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Neighbors tour 'temp' housing

BY DAVID CRUZ

Skeptical Bronx neighbors got a first hand look last week inside a "temporary" supportive housing facility in Pelham Bay.

Some walked always pleased, others remained on the fence.

But they did get one positive step - the nonprofit sponsor agreed to create a community advisory board, with follow-up meetings planned.

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Photo by Silvio Pacifico

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BOWLING NIGHT

Having a bowl! Ty Bernardi works on his bowling swing at Van Nest Lanes at the annual Bowling Night sponsored by the Father's Club of St. Francis Xavier Church. Several dozen neighbors lined up the lane Jan. 5 for a good cause, raising nearly \$1000 for the church and school.

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STUCK AGAINST A WALL

New construction too close for comfort

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

These Pelham Bay homeowners are literally up against the wall.

Patty Justiniano and her husband Fernando never dreamed when they bought their home 13 years ago that the view out the windows on one side of their two-family house would be a cinder block wall.

That's exactly what happened when a developer at 3529 Bruckner Blvd. recently began putting up a 14-unit apartment building next door.

Yet the project appears to perfectly comply with the R-7-1 zoning in the area, which a number of city officials said allows building right up to their property line.

"There should be some stipu-

lation that if you are building next to existing property, then you have to leave some space," said Justiniano. "I am basically going to have to brick up every window on that side of my house."

There are full-size windows, and several smaller basement windows, on the northern side of her house at 3525 Bruckner Blvd., along with gutters which will block sunlight, she said.

Measurements taken by a reporter show a scant 12 inches between the walls of the Justiniano's home and the building being constructed next door.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca pushed for contextual downzoning of Pelham Bay, first as district manager of Community Board 10

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Bronxites urged to get vaccinated against flu bug

Clinics and emergency departments are ‘overwhelmingly busy’ with cases

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

With a nasty flu bug laying the city low, the Bronx was reported still standing so far, if even on wobbly feet.

Most hospitals were reporting a brisk trade in sniffing, aching patients.

Local schools, generally a breeding ground for spreading cold bugs, are however reporting minimal absenteeism.

Infectious disease experts at Montefiore are urging Bronxites to get vaccinated against influenza in one of the most severe and longest flu seasons in a decade.

“Our clinics and emergency departments are overwhelmingly busy with a significant increase in both adult and pediatric flu cases,” said Dr. Brian Currie, vice president and medical director for research at Montefiore Medical Center.

“We have seen an increase in the influx of flu patients over recent weeks with as many as 40% of people seeking care in our emergency departments testing positive for influenza.”

Cases up

Dr. Nathan Litman, director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, said the number of cases at Montefiore are definitely up, compared to last year’s mild flu season.

“As of Jan. 5, we probably have about 500 to 1000 positive tests,” Litman said. “Although, there maybe more patients that weren’t tested that have been diagnosed with the flu. We should be reporting another number within a week or so.”

To manage the surge of patients, the hospital is extending hours at several of its community urgent care sites.

Bronx East Urgent Care

Center at 2300 Westchester Avenue will now be open Monday-Friday – 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We have seen an increase in the influx of flue patients over recent weeks.

Dr. Brian Currie
Montefiore

Grand Concourse Urgent Care Center at 2532 Grand Concourse will be open Monday-Friday – 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Family Care Center at 3444 Kossuth Avenue will be open Monday-Friday — 5 to 9 p.m. and every other

Saturday beginning Jan. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 5p.m.

Vaccines available

Although the number of confirmed flu cases in the Bronx are up, Litman said the hospital has not experienced any shortage in the flu vaccinations.

Officials at St. Barnabas Hospital also said the number of confirmed cases of the flu at the hospital is up — 25% from last year.

“The hospital has increased its staff in response,” said hospital spokesman Howard Matzner. “And the emergency room is open 24/7 for anyone who needs it.”

But officials at Jacobi Medical Center said the number of reported cases remains the same as last year.

“While it’s definitely true the city is seen as having an upswing in flu cases, that has not been true here

at Jacobi,” said spokesman John Doyle. “Our numbers remain relatively stable at this time.”

Schools okay

While the number of confirmed flu cases has definitely increased this year, it seems to have no effect on attendance rates at the borough’s schools.

“We haven’t seen swings in the attendance rate,” said Margie Feinberg, a spokesperson for the NYC Department of Education.

Nearly 20,000 cases of influenza have been reported in New York this season, compared to the 4,404 cases reported last year.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, Gov. Cuomo declared a statewide public health emergency, making it easier for anyone ages six months to 18 years old to get flu shots from pharmacies.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said he is ask-

ing “that all, not just those who are most vulnerable, but ALL Bronxites get the flu shot.”

FLU TIPS:

Helpful tips to avoid the flu, from Montefiore Medical Center.

-Get vaccinated. Flu season is expected to continue through the spring.

- Wash hands whenever touching surfaces in public places.

- Avoid coughing and sneezing into hands, instead use the crux of your elbow.

- If you are sick, stay home. The risk of transmitting the virus is too risky.

- Those with severe symptoms or with a chronic medical condition should visit the emergency department.

-Those at greatest risk of complications from flu are children under age two, pregnant women and adults over 65.

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around town

by David Cruz

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Birth

Raquel Esther Crespo was born the evening of Jan. 12 weighing 6.15 lbs

and measuring 20 inches at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Raquel is daughter of Bronx Assemblyman Marcos Crespo and wife Virnalisy. They're "beyond blessed to have such a healthy and beautiful new addition to the family."

Anniversary

It was three years ago on January 15th that our lives changed forever. I cannot



RAQUEL ESTHER CRESPO

express into words how much we miss Ed and how much I wish I can have him back for one more day so he can see how smart and awesome his son and stepsons turned out. Our lives have not been the same since and it's very hard to go on and look at his son everyday and see him especially in his eyes. Ed would of been so proud of all three of them. In the short time Ed had with us he was an awesome father and so great to me. I will NEVER find anyone like him and these boys will never experience a father like him EVER. I pray that

we can continue to be strong and that they know and remember him always - we love and miss Edward Porrazzo III, 10/31/71 - 1/15/10.

Obit

Condolences to the family of **Rodolfo "Pupin" Ortiz**, longtime resident of Stratford Avenue in Soundview who died Jan. 3 at age 98. He is survived by brothers Luis and Raymond, sisters Carmen and Elisa, sons Rodolfo, Raymond and Sgt. Antonio "Tony" Ortiz of Patrol Borough Bronx, and three grandchildren.



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Face-lift for High Bridge

Serrano earmarks \$5 million in federal funds

BY DAVID CRUZ

A colossal relic linking two boroughs to the past is getting a \$61 million facelift.

City, state and federal officials broke ground (again) Jan. 11 on the High Bridge, the 1,200-foot-long pedestrian bridge tucked in its namesake neighborhood.

The suspended walkway connects Highbridge in the Bronx to the Washington Heights section of Manhattan, offering a vast, breathtaking view of the Harlem River.

“Generations of children who grew up here have been cut off by Manhattan’s High Bridge Park,” said Mayor Bloomberg, announcing the groundbreaking with students from New Settlement School. “Those days will soon be over.”

Work will start within the next few weeks. Several add-ons to the landmark bridge include new street lamps, safety fencing and

handicapped-accessible ramps.

The city’s oldest pedestrian bridge, bypassing the Brooklyn Bridge by 33 years, is symbolic of a bygone era.

“It connects our past and present,” said Bloomberg.

“I can walk safely to the bridge to see my grandmother who lives in Washington Heights,” said Jocselyn Fuentes, a sixth grader at New Settlement School.

A High Bridge historian, Jocselyn has brushed up her knowledge of the famed bridge, interviewing those who recalled the bridge’s luster.

Standing on towering arches, the Romanesque bridge was originally designed as a filtration system 165 years ago, harnessing water from the Croton River into the Manhattan’s High Bridge water tower.

“When it was built, it immediately became a

tourist attraction,” said Bronx historian Lloyd Ulltan. “There was an amusement park and several hotels on the Bronx side.”

Efforts to revitalize High Bridge go back to the late 1980s, yet funding was always scant.

City officials led the way in restoring the bridge in 2005 through the PlaNYC initiative with Congressman Jose Serrano covering the balance, earmarking \$5 million in federal funds.

“It is truly a bridge that will bring people together,” said Serrano, adding many Highbridge residents have relatives in Washington Heights and vice-versa.

Work on the bridge is expected to wrap up in fall of 2014.

“It’s opening will be a great symbol of a very bright future,” said Bloomberg.

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



Photo by Alexander Belisle

On a high. Mayor Mike Bloomberg announces the \$61 rehab project for High Bridge.

Local library branches score for busiest in New York City

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

With the Bronx turning a new page with the start of the new year, Bronxites were turning a LOT of pages last year.

A new report by the Center for an Urban Future shows that Bronx had the fastest growth in public library usage of any borough over the last decade, with the Bronx’s 35 public library branches experiencing a 102% increase in circulation and 134% jump in program attendance since 2002.

The report documents 19 of the 35 local branches at least doubled their attendance since 2002.

Gesille Dixon, branch manager for 18 locations in the borough including Parkchester, Westchester Square, City Island and Clason’s Point, said she thinks the increase in circulation and attendance is mainly due to staff getting

out into the community and letting people know about programs at each branch.

Bringing people back

“I think we’ve started realizing that engaging people with educational programming is bringing people back,” she said.

“Everyone is afraid of the digital age coming and libraries going away, but I think it is quite the opposite. A lot of people come in wanting to know about the library app, and a lot of our staff has been trained in these devices. A lot of our programming and technology classes have focused on training people how to use their own devices.”

Deborah Acosta, branch manager for the Pelham Bay Library on Middletown Road, said she thinks library usage has increased over the years because the need for technology has gone up.

“When we open in the morning, people are waiting outside to use the

shows Bronx libraries serving a record number of residents, they are open fewer

When we open in the morning, people are waiting outside to use the computers. As soon as kids get out of school, they are coming in to use them. Quite a few patrons don’t have computers at home, so this is the only place they can use one.

Deborah Acosta

Branch Manager, Pelham Bay Library

computers. As soon as kids get out of school, they are coming into use them,” she said. “Quite a few of our patrons don’t have computers at home, so this is the only place they can use one.”

Shrinking hours

But while the report

hours than most other large urban library systems, due to the growing digital age.

The report shows that circulation at library branches in the Bronx reached 5.36 million in 2011 while 347,859 people in the borough attended educa-

tion programs.

Four local branches had the highest program attendance in the city.

Despite the positive trends, the report notes that the Bronx still has the lowest circulation per capita of any borough.

The study points out that the New York Public Library invested nearly \$110 million in new buildings and major renovations in the Bronx over the last decade, including the \$40 million Bronx Library Center, which moved into a new five-story building near Fordham Road in 2006.

After renovations were finished on the Grand Concourse branch in 2003, program attendance grew from about 4,000 per year to well over 18,000, and circulation rose 113%.

A new High Bridge branch opened in 2010, and circulation shot up 170%, while program attendance

rose 275%.

Diaz support

According to the report, libraries in the Bronx have benefited from strong support from Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. over the last decade.

Between 2003 and 2012, the Borough President’s office spent \$14.37 per person on libraries, compared to \$24.33 per person from the Queens Borough President and less than \$8 per person from the borough presidents in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island.

Overall, the report found New York City’s public libraries are serving more people in more ways than ever before and have become an increasingly critical part of the city’s human capital system, while being undervalued by policy makers and facing growing threats in today’s digital age.



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If anyone was happy with the city Districting Commission's proposed new Bronx council lines at its local hearing last week, we sure didn't see them there.

From neighborhoods sharing three councilmembers to the borough shortchanged on a ninth council seat, commission members certainly got an earful at the Jan. 9 Hostos College hearing.

Riverdale Assemblyman **Jeffrey Dinowitz** and term-limited council Majority Leader **Joel Rivera** both argued the borough should have – nay, is entitled to – a ninth council seat.

As the poorest, most heavily minority borough, said Dinowitz, "it frankly opens the process up to litigation."

The commission is working under the mandate of the federal Voting Rights Act with 2010 Census numbers to come up with fairly equal and racially balanced council districts of 160,000 or so residents.

Rivera said that with an es-

timated 100,000 undocumented residents, a ninth seat is "doable, feasible and possible."

Current proposed commission lines will mean splitting east Harlem in half, pushing the 8th Council District into a major chunk of Mott Haven and lower Highbridge - which still only gives the Bronx an edge of a few hundred residents in the new district, apparently not enough to count as that ninth seat.

SWEAR WORDS

Notes from last weekend's swearing-in ceremonies for new Parkchester/Soundview Assemblyman **Luis Sepulveda** and Morris Park/Allerton Assemblyman **Mark Gjonaj**:

• Luis got some chuckles from the politically savvy in the audience at St. Raymond High School for Boys over rumors that he has his eye (with the backing of State Sen. **Ruben Diaz Sr.**) on Assemblyman **Carl Heastie's** job as Bronx Democratic Party leader. "I hope you remain County

Leader for a very long time," Luis told him from the podium.

• Yes, that was U.S. Senator **Chuck Schumer** in biking togs, with helmet parked on the podium, after pedaling up from Park Slope to say nice things about Luis. He showed up suitably suited on Sunday for Mark. Ever the sharp pol, Chuck drew loud cheers when he told the audience he'd look for Mark's input on the new immigration bill to make it easier for Albanians to come to the U.S.

• State Senator **Jeff Klein**, along with a few other electeds at Mark's ceremony had to make a fast turnaround to head BACK to Albany where the session was heating up, including that vote on toughening state gun laws.

Talking to the crowded auditorium at Christopher Columbus High School about Mark's success as a businessman, Jeff told the audience Mark was such an honest broker Jeff even bought his Yates Avenue house from him.

• Mark's ceremony took about 3 1/2 hours – with no bathroom break – but it wasn't a record breaker. City Comptroller **John Liu**, heading out for another stop, told us he remembers one from Queens a couple of years ago that went well over that.

JOINT TALK

State Labor Commissioner and former Parkchester/Soundview Assemblyman **Peter Rivera**, at Hostos College Jan. 10 giving a local Powerpoint presentation on Gov. Cuomo's State of the State address, including Cuomo's call for decriminalizing possessing small amounts of marijuana.

Peter said that back when he was an assistant Bronx D.A. running the complaint room, he automatically tossed pot cases.

TRACTION

More negative news for former Bronx Boro Prez **Adolfo Carrion**. The latest Quinnipiac Poll giving MTA Chair Joe Lhota 23% of the vote in the Republican

primary for mayor, gives AC 3%. Good news: He beats Doe Fund founder George McDonald, who pulled 2%.

RENT STRIKE

Looks like Senate Republicans are adopting the catch phrase of 2010 gubernatorial candidate **Jimmy "The Rent Is Too Damn High" McMillan**.

They smacked Soundview Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** and Manhattan's **Liz Krueger** for topping the standard \$50G rent limit for their district offices.

In Diaz' case, Daily News Albany Bureau Chief Keith Lovett reported The Rev's new lease on his district office at 900 Rogers Place will go for \$67,937, but then again, that's for 3,155 square feet, "downright palatial" compared to the senate average of 1,734 square feet."

FUZZY FACE

Great interview by the Times' inimitable Clyde Haberman with acting MTA Chairman and ex-Bronx Boro Prez **Freddy**

Ferrer, who is now sporting a "Roberto Ramirez" fuzzy beard look. This after ditching that long time trademark soup-strainer on his upper lip.

KING OF THE HILL

New northeast Bronx City Councilman **Andy King** held a grand opening Tuesday for his new 12th Council District office at 940 E. Gun Hill Road. Convicted predecessor **Larry Seabrook's** new digs, with a five-year lease, will be determined March 8 by the federal Bureau of Prisons.

BRONX BABIES

Soundview Assemblyman **Marcos Crespo** an Albany no-show at the Jan. 9 vote reelect-ing Assembly Speaker **Shelly Silver**. He was home with wife **Virna Lisy** on standby for a special delivery. **Raquel Ester Crespo** arrived Saturday, Jan. 12, weighing a healthy 6.15 lbs.

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Jan. 7 - Alleged cardshark **Stanley Schlein**.

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40th PCT.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 3:55 a.m. – 2520 Park Ave. Police officials are looking into a reported shooting. A male was found to be suffering from a bullet wound to the left ankle. Additional police officers were dispatched into the area. Local sleuths are conducting the inquiry.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 3:55 a.m. – Grand Concourse and East 138 St. A 24 year old black male was arrested after being found in possession of a pistol. Upon checking officials learned that the male owner failed to obtain a NYC license to own the gun. The weapon was removed from the person's possession and vouched as evidence.

FRI, DEC. 28th, 12:25 a.m. – 308 East 145 St. A 34 year old black male was taken into custody by local police officers. The man was found in possession of a 9-mm pistol. Upon checking authorities learned that the man failed to have a NYC permit to own a gun within the five boroughs.

41st PCT.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 3:40 p.m. – 1340 Randall Ave. A suspect was arrested as police investigators looking into the death of a woman. The female victim had been shot in the head authorities reported.

THURS, DEC. 27th, 9:30 p.m. - 974 Intervale Ave. An investigation was launched after officials learned that a robbery had taken place. An unknown back male robbed a commercial establishment at gun point. Officials indicated that there were no injuries reported.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 9:30 p.m. – East 170 St. and Bristol St. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to conduct an evidence search after a shooting occurred. Authorities indicated that a male who had been shot was in stable condition.

42nd PCT.

MON, DEC. 24th, 3:25 a.m. – 770 East 165 St. A 44 year old man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after being shot numerous times. Authorities indicated that the black male was in critical condition after six bullets ripped into the torso area of his body. Additional police officers from the Bronx Task Force were sent into the area. Local detectives were looking into the shooting.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 9:25 p.m. – 1385 Stebbins Ave. The medical staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a 30 year old Hispanic male. The man had a cut to the left hand apparent that was caused by glass.

43rd PCT.

MON, DEC. 24th, 2:20 p.m. - 955 Evergreen Ave. Two arrests were made by police officials looking into a dispute. Apparently the two males, a black male and a Hispanic male, were involved in a dispute that turned physical, slashed each other. They were both arrested and were provided with medical care at Jacobi Medical Center.

WED, DEC. 26th, 9:25 p.m.



POLICE BLOTTER

– 422 Bolton Ave. An inquiry was launched after officials learned that a robbery had occurred. Police officers responded into the Classion Point community, near Patterson Ave. after learning that three black males had committed an armed robbery.

THURS, DEC. 27th, 9:15 a.m. – 1162 St. Lawrence Ave. Apparently a 51 year old man jumped to his death. Officials looking into the alleged suicide indicated that the man jumped from the 4th floor of the building.

SAT, DEC. 29th, 6:15 a.m. – Westchester Ave. and Olmstead Ave. Police investigators are looking into a death of a 21 year old woman. Officials reported that a pedestrian, the mother of a three-month old boy, was killed after being struck by a passing vehicle that failed to stop. Officials indicated that the vehicle, believed to be a Nissan Altima with front end damage fled southbound on the Cross Bronx Expwy. Police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad were summoned to the scene to assist local detectives.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 7:45 a.m. – 1320 O'Dell St. Authorities are looking into the death of a woman. A Hispanic female apparently jumped out of a window taking her own life.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 2:40 p.m. – 1503 Commonwealth Ave. An investigation was launched after authorities learned that a teenager was attacked. A 17 year old Hispanic girl was slashed in the face by an unknown culprit. The young victim was provided with medical care at Jacobi Medical Center.

