's Church is now in dire need of the very same following a decision to merge the parish with another church in the area.

Since this decision was announced, parishioners of St. Roch's Church have been tirelessly engaging in a prayerful mission to save their house of worship from closure.

Following the Archdiocese of New York's 'Making All Things New' Church closure announcement regarding this parish, St. Roch's faithful launched a prayer vigil last month as part of their campaign.

The vigil saw the construction of a prayer chain which offered petitions, prayers and memories associated with St. Roch's Church.

Antonio Centeno, Jr., St. Roch's Church volunteer and catechist, grew up in this community.

He attended St. Athanasius Church for most of his life, but changes in the church staffing caused him and his mother to seek a new house of worship.

"I've only been there for the last three years, but what I love about this church is the family feeling it has when you go inside. We are connected to this parish, this is what brings people together," Centeno, Jr. expressed.

An administrator from St. Roch's Church confirmed that the parish is undergoing a transition period and has very few parishioners which he cited as the main reason for the decision.

"We are praying that God can help the Archdiocese change their decision," he said.

On Sunday, February 22, St. Roch's held a Rosary prayer service asking for their parish to be spared of its looming August closure and merger with nearby St. Anselm's Church.

Due to the winter weather, Centeno, Jr. explained that the parish is planning their 'save our church campaign' events accordingly and usually occur inside the church.

According to Joseph Zwilling, Archdiocese of New York's Office of Communications director, this year, there are six cases of two Bronx parishes merging, with only one being used for services.

He added that an additional eight Bronx parishes would be merged into four new parishes that would utilize two buildings in the near future.

He explained that 'Making All Things New' began after Edward Cardinal Egan and was officially enacted by Timothy Cardinal Dolan in spring 2013.

The pastoral planning initiative was established to have parishes in under-served areas of the Archdiocese



St. Roch's Church is scheduled to close this August and merge with nearby St. Anselm's Church as part of the Archdiocese's 'Making All Things New' initiative.

Photo by Patricio Robayo

to work cooperatively and strengthen them through a merger.

He added that parishes as old as St. Roch's and older were necessary when they were established, but are now no longer needed.

Merging parishes would seek to focus all work in one location as opposed to separate ones and better utilize resources more efficiently and effectively.

Zwilling said parishioners like St. Roch's can write a letter of recourse to Timothy Cardinal Dolan and to the Vatican asking them to reconsider their decision to merge their parish with another.

"If the parishioners have discovered anything new or something that was previously overlooked they are more than welcome to share this with us," he said.

Centeno, Jr. and the rest of St. Roch's parish have been doing exactly that despite having been informed late about the merger.

"Since we found out, we started to keep records of how many people attend St. Roch's to show the archdiocese that their decision is wrong. They haven't made their decision based upon the neighborhood's geography and this parish matters to those residents who can't walk very far to St. Anselm's," Centeno, Jr. explained.

He added that assemblies at the church range daily from 40 to over 60 parishioners.

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Warriors longtime 'Chief' retires

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A local legend known to all as "The Chief" of the Warriors Football Club is stepping down after 63 years of service.

Jerome Demers, 76, has announced his retirement as head coach for the Warriors, a team he established back in his native Manhattan in 1952.

He explained that back then various blocks throughout the city formed their own street football teams and all, including the Warriors, traveled to Central Park to play.

In 1957, Demers moved to Pelham Bay and in the following year had the Warriors join the Bronx Umpires Association.

Having served 35 years as director of Parks and Recreation, Demers brought this expertise with him to run the Warrior Football Club.

Demers' community youth based services are also best illustrated in his establishment of the very first skate park in Mullaly Park which is still in operation.

The Warriors Football Club promotes a safe and enjoyable character enriching sports program for boys and girls between five and 13-years of age. Winning is de-emphasized.

As the decades progressed, the team witnessed many ebbs and flows regarding interest in the sport.

Demers, a graduate of Cardinal Hayes High School and Fordham University, cited the 1980s as a particular low point where interest in football declined throughout the Bronx and the city due to other emerging forms of entertainment.

In 1986, the intramural program was formed which saw over 600 children active participating in the program. Demers' late wife ran the team's highly successful cheer leading program.

Currently, the Warriors Football Club is comprised of approximately 200 youngsters divided between eight tackle football teams and six flag football teams.

"Our primary purpose is for kids to have fun and build memories that they'll never forget," Demers expressed.

This year's flag and tackle football registration will occur on Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 8 from 10 a.m. until noon at Pelham Bay Little League Club located at 2680 Westchester Avenue.

For more information about enrolling, visit www.bronxwarriorsfootball.org.

On Thursday, February 19, Senator Jeff Klein made a surprise visit at the Warriors Football Club's Annual Dinner Awards Party held at Villa Barone Manor and presented "The Chief" with



Jerry Demers (center) along with Joe DeSimone (r) and Dennis Kandell.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

an award recognizing his many contributions to the team and to the borough's youth.

Demers' successor will be Joe DeSimone who first met Demers in 1987 when his eldest daughter tried out for the Warriors' cheer leading squad.

DeSimone said he became interested in the program's football teams during that time and had his son join the flag football division.

"I'm truly honored that he thought to have me take over and I find it very humbling. Having been mentored by him, I'm going to do as much as he did and I see this as an opportunity to give back to the community as well as to keep the program going forward," DeSi-

mone said.

For 27 years, Dennis Kandell has served as a Warriors Football Club administrator and recalled when he met Demers.

"When my father passed away 30 years ago, Jay came into my life and I'm lucky to have met him. Jay is a person that you look up to and I strive to do that same level of work that he does everyday," Kandell revealed.

James Pellicone has worked as an administrator for 25 years. In 1989, he was first introduced to Demers and the Warriors Football team after discovering his wife enrolled their son into its flag football team.

"When it comes to kids, everything that he does is done for them," Pellicone explained.

Though Demers will no longer serve as head coach, he will still maintain an active role in supporting and visiting the teams he created.

As DeSimone takes over from Demers, the team, best described as 'a family', will aid him in this transition.

"We're going to help Joe and he's going to bring this team to the next level. Jay was superb as head coach and he is by far the most respected gentleman I know," Kandell said.

"He's going to be perfect in his new role running the team," Demers said.

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On Feb. 17, at approximately 2 a.m., the suspect unsuccessfully attempted to gain access to the front door of the Tibbett Diner located at 3033 Tibbett Avenue.

On Feb. 21, at 6 a.m., the suspect entered through the rear door of the Yo Burger located at 3726 Riverdale Avenue and removed an undetermined amount of cash from the registers, and pried open an office door.

47th PCT.

Thursday, Feb. 19, 3:21 p.m. — Police responded to a 911 call of a male slumped over in his car in front of 1023 E. 217th Street. Upon arrival, responding officers discovered the victim, a 44-year-old male, behind the wheel of a grey Honda Pilot unconscious and unresponsive with a gunshot wound to the torso. EMS also responded to the scene and transported the male to Montefiore Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

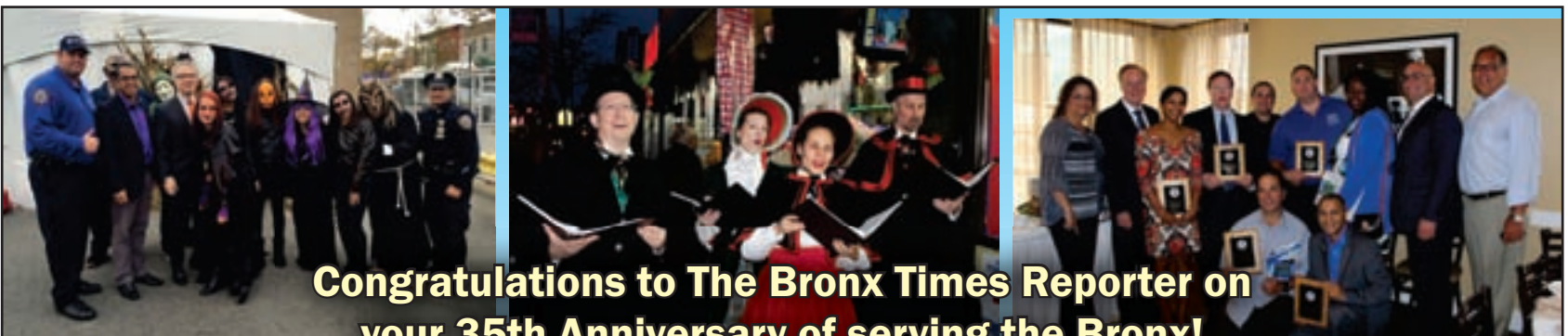
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Sunday, Feb. 15, 4:30 p.m. — A suspect entered the 31 year-old male victim's 2005 Honda Odyssey that he left running, unoccupied and double parked in front of 213 E. 198th Street and fled with it to parts unknown.

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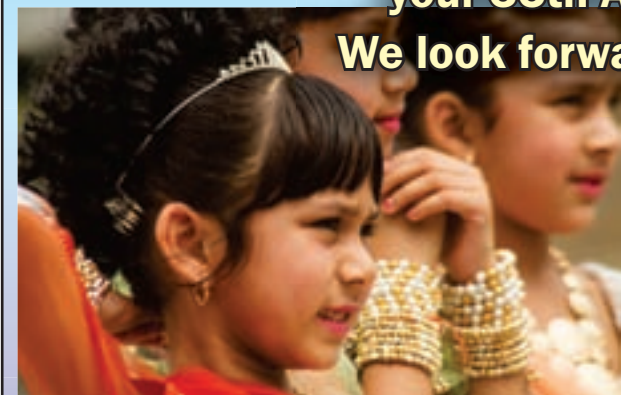
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More surprises in store?

Dear editor,
On page 6 of this past week's Bronx Times Reporter, we received news that the reopening of the Buhre Avenue train station will be delayed again due to a piece of steel that needs to be ordered and fabricated. I feel the MTA could have inspected this station sooner and made the repairs themselves. I wonder what other problems and delays might lay ahead.

Joseph Wall

Winning movies not shown here

Dear editor,
In the many years that many movies graced the theatres in the Bronx, audiences saw a variety of films, domestic and foreign, commercial and independent. But within the last decade or so, many acclaimed independent features have not been booked in any of the theatres in the borough, and of the eight films nominated for Best Picture by the Academy Awards, only three - 'American Sniper,' 'The Imitation Game' and 'Selma' - played in the remaining two multiplex cinemas in the Bronx, and for the second year in a row, a Best Picture awardee - 'Birdman' - was not been booked to play at either the Bay Plaza or Concourse Plaza multiplexes.

While the reasons are clear that the majority of Bronxites prefer mainstream commercial fare, there is an audience in the borough that wishes to see critically-acclaimed independent and art films in their neighborhood and wish not to travel outside the borough. Perhaps it is time for someone to establish a non-profit, independent movie house that will show such films. The Bronx should not be known as the repository for low-brow cinema.

Kevin Scott

Dismissed for signature

Dear editor,
On Saturday, February 21, the pastor of St. Frances de Chantal, in his Lenten purple vestments, five minutes before entering the church to of-

fer Mass and consecrate the Eucharist, engaged in an unpleasant exchange with Barney Reilly, a parishioner for over 30 years, and dismissed him from his long-held voluntary position as head-usher at the 5 p.m. Mass. The stated reason for the dismissal is that Mr. Reilly was one of the signers of a letter mailed to parishioners in October. This letter called attention to problems in the parish, encouraged parishioners both to write letters to the Archdiocese and to reduce their weekly contributions until our questions are addressed.

Fr. Miqueli, the pastor, had attempted to dismiss him in the past, but with the encouragement of friends and fellow-parishioners, Mr. Reilly refused to step down. There had been no complaints about his service, nor any question about his suitability to serve in this voluntary position.

This time, however, the pastor told Mr. Reilly that the police would be summoned if he attempted to take his position as usher. Mr. Reilly called his bluff and replied, "Go ahead. Call the police." The pastor then backed down from his threat, stating that, "This is not the time or place."

Well, if it was neither the time nor the place, shouldn't Fr. Miqueli have understood that before making the threat? And to behave in such a shabby manner in a public venue moments before entering the church is so shockingly inappropriate for a Catholic priest that it defies understanding.

The outcome of this confrontation is that Mr. Reilly has had to relinquish his position. He had endured the pastor's intimidating tactics over the past several months, but was finally forced to surrender to this injustice.

Mr. Reilly truly did not deserve such rude treatment.

J. C. Bitner

Collections are normal

Dear editor
I am surprised that the Bronx Times published the letter 'Pastor over collects.' There is no proof to back it's inuendo.

If the author, Mr. Boyle, reads this week's Catholic News, he will learn that Cardinal Dolan's article explains

that the archdiocese asks all of its parishes to have second collections almost every week. Collections are not decisions made by the pastor.

Anne Coleman

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Dear editor,
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Larry Penner

Think scouting

Dear editor,
Cub Scout Pack 182 had their 47th annual award dinner Saturday, February 15, at

the First Lutheran Church of Throggs Neck. Yes, with the weather as bad as it was, all turned out to honor, encourage, acknowledge and have fun with these great kids. The food was great too, each of us brought our own specialty, with lots of fun and prizes for all.

Everyone worked very hard as they do for each event, for these special boys, our future leaders. And that they are. The boy scouts came too and you can see how well they work with the younger boys and help the adults: "Don't pick that up Cathy, it is too heavy for you, I will carry it to the car for you."

I am so proud of all of them. Many of the adult volunteers don't even have children in the pack.

So, parents and grandparents do them, you, our community and country a favor and get the young men involved with this pack. There are many Eagle Scouts who came from here.

If you want more information you can call Lucy Costello, after 6 p.m. at (718) 823-6035 or email her at LucilleCostello@verizon.net (put scouts or something like that in the subject line).

Cathy 'Aunt Cathy' Praino

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Diaz explores rezoning near new train stations



A rendering of the future Metro North commuter train station in Morris Park. Courtesy of MTA

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Although the future Metro-North stations in the Bronx are still quite a ways off, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. is proactively planning for the growth they could spur.

"In advance of our four new east Bronx Metro-North stations, we are examining rezoning opportunities in these neighborhoods," Diaz announced during his state of the borough address last week.

Those four future stations—in Hunts Point, Parkchester, Morris Park and Co-op City—are part of the MTA's Penn Station Access plan to use the existing Amtrak line to connect the east Bronx to Manhattan and Connecticut's New Haven Line.

The \$743 million project is included in the MTA's 2015-2019 Capital Program, but is only in its early stages of development.

Of the four sites, there are two areas with the potential for significant development, said a spokeswoman for the borough president.

Parts of Eastchester Road in Morris Park and East Tremont Avenue in the Parkchester area near the future stations are currently zoned predominantly for manufacturing and commercial use, and both these areas have a significant number of under-utilized commercial or warehouse-type properties. This offers an opportunity for the development of mixed-use residential and retail communities.

The borough president feels residential development in close proximity to the stations would make them attractive for families and individuals interested in having access to both New York City's central business district and suburban employment opportunities.

"The new Metro-North options in Co-op City, Parkchester, Morris Park and Hunts Point will not only make our region's transportation system stronger," said Diaz in a statement. "It will also open up our borough and its residents to new economic opportunities such as more variety and affordable housing, new retail businesses and increased accessibility to others borough, resulting in reduced transportation costs and easier commutes for Bronx residents."

The Metro-North expansion plan has the potential of creating close to 5,400 jobs in the Bronx, said Diaz, and could help revitalize existing retailers.



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Film industry to develop Soundview site

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Show business is coming to the Bronx.

A film studio will soon be built in Soundview by York Studios, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. announced in his State of the Borough address last week.

York Studios' current Queens site has seen the filming of known projects including television show 'Elementary' and the recent feature film 'This is Where I Leave You.'

