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New pot penalties

A shift in the NYPD's policy on low-level marijuana possession will let officers issue tickets rather than make arrests. Page A 3



OCEAN BREEZE

Stalker on ice

A judge has refused to release a homeless man accused of stalking and threatening pop singer Rihanna. Page A 5

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ELM PARK

Bayonne 'traffic holds' starting soon

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has announced that the Bayonne Bridge will experience periodic traffic holds on weekdays, possibly starting as early as Friday, according to a spokesman.

The holds "are required for motorist safety during installation of pier segments above the roadway," in connection with the ongoing Bayonne Bridge "Raise the Roadway" Project.

The holds will begin "no earlier than Nov. 14," said spokesman Chris Valens.

"20-minute traffic holds, beginning at the top of the hour, may occur weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., the Port Authority added. "Traffic holds will vary in quantity and frequency as construction proceeds."

The agency advises motorists to use the Goethals Bridge as an alternate route during these hours.

MANHATTAN

Ebola doc being sprung trom nospital

Craig Spencer, the doctor who has been treated for Ebola at Bellevue Hospital Center, will be released Tuesday morning, The New York Times reports.

Dr. Spencer's imminent release was confirmed Monday by two people familiar with his treatment, The Times reported.

The doctor's arrival from Guinea, where he had been treating Ebola patients with Doctors Without Borders, set off a panic in the city as residents worried about potential exposure after news broke of his subway trips and visit to a Brooklyn bowling alley.

He was rushed to Bellevue on Oct. 23.

ALBANY

State: Rivers' clinic made errors

State health investigators say the Manhattan clinic where Joan Rivers suffered a fatal complication during a medical procedure made several errors, including failing to identify deteriorating vital signs and provide timely intervention.

The comedian, who was 81, died Sept. 4. The city medical examiner found she died of brain damage due to lack of oxygen after she stopped breathing during an endoscopy on Aug. 28.

A report released by the state Department of Health Monday cited Yorkville Endoscopy for numerous deficiencies related to the Rivers case, although negligence is not alleged.





Anthony V. Bassolino was a master sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, serving in the Pacific Theater. (SUBMITTED BY HIS DAUGHTER, LINDA BOSCIA)



After serving in the Navy for two years during the Korean War, Fred P. Rigolini re-enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956. (SUBMITTED BY



James M. Castoro, Annadale, served in the U.S. Army, 310th MP Battalion in Afghanistan. (SUBMITTED BY HIS MOM,

FACES OF COURAGE



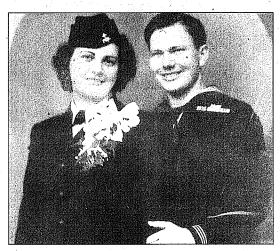
Mitchell Fowler from Bulls Head serves in the U.S. Army. (SUBMITTED BY ROBERT RODRIGUEZ)



Eugene J. (Mickey) Sullivan served in the Navy during World War II. (SUBMITTED BY GEORGE SULLIVAN)



PFC Richard F. Sause Jr., was in an artillery unit in World War II. (SUBMITTED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ÉDIE SAUSE)



On June 3, 1945, Gertrude R. McCann of Brooklyn married Freddie T. Williams of Sylvania, Ga., while they were both in the Navy. Gertrude served in Washington from 1944-1945, while Freddie served in the South Pacific from 1941-1945. They were married for 51 years, and retired to New Port Richey, Fla. (SUBMITTED BY JGK)

ncle Sam wants said, and Staten Islanders flocked — as they flock still - to the service of their country.

Whether under arms in war or keeping the peace, our veterans have made a noble record that will inspire the next generation of soldiers and sailors.

On this day reserved to honor their sacrifices, we present a gallery of servicemen and -women from World War II on. They stand in for all who interrupted their lives so that we might enjoy the benefits of freedom and democracy. Some, of course, never made it back home.

We salute each and every one. and pledge that we shall never forget.



Rene I. Montaivo was a medical laboratory specialist in the Army. (SUBMITTED BY SISTER MARYLEE MONTALVO)



Gerard Bush served in the 25th. Inf. Div., 27th. Inf. Reg. of the Army. (SUBMITTED BY HIS DAUGHTER.