44th PCT.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 5:15 p.m. – 573 Grand Concourse. A bold thief at gun point robbed a store. The unknown black male at gun point removed some six-thousand dollars from the establishment. No injuries were reported.

45th PCT.

MON, DEC. 24th, 4:05 a.m. – Buhrle Ave. Authorities are looking into a reported home invasion. Two black males, indicating that they were armed, forced their way into a home. A female occupant was home and she was forced to open a safe inside the residence. The two bandits fled with a laptop, an I-phone, in addition to a quantity of a control substance.

46th PCT.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 5:00 p.m. – 273 East 176 St. Police officers are looking into a shooting that sent two males to near-by medical facilities. One of the victims' had a wound

to the leg, while the more serious person was suffering from a bullet wound to the chest. Despite efforts to assist the serious victim, he expired at St. Barnabas Hospital. The incident is under investigation.

MON, DEC. 24th, 6:30 a.m. – 355 East 187 St. Officials are looking into a slashing where the victim was injured by a machete. The Hispanic male victim was suffering from a slash wound to the left arm. The injured male was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

MON, DEC. 24th, 10:15 p.m. – 81 Featherbed Lane. Authorities are looking into a reported commercial robbery. Three black males entered a store displaying a handgun. The trio threatened an employee. The team removed one-hundred dollars from the cash register before fleeing. No injuries were reported.

TUES, DEC. 25th, 7:00 a.m. – 2095 Creston Ave. Officials launched an inquiry into a stabbing. The event occurred during a house party. A 30 year old Hispanic male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center after suffering from a stab wound to the chest area.

TUES, DEC. 25th, 4:05 p.m. – 1645 Grand Ave. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a stab victim. A 20 year old Hispanic man was transported to the hospital after being stabbed in the abdomen. Police investigators were looking for witnesses to the incident.

FRI, DEC. 28th, 6:15 a.m. – 365 Ford St. Three more persons were arrested by local officers. With the multiple arrests, police officers also recovered a 380-caliber pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence.

SAT, DEC. 29th, 11:10 p.m. – 2498 Grand Concourse. A search was conducted for three masked males. At gunpoint the three robbed the unidentified of an unknown amount of jewelry. The victim escaped injury. A search of the area was conducted without officials achieving any positive results.

47th PCT.

SAT, DEC. 22nd, 2:10 a.m. – 912 East 224 St. Police officers working in the Wakefield – Baychester area arrested a 21 year old male. The suspect was in possession of a 380-caliber pistol. The weapon was taken away from the culprit and vouched as evidence.

SAT, DEC. 22nd, 10:10 p.m. – 736 East 233 St. A search was conducted for a black male who robbed a deli at gunpoint. The thief believed to be in his mid-twenties removed sixty-dollars in cash from the store.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 5:05 p.m. – 980 East 233 St. Police officers were looking for a black male who robbed a store in the Wakefield

section at gunpoint. Armed with a semi-automatic pistol, the thief fled the Subway's restaurant with six-hundred dollars. No injuries were reported.

TUES, DEC. 25th, 8:30 a.m. – 600 East 233 St. Police officials were notified that a five year old girl died at Montefiore Hospital's North Division. The young girl has been suffering from lung cancer authorities indicated.

THURS, DEC. 27th, 11:35 p.m. – 4700 White Plains Rd. Authorities were alerted to a robbery attempt. The unknown male culprit struck the victim with the gun before fleeing empty handed.

FRI, DEC. 28th, 12:20 p.m. – 4259 Katonah Ave. Police officers were summoned to the Woodlawn community after the body of a 57 year old Caucasian male was discovered. The body was found hanging from a stairway inside a building. Detectives are investigating the death, and waiting a report from the Medical Examiner's staff.

SAT, DEC. 29th, 10:20 a.m. – East Gun Hill Rd. and Newell St. Police arrested a male suspect wanted for a string of robberies. The arrest took place adjacent to the Bronx River Parkway.

SAT, DEC. 29th, 5:00 p.m. – 2237 Strang Ave. Authorities are looking for the person who fired three bullets into a home in the Baychester community. The unknown culprit fired a shot that struck a bedroom door, another entered a dresser, and the third bullet ripped through a window. There were no reported injuries officials reported. Local investigators are handling the inquiry.

SAT, DEC. 29th, 8:20 p.m. – 3869 White Plain Rd. Police officers are looking for the person who robbed a neighborhood grocery store. The unknown black male, believed to be about 5-foot, 7-inches, at gunpoint removed an unknown amount of money from the local business.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 4:25 a.m. – Edenwald Ave. and Grace Ave. An arrest was made as police officers took another gun away from the streets of the Baychester community. This time authorities recovered a loaded 38-caliber pistol.

48th PCT.

MON, DEC. 24th, 3:30 p.m. – East 177 St. and Sheridan Expwy. A police supervisor was forced to use a Taser in order to take a 46 year old black male into custody. The emotionally disturbed man refused to be taken into custody. For his own safety and wellbeing, the Taser was used in order for authorities to gain control of the man.

MON, DEC. 24th, 8:35 p.m. – 611 Crotona Park North. Authorities are looking into a shooting that

sent the victim to Jacobi Medical Center. A 27 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the leg area. The victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the right leg when he arrived at the hospital. Local detectives are handling the ongoing inquiry.

THURS, DEC. 27th, 11:20 p.m. – 710 East 187 St. A young Hispanic man was taken into custody by an undercover police officer. The 24 year old Latino male was arrested by officers from Bronx Narcotics who removed a 38-caliber revolver from the suspect's possession.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 10:40 a.m. – 4422 Third Ave. Official are looking into the death of a baby. The male baby, not breathing, was transported to Jacobi Medical Center from St. Barnabas Hospital. Unfortunately the staff at Jacobi Hospital was unable to save the infant.

49th PCT.

MON, DEC. 24th, 10:50 p.m. – 2420 Bronx Park East. Responding police officers were faced with a barricade situation near Waring Ave. Officers were informed that an emotional disturbed person was armed with a knife. Additional assistance was requested from specialized police personnel. As time passed, a person suffering from a stab wound was released and treated by personnel from the Emergency Medical Services as the culprit continued to hold two children in the home. Around 11:40 p.m., authorities were able to gain control of the female. The children were unharmed officials indicated.

FRI, DEC. 28th, 10:30 a.m. – Lydig Ave. and Cruger Ave. A suspect posing as a police supervisor was arrested by the real police. The imposter had apparently committed a robbery in the Pelham Parkway area and during the incident displayed a gold police badge.

52nd PCT.

SAT, DEC. 22nd, 9:10 p.m. – 2901 Grand Concourse. A male was transported to Montefiore Hospital. The crime victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the back.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 12:10 a.m. – 2686 Valentine Ave. Police investigators are looking into a shooting. A male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the head. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 5:00 a.m. – 2685 Valentine Ave. A suspect was arrested as police removed another gun. The weapon was vouched and the suspect was processed for arrest.

MON, DEC. 24th, 9:10 a.m. – Major Deegan Expwy. and West Fordham Rd. Police investigators are looking into the death of a black male believed to have been in his sixty's that might have been a suicide. The victim's body was discovered on the side of the busy interstate roadway with a bullet wound to the temple. A gun was found in the man's hand.

THURS, DEC. 27th, 2:10 p.m. – 323 East Bedford Park Blvd. Local sleuths are looking for two Hispanic males. The two unknown culprits at gun point forced their

way into a home near Perry Ave. The culprits fled with two-hundred and fifty dollars. The occupant escaped injury.

Housing

THURS, DEC. 27th, 8:10 a.m. – 1155 East 225 St. Police officers were summoned to the Edenswald Housing Development to assist a black male. The 30 year old man apparently jumped from the third floor. The incident is under investigation by local detectives who are being assisted by officers from Housing's PSA # 8.

THURS, DEC. 27th, 5:30 p.m. – 317 East 155 St. A city worker was arrested by police officers from Housing's PSA # 7. The off duty Emergency Medical Technician was taken into custody by officers investigating a domestic incident.

Fire Log

SAT, DEC. 22nd, 3:20 p.m. – 500 East 171 St. Firefighters were alerted to a fire that erupted in a 20 story high residential building. Bronx Fire Alarm Dispatchers based on information being received filled out the assignment before the first fire unit arrived on the scene. Seeing the conditions that firefighters were facing the Chief of the 26th Battalion ordered the transmission of a signal indicating a fire in a high rise residential structure. Additional fire units responded as water was being applies to the spreading flames on the 10th floor. By 3:48 p.m., the firefighters had the blaze contained.

SUN, DEC. 23rd, 7:50 p.m. – 1905 Morris Ave. An alarm was transmitted for a blaze that was burning uncontained in a church. Fire units arriving at the scene confirmed the fire that was in a one and a half story high building. Battalion 19 arriving assumed command of the extinguishment operations at the Saint Edmunds Episcopal Church located near East 177 St. By 8:10 p.m. the fire fighters contained the spreading fire and all specialized units were ordered to remain in service.

TUES, DEC. 25th, 3:10 a.m. – Laconia Ave. and East 228 St. A joint investigation was started by both fire and police sleuths. Responding fire units indicated that a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at a neighborhood business. Fire Marshals were called to the scene to handle the inquiry.

TUES, DEC. 25th, 7:45 a.m. – Bruckner Blvd. and Bryant Ave. Officials requested addition ambulance crews after seven persons were injured. The vehicle accident occurred just north of Hunts Point Ave. along the busy service road.

SAT, DEC. 29th, 8:30 p.m. – 110 East 177 St. A 56 year old male was transported to a medical facility after receiving 2nd and 3rd degree burns which covered his body in a one-alarm fire. The injured man was taken to the Jacobi Medical Center's Burn Center which is equipped to treat seriously burned persons.

SUN, DEC. 30th, 10:30 p.m. – 4275 White Plains Rd. Firefighters ended up extinguishing a fire in the Wakefield Burger King.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Assembly’s electoral reforms strengthen NY

Dear editor,

In a democracy like ours, every person’s voice and vote counts. As a state Assemblymember, it’s my duty to ensure that as many citizens as possible have the opportunity to be part of the electoral process, and that voters know where political messages – and the money behind them – come from.

It is for these reasons that I am putting my full support behind two new pieces of legislation that will strengthen our democracy. The first measure would bring early voting to our state while simultaneously increasing voter participation to ensure that as many voices as possible are heard. The second piece of legislation would require that more independent expenditures that influence elections be subject to financial campaign disclosure rules, helping ensure that voters know where the money behind the message is coming from.

Why early voting matters: Recently, experts estimated that voter participation in New York State on Election Day 2012 was less than 46 percent. In an effort to increase voter participation, I’ll be pushing for the passage of a bill that would create early voting in all general, primary and special elections in New York State (A.689).

If enacted, New York would join 32 other states and the District of Columbia in permitting an alternative to in-person voting on election days. Under the legislation, voters would be permitted to vote at designated locations beginning 14 days prior to general elections and 7 days prior to primary or special elections. Each county board of elections and the Board of Elections of the City of New York would be required to designate at least five polling places for voters to cast an early ballot. Polls would be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day during the early voting period, including Saturdays and Sundays, and ballots cast during the early voting period would be counted at the close of the polls on Election Day and included in the election-night tally.

Early voting would mean fewer people waiting in long lines on Election Day, decrease the need for absentee ballots and allow people with disabilities and those with non-traditional work schedules easier access to voting.

The need for increased disclosure of independent expenditures: Currently, large corporations, billionaires and special-interest groups are allowed to spend unlimited money on political campaigns as long as they define themselves as “issue advocates” and avoid the use of certain words. This loophole leaves voters in the dark about who is behind messages and ads they see and where the money funding them comes from.

Bronx voters deserve better, which is why I’m also supporting a bill that would ensure that entities engaged in what amounts to express advocacy of candidates are subject to the same registration and disclosure provisions that are now required of candidates and their campaigns (A.690).

These “independent expenditures” dis-

tort campaigns, and their secrecy makes it difficult for voters to discern their true intentions. We should strive to increase openness and accountability in our state’s electoral system, which this legislation would do.

Assemblyman Michael R. Benedetto

School bus union

Dear editor,

I have been a school bus driver for 13 years. I am a single mother raising two daughters, with one in high school and one in college.

The Mayor and Schools Chancellor need to realize what will happen to us if he takes away our paycheck.

Most of us barely get by on what we make now and live paycheck-to-paycheck.

The Chancellor said we are disrespecting parents and children, but what about the City disrespecting us by asking us to work for less than half of our pay?

Most of us are fighting to survive and stay on top of today’s economy as it is already. My rent alone is \$1,200 a month and I just get by.

How would I survive making \$7.25 an hour for 4-6 hours a day. We don’t get paid 52 weeks a year. We only work 40 weeks out of the year & the other 12 weeks we receive unemployment. We DO NOT receive personal days or sick days.

The Mayor and Chancellor are lying when they say “breaking the union does nothing to the children.”

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With all that we have to do, WE deserve to keep our jobs and keep making a living.

If you think about it, all the employees who will be out of work will need city and state assistance which could include Unemployment, Food Stamps, Welfare, Medicaid, and for some, housing.

This sounds like a LOT of money to be dishing out to THOUSANDS of people. So I am a little confused on how he is trying to budget our money & our lives!!

Another way he is trying to make cuts would be to mix General Ed with Special Ed Kids on the same bus to be transported to and from school. As we all know from our experience this would be a disaster and would probably bring in more lawsuits and more cost to the City if anyone got hurt by HIS decision!!!

He wants to cut after-school programming as well. I know some parents need this because paying outside privately would be costly to them.

My solution to the WORKING parents who really need this would be a compromise of a discounted fee which would save the City money as well. Please do not let Bloomberg put a price on childrens safety. This egotistical BILLIONAIRE is out of control!!

Now is it fair for us working people to be tossed out of our jobs when we get up very early every day to support OUR families? We pay our taxes and do the right thing and we are going to be forced to be another statistic in this great big City.

Do they realize less salary means less City, State & Federal taxes being paid? Going on unemployment is going to cost the City a great deal along with other help we would need to survive.

Laura Angelo

Lehman High School

Dear editor,

Your article about the phasing out of Lehman H.S.:

My two sons went to Lehman H.S. and graduated, went on to college to earn their B.A. and masters degree.

When Robert Lederman was principal, he was a great principal until the city forced him to retire and this current principal Rose LoBianco is running the school. Wasn’t she accused of “fudging” the grades? Why is she still the principal at Lehman?

Kent Chin

Reply to Penner

Dear editor,

Given their dismal record on worker rights, women’s issues, their denial of science and their regressive stance on so-called “entitlements,” it should be no surprise that the GOP cannot gain a foothold in NYC.

Penner states, “Bloomberg may go down in the history books as the last Big Apple Republican Mayor.” From your lips to God’s ears, Larry!

Pasqual Pelosi

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NOTABLE PASSINGS

GERI DEMERS

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

The Throggs Neck Warrior football and cheerleading community are mourning the loss of their Cheerleading Chief, Geri Demers, who passed away last week at age 67.

Demers, who dedicated over 30 years to the Bronx Warriors cheerleaders, passed away at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville after battling cancer.

One of six children, Demers was born May 1, 1945 and grew up in the Yorkville section of Manhattan. She moved to the Bronx after marrying her husband of 34 years, Jerry.

She graduated from St. Helena's School and Bronx Community College.

Demers had a passion for dance and aspirations to become a gymnast, said those who knew her, but never dreamed she would open a world for young cheerleaders in the Bronx.

Her role as coach of the Warriors' cheerleading team began with her involvement in her husband's Warrior's Football Club from 1965 to 1967.

While visiting her husband as he was coaching one day, Demers noticed a few little girls watching from the sidelines and coaxed



them into joining her in cheering the boys on.

After that game, every time Demers showed up at the park, the girls would ask to cheer with her again.

And the rest is history.

Inspired by their enthusiasm and love of cheerleading, Demers started a Bronx cheerleading program.

Demers' goal was to prepare girls who planned to try out for the limited cheerleading spots when they reached high school.

By 1985, Demers' program had expanded from just two City Island schools to a borough-wide program, accepting girls from ages 5

1/2 to 14, organized into six to eight squads with 22 to 25 girls on each.

Although it seemed like a large responsibility, Demers' program was staffed entirely by volunteers.

In addition to cheering for the Warriors' Football Club, the girls also march in all of the parades – Veterans Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Columbus Day – and participate in special games such as the Friendship Bowl, as well as competing in a number of cheerleading competitions.

The veteran coach encouraged countless girls over the past 30 years to do the best they can because it's what matters, and was disappointed in them, win or lose.

Demers was also a member of Community Board 10 for a time, and very active within her community.

In addition to her husband Jerry, she is survived by her sister Flo, brother Francis, daughters Kerry, Karen and Kim, son Ricky, and five grandchildren.

"She was well loved by many many people," said Jerry Demers. "And she had a fantastic joy of life and brought joy into many people's lives."

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Dominic Copersino, the founder, longtime owner and operator of the popular S&D Deli and Caterers on Crosby Ave. in Pelham Bay died Friday, Jan. 11 at age 82.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Theresa's Church on Tuesday, January 15, for Copersino, who founded the business 68 years ago with his first store on Westchester Avenue and saw it become not only a neighborhood institution known for its fresh-made sausage and mozzarella, but also grow into a major catering business.

"He was a very lovable and loving character," said business partner Anthony Massaro.

"He'd talk back to the customers - he'd be the boss of the customer," joked Mas-



saro, whom Copersino adopted at age 13. "He loved to joke with you."

Massaro said the delicatessen and catering operation has been a family business in the true sense of the word, with Copersino's wife Jean, daughter Gina, son Michael and himself all pitching in.

Copersino opened his first delicatessen at 1835 Westchester Ave. in 1956 and a second shop on Crosby Ave. before eventually combining business under one roof at its present location at 1514 Crosby Ave., with a dozen employees.

Massaro said the business numbers among its many regular catering clients the New York Archdiocese, Columbia University and New York University.

Copersino was waked at McNulty Funeral Home on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 14 and 15, and following the Mass at St. Theresa's on Tuesday, there was a military honor guard outside the church for Copersino, a U.S. Army veteran from the Korean War-era.

Copersino is also survived by six grandchildren.

LAURENCE THOMAS ADDEO

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

A few weeks before he died, Laurence Thomas Addeo made a teary video, telling of his love of baking and the family history of their famous Belmont bakery.

Addeo, the second generation of a three-generation family known far and wide for their famous Belmont bakery, passed away Dec. 15 at the age of 82, leaving the family-run Addeo & Son bakery in good hands.

The elder family member behind the Zagat-rated bakery, with its original store on Hughes Avenue and E. 186th St. and second one on the Arthur Avenue main shopping strip, was waked at Lucia Brothers Funeral Home, with a Funeral Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Mt. Carmel Church.

As his obituary notice read, the bakery was "developed by him into a world class product which continues today."

"No matter where he lived, his home and heart was always on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. He will always be known for his generosity, warm personality and work



hard, play hard ethic," his family said.

"Although he basically retired in 2000, he was a friend and confidant, and like most fathers, would tell us what we were doing wrong," said his son, Laurence Jr., who now runs the bakery operation. "But the bottom line, he was always very supportive and loving and very proud of the business."