The project will be the company's second location, and will be built on an 11-acre site on Story Avenue, north of Soundview Park, said John Battista, York Studios' executive vice president of operations.

That site is the former home of defense contractor Loral Electronics, which closed in the late 1990s.

When the Bronx Academy Senior High School was built on part of the property in 2004, concerns were raised about the environmental safety of the site due to contaminants in the soil.



Preliminary plans for York Studios' development in Soundview.

Courtesy of the Borough President's office

The transfer school has since been renamed the Bronx Academy High School.

The new studio will feature eight film stages available for shooting movies, television, commercials and music videos, and the facilities will be spread across three different

buildings. The company hopes to break ground on the first half of the development this summer, said Battista, and it should be up and running a year to 18 months after that.

"It's very early," he said. "We're still in the planning

stages" The owners of the studios chose the Bronx for their expansion because they saw great opportunity in the borough, said Battista.

"They look at the Bronx as a the next up and coming area of the city," he said.

They feel the studio will be an asset to the borough and the neighborhood, said Battista, and that it will help spark growth. He pointed out that employees and visitors to the studio will patronize local businesses like restaurants, supermarkets and dry cleaners.

"We believe it will generate more business in the Bronx," said Battista.

The borough president is similarly enthusiastic about the positive impacts of the studio.

"The development of a television and film studio in The Bronx, in partnership with York Studios, is of a great significance," he said in a statement.

The studios will create hundreds of jobs, said Diaz, and will provide a hub for creative industries.

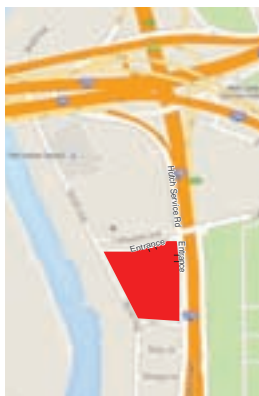
"Moreover, it will help to attract out-of-borough and out-of-state investments; [while] creating high-paying jobs and contributing to the economic and civic vitality of our community while stimulating cultural tourism," said Diaz.



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'Closing' for months store banners raise concern

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A White Plains Road store's effort to move out its entire inventory is running itself into trouble.

Bed & Bath, located on 2143 White Plains Road just off of Lydig Avenue, has 'Everything Must Go' and 'Going out of Business' signs under its awning. Here's the issue - these signs have been there for over three months according to complaints.

According to nyc.gov, if a business is advertising that they are having a sale or offering to sell public merchandise in connection with a declared purpose, such as a fire, going out of business, renovation, etc., the business must have a special sale license.

A 'Going Out of Business' special sale license costs \$50 for 30 days, and can be renewed by Consumer Affairs two consecutive times, at least one week before it expires.

According to the White Plains Road Business Improvement District, however, these signs have been outside the store for over 90 days without

a renewal permit, which has prompted the BID to write a letter to the business this week, asking them to cease and desist immediately its alleged false advertising.

"Every store in this area is a member of the White Plains Road BID, which means that they must follow the rules that the BID sets, which includes having a special sales license if the business wishes to put 'Going Out of Business' signs in front of their establishment," said Joe Thompson, executive director of the White Plains Road BID.

"Merchants have to make a living too, but there are laws and rules that come with being a merchant, either in a BID or any district."

Thompson added that although the business has not obeyed this particular law, they have been cooperative in the past - by previously moving their merchandise closer to the store when it was too far out onto the sidewalk.

He also said that since its are a fairly new business, the management may not used to

being located in a BID area, and may not be aware of all of the BID's rules.

"We don't anticipate any disobedience from them when we ask them to cease and desist," said Thompson, referring to the business. "If they don't comply, the issue will be handled by Consumer Affairs, who will also figure out the punishment, whether it's a fine or otherwise."

Customers who have passed this store and it's signs on a daily basis for over a month might see this situation as a potential scam.

To it's employees, however, it's anything but that, as the signs are helping the process of the store's eventual transformation into a furniture store.

"Business at this store has been slow, even when we lowered the prices of our items," said Mike Angelo, Bed & Bath's store manager, who complained about the lack of pedestrian traffic on White Plains Road compared to Fordham Road.

"We're trying to clear the merchandise out of this store to make room for the new



According to the White Plains Road BID and local residents, Bed & Bath has allegedly displayed false advertising suggesting the store is closing in a matter of months.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

merchandise for the furniture store, but 30 days is not long enough to clear an entire store."

Angelo further explained that the signs are to make the business switch easier - not to scam, and that taking these signs down will delay that process.

"Even though they haven't

sped up the process much, these signs are designed to make the transformation progress easier for us," said Angelo.

"Why would I put together a scam? For the 2 or 3 people come into my store each hour? The only way this merchandise will be taken out of here is if I put an 'Everything Free' sign outside the store," he added.

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Jerome Ave. Corridor Study calls for housing

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

One of the main thought-fares in the west Bronx is the subject of a rezoning plan.

Jerome Avenue, a two mile, 72-block stretch ranging just south of Mullaly Park, north to Woodlawn Cemetery is currently undergoing an evaluation which will result in more affordable housing units, jobs and zoning changes in Community Board 7, as well as boards 4 and 5.

For this plan, the NYC Department of City Planning, who is working with the Housing Preservation and Development, Parks and Recreation, the NYC Economic Development Corporation and Small Business Services on this project, is encouraging local residents, businesses and institutions to evaluate and identify the areas' opportunities, so that housing units, jobs and economic development can come to fruition while existing housing, pedestrian safety, parks and schools, among other attributes, are improved.

"Our (HPD's) intention is not just to build build-

ings, our intention is to build neighborhoods," said Ted Weinstein, director of Bronx Planning at HPD. "Unfortunately, the Bronx is only 43 square miles and more land can't be created, so we have to build with the resources that are available to work towards aggressive rezoning."

The multi-neighborhood evaluation, also known as the Jerome Avenue Study, is part of Mayor Bill de Blasio's Housing New York Plan, which is a ten-year strategy to create 200,000 affordable housing units and over 7,000 permanent jobs for New York City residents.

Although the study is being conducted on the majority of the avenue, the main focus of the Jerome Avenue study is between 167th and 180th streets, known to many residents as the Jerome Avenue Corridor, and which provides major transit access for residents living in Concourse, Highbridge, Morris Heights, Mount Eden, Mount Hope and University Heights.

Currently, the area's existing zoning allows for heavy



The Jerome Avenue Study will result in the area's rezoning, generating more affordable housing units and jobs for residents.

Steven Goodstein / Community News Group

commercial and light industrial use but does not permit residential development.

Contributing even further

to this issue is the fact that the zoning currently in effect is from 1961, with land use patterns stemming back to the 1930s and earlier.

An additional factor is that 80 percent of housing developments in the study area were built before 1950, leaving these neighborhoods and many of their residents with inadequate housing. This particular study aims to promote affordable housing with an Inclusionary Housing Program.

Another issue is economics - the median household income of \$27,000 per year, is almost half of the city median income of \$52,000.

With this study, however, DCP, along with NYC EDC and SBS look to generate more, higher paying jobs opportunities within the area.

"The Jerome Avenue Corridor Planning Study represents an opportunity to engage the diverse surrounding communities in planning for the future of their neighborhoods," said Carol Samol, director of the Bronx Department of City Planning. "Through this process, we

will identify and evaluate opportunities to address a wide range of needs and goals, including the creation and preservation of significant affordable housing, strengthening retail, expanding training and job opportunities, and providing infrastructure services, parks and walkable, safe streets."

Community-wide events pertaining to this study, co-sponsored by community boards 4 and 5 as well as the Davidson Center, will launch in March with three public open houses, giving residents of the area an opportunity to express their goals, input and issues in the neighborhood, as well as suggest community planning ideas.

These meetings will take place at the Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse on Saturday, March 14th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Davidson Community Center, 2038 Davidson Avenue on Thursday, March 26th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for Spanish speakers. The date, time and location of the third open house has not been determined yet.



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Sen. Klein launches Earth Day poster contest

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

An upcoming event is generating a competition among Bronx youngsters.

On Tuesday, February 17, Senator Jeff Klein announced the launch of the New York State Senate's 5th annual Earth Day Poster Contest to celebrate and honor Earth Day, encouraging young students to get involved.

The competition encourages Bronx and Westchester students, kindergarten through sixth grade, to take part in the festivities on Earth Day by working on posters and honoring a day that has been celebrated annually, on April 22, since 1970 in the United States.

The theme of this year's Earth Day celebration is 'reduce, reuse, recycle' - three actions that, according to Klein, will keep this planet environmentally healthy and a much greener place.

"By adopting simple, everyday green habits, we can work to preserve our environment and keep it clean, healthy and safe for future generations," said Klein. "The Earth Day

Poster Contest is a fun way to raise awareness and teach our children about the importance of recycling and other environmentally-friendly actions we can take to protect our planet."

Since 1970, over 20 million Americans have participated in the celebration of Earth Day, helping to improve the earth's air and water quality.

The Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act have also contributed to the effort. In 1990, Earth Day became an international focus.

For elementary school students, the world is theirs in this competition - as they have an opportunity to show their creativity and awareness regarding Earth Day and its importance.

"These kinds of creative endeavors encourage young people to express for themselves why the natural resources in the Bronx, such as the Bronx River and our 7,000 acres of parkland, are important and why we should take care of them," said Maggie Scott Greenfield, director of

Programs and Development at the Bronx River Alliance.

"We've made so much progress in cleaning up the river as a resource for Bronx communities because of thousands of children, parents and community leaders working together."

"Earth Day is an important day to celebrate this progress," Greenfield added.

The winning posters from this year's contest will be displayed on Klein's official website and social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. Participants will also receive a certificate that acknowledges their participation in the competition.

Students who wish to participate in this event must submit their entry online at www.klein.nysenate.gov by Monday, April 6.

(Right) An Earth Day flyer suggests ways the community can keep the planet environmentally healthy - reducing, reusing and recycling.

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Parishes offer bereavement support groups

BY ROBERT WIRSING

When one life ends, another begins.

For over a decade, St. Benedict's Church has been offering a bereavement support group for people undergoing grief following a loved one's death.

A spring session is scheduled to meet this Saturday, February 28 from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the convent.

According to Sister Betty McLaughlin, O.P., the group meets biannually in the fall and spring for eight meetings spread throughout the respective seasons.

St. Benedict's spring session will continue its run on Saturday, April 25.

All are welcomed to attend she said, adding that no one is ever forced to speak at the meetings.

"The price of loving someone deeply is to have to suffer the experience of loss. However, it is worth the price because this individual still fills your heart with memories which will never die and we are better people because we have loved them and they have loved us," explained Sr. McLaughlin.

This group presents a wonderful networking opportunity for people to meet others who are undergoing the same arduous journey in their lives. The program's moderator said.

Refreshments will also be served during these meetings to promote a comforting environment for all who attend.

If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Sr. Betty McLaughlin at (718) 828-3403 ext. 104.

"If the death of that loved one makes a person live life better, then their death was not in vain," explained Sr. McLaughlin.

St. Frances de Chantal will also be conducting a bereavement support group session during the springtime.

The 25-year strong program will conduct its first meeting on the evening of Thursday, March 19 inside the church's Parish Meeting Room.

Similar to St. Benedict's, St. Frances de Chantal's biannual support group will have eight meetings spread out through June.

"The purpose of this group is to enable people to come to-

gether to promote healing through understanding and to help them work through their grief and readjustment by mutual support and encouragement," said Sister Joan Marie O'Leary, O.P.

Sr. O'Leary revealed that sharing and education are this group's two main components.

She added it is vital for people coping with grief to find a safe environment for them to share what they are experiencing.

The education portion of this program will give members a presentation focusing on an array of topics such as anger, guilt, loneliness, readjustment and memories following the loss of a loved one.

If interested, contact Sr. Joan Marie O'Leary at (718) 792-5500 ext. 13 before Monday, March 16.

These two groups will utilize Care Notes, professional literature which covers a wide array of topics concerning the grieving process and are free to participants.

Both parishes work in conjunction with Calvary Hospital, which offers a plethora of be-



Starting this week, both St. Frances de Chantal Church and St. Benedict's Church will be offering bereavement support group services. File Photo

reavement support groups for children, teens, young adults, adults and the elderly.

Bereavement services are offered at the Bronx-based hospital as well as St. Joseph High School in downtown Brooklyn. They are open to the public and free of charge.

Lynne Marie Pappalardi, officer coordinator of bereavement services, has seen interest in the program grow expo-

entially over the years.

"If someone is having trouble living their everyday life following the loss of a loved one, it helps in their healing process that they attend these services," Pappalardi said.

To schedule an appointment, contact either Dr. Sherry Schachter, director of bereavement service at (718) 518-2125 or Pappalardi at (718) 518-2173.





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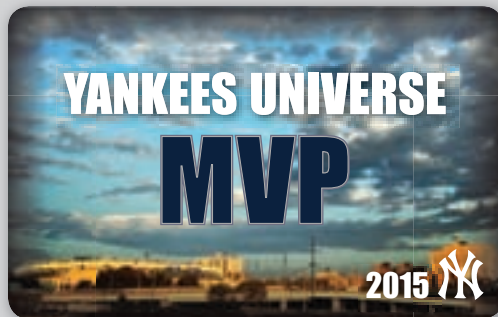
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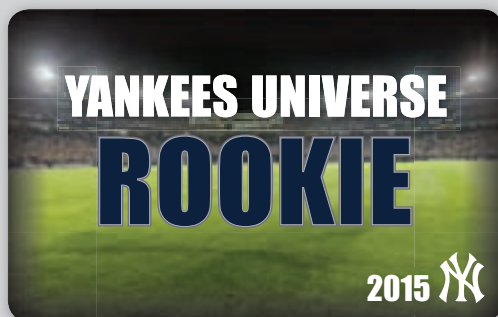


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Old Fordham Library seeks new purpose

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A historic building in the Bronx is longing for a new tenant - and a new purpose.

The Old Fordham Library, formerly known as the Bronx Central Library, located on 2556 Bainbridge Avenue, just off of Coles Lane, is currently vacant, but various proposals of potential tenants and purposes have given the building glimpses of life again.

The 90-plus-year old Georgian style building was originally designed in 1923 by architectural firm McKim, Mead & White, who were also responsible for designing Manhattan's old Pennsylvania Station and Columbia University's main campus.

At the time it was built, the Bronx Central Library was the largest library in the borough.

The library included an upstairs area for children, especially for high school and college students working on

research papers, as well as a downstairs area for adults.

The building also included a lecture area, and was used to teach immigrants, particularly of Irish, Italian and Jewish decent, how to read and write English and get adjusted to American culture.

The Bronx Central Library remained open until 2005, when a larger Bronx Library Center was built just blocks away on 310 E. Kingsbridge Road between East Fordham Road and East 192nd Street. It was the first city-owned green building.

The Bronx Library Center opened to the public three months after the Bronx Central Library officially closed its doors.

Since it's closing, the Old Fordham Library has not been completely out of use.

Since 2005, the building has been used to store city records and in 2008, there were proposals to turn it into a 24/7

animal shelter, which would have been a first in the Bronx. However, these plans eventually fell through.

More recently, the Fordham community and its leaders have been leaning towards turning the former library into something beneficial for the neighborhood, such as a recreational or a youth center.

In 2009, Sistas and Brothas United, a youth group of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, rallied for it to undergo community minded-development.

Currently, the building is used on occasion by an arts and dance group.

A Bronx historian however, has another idea for the building's use.

"Make it the new home of the Bronx Country Historical Society," said Lloyd Ultan. "The location and the space would be perfect for the organization."



The historic Old Fordham Library building has been seeking a new purpose and tenant ever since it officially closed to the public in 2005.