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Kenneth Tillman served in the Army, participating in the Normandy landings. (SUBMITTED BY

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Farm Colony is well on the road toward being re-purposed

senior units

By Tracey Porpora

porpora@siadvance.com Staten Island's old Farm Colony was a turn-of-thecentury haven for the impoverished.

long-forgotten This property will soon again fill a great need in the borough when it is developed into affordable housing for senior citizens.

Landmark Colony, to be developed by NFC Associates of Staten Island on a bucolic 45-acre tract adjacent to the Greenbelt, is a \$91 million project that will include 344 Ave., along with 17,000 square feet of commercial

space. Preservation to demolish dilapidated buildings, cottages and peribuildings that have lain

dormant for decades and rehabilitate others at the old Farm Colony, a long-awaited affordable senior housing complex is one step closer to fruition.

"This is an amazing project, and it took my entire City Council tenure to get to.

... There were a lot of fits and starts over the last decade and a half," said Borough President James Oddo, who spearheaded the project when he was city councilman for the Mid-Island.

'Walking village'

"The concept is a 'walking village. My dream was to breathe life into as many buildings as was practical, and that's what they are doing. ... This project rehousing units at 475 Brielle spects this bucolic campus and creates a wonderful place to live," he added.

The new complex for res-With recent approval idents 55 and older will infrom the city Landmarks clude housing in landmarked Commission dormitories, new elevator SEE **HOUSING**, PAGE A14



Family and friends gather for the funeral mass for 7-year-old Joseph DeNicola Monday morning at Our Lady Star of the Sea R.C. Church in Huguenot. (STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/ JAN SOMMA-HAMMEL)

Thousands raised for little Joseph's funeral. That's all we need to know.

Monday was like no other for Anthony DeNicola.

He spent part of it in Our Lady Star of the Sea R.C. Church, the other part in Resurrection Cemetery.

In church, a little boy's life was celebrated. At the cemetery, the little boy was buried.

He was 7. Just 7. Joseph was his name. Joseph DeNicola. Anthony's Maybe you knew the fami-

ly. Maybe your son or daughter was in karate school with

You've no doubt read, or at lest heard, about the tragic



Brian J. Laline laline@siadvance.com

WITH ALL **DUE RESPECT...**

incident

Joseph was trick-or-treating on Halloween afternoon, doing what kids are supposed to be doing — having

A few hours later, Joseph SEE LALINE, PAGE A 12

Weather



Salvatore Panepinto, 87

From wheelchair, fought to keep kids off drugs

By Diane Lore

lore@siadvance.com Salvatore (Sam) Panepinto, 87, of Dongan Hills, who is remembered for his pioneering work in substance abuse among young people on the Island, died Sunday in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Bronx.

Mr. Panepinto was a founder of You Participate in Solutions (YPIS) — now known as the New York Center for Interpersonal Development - in St. George, which provided mediation and youth programs. In response to a growing problem of youth substance abuse, in the early 1970s he helped open the former "Rap Center" - a walk-in drug prevention center in New Dorp.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Mr. Panepinto enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II right after high school, and was stationed in Bavaria, Germany.

He was riding in a Jeep when it swerved to avoid another military vehicle and was thrown from the Jeep, sustaining a spinal cord fracture. He was left a paraplegic and had to use a wheelchair for the rest of his life. His determination. however, made him a role model for veterans and others with physical disabilities.

"My dad led the most independent life of anyone I knew; he was an inspiration to me," said his son, Joseph, director of the Catholic Youth Organization for the New York Archdiocese, and husband of state Supreme Court Justice Barbara Panepinto.

But Mr. Panepinto's "bad break" — as he often called the accident — brought him to Staten Island and some of the best years of his life, he would say.

Halloran days He was shipped to the

Housing

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former Halloran Hospital, an

Army facility in Willowbrook

od-inspired carriage houses.

Other features will include a

modern but historic-looking

clubhouse, a dining hall, a

metal, glass and brick retail

building, and a central green

with park-like pathways,

The "for-sale apartments"

will be divided into three

housing types: Cottages, car-

riage houses and loft units in

the rehabilitated buildings,

The Landmarks Preser-

vation Commission recently

approved an application to

demolish five dilapidated

buildings built between 1903

The application also calls

for the stabilization of five

struction of new buildings,

struction begins, the project

must receive all necessary

approvals required by the

Uniform Land Use Review-

formal land use application,"

chea+Boyland Architecture/

Urban Planning, noting the

application should be filed by

the beginning of next year.