Even after he retired, his son recalled, "He came in all the time. He'd do what he always did, check the bread to make sure everything was all right."

The elder Addeo, who ran the bakery with his brother Sal for many years, had reason to be proud of

the business. The bakery was ranked as a "Best Buy" in Zagat's Guide to the New York Marketplace, and drew customers from across the metro area.

The business was started by the senior Addeo's parents, with his father Gennaro and his uncle opening their first bakery in 1928 in East Harlem, Addeo recalled in the tribute video. After a falling out, Addeo's father bought the present building on Hughes Ave. in 1944, for \$9,500 borrowed from a little old Italian lady in E. Harlem.

"Every Sunday, we would go there, and my father would make a payment," the senior Addeo recalls in the tribute video, in which he chokes up, holding back a tear or two as he speaks of his love of baking.

The third generation Laurence Jr., who took over the daily operation in 1998, recalled his father's business philosophy.

"My father would always talk about how important the people were who came into the bakery. They weren't just customers, they were family. They were an extension of who we were," said the son.

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Costly Bronx parks projects

BY DAVID CRUZ

Some city park projects in the Bronx turned out to be pork projects, a new city audit charges.

About 35 Parks Department projects in the borough have been significantly delayed, with a handful also going way overbudget, according to an audit by Comptroller John Liu. "Our audit found some of the longest delays and costliest overruns

were in the Bronx," said Liu.

In all, \$3 million in taxpayer money went down the drain for projects still under construction during Fiscal Year 2010-11, ending June 30, 2011.

A flurry of complaints to Liu's office and to his complaint hotline led him to launch the audit. It was part of a larger look at parks projects that showed half of them finished late, while 10% went

overbudget.

The costliest of the Bronx projects was the Poe Park Visitors Center in Kingsbridge/Fordham, jumping \$1.2 million over budget and over 600 days behind schedule, according to the report.

Initially budgeted at \$2.7 million, the project created a bird-shaped pavilion near Poe's cottage for presentations on Poe's life and other exhibits. Adding to the delays was the lack of money to staff the center.

Over in Soundview Park, a field house not only cost an extra \$778,000, but also took an extra 700 days to be completed, making it the borough's most delayed project.

The maintenance facility, built from the ground up, boasts offices, lockers and public bathrooms.

Liu's report blames lack of general oversight by proj-

ect engineers, who did not follow through on their progress reports with borough directors.

Problems with obtaining work permits, tweaking anticipated deadlines and prioritizing projects were also blamed.

"Repairs and upgrades must be better managed," declared Liu. "The Parks Department can do better."

The Parks Department responded in the report to the Comptroller's findings, calling them "inaccurate."

Some of the delays, it said, happen beyond Parks control, according to their assessment.

"For those delays that are within our control, Parks is constantly working to improve performance," the agency said.

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Healthier Bronx schools

Two more Bronx schools will soon have modernized health centers for their students, thanks to a \$500,000 federal grant under Obama-Care. The Morris Heights Health Center received the grant to add PS 109 and the Mott Hall High School Campus to the list of 14 other Bronx schools and thousands of students it now serves.

"The work that the Morris Heights Health Center does is legendary in the Bronx," Congressman Jose Serrano said in announcing the funding from the federal Department of Health and Human Services under the Affordable Care Act grants program.

PS 109, at 1771 Popham Ave., serves 860 students in grades K through 5. The grant money will go toward a complete renovation of the current space to convert it into a state-of-the-art clinic with three exam rooms and spaces for social work services, health education and group counseling as well as a waiting area and bathroom facilities.

The Mott Hall High School Campus at 250 E. 164th St. houses three schools:

Grant Elementary School (grades K-5); Science and Technology Academy (grades 6-8); and Bronx Early College Academy (grades 9-12). All together the schools serve over 1,100 students.

The grant money will go to renovating the current clinic space and converting it into a state-of-the-art health care center with three exam rooms, an office for social services, a waiting area and a bathroom.

Speaking of the Morris Heights Health Center, Serrano said that "Over the years this organization has helped so many people and treated health disorders that would have otherwise gone untreated. Most importantly, the new centers will be based in schools – serving our children. There is no better use of government funds than ensuring that our children get the health care that they need."

"We are delighted to have this award enabling us to expand our integrated medical, social and mental health services to two additional schools," said Verona Greenland, MHHC's president and CEO.

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Rally against dangerous Pelham Parkway sidewalk



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Residents of Pelham Parkway South rally outside on Bronx County Courthouse on Monday, Jan. 14, calling on the City to rip up an unwanted sidewalk.

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

A legal road block may be in the way of ripping up a dangerous Pelham Parkway South sidewalk.

A dozen local residents gathered on the steps on the Bronx County Court House on Monday, Jan. 14 to rally in support of their year long plea to rip up the sidewalk, installed along the mall side of the parkway during major parkway re-construction.

City lawyers argued before Supreme Court Justice Howard Sherman that the lawsuit, which claims the new sidewalk dangerously narrows Pelham Parkway South to emergency vehicles, should be dismissed because it was filed after the four-month filing deadline.

William Madonna, attorney for the 16 plaintiffs, argued the suit was filed well within that time.

"The city is making a motion to have the residents' petition dismissed because of the statute of limitations, which they claim was four months from March. But we're saying it should be from June because that's the last correspondence that city made with Councilman Vacca, saying that they were not going to resolve any issues with the sidewalk."

Madonna said he expected a judge's ruling soon.

Work on the five-foot-wide sidewalk, running along the parkway from

White Plains Road to Jacobi Medical Center, began in January 2012.

As the sidewalk began to appear, resident and local officials immediately became concerned, claiming the street would be too narrow, and that the city never disclosed its plan to add a sidewalk to the road, during public meetings in April.

City agencies argue the narrower road is the same width as "literally thousands" of other city streets.

Madonna filed a an Article 78 proceeding in September, calling for the city to rip up the sidewalk and repave the street.

In June, the City Department of Design and Construction issued a statement saying the new sidewalks comply with city standards and would not be ripped up.

City officials argue that even with narrower streets, FDNY fire trucks can still get through safely.

But opponents, including Community Board 11 and the Uniformed Firefighters Association, disagree.

Besides having to lose already scarce corner parking spaces so the rigs can make tight turns from side streets, the sidewalk makes getting to fires at hi-rise apartments lining the roadway just plain dangerous, they argue.

Their concerns include: tower ladders now have no

room to extend their stabilizers to keep them from tipping while trying to reach hi-rise floors, and firefighters can't reach their equipment when compartment doors become wedged in from cars parked on both sides of the narrowed street.

"Originally I thought this road design was just a mistake," said Dr. David Stevens, one of the plaintiffs and owner of an orthodontist practice on the parkway.

"However, now it is evident that it is intentional and throughout the city. There are other roads where this has been done. Pelham Parkway South is unique since the sidewalk is indefensible therefore exposing the 'intent' to disregard safety. PPS is now one of the narrowest roads in all of Morris Park community of the Bronx. It was thirty-one plus feet and is now twenty-five feet ten inches...why was it installed?"

In an April test run, firefighters were unable to turn a ladder truck from onto the narrower road.

Since then, the city removed some parking spaces, which angered residents, but enabled firefighters to make the turns.

The new sidewalk was part of a \$36 million reconstruction of Pelham Parkway.

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CB 10 fighting to save services at Westchester Square Medical Center

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

With its only local hospital set to close, Community Board 10 is fighting to save as many services as possible at Westchester Square Medical Center after its assets are sold at auction.

The assets of the bank-

rupt hospital will be auctioned in late January, with Montefiore Medical Center preparing to purchase the struggling 140-bed facility.

CB 10 has written to Dr. Steven Safyer, the president and CEO of Montefiore, asking that Montefiore repre-

sentatives “enter into a dialogue,” with the community so that it can be better informed of any “transaction plans, impact on the neighborhoods, and end use for the building.”

“Since 1929, this facility has provided quality medical services in a community hospital setting,” stated John Marano, chairman of CB 10, in the letter dated Dec. 18. “The residents...have come to accept this facility as a community hospital, and are quite loyal to it.”

Montefiore confirmed in December that it is looking into purchasing the struggling facility, but would have to receive approval with the state Department of Health and also a bankruptcy court.

The state Department of Labor, the Department of Small Business Services and its Workforce 1 program - which links job seekers with employers - were also sent copies of the CB 10’s letter, said Marano.

He added that he was concerned about the 586 employees of Westchester Square Medical Center, and how many would be employed by Montefiore.

He also raised concerns about whether or not a 24-hour emergency room would continue to operate at the facility.

“I don’t want to sound like we are unhappy about Montefiore taking the hospital over, because they are a very good neighbor,” said

Marano. “They have a good name in the business.”

Nurses at Westchester Square Medical Center participated in a rally outside the hospital Friday, Jan. 11, held by the New York State Nurses Association.

They went to local area stores asking merchants to place signs in their windows that read “The Bronx deserves the best care - Save Westchester Square Medical Hospital.”

The nurses’ association is also collecting petition signatures to keep Westchester Square open as a “full-service community hospital.”

Clare Hughes, who has worked at the hospital for about 30 years and was born there, said that it is imperative that WSMC stay a full-service community hospital.

“There is nothing wrong with large hospitals, they’re fine. But we provide a different type of care here,” said Hughes. “It is very hands on, and a lot of the patients who come in and we know them. If we all wanted to be in the big institutions, we would be gone by now.”

She said that for a full-service emergency department to operate at the new facility, “some beds would have to remain.”

Hughes added that if Montefiore is the winning bidder, the nurses would welcome them to the facility.



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Community Board 10 School Safety Summit

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

In the wake of the Sandy Hook school shootings, east Bronx community and school officials recently got some first-hand information from police to review local preparations should the unthinkable occur.

The Community Board 10 School Safety Summit recently drew CB 10 district manager Ken Kearns and chairman John Marano, and NYPD officials including Bronx commanding officer Assistant Chief Carlos Gomez, Deputy Inspector Joseph Moscatt, and city Department of Education officials to discuss school safety measures already in place to prevent tragedies like the shootings that saw 20 young children and others killed by a deranged gunman in Newtown, Conn. last month.

Marano framed the meeting, held Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the board office on E. Tremont Avenue, as an attempt to dispense information to representatives from different local public and parochial schools.

“I just felt that after the tragedy up in Connecticut, that this was a good time to meet and maybe exchange phone numbers and handshakes and make sure

everyone is on the same page if, God forbid, something ever happens in our schools,” said Marano. The commanding officer for the Bronx, Gomez, said he was sure that the same discussions were taking place all over the city, and while he had no answers as to where the talks were headed at this point, said that the NYPD is paying close attention to matters of school safety.

“It is certainly on the police department’s radar,” said Gomez.

Every precinct in the borough has a school safety unit, he said, with the 50th precinct in Riverdale and Kingsbridge having the smallest contingent of officers assigned, and the 52nd Precinct in Fordham and Bedford Park the most assigned.

There are over 5,000 school safety officers, as well as contingency plans in place to keep students safe until first responders arrive, said NYPD officials.

Representatives from the offices of Congressman Eliot Engel, Congressman Joe Crowley, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Councilman Andy King, and Councilman Jimmy Vacca attended the meeting.



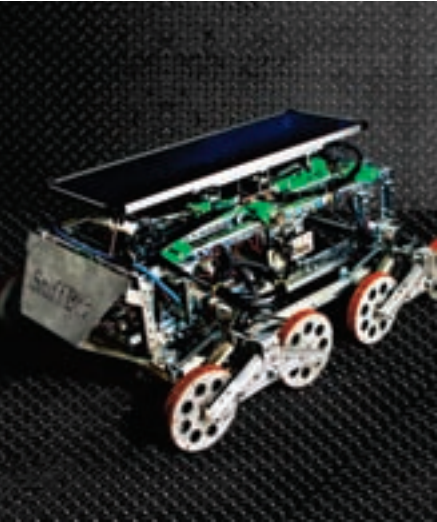
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Among those attending CB 10’s School Safety Summit from the NYPD were Bronx commanding officer and Assistant Chief Carlos Gomez, and Deputy Inspector Joseph Moscatt, both of whom are pictured at the center.

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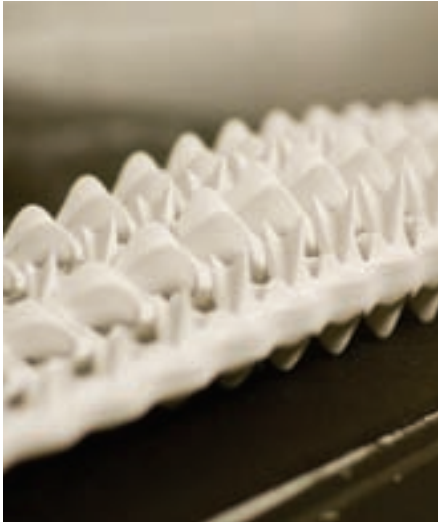
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Jacobi reduces Hospital Acquired Infections

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Jacobi Medical Center is already ahead of Governor Cuomo.

In his State of the State Speech Jan. 9, he called for more aggressive measures to fight sepsis - a condition where the body's immune system over-responds to an infection.

Jacobi has already seen much improvement in decreasing the amount of infections that patients acquire during operations, thus fighting sepsis indirectly by limiting the amount of infections that would require immune system responses by patients in the first place, hospital officials said.

The medical center was touting new numbers released by the state Department of Health for 2011 that show a marked decrease in the number of hospital acquired infections by patients as part of a treatment or surgeries inside the facil-

ity.

According state Department of Health, Jacobi Medical Center saw a decline in the number of infections acquired during colon and hip replacement surgeries. In terms of "surgical site infections" for colon surgery, the hospital saw a drop to an infection rate of 4.3%, below a state average of 4.9%. The percentage of hip replacement surgeries that resulted in an infection declined from 3.4% in 2010 to none in 2011.

"The numbers don't lie," said Bill Walsh, senior vice-president of the North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes Jacobi. "Due to the proactive efforts of our employees and our administration's commitment to patient care, we are seeing dramatic downturns in hospital infection rates."

He said the hospital will "continue to move forward in educating our staff to provide our patients with

a safe world class...experience for every visit."

The Affordable Care Act - also known as "Obamacare" - is changing the medical landscape by at least partially awarding slightly more or less payments to hospitals based on better or worse outcomes, said Dr. Stephan Kamholtz, chairman of medicine at Jacobi and North Central Bronx hospitals.

Jacobi is already taking measures, such as circulating antibiotics in the area around the abdominal cavity during colon surgery, or around the thigh muscle during hip replacement surgery, said Kamholtz.

"It takes a good amount of coordination, and people have made a special effort," said Kamholtz, who added that Hospital Acquired Infections was an area that Jacobi had focused on improving.

The Leapfrog Group - which rates hospital safety



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Bill Walsh, seen here speaking in front of Jacobi Medical Center, said that the hospital is making strides to reduce the amount of infections.

- has recognized Jacobi's improvements in reducing Hospital Acquired Infections, he said.

Overall, the state De-

partment of Health reported in its fifth annual Report of Hospital Acquired Infections that all hospitals across the state averaged a

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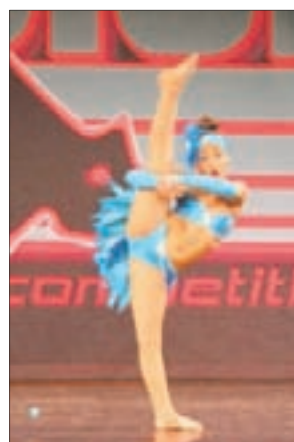
Recognized for their talent

Performers Edge dancers competed at Expressions Dance Competition against the Abby Lee Dance Company dancers on Saturday, December 22, in Bernardsville, NY.

Performers Edge was invited to compete against some of the best dancers including ALDC.

Aleena Gil, Laurielle Echevarria and Brianni Yunez competed against Mackenzie in the petite category, all receiving platinums. Competing against Maddie and Chloe was Nicolette Petriello, Alana Sanchez, Skylin Rodriguez, Serena Maldacker and Angelina Duran, also receiving platinums. Angelina and Nicolette competed with a duet against Nia and Kendall taking 1st place while the ALDC duet took 3rd.

The junior small group took 2nd place and ALDC took 3rd. Performers Edge was the second highest scoring school and the Abby Lee Dance Company was the 4th highest scoring school.



Performance Edge Dance student.

On Sunday, January 6, some of the PEDA dancers attended the Abby Lee workshop in Staten Island. These girls took a full day of classes along with Maddie and Mackenzie.

Receiving recognition for their flawless technique by the woman who is all about technique, was amazing for these kids.

During the 11 & under class, all PEDA dancers were complimented on their

technique, such as Amberley Cancel, Laurielle Echevarria, Vistoria Loran, Skylin Rodriguez, Joann Enea and Leila Capelo.

Also in this class, Nicolette Petriello and Angelina Duran received a prize from Abby Lee along with three other dancers.

During the Teen Class, Taylor Iocovello and Serena Maldacker received something different for being the strongest in their class. These girls will be given the opportunity to replace Abby Lee's dancers if needed in the future.

Danielle Medici, also in the Teen Class, was told her level is way above and beyond any workshop classes. Danielle has been dancing under the direction of Stefanie Salaman since day one and is proof of what amazing dancers Stefanie produces.

The 2013 season just began and it is off to a great start. The dancers and the staff are looking forward to celebrating their 10th anniversary strong.



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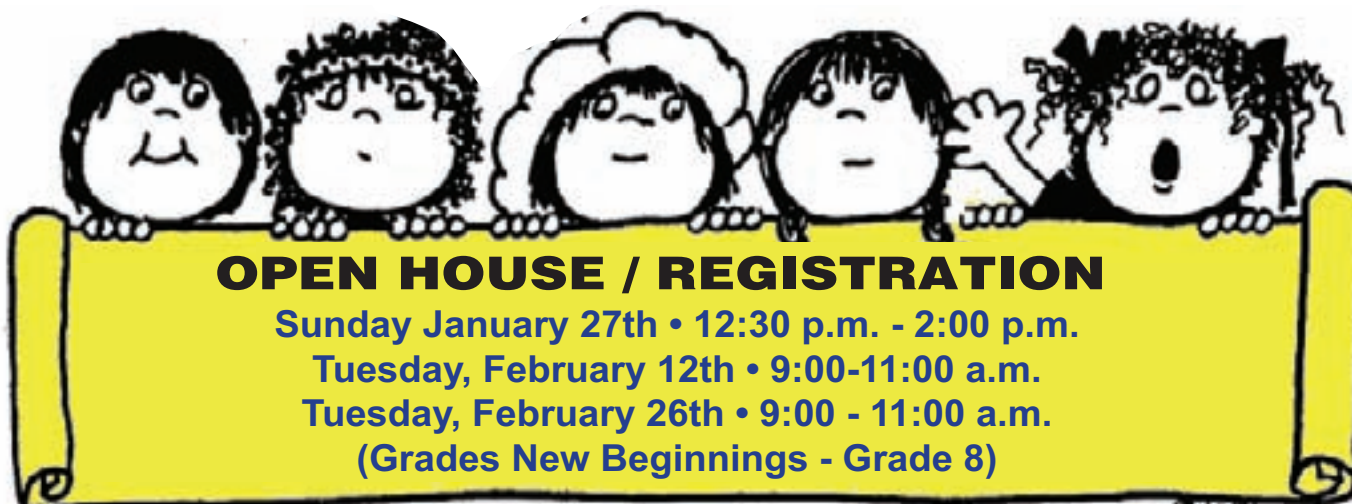
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Vacca donates to ConeyRecovery

With the help of Councilman Jimmy Vacca, the Alliance for Coney Island, and the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, NUVOTV, a bicultural television network, has donated critical office furniture to ConeyRecovery, an initiative of the Alliance for Coney Island.

The furniture was made available when NUVOTV opted to replace the furniture for its new office space. It contacted Vacca's office for guidance on where to make the donation, and he contacted Met Council, which reached into its network to make the match with ConeyRecovery.

The donation was completed just before Christmas, and included 25 desks, 35 chairs, 6 bookshelves, 12 small cabinets, 4 drawers, 1 reception chair set with coffee table in the center, 2 miniature refrigerators, and a microwave.

The much-needed furniture now fills a temporary office trailer in Coney Island, where displaced com-

munity based organizations can use it to continue to provide mission critical services to local residents and businesses recovering from the effects and aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

"I want to thank NUVOTV for this generous donation," said Vacca. "I am thrilled to have been a part of it. I hope this will serve as a reminder that even though Hurricane Sandy washed ashore more than two months ago, there are still New Yorkers who need our help in ways both large and small."

"This donation is our way of helping all those who have been deeply affected by Hurricane Sandy," said Mike Roggero, CFO and COO of NUVOTV. "As a network for Latinos, where the importance of community is a core value, the match with an organization that works to improve the quality of life for the entire Coney Island area is ideal and we are so honored to be able to help."

"When Met Council

and Council member Vacca informed Coney Recovery that NUVOTV was donating furniture I was so happy since all our furniture was destroyed by 5 feet of water that flooded our office," said Judi Orlando, Executive Director at Astella Development Corporation. "Never did I expect such a generous donation of furniture. ConeyRecovery now can better serve the Coney Island community and move forward to a brighter future."

"Our partners in City government are a great help as we support those hit hardest by the storm. This was a truly citywide story, as this furniture moved from Manhattan to the Bronx to Southern Brooklyn, thanks to Council Member Vacca," said Met Council CEO William Rapfogel. "Since Day 1, Coney Island's nonprofit community has been providing critical services on the front lines, and we are proud to support their work for our city's most vulnerable."

Bronx Council on the Arts presents In Progress

Dr. Rubina Heptulla, chief of the division of pediatric endocrinology and diabetes at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, has been appointed to the Westchester County Laboratories and Research Board of Managers.

Heptulla will serve a three-year term starting this month and will oversee quality assurance, reporting and budgeting for Westchester laboratories.

Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino selected Dr. Heptulla, a Rye resident and professor of pediatrics and medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, to join four existing board managers who provide oversight of environmental laboratories, forensic and toxicology services and microbiological laboratories.

Dr. Heptulla joined Montefiore in April 2010. An internationally recognized pediatric endocrinologist, she is an expert in diabetes, thyroid, growth, puberty and adrenal disorders, and leads research in these areas. She oversees six pediatric endocrinology and diabetes clinics that receive nearly 200 patient visits each week in locations across Westchester and

the Bronx. A seventh clinic will open in early 2013.

Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson announced the hiring of 20 new assistant district attorneys.

The new ADAs began a one-year training program Monday, January 7, under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Cari Ferreira, Chief of Litigation Training.

The intensive program combines courtroom observation with lectures in criminal court practice.

The new prosecutors are: Garrett S. Barmore, Allison Cerilli, Julia L. Forman, Laura Godfrey, Paul B. Hershan, David P. Johnson, Kristen M. Keppler, La-Donna D. Lawrence, Melanie A. Lewis, Jonathan M. McCann, Christopher P. Regan, Krystle E. Rodriguez, Elizabeth Schwartzman, Gregory Sparer, Bryan Stech, Marshall S. Volk, Paige A. Wallace, Melissa Weiner, Hilary Wolecki, and Amy E. Young.

The **Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center** is presenting *In Progress: Speed Writing and Open Mic*, a free, hands-on work-

shop, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the future home of the Bronx Council on the Arts (2700 E Tremont Avenue, in Westchester Square.) Admission is free.

Reserve your seat at <http://bronxwriters1282013.eventbrite.com/>. The Bronx Writers Center's 2012-2013 workshop series, *In Progress*, is posted on BCA's website at www.bronxarts.org.

For additional information on this workshop or other events presented by the Bronx Writers Center, call (718) 931-9500 x21, e-mail bronxwriters@bronxarts.org, or visit the Bronx Writers Center's web pages at www.bronxarts.org.

Carmine Giannotto has received the **NIAF Scholarship Honoring Military Service**. Giannotto attends St. Francis College and is majoring in Physical Education.

Scholarship winners are selected based on academic merit and are academically outstanding, with an average GPA of 3.95. The average scholarship in the United States was more than \$4,000.

SPENCER ESTATE CIVIC ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY PARTY



Photo by Laura Stone

Rocking in the Christmas spirit is the Spencer Estate Civic Association, holding their holiday party on December 19. Dozens stopped by 3243 Ampere Ave. for the Yuletide get-together complete with a giant Christmas tree, decorations and holiday cheer.

SENATOR JEFF KLEIN HOLDS TOY GIVEAWAY



Photo courtesy of Senator Klein's Office

Sen. Jeff Klein was in a giving mood this Christmas, doling out presents to kids at Throggs Neck Houses. About 100 toy donations were given out to the children inside the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club. Even Santa Claus stopped by to help give presents to some bright-eyed kiddies.



Photo courtesy of Bailey Provetto

ST. BENEDICT'S PLAYHOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Families of St. Benedict's Playhouse held their 7th annual Christmas party with the music of entertainer Zev Haber on last month. All families gave in their Child to Child, Season of Giving projects for delivery to St. Joseph's School for the Deaf. Each child decorated gift bags to be filled much-needed school supplies and Christmas gifts and treats. The program directors then delivered a van load of stuff to the school.



The Yuletide family party featured Christmas tunes by Zev Haber.

TN GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE'S PRESENTS FOR PETS

The Throggs Neck Girls Softball League held their annual fundraiser Presents For Pets last month. Not wanting to forget their homeless furry friends at the shelter, the girls volunteered to collect food and treats for the animals. All donations collected went to benefit New York City Top Dog Inc., an animal rescue shelter on Newbold Avenue.

Pricilla DelToro, Jill Melford and Rebecca DelToro collect donations with bull dog Bully. Photo courtesy of Throggs Neck Girls Softball League.



BABY BORN AT ST. BARNABAS SHARES B-DAY WITH MOM



Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas Hospital

Not only a Christmas miracle, but a two time Christmas miracle, took place at St. Barnabas Hospital last month. Mom, Pauline Tucker, welcomed her newborn son, Kallitreyo into the world on December 25. Not only was the birth of her son a joyus Christmas present, but a birthday present as well. The two share the same birthday. Both were born on Christmas Day.

UNITED WAY AND NY GIANTS PLAYER HOSTS XMAS PARTY



Chris Canty, the Bronx born defensive lineman for the Giants, hosted a holiday party at P.S. 43, last month, for 200 Bronx public school children. Canty dressed as Santa Claus and distributed presents to each and every student. Toys like Easy Bake Ovens, dolls, games, puzzles and Barbies were given to children from P.S. 43, P.S. 30, and P.S. 154 (about 70 students from each school).

The event was hosted by The Chris Canty Foundation in partnership with the New York Giants and United Way of New York City, to benefit 200 children who participate in United Way of New York City's Supporting Transitions from Early-education to Public School (STEPS) initiative.

Photo courtesy of the TASC Group



Photo courtesy of Bronx Community College

BCC HOSTS SANTA AT EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Last month, Bronx Community College Early Childhood Center hosted a Santa appearance for children of BCC students at the center, at 2155 University Avenue. Children received a gift and a photo with Santa.

VACCA VISITS VNSNY HURRICANE SANDY RECOGNITION DAY



Photo courtesy of Councilman Vacca's office

Visiting Nurse Service of New York held its Hurricane Sandy Employee Recognition Day to say thank you to its employees who helped and volunteered throughout the superstorm recovery period. Councilman Jimmy Vacca stopped by the recognition day, held at the VNSNY's Hutchinson Metro Center offices. Seen here is VNSNY representative Michael Bernstein (l) and Vacca.

Gjonaj

sworn in as a new assemblyman



It's official. New York State has its first-ever Albanian-American assemblyman, Mark Gjonaj. The freshman pol was sworn in Jan. 13 at a ceremony in Christopher Columbus High School featuring family, friends and high-profile Bronx pols. Gjonaj has already made the rounds in the neighborhoods he represents, including Morris Park, Allerton and Pelham Parkway. The first-timer unseated incumbent Naomi Rivera.

Being sworn in, Mark Gjonaj stands with sons Nicholas and Joseph, and wife Roberta.

(Left) Gjonaj strolls to the podium, ready to give his speech before throngs of supporters.

(Far left top) From city to state lawmakers, a who's who of supporters came to witness Gjonaj take the oath of office.

(Far left bottom) Like father, like son. Gjonaj helps wheel his father into Christopher Columbus HS auditorium with help from sons Nicholas and Joseph.

Photo by Edwin Soto



BRONX CABBIES RECEIVE FREE FLU SHOT FROM ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL



Photo courtesy of St. Barnabas

St. Barnabas Hospital held a Taxi Driver Wellness Day for cab drivers at the hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The event, which offered cabbies flu shots and screenings, helped the hacks, many of whom have no health insurance but many occupational hazards. Seen here is Lottie Magdits, a nurse at St. Barnabas Hospital, giving cab driver Ramon Castillo a flu shot.



ST. RAY'S STUDENT ESSAY WINNER

Jed King, a seventh grader of St. Raymond Elementary School in Parkchester, was named the 2012 grand prize recipient for the annual "Grinch Essay Contest" sponsored by the Theater of Madison Garden. The contest was open to students throughout the Archdiocese of New York. His essay is titled "The Grinch Who Borrowed Christmas" and challenges the reader to view the Grinch in a different light past his rugged and mean exterior.

AL'S ANGELS DELIVER GIFTS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Send me an angel. Union Community Health Center at 260 East 188th St. in Fordham teamed up with nonprofit Al's Angels in giving out gifts to needy kids at the annual holiday party last money. Al's Angels has been making a name for itself since 2004, helping kids battling childhood cancer, rare blood diseases or AIDS. The kids forgot about their strife for two hours thanks to the two groups.

Santa's angels unload the neatly-wrapped presents. Santa couldn't fit all his presents into his sleigh so he got U-Haul to help out.

(Below) These tykes surround Santa and his Snowman pal as presents are doled out.



Photos by Alexander Belisle



JACOBI AND NORTH CENTRAL BRONX HOSPITAL GALA



In keeping with long-standing tradition, Jacobi Medical Center (Jacobi) and the North Central Bronx Hospital (NCBH) celebrated their annual recognition and awards ceremony paying tribute to the extraordinary dedication, achievement, and commitment of the staff from each institution. Both institutions comprise the North Bronx Healthcare Network (the Network). The event was held at the Villa Barone Manor, located in the Throggs Neck. This year, a theme of the Renaissance was selected in order to honor the creative and innovative methods staff members take to improve the healthcare their patients receive. Pictured are the 2012 honorees.

BY FRANK V. VERNUCCIO, JR.

While all those politicians were using one hand to pat themselves on the back for not falling off the fiscal cliff, their other hand was planted firmly in your pocket. The headlines may scream that taxes weren't increased for anyone but the well-to-do by the "American Taxpayers Relief Act," (ATRA) but in fact they were—and very substantially.

If it hasn't happened already, your paycheck will soon present you with an unpleasant surprise. 77% of all Americans will be stuck with smaller take home income because Social Security payroll taxes have increased from 4.2% to 6.2%. Soon, Obamacare-

related taxes will also take a bite, as well.

Contrary to the claims of the White House, the ATRA does not prevent substantial tax hikes from hitting the middle class. The Tax Policy Center reports that middle class earners will take a bigger hit proportionately than the so-called wealthy.

Although the Bush tax cuts are made permanent, and the alternative minimum tax "patch" to protect the middle class is extended, overall, the legislation represents the largest tax increase in two decades.

The ATRA does not address either the yearly federal budget deficits, which for four consecutive years has exceeded \$1 trillion, or

Community Action civic Association

the long term national debt, which currently stands at \$16,432,706,000,000. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that \$4 trillion will be added to the national debt over the next decade, even if the sequestration cuts—which are on the immediate horizon—are fully implemented.

A major aim of ATRA was the implementation of the President's goal to increase taxes on higher income groups, although the "millionaire tax" was

always a misnomer, since taxpayers earning in the \$250,000 range will be detrimentally affected.

States such as New York, with a higher average cost-of-living and salaries reflective of that, will be hit the hardest.

Some favored endeavors will receive or continue to receive special treatment. Extensive charges of crony capitalism have been levied, particularly since about \$40 billion in breaks to special interests are contained in the measure. Of particular note is the tax credit given to the White House's Hollywood supporters, which extends a production tax break for the first \$15 million of production costs.

While the measure was advertised as an attempt to both raise revenue and cut costs, the balance is tilted sharply in favor of tax hikes over spending cuts. Breitbart estimates that the ratio is actually 41:1.

Critics such as Rep. Rob Whitman (Va-R) explains his vote against the bill as follows:

"I regretfully voted against the American Taxpayer Relief Act...because it unfortunately does what Congress does best—kicks the can down the road...I could not vote for this bill because it does nothing to reform our long-term spending problems, which are the real drivers of our debt and deficits. In addition, this bill postpones se-

questration, the disastrous defense cuts for only two months. This creates even more uncertainty for our defense industry, which is so vital to the security of this nation. This bill is the epitome of what is wrong with Washington—waiting until the last minute to pass a package negotiated by only a few..."

The most serious issues that were to be addressed by ATRA remain unresolved. The next round of negotiations, which begin almost immediately, will likely be even more contentious. Contact COMACTA at nycommunityaction@gmail.com; tune into our sponsored radio broadcasts, and visit our website at comactainc.com.

Bronx Park East Community Association news

BY CHAIRMAN RAPHAEL S. AND VICE-CHAIR KENNY AGOSTO

WOW! This Neighborhood has momentum!

A big thank you to all 75 people who turned out for the first BPECA meeting of 2013 and made their voices heard! What a way to start the year.

There certainly is power in numbers, and you proved it by stating your ideas and concerns about sanitation, the city budget, and crime issues in the Bronx, Bronx Park East and Allerton neighborhoods to Councilman Joel Rivera, our Sanitation Department representative Iggy Terranova, NYPD Crime Prevention Officer Troy Dooley, as well as the many other representatives from city and state government.

We've got some big plans in the next few weeks to follow up on these issues, so stay tuned to the Bronx Times Reporter, or join our email list by emailing us at BxParkEast@gmail.com. Or join us on Facebook.

We send out weekly emails detailing what was discussed at the meeting, how we follow up on those items discussed, important activities in our neighborhood, and more!

The Bronx Park East Community Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2401 White Plains Road at 7 p.m.

Email us, or call us at

(347) 654-7044 and be a community activist!

What A Holiday Ball

We had a heck of a time at the BPECA 1st Annual Holiday Ball, with lots of great people, uplifting music from the 50's, 60's, and 70's (and even a little bit of the 80's) courtesy of DJ Danny, dancing galore, as well as good local food, raffles and prizes.

A big thank you to CenterLight (formerly known as Beth Abraham) for graciously hosting our event.

To Linda Murray, Jackie Kennedy-Saddler, Vincent Bonadies, Carmen Cruz-Lee and the rest of the CenterLight team: You are a wonderful neighbor to have in our Community, and we look forward to teaming up even more in the months and years to come!

Pictures of our Holiday Ball were featured in last week's Bronx Times Reporter, and are also available to view on our facebook page. Just log on to facebook and search "Bronx Park East Community Association", and click on "request to join group".

Community Watch

In addition to the important issues that were discussed at our Thursday, January 10th meeting, many individuals also signed up for the BPECA Community Watch!

If you're interested,

please come to our next meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14, or email BxParkEast@gmail.com with your name, address and cross-streets, and we'll be in touch with you.

The Community Watch's purpose can be summed up in one word: Communication.

It allows members of the BPECA Executive Board and Executive Council to be in immediate contact with the hundreds of active, caring citizens that inhabit our area. Simply put, by having a few BPECA Community Watch members in each apartment building, and many more per block, it allows us to be in the know on anything and everything that is happening on our streets.

Police blotters don't sufficiently lay out the details of unsettling activity or crimes in an accurate or timely manner, so by YOU signing up as a Community Watch member, YOU keep us in-the-know about unsettling activities including robberies, muggings, and even the most minute activities that many times get ignored, but are nonetheless important!

By texting or calling one of the 5 call-in numbers you play a big role in supplying valuable information that can be relayed, if necessary, to law enforcement or through other channels.

We're keeping this neighborhood lovely, but

crime prevention isn't the only way. BPECA's strategy has 3 main pillars: Beautification, Crime Cessation, and

Music Education.

Until next time, to the residents of Waring, Mace, Allerton, Thwaites, Astor,

Bronxwood and everywhere else in our neighborhood: Stay in touch, and stay positive. Much love to you all.

BY TONY SALIMBENE

Reminder, our next regular post meeting will be at American Turners NY - the Turner Club on the 3rd Sunday as usual. We start at 10:30am with complimentary coffee and buns, meeting at 11am sharp and around 12noon it's snacks and cash bar, so why not bring a potential member, Auxiliarist or Son along? We will also have a planning meeting for the Bronx Military Veterans Museum afterwards. Thanks to concerned volunteers for

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keeping me focused, past post commanders and those with historian experience are always welcome.

Remember our proud and ongoing presence at the J.J. Peters Bronx VA Hospital. If any one goes there with a problem, tell them to

ask a staff member to call up to the American Legion office where service officers (also from other organizations) are ready and willing to help vets in need navigate the system.

Next time, I'll have a full briefing on committee reports, what happened and what will be coming up. Promise.

Until Next Time: Remember our homeless vets, especially in the winter time. There are ways to help!

Baby-naming at Temple Hatikva

It's always a "simcha" (joyous event) when celebrating a baby-naming at Temple Hatikva and welcome a new child into the Jewish community.

Temple Hatikva will be doing just that on Friday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m. as Joy and Dmitriy Gluzman, parents of a newborn girl, officially "name" the infant as part of the Shabbat services.

And, to celebrate this wonderful event, Temple Hatikva be having a sumptuous Oneg Shabbat following the services sponsored by the Gluzman and Wernier families.

Temple Hatikva will share in a celebratory meal along with the proud parents. The entire community is invited to share in this momentous occasion, so bring your children, friends and neighbors to Temple Hatikva on January 18 and join the festivities! Additionally, on Sunday, January 20 at 10 a.m., Temple Hatikva continues

its free Adult Education Program sponsored by the Shalom Jewish Funeral Home. The course is "Understanding the Shabbat Prayerbook", so enjoy a free breakfast with us, complete with bagels, cream cheese, juice, coffee and cake as you study together.