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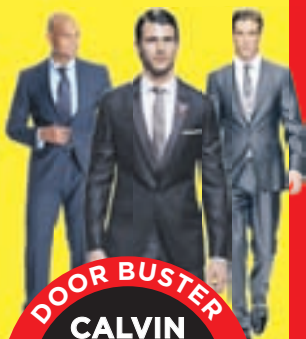
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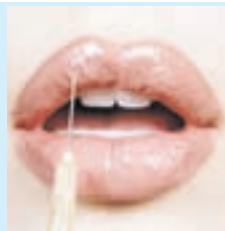
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State Press Association: Cuomo's proposal would hide big news

The following is a letter from the New York State Press Association in response to a provision in Gov. Cuomo's state budget that would eliminate the requirement to publish in local newspapers proposed constitutional amendments prior to an election. Instead, those proposal would be published on government websites.

Memorandum of Opposition Repeal of Newspaper Publication of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Public Protection and General Government Article VII Bill, Part F

A.3005/S.2005

We strongly opposed to the governor's proposal to eliminate newspaper public notice of proposed constitutional amendments.

Instead of publishing public notices, the board of elections would post an abstract and brief description of the proposed amendment somewhere on its website for three days in the week prior to the election.

The secretary of state would also post a notice somewhere on its website once per month for three months.

At a time when there is general agreement that there is a need to increase transparency and accountability in state government, it is astounding that this provision is included in a budget bill. Among the many reasons this is a very bad idea are:

1)By all accounts, broad swathes of New York State lack access to modern internet service. Governor Cuomo has recently unveiled a proposal to begin to narrow this digital divide, and has said it will take major investment over the course of several years. This proposal disenfranchises voters in rural areas, voters who cannot afford a home computer with broadband access, and a significant number of voters who are not highly computer literate.

2)This proposal assumes that New York voters sift through state agency websites when looking for news that affects them. They do not. They turn to a local newspaper. Existing law requires that constitutional amendment notices be disseminated through a newspaper in each county of the state. Most of these newspapers land on voters' doorsteps. Obscure and little-known state agency websites do not.

3)This proposal will not save money. Time after time, when advocating for legislation that would require government agencies to post information on their websites, we

have been told it is too difficult or expensive. To ensure a tamper-proof publication of these most vital legislative initiatives would cost money, perhaps much more than the legislation estimates will be saved by eliminating newspaper public notice of amendments.

4)Newspaper publication keeps everyone honest. Knowing that a government document must be published by an outside entity helps prevent the possibility that such an important notice could be slanted or misstated. A state supreme court judge ruled in 2014 that the state board of elections included misleading language in its description of one proposed constitutional amendment.

5)Newspaper publication provides a historic record. Government websites may not be maintained long term. Newspapers are preserved in libraries and newspaper archives for posterity.

6)The governor has called for a constitutional amendment to strip public pensions from legislators convicted of crimes, and yet this bill supports making the proposed language available only on obscure websites few voters will ever see.

The proposed legislation says it will save \$342,000.

Total paid newspaper circulation in New York is approximately 8.6-million, and there are more than 10 million registered voters in New York State, so the proposal saves about three pennies per voter. This doesn't seem very cost-effective government.

Michelle K. Rea
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Homeowners file lawsuit against builder, DOB

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A group of homeowners in Soundview and Clason Point are suing a developer and the Department of Buildings for \$8 million in federal court for violating their constitutional rights.

The suit, filed on behalf of owners of six homes, claims damages against an umbrella building group known collectively as Bad Ass, and against DOB.

It alleges that the two acted in concert to approve housing permits for sub-standardly built homes that ultimately failed to obtain permanent certificates of occupancy.

The homeowners' attorney, Susan Chana Lask, explained at a press conference on Tuesday, February 24 that the homeowners cannot obtain a permanent CO from the DOB which hinders them from reselling or refinancing the homes. DOB refuses to go after Bad Ass, she said.

The lawsuit alleges that DOB allowed Bad Ass to sell the homes with temporary certificates of occupancy because it collects more than half its revenue from construction permits issued to unscrupulous builders.

"The Department of Buildings has ignored these people long enough," she said. "It is responsible for safe housing, not issuing building permits for illegal housing because it is more concerned

with its \$100 million a year in revenue while people suffer."

Lask said that DOB's actions amount to a constitutional property grab, and the suit states they are deprived of their rights under the United States Constitution's Fifth Amendment, which protects property rights.

At the press conference, plaintiff Johanny Delacruz said that rain literally pours into her home.

"We thought we purchased the American dream, but the Department of Buildings and Bad Ass gave us a nightmare," she said. "We live in a freezing, damp uninsulated structure that is illegal and frightening."

Plaintiff Martha Diaz said that when she moved into her house about seven years ago, she discovered that it did not have proper insulation and that the builder had made her bedroom smaller than what was in an original model. She paid about \$600,000 for her home.

Senator Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Marcos Crespo support the beleaguered homeowners.

"The actions taken by unscrupulous Bronx contractors to dupe unsuspecting families into spending their life savings on uninhabitable new homes are reprehensible," said Klein. "Not only are these new homes constructed poorly and with shoddy,



Homeowners who are part of the federal lawsuit against the Department of Buildings are joined by their attorney and elected officials at a press conference on Tuesday, February 24.

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cheap materials – they pose significant health and safety concerns to the families living there."

Crespo stated, "We can no longer allow unscrupulous individuals and shady companies to defraud those willing to invest in our community and make a commitment to raise their families in our neighborhoods. They deserve justice and today we take another step in seeking it!"

The homes probably cannot be made habitable and need to be literally

reconstructed, said Lask, who added she would like to see her clients receive damages to purchase new homes.

Cheap, slipshod construction has led to black mold, said Lask, as well as poor plumbing and cracked walls.

DOB is issuing violations to innocent homeowners instead of dealing with the developer, which has disappeared, she said.

A spokesman from the city Law Department stated it would review the suit once it was filed.

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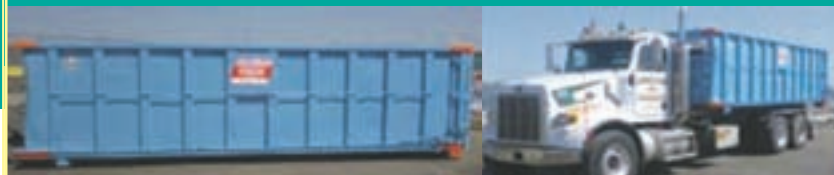
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A pedestrian island will be built at this bus stop near the senior center in Melrose as part of Vision Zero. Community News Group / Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Bronx pedestrian safety plans announced

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A detailed plan to help make specific accident-prone borough streets safer has been unveiled.

A city Department of Transportation Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was released recently as part of Vision Zero, a citywide initiative to reduce traffic fatalities.

It focuses the initiative on the most accident-prone traffic corridors and intersections, and should bring about infrastructure planning and improvements, enforcement and education.

NYPD officials joined Polly Trottenberg, DOT commissioner, at the Leon Senior Center in Melrose on Wednesday, February 18 for the release of the report, which was written in close collaboration with police department after community discussions and analysis of accident data.

"A year ago we launched Vision Zero and I know everyone at DOT is proud to start working on Year Two of this extremely important initiative to keep every New Yorker safe," said Trottenberg. "These borough plans combine cutting edge data analysis and community input from the city's most important resource – its residents – and will help the city target its engineering, enforcement, and education efforts to make New York's streets the safest in the world."

Outside of the senior center, at Jackson Avenue and Westchester Avenue, the plan calls for the creation of a pedestrian island at a bus stop under an elevated train to make waiting for a bus safer, said DOT officials.

Borough-wide, focus will be in the areas that have the highest amount of traffic fatalities, including a densely populated area in the west Bronx along the Grand Concourse and surrounding communities, which seems to be the epicenter of the borough's population and its traffic deaths, according to an analysis of the report.

The areas singled out also extend into the east Bronx with corridors including much or all of White Plains Road, East Tremont Avenue, Morris Park Avenue, Castle Hill Avenue and



DOT will focus its efforts in the areas highlighted in red. Photo courtesy of DOT

Boston Road.

Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, who is chairwoman of City Council Committee on Public Safety, has helped DOT hold town halls to gather input in each of the five boroughs. She said the new plan is a further step in identifying the unique challenges presented in the borough.

"The priorities and recommendations laid out in the Borough Pedestrian Safety Plan were derived from community input and will focus on additional street lighting, coordination of pedestrian crossing times, expanded signage and other enhancements to expand awareness of dangerous intersections," she said.

"I appreciate all the Bronx residents who attended many town hall meetings to engage in discussions on improved safety for drivers, bike riders and pedestrians."

Assemblyman Michael Blake expressed support of the plan at the press conference on February 18.

Priority will be given to just 65 miles of the 791 miles of borough streets, where around 50% of deadly traffic accidents occur.

In terms of intersections, 46 of the county's 6,438 intersections will be given serious attention.

According to the report, dangerous driver choices are the primary cause or a contributing factor in 85% of pedestrian fatalities in the borough compared with 69% for the entire city.

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Parents' Guide for Middle School & High School Homework

As your child progresses from middle school into high school and nears college, the expectations will become much greater. It can be challenging for parents to know exactly how to continue to support their child outside of the classroom. While the level of parental homework help in elementary school is much more tangible, your involvement as your child grows and matures into an independent student should evolve accordingly. For many parents, questions about how to assist older students during homework time abound. Should you be helping with homework? How much? What should that assistance look like? Huntington Learning Center addresses these questions and others:

How much homework is typical for middle school students? High school students?

Ask your child's teachers what to expect when it comes to the amount of time that homework takes. A good ballpark is an hour of homework in sixth grade, 70 minutes in seventh grade, and 80 minutes in eighth grade. High school homework may vary widely from teacher to teacher, school to school. A recent survey by the University of Phoenix College of Education showed that teachers of high school students assign an average of 3.2 hours of homework per week (which equates 17.5 hours of homework per week for students with five teachers in different subjects).

What should your role be in middle school homework?

Being on hand for support and facilitating good homework practices are important, but too much parental help with homework in middle school can actually be detrimental. The best way that you can help your middle school student during homework time is by monitoring his or her study habits and productivity and helping nurture effective habits. If your child struggles on a regular basis, reach out to the teacher to develop a plan of action and they may also need tutoring help.

What should your role be in high school homework?

In high school, it is critical that students learn to become their own advocates and recognize when they need help—and seek help out when needed. Although you should intervene if you see your teen struggling with homework, in high school, completing homework is your teen's responsibility. You can offer suggestions for breaking down bigger projects into manageable steps. You can serve as a sounding board

as your teen identifies homework where he or she needs clarification with the teacher. And you can help your teen learn strategies for maintaining an organized planner. Under no circumstances should you take the lead on homework or help your child with its completion.

How about Advanced Placement homework?

If your high school student is taking any Advanced Placement classes, the amount of class work and homework may differ from your teen's other classes. Advanced placement courses are on the college level and students can receive college credits for the courses at certain colleges if they receive good grades. Expect more homework in Advanced Placement classes.

Why is homework so important?

Homework offers many benefits as students move toward greater independence in school. It helps teachers reinforce what they teach in the classroom, extends student learning, builds students' problem solving and time management skills as well as their sense of responsibility, and much more.

Homework is an important part of your child's life as a student. If you're feeling uncertain about the best way to provide guidance for your child without overstepping your bounds, contact his or her teachers. They can help you understand your role at homework time and the most appropriate ways to support your child's learning without being directly involved in homework completion. Together, you can help your child become a self-sufficient, independent and successful student.

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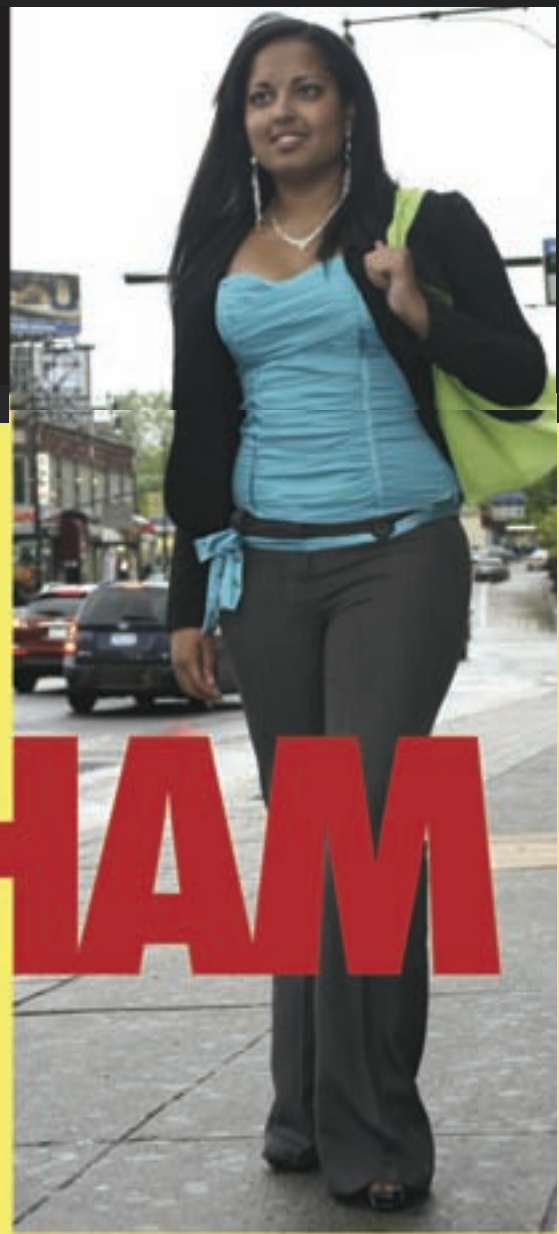
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St. Raymond Academy for Girls held its International Night fundraiser at the girls' high school on Friday, February 13. The evening's attendees got to enjoy a wide variety of foods and desserts from the different cultures that make up the St. Raymond's family. There were also raffles. SRA students, alumnae, faculty and community members were in attendance.

Raffle winner Lois Perrone with Matthew Schaller. Photo by Miriam Quin

The 50/50 raffle winner, Rosa Rifas, enjoyed the event. Photo by Miriam Quin



KLEIN HOLDS VETS VALENTINES

Senator Jeff Klein was joined by Miss USA Nia Sanchez, Miss Teen USA K. Lee Graham, and students from Morris Park's P.S. 83 in hosting his annual Valentines for veterans celebration at the borough's James J. Peters Veterans Administration Medical Center. The 20th annual celebration on Friday, February 13 included the donation of more than 200 Valentines Day cards and gift bags to give back to veterans who served their country. Klein's celebration is held during the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, a week long celebration commemorating the more than 98,000 veterans receiving care at VA facilities across the United States.



(Top Photo) Senator Jeff Klein (c) with the beauty pageant winners and the children from P.S. 83, who performed for the veterans. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

(Above) Senator Klein distributes gift bags to the veterans. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

KLEIN HONORED BY VIOLENCE PROGRAM

On Friday, February 13, Senator Jeff Klein was honored for his outstanding commitment and continued funding support for the Stand Up to Violence Program at the 2015 North Bronx Healthcare Network Legislative Forum at Jacobi Medical Center.



Senator Jeff Klein (l-r); Erika Mendelsohn, SUV Program director; Sandra Chaiken, director of Social Work, the North Bronx Healthcare Network; William P. Walsh, senior vice president, the North Bronx Healthcare Network; John Marano, vice president of Community Board 10; and Pastor Jay Gooding. Photo courtesy of the Office of Senator Jeffrey Klein

UWVC VALENTINE'S DAY CARAVAN

On Wednesday, February 11, veterans at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center received a special visit from Cupid as United War Veterans Council volunteers distributed handmade cards and gifts to approximately 100 military members as part of the council's annual Valentine's Day Goodwill Caravan. UWVC delivered thousands of cards and gifts donated by the community to active service members, veterans, and military families at veterans' hospitals and military bases throughout the five boroughs.