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'We are close to filing a

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Procedure (ULURP).

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Boyland,

and 1938 at Farm Colony.

"ruined buildings,

and alterations of

said Oddo.

landscape."

However,

lighting, benches and trees.

that is now the campus of the College of Staten Island. He was hospitalized there from 1946 to 1948, and continued as a daily outpatient until 1952. He was one of a group of paraplegic patients with whom Dr. Howard Rusk. founder of the internationally known Rusk Institute at New York University Medical Center, did his pioneer work in rehabilitative medicine.

Mr. Panepinto met his future bride, Esther (Mickey) Majchrzak, at Halloran, where she was among those who regularly visited the hospital. The couple wed in 1948 and settled in Dongan Hills, becoming one of the first families to move into the new Berry Houses complex.

Community activist Charles Greinsky grew up in the Berry Houses building where the Panapintos lived.

"He was the first person I knew who was in a wheelchair. I can still remember him rolling around, getting out and about," Mr. Greinsky said. "He was a real role model, who didn't let anything get in his way."

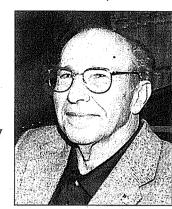
Mr. Panepinto later moved from the complex, but remained in Dongan Hills.

His neighbors remember $him\,shoveling\,snow\,from$ around his home, and stowing his wheelchair in his car before getting in and heading off — sometimes to his Jersey Shore retreat in Wildwood Crest.

Surrogate Robert Gigante, a neighbor, called Mr. Panepinto "a friend and mentor."

Said Gigante: "My memory of Sam will always be of him whipping that wheelchair out and heading off for a ride in his big old Cadillac. He was disabled, but he never let his disability disable him."

"It's a sad day for all of Staten Island," he continued. "We've lost another member of the 'Greatest Generation.' He was way ahead of his time. He helped get a lot of fam-



Salvatore Panepinto, 2004

ilies talking about substance abuse when people didn'to want to talk about it and politicians didn't yet see it as a problem here.'

Driven by social concerns

Mr. Panepinto worked as an office manager at two Island companies, Elgin Supply, a home improvement firm, and later, Post Exterminating Co., · Port Richmond.

But his social conscience drew his attention to problems on the Island, namely a lack of support centers for young people, and their families, dealing with substance abuse.

Mr. Panepinto enlisted help from the Kiwanis Club, the late Borough President Robert Connor, and the city's Addiction Services Agency to open a walk-in drug prevention and counseling center in New Dorp called the "Rap Center." The center remained open for eight years, until it was closed due to budget cuts in 1978.

At the same time, he helped found YPIS, which pioneered the concept of mediation to solve minor conflicts. The center reached out to borough high schools to train teens in peer mediation.

Retired state Supreme Court Justice John Fusco was one of the first board members of YPIS.

"Once again, Sam was ahead of his time in training young people in peer mediation," Fusco said. Over the years, Mr. Panepinto became his personal friend.

"Sam was one of the nicest. kindest, most loving and determined people I've ever had the experience of knowing. I will miss him." Fusco said.

Mr. Panepinto also played a role in helping gain city support in establishing Camelot Counseling, the community-based substance abuse program that has been in existence for more than 40

Luke Nasta, Camelot's executive director, said Mr. Panepinto "realized that young people, their neighbors and friends, needed special attention, and not punishment."

Mr. Panepinto was a member of the Men's Club of St. Charles Seminary, the Men's Club of St. Ann's R. C. Church, in Dongan Hills, where he was a parishioner, and he was at one time in charge of the CYO program at St. Ann's.

When his son was young, he was among those who helped found the Staten Island Little League and coached in the Staten Island Babe Ruth League.

In later years he enjoyed painting and other arts and crafts, completing portraits of the Blessed Mother, Princess Diana, and his granddaughter, Lauren. He also enjoyed reading and listening to music.

Esther, Mr. Panepinto's wife of 37 years, died in 1983. Surviving, along with his son, Joseph, and his granddaughter, Lauren, are his sisters, Nancy Galvin, Jenny Miller and Rita Nordo.