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

BY LYNN GERBINO

Thanks to those members who have eagerly sent in their dues!! (even my friends!!) You still have time to send in your dues. Please send a check for \$10 to: Throggs Neck Homeowners Association, PO Box 25, Throggs Neck Station, Bronx, New York 10465. Thanks a bunch to you all!!

Some good information follows:

Social Security Verification Letters can now be downloaded instantly! Social Security beneficiaries and SSI recipients with a my Social Security account can go online and get an official benefit verification letter instantly. The benefit verification letter serves as proof of income to secure loans, mortgages and other housing, and state or local benefits. Additionally, people use the letter to prove current Medicare health insur-

ance coverage, retirement or disability status, and age. People can print or save a customized letter.

Social Security processed nearly nine million requests for benefit verification letters in the past year. This new online service allows people to conduct business with Social Security without having to visit an office or make a phone call, and very often wait for a letter to arrive in the mail. It also will reduce the time spent by employees completing these requests and free them to focus on other workloads.

People age 18 and older can sign up for an account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount. Once there, they must be able to provide information about themselves and answers to questions that only they are likely to know. After completing the secure verification process,

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people can create a my Social Security account with a unique user name and password to access their information. People age 18 and older who are not receiving benefits can sign up for a my Social Security account to get a personalized online Social Security Statement. The online Statement provides eligible workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement. In addition, the portal also includes links to information about other online services, such as applications for

retirement, disability and Medicare.

Marianne Anderson, the administrator of Pelham Bay Park sent us some information on what is going on at the Huntington Library and at Bartow Pell Mansion. The two events are going on simultaneously so you will have to choose!

Greener Pastures: A Brief History Of Bronx Parks: The Huntington Free Library and The East Bronx History Forum are pleased to announce the Forum's 77th meeting will be on Thursday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. The East Bronx History Forum will start the new year celebrating the 125th anniversary of Bronx Parks with a presentation titled "Greener Pastures: A Brief History of Bronx Parks".

The guest presenter is Jonathan Kuhn, director, Art & Antiquities, New York City Parks & Recre-

ation. Mr. Kuhn is a 25-year veteran of New York City Parks & Recreation, and has served as its director of Art & Antiquities since 1995. He has curated more than 30 exhibitions on the history of parks in New York, and has authored the catalogue, The Outdoor Gallery: 40 Years of Public Art in New York City Parks (2007).

Mr. Kuhn also oversees the placement, display and care of permanent and temporary art, and monuments in the City's parks.

If you would like to find out about the secret treasures of the parks department, Please join us at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17th at the Huntington Free Library.

All meetings are free and open to the public at The Huntington Free Library and Reading Room, located at 9 Westchester Square, Bronx, NY.

Please view the East Bronx History Forum web page at BronxNYC.com for details, or follow it on Facebook.

Bartow-Pell hosts another of its interesting Local Author Spotlight lectures, featuring Andrew Nagorski, author of Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power. This event will also take place on Thursday, January 17th at 7:30, at the Bartow-Pell Mansion. There will be a book signing and a reception after the presentation. To make a reservation or for more information, call 718-885-1461. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and students.

These are two great choices to chase away the winter blues!

Have a wonderful week and, as always, you can reach us at 718-823-0327.

BY SANDI LUSK

And so, it's a new year, and I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous one. However, in the local news it looks suspiciously like the old ones and not in a good way.

First, Lehman high school, along with the other 20 or so schools on the previous "Turnaround" list, is slated for closure again, which is a surprise to absolutely no one. Back in September when it got a court-ordered "reprieve" we warned that these schools were still in the crosshairs as impediments to the Mayor's plan to dismantle traditional schools and replace them with corporate (profit or non-profit) charters to continue the "reformist" agenda of privatizing public education and making schools profit centers. So, what has happened in the intervening time? Has there been any attempt to help stabilize these schools to keep them from failing? Of course not. The new model of privatization marches on. And if you are interested in how privatization is working here and elsewhere you can do no better than to follow Diane Ravitch's blog at: <http://dianeravitch.net/>. Among her recent posts have been articles on corporate money influence in charters and how charters

weed out the difficult students by expulsion, something "real" public schools cannot do, as it is written in most state constitutions that EVERY child must get a sound, basic education. This has long been an issue written about in this column. The education system in NY has been destabilized due to the obsession of our Mayor to privatize schools. To do this he and the DOE have painted teachers as the "enemy" and compared the UFT to the NRA, which is inappropriate at the very least (I will not wade into the gun control controversy here for obvious reasons), ignored the pleas of students and parents, actively starved schools of funds and resources so they would fail, thus creating confusion and chaos. He is hurting and destroying the future of this city's kids. They should be focused on learning, not whether their school will be closed every year when they go back. The actions of this Mayor in dismantling public education will have disastrous consequences that will continue to be felt for decades to come.

Next topic: Yes, again, the situation of the homeless in NY, now that thousands more have been added to the roster because of the Hurricane Sandy disaster (47,000 sleeping in shelters

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every night BEFORE the hurricane, which added approximately 20,000 more). From the Coalition for the Homeless web site:

"The latest numbers from the IBO confirm our worst fears. New York City ended 2012 with record and rising homelessness, even without counting victims of Hurricane Sandy -- a sad reminder of the failed legacy of Mayor Bloomberg's misguided policies.

"Unless the Mayor reverses course and works to move families out of shelters and into permanent, affordable housing, the homelessness crisis will only deepen in 2013, costing taxpayers tens of millions of dollars and causing needless pain for thousands of homeless New Yorkers."

We have very often railed against the Mayor's lack of a program to transition the homeless into permanent housing, keeping them in "transitional" housing for years. However, when you look at the profits being racked up by landlords and middlemen the light dawns. Even though housing subsidies would cost taxpayers

(you and me) less than one third the rents being paid for these units in "cluster site" housing (in luxury and apartment buildings used as shelters; roughly \$1000 vs \$3500 per month), the Mayor says the City cannot "afford" these subsidies. This does not make sense, unless as in dollars and cents for landlords.

From an article in DNA Info: Last year, DHS placed homeless families in 2,011 cluster-site apartments, up from about 1,500 units in 2009 and 50 when the program began in 2000, according to the department. At an average daily cost of about \$106 per contracted unit, the city spent an estimated \$77.8 million on the program last year."

To read more go to: [http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20130108/new-york-city/city-sends-more-homeless-families-shelters-inside-apartment-](http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20130108/new-york-city/city-sends-more-homeless-families-shelters-inside-apartment-buildings#ixzz2HUdUixTq)

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And so we have the 2 most vulnerable populations in the city being used as profit centers: school children and the homeless, much to their harm and the detriment of this city. Once again I must conclude: this city is for all the people who live here: not only for the rich, not only for Wall Street and big business, not only for tourists. This attitude of "take care of the rich and let the rest sort themselves out" is just plain wrong.

I am sorry to have to return to these 2 all too familiar topics, but the crises continue to deepen, and I feel as if we are watching a train wreck in slow motion, with nothing that we can do to stop it.

2012 was a good year for WSZIO, all together we participated in 20+ community events, either as organizers

or to help others. We are already filling up our calendar for this year beginning with Valentine's Day at the Westchester Square branch library. With Owen Dolen Plaza nearing completion, we look forward to working with the new Westchester Square BID, the Merchant's Association, NY Parks Department, and BCA on numerous events there, helping to make Owen Dolen the vital heart of the square that it was designed to be.

Remember that WSZIO is a privately funded (mostly by me) all-volunteer organization. We give our time to do what we like best: sharing creativity with community kids.

I would like to thank the WSZIO team who gave their time this year: Woody, Ricky, Stephanny, Desiree, Tony, Paul, Christine, Nelson, Diana, Rob. Onward and upward in 2013!

TTFN.



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BY AL BELFIORE
Greetings to everyone!
So far, the new year promises to be better than the last as Locust Point's most difficult time , hopefully, is behind us. Christmas of 2012 was the first time that Santa Clause did not visit our civic center in nearly 65 years. We hope and pray that our building will be up and running in time for the Easter Bunny to bring joy and delight

BY JOSEPH ODDO
Well, things are hopping in Pelham Bay. First I would like to remind everyone that we will not meet in the months of January and February 2013. Our next meeting will be in March. Please follow this article for additional information on date, and speakers.
On December 28 2012, a meeting was held at the office of Bronx Community Board 10 to discuss the rental of the old Pelham Bay General Hospital building to the organization Serve the under Serve (SuS). This rental is for a six month period with an option to rent for an additional three months.

SuS is a substantial and well organized nonprofit with 35 years experience providing support services to individuals who are in need of a safety net. They provide program services to persons who have been af-

to our little children. We don't realize how much we depend on something until we no longer have it! We all, in some way, felt the loss of the civic. Where do we go from here? The problem is, WE ARE BROKE! Without money, we cannot rebuild! The city has estimated that it will cost them up to \$200,000 to rebuild (new roof, attic, bathrooms, kitchen, supporting beams, etc.). God only

flicted with unemployment, homelessness, health, addictions, and mental/emotional issues. The population which they serve includes men, women, young adults, veterans, employed and unemployed individuals.
At the meeting of December 28, Dr. Ades from SUS informed those present that the rental of Pelham Bay General was necessary in order to provide housing for approximately 60 persons who where previously housed at one of their program owned facilities in Rockaway, Queens. This facility could no longer be used due to the extensive damage that was suffered during Hurricane Sandy. These permanent quarters are being renovated with a target date for completion to be in June and hopefully no later than July of 2013.
It was said that the individuals being housed at Pelham Bay General in-

BY PAUL GOLLUSCIO
Hello all!
Remember last week I wrote to stay tuned to this column for a happening in February, well here it is. On Saturday, February 23, there will be a Jazz slash Blues Jamboree here at the Post. Time to be determined, but it should take place in the afternoon. More about this in future columns. Hope many can make it.
Another tremendous shout to the Girl Scouts here in the neighborhood, this time for donating foodstuffs to the needy. These get picked up by Luis from a Church in the South Bronx. This Church distributes all the goodies. Sister Joseph handles all the details. The Girl Scouts have been instru-

mental before with the collection of Christmas Cards for the troops over seas, they collected clothing for the needy, baked stuff for the troops and have been an ongoing presence in Charity.
Other loyal readers have been extremely helpful with the collections and monetary gifts. We here at the Post act as a point of contact to make it easier for distribution. Thanks again to you all!
The Marine Corps League is re-starting here at 620, So any Marines interested, call Rob Feliciano at 718-664-8776 for further info.
Any Post with upcoming events, please let me know some three weeks in advance and I would be happy to include the info

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knows when that will happen. One of our ideas is to raise just enough money to, at least, open the doors. (The building has been declared SAFE). That would include new sheetrock, in-

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clude some that work (have jobs), others that go to school (being trained for future employment) and some that neither work nor go to school. Those that neither work nor go to school are being evaluated for placement in services that will assist their eventually becoming more functional within the world we live in. Dr. Ades also stated that none of the individuals in this program have a criminal record or a history of criminal behavior.
This information was presented at the aforementioned meeting held at the office of Community Board 10. The meeting was called after receiving a letter on

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Samuel Young Legion Post 620

in this Pulitzer Prize Worthy Column.
Trivia Time!!
The Battle of New Orleans happened on January 8, 1815.
On the same date in 1935, Elvis Presley was born and is still being spotted in various areas.
The Throgg's Neck Bridge opened on January 11, 1961.
A couple of firsts...
The first gold arrived at Ft. Knox on January 13, 1937.
The Pentagon opened on January 15, 1943.
The first wireless

sulation, electricity, temporary flooring, etc. We have 272 homes in Locust Point, if everyone paid their \$50 dues, we could raise \$13,600 to get this off the ground. If anyone outside the community would like to help, please email me at abelfi361@aol.com.
Fundraisers, such as, Comedy Nite, card parties, and music events are definitely in the near future. My band, Just Nuts,

December 26, 2012, informing the Board that a rental had been entered into by SuS and the property manager for the hospital. The purpose of the meeting was informational. Who are we, why we are here, and what we intend to do.
Present at the meeting were Mr. Ken Kearns, District Manager, CB10, Senator Jeff Klein, Councilman James Vacca, a Representative of Assemblyman Benedetto, and Anita Valenti, President, Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Assoc. They where advised of the rental having been entered into, the reasons why this was necessary, and the intent of SuS and Dr. Ades.
I was informed that all of our representatives, elected and civic, voiced their concerns and made very specific demands on behalf of the residents of Pelham Bay and surrounding communities. These

transmission on January 18,1903. It went from the U.

is teaming up with a Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter/producer for just such an event. More about that later. Also, Jerry Landi, is producing a video-documentary on the history of Locust Point--perhaps we will show it at the civic (when it's ready) with proceeds going to help us out.
In conclusion, although the Board has been meeting twice a month,

demands included and were not limited to no smoking and hanging out in front and along side the building, no hanging out at Pelham Bay Station or in Amendola Circle, no aimless walking along the neighborhood side streets, and adherence to the quite and clean nature of our community.
The very short term nature of this rental and the fact that it is taking place under a dire emergency situation resulting from the universal damage caused by Hurricane Sandy leads us to a wait and see attitude. If all plays out as presented, the temporary housing of our fellow citizens can only serve to advance their well being, ensure a quick smooth transfer back to their chosen, and preferred place of residency, the Rockaways.
This coming Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. a general Community Board meeting will take place at

we have not been able to schedule any general membership meetings since October of 2012. Our next one will be Tues, Feb.5th at 8:00pm. We don't have a place as of yet, but we will send out a newsletter when we do. As always, we invite all of our friends and neighbors in the community to attend and we welcome all of your input and opinions and thanks for reading!
Villa Barone located at Pelham Bay Station. This meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. At this meeting Dr. Ades will be there to further address the community. So come on out, bring your questions, and get some answers.
The Pelham Bay Taxpayers and Civic Association can be reached at Post Office Box 610233, Pilgrim Station, Bronx, New York, 10461.
P.S. A review of 311 records did not reveal any meaningful nuisance or criminal activity at the Rockaway location. This review showed three complaints to 311 over a multi year period. One complaint was over an electrical problem, another was for the presence of vermin, and the third was also minor in nature. What it was currently slips my mind. But you can look it up for your self at www.nyc.gov.

S. to England.
Keep the troops in

your prayers, take a vet to lunch and God bless.

Values in Action recipient

Bon Secours New York Health System, Schervier Nursing Care Center announced Narainee Mangal, certified nursing assistant, as the December 2012 Values in Action award winner. The prestigious Values in Action award is given monthly to an employee that embodies Schervier's core values, consistently providing the highest quality of service to residents and the community, and often goes beyond their call of duty. Mangal, a dedicated member of Schervier's nursing department, has earned the utmost respect from residents and staff members alike, due to her compassionate and genuine nature and undivided commitment to truly providing "good help to those in need."
"Narainee is a perfect example of how each of us is called to happily live the mission and values of the Sisters of Bon Secours," said Stephen Kazanjian, director of Mission at Schervier. Mangal was selected for the award based on nominations from her peers. She was recognized as December's Values in Action award recipient at a ceremony held on Tuesday January 8.
"Narainee is a role model for other CNA's at Schervier," said Olivia Babol-Ibe, director of Nursing at Schervier. "An extremely devoted employee at Schervier, Narainee proved to be a true team player, especially in the midst of Superstorm Sandy, when she worked collaboratively with her colleagues to ensure safety and comfort for all of our residents."

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Casita Maria presents art exhibition

Casita Maria Center for Arts & Education presents the opening of the exhibition ¡Dale! (Hit it!): From Puerto Rico to the Galapagos Islands on Friday, January 18 at 6:30pm at the Casita Maria Gallery. The exhibition features over twenty collaborative and interactive artworks, created by Lionel Cruet, and the book that inspired them, My Trip to Galapagos by Angel Xavier Ojeda.

The artworks in ¡Dale! (Hit it!): From Puerto Rico to the Galapagos Islands celebrate the remarkable, eclectic beauty and biological diversity of the Galapagos Islands. The show includes collaborative works

such as Color Me, a large mural that was developed on site by Cruet and a group of Casita Maria students. The exhibition is curated by Paul Limperopulos.

“The process of collaboration with Xavier Ojeda, the students of Casita Maria, and the members of the South Bronx community are at the center of this exhibition. Art is a language that I use to connect to other people, allowing us to share and express our ideas. The opening of this exhibition will be a community event to celebrate how literature, visual arts and music can help to connect us and share our memories”, explained Cruet. For the opening of

the exhibition there will be participatory arts activities, music and hors d'oeuvres.

¡Dale! (Hit it!): From Puerto Rico to the Galapagos Islands is free and open to everyone. The exhibition is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. It will be open until February 22, 2013. The Casita Maria Gallery is located at 928 Simpson Street, Bronx, NY. For more information about the opening of this exhibition, contact Elaine Delgado at Casita Maria, at (718) 589-2230 *6190 or send an email to edelgado@casitamaria.org.



Photo by Elaine Delgado
Lionel Cruet working with Casita Maria Students on Color Me mural.

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Truth Concert & Charity Event

Singer-songwriter Charlie Scopoletti has endured a life of challenges, beating back cancer twice (including once as a child,) overcoming other physical adversity (a collapsed lung and a horribly broken leg,) and more. Rather than be undone by his battles, they've inspired him, and the result is a soulful pop/rock collection, 'Truth', which he defines as 'perspective music'.

Scopoletti considers Rob Thomas, Dave Matthews and Hall & Oates among his musical influences, and he does them proud on his album -- from the stunning 'Forecast' to the forthright title track, to the blunt, poignant 'Heaven Can Wait' to the funky groove of 'Feel Some More', Scopoletti's 'Truth' marks his arrival as an honest storyteller with a terrific ear for melody and a unique life story delivered through song.

On March 7, Scopoletti will give something back to his hometown of Port Chester, NY, headlining a benefit



CHARLIE SCOPOLETTI

concert at the newly 'reborn' Capitol Theatre.

Listen to Scopoletti discuss the event, and hear two tracks from 'Truth', via this recent interview on WFAS Radio: <https://soundcloud.com/charliescopoletti/aboveandbeyond-interview>

Scopoletti's 'Truth Concert & Charity Event' will Benefit two worthy causes: Imerman Angels, and the Natalia Crespo Eirin Foundation.

Tickets are available here: <http://www.thecapitoltheatre.com/>.

ITEM: Recently caught a sneak peek of a bold new hybrid comedy reality series called "Bronx Daze". Keep your eyes out for it. This column predicts it's going to be big.

ITEM: Are you reading this in time? Catch The Potato Heads at The Scott Place Café 3604C East Trem-

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ont Avenue on Sunday January 20th 3pm to 6pm.

ITEM: No Stringz Attached is playing the Scott

Place Café on Saturday evening January 26th at 7pm. The last time they played it was a great crowd and fun all around. I will be at Scott Place Café on Sunday January 27th doing one set of originals and one set of cover songs 3pm to 6pm. Rock on. Rock out.

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Student art in PAL Calendar

Three children from the Bronx were selected to have their artwork displayed in the 2013 Police Athletic League Calendar.

The annual calendar showcases the work of children from PAL Centers across the five boroughs. The drawings reflect the calendar's theme, "U.S. Landmarks," and depict national monuments and icons in major cities across the United States, including The White House, Grand Central Terminal, The Liberty Bell and more.

James Hall, a 4th grade student from PAL's P.S. 48 Center in the Bronx, had his drawing of the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington featured for the month of June. Other Bronx winners include Gabreila Lorenzo, a 3rd grader from PAL's Webster Center, for her drawing of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for the month of July, and 5th grader Nevaeh Mercado, from PAL's Sotomayor Community Center, for his drawing of Niagara Falls for the month of May.

The calendar expands upon the Police Athletic League's 2012 summer theme, "U.S. Cities," which provided the opportunity for youngsters from 16 PAL centers throughout the five boroughs to explore the culture, landmarks and famous figures that cities across the U.S. have to offer. For PAL's Cultural Day, over 400 children came together to celebrate U.S. cities with a colorful parade featuring homemade banners, historical costumes, interactive exhibits and a Knowledge Bowl competition.

BRAC on the Block

The "Bronx River Arts Council on the Block" initiative is continuing into its third year of off-site cultural programming at various sites throughout the Bronx while the building is closed for renovation.

Registration is now open at the temporary headquarters at 2064 Boston Road (at 179th Street) for the winter semester of hands-on fine art and digital art classes. Classes will run 10 weeks from January 14 to March 23.

Registration runs Monday – Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students can also register online and pay by credit card.

BRAC asks a nominal registration fee of \$75 for classes for youth and \$100 for classes for adults to help defray the increasing costs.

However, BRAC provides a limited number of need-based partial-tuition scholarships to ensure that interested students can take classes regardless of their ability to pay.

For a complete schedule of classes, go to www.bronxriverart.org/education.cfm, or contact BRAC for a brochure by calling (718) 589-5819 or e-mailing classes@bronxriverart.org.

The **Lehman Center for the Performing Arts** will celebrate its 32nd season with a night of Unforgettable Doo Wop featuring this timeless music's leading singers and groups on Saturday, January 19 at 8 p.m.

The all-star evening of classic hits will include Kenny Vance and The Platones ("Looking For An Echo"), Cleveland Still and The Dubs ("Could This Be Magic"), Herb Cox and The Clefones ("Heart and Soul"), Maurice Williams and The Zodiacs ("Stay") and Barbara Harris and The Toys ("A Lover's Concerto").

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets for Ultimate Doo Wop are \$50, \$45, and \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at (718) 960-8833 or through 24-hour online access at www.LehmanCenter.org.

Lehman Center is accessible by #4 or D train to Bedford Park Blvd. and is off the Saw Mill River Parkway and the Major Deegan Expressway. Low-cost on-site parking is available for \$5.

Irish singer Mary McPartlan will teach a course this spring at **Lehman College** on Irish traditional women singers and songs since the 1950s as part of a Fulbright scholarship. A staff member at the National University of Ireland

in Galway, McPartlan will present a series of lectures on Irish contemporary playwrights and plays.

McPartlan is a celebrated singer of traditional Irish music. She recently released new recordings in which she pays tribute to the late poet Pearce Hutchinson and remembers the great Chilean singer Victor Jara in a song and poem recorded with President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins.

During her stay, McPartlan plans to give performances at the University of Notre Dame, Boston College, the Irish Arts Center in New York and at NYU's Glucksman Ireland House on March 1.

In addition to her own repertoire, McPartlan will sing songs made popular by legendary Irish singer Margaret Barry—McPartlan is working with writer and broadcaster Vincent Woods to create a theater and music piece based on the singer's life.

The Fulbright awards are presented on an annual basis to Irish students, scholars and professionals to undertake postgraduate study and research at higher education, cultural and related institutions in the United States.

Wave Hill, the scenic 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades continues to offer the public a variety of programs involving in horticulture, education and the arts.

Programs are free with admission to the grounds unless otherwise noted.

For a listing of programs, go to www.wavehill.org.

Wave Hill is open all year, Tuesday through Sunday and many major holidays, March 15—October 31.

Admission is \$8 adults, \$4 students and seniors 65+, \$2 children 6—18. Free Saturday mornings until noon. Free all day on August Tuesdays. Free to Wave Hill Members and children under 6.

The **Lehman College Chorus** and the Lehman College Community Chorus are now accepting new members. Rehearsals for the College Chorus, which meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m., will begin on Monday, January 28. The Lehman College Community Chorus, which meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, January 29.

Community members may join either chorus. There

is no course fee required to participate unless college credit is desired. Previous choral experience and note reading ability are recommended.

Each chorus will prepare Schubert's Mass in A Flat Major, shorter works by Thompson and Copland and a medley from "Porgy and Bess" for a joint concert with the Lehman College Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, May 5, at the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts.

Both choruses rehearse in Room 330 of the Music Building on the Lehman Campus, located at Bedford Park Boulevard West and Goulden Avenue in the northwest Bronx. The campus is accessible by either subway or bus. Parking is available for a \$5 fee.

For more information, call the choral director, Prof. Diana Mittler-Battipaglia at 718-960-7795.

The **Bronx Arts Ensemble** will present a performance by pianist Michael Davidman at the home of Ted and Vita Zambetti, 96 Franklin Avenue, Yonkers on Sunday, January 20 at 3 p.m. in a salute to Bronx composers Oliver Caplan, John Freeman and Raymond Torres-Santos. Program includes RAYMOND TORRES-SANTOS' Trio for clarinet, cello and piano (1998), John Freeman's Fantasy on a Theme by William Mayer for wind quintet and OLIVER CAPLAN's My Elephant Cloud as well as Scarlatti's Sonata in F minor, K.481, L.187, Granados' Goyescas; No. 4 "Quejas o la Maja y el Ruiseñor" (The Maiden & the Nightingale), Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 and Mozart's - Quintet in E flat for Piano, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and French horn.

K.B. 452. Tickets are \$25 and include intermission refreshments.

For tickets or more information, visit www.bronxartsensemble.org or call (718) 601-7399.

Join **Temple Beth El** as they celebrate their Freedom Shabbat (Sabbath) with famed story teller Elizabeth Kent on Friday January 25 at 7:30 p.m. Singer/journey-teller Elizabeth Kent will share her interpretation of the life of Biblical prophetess Miriam, sister of Moses, and Miriam's contributions to the freedom journey of the Israelite people. A member of Covenant Avenue Baptist Church in Harlem, Ms. Kent has been journey-telling for more than 25 years. Services will be lead by Rabbi Shohama Wiener, accompanied by "your band by the sea." The event is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served.



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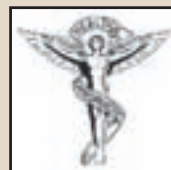
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St. Raymond Tri-State Italian American scholarship winners

Two St. Raymond High School for Boys students were honored on Friday, January 4 for receiving the annual Tri-State Italian American Scholarship. Senior Dominique Gomez and Sophomore Elijah Lewis were presented with certificates from Edward Cardinal Egan at a ceremony held at the Catholic Center in Manhattan.

The Tri-State Italian-American Congress began awarding these scholarships ten years ago and has contributed more than \$5 million to students in New York City and Westchester. This year, 220 elementary and high school students at Archdiocesan schools were awarded scholarships.

Edward Cardinal Egan started the evening with welcoming remarks and an invocation to the scholarship winners and their families. Ralph A. Contini,



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Executive Director of the Tri-State Italian-American Congress then invited each of the scholarship winners to the podium to receive a certificate and take a photograph with other members of the Congress and the Archdiocese.

Nominated by the student's principals, scholarships were awarded based on academic performance and financial need. The



DOMINIQUE GOMEZ

Archdiocese of New York made the final decision on the selection of students from both elementary schools and high schools. Formed in 1988, The Tri-State Italian-American Congress is a non-profit organization that provides educational opportunities for Italian-American children and supports organizations, charities and programs that benefit Italian-Americans.

PRESTON HOLDS SENIOR/YOUNG ALUMNAE BRUNCH



Preston High School seniors, young alumnae and teachers and staff gathered on January 4, 2013 for a brunch at the school. During the brunch current seniors asked alumnae from the classes of 2009-2012 questions about their college experience. The alumnae offered a variety of pointers and tips on topics such as commuting versus dorming, balancing study time and personal life, sorority life and how not to gain those dreaded freshman "15".

(Above) Long-time faculty member Ellen Porcaro and Taylor Cole-Lovelace '12 catch up.

Mount receives program grants

Mount St. Michael Academy is proud to announce that they have received two grants in December of 2012 totaling \$37,500 for their academic programs.

An award of \$10,000 from the Hyde and Watson Foundation, based in Warren, NJ, was received to help fund Mount St. Michael Academy's landmark Sports Medicine program, including facility renovations for a training room at Mount St. Michael Academy and to help purchase equipment. So far the Sports Medicine Program has received over \$100,000 in funding.

The Mount proudly launched its Sports Medicine academy in September of 2012. The Mount's Sports Medicine program fuses athletics and advanced science to prepare participating students for collegiate sports medicine programs at the university level. It offers advanced classes in biology, anatomy and chemistry as well as internships with trainers and medical professionals in clinical settings. Currently there are

44 students in the program, ranging from Freshmen to Seniors. Students are starting on and off campus internships in January of 2013 that will include areas such as orthopedic surgery and team training.

The program's chief advisor is Dr. Anthony Maddalo, a Mount alumnus from the class of 1972. Dr. Maddalo is an orthopedic surgeon in Yonkers, NY and team doctor for the New York Rangers as well as for Manhattan College.

Says Dr. Maddalo, "The Mount is about to offer a unique program that will help students embark on a fast track to a variety of sports medicine careers within an unprecedented exposure to clinical situations."

Manhattan College is partnering with the Mount: the school's teachers, professional athletic trainers and state-of-the-art facilities will be part of the program. Doug Straley MS, ATC, CSCS, is Director of Sports Medicine at Manhattan College and will also play a strong role in advising the

program. An emphasis will be made on the training internships as students will experience how to work in clinical settings.

The second grant, in the amount of \$27,500, was awarded from the Charles Hayden Foundation, based in Boston, MA and in New York, NY. The funding was awarded to two Mount college preparatory programs which address the full range of academic needs among students:

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Advanced Placement: Currently, Mount St. Michael Academy offers seven (7) advanced placement courses: Chemistry, Biology, Spanish Language, Calculus, English Literature, European History and U.S. History.

The classes meet six times during a five day week, and in the summer.

AQUINAS PARTICIPATES IN ROCKEFELLER LECTURES



On Thursday, December 27, several Aquinas High School students from the AP Biology class attended the Rockefeller University Holiday lectures. At a lecture entitled "Bacteria's Deadly Design," Dr. Eric Stebbins, a biophysicist at Rockefeller University, discussed his work in the discovery and function of the cellular machinery that allow bacteria to infect healthy cells. Using examples from popular horror movies, Dr. Stebbins explained the infection cycle and introduced students to the critical thought processes that go into designing experiments to determine how to stop bacterial contamination. He described his own background, as a rather poor science student, who became excited about the problem solving that working in a lab afforded him. He challenged students to find their own passions in science. Overall, the students seemed to get a lot out of the lecture and it reinforced many of the concepts of genomics and cell structure that the students have been studying this year.

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CitiMortgage, Inc., in accordance with its rights as current secured party, will conduct a public sale of security: the proprietary lease and 200 shares of stock of 675 Walton Avenue, Inc. Said security is appurtenant to premises: located at 675 WALTON AVENUE, Apt. 1A, BRONX, NY 10451. Said sale includes the fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with said premises. The sale shall be on January 28, 2013 at 01:00 PM at the front steps of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Bronx, located at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451. The secured party reserves the right to bid. The secured party makes no representations or warranties as to the title or premises being sold herein.

The sale is subject to any conditions of transfer set by the cooperative corporation or its board, and subject to any tenants or occupants of the subject premises and the Terms of Sale to be read at the sale. Victor Rawner, Auctioneer, License # 1224356

ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Secured Party
Fishkill Office 2 Summit Court
Suite 301
Fishkill, NY 12524
845.897.1600

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN CONDOMINIUM I, Pltf. vs. BRENDA CAUGHMAN, Deft. Index #3809077/10. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Nov. 20, 2012, I will sell at public auction in Room 600 at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on Monday, Feb. 4, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 112 Beacon Lane, Bronx, NY a/k/a All that certain plot, piece or parcel of real property, situate and being a part of a Condominium in the Borough of the Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of NY, known and designated as Unit No. 73 together with an undivided 0.80645% interest in the common elements defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled "HARBOUR POINTE AT SHOREHAVEN CONDOMINIUM I" dated 9/30/06 establishing a plan for Condominium Ownership of the land and buildings thereon erected, made by grantor pursuant to article 9-B of The Real Property Law of the State of NY, and recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Bronx on the 2nd day of Nov. 2006 in CRFN #20060006513969. The unit is also described and designated as Block 3432 Lot 1373 in the Tax Assessor's Office in the County of Bronx. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$5,951.94 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. ANDREA OSBORNE, Referee. JAY L. YACKOW, Attys. for Pltf., 1400 Old Country Rd., Ste. 309, Westbury, NY. #82161

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY. RIDGEWOOD SAVINGS BANK, Pltf. vs. UB ALLRIGHT LLC, et al, Defts. Index #381415/11. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Dec. 10, 2012, I

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will sell at public auction in Room 600, at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY, on Feb. 4th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., prem. k/a 1355 Webster Ave., Bronx, NY. Said property beginning at a point 547.49 ft. North from the intersection formed by the Northerly side of East 169th St. with the Westerly side of Webster Ave.; being a plot 90.00 ft. x 25.00 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$611,522.17 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. JEANNETTE WESTPHAL, Referee. CULLEN AND DYKMAN LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 100 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd., 4th Fl., Garden City, NY. #82180

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN OF THE NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. BESSIE BROWN; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about September 25, 2012, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at The Bronx County Courthouse 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On February 4, 2013 at 02:00 PM
Premises known as 2845 DECATUR AVE, BRONX, NY 10458
Block: 03284 Lot: 0045

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$26,123.50 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 14523-06
Henry Adler, Esq., REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: BRONX COUNTY EVERHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY; Plaintiff(s) vs. RUKMINIE D. RAMLALL, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF BAMAN RAMLALL; KAMALCHAND KUTAYIAH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF BAMAN RAMLALL; et al; Defendant(s)

Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600

Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about July 6, 2010, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse, Room 600, Bronx, NY 10451.

On February 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM
Block: 3774 Lot: 29
Premises known as 1246 BOYNTON AVE, BRONX, NY 10472

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

As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale.

Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale.

Approximate amount of judgment \$210,317.97 plus interest and costs.
INDEX NO. 380290/09
Lorraine C. Corsa, Esq., REFEREE

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

FREMONT INVESTMENT & LOAN, Plaintiff, Against JULIO RIVERA; CARMEN SANBRAIA; ET AL.

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 11/29/2011, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/4/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 2701 Dewitt Pl, Bronx, NY 10469

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of the Bronx, City and State of New York. Block 4564 Lot 1

Approximate amount of lien \$341,334.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 380318-08

Gary S. Basso, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 12/10/2012 File Number: 7090800694 JVR

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, Against GEORGIANA MARTINEZ, et al.

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 11/29/2010, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/4/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 1256 Findlay Ave., Bronx, NY 10456.

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of BRONX, City and State of New York. Block 2436 Lot 58

Approximate amount of lien \$570,700.61 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 381307/08

Joyce A Brown, Esq., Referee.
Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 12/19/2012 File Number: 219710923 JVR

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE CSMC MORTGAGED-BACKED PASS-THROUGH

CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3,

Plaintiff, Against ANDRES B. ALVAREZ, et al, Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered 11/23/2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Bronx County Courthouse, 851 Grand Concourse Room 600, Bronx, NY on 2/18/2013 at 2:00 pm premises known as 1982 Daly Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460.

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and state of New York. Block 3126 Lot 119

Approximate amount of lien \$585,523.59 plus interest and costs; premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 382767/09

Philip Coleman, Esq., Referee
SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570
Dated: 1/7/2013 File Number: 20027

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF BRONX

In the Matter of the Application of PATMOS FELLOWSHIP, INC. For Dissolution
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Index No. 260952/12

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, being a majority of the trustees of the PATMOS FELLOWSHIP, INC., a religious corporation, will on the 20th day of February, 2013, apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York at Part 15, Room 702, to be held in and for the County of Bronx, at the Courthouse at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York 10451, at 9:30 in the forenoon thereof or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for an order decreeing the dissolution of the said PATMOS FELLOWSHIP, INC., and for that purpose ordering and directing the sale and conveyance of any and all property belonging to said corporation and after providing for the ascertaining and payment of the debts of said corporation and the necessary costs and expenses of such sale and proceedings of such dissolution, so far as the proceeds of such sale shall be sufficient to pay the same, ordering and decreeing that the balance to be transferred to THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH OF MOUNT VERNON, NEW YORK, located at 61 South Third Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550.

Trustees of Patmos Fellowship, Inc.
MARGUERITA ARCHIBALD
RAFAEL SANTIAGO

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX EASTERN SAVINGS BANK, FSB,

Plaintiff against SHELDON FRANCIS a/k/a SHELDON M. FRANCIS, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated November 19, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 28th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the Westerly side of Olinville Avenue, distant 290.42 feet Northerly from

the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Olinville Avenue and the Northerly side of East 213th Street; being a plot 94.96 feet by 22 feet by 94.96 feet by 22 feet. Said premises known as 3631 OLINVILLE AVENUE, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 261,172.34 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381879/09.

HOWARD B. BERG, ESQ., Referee.
KRISS & FEUERSTEIN LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 360 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1200, New York, NY 10017

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against MANSION HOMES, INC., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 19, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 4th day of February, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Summit Place (30 feet wide), distant 58.84 feet easterly as measured along Summit Place from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Summit Place and the easterly side of Heath Avenue; being a plot 107.96 feet by 19.87 feet by 107.03 feet by 24.60 feet. Block: 3257 Lot: 119

Said premises known as SUMMIT PLACE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$ 20,845.00 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 381078/09.

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

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX

NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent And Custodian for the NYCTL 1998-2 Trust, Plaintiff against JOSEPH PENNYFEATHER, ALTHEA PENNYFEATHER, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated September 19, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 28th day of January, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Bronx, County of Bronx, City and State of New York known and designated as Block 4716 Lot 35 on the Bronx County land and tax map as it presently exists. Said premises known as 3617 EASTCHESTER ROAD, BRONX, NY. Approximate amount of lien \$ 5,733.34 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 382523/09.

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

Daisy Award presented by Calvary

Calvary Hospital honored Saikou Beyai, RN, with the Daisy Award.

Nurses recognized with this quarterly award must demonstrate excellence through clinical expertise as well as extraordinary, compassionate care.

Honorees are also expected to go above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a “healing touch” presence with patients and their families.

Award recipients are chosen by their co-workers, administrators, peers, physicians, patients and families.

Saikou began working at Calvary Hospital in 2006 as a Registered Nurse. He graduated from Bronx Community College in 2005 and from Lehman College in 2011. He received numerous nominations by his fellow nurses as well as family members.

One of his nomination

forms included the following comment:

“As the daughter of a patient here, I am very sensitive to the manner in which the staff treats my beloved mom. When Saikou is on shift, I know that she will be treated with kindness and with prompt attention. I rest a little easier during my own workday when he is looking after my mother.”

Saikou was born in Gambia, West Africa, he enjoys running and swimming during his spare time. He is fluent in Mandinko and resides with his family in the Parkchester section of the Bronx.

DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The foundation was formed in January, 2000, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications related to Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Patrick really liked Cinna-

bons at the end of his life and always made sure there was enough of this culinary treat for all the nurses in his unit. As a result, all DAISY honorees are treated to Cinabons at every presentation. Each hospital also receives a special banner to hang in the recipient's unit as a way to celebrate the DAISY Award honors and the nursing profession.

To date, 700 health care facilities (U.S., Canada, Middle East, and Germany, etc.) now give out DAISY awards to honor the excellence on their nursing staff. The organization's main goals are: 1) to pay tribute to nurses who make such an enormous difference in the lives of people they touch every single day; 2) fund grants for nurses who do research and evidence-based practices in the field of cancer; and 3) to give out the DAISY faculty award to inspiring teachers in nursing school.



Saikou Beyai, RN, Daisy Award honoree; Sally Umbro, vice president, Patient Care Services; and Marlene Humphreys, RN, BSN, MS, CHPN, director of Staff Development.

Year of Faith continues at Stepinac

Continuing its commitment to celebrating the Year of Faith, Stepinac High School is proud to announce its second lecture in its Faith Series. On Thursday, Feb. 7th at 7-8 p.m., Father Thomas Collins will present a lecture on Preparing for Lent and the Easter Triduum in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit located in the high school. This commemorative year was declared by Pope Benedict XVI to mark two great events in today's Catholic Church.

“As members of the

Catholic educational community the Year of Faith is an opportunity to allow our alumni, family and friends to be more prepared for the churches two holiest seasons,” said school President Rev. Thomas Collins. “We are a Catholic institution for learning and we want people to consider us a resource for learning more about their faith.”

The Year of Faith began on Oct. 11, 2012 and will conclude on Nov. 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King. The year will fol-

low upon two other special years that the same pope has already marked recently, namely The Year for Priests and The Year of St. Paul. And, like those other commemorative years, the Year of Faith will provide a specific focus for meditation as well as preaching and teaching.

No RSVP is needed to attend the Faith Series. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact Dennis Buckley at 914-946-4800 x 282 or dbuckley@stepinac.org.



ST. BARNABAS DONATES TO BRONX ZOO TOY DRIVE

St. Barnabas High School Virginia Woolf Chapter of The National English Honor Society moderator and Literature teacher Michael DeNobile and students (l-r) Vivian Loureiro, Gina Angelini, Anai Angel, Tiffany Martinez, and Rebecca Aguila are shown packing up toys. This donation is being made to the Bronx Zoo for its annual toy drive for local veterans and active military families. “As a Catholic school, we instill in our students a spirit of charity and volunteerism. Students have collected not only toys for our veteran and active military families, but clothing and non-perishable foods to be distributed to victims of Hurricane Sandy during the Christmas season,” said Mr. DeNobile.

AQUINAS HEALTH LEADERS CLUB CPR TRAINING



On January 7, the members of the Aquinas HS Health Leaders of America Club welcomed FDNY EMT's Dave and Mike. Dave and Mike are part of the New York City's CPR Training Corps, run by the Fire Department. They taught more than 20 Aquinas students how to do CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator. They shared tips on what to do in an emergency and sent each student home with an instructional video to share with their family and friends. The goal of the program is ensure that every one can act as a part of the 911 system until an ambulance arrives. The students of the Health Leaders Club gained confidence in basic CPR skills and are now able to jump into an emergency situation as a first responder.

**BY FATHER
RICHARD F. GORMAN**

The holidays are over. Life returns back to S.O.P. The children have returned to the classroom. The decorations have been repackaged to await re-use a year hence. The department and variety stores have moved on to celebrating Valentine's Day. I trust that the Holiday Season was blessed and renewing for all of my friends and neighbors in Bronx Community District #12 and throughout our beautiful Borough of The Bronx. Let us pray that 2013 will be a year of economic recovery, prosperity, and peace for us all.

While you and I may have been taking a break for life's usual concerns and routine, others were still as busy and beavers, hard at work making determinations that impact us and our neighborhood. Apparently, holiday cheer was not the order of the day for Mayor Scrooge um, Bloomberg, who had his municipal minions sitting at their desks and churning out work despite the invitation of the season to partake of mirth and of merriment.

At our Town Hall Headquarters of Community Board #12 (The

**civic
center**

**Community
Board #12**

Bronx), District Manager Carmen L. Rosa and I received a very special New Year's gift on the afternoon of New Year's Eve, 31 December 2012. While His Honor might have been practicing his high-step for his appearance with the Radio City Rockettes later that evening in Times Square, his underlings at the New York City Department of Homeless Services (N.Y.C.D.H.S.) were sending notice to the Community Board of the Bloomberg Administration's intention, irrespective and in defiance of purported regularizes on its part, to go forward with the establishment of a homeless shelter in the now-shuttered SARGEANT JOSEPH A. MULLER UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE CENTER (M.U.S.A.R.C.) at 555 East 238th Street (Nereid Avenue) at the intersection of Bronx Boulevard. By this time, I am hard-pressed to imagine that any resident of Bronx Community District #12 or of our Borough does

not know the many reasons why this should not be so, especially in view of the question of whether or not this process is going forward on a legally legitimate basis. Part of the process mandated by Federal law by which the City of New York undertook to acquire this site for yet another homeless shelter in the Wakefield neighborhood of our District was not followed. A vote by the Local Redevelopment Authority (L.R.A.) established to oversee the disposition of this longtime military outpost never lawfully occurred. Such a vote would have required the presence of the Borough President of The Bronx, The Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., who along with Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services Linda I. Gibbs and the Chief of Staff to Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Robert K. Steel, comprised the L.R.A. Our Borough President asserts that he never agreed to be part of any meeting in which the transfer of the Muller Center to the City of New York was to be voted. Team Bloomberg says otherwise. Who to believe? I place my bet on our Borough President. I have witnessed all kind of she-nanigans and swift moves

on the part of the Municipal Administration in the past. Besides, why would any thinking individual believe anything from a cabal that so underhandedly manipulates statistics to bolster its causes and justify its decisions? Nevertheless, the truth and the law be damned, the Mayor is used to getting his way. What is legal and just, what is right for Wakefield gets the highway.

What are we to do in light of this arrogance? Is it necessary to initiate a lawsuit in Federal Court? Such is a rather expensive proposition. Are you and I ready to put our hands in our pockets in order to do so? Are we ready, willing, and able to meet this challenge? Can we, will we, put our money where our mouth is?

Please, friends and neighbors, ponder this thought seriously. If we want to save our neighborhood from becoming the victim of the Bloomberg Administration's failed homeless policies and blatant disregard of the law and our rights, we are going to have to commit ourselves to a serious fight. Are you and I prepared to bear its costs?

Until next time, that is it for this time!

**St. Barnabas pediatric
dental program grant**

The pediatric dental residency program at St. Barnabas Hospital is one of 20 in the United States and the only one in the Bronx to receive a Harris Fund grant from the American Dental Association in 2012.

The grant supports programs that work to prevent early childhood cavities by educating parents, and pregnant women on proper oral health care. According to Dr. Paul Chu, director of the pediatric dental residency program at St. Barnabas Hospital, the program is intended to introduce young patients to the dentist and, as part of follow-up, see that they receive ongoing, comprehensive dental care.

“With this funding, we’ve not only been performing outreach to the mothers – educating them on the importance of proper oral hygiene, a good diet and dental home [where patients see a dentist on a regular basis] – but we’re also educating pediatricians,” said Dr. Chu. “Our dentists have been demonstrating proper cavity prevention and good oral health to patients and pediatricians throughout the Bronx.”

The program takes St. Barnabas Hospital’s dental residents to WIC programs, which provide support for low economic women, infants and children; area Head Start programs; and elementary schools. It makes it

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fun for young children to see a dentist by incorporating props like puppets into the demonstration.

“We want the parents and the children to understand the importance of regular, preventive dental care, and to practice it,” said Dr. Dara Rosenberg, the hospital’s director of dentistry.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF BRONX NYCTL 2008-A TRUST, and THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Collateral Agent and Custodian for the NYCTL 2008-A Trust, Plaintiff against TEDDY OSEI BONSU, VANESSA BONSU, WILFREDO SANTIAGO, JOEL LONGER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 8, 2012, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Mario Merola County Building, Room 600, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY on the 4th day of February, 2013 at 2:00 PM premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of the Bronx, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Brook Avenue, distant 110.45 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of 164th Street and the easterly side of Brook Avenue; being a plot 102.25 feet by 25.92 feet by 111.47 feet by 27.50 feet. Block: 2386 lot: 005 Said premises known as 994 BROOK AVENUE, BRONX, NY Approximate amount of lien \$

12,836.10 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index Number 380766/09.

HOWARD M. ADELSBERG, ESQ., Referee. Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Michael Resnikoff, Esq., (212) 237-1102, 156 W 56 Street, NY 10019

LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE CITATION
File No. 2009-2474
SURROGATE'S COURT - BRONX COUNTY

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: John Thompson; Attorney General of New York State and the Public Administrator of Bronx County and to the unknown heirs at law, and next of kin of Mary Connolly, deceased, if they be living, and if they be dead, to their Executors, Administrators, Creditors, and Leinors, their husbands or wives or successors in interest.

A petition having been duly filed by

THERESA FLEMING, who is domiciled at 5440 Netherland Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Bronx County, at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, Room 406, on February 20, 2013 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of MARY CONNOLLY lately domiciled at 2975 Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY admitting to probate a Will dated December 17, 1997, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of MARY CONNOLLY deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to:

THERESA FLEMING

Dated, Attested and Sealed
December 17, 2012
HON. Lee L. Holzman
Surrogate
Michael Hausler
Chief Clerk
Michael L. Taub, Esq. Worby Groner Edelman LLP
Attorney for Petitioner
(914) 686-3700
Telephone Number
11 Martine Avenue, PH, White Plains, NY 10606

Address of Attorney
(NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.)

LEGAL NOTICE

Robert C. Bowman Jr. (SBN: 232388)
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EDUARDO MORALES
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
CASE NO: 11AD00096
CITATION TO APPEAR AT HEARING
(Family Code 8604(b)
In the Matter of the Adoption Petition of
EDUARDO MORALES,
Adopting Grandparent

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

To Raynel Casul aka Raynel Morrow:

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED to appear at 8:30 a.m. on February 5, 2013 in Department 123 of the above-entitled court located at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento, California 95826. At that time and place, you must show cause why the petition of Eduardo Morales to adopt your minor child, Jacob Anthony Morales, should not be granted without your consent in the above-entitled proceeding, on the ground that you have abandoned that child. The above-referenced adoption petition alleges that for a period of one year after April 30, 2001, you willfully failed to communicate with, and to pay for the care, support, and education of, the above child although you were able to do so. A copy of that petition is attached.

YOU ARE FURTHER ADVISED that if you appear at the above hearing and wish to have legal counsel but are unable to afford counsel, the court will appoint counsel on your behalf.

Dated: Dec. 27, 2012
Clerk of the Superior Court
By: Eunice Bridges
Deputy

Building too close for comfort

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and later in the City Council, he said.

He fought to get all of Board 10 covering the area and Throggs Neck included in Lower Density Growth Management, which places further rules on community facilities and imposes additional parking requirements.

Vacca said that he had flagged the developer's project shortly after seeing the permit applications in May 2012, and was contacted by Justiniano.

From May until December, Vacca said he worked to

reduce the total number of apartments from 16 to 14, cut the building's density, had the developer add seven on-site parking spaces (that appear to be indoors, according to building plans) and stop the developer from building two separate buildings instead of one on each officially-sized lot space for 3527 and 3529 Bruckner Blvd.

All of that was done by following a plethora of newer zoning resolutions put in place starting in 2004 through 2010, he said.

However, zoning that block in Pelham Bay for only smaller one- and two-

family homes was not feasible because the "context" of the block already had three larger apartment buildings, said Vacca.

There is even a 13-story high-rise on the block, built around 1965, and several older apartment buildings, said Vacca.

Given the context of what is already in the area, Vacca said he does not believe that the city would or could legally downzone the area to include only one- or two- family homes, though he did not rule out further downzoning.

The developer - listed on Department of Buildings



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

There is only about a foot of space between 3525 and 3529 Bruckner Blvd.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

New construction at 3529 Bruckner Blvd. of a 14-unit apartment building skirts the property line with next door home at 3525 Bruckner Blvd.

permits as Anton Tinaj and builder Arberia & Associates, but possibly a larger partnership - was not forthcoming with information.

"I am allowed to build to the property line," said

Tinaj. He declined further comment.

While the way the building is being constructed at 3529 Bruckner Blvd. appears to be legal, Justiniano contends it is still not a

good thing.

"The entire right side of my house is literally useless," said Justiniano. "People have literally rang my bell and told me they were in awe."

CB 10 sponsors Pelham Grand facility tour and meeting

From page 1

They gathered at the Pelham Grand, a long-vacant, modestly posh five-story building. Last month, 62 tenants recuperating from mental illness moved in after their permanent housing in Queens was completely gutted by Hurricane Sandy.

They're looked after by Services for the Under-Served, an experienced nonprofit with 14 facilities in the Bronx.

Sponsored by Community Board 10, the get-together included a tour of the building and a ques-

tion-and-answer session with SUS Chief Operating Officer Dr. Yves Ades.

Besides 24/7 security, Dr. Ades explained the building was retrofitted with surveillance cameras and emergency panic bars on doors.

Some tenants, many working or attending school, have been living under SUS sponsored care for years, he said.

"Tenants are happy to stay in a place that's safe," he said, re-assuring tour members that his group will leave once the six-to-nine month lease expires. "We do not intend to stay in

this community."

The Tour

SUS personnel guided neighbors along the softly-lit corridors, equipped with beige carpeting and framed oil paintings.

They spoke with tenants, many settling into their furnished apartment for the night, listening to music or preparing meals. In a one-bedroom apartment, a young man hung around with other tenants, watching Internet videos on their laptops.

On the third floor, a tenant named Teresa was watching TV when neighbors stopped by, briefly

chatting with her, a woman in mid-40s with a fondness for art.

"They're probably all good people," said Joe Maiorana of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association. But he said he was not completely convinced, adding, "You never know."

Scott Barnard, a family man living a couple blocks from the Pelham Grand, remained skeptical, despite the adequate security.

He hoped for round-the-clock social services to be on site.

"They said there's a social worker on staff, but

what happens at night?" he asked.

But Mike Maskara's concerns were quelled after the tour. "I have no objection," said Maskara, a retired electrician who has lived in the neighborhood for 40 years. Maskara said he remains "cautiously optimistic."

Open Dialogue

But after the tour, locals blasted SUS for their "under the radar" move into the neighborhood.

"You should let people know what's going on," said Connie Fella, a homeowner living several blocks from the building at 1870 Pelham

Parkway South.

Mary Jane Musano with the Waterbury-Lasalle Civic Association wished public disclosure by SUS was handled better.

"You're eventually going to confront the community," said Musano. "Why not do it so we have faith in the situation?"

Neighbor Mary Collins wished she was given a firsthand explanation from SUS, though she has nothing against the nonprofit so long as "SUS keeps their word" in vacating by September.

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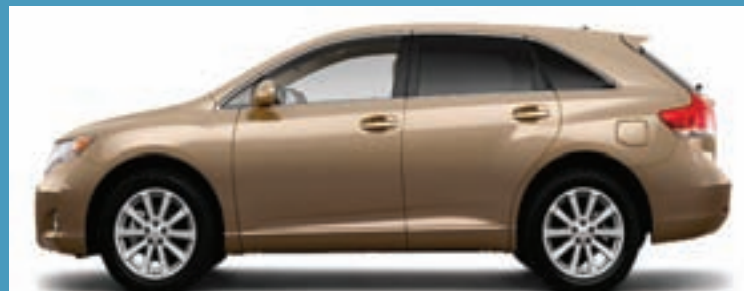
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PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

Who I would Recommend for Jets GM

With Rich Cimini's (ESPN NY. com) assistance I came up with these two possible candidates for the Jets' GM slot, "David Caldwell, Falcons, director of player personnel -- A Bill Polian (Bronx native) protégé who spent a decade as a Colts scout. He has been linked to several potential openings. He has spent only one season in his current role, working with highly regarded GM Thomas Dimitroff." And then there's my personal preference, "Brian Gaine, Dolphins assistant GM -- considered a rising star in league circles. He's a native New Yorker, a former practice-squad TE for the Jets and a former Jets scout. He learned the business from Bill Parcells. He has a strong scouting background and knows the AFC East." I think Gamble will be a gamble. The GM's hire shouldn't have to be signed off on by the coach. Well I guess now we know who the boss is. Bronxite Bill Polian gave Gamble a good word, "Gamble has spent seven years with the 49ers, currently he's overseeing pro and college scouting under GM Trent Baalke, a former Jets scout." He began his career in an entry-level position with the Eagles and worked his way up through the scouting and personnel ranks. Gamble's friendship with Ryan began when both of their fathers were with the Ea-

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All-Bronx Boys Soccer Honors

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx continues to be growing boys soccer hot bed. Fordham Prep returned to the CHSAA 'AA' intersectional final and Horace Mann, Cardinal Spellman and Mount St. Michael continued to be among the top team in its respective league. DeWitt Clinton enjoyed a historic season by reaching it's first ever PSAL Class A semifinals. It capped a strong year for a Bronx A division on the up swing. Here are the players who distinguished themselves as the borough's best:

All-Bronx boys soccer player of the year
Sebastian Palomino
Fordham Prep

The senior took the challenge of leading a young team head on. He helped propel the Rams to the CHSAA Archdiocesan tile and a return trip the Class AA intersectional final where it fell to Molloy. The crafty midfielder was the catalyst to the Fordham Prep offense, raising the level of play of those around him.

All Bronx boys soccer coach of the year
Andrea Milsome,
DeWitt Clinton

A rare female boys soccer coach in the city, she didn't have any soccer experience when she took over the team. Three-years later she's grown as a leader and the Governors are one of the city's fastest growing programs. Clinton won the Bronx A title after placing fourth last year and



Photo by Yinghao Luo

Fordham Prep's Jack Siebecker (r.) runs the ball.

reached its first ever PSAL Class A semifinal.

All-Bronx boys soccer first team
F Julian Atanga
Mount St. Michael

Atanga formed a formidable 1-2 scoring punch with Anton Porter. His speedy and accurate shot made him a serious threat.

F John Bahr De Stefano,
Bronx Science

The senior was the driving force behind the Wolverines offense. He netted 17 goals and dished out 22 assists to help Bronx

Science to a second place finish in Bronx A.

GK Ziggy Camejo
Dewitt Clinton

The junior keeper propelled Clinton to the semifinals by saving three of the five penalty kicks he faced in the quarterfinal. His dominance should continue in net season.

M Malik Cameron
Cardinal Spellman

Cameron, a senior, is a physical presence at midfield. He is not afraid to sacrifice is body. Cameron led Spellman to the CHSAA

A North division title.

M Romario Guscott
Evander Childs

Guscott, a junior, was a scoring machine this season. He poured in 17 goals and handed out 19 assists for a Tigers team that was one of the best in the Bronx.

D Paul Meara
Fordham Prep

Meara brought a veteran presence to a defense that matured by year's end. He was instrumental in a shutout win over St. Francis Prep in the city semifinals.

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McKennon rallies determined St. Ray's past Hayes

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Jaquan McKennon never stopped believing in his young St. Raymond team. Then the sophomore guard made everyone else believers too.

McKennon scored 14 of his 24 points the fourth to rally the Ravens to a thrilling 84-79 win over host and rival Cardinal Hayes in CHSAA Class AA boys basketball Friday night. St. Raymond trailed by as many as 17 points in the second quarter, but grinded it's way

back in front of a capacity crowd.

"I told my teammates don't give up, we are still going to fight," McKennon said. ... "We are got together and kept or composure. We all fight, fight to the end."

The Ravens (9-3, 4-1) had trouble getting the lead less than 10 points until late in the fourth quarter, from there McKennon took over. He scored eight straight points to give the Ravens the lead for good at 76-75 with 1:30 remaining in the game.

McKennon completed a 3-point play, buried a deep 3-pointer from the top of the key and had a transition layup during the stretch. St. Ray's coach Jorge Lopez, who coached him on the junior varsity last season, was not surprised by his performance.

"Iknew he had a great wealth of talent," Lopez said. "It was just a matter of time before he blossomed. I think today he probably turned that page in his high school career."

Hayes coach Joe Lods was extremely disappointed with his team's effort at the end. It's the second time this season the Cardinals (10-4, 4-1) lost a lead in the court quarter at home. Lods questioned his team's toughness and veteran leadership.

"On my last check it said that I coached boys basketball, but I think I coach girls basketball," Lods said. "They played harder. If it was a fight we were knocked

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New York Yankees to play exhibition game against Washington Nationals

The New York Yankees announced that they will play an exhibition game on Friday, March 29 at 2:05 p.m. ET, against the Washington Nationals at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.

Single-game tickets will go on sale through the Nationals at a date to be determined in the future.

A portion of the proceeds from the Yankees vs. Nationals game will benefit the Washington Nationals Dream Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization committed to improving the lives of children throughout the Washington Capital Region. For more information on the Dream Foundation or to make a donation, visit nationals.com/dream.



Guiding Star Knights of Columbus Council to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Competition



All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the Guiding Star Knights of Columbus competition for 2013 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held January 26, 2013 with registration start-

ing at 1pm and the "Free Throw" beginning at 2pm. This event will be held at Preston High School gymnasium. The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district

and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,600 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: James McNamara, Grand Knight at the Knights of Columbus Council 212(Guiding Star) on Ampere Avenue in Country Club at 646-302-5142.

McKennon rallies determined St. Ray's past Hayes

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out." He watched St. Rays' center Luis Santo score 19 points and Kayvon William chip in 13. Chris Robinson paced Hayes, which scored off turnovers and shot well in the first half. Shavar Newkirk added 17 points.

St. Ray's youth showed more in the post game celebration than it did during the game. They stormed the court when the final buzzer sounded and lifted the front of their jerseys to television cameras. The Ravens believed they could win and proved it.

"Hayes has the experience," McKennon said. "A lot of people came back. We didn't care. It's basketball. We were not backing down."



Photo by Joseph Staszewski
Jaquan McKennon (r.) celebrates with his St. Ray's teammates after beating Hayes.

All-Bronx Boys Soccer Honors

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- M Max Ojeda**
DeWitt Clinton
Ojeda was a controlling force at midfield all season. The senior had three goals and six assists and tucked in a penalty kick in Clinton's semifinal win.
- M/F Anton Porter**
Mount St. Michael
Porter remained one of the borough's most explosive scorers. His strength and athletic ability make him a threat from anywhere on the field.
- D Jack Siebecker**
Fordham Prep
Siebecker thrived in a bigger role on defense and also saw time at midfield. He

- helped the Rams reach the CHSAA Class A final.
- M Andrew Silberstein**
Horace Mann
The senior was a dominant force at midfield and a scoring threat. His contributions were noticeably absent when he missed time early with injury.
- D Michael Winik**
Horace Mann
The senior sweeper was the Lions most important player. The reserved Winik quietly got the job done in the back. His understanding of the game led him to make few mistakes.
- Honorable Mention**
M Bobby Biolsi

- Cardinal Spellman**
D Peter Ciacci
Fordham Prep
M Lyle Dershowitz
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Spellman Varsity Cheerleaders head to the UCA Nationals

Congratulations to the Cardinal Spellman High School Varsity Cheerleaders for receiving a bid to the UCA High School Cheerleading Nationals in Walt Disney World Florida on February 9th, 2013. This is the first CSHS cheerleading

team to ever receive a bid and attend Nationals. The team is coached by Rosalie Maiale and Michele Muccio. Led by Senior Captains Kaliyah Burris and Michelle Mack, the following cheerleaders will be representing CSHS at Nationals:

Seniors Samantha Beltron, Penelope Golden, Amy Servedio, and Jioni Mehcz; Juniors Alexis Cala, Alexa Gama, Jessica Berrios, Giesla Diaz and Terilynn Williams; and Sophomores Ariel DaCosta and Amber Ramos.



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Pipe Dreams: Tribe awards; Talking the talk

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Buddy Ryan was the head coach and Harry Gamble was Eagle's president.

Familiar Picture
The Woody Johnson/Rex Ryan association reminds me of the "Garden Dolan"/Isiah Thomas association.

In four years, Rex Ryan has "come up short," his words, and had changed offensive coordinators every year. The Jets have to have SOME kind of offensive identity and not that of a Marx Brothers' Movie with Adam Sandler, Kevin James, and Steve Martin.

Poor Perception
Wallace Matthews gave us a good look at the Yankee front office's idea of success. "The perception that ownership is no longer as committed to winning as it once was, reinforced greatly by Hal Steinbrenner's decree to trim payroll to a "mere"

\$189 million by 2014. It could be that the legion of Boss disciples, raised on the belief that winning is more important than breathing, have decided to seek fresh air elsewhere."

Recap Time Of Year
Dwight Perry passed along these recap items, "March: A woman from Vista, Calif., gave birth to a 13-pound, 14-ounce boy. Mel Kiper Jr., alert as ever, immediately declared him the best line prospect in the 2034 NFL draft. July: The NFL filed court papers alleging that Broncos linebacker D.J. Williams tried to manipulate a drug test, possibly with nonhuman urine. So, in addition to his six-game NFL ban, he's been declared ineligible for next year's Kentucky Derby.

Trite Awards
Gene Collier awarded his 29th annual awards for overused clichés. "Our third runner-up is

"Going Forward". Going Forward, in a sad irony, gets us nowhere. Our second runner-up: "Stretch The Field Vertically." Our first runner-up: "Take The Top Off The Defense." And the winner of the 2012 Trite Trophy (do not rush the stage): "Take A Shot Down The Field?"

Non-existent Phrase
One thing you can say about National sports in America is that there are no or very little, at best, patience with a team's success. This was more than evident on 1/1 when seven NFL head coaches bit the dust.

With this in mind an article by Karen Beckwith for the McClatchy Newspaper about the development of US Soccer is surprising. "Some of the credit should go to U.S. Soccer and its fledgling youth academy system, which is modeled after ones used in much of the soccer world. In its

fifth year, the U.S. Soccer Development Academy — which consists of 80 member clubs scattered around the country — has already seen five of its graduates advance to the senior national team. Now even the youngest U.S. players are beginning to earn attention abroad. And all of them bring back things they learned there, further contributing to the improvement of American soccer.

In the U.S. development academy, however, the emphasis is on year-round training—as much as eight hours a week, 40 weeks a year, with four practices for every game. It's still far short of what kids in Spain or Brazil do, but it's a major step up for U.S.-based players. Just what the payoff will be for the likes of McKay Eves, Ben Lederman, Vincent Borden and the rest of the players in their age group could take years to

sort out. But as U.S. Soccer's development academy continues to expand, Tony Lepore, director of scouting for U.S. Soccer says soccer in the U.S. will keep getting better."

Fore
Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) quoted Willie Nelson on one of the perks of owning the golf course in Port Arthur, Texas, "Par is anything you want it to be. For instance, this hole here is a par-47, and yesterday I birdied the sucker."

Talking The Talk
Dwight Perry quoted Brad Rock (Deseret News) as writing: "Brad Rock of the Deseret News, after Jose Canseco listed reality-TV appearances and getting elected to public office among his New Year's resolutions: "Is it just (me), or does Jose Canseco always seem about one pitch short of a full count?"

Dwight Just Wondered

Dwight Perry (Se-

attle Times) asked, "Why is there a University of Phoenix Stadium, but no University of Phoenix football team?"

Disability?
What Disability
For years after I contracted Polio and underwent therapy I was told that I had to try that much harder to succeed and not appear to be disabled. The words they used (I'll never forget them) were "Try to look normal." It made me feel a lot less than normal. Now I ask- what is normal?

So when Dwight Perry forwarded this piece about Oscar Pistorius it struck home. "My mother used to tell us in the mornings, 'Carl, put on your shoes. Oscar, you put on your prosthetic legs, and that's the last I want to hear about it,' "amputee sprinter Oscar Pistorius told Reuters. "So I grew up not really thinking I had a disability. I grew up thinking I had different shoes."

Brown becoming complete player at Manhattan

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Rhamel Brown isn't use to or even comfortable with the attention he is earning as an offensive threat.

Brown, who grew up in Brownsville, prefers to operate in the background as a rebounder, defender and uncanny shot blocker. The junior has always been comfortable doing thatm but injuries to guards George Beamon and Michael Alvarado have forced Brown out of that comfort zone and into a scoring role.

"He's a different young man," Manhattan coach Steve Masiello said. "He doesn't want the limelight. He wants to be in the background. He doesn't want the ball. I said, 'Rhamel that's tough because you're getting the ball and your going to be in the limelight now.'"

The 6-foot-7, 230-pound

Brown has thrived in it so far. He is averaging 12.3 points per game and 7.1 rebounds. The reigning conference Defensive Player of the Year had the finest game of her career in a loss to Iona on Jan. 6. Brown had 16 points, nine rebounds and a career-high seven blocks. Performance like that and 21 points against Sienna in December, shows how complete a player he is becoming. He feels he has those around him to thank.

"I've always been a defensive player," Brown said. "I never really had an offensive mined set. My teammates and my coaches always put that believe in me."

Brown's development makes Masiello believe he has a chance to play in the NBA down the road. He's doesn't buy into he fact that Brown is small to survive as a power forward at that

level, using players like Paul Millsap of the Utah Jazz and DeJuan Blair of the San Antonio Spurs as examples.

"He can definitely [play] because he is a high character young man," Masiello said. "He plays so hard and he can defend multiple positions. It's all about the [right] fit."

Brown said he isn't thinking that far ahead right now. He more concerned with executing his increased role to best help a short-handed Manhattan team that is 5-10 overall and 3-2 in conference play.

Brown has practiced creating space in the post, improving his footwork and using his speed against bigger defenders. Masiello said one of reasons for his big numbers is his lack of foul trouble is keeping him on the floor longer.

In his mind he is still a defensive player first.



Photo courtesy of Manhattan Athletics

Manhattan forward Rhamel Brown's offensive game has bloomed this season.

On the other hand he understands he is proving himself to be an offensive force.

"I didn't mind being labeled as a defensive player," Brown said. "But I feel like my game has grown to

the point where I could be labeled more of a complete player, not just a defensive player."

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON
When To Call The Dentist Or Go To The Hospital (Emergency)

Children's Dental Health Month is February, the month of Love! It's no accident that the shortest month of the year is dedicated to the smallest in our society. But as we all know about children, the smaller they are, the more they rely on us for their health and well being. When we were children, everyone thought that little children didn't need to see a dentist, at least not until they started school. Today we know better. So this Dental Health Month we are going to focus on the needs of our smallest citizens, because meeting their needs is often our highest priority. Like so many things in our rapidly changing world, the need for care has changed with the wealth of knowledge that has been accumulated through research. Why do small children need routine dental care, and when should it start? How can early intervention prevent the need for costly treatment in the future. How do I avoid passing along my fear of the dentist to my children? And finally, what can I do in the case of a dental emergency?

Let's tackle the dental emergency first, because the sooner parents are fully informed, the safer our children will be.

Children will often find a way to injure themselves, despite our best intentions and hawklike supervision. Some oro-facial injuries are serious and some are nothing to worry about. How do you tell? Well, there are some guidelines. Often these injuries are sports related, bike wrecks, and the quite common bumping the head of another child. There are different types of accidents and each may require different dental attention. If there is lots of blood, don't panic. Any injury to the mouth bleeds a lot. Check out the situation; hold a cloth (if you can) with pressure to slow the bleeding. Most bleeding stops within 10-15 minutes whether you do anything or not. First look and see if there are facial cuts or lacerations, fear of a broken jaw, possible head trauma causing loss of consciousness (concussion), multiple knocked out and displaced teeth (an oral surgeon may need to see you at the hospital), or if you just are not too sure, then you need to go to the ER. They can stitch up any facial lacerations and take major X-Rays to check all that other stuff.

Now, if you don't have those bad things, you still might have a scary mess to deal with. If you go to the ER, you are likely to sit there for two hours and then they will call your dentist anyway. You can call your dentist first, and he/she may be able to save you the trip to the ER.

If there is a broken tooth, the ER is not likely to be able to do much. If a tooth is knocked out, and if it is a permanent tooth, you need to get the tooth back in soon as possible, your dentist can help. The ER can put a knocked out tooth back in too, but you still may need a dentist to splint the tooth, so you may want to call the dentist first. If the knocked out tooth is a baby tooth, just leave it out and put it under their pillow. A baby tooth can be intruded (pushed up into the gums) where it is difficult to see. Sometimes it can re-erupt on its own, but still may need to be removed or need other longer term treatments. If you do not need the emergency room, call your pediatric dentist.

1. Tooth knocked loose: Sometimes the gums bleed, the tooth seems loose, but is in the same position as before. This is very common. Usually it needs no treatment whether it is a baby tooth or a permanent tooth. Sometimes, if it is quite loose, we might place a splint to hold it in place while

it heals. The child needs to be seen ASAP by the pediatric dentist.

2. Tooth Knocked Out of Position: This is more serious. Usually, repositioning the tooth is desirable, preferably the day of the accident. Sometimes front baby teeth get knocked backwards so much they interfere with biting properly. Repositioning is important here and is usually done the same day with finger pressure. Sometimes, with a permanent tooth, you can't easily reposition the tooth with finger pressure. Short term orthodontic repositioning is best for these cases. Sometimes a tooth (usually a baby tooth) is pushed up into the gum. The act of knocking the tooth up there may damage the developing permanent tooth bud.

3. Knocked out tooth. Well, if it is a baby tooth, the dentist may just leave it out and you can place it under the child's pillow for the tooth fairy. It is not worth the risk to the developing permanent tooth to replant it. Sometimes the child needs a "space-maintainer" to keep the area open for the permanent tooth. If this is not done, the teeth may migrate and close the space needed for the adult tooth. The dentist will know with an x-rays how soon the adult tooth will be erupting. For a permanent tooth, first, find the tooth. Do not scrub it clean, just put it in a moist environment like milk. Call the dentist right away. He/she may direct you to rinse the tooth and put it back in right away, and then come in to the office. The tooth will probably need a splint to hold it in place while it heals.

4. or Chipped Tooth: This is quite common, especially in older kids. The little chips in baby teeth are usually not much to worry about and can be smoothed out or left alone. Larger fractures might need a white filling to restore the lost tooth structure. It is quite distressing if a permanent tooth is fractured. Most of the time we can place a filling and the tooth looks good. Even if it is a large fracture, a filling can be placed first. It may need a crown later as the child gets older, but the fillings usually do quite well and look good.

5. Root fractures, and Various Other Bumps and Traumas: Root fractures might just need a splint or just observation. They can, however, be serious enough that you may need a root canal or even loose the tooth.

6. Lips, Gums, and Tongues: The mouth has a really good blood supply and therefore bleeds a lot when it sustains a trauma. The good news is that good blood supply usually means rapid healing. Sometimes stitches are needed and most of the time not. It depends on the severity and location. A "Busted Lip" will swell quite a bit, but will usually heal on its own. Usually no stitches are necessary. In fact there may be no treatment needed at all. This is a very common injury in preschoolers.

You might want to keep this list with your first aid kit. Keep in mind that having a Pediatric Dentist whom your child knows, and place your child has been to before, can decrease the trauma of an oral injury. Children (and parents) keep their heads when familiar and routine people and places are part of their support system. We will discuss this in a later article, but I can't stress enough that early familiarity with dental treatment can de-traumatize the most common of childhood injuries, tooth injury. Having a dentist count your child's teeth from an early age, being familiar with the dental office, and enjoying the early experience a pediatric dentist is trained to provide, can alleviate the panic and fear that can accompany oral trauma.

Children will find a way to injure

Dental Diary

themselves despite our best preventive measures as parents.

My Child's Tooth is Turning Dark

If a child bumps his or her primary baby tooth, it may turn dark. Usually this happens two to three weeks after an accident. It's usually a gray or purple like colour. Whether it turns dark or not doesn't always depend on the severity of the injury. However, that if the tooth is displaced or knocked very loose at the time of the injury, there seems to be a greater chance of it turning dark. If it doesn't turn dark after a month, it likely won't have any further prob-

lems. Sometimes it can turn a pink colour which can be another thing called internal resorption where the tooth resorbs from the inside out. Will the tooth ever lighten back up? It can lighten back. In fact most do, but it takes a while. There is just not a good blood supply there. In addition, there may have been such displacement of the tooth that the blood supply is damaged. Those teeth may not recover or lighten at all. Having said all that, most dark baby teeth do lighten back. If it is a permanent tooth, then it's a whole other ball game. A traumatized permanent tooth that turns dark usually means the tooth is dead and will need a root canal to save it.

How long will it take? Baby teeth seem to take several months to lighten, usually around six months or so. It is kind of like a bruise inside the tooth. Unlike a bruise on the skin where there is a good blood supply, the tooth takes a longer

amount of time to recover. Sometimes it will lighten to a slight opaque look, which is barely noticeable. This is due to the canal inside the tooth closing up. It's like a scar inside the tooth. If this happens then the tooth looks pretty good and is not likely to have any further problems.

Sometimes the tooth never lightens. It stays dark. What can I do? If the tooth has turned dark and there are no other signs of infection or injury, just continue to observe it. There often is no need for treatment. We will take an x-ray if possible to check for problems. In a few cases the tooth can abscess due to the death of the pulp inside the tooth. The body can't get in there to heal. So it is important to watch for that. If the tooth is dark and you just don't like looking at it, then we can do a filling on the front or a white crown if indicated.

If the tooth is abscessed, the usual treatment at that point is often removal


of the tooth so there won't be any further damage to the permanent tooth. In rare cases where there is a lot of root structure left, you can do a baby tooth root canal to remove the dead stuff and fill up the nerve chamber. Unlike a permanent tooth root canal, the material used has to be resorbable so it won't interfere with eruption of the permanent tooth. Baby tooth root canals can be effective at reducing the chance of abscess or treating an already abscessed tooth. Plus you can lighten it back with a crown or filling. However, unlike permanent root canals, they are only effective around half of the time. In addition, if the child is very young, sedative medications may be necessary to help the child cooperate for treatment. So it can get complicated.

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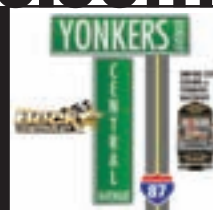


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