A United War Veterans Council volunteer distributes handmade Valentine's Day cards to veterans. Photo courtesy of the United War Veterans Council

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Bronx' charitable bail fund touts success

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx is home to an innovative program that aims to make the criminal justice system fairer to low-income residents.

The Bronx Freedom Fund, which recently put out a report on its first year of operation, is the first charitable bail fund in the state. The non-profit organization posts bail for residents charged with misdemeanors, with a cap of \$2000.

In her annual address, City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito referenced the fund's operation as being "enormously successful" and announced her intention to create a city-wide bail fund. In the meantime, a number of organizations throughout the city are working to replicate the Bronx's program, said fund manager Alyssa Work.

The Bronx Freedom Fund was founded by board chairman David Feige, who saw the need for it while working as a public defender. Client after client charged with misdemeanors couldn't find the money for bail, he said, and they would plead guilty to avoid jail time while awaiting trial.

"I got sick and tired of seeing poor people forced to plead guilty over the kind of money a prosecutor spends on a weekend get-a-way," said Feige.

These people can't risk missing days of work, losing their jobs and then possibly their apartments, said Work. Others have childcare to worry about, and some can't risk losing their place in a shelter by missing a night.

"Even a very short jail stay can have a really destructive effect on someone," said Work.

People feel immense pressure to plead guilty to avoid these negative consequences, she said, which means they don't have the same opportunity to fight their cases as people who can afford to pay bail.

"The bail fund exists to level the playing field," said Work.

The single biggest determinant of a misdemeanor case outcome is not the crime itself but whether or not you can afford to buy your way out of jail, said Feige.

In the first year, 56 percent of the Bronx Freedom Fund's clients have had their case end in dismissal, with all charges dropped.



The Bronx County Hall of Justice.

File Photo

"That's a staggering figure," said Feige.

Success is also shown in the number of clients who cooperate when bailed out, said Work, since 98 percent attend every single hearing.

"People demonstrate that they're willing to show up to court and fight the case," said Work.

Their bail money then comes back in to the revolving fund to help another client.

But despite the apparent success of the program, it had a rocky start.

After sitting on the idea for years, Feige finally got the fund-

ing to launch in 2007. The fund operated for about a year and a half before it was shut down by a judge, who said it was operating in a legal gray area.

Feige took the issue to the state legislators, including Senator Gustavo Rivera, to make charitable bail funds explicitly legal, and the law passed in 2012. The Bronx Freedom Fund started posting bail in November 2013, the first program of its kind in the state.

That bill was the first law Rivera got passed, and he said it's one he is particularly proud of because it makes the criminal justice system more just.

"It allows people to get better outcomes to their cases, they avoid the negative consequences of being incarcerated and it saves taxpayers' money," said Rivera. "It's a win, win, win."

One of the fund's clients, Billy, was incredibly grateful to receive the program's assistance after he was charged with Driving Under the Influence in 2013.

"If I would have gone to jail, I would have lost my job and everything I have," said Billy. "The (fund) practically saved my life."

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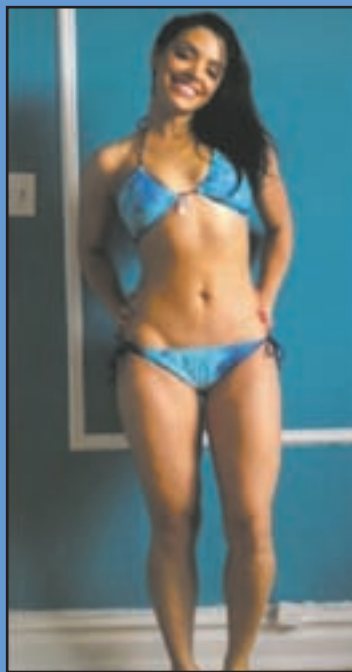
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BRONX YMCA KICKS OFF CAMPAIGN

The Bronx YMCA kicked off their annual fundraising campaign with good food and friends at F & J Pine on Wednesday, February 11.



Members of the Bronx YMCA's board with executive director Sharlene Brown and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. Photo courtesy of the Bronx YMCA



(L to r): Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson's representative Donna Drayton, Bronx YMCA executive director Sharlene Brown and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj. Photo courtesy of the Bronx YMCA

YOUTH LEADERS GO TO ALBANY

On Friday, February 13, Youth Leaders on the Move took a bus from 925 Astor Avenue to Albany to participate in the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian legislative caucus events. Students attended from from Bronxdale High School, Truman High School and Columbus Campus at Pelham Prep Academy. Students meet members of the caucus, attended events with the legislature and took college tours.



Students from Bronxdale High School, Truman High School and Columbus Campus at Pelham Prep Academy pose just before leaving for Albany.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

STUDENTS CELEBRATE 100TH DAY

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes from Holy Family School celebrated their 100th day of school on Friday, February 13 by dressing like they were 100 years old



A Universal Pre-K class from Holy Family School

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The Annual African-American Abrazo was hosted by Senator Ruben Diaz, Sr., Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, Assemblyman Michael Blake and Assemblyman Marcos A. Crespo on Friday, February 20 at Maestro's Caterers. The elected officials honored Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins; Rev. Dimas Salaberrios, president of the Concerts of Prayer Greater New York, Neva Shillingford-King, executive vice president of 1199 SEIU; and Abraham Jones, executive director of Claremont Neighborhood Centers



Front row l to r: Abraham Jones, Rev. Dimas Salaberrios, Neva Shillingford-King. Standing l to r: Councilman Andy King, Assemblyman Marcos A. Crespo, Senator Ruben Diaz, Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda, Assemblyman Michael Blake and Senator Jose Serrano Photo by Edwin Soto.

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Annual Flea Market March 7

The **Bedford Mosholu Community Association** is sponsoring its annual Flea Market on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Bedford Park Boulevard and Decatur Avenue. Admission is free. All are welcome.

For more information call (78) 367-2230.

"**Purim in the Stadium**" is the Bronx Jewish Center's creative twist to this year's community celebration of Purim, the holiday commemorating the Jewish people's salvation in Persia of old. The festivities will be held at 1728 Eastchester Road, lower level, on Purim day, March 5, featuring a unique video presentation about Jews in sports.

Billed as the most joyous date on the Jewish calendar, the daylong holiday commemorates the nullification in 356 B.C.E. of a Persian decree calling for the extermination of the Jewish people throughout the Persian Empire as told in the biblical Book of Esther. Bronx Jewish Center's original spin on this age-old holiday has helped bring the spirit of Purim to the Bronx year after year.

The event is a community-wide program, and all are welcome to join, regardless of Jewish affiliation or background. Participants will enjoy a concession stand dinner, air hockey and foosball.

In addition, the celebration will feature sports and holiday themed crafts and child-friendly reading of the Book of Esther, known in Hebrew as the Megillah.

In the spirit of Purim, participants are encouraged to come in costume, and there will be a competition for the most innovative or funny entries.

Join **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum** for three fascinating talks on local history by local historians taking place the first three Thursdays in March. The March Lecture Series is co-sponsored by the Huntington Free Library and Reading Room. Registration is requested and tickets may be purchased in advance at bpmm.org or at the door. Cost \$10 adults; \$8 seniors and students; members free.

Blake Bell, "Bartow Neighbors: The Mansions and Estates of Pelham Bay," Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.

In the 19th century, the Pelham Bay area was an idyllic, rural, and bucolic region that attracted financiers, artists, wealthy merchants, and others who sought an escape from the growing metropolis nearby.

Town of Pelham Historian Blake Bell gives an entertaining presentation on some of the country estates and mansions that these neighbors of the Bartows built or enhanced, detailing stories of their rise and demise using rare images and maps.

Barbara Burn Dolensek, "Hollywood East, or Making Movies on City Island," Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.

Did you know that the first feature-length film for which a full copy still exists was made on City Island and in New Rochelle? Or that D. W. Griffith's movie studio shed in Mamaroneck ended up at a shipyard on City Island? Or that Angelina Jolie's first starring role was in a City Island movie? These and other fascinating bits of movie-making lore will be revealed in a lively talk on the history of local movie-making by City Island historian Barbara Burn Dolensek.

Susan Olsen, "Magnificent Marble Mausoleums of the Bronx," Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

During the Gilded Age, many of the builders of country estates in the newly established borough of the Bronx commissioned permanent homes in Woodlawn Cemetery. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 2011 with the "largest and finest collection of funeral art in the nation," Woodlawn boasts mausoleums by renowned architects, stained glass by Tiffany and La Farge, and spectacular vaulted ceilings by Guastavino. Susan Olsen is the Director of Historical Services for the 400-acre cemetery established in 1863.

For more information about Bartow-Pell, visit www.bpmm.org.

JASA Van Cortlandt Senior Center, 3880 Sedgwick Avenue, will host an intergenerational Purim Celebration on Monday, March 9. Hagit, dramatic storyteller, will retell the Purim story with puppets and costumes from 11:30 a.m. to noon. A festive lunch of soup, beef brisket or fish will be served at 12:15 p.m. After lunch, Hagit, vocals, and Zvi, keyboard, will provide holiday listening and dance music. Fifty-five guests are expected to attend this annual event.

Holiday refreshments will be served. Recommended senior voluntary contribution for lunch is \$3 and \$2 for the event. Non-seniors are welcome to attend for a fee of \$6.15 for the meal and \$3 for the event.

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Community Board 9 nominated five local youth leaders to receive the New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award during the board's General Meeting at the 43rd Precinct on Thursday, February 19. The youth leaders were presented with a stipend and certificate from the community board and will be recognized on the ballfield during a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium during the upcoming season.



In no particular order: Alsosa Isibor, Donna Kemraj, Amber Lee Bueno, Seth Colon and Cynthia Garcia were all nominated for the New York Yankees Youth Leadership Award. Lehman College program coordinator Bharati Kemraj, Community Board 9 board member Nick Himidjian and CB 9 chairman William Rivera were also present at the meeting.

Photo by Miriam Quin

ST. FRANCES DE CHANTAL CARD PARTY



St. Frances de Chantal's Parent Association hosted their annual 'Over the Moon' Card Party on Friday, February 20 at Villa Barone Manor.

(Above) The event committee showcase the many prizes. Top row l-r: Christina Enaye, Richard Keeney and Jack McCarrick. Bottom row: St. Frances de Chantal school principal Grace Lucie, Maryanne Keeney and Nancy Carfora.

Photo by Laura Stone

Volunteers Maria Mares-Gomez and Virginia Digirolamo.

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GJONAJ CELEBRATES KOSOVA INDEPENDENCE

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj held a Kosova Independence Day Celebration at Maestro Caterers on Saturday, February 21. The event, celebrating Kosova's seventh year of independence, included food and entertainment.

(Above) (l-r) Roberta Gjonaj, Pat Williams and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj enjoy the event.

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Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj with Aleksander Nilaj(l) president of the Albanian American Open Hand Association.

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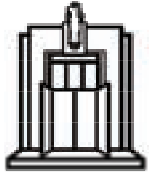


COUNCILMAN KING'S WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY

On Wednesday, February 18, Councilman Andy King aided Bronxities in their daily battle against the bitter cold by conducting a winter coat giveaway at his district office. Hundreds of winter coats, jackets, and T-shirts were distributed to those in need.



Mary Edwards, who was displaced by a fire three weeks ago, stands with Councilman Andy King after picking out a new winter coat. Photo courtesy of the Office of Councilman Andy King



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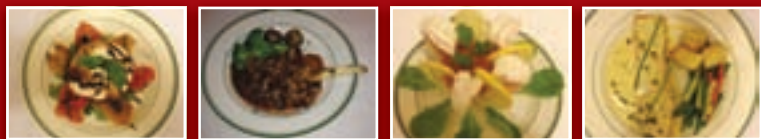
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Guest lecture Paul Leonard with senior students.

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Paul Leonard, an investment banker with over 25 years of experience in finance, recently served as guest lecturer at a Personal Finance Class taught by Ms. Caterina Lamanna at St. Barnabas High School. Taking time from his very busy schedule, Mr. Leonard introduced the young ladies to some financial options for their future while reminding them that the choices would be contingent upon their personal circumstances, future goals and interests.

He acquainted them in depth with two different savings plans, namely the 401K Plan and the Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Both are forms of life savings for students to consider in planning for their future retirement. He went on further to explain how loans work, and the different terms associated with loans such as interest, fixed versus variable rates, and how certain factors may differ depending on the type of loan chosen such as educational, home mortgage or automobile. Mr. Leonard also emphasized the importance of establishing, building and maintaining a good credit rating.

While it may seem somewhat early for teenagers to be thinking about their financial status 50 years from now, or of taking out bank loans, it is not too early for students at this high school to begin to consider options for saving into the future. It is especially important for seniors to learn how to manage their finances in view of their immediate goal of helping to pay for their college education. The students greatly appreciated Mr. Leonard's elucidating lecture and are looking forward to using the information he conveyed to plan their financial future.

To learn more about events at St. Barnabas High School or to make a contribution to the school in support of Stage Two of their Technology Upgrade Campaign, call 718 325-880 ext. 11 for Ms. Jennifer Geideman, or email jgeideman@st.barnabashigh.com. To get information about admission to St. Barnabas High School contact Recruitment Director, Christina Washburn at cwashburn@stbarnabashigh.com

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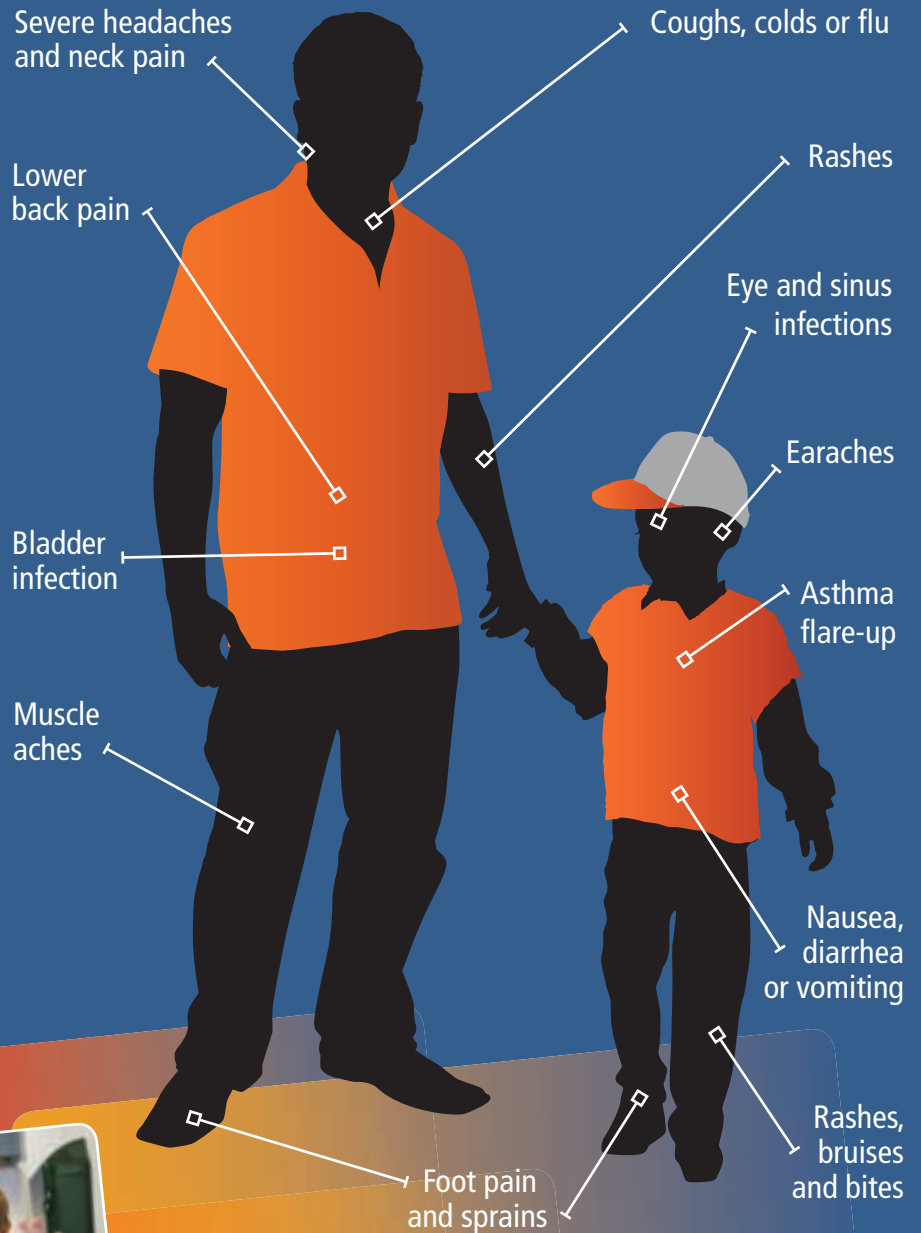
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For the last four years, I have gleefully attended the Just Food Conference in New York City, a weekend filled with seminars about the local food movement, CSA's, urban agriculture, food justice and cooking. Keynote speakers have included people like Joan Gussow, nutritionist, writer and one of my personal heroes. The first year I attended, I was vibrating at the end of the first day, thrilled at having spent time with like-minded people my own age, sharing stories of similar struggles. I was overjoyed at all of the young college aged people I spoke to that were pursuing degrees and careers in urban planning, agriculture and culinary arts.

But this year the conference is only one day and it's the same day as the Throggs Neck St. Patricks Day Parade. The neighborhood wins, hands down. I wish I could go; it's always a great event for a non profit organization that is trying to help connect people with healthy food. Check out their website, Just-Food.org. I am currently on their CSA Advisory panel, we meet once a month to talk about how we can continue to promote and expand the CSA model.

In order to promote the Locust Point CSA, we have tried to utilize the kitchen in our civic center as a way to not only help our members during the season, but also as a way to promote the CSA during our springtime recruitment period. During the season, we do cooking demos and tastings that show our members new ways to utilize the vegetables they receive in their weekly shares.

Our members love this; it promotes communication and great conversations filled with the sharing of recipes. We even had some members who volunteered to do their own demos. The only problem with the weekly demos is that for our members, stopping by the civic to pick up their shares is only one of the things on their Monday night to do lists. Most run in an out; stop for a taste, a quick chat, grab a copy of the recipe and dash off to get dinner ready and help their kids with homework.

That's why last year, we hosted four cooking classes. All the classes were held on Monday nights, which is the same night as our CSA distribution. I taught two of the classes and my fellow core members, Ann Kelly and Lourdes Harkins, each taught one class. The

classes were successful, maybe not as well attended as we would have liked (committing to a 3-hour class on Monday nights was not very convenient as it turns out), but we had at least four people and as many as eight people attending each class. Plus, considering that none of us had ever taught a 3-hour cooking class, I was pretty proud of our efforts.

We got terrific feedback from the people who attended too. I taught a class on Stock and Soup Basics and although it was a lot of prep, I was thrilled by how much everyone loved tasting the results of my efforts. I did another soup making demo at our Wellness Event in November 2014 and for weeks I heard from people about how much they were inspired to try my recipe.

But the best experience so far was on December 30, when I had a Pierogi Making Party and eight of us spent the day making four different varieties. It was so wonderful to spend the day with this group of women, as we talked and laughed and shared food. It was a day that made us all think about the bond between women, whether they are friends, family or neighbors, when we get together to cook. The fact that the pierogi recipe we were using was based on one used by a women's group that makes them to raise money for their community did not go without comment. My hope is that in November we can all get together again and make a whole bunch of pierogi for the same reason.

With these successes in mind, feedback taken into consideration and lessons learned, we're at it again this year. Starting Friday, March 13 and continuing every other Friday night until June, the Locust Point Civic Association will be hosting the 2015 Cooking Class series. This year's lineup will include classes taught by professional chefs and our CSA Core members. I'm still confirming the details, so email me at cnapolitano@netzero.net if you want to be on the mailing list when we send out the schedule. You can also keep an eye on the facebook pages for the Locust Point Civic Association, Community Board 10 and the Locust Point CSA.

I will tell you that the first class on

food for thought

March 13 will be taught by Monica Meola, local entrepreneur and owner of Cake It Easy. She hosted our recent Valentines Day Kids Cooking Class. The class on the 13th will be a great 'Girls Night Out' idea, I know she's planning on some terrific tasty treats.

And don't forget that the 2015 CSA season is now open! Go to the website noted below and follow the instructions for creating an account. Deb at Stoneledge is very helpful if you have any problems creating an account and signing up for a share. Once you create an account, you must place an order. There are Full Vegetable Shares available for \$540 for 24 weeks. A full share is alot of vegetables, but if you are vegetarian, vegan or you juice, you may want the full share. If you only want a half share, the best thing to do is find a friend or relative to split the share with you. However, if you are unable to find anyone who wants to join you for terrific food, we can match you up with other people looking for a half share.

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may purchase multiple fruit shares. For example, we split our vegetable share and we order two fruit shares - one for us and one for our share partners.

The Mushroom Share is \$120 for 24 weeks. Each week you receive a bag of mushrooms and the selection is a rotation of cremini, portobello, shitake, oyster and white button. They are a wonderful addition to your local vegetable selection. Same rules apply for mushrooms as fruit.

Any questions, feel free to email me at cnapolitano@netzero.net. Once you have created your account, order shares for the 2015 season by:

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The Chinese Lion dance is performed by members of the New York Chinese Cultural Center. Photo by Laura Stone



Volunteer Claudia Bernhard assists Christopher Condon and Chelsea Rodriguez with Chinese paper cutting. Photo by Laura Stone



Friends Gianna Lee and Evelyn Zeng with their paper cuttings. Photo by Laura Stone

NCBH CELEBRATES NEW YEAR

North Central Bronx Hospital hosted a preparation event for the Lunar New Year on Wednesday, February 18. At the event, resident touring company China Dance New York performed traditional Chinese dances for the Lunar New Year, which began on Thursday, February 19.



Jiayan Jessie Yong performs a traditional Chinese dance to ward off bad luck in preparation for the Lunar New Year.

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Jiayan Jessie Yong performs a traditional Chinese dance. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

GHANA IN THE BRONX

In honor of Black History Month, WHEDco's Bronx Music Heritage Center celebrated Ghana's connection to the Civil Rights Movement and the decades of shared history between the U.S. and Ghana with traditional music and dance from the African nation. The event featured K5!, a dance group that highlights Ghanaian culture, performing traditional Ghanaian Azonto dance. The documentary Living the Hiplife, which is directed by Jesse Weaver Shipley and depicts the musical fusion of Ghana's highlife music and hip hop, was shown and discussed.



Fatima Samad shows off her business, Design by U, at the event. Photo by Patricio Robayo

KLEIN HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Senator Jeff Klein hosted his Black History Month Breakfast at Villa Barone Manor on Saturday, February 21. The honorees were April Horton, director of external and government affairs at Verizon; Paul Moore, principal of Moore Development Group; Rev. Dr. Kahlil Mootoo, pastor of Bright Temple A.M.E. Church in Hunts Point; Loretta Masterson, president of the Sack Wern Houses Residents Council in Clason Point; Darrin Speight, president of the Shorehaven Condo Association in Clason Point; Debra Stern, founder and executive director of the Amani Public Charter School and Aleatha Williams, founder and president of Youth Leaders On The Move. The keynote address was given by Klein's colleague, Senator James Sanders Jr. of Queens.



(l-r) Aleatha Williams, Loretta Masterson, April Horton, Senator Jeff Klein, Darrin Speight, Paul Moore, and Debra Stern with their awards. Photo by Silvio Pacifico



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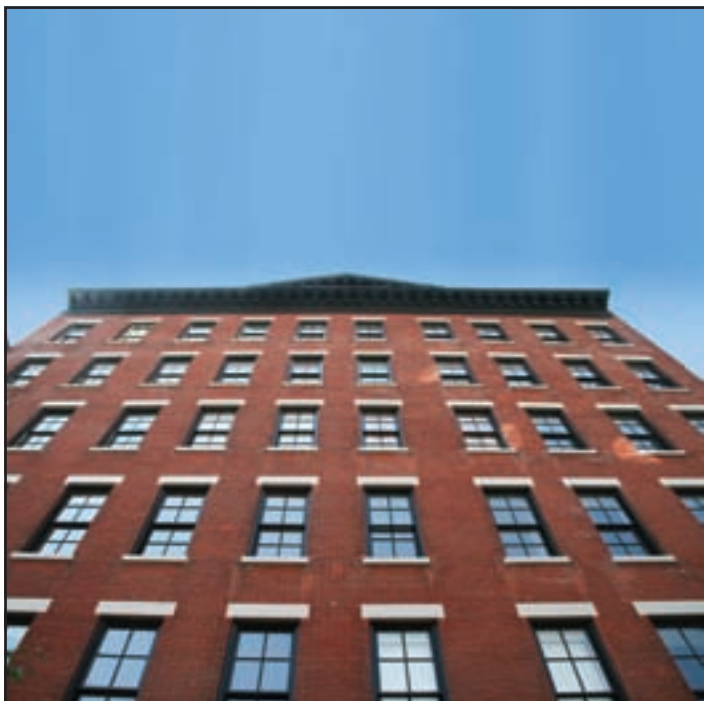
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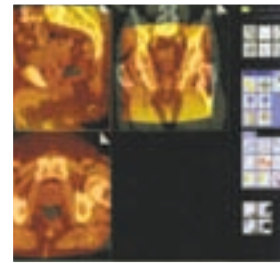


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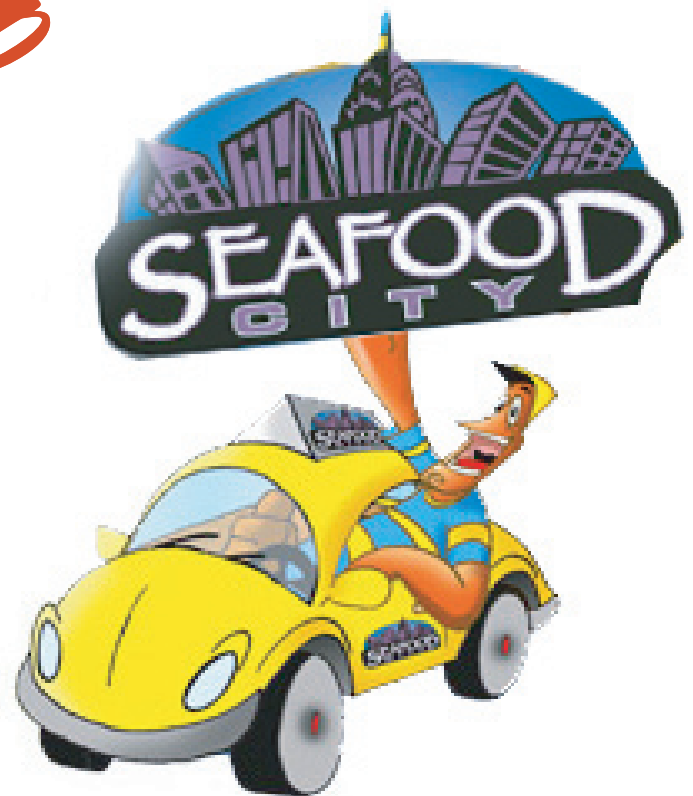
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U.S. manufacturing is in a state of crisis, and it may be a self-imposed dilemma for America. The January 2015 report from the Federal Reserve notes that there are fewer jobs in that industry than at the start of the Obama presidency, when there was 12,561,000 manufacturing jobs in the nation. By January of 2015, that number had been reduced to 12,330,000.

The crisis has its antecedents long before President Obama took office, during the tenure of President Clinton.

In October of 2000, Clinton signed legislation granting permanent normal trade relations to China. The measure had been bitterly opposed by conservatives, human rights groups, and unions. The move was consistent with his controversial policy of enhancing relations with Beijing, which included selling them supercomputers and nuclear technology. The moves are now seen as playing a significant role in building China's sophisticated and aggressive military.

The change in U.S. trade policy eliminated potential tariff increases on Chinese

imports. In addressing the issue, the Federal Reserve notes: "Our estimates reveal a negative and statistically significant relationship between the change in U.S. policy and subsequent growth in manufacturing...We find that U.S. imports of the goods most affected by the policy change increase substantially after 2001, and that this growth is driven by imports from China."

Richard McCormick, writing in the American Prospect back in 2009 noted that For American manufacturers, "the bad years didn't begin with the banking crisis of 2008... Since 2001, the country has lost 42,400 factories, including 36 percent of factories that employ more than 1,000 workers (which declined from 1,479 to 947), and 38 percent of factories that employ between 500 and 999 employees (from 3,198 to 1,972).

An additional 90,000 manufacturing companies are now at risk of going out of business. Long before the banking collapse of 2008, such important U.S. industries as machine tools, consumer electronics, auto parts, appliances, furniture, telecommunications equipment, and many others

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that had once dominated the global marketplace suffered their own economic collapse. Manufacturing employment dropped to 11.7 million in October 2009, a loss of 5.5 million or 32 percent of all manufacturing jobs since October 2000.

The last time fewer than 12 million people worked in the manufacturing sector was in 1941. In October 2009, more people were officially unemployed (15.7 million) than were working in manufacturing."

Manufacturing has a singularly vital role in the U.S. economy. Senator Christopher Coons (D-Delaware) notes that "Workers in manufacturing jobs earn 22 percent more in annual pay and benefits than the average worker in other industries, according to the National Association of Manufacturers. Every new manufacturing job we create adds another 1.6 jobs to the local service economy, and

for every dollar in manufacturing sales, another \$1.34 is added to the economy. Investments in manufacturing have a stronger impact than investments in any other economic sector."

The Economic Policy Institute recently reported that "Manufacturing industries generated \$2.1 trillion in GDP (12.5 percent of total U.S. gross domestic product) in 2013. But even these figures do not fully capture manufacturing's role in the economy.

Manufacturing provides a significant source of demand for goods and services in other sectors of the economy, and these sales to other industries are not captured in measures of manufacturing sector GDP but are counted in the broader measure of its gross output. U.S. manufacturing had gross output of \$5.9 trillion in 2013, more than one-third (35.4 percent) of U.S. GDP in 2013. Manufacturing is by far the most important sector of the U.S. economy in terms of total output and employment.

The manufacturing sector supported approximately 17.1 million indirect jobs in the United States, in addition to the 12.0 million persons

directly employed in manufacturing, for a total of 29.1 million jobs directly and indirectly supported, more than one-fifth (21.3 percent) of total U.S. employment in 2013.

"The manufacturing sector is also a particularly important provider of jobs with good wages for workers without a college degree. This can be seen in the manufacturing wage premium—the dollar amount by which the average manufacturing worker wage exceeds the wage of an otherwise comparable worker outside the manufacturing sector.

The average wage premium for all U.S. manufacturing workers without a college degree was \$1.78 per hour (or 10.9 percent) in 2012–2013."

The ongoing weakness in the U.S. economy and job market, combined with Beijing's continuing and dramatic military buildup, should encourage a timely and thorough re-examination of American trade relations with that nation.

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BY MARY JANE MUSANO

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 14. We will be speaking about our Court Watchers Program and how this program can help with graffiti, car break-ins and car theft.

If you are involved with the Court Watchers Program you know that most of the time criminals that commit quality of life crimes receive community service instead of jail time as their sentences. Most people consider this a slap on

the wrist and for the most part it has not reduced quality-of-life crimes that we see in our neighborhood.

In order for our community to have more involvement in the court process we worked with Senator Jeff Klein to create the Court Watchers Program. Our group works with the senators staff, assistant district attorneys, judges and community outreach at our Bronx Court House.

We go to court on sentencing day, wearing red tee shirts, and through a letter written to

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the judge we ask for appropriate sentencing for the offender. The fact that the community is at court showing their concern helps the judge to understand the need to respond appropriately to the crimes committed in our neighborhoods. He sees that we are a community that

cares and that matters to most judges!

Sometimes jail time is appropriate, especially for repeat offenders, but for first time offenders often some kind of rehabilitation makes more sense. In this case, the offender is often referred to Bronx Solutions. There are many things can happen when an offender is referred to this organization so we have asked them to attend our March meeting so that we may understand what happens in community court and how involved we can get

in the process.

We have also asked for staff from the 45th Precinct and the court system to attend this meeting so that we get a full picture of the process and the possibilities.

In order for our community to be the best it can be we must be as involved as we can be. Please come to our March meeting to get educated about we can do to curb crime in our community.

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BY KENNETH KEARNS

Over the years, there has been a lot of talk of how banks and financial institutions had ignored or abandoned urban areas. In the 1960s and 70s, this happened in our own borough. With the exception of a few institutions, many banks left the Bronx and the results were devastating.

In the ensuing years, the economic fortunes of the borough improved, and we have seen a resurgence of interest on the part of the banking community, thanks to Federal legislative initiatives such as the Community Reinvestment Act. This legislation established thresholds of investment by banks in various communities and mandated the establishment of programs that would stimulate economic growth. Within Community Board 10, we have seen the banking resurgence, in every community served by the board one or two new bank branches have opened in the past ten years. The access to capital for loans for cars, mortgages and home improvements in our communities have reached unprecedented levels.

The governmental agency that monitors banking practices is the New York City Community Investment Advisory Board (CIAB). This body was created in 2012, under Local Law 38, otherwise known as the Responsible Banking Act. The board assesses every two years the banking needs of the city, and evaluates the performance of the banks in meeting those needs. They examine the banking institutions' success in meeting the needs that were indentified, such as small business lending, lending for affordable housing, efforts to address conditions at foreclosed properties and other areas where

banks may meet the needs of communities.

In addition, the CIAB publishes an annual report that analyzes the banking institutions' success in meeting the assessed needs of the community. This information is forwarded to the New York City Banking Commission, who may consider it when approving New York City Designated Banks. On February 12, the CIAB held a hearing in Bronx County. Below you will find the testimony of our board's chairman, Martin Prince:

"To Commissioner Jiha and fellow board members of the New York City Community Investment Advisory Board, my name is Martin Prince and I am chairman of Bronx Community Board 10. My purpose today, is to offer testimony from my community board on the activities of banks within our area of geographic jurisdiction. Bronx Community Board 10 represents the northeast Bronx communities of Cop City, City Island, Pelham Bay, Country Club, Throggs Neck, Westchester Square and Zerega.

The banks that cover our community board include the following: Citi, HSBC, Capital One, Apple Bank for Savings, Chase, TD Bank, Hudson Valley Bank, Ridgewood Savings Bank, Amalgamated Bank, Alma Bank, and New York Community Bank. As you can see we are represented well, as opposed to other communities where basic banking services are not provided. Our concern lies with the compliance levels of these banks with the Federal Community Reinvestment Act, and the Responsible Banking Act.

Bronx Community Board 10 enjoys the presence of many fine civic associations that provide youth and senior services, and athletic programs.

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We at the community board are not aware of the efforts on the part of these financial institutions to disseminate information regarding the availability of funds to support community organizations from these banks. The funding that does exist is episodic and is granted on an intermittent basis, for instance JP Morgan Chase, donated a former Washington Mutual Bank branch to the Bronx Council of the Arts.

While this was an incredible gesture of support to the community that is much appreciated, it is our board's contention, that more work needs to be done with respect to the dissemination of information regarding the potential of the philanthropic and business development arms of these institutions in making the public aware of their ability to assist community based service organizations.

We would like to see a more robust effort displayed by the management of these institutions in this regard. Organizations that could benefit from assistance in our community board include, but are not limited to the following: the Westchester Square Business Improvement District, the Pelham Bay Merchants, the Throggs Neck Merchants Association, the City Island Chamber of Commerce, Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps and several little league and senior organizations.

With respect to the requirement that most of the banks have, regarding that the re-

ipient of corporate giving efforts to provide opportunities for financial education, we at the board are sure that any recipient organization would be willing to incorporate that component in their program.

Additionally, we would like to see a system established that would provide for dedicated communication between the financial institutions and the community boards, to disseminate information regarding the CIAB, we feel that this would increase the organization's presence in the community and enable the Board to become a true community partner.

In closing, we at Bronx Community Board 10 would like to see a more fulsome effort on the part of the banking institutions that service our communities, to let responsible community actors know of how they may help our neighborhoods grow and prosper. "

Through our testimony, we hope to impart to the banking community, the need on their part, to increase services to communities in general.

The fact that New York City has a homeless problem is readily apparent every day. In our own community board service area, we see individuals and groups congregating at Pelham Bay Park or at the subway stations along the IRT #6 line. In response to these situations, the board has enlisted the assistance of Bronx Works, the city contractor in offering people aid and shelter. We also work with MTA Outreach and its contractors to offer these same services to those on the trains. If you see a homeless person, please call the board at (718) 892-1161 or 311 and provide a description and location of the individual and an outreach team will visit them to offer services.

So much of homelessness to-

day, can be directly attributed to evictions that were brought on by New York state's discontinuance of the Work Advantage Program, which assisted the working poor. With some 58,000 people being identified as homeless, many of them women and children, the city's Department of Homeless Services has ramped up its eviction prevention program known as Homebase. This program offers a range of services that include eviction prevention, help in securing public benefits, job placement, financial counseling, money management and short-term financial assistance. This program is very successful in preventing evictions. The Community Board 10 Homebase office is located at 2155 Blackrock Avenue and they can be reached at (718) 414-1050.

The New York Wildlife Conservation Society (the Bronx Zoo) is once again offering its Temporary Employment Program for positions in their restaurants, merchandising unit, admissions and guest relations, maintenance department, ride operations, special animal exhibits, security and guest programming/marketting. All applications must be submitted on-line at www.wcs.org/careers.

CB10 reminds all of those who are fortunate to have four legged friends in life, to clean-up after their pet. The pet cannot do this, so you have to. You will be doing the community, your pet and yourself a favor. You will also be avoiding a large fine.

The board office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to meet your service needs. We are located at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue and our phone number is (718) 892-1161. You may also contact us via e-mail at BX10@cb.nyc.gov. Please visit our web site at www.nyc.gov/bronxcb10.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Remember, no regular meeting of the post on Sunday, March 15, we will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade instead, lining up at E.Tremont and Lafayette avenues at 11:30 a.m., to step off at noon sharp.

The regular meeting of

Korony Post 253 will be on Sunday, March 22 at American Turners NY, 10:30 a.m. for coffee, meeting starts promptly at 11a.m., colation in their club room at noon.

In April we have the annual Commander's Visitation downstate at Antun's in Queens, more info at the

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Korony American Legion Post 253

meeting. The April presentation of the steel piece from

the first World Trade Center will be on Saturday, April 18, time confirmed as 10:30 a.m., at the memorial at Silver Beach's Sunset Trail.

In Memorium: We sadly report the passing of Rev. William Kalaidjian, WW2 veteran, 42 years as an NYPD chaplain and a volunteer at

the VA Hospital. *Hand Salute*

Report from the parade next time!

Until next time: Talking about St. Patrick's Day means spring is on the way! Stay warm, stay safe, help others through these last frozen days of 2015.

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Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY RAPHAEL SCHWEIZER

Bagel Cafe Is Open!

Though it happened months back, Bronx residents and Bay Plaza shoppers should be reminded that longtime Co-op City 24/7 diner and dive is open for business! Though a New York Times article hammered nails into Bagel Cafe's coffin, this small business remained open after successful last-minute negotiations with its landlord, Prestige Properties.

From my own experience, the brand new Bay Plaza indoor mall is a lovely, vibrant addition to the shopping area, and the Bronx. However, we must not allow the entrance of wealthy corporations such as Macy's to once again make it okay for Bronx developers and landlords to snub 'small' business establishments! Especially establishments such as Bagel Cafe, which has served tens of thousands of dedicated Bronx patrons for 25 plus years.

Yes, Bagel Cafe does need a facelift, to replace the seating, signage and lighting. But they also need your shopping dollars to run their business and make that renovation happen. Support small businesses! If you're seeing a movie in Bay Plaza this weekend, instead of eating at Burger King after the flick, give your business to Bagel Cafe, located next to Modell's, across from DSW.

My favorite bite is their two slices of pizza for \$4. Good deal, huh? Bagel Cafe is open 24 hours-a-day 7 days-a-week, with ample seating. Support them!

Bronx Park East also needs

a facelift. As you may know, Bronx Park East Community Association is advocating our elected officials to fund long-overdue improvements to Bronx Park East. Senator Jeff Klein has set aside \$500,000 of our tax dollars to go towards a \$1 million renovation of Waring Playground, and we're seeking to obtain the other \$500,000 through Councilman Ritchie Torres Participatory Budgeting vote in April.

But B-PECA hasn't ignored the rest of the park. Just this week, B-PECA requested funding from the Councilman's 2015-2016 Capital Budget to fund replacement of the iron gates that line the park. These rusted, heavy gates that line the park between Arnov Avenue and Thwaites Place are the first thing people see when they enter. Unfortunately the gates are not only rusted, but prone to breakage, as witnessed when a 6-foot wide 150 pound section fell near Waring Avenue this past summer. Hopefully our hard-working councilman can provide the necessary funds to rejuvenate the exterior of Bronx Park and make our green space majestic, once again! And you can count on B-PECA to keep pushing until it happens.

CenterLight Barker Speed Bump

B-PECA is also fighting for installation of speed bumps on Barker Avenue between Mace and Allerton avenues. On this block sits two CenterLight/Beth Abraham apartment buildings that houses senior citizens - over 200 of them. For years, these seniors have been worried by the speed-

ing of cars on the snaking, long block, speeding that has resulted in many near-collisions.

Unfortunately, the Department of Transportation denied the bumps last year, citing, yes, a lack of speeding. But, with the signatures of over 250 residents, B-PECA asked Councilman Torres' office to request that DOT do another study early this spring so speed bumps can be installed before November 2015.

We have yet to hear back from DOT on what other reasons they had for denying the request after the first study, however we are sure we can be resourceful and find a way to put in the bumps (the best way to slow down speeders), despite the numerous driveways and curb cuts that exist on this block. Let's work together, DOT, and 'Make it happen' for the CenterLight seniors.

Graffiti-Removal Specialists

Finally, as you may have seen on the B-PECA and Community Board 11 Facebook groups, this organization specializes in rapid-response graffiti removal. This month alone every tag was removed on Allerton Avenue between BPE and White Plains Road, despite the fact that it's winter. Remember the motto: 'Make it happen'.

If you see graffiti, tags, or any other eye sores, please report it to B-PECA by texting/calling (347) 654-7044 or emailing bxparkeast@gmail.com. I, along with Kathleen, Larry, Mike Yagoda and other B-PECA FB members post pic-



Congratulations to long-time Co-op City 24-h our e atery "Bagel Cafe" for staying open. Support them next time you shop in Bay Plaza.

tures, upcoming events and other updates each day on our vibrant facebook group. So, please join it and make the conversation that much more inclusive. Go to www.facebook.com/groups/bxparkeast and click, Request to Join. Don't have facebook? Get neighborhood info with text message alerts by texting (347) 654-7044. It's the 21st Century. Utilize the technology at your finger tips to better our communication of important neighborhood issues. But I'm old school, too: CD players, paper newspapers, writing

Bronx Times columns in the Bagel Cafe.

Remember: Nothing replaces face-to-face communication. So, it's vital that we see you at our monthly B-PECA Community meetings. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. inside 2401 White Plains Road. There you can speak face-to-face and find out how you can be a part of the positive change B-PECA aims to bring about. As Captain Picard said: "Engage!" Engage in your Allerton and Pelham Parkway communities.

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

for tickets and reservations, we answer to (718) 822-8873. All proceeds go to veteran's programs.

Any post in the hood that has an upcoming function and want me to include it in this column, give me a two week heads up for me to get it into print.

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rest of the extensive selection is behind the bar.

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Trivia Time!!

The modern Purple Heart was created on February 22, 1932. FYI it was George Washington who first brought it into use. Therefore, his likeness is on the medal.

February 22, 1896, saw the debut of Tootsie Rolls.

The Colors were raised on Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945.

The Nazi Party first met on February 24, 1920 in Munich.

On February 25, Moham-

med Ali, then Cassius Clay became Champ by beating Sonny Liston.

On the next day in 1993, the World Trade Center was bombed.

Finally on February 28, 1993, The ATF&B shot it out with the Branch Davidians in Waco Texas.

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Saturday, March 7; SUNDAY, MARCH 8: Family Art Project: Use special papers and natural materials to create your own mandala, with a unique ring for each of your years.

Saturday, March 7; SUNDAY, MARCH 8: In The Shop At Wave Hill: Spring Sale In The Tea Room: Celebrate spring with a seasonal clearance event! The Shop will present deeply discounted merchandise (up to 75% off!) in a special tearoom sale event in Wave Hill House.

Saturday, March 7: Winter

Workspace Workshop: Monotyping The Winter Landscape: Winter Workspace artist Elizabeth Hoy extends her experiments in working plein-air, seeking to capture the luminosity of this Hudson estate in her layered abstract paintings. At her workshop, select patterns, shapes and colors foraged from the grounds to experiment with monotyping, a quick and fun printmaking medium.

Sunday, March 8: Spring Birding: Naturalist Gabriel Willow contributes his extensive knowledge of diverse bird species and their behavior on these captivating walks through the gardens and woodlands.

Sunday, March 8: Hatha Yoga: Classes are led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other certified instruc-



Elizabeth Hoy, Birch face white, 2014. Oil on paper, 10 + x 20 inches. Courtesy of the artist.

tors.
 Sunday, March 8: Meditation: Each session, led by Yoga for Bliss director Neem Dewji and other qualified instructors, includes instruction in simple techniques, followed

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 Sunday, March 8: Family Walk: Signs Of Spring: Led by naturalist and educator Gabriel Willow.
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The production, directed by Becky Lillie Woods, includes a cast of over 30 children and adults. Weekend performances are scheduled for Friday, February 27 at 7:00 pm; Saturday, February 28 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm, and Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 pm. All tickets are \$10 with group discounts available. Performances are in the Bronx House Auditorium, located at 990 Pelham Parkway South.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bronxhouse.org or at the Bronx House box office up until the day of the performance. For more information contact Deborah Nitz-

berg at (718) 792-1800 extension 236.

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum will welcome Emita Brady Hill and Janet Butler Munch, editors of *Bronx Faces and Voices: Sixteen Stories of Courage and Community*, to discuss their recent book on Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 pm.

Bronx Faces and Voices documents the uncensored stories of sixteen men and women and their experiences in the borough before, during, and after the troubled years of arson, crime, abandonment, and flight in the 1970s and 80s. The voices are as eclectic as the Bronx itself: elected officials, religious leaders, and activists who were all determined to preserve the beauty of their parks and stability of their community and combat the notion of the Bronx as an international symbol of urban disaster. While some are no longer alive, each of the sixteen individuals featured in Hill and Munch's fascinating oral history, played a positive role in a pivotal time in the borough's history.

The talk will be illustrated with striking photographs from the book of Bronxites in all their diversity

by noted photographers Georgeen Comerford and Walter Rosenblum.

Emita Brady Hill is the former chancellor of Indiana University Kokomo and spent twenty years at Lehman College, the Bronx campus of CUNY, in various roles, including department chair, dean and vice president, and professor of French language and literature. She was also program director for two NEH funded programs, The City and the Humanities and the Bronx Regional History Project. She lives in New Rochelle, New York, and Traverse City, Michigan.

Janet Butler Munch is an associate professor and special collections librarian at Lehman College, CUNY. For the past 20 years she has worked with Bronx researchers and collections including Lehman's Bronx Institute Archives of community oral histories, books, documents, maps, and photographs. She lives in Ossining, New York.

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General Anthony J. Allaire, interned in Woodlawn

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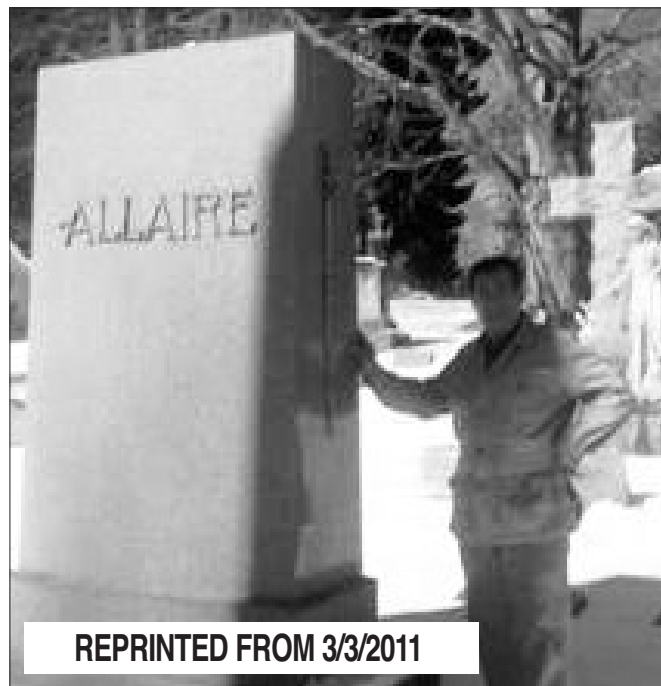
Nick DiBrino and I were wandering around Woodlawn Cemetery last week when we came upon a monument that simply read "Allaire." What caught our attention was the bronze sword attached to the right side of the memorial stone. Further examination indicated that a duplicate sword was also attached to the left side so we located security and asked about it. Apparently it had been removed by vandals years ago when copper and brass plaques and other such items were being stolen by drug addicts. Fortunately they were only able to get the one and the remaining sword was enough to warrant some investigation about the person so honored. The smaller headstones in front of the monument told some of the story and the rest had to be ferreted out.

The man honored by the large memorial bearing the sword was Anthony J. Allaire, a brevetted Brigadier General in the Civil War with a fascinating career that included service with the Fire Department, Police Department and the military. He was born

in Ohio on February 17, 1929 but came to New York while still very young. He worked as a blacksmith for a short period of time before joining the Fire Brigade in lower Manhattan. Then on August 24, 1860, he joined the Metropolitan Police Force working his way up the ranks. When the Civil War broke out the following year, the police sought to raise four regiments. Allaire had been assigned as a drillmaster at Riker's Island here in the Bronx and immediately volunteered as did his men who were mustered in as Company E of the 123rd New York Volunteer Infantry with Allaire as commander. They served valiantly in numerous engagements and Allaire rose rapidly through the ranks. He served at the Battle of Cedar Creek in the Army of the Shenandoah led by Major General Philip H. Sheridan. His bravery did not go unnoticed and he was even-

tually brevetted as a Brigadier General being transferred as necessary. His military career was the reason for the bronze swords on his memorial.

The January 30, 1887 edition of the New York Times did carry a story about his promotion to inspector being denied and quite a controversy ensued after which he was going to be pensioned off. Apparently things worked out and although he did not get the promotion, he did progress in the police department staying on the job until retiring on October 7, 1902 with 42 years of service when his illness advanced to a severe stage. He died the following year on August 9, 1903 at age 74 of Bright's disease (chronic nephritis). He was originally interred in New Rochelle but when the New England Thruway was built the family graves were moved to St. Paul's Cemetery in New Rochelle with the exception of his.



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Author, historian and retired police officer Nick DiBrino stands next to the Allaire monument in Woodlawn Cemetery. Note the bronze sword on the side of the memorial. Anthony J. Allaire was brevetted as a Brigadier General during the Civil War and also served 42 years with the police force.

He and his immediate family can be found in Section 122 of the Fairview Plot in Woodlawn Cemetery just two rows in from

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF BRONX, REAL ESTATE ASSET TRUST 2011-2, ASSET-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2011-2, A DELAWARE STATUTORY TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. CARMEN REYNOLDS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 05, 2014, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Bronx County Courthouse, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on March 16, 2015 at 2:00 p.m., premises known as 2047 Anthony Avenue, Bronx, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York, Block 3156 and Lot 181. Approximate amount of judgment is \$451,285.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 381226/08. Alberto Torres, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Elliott, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX THE PARKCHESTER SOUTH CONDOMINIUM, INC., on behalf of its unit owners of the Parkchester South Condominium, Plaintiff, - against - HENRIETTA MADELYN ABRAHAM KWATENG, et. al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment dated December 1, 2014, I will sell at public auction on March 23, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 600 of the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, the Condominium unit in the Parkchester South Condominium known as apartment 7A, in the building known as E-9 a/k/a 72, and by street address 1670 Metropolitan Avenue, Bronx, New York, and designated as

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1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the rejected claims of US Bank, Carl Bencivenga and Robert De Yorgi all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that the possible claims of Thomas C. Montera, Inc., Cbiro Wardi Chinitz & Silverstein, Consolidated Edison, Citibank, NA , HFC, Cablevision, AT&T, Inc., Oxford Health Plan, NYC Department of Finance, Parking Violation Bureau, CitiCards, Honda Finance Corp., American Express, Verizon and Allstate all be disallowed in their entirety for a failure to substantiate; that, in the absence of anyone appearing and filing objections hereto, the entire net estate be 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 30, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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Attorney: Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. Tel. No. 1-212-925-9100 Address: 85 Worth Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013

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CITATION - File No. 2011-1679/A - THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT - TO: Richard McStravick; Gerard McStravick; Jane Holoquist; NYC Department of Social Services; Con Edison; Attorney General of the State of New York; and The unknown distributees, next of kin and heirs at law of ROBERT MCSTRAVICK, 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 April 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., why the Court should not grant the following relief: that the account of the Public Administrator of the County of Bronx, a summary of which will be served therewith, as Administrator of the Estate of ROBERT MCSTRAVICK, deceased, who at the time of his death was a domiciliary of 2550 Independence Avenue, Apt 4A; Bronx, New York, be judicially settled; that the legal fees of \$4,696.00 as listed in Schedule C-1 of the account, of which \$2,348.00 will be paid upon the completion of jurisdiction herein and the remaining \$2,348.00 will be paid upon the entry of a Decree herein, to Reddy, Levy & Ziffer, P.C. as attorneys for the

Public Administrator be allowed; that the Administrator be allowed its statutory charges calculated pursuant to SCPA 1106(3); that the commissions calculated pursuant to SCPA 2307 and 1106(1) & (2) be allowed; that the claim of the NYC Department of Social Services in the approximate amount of \$103,302.28 be allowed; that the possible claim of Con Edison 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 paid to the NYC Department of Social Services on account of its allowed claim; 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, February 3, 2015. (L. S.) HON. NELIDA MALAVE-GONZALEZ, Surrogate, Bronx County; Michael P. Hausler, Chief Clerk

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
 INDEX NO. 35118/2014E SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX Date Filed: 1/26/2015 Plaintiff designates Bronx County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. M&T Bank, Plaintiff, -against- Jaime Serrano, Victor Maldonado if living and if he be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and their spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residences are unknown to Plaintiff, United States of America, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Criminal Court of the City of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Capital One Bank, Commissioner of Social Services as assignee of Lisa Polanco, Strategic Holdings USA Inc., Bronx Supreme Court, Jaime Serrano Jr., Marilyn Nazario, Candida Serrano, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT OF the above captioned action is to foreclosure a Mortgage to secure \$143,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register, County of Bronx, on February 17, 1988, in Reel 0824, Page 1005, covering premises known as 1047 East 213th Street, Bronx, NY 10469. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. 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. DATED: Williamsville, New York: December 10, 2014 By: Stephen J. Wallace, Esq. Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-061901-F00

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
 Index No.: 380036-14 Date of Filing: February 13, 2015 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF BRONX CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE PERETZ SONTAG, IF THEY BE LIVING OR DEAD, THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF 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 UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE PERETZ SONTAG, IF THEY BE LIVING OR DEAD, THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF 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 PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "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 COL-

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LECT 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 Mark Friedlander of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on January 29, 2015, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Bronx, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by PERETZ SONTAG TO MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR STERLING EMPIRE FUNDING ASSOCIATES, LTD., A

NEW YORK CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS in the principal amount of \$328,000.00, which mortgage was recorded in Bronx County, State of New York, on June 2, 2005, in CRFN: 2005000322202. Thereafter said mortgage was assigned to CITIMORTGAGE, INC. by assignment of mortgage dated August 18, 2011 and recorded in CRFN: 2011000351688 in the County of Bronx on October 4, 2011. Said premises being known as and by 4215 KATONAH AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10470. Date: December 8, 2014 Batavia, New York Virginia C Grapensteter, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue Batavia, NY 14020 585.815.0288 Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you

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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Yankees Whoop-De-Do

I wasn't paying very much attention to all the hoo-ha about A-Rod's public apologies because I think it was more about the team trying to position themselves in order not to pay those huge bonuses.

Besides, A-Rod could take a big step toward forgiveness by hitting a few of those first pitches over the fence.

MLB Fans

I think as a rule that baseballfans aren't concerned with a lot of the media's "Whoop-de-do" that tells us how to feel. There's a lot of "gas in the air" saying that "ordinary people" don't believe A-Rod's apology. That doesn't matter as much as seeing him play well. That's what matters most in the end.

Jackie Robinson

West Little League

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) weighed in. "There is concern that the mess will cause black youngsters to veer away from baseball, already experiencing a steady decline in participation by African Americans.

Right. African American kids will shift to football and basketball, where there is zero chance they will ever be exploited by greedy, power-crazed adults."

NBA

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Lawrence's 19 points leads Manhattan past Marist

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

A tight loss to conference leader and rival Iona was just a hiccup in Manhattan's late season surge.

The Jaspers have won seven games in their last nine tries including a decisive 67-54 win over host Marist in MAAC conference men's basketball Sunday night. The Jaspers, who sit in third, guaranteed themselves at least a fourth seed in the upcoming conference tournament with the win.

Manhattan was led by one of the best performances of the season by sophomore forward Jermaine Lawrence. The Cincinnati transfer poured in a career-high 19 points to keep his team's strong play going.

"I let the game come to me," Lawrence said. "I didn't want to force anything, just move without the ball and picked my spots."

Jaspers coach Steve Masiello said he's seen Lawrence mature, grow up and become a player who is more responsible for his actions. The excuses have stopped and the results are starting to improve.

"Now I think he has totally bought in," Masiello said. "He knows the system. He understands the philosophy. He knows I am going to expect things that are unrealistic from him and I am going to hold him to that."

Things didn't look good to start the second stanza as the Jaspers trailed by nine early. The deficit did not last long. Manhattan outscored Marist 40-18 the rest of the way. The Red Foxes shot just 25 percent from the field in the second half. Manhattan shot 65 percent from the field after the break and pulled away from the Red Foxes.

"I thought we gutted it out and made some big plays," Masiello said. "It was a great total team victory tonight."

Emmy Andujar turned



Manhattan coach Steve Masiello saw his team claim a win over Marist last Sunday.

Photo by Robert Cole

in another fine performance by a knee injury, played sparingly. Chavaughn Lewis paced Marist (5-23, 4-14) with 16 points. The victory puts Manhattan on a crash course with Iona, the conference regular season champion. The two rivals meet for the second time

on Friday night in New Rochelle with the Jaspers still looking secure third place in the MAAC standings. Beating the Gaels on the road would give the Jaspers their first win over one of the conference's top to teams this season.

Senior sharpshooter Shane Richards, who as hampered

Gaels first loss on Pinn's buzzer beater

BY STEPHEN ZITOLO

Fordham Prep handed league leader Kennedy Catholic its first loss in Hollywood style.

The Rams' fans were watching intently with the score tied and 2.4 seconds left in the game. The ball was inbounded to Fordham Prep's senior guard Michael Bronzo. He scanned the floor as defenders converged on him. Bronzo reacted by firing a pass into the paint to Cameron Pinn. The fellow senior caught it under the basket for a wide-open layup that beat the buzzer. The Fordham fans rushed the court in celebration.

"It's an amazing feeling," Pinn said. "Most people doubted that we could win this game."

His last second heroics gave the Rams' eight seniors an upset 48-46 victory over Kennedy Catholic in their final home game on Feb 18. It also made a statement to the rest of their CHSAA Class A division heading into the post season. The Gaels won the first meeting 70-53 in early January, but Fordham has been on a roll of late with wins over Class AA teams Stepinac and Iona Prep.

"The best thing about this win is the confidence it gives us," Fordham Prep coach Brian Downey said. "It shows that we can beat anyone in this league. To take down an undefeated



Fordham Prep's Cameron Pinn scored at the buzzer to beat Kennedy Catholic.

Photo by Amy Rio

team was on our minds. But the number two-seed going into the playoffs was the biggest thing for us."

The game was more than an exciting finish. Fordham Prep (17-5, 12-4) came out strong in the first half and

caught Kennedy Catholic by surprise. The Gaels (23-1, 15-1) weren't ready for the speed and intensity that Fordham played with. The Rams attacked the basket and were able to be successful at the rim, scoring and even grabbing

rebounds over a much bigger Kennedy team.

"We knew we could play with them, it was just a matter if we came out and did it," Bronzo said. "We couldn't be scared of their size. We knew we had to go right to the basket."

Fordham Prep led 31-22 at halftime due in large part to 15 points from Bronzo and 11 points of the 18 points from senior guard Patrick Murray. Kennedy Catholic made the necessary adjustments in the second half to claw its way back into the game and fight for their undefeated season.

By the end of the third quarter it had cut the Rams lead to 38-34 and by the fourth Kennedy Catholic tied the score at 38-38 with just over six minutes left. The Gaels went up 43-42 with just 1:26 remaining in the game. Elijah Hughes led Kennedy with 16 points.

The game appeared ready to slip through Fordham Preps fingertips. The last minute and change was back and forth. The Rams got the break they needed with 2.4 seconds left, the game when Kennedy Catholic was unable to inbound the ball and called for a five second violation. The Rams capitalized on the mistake when Pinn's layup fell through the hoop at he buzzer.

"We just got to build on this win and we will keep moving up towards our goals," Pinn said.

Practice makes perfect for Truman's Davis in win over Spellman

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Dyona Davis isn't a regular visitor to the PSAL's website, but when she did the Truman freshman wasn't happy with what he found and decided to do something about it.

Earlier this season Daniels saw her free throw percentage dip to around 50 percent, something that didn't sit well with her. She put extra time into her game whenever she could after that. There were hundreds of free throws taken in the gym and Davis even shot on the mini hoop in her room when she woke up in the morning.

"I just make sure every second of every day I'm working on my game," Davis said.

She was given a chance to show just how much her hard worked paid off when she stepped to the free throw line in the closing seconds with Truman down one to Bronx rival Cardinal Spellman. Davis calmly hit both and the Mustangs got a stop down the other end to secure a 49-48 win non-league girls' basketball on Feb. 20.

"I worked on it and God put me in that position to show I worked on it and I improved," Davis said. "I came through."

She did much more than hit free throws. Davis also poured in a game high 26 points to help give Truman (13-14) its first win over Spellman since to two teams started playing regularly the

last five years. The Pilots (20-4) won the first meeting this season back on Nov. 19. Weather cancellations left both teams with an extra game to play for a post season tune up.

"It was very nice for the kids and nice for me in very humble way," Mustangs coach John Burke said of beating the Pilots. I'm trying to do what [Coach Jane Morris] does over there, consistently send kids to college year and year out."

Truman had its big three playing well, like most of the games during its second-half resurgence. Point guard Lisa Fields scored 13 points, dished out seven assists and grabbed seven rebounds. Aneisha Lyons added 15 points. Davis who is averaging 12 points per game in league play, feeds off of them and Mustangs defense.

"When we play good as a team we leak Dee Dee out because he is a great finisher," Burke said.

Jade Vega paced Spellman with 15 points in a game that was back and forth from the start to finish. The Pilots led by as much as seven early and Truman went up five in the second quarter. Burke praised the play of forwards Jewelle McEwen and Brianna Alberga on the boards. Davis made sure everyone's hard work equaled a win.

"I said I did it," Davis said. "I was so happy."

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Pipe Dreams: Pheee-nom; Scott's Knucklehead Of The Week

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said, "Reports say that George Karl will take over as the head coach of the Sacramento Kings right after the All-Star break. Karl is a certified basketball lifer and he is a very good coach. He has turned sorry-assed franchises in to respectable franchises in the past; the man knows what he is doing. So this is a prime catch for the Kings, right? (and maybe he can buy, as Greg Cote noted an actual second name)

Unfortunately, I have to answer that with "Maybe". Consider: The Sacramento Kings franchise has been around since the dawn of the NBA – and even before that truth be told – residing in cities such as Rochester, Cincinnati, KC/Omaha, KC (by itself) and now Sacramento. This peripatetic franchise has won the NBA Championship exactly 1 time and that was in 1951. To give you an idea of how long ago that was, the Rochester Royals were winning the NBA championship about the same time that President Harry Truman was in the process of relieving General Douglas MacArthur of command in the midst of the Korean War. This franchise does not have a winning tradition.

The current – and newly minted – owner of the Kings, Vivek Ranadive, is an impatient man who believes that he has great professional basketball insights. It appears to me that he is a guy who will plant a crop of vegetables and then pull up each plant once a week just to be sure the roots are developing and then put it back in the soil. Months later, he will be surprised when his crop yield is below normal... In short, he seems to be what Danny Boy Snyder would be like if Danny Boy bought and NBA team."

Pheee-nom

Jerry Crasnek (ESPNNY.com) gave us this alert, "Prized Cuban free agent Yoan Moncada has four or five more private workouts scheduled with Major League Baseball teams in the next week and hopes to decide where he will sign by Feb. 23, his representative told ESPN on Wednesday.

Moncada expects to audition individually for about a dozen teams, according to David Hastings, the Florida-based certified public accountant who is handling the infielder's negotiations with clubs. Several teams have requested what Hastings called "look-backs" -- or second, follow-up workouts.

Multiple media outlets have speculated that Moncada, 19, could command a signing bonus in the \$30 million-50 million range.

A switch-hitter, Moncada batted .277 in two seasons with Cienfuegos in Cuba's Serie Nacional before leaving the country last year with the permission of the Cuban government. He held a workout for a reported 70 to 100 MLB talent evaluators in Guatemala

in November. he Yankees, Red Sox and Rays, in contrast, are free to sign Moncada immediately. But their past international spending has placed them in a category where their investment would be subject to a 100 percent tax. That means a \$30 million outlay on Moncada would cost them \$60 million.

"It's almost like somebody walks up to you and hands you a \$50 million diamond and says, 'Take care of this for a few months. I've got to go. Bye,'" Hastings said.

"I've had to become his nutritionist, his [medical adviser], his baseball trainer and his legal and financial adviser. I'm not an expert in nutrition for a 19-year-old potential superstar. I want a team that has all these professionals and experts to take over and say, 'OK, this is what we need to do with this kid.' The sooner the better."

Soccer

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Scott's Knucklehead Of The Week

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) gave an award to Jerry Rice for admitting he used illegal stick-um for all of his career and using "everyone does it" as a defense. Scott suggested that Rice should try to use that defense in traffic court.

Cote's Notes

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) wrote that, "Pete Rose said he'd love to talk to new MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred about his gambling ban, then he laid 8-5 odds against that happening.

"Oisk"

Chris Erskine (LA Times) wrote about growing old. "You know, it's odd the little things you notice as you age. I remember the first time I realized — somewhat fretfully — that airline pilots were younger than I, then doctors, and now a president. There must be, in the corner of our souls, the belief that those making the most important decisions have a tad more experience than we do, a few more summers under their belts.

Meanwhile, perhaps our ardor for mythic figures was always a bit misplaced. Of those we trust, only Santa Claus seems to survive the media scrutiny of the 21st century. What might've overzealous bloggers turned up on FDR or Edward R. Murrow?"

A Rising Star Visits the Rising Stars

BY DARA BERKWITS

P.S. 36, the Rising Stars School, was the lucky recipient of a Health and Physical Education grant offered by the NBA in collaboration with Let's Move! Active Schools. The two organizations promote activity, healthy eat-

ing habits, and playing together.

John Devanny, the P.S. 36 physical education teacher, saw a wonderful opportunity in this grant, and applied hoping his school would be one of 100 to be chosen to win a prize pack. Months went by before the notification came, but when it did, the news excited the students more than Devanny imagined. The news of the win spread quickly throughout the school. P.S. 36 students were the lucky recipients of a prize pack that included an NBA FIT day. With this prize pack the participating students would receive giveaways such as t-shirts and bracelets as well as a very special visit from Utah Jazz basketball player Dante Exum.

On Friday, February 13, kick starting the NBA All-Star weekend in New York City, over 200 P.S. 36 fourth and fifth graders had an opportunity to work out in the gymnasium with NBA rising star Dante Exum. Along with Exum, NBA FIT brought a West Point cadet to reinforce the need for activity in everyone's lives.

Throughout the day the students enjoyed a combination of health and fitness messaging through fitness-related basketball activities to reinforce the need to be active, eat healthy, and play together. Grants and prize packs like these make the effort to apply for them worth it every time. Congratulations to the P.S. 36 Rising Stars.



From the right: Principal Elvira Maresca, Councilwoman Annabel Palma, NBA player Dante Exum. Assistant Principal Quyen Quch, Assistant Principal Rachelynn Milby.

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Velocity Track Club New York highlights

BY WINSTON DINKINS

Landover, Maryland here we come! On Saturday, February 21, Velocity Track Club New York traveled to Houghton College Athletic Complex in Houghton New York for the USA Track & Field Northeast Zone Championships. The Northeast Zone consists of the following Regions and Associations: Region 1: New York, Long Island, Adirondack, New England, Connecticut, & Maine. Region 2: Niagara, New Jersey, Mid-Atlantic, & Three Rivers. Only athletes from these USATF Association are eligible for the Northeast Zone Championship. In my 18 years of coaching and attending track meets, this was one of the hardest competitive track meets that I experience at a regional or zone level, this meet felt like a national championship. Plus it was organized and ran like one.

VTC chartered T & C Bus Company to take us to Houghton NY. This helped us greatly; it took a lot of pleasure off

our parents from making that 6 hour drive. The athletes & parents were able to rest on the bus, watch movies and enjoy each other company before the competition. Most important, returning home, we were able to take a nap, which allow us to be rested for work & school on Monday.

This two day meet had all of the indoor events. We had 30 athletes attend this competition. The top 6 athletes in their event / gender will receive medals and advance to the National Championship in Landover MD on March 13th - 15th. I'm pleased to note that we were blessed to have 19 student athletes earn medals & advance to the National Championship. We can't be more proud of our children. The athletes that didn't advanced also perform well and we are proud of them too. The following athletes that advanced to the nation championship in three events are: Darius Gordon. In two events: Nariah Mathis, Pearl



Webster, River Sampson, and Dontae Lindo. In 1 event are: LaDarius Jones, Jaleah Eargle, Lisha McKenzie, Joseph Webster-Rutledge, Jordan Samuels, Trevon James, Kristen Cadiz-Domville, Shantea Leach, Jordana Ingram, Julian Caldwell, Giovanna Tolbert, Avery Philip, John Ogunwomoju and Tiarra Jackson. This is a major accomplishment; our children were able to do something that thousands of chil-

dren didn't. Anyone interested in supporting Velocity Track Club New York. We are a 501(c)3 - Non-for Profit. Just write the check of any size to Velocity Track Club New York. Your donation is a tax write off and we will send you a receipt. For additional information, please Contact Coach Winston Dinkins at (914) 441-6196 or email me at WATCLT@AOL.COM.

Warriors 63rd Annual Awards Ceremony

by Jeff Ortiz

On Thursday, February 19, The Warrior Football Organization held their 63rd Annual Awards ceremony and dinner at Villa Barone Manor. It was the largest turnout since the end of the Warrior Cheerleader era.

Chief Jerry Demers announced his retirement and turned over leadership of the Warrior program to Joe Desimone who outlined his plans for next season.

Special guests included rapper Fat Joe who spoke to the players about never giving up on their goals. State Senator Jeff Klein presented a certificate to the Chief naming February 19th Jerry Demers Day in the Bronx. Councilman Vacca was represented by Mike Rivadencyraz and Community Board 10 District Manager Ken Yearsby by Maureen Kilkenny.

Administrators Dennis Kandell and Jim Pellicone received plaques for over 25 years of dedicated service and Pat Hinney was also recognized for her support.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a huge "Heisman Like" statue to the Chief by Dennis Kandell. Then the real stars of the ceremony (the players) received their trophies from their coaches. Special team awards are listed below.

Warriors Football 2014 Special Awards:

Junior Pee Wee Division

Giants: Most Improved Player:

Rayan Rugova Outstanding Player: Rob Caballero, Joe Calle, Jason Campbell MVP: Peter DeFabbia

Chiefs: MIP: Kevin Colon OP: Aaron Thomas, Cesar Roman, Jacob Ortega MVP: Donovan Beauvoir

Jets: MIP: Julis Lopez OP: Elias Otero, Kenneth Prince, Jason Smith MVP: Nico Bustamante

Bears: MIP: Rocco Gutierrez OP: John Diaz, Logan Ortiz, Christian Rodriguez MVP: Logan Arroyo

Pee Wee Division

Javelins: MIP: Justin Garcia OP: Shane Harris, Odalis Perez, Jason Castellano MVP: Justin Martinez

Saints: MIP: Michael Benzinger OP: Jamar Simmons, Noah Moreno, Novell Jordan MVP: Carlo Volpe

Rams: MIP: Terry Miles OP: Keyshawn Dixon, Jaylen Lopez, Dimitri Delatour MVP: Jimmy McGaughan

Black Knights: MIP: Jary Hernandez OP: Mike Powers, Justin Fernandez, Chris Davis MVP: Nathaniel Colon

Congratulations to the division winners Giants and Javelins and to the playoff champions Giants and Saints. Special thanks to cameraman Bill Lappe for his visual review of the 2014 season. As always we want to thank our sponsors for giving their support to our program.

If anyone misses the registration dates on March 1 and March 8 please contact Joe DeSimone 347-242-1423 or Jerry Demers 718-829-7574.



Madeleine Giannini Scores her 1,000th Point!

On Wednesday, February 11, Madeleine Giannini, Preston High School senior and starting guard on Preston's Varsity Basketball team, scored her 1,000th high school point! Her amazing accomplishment took place in front of a huge crowd present for the Panthers' Senior Game, the last home game of the regular season. Giannini began the game with only four points to score to reach the magic 1,000. She began by hitting a 3-pointer, bringing her one point away from her goal.

After three missed shots, Giannini made a 2-point basket to bring her over 1,000. The crowd reacted with thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

Giannini's teammates rushed to hug her as Athletic Director Jamie Sk-

rapits presented her with a picture frame signed by all her teammates. Showing tremendous sportsmanship, opposing coach Jane Morris of Cardinal Spellman High School and her entire team came over to shake Giannini's hand and congratulate her. Later on, teammates and members of the audience signed the actual ball that Giannini used to reach the milestone.

Commenting on Giannini's accomplishment, Preston Principal Jane Grendell noted, "Maddie is not only a talented basketball and soccer player, she is a true scholar-athlete who embodies good sportsmanship." Giannini will leave quite a legacy when she graduates from Preston High School in June.

Hutch Metro sets expansion

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Center. ESD estimates that 1,900 construction jobs will result from the project.

Simone hopes to start phase one of construction in spring 2016, said Leibler.

That first phase will involve turning the psychiatric center's existing 500,000 square foot Betty Parker Building into business or medical offices, and the existing John W. Thompson Building will also be redesigned to include a business hotel and a community college. Phase one will also include construction of two one-story retail buildings as well as the athletic facilities.

Phase two of the project will comprise of four 10-story buildings for business and medical offices, as well as an adjacent parking garage.

Ultimately, the project is likely to take more than five years, said Leibler. But for now, the project is still in the approval process, and Simone Development will need to work with the local community board, city and state.

"We look forward to the dialogue with the community," said Leibler.



A rendering of the future development proposed for 1500 Waters Place, currently part of the Bronx Psychiatric Center campus.

Courtesy of Simone Development

Bronx Times Reporter celebrates 35th anniversary

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lisher of a group of downtown Manhattan weeklies, including the Chelsea News, Villager and the Gay City News, and Les Goodstein, the architect of the Community Newspaper Group, which included the Bronx Times Reporter,

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Les Goodstein

as well as the Courier Life weeklies in Brooklyn and Times Ledger in Queens.

Early on, the Bronx Times Reporter set out to safeguard the image of the Bronx that was being sullied by the major press and even the other Bronx weeklies, a responsibility it has never forfeited.

Without a business plan, and only a couple of thousand dollars, Michael Benedetto, a school teacher, and now the assemblyman of the 82nd Assembly District, and John Collazzi, a researcher for a midtown philatelic auction house, believed they could produce an optimistic publication that lifelong Bronxites would be proud to read. It quickly established a foothold in the hearts of its avid Throgs Neck and Pelham Bay fans.

"It wasn't easy getting started. John would cover the news and I would canvass for advertising. A delivery system needed to be established. Free delivery meant going door-to-door with a reliable group of teenagers that John and I would accompany to insure that the papers reached their destination. Somehow it all got done and before long the Bronx Times Reporter became a fixture throughout the community," Benedetto said.

As its popularity increased, a Morris Park/Pelham Parkway edition was added and by 1984 it went from a monthly to a bi-weekly. By 1989 it joined the big leagues when it went weekly.

A third edition was added in 1996. This newspaper, the Bronx Times, covered the remaining portion of the borough.

The purchase of the Bronx newspa-



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pers, and the other weeklies, by Jennifer and Les Goodstein in 2014, brought the paper back into private ownership and major growth opportunities after seven years of News Corporation ownership.

In 2013, John Collazzi, the former co-owner and publisher, retired. Laura Guerriero, a 28-year employee, was named the new publisher.

"I have had the good fortune of being a part of this organization for many years. In my current role as publisher, I am committed to preserving the integrity of these publications as we go forward," stated Guerriero.

"The Bronx Times Reporter/Bronx Times newspapers were always of special interest to me," Les said. "I grew up in the Bronx and I am particularly pleased to be the chronicler of the Bronx' strong recovery. The Bronx Times Reporter's mission has never changed, and I am proud to record the great events reshaping the borough of my childhood."

"The dream that began in 1980 to herald the Bronx continues to this day, and we thank our readers for supporting our product which allows that dream to continue," said Jennifer.



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