The funeral will be Friday from the Casey Funeral Home, Castleton Corners, with a mass at 11 a.m. in St. Ann's Church. Burial will follow in Moravian Cemetery, New

David O'Bryant, 73

Cook was hardworking family man

David L. O'Bryant, 73, of Castleton Corners, a retired head cook and the patriarch of three generations of his family, died Friday in Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

Born and raised in Durham, N.C., he attended Hill High School and

later earned

certificate.

his GED

Mr.

O'Bryant

moved to

New Brighton



also lived in West Brighton before settling in Castleton Corners.

He attended Wagner College, Grymes Hill.

Mr. O'Bryant worked as a cook for 17 years, and retired in 1992 as head supervising cook at the former Arthur Kill Correctional Facility in Charleston. He also worked

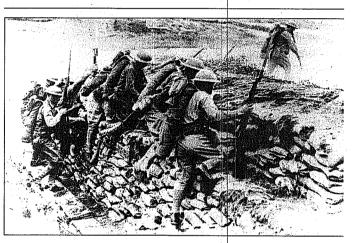
part-time as a bartender at various taverns on the North Shore, including "Happy Days" and "Three D's Bar."

He enjoyed sharing his cooking expertise and was an excellent cook, family said. He also liked solving crossword puzzles and watching "Jeopardy!" and the Food

Network on television. His wife of 51 years, the former Bessie Browning, died in 2007.

Surviving Mr. O'Bryant are his son, \$ean; his daughters, Paula O'Bryant-Mathew and Kathleen Smith; a sister, Mary Atkins; eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Baptist Church, Mariners Harbor. Burial will follow in Silver Mount Cemetery, Silver Lake. Arrangements are being handled by the Stradford Funeral Home, Concord.



On Nov. 11, 1918, World War I came to an end when the armistice was signed between the Allies and Germany. It is estimated that more tha 9 million combatants and 7 million civilians died in the conflict. (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Today in history

1918: Armistice signed ending World War I

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 11, the 315th day of 2014. There are 50 days left in the year. This is Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in Canada.

Today's highlight

On Nov. 11, 1918, ngnting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

On this date

m In 1778, British redcoats, Tory rangers and Seneca Indians in central New York killed more than 40 people in the Cherry Valley Massacre.

■ In 1831, former slave Nat Turner, who'd led a violent insurrection, was executed in Jerusalem, Virginia. ■ In 1889, Washington

became the 42nd state. ■ In 1909, President

William Howard Taft accepted the recommendation of a joint Army-Navy board that Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands be made the principal U.S. naval station in the Pacific.

■ In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President

Warren G. Harding. m In 1938, Irish-born cook Mary Mallon, who'd gained notoriety as the disease-carrying "Typhoid Mary" blamed for the deaths of three people, died on North Brother Island in New York's East River at age 69 after 23 years of mandatory quarantine.

■ In 1942, during World War II, Germany completed its occupation of France.

■ In 1966, Gemini 12 blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts James A. Lovell and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. aboard. ■ In 1972, the U.S. Army

turned over its base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct U.S. military involvement in the Vietnam War.

■ In 1992, the Church of England voted to ordain women as priests.

Ten years ago: Palestinians at home and abroad wept. waved flags and burned tires

in an eruption of grief at news of the death of Yasser Arafat in Paris at age 75. President George W. Bush expressed hope that Arafat's passing would clear the way for successful Mideast peace negotiations with new Palestinian leaders.

Five years ago: For the first time since World War I, the leaders of Germany and France held a joint ceremony to commemorate the end of the conflict, saying it was time to celebrate their countries' reconciliation and friendship.

One year ago: Bowing to pressure from Jewish groups and art experts, the German government made public details of paintings in a recovered trove of 1,400 pieces of art that might have been stolen by Nazis and said it would put together a task force to speed identification...

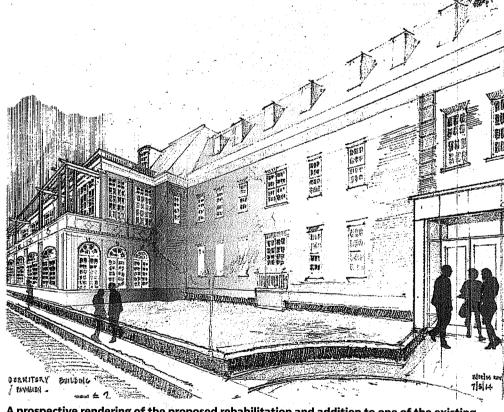
Jazz singer-musician Mose

Today's birthdays

Allison is 87. Actress Bibi Andersson is 79. Country singer Narvel Felts is 76. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., is 74. Americana roots singer/ songwriter Chris Smither is 70. Rock singer-musician Vince Martell (Vanilla Fudge) is 69. The president of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, is 69. Rock singer **Jim Peterik** (Ides of March, Survivor) is 64. Golfer Fuzzy Zoeller is 63. Pop singer-musician Paul Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 63. Rock singer-musician Andy Partridge (XTC) is 61. Singer Marshall Crenshaw is 61. Rock singer **Dave** Alvin is \$9. Rock musician Ian Craig Marsh (Human League; Heaven 17) is 58. Actor Stanley Tucci is 54. Actress **Demi Moore** is 52. Actress Calista Flockhart is 50. Actor Philip McKeon is 50. Rock musician **Scott** Mercado is 50. Actor Frank John Hughes is 47. Actor David DeLuise is 43. Actor Adam Beach is 42. Actor Leonardo DiCaprio is 40. NFL quarterback Mark Sanchez is 28. Actress Christa B. Allen is 23.

Thought for today

"When you make your peace with authority, you become authority." — Jim Morrison, American rock singer (1943-1971)



A prospective rendering of the proposed rehabilitation and addition to one of the existing dormitory buildings, constructed in the 1930s.

(COURTESY OF VENGOECHEA+BOYLAND ARCHITECTURE/URBAN PLANNING)

noted that his grandmother was a nurse at the old Farm Colony. "We created a strategy where we were able to preserve some buildings, add to existing buildings, demolish some buildings and we are preserving one building in a state of ruins, which is a reminder of what the buildings were at one time," said Vengoechea.

Remove invasive trees

His partner, Pablo Vengoechea, said the application includes removal of invasive trees to make way for a better planting plan, preservation of parkland, disposition of city property and installation of private roads.

The site will also seek approvals from the City Planning Commission for a zone change that would permit commercial activity along the Brielle Avenue side of the property.

'The commercial will be consistent with the residents. There might be a community facility, like medical and therapy offices, as well as a cafe, and things consistent with a walking neighborhood," said Boyland, who the right way. And you can double," said Oddo. "We have Center and Home.

Archaeologists involved He said an archaeologist

will be involved in the process, and any artifacts found will be displayed at the site.

While developer, the Raymond Masucci of NFC Associates of Staten Island, didn't return Advance phone calls about the project, Boyland said the project is projected to be complete by

While it's a project close to his heart, Oddo noted that all the parties involved, including the developer and architect, are Islanders and have strong ties to the area.

"The developer and architects are doing this project

"The developer and architects are doing this project the right way. And you can tell there's a personal Staten Island touch to this,"

Borough President James Oddo

tell there's a personal Staten Island touch to this," he said. With nearly 70,000 Staten

Island baby boomers, the youngest of whom will be at least 50 years old, there has long been a borough cry for affordable middle-class senior housing. But the lack of reasonably priced housing for older people in the borough. has forced many to depart, often to New Jersey or elsewhere in the metropolitan

"The age 65-and-older community was 50,000 Staten in the 1980s, along with the Islanders in the year 2000; in the year 2030, it will be

area and beyond.

a large senior population per capita, and a lot of those folks want to stay on Staten Island." The project is designed to

be a viable option for older Island homeowners who are seeking to downsize to a lower-maintenance lifestyle. In the 19th century, the city purchased the land from a

farmer and built a community where poor New Yorkers were housed in return for labor on what became a highly productive working farm. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the

population of Farm Colony grew to nearly 1,500 Islanders in need of food and shelter. Such needs waned with the advent of Social Security and the prosperity that followed World War II.

In 1975, the old Dutch Revival-style buildings were finally abandoned and left to squatters, vandals and the elements. The city designated the site of the original Farm Colony as a historic district building that became Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation