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## September Primary underway

BY DAVID CRUZ  
AND BOB KAPPSTATTER

Today belongs to the voters - at least the few inspired to go to the polls to vote in local primary contests for state legislators.

With a few hot races and a number of tepid ones with minor candidates challenging incumbents, the turnout numbers are expected to be low - an advantage to incumbents who have strong local organizations to turn out their supporters.

In the heavily Democratic Bronx, a win in the primary is virtually a win in the November 6 general election.

The switch from the traditional second Tuesday of September to a Thursday after the 9/11 attacks, may also confuse many voters for an even lighter turnout.

The hottest primary contest in the Bronx today has embattled incumbent Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera, dealing with major investigations and scandal, fighting to keep her seat against challenger Mark Gjonaj, a strong, well-financed businessman, and two other candidates seen as potential vote drainers in the 80th Assembly District covering Morris Park, Allderton, Pelham Parkway, Pelham Gardens and Norwood.

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Photo by Laura Stone

## FORDHAM RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL FUN

Jordan Velez and Justin Oliver of Fordham take to the streets for the annual Fordham Renaissance Festival. Along a closed stretch of Fordham Road, the pair toured several neighborhood shops where merchants laid out their goods, kids got to have their faces painted, and families just hung out on a bright Sunday, September 9.

# BP DIAZ: PEACE PLEASE!

**Borough president launches drive  
to stop wave of borough shootings**

BY DAVID CRUZ

"Be part of the solution."

That's the call from Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. over the wave of gun violence that's swept the Bronx this summer.

He's pencilled a September 22 date for the third annual "Peace in our Streets," an anti-gun rally calling attention to several high-profile shootings disturbing the Bronx.

Diaz Jr. will personally take to the streets, knocking on doors to dole out anti-gun violence flyers. The borough-wide effort will also be led by the Bronx Clergy Task Force, Community Board 3 and Forest Houses Tenant Associa-

tion, the group representing the Morrisania housing complex where 4-year-old Lloyd Morgan was killed.

He was killed back in July after getting caught in the cross-fire between two young men. His death sparked calls to end gun violence in the Bronx.

Another child - 2-year-old Trayvon Bunson - also joins a list of shooting victims. The Hunts Point tyke was grazed in the back shoulder on September 6th while being pushed by his mom in a stroller, according to police.

The day before, Lamin Sellah, a West African immigrant,

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Todd DiScala of the MTA stands next to an aerial view of the proposed Morris Park Metro-North station during an open house on Monday, September 10 at Einstein.

# Getting 'All Aboard!' for MP Metro-North Station

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It's not a done deal!

But a new Metro-North commuter station for Morris Park was on the agenda at a public hearing this week.

It was the first of four information sessions on four new Bronx stations proposed for Morris Park, Parkchester, Co-op City's Section 5 and Hunts Point, held at Albert Einstein College of Medicine on Monday, September 10.

The stations are part of a plan to bring Metro-North rail service to Penn Station for the first time by using an Amtrak rail line that spurs off from the Metro-North New Haven line at New Rochelle, through the Bronx, over the Hell Gate Bridge, and into Queens before reaching Manhattan.

Robert MacLagger of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Metro-North and Shawn Brede of the City Department of City Planning made presentations to audience generally approving of the roughly 25-minute service from Morris Park to Penn Station and 35-minute service to Stamford, Connecticut.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said at the hearing that the proposed stations could go a long way to fostering economic development in the borough.

"It is transformative, it is cutting edge," said Diaz.

MacLagger noted that Metro-North ridership from the Bronx has grown three fold since 1985.

Community support for the plan is crucial, because space in Penn Station is limited, with the station already handling traffic from Amtrak, Long Island Railroad, and New Jersey Transit, said Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns before the hearing.

"It is not a 'fait accompli,'" he said.

Also at the hearing were Community Board 11 district manager Jeremy Warneke, Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro and chairman Joseph Kelleher, Roberto Garcia of Montefiore, Robert Ruggiero of the Morris Park Alliance, Joe Oddo of the Pelham Bay Taxpayers Association, and residents from Morris Park, Country Club, and Pelham

Bay.

Oddo and Ruggiero both expressed concern the proposal does not call for parking at the proposed Morris Park station, on land owned by Amtrak with entrances near Morris Park Avenue and Eastchester Road, and on Bassett Avenue.

Morris Park homeowner Richard Gans, a volunteer with Transportation Alternatives suggested expanding bus service from Pelham Bay and Country Club to the new Metro North station.

"I don't think people driving here to use the station is really going to work," said Gans.

Meetings will also take place on the proposed Co-op City station on Monday, September 24 at the Dreiser Loop Community Center at 177 Dreiser Loop on the 2nd Floor in auditorium B; in Hunts Point at Casita Maria at 928 Simpson Street on Tuesday, October 2; and in Parkchester at St. Raymond's High School for Boys at 2151 St. Raymond Avenue on Monday, October 22. All with start at 6:30 p.m.

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# St. Barnabas helps cancer patients feel better

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Staff at this Bronx hospital want to help their patients not only feel better, but look good too.

tients over the years.

But when she herself was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007, she had a different perspective.

chief over my hear, which is important when it's hot and you don't want to wear a wig. It was good to go through it with other people going through the same thing. It was so good for my body image and made such a difference."

Eileen Rhodes, who was diagnosed with cancer in January, said she found out about the program while in chemo therapy.

"This was my first time participating," Rhodes said the Monday, August 20 session. "Someone from the hospital was talking with patients about different things and she invited me to come. It helped me to feel better about myself. It was a good experience and very helpful. I enjoyed it. They showed me how to put eyelashes on and eye brows, because I lost mine."

The group programs, offered by the American Cancer Society in partnership with Personal Care Products Council Founda-



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Anne Marie Morrison is provided with make up tips by professionals from the "Look Good..Feel Better" program at St. Barnabas Hospital.

tion and the National Cosmetology Association, are open to all women with cancer who are undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, or other forms of treatment.

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alone, more than 700,000 women have participated in the program, which now offers 14,500 group workshops nationwide in more than 3,000 locations.

## Free booze biz class

The Throggs Neck Community Action Partnership (TNCAP) announces a free training for all businesses that sell and serve alcohol. This training has been approved by the NYS Liquor Authority and will result in a Certificate of Completion valid for three years.

The training will take place on Wednesday, September 19, at the ADAPP office at 2789 Schurz Avenue. The session will run from 10:30 a.m. til 1 p.m.

TNCAP acknowledges the help of Community Board 10 and the Throggs Neck merchants who have already participated in this training, which helps to ensure that all businesses are in compliance with Liquor Authority rules and regulations.

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**Buy local.**

# Bronx Times co-founder and publisher John Collazzi retires

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

John Collazzi, a founder and publisher of the Bronx Times Reporter and Bronx Times, has retired after 31 years.

Collazzi founded this paper in 1981 with Michael Benedetto, expanding it from a monthly to a bi-weekly paper within a few years, and to a weekly in 1989.

It was sold to the News Corporation in 2007, with Collazzi presiding over their circulation expansion as they were cross-marketed with the New York Post and Community Newspaper Group.

The paper's new publisher will be longtime executive editor and operations manager Laura Guerriero, who has been with the Bronx Times Reporter for more than two decades.

Former longtime New York Daily News reporter and Bronx bureau chief Bob Kappstatter will be in charge of the day-to-day editorial operation as deputy editor.

Benedetto said that while the idea to start the paper Times Reporter originated with him, Collazzi was the visionary who quickly saw the paper's potential.

"I thought it would be a great idea for the community to have a paper to keep it informed, and I was heavily involved in politics and so was John at that time, and I thought it could benefit me personally," said Benedetto. "John, however, realized right away ... that we should keep it above politics and just report on the news in the community, and like on so many of the early decisions, John was right."

Benedetto said that when he left the paper in 1988 because he felt his election as a district leader would be a conflict of interest, he knew he was leaving the paper in good hands.

By the end of summer 1984, the masthead of the paper listed John Collazzi as both the editor and publisher.

Councilman Jimmy Vacca recalled that he had



JOHN COLLAZZI

written a column for the paper shortly after it was founded, and that many community leaders pitched in to help write stories when it was a smaller operation.

"John was committed to a community newspaper, and if it wasn't for the Bronx Times and for John, a lot of the successful community efforts would not have happened," said Vacca.

Collazzi avoided crime

stories that were flooding newspapers during the 1980s and focused more on people in the community who were making a difference. The paper was kept local, with editions serving Throggs Neck and then Morris Park and surrounding areas. Other parts of the Bronx were added with the launch of the Bronx Times 18 years ago.

Collazzi was also a founding member of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, where he now serves as a vice-president.

Joseph Kelleher, chairman of the chamber, called Collazzi an "elder statesman" of the board of directors with a vast knowledge of the borough.

"Collazzi is someone who is fantastic consulting with about the Bronx because he knows the businesses, and understands the borough and its political sensitivities," Kelleher said.

Longtime friend, NYPD Assistant Chief Edward Delatorre, said Collazzi "has an incredible sense of

concern for the Bronx and the people that live in it - a very genuine concern about the people who live in the Bronx and the quality of life in general."

Under Collazzi's leadership, the successful launch of several new publications associated with the original Bronx Times Reporter and Bronx Times occurred as he

I know that John is retiring, but I cannot accept that. He will always be my go-to guy.

Joseph Kelleher

continued on as publisher into the News Corporation-era of the paper.

Collazzi brought about the first editions of a Community Newspaper Group insert in the Sunday New

York Post called Bronx Weekly, as well as Bronx-Stats, 25 Bronx Influential Women, and numerous auto, medical, and elder care supplements and publications.

Collazzi has been on the board of directors of BronxNet public access television since it began broadcasting in 1993, said BronxNet executive director Michael Max Knobbe.

"He is a prime mover in terms of journalism and providing valuable information to the people of the Bronx," said Knobbe, "and has been a strong guiding force on the BronxNet board in terms of our expanding services and educational training programs, and our growth over the last two decades."

Friends said they expect Collazzi, a former longtime member of Community Board 10, to continue his work volunteering and sitting on boards in the community.

"I know that John is retiring, but I cannot accept that," said Kelleher. "He will always be my go-to guy."

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# Eleven years later

9/11 tragedy felt like it was yesterday



Brendan Blanco lays a white rose with his mother Deidre Ruddle as they honor uncle and younger brother David Ruddle, one of 156 Bronxites who died on 9/11.

Photo by Walter Pofeldt

BY DAVID CRUZ

Eleven years after the worst terrorist attack in New York, Bronxites are pausing this week to never forget.

They will gather on the steps of Borough Hall tomorrow for a solemn gathering that pays respects to 156 Bronxites who died on a day that scarred the nation's soul but did not break its spirit.

"A Day of Remembrance" is set for noon on Friday, September 14, hosted by Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Supreme Court of Bronx County.

Several singers will lend their voices while the names of the Bronxites who died on 9/11 will be read.

The event caps a week of ceremonies honoring the men and women who perished on that historical day.

At a ceremony on Tuesday's anniversary of the attacks, dozens shuttled to a tree grove at Jacobi Medical Center.

Mourners, Jacobi staff and elected officials gathered at the 9/11 Memorial Garden there, a circular shrine with two square plaques symbolizing the imprints of Ground Zero.

Each plaque bears the names of 156 people who died in the destruction of 9/11.

Diaz Jr. recalled his close friend Darryl "Pop" McKinney, one of nearly 3000 victims, with whom he often played basketball in Soundview Park in the 90s.

McKinney went on to become a success story, working in the financial district.

"We need to not just mourn but celebrate the lives lost," said Diaz.

A NY Maritime College honor guard opened the solemn ceremony. A woman quietly wept. There was not one smiling face.

Members from the hospital's community advisory board read an inspirational poem entitled "One", reemphasizing a theme of unity stretching back the moment a jetliner hit the first World Trade Center tower.

"As the ash fell, we became one color," read Al D'Angelo.

Deidre Ruddle attended the Jacobi Hospital ceremony for the first time.

A teary-eyed Deidre Ruddle of Morris Park re-lived the terrible day her easy going younger brother David, a union carpenter, perished on the upper floors of Two World Trade Center.

"When the building collapsed it was like I ran into a wall," said Ruddle, who spent days riding past her brother's parked car near a train sta-

tion in Manhattan hoping he would get there.

"My brother's remains - not even a tooth - have never been found."

Among the first responders paying respects was 49th Precinct Community Affairs Officer Vic DiPierro, who rushed with his fellow officers to Lower Manhattan eleven years ago.

"On September 11th, I go through each and every minute every year as if it were year one," said DiPierro, who's still reminded of 9/11 the moment a plane passes by.

DiPierro spent hours at the World Trade Center site, sifting through The Pile, working with the Bucket Brigade and simply staring at the magnitude of destruction.

His dedication at the site also gave him thyroid cancer in 2005, a disease he eventually defeated.

"There were a lot of people who weren't so lucky and since died because of September 11," said DiPierro.

The federal government recently added 50 cancers under the James Zadroga Act, which covers the medical costs for anyone who suffered debilitating effects of Ground Zero.

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# Study: Rink project could net \$1.3B

BY DAVID CRUZ

Building a massive ice skating hub at the Kingsbridge Armory could net the city over a billion dollars.

Those are the findings of a new report commissioned by the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, now in the final down-to-the-wire city selection process against competing Young Woo & Associates.

YWA has pitched Mercado Mirabo, an entertainment/sports complex in the now vacant fortress towering over Jerome Avenue in Kingsbridge.

The report estimates the ice rink will have a \$1.3 billion impact on the economy.

The project will house nine ice skating rinks and a 5,000-seat arena.

HR&A Advisors, an economic analyst and consultant firm, wrapped up the study in March but released it just this week.

The figures have already been reported to the city's Economic Development Corporation, the agency weighing both projects.

Much of the revenue will come from various

sources including rink visits, tax revenue and city-wide economic activity, the study states.

About \$42 million of that annual income will come directly from an ice skating rink that's said to rival Manhattan's Madison Square Garden.

Construction of the KNIC will add roughly \$650 million to the city's economy, according to the study.

HR&A admits the figures could be underreported since KNIC added a hotel and a sports-themed public school to the mix shortly after the study concluded.

It promises 890 construction jobs in the Bronx and more than 170 permanent jobs that will pay a \$10 "living wage," a big reason why Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. is publicly backing the project.

The job numbers are extremely low compared to Mercado Mirabo's, which promises 1500 Bronx jobs, with 700 construction jobs and 800 permanent positions.

Their's does not promise a living wage, but it does promise a modern-day com-

munity "town square" featuring a 4D movie theater, sports facilities, hip hop museum and community space to host art venues.

Though the study doesn't directly mention Mercado Mirabo, it boasted KNIC will draw folks to already-established local mom-and-pop store, unlike "other proposals."

Diaz Jr. hailed the results of the study, calling KNIC a project that could keep shopping districts like Fordham Road thriving.

"The KNIC proposal is the right choice for the Kingsbridge Armory," Diaz Jr. said. "I urge the city to select KNIC for the future of the Kingsbridge Armory."

Meanwhile, the neighborhood is taking steps to ensure it has input in any project that is approved.

The Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance is now demanding both proposals provide health benefits on top of a living wage.

They held a protest on Wednesday in front of the armory demanding each side commit to health coverage.



Artist rendering of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center.

Community Board 7, has not taken an official vote, but is reported leaning to the Mercado project.

It plans a "community input" meeting Thursday, October 11 at Monroe College's King Hall Auditorium

at 2501 Jerome Avenue, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383.



Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

Tracey Towers tenant association president Jean Hill speaks to tenants outside Bronx County Court House rallying against a 65 percent rent hike proposed by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

## Tracey Towers safe - for now

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Tenants of Tracey Towers facing a 65 percent rent hike have been spared - for now.

A judge yesterday ruled the rent hike will be kept on hold while both sides battle it out in court.

The hike, over a four-year period at the twin towers Mitchel-Lama co-op, had been due to go into effect on Saturday, Sept. 1.

But a lawyer for the tenants won a temporary restraining order on September 5.

With both sides back in court on Wednesday, Bronx starte Supreme Court Justice Howard Sherman extended the TRO to at least the next hearing on Friday, September 21.

"We will continue in negotiations with the land-

lord and the city for a fair and reasonable resolution for the residents of Tracey

**We will continue in negotiations with the landlord and the city for a fair and reasonable resolution for the residents.**

**William Madonna**

Towers," said the tenants' attorney William Madonna, who was brought in by 80th Assembly District

candidate Mark Gjonaj.

Madonna filed for an Article 78 proceeding, used when administrative appeal runs out with the city or state.

The first phase of the rent hike that was due to go into effect on Saturday, September 1, would have seen tenants' rents initially increase by 16 percent, followed by further increases over the next three years.

Gjonaj said he will continue to help fight for the tenants.

"The battle continues," he said. "We'll continue with the negotiations with the owners, lenders and HPD. Winners never quit and quitters never win. But it looks like we're on good footing."

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## 40th PCT.

**SUN, AUG. 19th, 2:10 a.m.** - 415 East 157 St. A suspect was taken into custody after police found the culprit in possession of a gun. Taken away from the culprit who failed to obtain the proper license to own a handgun in NYC was a 9-mm pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence.

**SUN, AUG. 19th, 4:10 a.m.** - Exterior St. and East 138 St. The medical emergency room staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a 23 year old Hispanic male. The male victim arrived at the hospital suffering from two stab wounds to the stomach area. Local detectives are handling the investigation.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 4:25 p.m.** - 349 East 138 St. Authorities were alerted that a body had been discovered. Police officers arriving at the scene verified that there was a body lying in the building's alleyway. Detectives were summoned to the scene.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 10:05 a.m.** - Bergen Ave. and East 152 St. Police were called to the Hub area after a child was spotted left alone on a bus. Officers looking into the incident arrested the bus driver after a three year old child was found aboard the vehicle. The child was taken to Lincoln Medical Center for an examination.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 11:30 a.m.** - 770 Union Ave. Police officers were faced with a barricaded situation. An emotional disturbed person kept police officers at bay. But once police gained control of the person it was determined that the individual had no weapons.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 5:40 p.m.** - 271 East 143 St. Officials are looking into an incident where shots had been fired. Authorities indicated that four shots had been discharged and evidence was found at the scene. No injuries were reported.

## 41st PCT.

**SUN, AUG. 19th, 4:10 a.m.** - 640 Prospect Ave. A 31 year old male was taken to Lincoln Medical Center. The man suffering from a stab wound in the stomach area was transported to Lincoln Hospital for medical care officials indicated. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**MON, AUG. 20th, 2:15 p.m.** - Tiffany St. and Viele Ave. Working at the Tiffany Street pier, city Park Department personnel summoned local police officers after spotting what appeared to be a body in the East River. Responding personnel from both the Fire and Police Departments responded with both land based units and marine assets. The body of a male believed to be in his 50's was removed from the water way.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 12:20 p.m.** - 870 Southern Blvd. First responders were notified of a vehicle accident. Personnel from the Emergency Medical Services treated four injured persons before they were transported to an area hospital.



# POLICE BLOTTER

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 7:25 a.m.** - Southern Blvd. and East 163 St. A suspicious item grabbed the attention of officials. It seems that an unknown person taped a box to a light pole. Police officers at the scene requested officers from the Emergency Service Squad who summoned the Bomb Squad to the scene. After the experts from the Bomb Squad took a closer look at the box it was deemed to be harmless by the highly trained specialist around 9:15 a.m.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 1:15 a.m.** - 588 Timpson Pl. A suspect was arrested by police investigators looking into a reported fatal car incident. Apparently the victim, who died, was struck several times by the vehicle.

## 42nd PCT.

**MON, AUG. 20th, 3:30 a.m.** - 1304 Chisholm St. Authorities learned that two black males invaded a home in the early hours of the morning. Entering through a window, the pair struck the occupant across the head with a gun causing an injury. The armed pair fled with five-hundred dollars in cash. The victim received a laceration to the head.

**MON, AUG. 20th, 7:35 p.m.** - 1290 Hoe Ave. A 27 year old Hispanic male was arrested after police were found in possession of a gun. Taken away from the Latino man was a 25-caliber handgun. The weapon was vouched as evidence being the trail.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 1:15 a.m.** - Bryant Ave. East 172 St. Police investigators were called to Saint Barnabas Hospital on Third Ave. after a male arrived suffering from two bullet wounds. The male victim was treated for wounds to the arm and buttocks area. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 9:35 p.m.** - 1465 Washington Ave. A 27 year old Hispanic male was transported to Lincoln Medical Center after being attacked. Suffering from a stab wound to the abdomen the male victim was treated at the scene by an ambulance crew before being transported to the hospital where he was reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 1:40 p.m.** - 1340 Chisholm St. A 37 year old black male was taken into custody after being found in possession of two guns. Removed from the culprit's custody were a 22-caliber and a 40-caliber handguns.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 5:10 p.m.** - 1134 Bryant Ave. City officials

were nervous after a possible explosive device was found at a shelter. Police officers who responded to the scene requested the services of experts to determine if the device was real. Upon examination, it was determined that the device was a novelty grenade. Calm returned to the city shelter shortly before 6:30 p.m.

## 43rd PCT.

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 7:55 a.m.** - 622 Castle Hill Ave. Police are looking for the culprit who discharged a gun. A bullet was fired through the window of the Shore Haven Dinner. No injuries were reported.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 2:15 p.m.** - 784 Castle Hill Rd. A search was conducted by police officers after a person attempted to rob a bank. The unknown culprit passed a note to an employee, but fled empty handed. Police searching the area also came up empty handed.

## 44th PCT.

**SUN, AUG. 19th, 2:50 a.m.** - 1665 Webster Ave. An investigation was started after authorities learned that a 20 year old Hispanic male had been stabbed. The male victim was suffering from a stab wound to the left side of the chest. The victim expired within an hour authorities indicated.

**MON, AUG. 20th, 8:00 a.m.** - Sherman Ave. and East 161 St. First responders responded to the Bronx Criminal Court house after a suspicious package was discovered. Police officers were alerted that a tool box was left near the Hall of Justice. Upon examination by police officers from the Emergency Service Squad the Bomb Squad was requested to respond. Upon examination, it was determined by Bomb Squad officers that the tool box was empty.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 5:25 p.m.** - 1045 Anderson Ave. Two black men were arrested and taken into custody by officials. Police officers arrested a 31 year old man and an 81 year old male after recovering a 357-caliber handgun from their possession. The pair was charged with criminal possession of a weapon.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 1:25 p.m.** - Gerard Ave. and East 161 St. A dispute between street vendors lead to two males being shot. Victims, ages 41 and 60 years, were taken to Lincoln Medical Center. The younger victim had been shot several times with bullet wounds to the torso and both shoulders. Four court officers who happened to be near-

by appended to culprit who was reported wearing a pin-stripe suit in addition to recovering the gun. Both victims were taken to Lincoln Medical Center with the younger man admitted in critical condition.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 2:20 p.m.** - 1 East 167 St. An off duty court officer was arrested. Officials report that the city worker was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

## 47th PCT.

**SUN, AUG. 19th, 1:50 p.m.** - 3445 Fish Ave. Police investigators are looking for the person who fired a gun. Evidence recovered at the scene indicated that at least two bullets had been discharged. No injuries were reported.

**MON, AUG. 20th, 12:25 p.m.** - Boston Rd. East 213 St. Two more arrested were made by police officers who removed a semi-automatic pistol from the culprits. The 380-caliber pistol was taken away from the suspect and vouched as evidence.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 12:35 a.m.** - 4735 White Plains Rd. An inquiry was started after officials learned of a shooting. A 16 year old black girl was suffering from a bullet wound to the left leg officials indicated. The teen was treated at Jacobi Medical Center.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 4:45 a.m.** - Barnes Ave. and East 233 St. Police investigators are looking for a motorist who fled the scene of a fatal accident. A male in his twenties was struck by a vehicle that left the accident scene. The injured man was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where he expired within the hour. Police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad are assisting with the inquiry.

## 48th PCT.

**MON, AUG. 20th, 3:10 a.m.** - Third Ave. and East 183 St. Police officers were called to St. Barnabas Hospital. A teen arrived on his own at the hospital seeking help for a bullet wound. Responding police officers obtained information about the incident and passed it on to investigators who cover the Baychester area. The 10 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the left side of his body.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 2:20 p.m.** - 2240 Crotona Parkway. Police officers took a 26 year old male into custody. The culprit was found in possession of a semi-automatic pistol when taken in to custody. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the

pending trail.

49th PCT.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 9:35 p.m.** - Boston Rd. and Williamsbridge Rd. Authorities are looking into a fatal accident that claimed the life of an elderly woman. The 70 year old victim was a passenger in one of the vehicle officials indicated. Police officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad are working with local detectives on the ongoing inquiry.

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 6:40 p.m.** - 1840 Burke Ave. Police officers removed another gun from Bronx streets. This time with the arrest of a black male, police were able to voucher a 9-mm semi-automatic pistol.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 9:15 a.m.** - 2859 Barker Ave. An armed culprit fled when his break-in was interrupted by a female resident. The male culprit apparently entered the apartment through a window and was displaying a knife when he came across a female occupant and decided to flee. The occupant was not injured but responding police officers arrested a suspect.

## 50th PCT.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 6:25 a.m.** - 3425 Kingsbridge Ave. Authorities are looking into an attack upon a 26 year old Hispanic male. The male victim was transported to Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in critical condition after receiving a gash wound to the head. Detectives are handling the inquiry.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 4:00 a.m.** - 5993 Broadway. Detectives are looking for the person who robbed a bar at gun point. The culprit waited for closing time before firing two shots. No injuries were reported, but the thief made off with over nine-hundred dollars.

## 52nd PCT.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 11:35 a.m.** - 3554 DeKalb Ave. The body of an elderly man was discovered. Police were summoned to a building basement where the body was found hanging.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 5:05 p.m.** - Perry Ave. and East 209 St. An inquiry began after officials learned that a male had been stabbed. The male victim was reported to be in critical condition with wounds to the chest and face areas.

**TUES, AUG. 21st, 10:40 p.m.** - 3404 Jerome Ave. Police investigators are conducting an inquiry into a commercial robbery. A black male in his mid-twenties apparently robbed a candy store at gunpoint. The unknown culprit fled with three-hundred dollars.

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 5:30 p.m.** - Grand Concourse and East 197 St. An inquiry got underway after police learned that a teen had been stabbed. The 17 year old male was taken to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a stab wound to the chest. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 11:35 p.m.** - Bainbridge Ave. and East

197 St. A 40 year old Hispanic male was shot in the chest authorities indicated. The victim died within minutes officials reported. Local detectives are now faced with a homicide investigation.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 1:00 a.m.** - 2874 Grand Concourse. A 27 year old Hispanic man was arrested after being found in possession of three guns. Upon checking authorities indicated that the culprit failed to have the proper license to own a gun within the city. Taken away from the culprit were two 9-mm pistols besides a 38-caliber revolver.

## Housing

**MON, AUG. 20th, 5:30 p.m.** - 720 Metcalf Ave. A Hispanic male required medical attention after being stabbed in the Sound View area. The man was suffering from two wounds to the chest area when he arrived at Jacobi Medical Center. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 and detectives from the 43rd Pct. are conducting the inquiry.

**WED, AUG. 22nd, 1:25 a.m.** - 451 East 161 St. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 arrested a black male who was in possession of a semi-automatic pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence for the pending trail.

**THURS, AUG. 23rd, 12:20 p.m.** - 1451 Washington Ave. Authorities reported that a male had jumped to his death from a city housing development building. Housing PSA # 7 police officers handled the incident.

## Fire Log

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 7:00 p.m.** - 825 Morrison Ave. Firefighters responding to a reported fire in a high-rise residential building were able to see residents waiting their arrival. Residents from the 4th to the 7th floors of the building located off of Lafayette Ave. were out on their terraces and balconies yelling to the rescue crews. Tower Ladder 54 requested additional assistance as they made their way to a burning apartment on the 7th floor. Battalion 3 ordered the transmission of a high-rise fire signal which brought additional units to the 19th story high dwelling. Ladder crews went about their assigned task as engine personnel prepared to but water onto the fire. Reports indicated that the searchers were not finding anyone in distress. Engine crews made progress and were able to extinguish the blaze. Within 18 minutes of receiving the first call, the incident commander reported that the condition at the scene improved to appoint that a "probably will hold" was transmitted. The fire was declared under control at 7:25 p.m.

**FRI, AUG. 24th, 7:10 p.m.** - Cun Hill Rd. and Jerome Ave. Emergency personnel assigned to respond to a call at the busy intersection found an SUV that had driven into a store front. Officials reported that three persons had been injured, none reported seriously.

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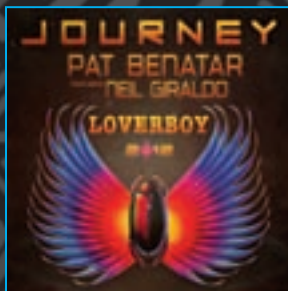
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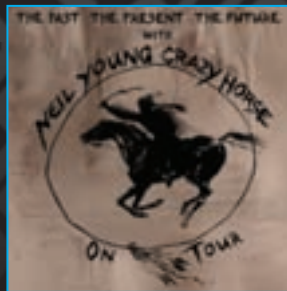
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Trash bin causes a heap of trouble

Dear editor,

This is in response to a letter appearing in the April 26 to May 2 edition of the Bronx Times Reporter re: Trash bin causes a heap of trouble.

While it is true that people did bring their garbage from home and dump it in or around the trash basket at bus stops M9, Bx40, and Bx42, taking the basket away was not the answer. It has only increased the problem.

The article I refer to explained that the culprit trash basket was removed after it was determined that there was a sufficient number of other nearby litter baskets to handle the amount of pedestrian traffic. Really? Where are they? And, was the trash basket the culprit, or are the litterers the culprits?

I reside in the house on the corner of Harding and E. Tremont avenues, and I can tell you first-hand what people are doing at these three bus stops. I too have pictures of the disgusting messes left on the ground, around the city-planted trees, stuffed inside my hedges and behind the cement blocks in front of the hedges.

My husband and I are seniors and do our best to try and keep it clean, but no sooner do we clean it up, someone comes along and leaves another mess. We have cleaned up cigarette packages and butts, soda and beer cans and bottles, coffee cups, expired Metro cards, half-eaten food, candy wrappers, bags with dirty baby diapers, and even dog poop.

There are three bus stops on this block, which means there are more riders here. Surely we could use two trash baskets, not just one. Also, high-end baskets may be a better choice.

Recently, I spoke with a few people waiting for their bus. They, too, expressed concern for what has been happening at these bus stops and wanted to know who took the trash basket away.

I know many of the riders at these stops are not responsible for what is going on and I am not placing blame on them. I only ask those who are offenders to help with this problem by not leaving their garbage behind. Take your coffee cups and whatever else you need to dispose of and drop it in the nearest trash bin. I'm sure once you get to your destination, you will find one. Please help keep Throggs Neck the beautiful place it once was.

Name Withheld

## Take down the 'wall' against Walmart

Dear editor,

School is open, yet parents of over one million school age children were denied once again the opportunity to shop for reasonably priced clothing and school supplies at Walmart.

Polls of ordinary New Yorkers continue resulting year after year and now decade after decade to support the right of Walmart to open stores in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and Staten Island. Residents in the other 59 counties outside of New York City within New York State have had the option of shopping or not shopping at Walmart for decades. The same is true for virtually every other city and state.



Bus stop at E. Tremont Avenue off Harding Avenue.

Only NYC is behind the times.

NYC residents continue to be denied the opportunity to shop at Walmart due to excuses made by politicians such as NYC Comptroller John Liu, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Public Advocate Bill de Blasio, most members of the City Council along with numerous fellow liberal Democratic Party elected officials and their union allies. Many other Democratic state Assembly, state Senate and Congress members also oppose Walmart opening stores within their respective legislative districts, boroughs or any place in NYC. They feel that we should oppose Walmart because of substandard salaries and unfair competition they would provide against smaller stores.

Construction of a new Walmart can provide work for construction contractors and their employees. Once opened, there are employment opportunities for many workers. Over ten percent of New Yorkers including students, housewives, heads of single family households, senior citizens and others currently out of work along with seven percent who have given up looking could find employment. The city would benefit by millions in sales, payroll and real-estate tax revenue which could help fund essential municipal services everyone desires.

Walmart is the nation's largest private sector employer with over 1,200,000 employees and growing each year. Tens of millions of Americans including many fellow New Yorkers own stock in Walmart. The same is true for the various retirement and pension plans many people participate in. Starting pay averages several dollars above the minimum wage for new employees around the nation. Promotional opportunities including training for higher paying managerial positions are common. They also offer health care and other benefits. Walmart may actually pay higher salaries and offer more benefits than some of their competitors such as Target, K-Mart, Costco and BJs which are already here.

Several hundred thousand New Yorkers work off the books, full- and part-time with no benefits. Many existing retailers pay minimum wage with no benefits. Public officials opposing Walmart never talk about these abuses.

The free enterprise system made our nation great. Economic growth and the creation of wealth comes from businesses—small and large. Consumers shopping at Walmart get a bigger bang for the buck by being able to compare prices, quality and service to other stores.

Many New Yorkers, poor, working class, single household, middle class, and seniors can't afford to pay extra. They need the great prices, good quality merchandise, affordable food, drugs and school supplies that Walmart offers.

Consumers have voted, with their feet, all over America making Walmart the number one retail merchant success story it is today. It is time to allow Walmart the opportunity to compete in the NYC marketplace as well!

If public officials continue refusing you a choice, the only recourse you have is to vote them out of office or deny them promotion to higher public office. Ask your local candidates in the upcoming September 13th primary or November 6th general election where they stand on Walmart. Don't vote for them, if they will not give you a right as a consumer to decide who to patronize.

Challenge the six aspiring 2013 Democratic Party mayoral candidates -- New York City Comptroller John Lui, Council Speaker Christine Quinn, Public Advocate Bill DiBlasio, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, former NYC Comptroller Bill Thompson and Manhattan Media publisher Tom Allon that you will not support any of them for mayor in 2013 if they don't afford you your rights today. Do the same for your local NYC Council member and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. in 2013. For those "Politically Correct", don't shop at Walmart, but give everyone else a choice.

Larry Penner

## Thanks Assemblyman Benedetto for support

Dear editor,

On behalf of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 38, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Assemblyman Michael Benedetto for the support he has given us over the years, especially in the past few months. Having the assemblyman present on May 28 at the Annual Installation of Officers and having him install the new slate of officers, was truly an honor.

On August 19, we held our Annual Memorial Mass and Brunch to honor our deceased members and invited the assemblyman to attend this event. It was such a pleasure to see him at the service and have him stay to join us for brunch.

Knowing our community and organization is represented by such a dedicated and caring assemblyman is truly a tribute and credit to our neighborhood.

Fannie Sclafani, President

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# Art Rapture captures south Bronx art scene

BY DAVID CRUZ

As Manhattan and Brooklyn's art scene continue to be an enclave for well-known artists, an ambitious movement is budding in the Bronx.

Dubbed Art Rapture, the movement aims at turning the Bronx into a Mecca of art by introducing undiscovered artists to the world.

"We created Art Rapture as an artistic fusion," said Frankie Caamano, the brainchild of the movement inspired by a similar project in San Diego, California.

Since March, he and business partner DJ Menyu have supplied artists with a free venue to present their work – in this case the gallery at the Bruckner Bar and Grill in Mott Haven, a nexus for artistic creativity with help from the nabe's gradual gentrification.

Each gallery shows art, performing artists, drumming DJ and a "network of professionals networking."

"There's a renaissance

going on in the Bronx and it needs to be showcased," said Caamano, owner of Oak Hill Realty, a Manhattan-based firm.

"We give an artist the opportunity to make a name for themselves," said Menyu, 37, an English teacher at Spelman High School, who moonlights as a professional disc jockey.

Like Menyu, Caamano sees the borough as "an impetus of talent" overshadowed by a negative image branded by the borough's blight in the 70s.

"We take that concept that the Bronx is Burning and flip it upside," said Caamano. "So the Bronx is booming."

Menyu agreed, adding the movement revives an art scene that once saw the musical birth of hip hop.

"We want to bring that culture back here," said Menyu. "To where it's originally started."

The pair has hosted numerous galleries, featuring

work from several unknown Boogie Down artists.

The movement's focal point is its thematic adaptation.

For the exhibit set for Saturday, September 22 at 8 p.m., Bronxites will step into the days of Ms. Pac-Man and Reaganomics with "80s Retro."

Local artists Danny Garcia, Gladys LaFrossia, Desiree Torres and Demostina will put on an 80s pop art exhibit, featuring variations of the famed "Crack is Wack" mural of 1986 or a funky take on President Ronald Reagan's presidential portrait.

Also on hand will be beat boxers -- musical artists who imitate drum tunes with their mouth.

On top of exposure, another selling point for Art Rapture artists is they can take their profits home with them. Artists pay no commission fees, according to Caamano, a major financial hurdle for starving artists.

The medium is certain-



Photo by David Cruz

(l-r) Frankie Caamano and DJ Menyu are artists to participate in Art Rapture, a movement they say is going worldwide.

ly intriguing for Caamano, an entrepreneur who admits to living through the artistic acumen of the creators.

"I live through the artist with the work they put on the wall," said Caamano.

But his capitalistic knack has allowed him to streamline several business transactions during gallery openings, including the buy-

ing process for prospective sellers and buyers. He's introduced them to several smartphone apps like PayPal.

"It's like doing a transaction in the street but it's fully secured," said Caamano.

Above all the perks, Caamano and Menyu show no signs of stopping. They've already planned a website, another exhibit in Manhat-

tan and soon Los Angeles

"Hopefully there'll be an Art Rapture LA, Art Rapture Miami and we're gonna be all over the place," said Caamano.

To learn more about the movement go to facebook.com/theartapture.

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

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# BOROBEAT



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## ENDORISING SNOOKI

It is with mixed feelings that we endorse Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera** for reelection.

We do this for selfish reasons.

Sadly, we are running out of corrupt, lazy, incompetent and/or just plain stupid electeds to write about.

Who better to fill the bill, though we do have our eye on some contenders.

Little did we know a few years ago when we nicknamed her Snooki that, yes, some electeds really do just wanna have fun - on the taxpayers' dime.

Naomi's certainly lived up to her nickname:

•The titillating revelations of her Love Between The Time Sheets romances.

One boytoy said he was unqualified to run a nonprofit she poured funding into - then milked for romantic trysts.

She made current Boytoy Two a \$54/hour "community liaison" on her staff while he was teaching full time in Brooklyn.

Needless to say, similar tap dancing with taxpayer bux has sent any number of electeds off to the pokey.

•Since her campaign folks weren't able to refute it, she has not had a single original bill signed into law in almost eight years in office.

•She and *Papi* Jose have some of THE worst attendance records in Albany, missing any number of important votes - unless they involved unions that have thrown her campaign bux and bodies.

•Compared to local Councilman **Jimmy Vacca** and Senator **Jeff Klein**, Snooki's been the Phantom of the 80th A.D., rarely showing up, then disappearing.

•Constituent services? Pfft!

We doubt Party Boss and Assemblyman **Carl Heastie** ever suggested she mend her ways.

But we guess that like the Jets in "West Side Story," when you're a Bronx incumbent, you're in office all the way...

## EMPTY CHAIR

What can we say about Tuesday night's 80th A.D. candidates' debate on BronxNet cable TV's BronxTalk?

Fast takes: Host **Gary Axelbank** asking intelligent questions - after skewering Naomi for chickening out. **Irene Estrada-Rukaj** is a nice lady, **Adam Bermudez** is a chattering chipmunk and

lead challenger **Mark Gjonaj** clearly led the pack, though it was obvious he was pushing prepared platform statements.

Snooki was that empty chair on the right.

Catch the debate at <http://www.bronxnet.org/tv/bronxtalk/viewvideo/1907/bronxtalk/bronxtalk--sept-10-2012>.

## BERMUDEZ TRIANGLE

Seems Naomi challenger Adam Bermudez got lost taping that guitar strumming/singing pitch.

Google his name and "Vote For Me Maybe," and stop at 1:13 on the tape. Isn't that Congresswoman **Nydia Velazquez'** Brooklyn campaign office?

## CONVENTION NOTES

•**Break a leg** - That wasn't just a good luck wish to Highbridge Assemblywoman **Vanessa Gibson** in today's race against **Anthony Curry**. She broke her right leg after Wednesday night's Democratic Convention in Charlotte, falling on the street.

Boro Prez **Ruben Diaz Jr.** and a lotta folks at the Bronx Dems' annual BBQ Saturday outside County HQ on Eastchester Road were autographing the cast. We confess to having our hand

on Vanessa's leg too....

•**Bronx attitude** - **Julia Rodriguez**, female district leader in the new 87th Assembly District covering Parkchester, Castle Hill and West Farms has never been shy about speaking her mind.

Only this time, the feisty senior in the Bronx delegation got a little carried away during an interview, threatening to kill **Mitt Romney**.

"Romney will destroy this country completely" she said angrily, before grabbing the mic and yelling: "If I see him, I would like to kill him!"

The Secret Service, naturally, said it would now like to have a little chat with Julia.

Our advice: In the future, **CIERRA LA BOCA** (Shut your mouth)!!!

## HEDGING HIS BETS

Bronx Dem Party consigliere, general citywide power broker and City Island resident **Stanley Schlein** donated \$2,500 to the Romney campaign, according to local filings. Make of it what you will ....

## SPLITSVILLE

The City Districting Commission released its preliminary draft map last

week, rejiggering City Council lines to bring each district in at around 160,000 residents, give or take a few thousand to jibe, based on the 2010 Census.

Unless they're both happy with the arrangement, the biggest brawl could be in Mott Haven, where Councilwoman **Maria del Carmen Arroyo** would see a major chunk of her heavily populated 17th C.D. handed over to East Harlem's **Melissa Mark-Viverito**, whose nearly doubled 8th C.D. would look like a giant L in the south Bronx, running across the bottom of Mott Haven and up to W. 171st Street in Helen Foster's Highbridge turf.

We can't imagine two meaner pit bulls than Maria and Melissa fighting over this bone of contention.

## CONDOLENCES

•To Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson and family on the loss of her dad, **Julien Tull**, 65, Sept. 9.

•To family of Dem Party worker, 87th A.D. judicial delegate and Supreme Court aide **Roselyn Johnson**, Sept. 5 at age 69.

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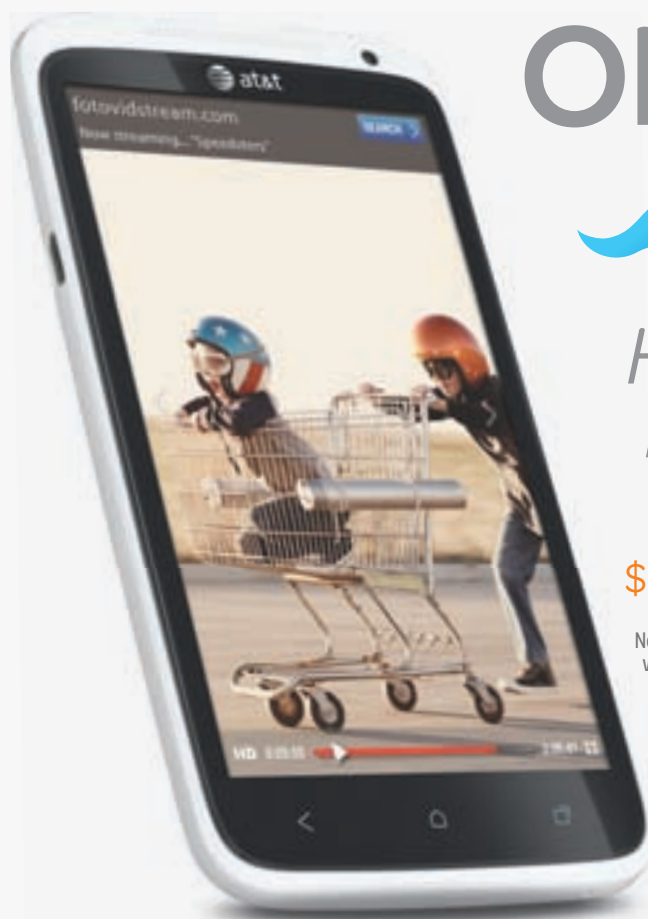
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# Newman's Own Foundation grants bereavement \$\$ to Calvary Hospital

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

The late actor Paul Newman's foundation has given Calvary Hospital a \$200,000 grant for its bereavement program for young people.

The grant from Newman's Own Foundation will provide critical support to the hospital's year-round bereavement support programs for school-age and teenage children in the Bronx and downtown

Brooklyn, and for Camp Compass—a unique summer camp for children ages 6 through 17.

Newman's Own Foundation is an independent, private foundation which turns all net profits and royalties from the sale of Newman's Own products into charitable donations. Since 1982, Newman and the foundation have donated over \$350 million to thousands of charitable

organizations around the world.

"For more than 23 years, Calvary's bereavement groups have supported thousands of adults, adolescents and children at a very difficult time in their lives," said Frank Calamari, president and CEO. "Over the years, Calvary has been very fortunate for the ongoing and generous support of Newman's Own."

Every year, approximately four percent of children in the United States experience the death of a parent or other close loved one, many of them often forgotten in the chaos in families after a death.

Bereavement services at Calvary provide a safe place where children can express their emotions and share their grief with others who have suffered loss.

"The grant from New-

man's Own Foundation is essential to Calvary's ability to provide bereavement support services to all those children we have been able to serve," said Sherry Schachter, director of bereavement services.

Calvary's Camp Compass just hosted its 15th annual day camp from August 20-24, taking place for the first time at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn.

"Precious Moments," Calvary's bereavement program for children ages six to 11, offers group sessions at the Morris Park campus after school hours throughout the school year.

Since 2001 when Calvary began offering teen bereavement support for 12- to 17-year-olds, its program has grown from six participants to 76 in 2011.

## SoBRO plans 40th year anniversary celebration

This year marks SoBRO's 40th anniversary serving the residents and businesses of the Bronx. To showcase and celebrate the accomplishments of the past four decades, SoBRO will be hosting a series of events as part of the South Bronx Celebration Week. The events will span the week beginning Monday, October 1.

On Monday, SoBRO will host the Backing Our Veterans Event at Lehman College. In partnership with the US Small Business Administration (SBA) and Lehman College Small Business Development Center (SBDC), this important event will support and empower veterans returning to the community.

The South Bronx Bus Tour and Food Tasting will take place on Tuesday, October 2. Stops will include the first public Montessori school, new green affordable housing developments, and tours of successful businesses that create jobs. The tour will end with a food tasting at the new restaurants which have popped up near the Bruckner Arts and Antiques District.

A tour of the Eastchester Industrial Business Zone (IBZ) will take place on Wednesday, October 3. Guests will discover this northernmost economic engine of New York City, meet the business owners, and find out about the exciting new developments that will take place

in the near future. SoBRO is the Industrial Business Zone Coordinator for all the IBZs in the Bronx.

Two events will take place on Thursday, October 4. At the Business Expo and Career Fair, business owners, procurement specialists, agency representatives, business development specialists, financial service providers, and entrepreneurs will have the chance to exchange ideas, exhibit their products and services to hundreds of potential customers and buyers. The concurrent Career Fair will feature business partners of SoBRO's Workforce Development Department recruiting for qualified candidates. This year's Expo & Career Fair will take place on the block behind SoBRO on Westchester Avenue between Third and Bergen Avenues and include many attractions including food vendors and music.

The Salute to Businesses Networking Event will celebrate Bronx businesses, and provide companies with the ability to share ideas with peers and to market their businesses. The event will honor Vaz Medical & Industrial Safety, Ruth Brooks, owner of Simply Hair Salon, the law firm White & Case, Eastchester Merchant Association, and the Association of Enterprise Affordability. SoBRO Board Member James Shipp will be the keynote speaker.

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# Local community, precinct boards gear up for new year, new issues

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

It's back to business after summer hiatus for the community boards and precinct community councils in the east Bronx.

Community Boards 10 and 11 will be taking up full slates of business for the final months of this year and into 2013.

Boards 10 will meet on Thursday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. at Providence Rest, 3304 Waterbury Avenue. Board 11 will meet on Thursday, September 20 at 7 p.m. at Lubin Hall, 1200 Van Nest Avenue, Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Community Board 10's key issues include possible hearings on the new City Island bridge, traffic control for the three major malls planned for the area at Bay Plaza, Whitestone cinema and Brush Avenue, restoring the drug module for the 45th Precinct and dealing with overnight truck parking on local streets.

"All of them are major issues," said district manager Kenneth Kearns. "We're working to develop a traffic plan because when these three major

malls go up, I-95 will be a parking lot in that area.

We are working on getting the drug module back because our drug sales have gone up and they are more sophisticated than in any other areas, and the overnight truck parking has become a major problem. Community Board 10 is being turned into a truck parking lot."

Community Board 11 covering Morris Park and surrounding neighborhoods will see a major change in committee structure.

"We used to have geographical committees, now we have changed back to issues committees," said district manager Jeremy Warneke, who believes the new structure could be more effective.

The new format will have committees based on neighborhood issues, such as parks, sanitation, public safety, and youth.

Some of the issues CB 11 will look into will be smoke-free housing in more apartment buildings and dealing with the Pelham Parkway reconstruction project.

"Since we are in a tran-

sitional period, we are really still having meetings to see what each committee wants to focus on and what their major concerns are," Warneke said.

Meanwhile, the precinct community councils at the sprawling 45th Precinct running from Throggs Neck to Coop City, and the 49th in Morris Park/Allerton will be keeping watch on local crime and enforcement activity.

Robert Bieder, president of the 45th Precinct Community Council said their major concern this year will be reinstating the local drug module.

Joe Thompson, president of the 49th Precinct Community Council said they will be focusing on five main issues in the next couple of months.

The council hopes to enlarge the safe haven program, become more proactive in areas that concern police activity, continue to support civic organizations fighting against drugs use and gangs, collect more food for the needy during the holiday seasons and continue current crime prevention programming.

*With additional reporting by Patrick Rocchio*

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# MP dentist license fixed

BY DAVID CRUZ

Working through Albany's bureaucratic maze is as bad as getting a root canal.

It happened to Morris Park dentist Dr. Maiya Greene.

After completing her one-year residency, Greene passed the state's licensing exam, a next-level requirement for her dentistry fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Spent a year working alongside an oral surgery team, operating on the gumlines of those with special needs.

She thought the license would arrive within a few weeks. But those weeks soon turned into two months. The license never came.

Working the phones, she sought answers from the Office of the Professions, a state agency that doles out licenses for varying fields. No help.

"I was genuinely worried that my license could be held up for months, or even longer," said Greene.

But Greene did not cast blame on the agency she sees as inundated with license applications.

"It's not a matter of frustration," said Greene. "It was a matter of being able to see patients."

Scheduling issues resulted while Greene stood on the sidelines.

She finally took her troubles to Senator Jeff Klein, who saw the logjam



Photo by Walter Pofeldt

Dr. Maiya Greene is all smiles as she now practices dentistry following a two-month state licensing delay.

as a dental detriment to the Morris Park community.

Finessing through Albany's administrative red tape, Klein and his staff got a hold of the Secretary of Dentistry at the OOP.

"I wish it were easy for everyday Bronxites to make a phone call and get results," said Klein. "But sometimes it does take an elected official."

After several hours of back and forth talks with the office, Greene's license was found and awarded.

As for the original whereabouts of her paperwork, that remains a mystery, though a spokesman for Klein said they were told it had been misplaced.

With the paperwork nightmare over, Dr. Greene is now taking care of the teeth of the special needs community. And she's all smiles.

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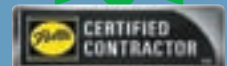
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# Bronx beat

## Ask the Editor session at B&N

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The free workshop is sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts' Bronx Writers Center.

Reserve a seat at <http://bronx-writers9212012.eventbrite.com/>.

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Congratulations to Andrew Bauer! A resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., Bauer was named director of music and coordinator of performing arts at **Manhattan College** in August.

With more than 25 years of professional music experience, Bauer brings extensive knowledge as a music director and teacher to the College.

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**North Central Bronx Hospital** is looking for candidates who are interested in becoming rape crisis advocate volunteers in The Sexual Assault Treatment Program (SATP).

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Training sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday September 8, 15, 22, 29 and October 13.

There will be no training scheduled for October 6 due to the holiday weekend.

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**Jeanne Jugan Home for the Aged**, located at 2999 Schurz Ave, is in need of new items to be sold in their gift shop and annual Christmas sale.

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**City Parks Foundation** welcomes all New Yorkers, 60 and over, to participate in CityParks Seniors Fitness.

The Fall 2012 season of free senior's fitness programs will begin the week of September 24 and will offer free tennis lessons, yoga instruction and fitness walking in 13 parks across the city.

All activities in this seven-week fitness program take place twice a week at each location through Friday, November 2.

Participants are encouraged to

maintain regular attendance to maximize health benefits.

The following is a detailed schedule for CityParks Seniors Fitness for Fall 2012:

**Pelham Bay Park**  
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Congratulations to Ralf Kahl! **Perrigo**, a leading pharmaceutical supplier, announced today that Kahl has been hired as Controller for the Finance team. In this role, Kahl is responsible for managing finances, budgeting and expense approval for the company's New York location. He will be working at Perrigo's Bronx, NY site.

## CALVARY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE CATCHES STAR AWARD



Photo courtesy of Calvary Hospital

Calvary Hospital recently honored Bronx resident, Jean-Marie John, with the "Catch a Star" Award. The hospital encourages patients, family members, visitors and employees to nominate members of the nursing staff who demonstrate the hospital's values of caring, compassion, commitment, non-abandonment, and dignity through their work. Award recipients are chosen by their nurse administrators, peers, physicians, patients and families.

(Above, l-r) Marilyn Crockett, R.N.; Marlene Humphreys, director of staff development; Jean-Marie John, honoree; and Sally Umbro, vice president of patient care services.

FERRAGOSTO FESTIVAL BRINGS ITALIAN HERITAGE AND SPIRIT TO BELMONT



John Pibalum flips sausages for a hungry crowd.

It was a celebration of family, friendship and food at the Ferragosto festival in the Arthur Avenue/Belmont section of the Bronx. The event recognized the centuries-old Ferragosto tradition in Italy, where families celebrate the end of the harvest season and enjoy the fruits of their labor. Generations of local family-owned businesses were on hand selling authentic Italian fare while the old-world charm of the festival came to life through music and street performances from Commedia dell'Arte, a 14th-century style of entertainment, as well as jazz and rock acts, that performed throughout the day.



Festival goers enjoyed a hand roasted pig, one of many delicious food options at the festival.



An actor from Commedia Dell'arte, a group fashioned after 14th century Italian comedy entertainers, performs a skit.



A crowded street busy with locals enjoying food, entertainment, family and friends at this year's Ferragosto festival on Arthur Avenue.



Photo by Walter Pofeldt  
Nancy Paterson sells hand made cigars from La Casa Grande cigars.

## BRONX DEMS DIG IN AT ANNUAL COUNTY BBQ

Ouch! Assemblywoman Vanessa Gibson shows off her broken leg during the Bronx County Democrats Barbecue on Saturday, September 8. But she got help from her fellow Democrat and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. who penned his name on her cast. Ms. Gibson fell while attending the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Photo by Bob Kappstatter



## ST. ATHANASIOUS CHURCH CLERGY HONORED

Sister Thomas S.C. of St. Athanasius Church stands in angelic colors as she speaks during a ceremony honoring her and Father Louis Gigante's (not pictured) for service to the community for the past 50 years. The pair was honored at Plaza Gigante at Southern Boulevard and Tiffany Avenue in Hunts Point on Sunday, September 9.

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## BRONX REPRESENTATION AT DNC

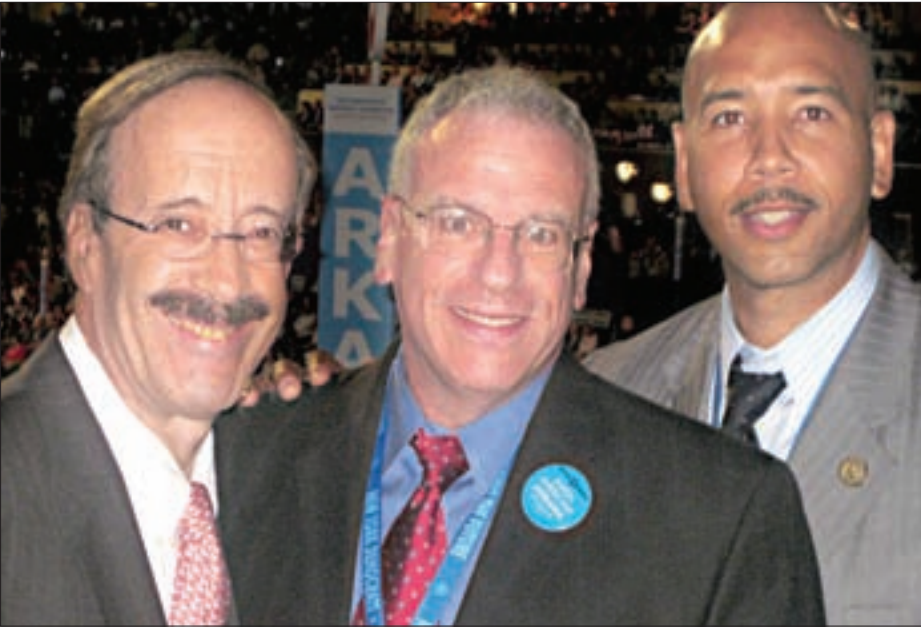


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Congressman Eliot Engel, Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz and Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. represented Bronx democrats at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina.

# Five feet from death

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

What does taking five feet away from a 31-foot wide roadway equal?

To the fearful Concerned Citizens for Pelham Parkway South, it could equal death.

Now they're suing the city to have a new unwanted sidewalk torn up that they say dangerously impairs fire engines and other emergency vehicles from getting through.

Their attorney, William Madonna, filed an Article 78 proceeding last week calling for the city to rip up the sidewalk and repave the street.

An Article 78 proceeding is used to appeal the decision of a state or local agency when administrative appeals have failed to correct the situation.

About 100 residents marched south along Pelham Parkway from Williamsbridge Road to Wilson Avenue on Tuesday, September 10 to protest the city Department of Design and Construction's latest answer to their pleas to rip up an unwanted five foot sidewalk added as part of the Pelham Parkway Reconstruction Project and announce the legal action taken.

"We certainly have shown some wisdom when it comes to that sidewalk," said protest leader Dr. David Stevens, a dentist with offices on the service road.

"The sidewalk to nowhere has to go. The median sidewalk in-and-of-itself leads pedestrians or bicyclists to dangerous ends," he said. "East to the 'deadman's point' or Wilson Avenue is very dangerous if you are attempting to get to Jacobi Hospital, and west to Williamsbridge Road business district. That is the reason that sidewalk is the sidewalk to nowhere."

In June, the DDC issued a statement saying the new sidewalks, running from White Plains Road to a block beyond Williamsbridge Road, comply with city standards and will 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.



Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

Residents along Pelham Parkway South demonstrate demanding city rip up the sidewalk placed along the parkway.

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.

Residents feel their safety concerns have fallen on deaf ears, and have decided to make their voices heard.

Pelham Parkway resident Elio Morales said he feels the road is "just plain unsafe."

"People think it has to do with parking but it's really about the safety of the neighborhood. If someone is getting out of a car or double parks it's going to obstruct fire trucks and plows."

Senator Jeff Klein, a supporter of the Concerned citizens of Pelham Parkway South, also spoke during the rally.

"This is about the safety of our community," Klein said. "DOT and DDC are just being pig headed, they are being bureaucrats. They are

not listening to community or the study we did. A fire truck can not get through this narrow street. By spending a couple of extra dollars and making it right will go a long way to the safety of the community."

Councilman Jimmy Vacca agreed. "The DDC did not design this project the way that they were supposed to," Vacca said. "They have no right to call themselves a department of design and construction because they did get what they did right—they got it wrong. This was not supposed to be done they way it was done and when all the agencies said they made a 'boo boo' they said 'Oh no, we did it right.'"

"There is no question that Pelham Parkway needs to be reconstructed," said resident Bob Nolan. "But what doesn't need to be added is sidewalk on Pelham Parkway south which has made it dangerous for residents, drivers, and Fedex and other people who are dropping things off." Organizations involved in the demonstration were Al D'Angelo of the Morris Park Community Association, Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association, the Pelham Parkway Conservation Committee, and 80th Assembly District challenger Mark Gjonaj.

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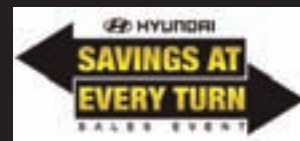
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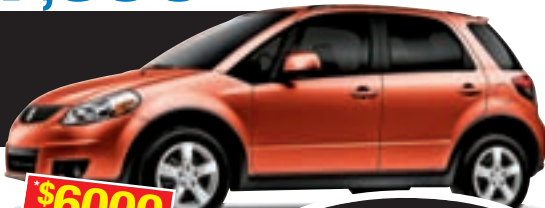


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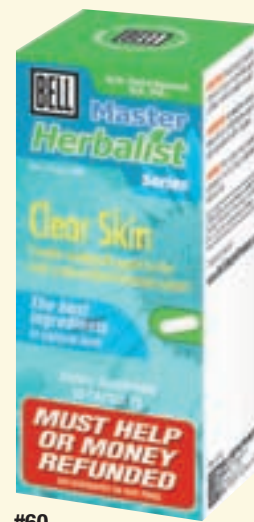
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# Annual Classic Car Show

## Fancy wheels Sept. 16 at Orchard Beach

BY DAVID CRUZ

Get your motor running to Orchard Beach.

A throng of car buffs, vendors and special guests will assemble on Sunday, September 16 at the beach's colossal parking lot for the 12th Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show.

For \$10, Bronxites and beyond can snap pictures and check under the hood of some 2,500 pristine vehicle and motorcycle models from around the tri-state area.

From vintage cars, souped-up hogs and rare rides, locals will be impressed by the avenue of cars, said show organizers.

"It is the biggest one-day car show on the East Coast," boasted lead organizer John Monsolino, grateful to receive plenty of help from the city Parks Department of dozens of volunteers.

DJ Serg and DJ Jerry "Wolfman" Burst will set the soundtrack for the day-long vehicle venue, hosted by WCBS-FM's Joe Causi and sponsored by Eastcoast Classic Car Association.

Other musical talents include R&B group The Rhythm Makers.

Celebrities will also tour the grounds, including World Wrestling Entertainment legends, Bronx-bred actor Vincent Pastore of "The Sopranos" fame, Crazy Horse All Stars and the cast of the TV show "Carfellas."

While locals browse the sea of classics, they can

also stop by several booths to chow down some food, try on jewelry and search for auto parts.

But behind the festive vibe for Saturday's event lies a serious cause—raising money for families of fallen 9/11 first responders.

Like every year, the show's proceeds will go towards the Widows and Orphans of 9/11 Fund and two children's charities.

The turmoil of 9/11 holds a special meaning for founder and retired NYPD highway patrolman Joe Caldwell, who started the car show after the attacks. Monsolino, a retired highway worker for the city's Department of Transportation, joined a few years later.

The pair witnessed the destruction at Ground Zero firsthand, spending months in the trenches of The Pile during the recovery efforts.

Their work to mend the heartache from families stretched beyond the rubble—they simply wanted to help.

In keeping with the memory of 9/11 victims, motorcyclists will once again ride down to the World Trade Center from Orchard Beach for the Ground Zero Motorcycle Run at 11:30 a.m.

The NYPD's Highway 1 will lead several hundred cyclists in the commemorative ride where they'll loop back to the beach.

The show runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with general admission tickets going for

\$10 and \$20 per car entered. It will be an extra \$10 for anyone taking part in the motorcycle run. The rain date for the show is Sunday, September 23.

To learn more about the show go to [orchardbeach-carshow.com](http://orchardbeach-carshow.com).

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383 or [dcruz@cnglocal.com](mailto:dcruz@cnglocal.com).



The Spider-Cycle from the 2011 show will likely come back this year.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Castle Hill's Danny Melendez brought his 1967 Ford Mustang to the show last year, one of the many vehicles likely to return for this year's car show.

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## Bronx Zoo, NYBG put vintage postcards online

**BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ**  
Take a look back at old New York.  
The Bronx Zoo and the New York Botanical Garden have recently published an online archive with hundreds of vintage postcards depicting images of both sites, collected over the last century.  
The archive contains 450 images and dates back as far as 1903, depicting scenes of the two major park institutions through the years up until the 1980s.  
The cards were originally intended to be mementos from the parks, but now will serve as records of how the parks and the neighborhood surrounding them have changed over the

years.  
“These postcards are a gateway to our past and they provide insight into our history,” said Jim Breheny, the director of the Bronx Zoo. “This is a great way for the public to learn more about the evolution of the Bronx Zoo and the Bronx Park.”  
The cards offer a look into days gone by, from a 1920 photograph of boating on the Bronx River to a 1959 shot of the Bronx Zoo’s two Komodo dragons, the only “dragon lizards” in the U.S. at the time.  
An undated card and a circa 1916 card showcase the Botanical Garden’s two iconic buildings, which had been commissioned by its first director, Nathan-

iel Lord Britton, in 1897: the Conservatory, consisting of 11 interconnected greenhouses and featuring a 90-foot-high dome; and the Library (then Museum) building, a six-story limestone Beaux-Arts structure, featuring Corinthian pilasters.  
Inspired by the late-nineteenth-century urban park movement, Bronx Park was formally created by the City of New York in the late 1880s.  
In 1891, the City allotted 250 acres of the current 718-acre park to The New York Botanical Garden. An additional 250 acres were allotted to the Wildlife Conservation Society (then New  
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A postcard included in the collection shows a visitor taking a ride on a camel.



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# Boo at the Zoo kicks off Halloween

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Bring your little ghosts and goblins to Boo at the Zoo!

The Bronx Zoo is gearing up for Halloween with five full weekends packed with Halloween-themed family entertainment and activities, starting at the end of this month.

Starting the weekend of September 29 and continuing through October 28, activities will embrace the spirit of the holiday while highlighting wildlife and conservation, zoo officials said.

Families are invited to take a haunted walk through

adventure, visit the Haunting at Habitat Mansion, and take a spooky hayride through Creepy Hollows.

Children will enjoy magic shows, musical performances, and costume parades, in addition to a hay maze, an extinction graveyard and seasonal craft workshops.

Children 12 and under wearing a Halloween costume will receive free general admission with one paid adult general admission.

All of the Boo at the Zoo activities are included with the price of general admission, with the exception of

the hayride and the haunted mansion.

The Creepy Hollows Hayride and the Haunting at Habitat Mansion admission is included with total experience tickets.

Starting on this Monday, September 17, guests that purchase four or more Total Experience Tickets online will receive a plush snake hat, with offer good while supplies last.

Guests are encouraged to visit [www.bronxzoo.com](http://www.bronxzoo.com) for a complete schedule of keeper chats, animal enrichment sessions, and family activities.

## Bronx Zoo, NYBG postcards online

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York Zoological Society) in 1897 for the Bronx Zoo.

Many of the postcards were donated to the WCS Library by Don Lewis, a longtime Bronx Zoo collector.

The project was funded by a 2011 Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) Digitization Grant.

Scanning, metadata creation, and site design were done by Shayna Marchese, Project Archivist.

"The New York Botanical Garden is delighted to have had the opportunity to work with our neighbor, the Bronx Zoo, to showcase the Mertz Library's collection of postcards of Bronx Park and the Garden, and make

them digitally accessible to countless people for generations to come," said Susan Fraser, director of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library.

The collection can be found at a webpage run by the Wildlife Conservation Society and the New York Botanical Garden: <http://ielc.libguides.com/bronx-parkpostcards>.



Photo courtesy of the Wildlife Conservation Society

## OLYMPICS GYMNAST OROZCO VISITS BRONX ZOO

Olympic gymnast and favorite local son John Orozco visited the Bronx Zoo after returning home from the 2012 Summer Olympic games in London, England. To show gratitude for Orozco representing his community on the world stage, officials at the Bronx Zoo staged a meet-and-greet with animals that are part of its education program. Orozco is seen here with a sloth practicing a few moves on the zoo's version of a high bar.

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## Our secret Samaritans

THE Olympics will decide the world's finest athletes, but when it comes to hometown heroes, there's no competition: New York has the best on the planet.

It's again time to salute our superstar neighbors with the 11th annual New York Post Liberty Medal awards, and we're inviting you, our readers, to tell us about those among us whose compassion and courage make this the most wonderful city on earth.

The Post is partnering with Fox 5 and getting an exuberant assist from quintessential New Yorker Regis Philbin, who has emceed the award ceremony for nine

consecutive years.

"I'll be there for this year's great stories from the people in this city who have done something to make you feel good about New York," said Philbin. "There are so many things like that going on in this town. If you know somebody who does good things, let us know; we want to say thanks and tell them how important they are to all of us."

You'll find it easy to nominate someone. Just log on to [nypost.com/libertymedals](http://nypost.com/libertymedals) and submit nominations in the eight categories outlined below: Leadership, Courage, Lifetime Achievement, Young Heart, Freedom and one each for the city's teach-

ers, cops and firefighters.

Just tell us in 100 words or less why your nominee deserves to be the toast of the town. You may nominate only living people. And please nominate as many heroes as you like.

A panel of notable New Yorkers, including NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly, FDNY Commissioner Salvatore Cassano and Lew Leone, vice president and general manager of WNYW-Fox5 and WWOR-My 9, will choose from among the nominees in each category to determine the winners, who will be honored by The Post on Oct. 17.

Each winner will receive a medal engraved with Lady Liberty's torch and specially designed for The Post by New York graphic artist Milton Glaser, who created the iconic "I ♥ New York" logo.

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For the firefighter or EMS technician whose performance in the line of duty best exemplifies the department's unflinching heroism; to be selected in consultation with the FDNY.

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For the police officer whose on-the-job performance reflects the

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■ **Courage Medal**  
For a notable act of bravery by a civilian that contributed to saving human life.

■ **Educator Medal**  
For an administrator or teacher who excels at preparing the next generation of New Yorkers for their future challenges.

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For the youth under 17 who most impressively displayed adult resolve — not for a physical feat but for behavior that demonstrates moral character or mature judgment — in the past year.

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# Bartow-Pell to spotlight author

Richard Zacks, a Pelham resident, will discuss his widely praised book, *Island of Vice*, on Teddy Roosevelt's tenure as New York City police commissioner as part of **Bartow-Pell's Local Author Spotlight series** on Thursday, September 13, at 7 p.m.

There will be a book signing and reception after the presentation. Registration requested. Cost is \$10 adults; \$7 seniors and students; and members free.

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September marks the opening of **Wave Hill's** fall group exhibitions.

Among the events on its calendar of programs running from Saturday, September 15 to Friday, September 21 are:

Saturday, September 15 Tai Chi Chuan

Irving Yee, an active member of the William C.C. Chen Tai Chi School, will teach a series of Tai Chi classes.

Tai Chi is a sequence of gentle movements based on images found in nature.

Sessions are held outdoors and are weather dependent.

Those wishing to attend should call (718) 549-3200 ext. 245 by 8 a.m. on the day of the class for weather updates.

Fees are \$15 for members and \$23 for non-members. Registration opens on site at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 15 Wave Hill history walk: George Perkins and the Palisades

Stroll the grounds with historian and Wave Hill Garden Guide Deirdre LaPorte and discover how George Perkins, the former owner of Wave Hill, played a pivotal role in preserving the Palisades.

Admission is free and the tour will begin at the Perkins Visitor Center at 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 15 Water colors and pastel: Painting the Palisades

In collaboration with the Hudson River Museum and the Palisades Interstate Park's NJ Section, Wave Hill offers an art workshop series inspired by the Palisades.

In this session, participants take inspiration from the view of the Palisades from the Hudson River Museum, and from the museum's collection of related paintings and drawings, as artist Wennie Huang guides them.

The workshop opens with an exclusive tour by Hudson River Museum chief curator of collections Laura Vookles, who introduces the Palisades through works in the museum's collection, as well as through Blane De St. Croix's installation, which is part of Wave Hill's fall exhibition *Foregrounding the Palisades*.

The workshop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m.

Registration is required and can be completed online at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org), on site at the Perkins Visitor Center or by calling (718) 549-3200 ext. 305.

Saturday, September 15 Gallery tour

Join an exhibition interpreter for one of Wave Hill's regularly scheduled tours of the fall exhibition *Foregrounding the Palisades*.

Tours take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Tours are free with admission to the grounds and meet at Glyndor Gallery.

Sunday, September 16 Family art project

Paper maker Randy Brozen is back to demonstrate a playful new technique for making handmade landscapes.

Using versatile paper pulp as the ground, participants will incorporate found paper, sticks and leaves to add some natural punch to the scene.

Class will meet at the Ecology building at 10 a.m.

Admission is free with regular admission to the grounds.

Sunday, September 16 Hatha yoga

Release stress and find refuge from city life by practicing seasonal yoga, surrounded by the beauty of Wave Hill. Hatha Yoga involves the use of physical postures, breath control and meditation to create a supple, strong and relaxed body-mind.

Classes are led by Neem Dewji, certified in Hatha and Therapeutic Yoga from The Yoga for Health Foundation in Bedfordshire, England, and The Integral Yoga Institute in NYC.

Participants should bring a mat, dress in loosely fitting clothing and come to class with breakfast well digested.

All levels welcome and all sessions are held outdoors, dependent on weather.

Call (718) 549-3200 ext. 245 by 8 a.m. on the day of the class for weather updates.

Session fees are \$15 for members and \$23 for non-member.

Registration opens on site, on the grounds, at 9:30AM. Classes begin at 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 16 and Tuesday, September 18 Garden highlights walk

Join us staff at Wave Hill for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights.

Free with admission to the grounds.

The walk will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday and 11 a.m. Tuesday and will meet at Perkin's Visitor Center.

Thursday, September 20 Early closing

Wave Hill will close to the public at 2 p.m. to prepare for the Gardener's Party, benefitting the Horticulture Program at Wave Hill.

Friday, September 21 Plant Sale

Visit the shop at Wave Hill for the annual signature plant sale. The sale will continue through Sunday, September 23.

The sale will take place in Perkin's Visitor Center from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 21 Garden Walk: Best bets at the plant sale

Assistant Director of Public Programs Laurel Rimmer offers a personal tour of our Wave Hill's plant sale, highlighting rare plants, superior cultivars and top-notch performers for your home garden. Free with admission to the grounds.

Meet at the Perkin's Visitor Center at 11 a.m.

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**Hostos' Center for the Arts & Culture and Longwood Arts Project**, a program of The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), recently announced the opening of *Puerto Rico in Its Labyrinth, Chronicles of a Country and a World in Crisis*, curated by Wallace Edgecombe.

This major solo exhibition, on view in the Main Gallery, highlights a body of work by Puerto Rican artist, educator and social scientist José Buscaglia consisting of 30 new paintings and four sculptures that comment on the legacy of colonialism and the history of oppression in the Caribbean, the Americas and Africa. Buscaglia has produced over 40 monuments in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S.

Also on view, in the Project Room, *Plaza de la Identidad: Public Art Under House Arrest*, an installation of Buscaglia's 2003 public work commissioned by the Puerto Rican legislature, which until recently, was kept in storage because it was deemed too nationalistic for public display.

This exhibition will be on view Monday, September 17 through Saturday, December 8th, 2012.

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On Sunday, September 23, **New York Botanical Garden** staff invite the community to take part in a day-long festival of Edible Garden fun exploring Mario Batali's Kitchen Gardens.

The day's activities will include cooking demonstrations by NYBG staff, gardening, and food sampling in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden.

Tickets vary in price and include a day at the gardens or a cooking demonstration and exclusive dinner with chef Mario Batali at Lillian and Amy Goldman Stone Mill.

For more information, reservations and ticket prices please visit <http://www.nybg.org/visit/tickets.php>.

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Amalia Hernández's Ballet Folklórico de México is the premier folkloric dance company from Mexico. The company will present a concert to commemorate its 60th Anniversary on Sunday, September 23 at 6 p.m. at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall, located at 250 Bedford Park Blvd. W. on the campus of Lehman College in the Bronx.

Tickets are affordably priced at \$45, \$40 & \$25 with tickets for children 12 and under at only \$10 for any seat.



Photo courtesy of Bronx Zoo

## TIGER CUB TRIPLETS DEBUT AT THE BRONX ZOO

The Tiger Mountain exhibit at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo roared with new activity on Wednesday, September 5, as three Amur tiger cubs made their public debut. The cubs were born to mother Katharina and father Sasha. These tigers were bred by recommendation of the Species Survival Plan, a cooperative breeding program designed to enhance the genetic and demographic stability of the tiger population in zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to ensure its long-term viability of the species. The three cubs will be on exhibit with their mother intermittently for the first few weeks as they acclimate to their surroundings.

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

a free country what to eat or how to eat it. I believe in the long run these nominal designer laws based on the whims of people in power just make voters want smaller government. So that's good. In the meantime, this is America and no matter how well intentioned the law may seem it cheapens freedom of choice and adds to the nanny state. Rock on. Rock out.

## Comedy Night at Empire City Sept. 26

Come and have a laugh with Jay Larson.

Comedy Central's Jay Larson will bring his comedic talents to Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway. Jay Nog will MC the event that also features Chipps Cooney. Doors open on Wednesday night, September 26, when he head-

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Admission is free for elite members, just \$5 for Empire Club members, and \$15 for non-members. Each attendee also receives one free drink ticket. Admission is restricted to guests 18 and over.

# Egon Erickson, early Bronx athlete

I recall John McNamara telling me a story many years ago about his father courting his mother. His father came from the Canal Street area of Manhattan where he was a well-known pugilist. When he asked for his intended wife's hand in marriage, she said not as long as he continued prize fighting. He made a decision then and there to give up boxing. Instead, he took up running and became rather adept at it, narrowly missing a chance to compete in the Olympics.

He also found a job working on the construction of Immaculate Conception Church being built on Melrose Avenue near where the couple later raised their two sons.

Recalling the story reminds me of a once renowned Bronxite from East 136th Street who actually

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

did get a chance to compete in the Olympics. Gabby Williams is the current AAU champion stealing newspaper headlines but back in 1909 it was high jumper and runner Egon R. Erickson who reigned supreme with the press. He won the National High Jump championship that year.

Among the organizations he competed for were the New York Athletic Club, Mott Haven Athletic Club, Swedish American Athletic Club, the Irish American Athletic Club and after joining the police department in 1911, the NYPD Athletic League.

He also made it a point to participate in fundraisers including one for

the widows and orphans of members of the Jersey City Police Department held at the Jersey City Baseball Ground in September of 1917. He represented the NYCPD along with other members of his department.

He started competing early and by 1904 at age 16 he had already broken the running broad jump record at a meet held at P. S. 31 here in the Bronx. His family was living on East 136th Street at the time.

He competed in the high jump category in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden where he tied for fourth place with Jim Thorpe.

Erickson was born

in Gothenburg, Sweden (where Volvo was founded in 1927) on July 4, 1888. Gothenburg, by the way, is in southwest Sweden not far from Smaland, which is further east and is recalled as the birthplace of Jonas Bronck.

The river that runs down the center of our borough was named for Bronck and the borough gets its name from the river. Erickson came to America in 1891 and became a naturalized United States citizen in 1909. His wife was born here but both of her parents were born in Ireland.

Egon retired from the New York City Police Department in 1939 and passed away on January 20, 1973. He now lies peacefully interred in the St. Martin Section of St. Raymond's Cemetery with his wife Nora who died on November 8, 1973.



Egon R. Erickson in 1910

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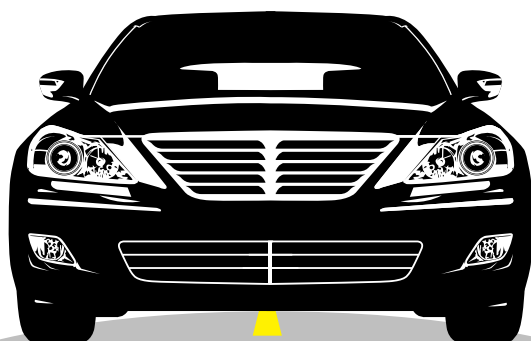
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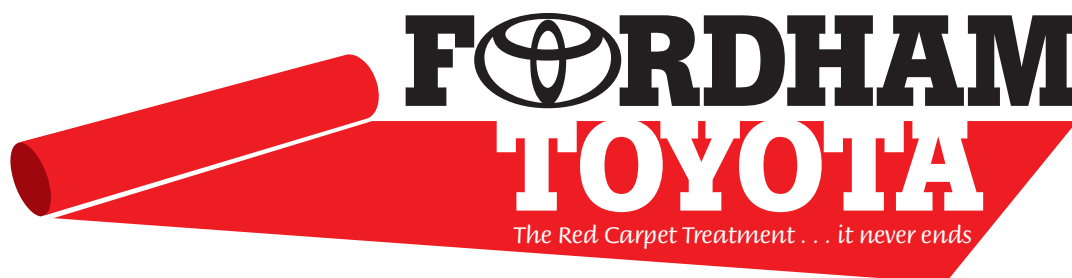
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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

# The Empty Chair

### The Empty Chair

Some lame-brained commentators ripped Clint Eastwood for the way he delivered his message at the RNC because they couldn't criticize WHAT he said. They also didn't realize that the empty chair symbolized Obama's inability to show any Presidential ability. I wonder if Obama or Biden could speak for more than two minutes without a teleprompter or without "mis-speaking." Biden might say something like: "It's all about these three letters, J-O-B-S." By the way- how do you put someone back to work at a job they might have held for years by providing training, paid for by the government, for a new career?

### Week-1 Cowboys 27

### Giants 17

This game wasn't that close. The "G-Men" scored a late garbage-time TD, were out gained 433 to 269 (including 100yds. on KO returns), only had 82yds. rushing (the Cowboys had 143), had 187yds. passing to the Coyboys' 143, the DBs didn't do the job, Cruz had 2 BIG DROPS. Well I guess that's enough from me for them on which they should work. Hopefully, next week will be bet-

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# McCullough heads to Brewster

## BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: Mitchell takes over Gauchos

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Chris McCullough is officially headed to prep powerhouse Brewster Academy.

The 6-foot-10 forward, considering one of the nation's top prospects in the Class of 2014, will leave for the New Hampshire juggernaut on Friday.

"I just want to play better basketball, better competition," said McCullough, who spent the last two years at the Salisbury School (Conn.). "Playing with better kids, better teammates, will make me better."

Ranked 11th overall in his class by Scout.com, McCullough holds a bushel of high-major offers, from St. John's, UCLA, Kansas, Arizona, Syracuse and Louisville, among many others. Kentucky has also become involved lately with head coach John Calipari text-messaging McCullough, the junior said. He plans to cut his list down to 10 at some point this month and has visited Seton Hall, Syracuse, Memphis and West Vir-

ginia recently.

"It's especially important he's challenged on a day-to-day [basis]," Team SCAN director Terrance (Munch) Williams. "He'll have to bring his 'A' game every day in practice and games. It will prepare him for the next level. It's a great step for him."

McCullough had a big AAU season, leading Team SCAN's 16U team to a No. 1 national ranking and 11 titles over the spring and summer. He will be part of coach Jason Smith's loaded team, which includes top prospects Kevin Zabo and Jared Terrell.

"We want to win a national championship," McCullough said.

Mitchell set to take over Gauchos: Dwayne Mitchell, the recently-hired Scanlan boys basketball coach, has been rewarded for his 17 years of service to the New York Gauchos.

Looking to find a spark, the once-renowned AAU program recently tabbed Mitchell as its di-

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Photo by Robert Cole

Top prospect Chris McCullough will attend Brewster Academy

## Cal-bound Clark has Riverdale thinking NYSAISAA three-peat

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Zoe Clark has been the best of soldiers during her three years at Riverdale. The senior, one of the nation's top players, has played the role of defensive midfielder to perfection for the Falcons, sacrificing the glory that comes with producing on the offensive end.

"She was outstanding at making sure the opposition didn't go past that last third," Riverdale coach Orlando Osorio said. "She's such an exceptional containing midfielder all of her work wasn't as shining. But that was her job."

Her presence is one of the unsung reasons why the Bronx private school has won consecutive NYSAISAA titles and holds a 41-game unbeaten streak. Clark's talent wasn't lost on college coaches as he chose as a junior to play at the University of California over

Harvard and Georgia. It was an opportunity, both athletically and athletically, she couldn't pass up.

"If was sort of a why not," Clark said.

The future Division I player will be further thrust into the spotlight this season. After the graduation of nine seniors, Clark will now be asked to get much more involved in the offense. Osorio sees her stepping right in for Rachel Copulsky, an All-City first team selection by The Post last season.

"I was never restricted," said Clark, who plays her club ball with the PDA Celtics. "I just chose to play more of a defensive role. I definitely want to test the keeper more this year, but I don't want to lose focus on distributing."

The captain will have plenty

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Photo by William Thomas

Riverdale's Zoe Clark will get to show off her offensive skills more this season.

# Biaggi runs Iona past Poly Prep

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Mario Biaggi doesn't have to answer questions about whether he should be Iona Prep's only quarterback anymore. A year after having to look over his shoulder at times for rap mogul Sean (Diddy) Combs' son Justin, the senior proved he is in full control of the Gaels this season in Saturday's 35-14 romp over Poly Prep in non-league football.

"I guess I feel stronger," the bulked-up Biaggi said. "I'm a senior. I feel a little more confident."

With Combs is at UCLA, Biaggi is still at Iona and scored twice on the ground and ran all over and through Poly Prep in New Rochelle. He rushed for 159 yards on 25 carries and had scoring runs of 14 and 13 yards. Biaggi also passed for 69 yards.

"The year of experience was huge," Gaels coach Vic Quirolo said. "He sees things a lot better. We are all on the same page."

Biaggi's second score gave Iona, which also won last year's meeting, a 28-6



Photo by Priyanka Katumuluwa

Iona Prep uarterback Mario Biaggi, gets tackled by two Poly Prep defenders.

lead late in the third quarter. Gaels running back Shaquille Townsend also ran for two touchdowns. Biaggi felt his inconsistency at times last year was more about him than the threat of people questioning his status as the team's No. 1 quarterback.

"I had to step up last year," Biaggi said. "When I didn't step up, that was might

fault. So, no it's the same thing."

Poly Prep struggled against Michael Barbuto and a strong Iona defense. The saftey was flying all over the field, was seemingly in on ever tackle and helped stifle the Blue Devils running game, forcing quarterback Chris Parket to do his damage in the air.

"Coach preached that we had to swarm to the ball," Barbuto said.

The Blue Devils got a 22-yard touchdown pass from Parker to Devon Rose in the second quarter and a 12-yard scoring run from Parker in the fourth to get his team within 28-14 with 9:50 left to play. Iona responded with a 38-yard punt return for a

score from Brian Thompson to seal the contest.

Iona moves forward with plenty of confidence in itself and its matured quarterback entering next weekend's CHS-FL Class AAA opener against powerhouse St. Anthony's.

"He really stepped up in the leadership role," Barbuto said of Biaggi, "and became a real leader of the offense."

## Youthful Bronx Science wants to regain PSAL city crown

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

The Bronx Science seniors want to end the way they began.

"We really want a year that was like our freshman year," senior midfielder Elizabeth Schaeffer said.

The small group is the last remaining connection from the Wolverines' PSAL Class A city championship team off three seasons ago. In order to do so, they will need to rely on a handful of young players, many of whom lost to Beacon in last year's final. That run gave them a taste of what playoff success is about and Schaeffer believes the new Bronx/Manhattan A division, which includes an opening match against Beacon, will only have them better prepared.

"Now we could actually have playoff-level games every week," Schaeffer said.

The Wolverines will not be at full strength to

start the year. Talent junior midfielder/forward Isabella Pecorari is expected back in a week as she recovers from an ankle injury. Midfielder Alex Scheman is out for at least a month with a knee injury and sophomore star Gianna Finz tore her ACL in the spring and is hopeful to be back for the end of the season.

"Losing all three of those [players] has been a difficult adjustment," second-year coach Annie Eckstein said.

She feels her team has enough young talent around its veterans to withstand the injuries. Much more will be expected of athletic midfielder/forward Miami Rahaman, especially in the scoring department. Eckstein believes she is on the verge of a possible breakout season.

"She definitely wants it," Schaeffer said of Rahaman. "She is an amazing

player."

Clara Dutton kneaves moves from defense to join Schaeffer at midfield. Freshman Amanda Kahn will see time at midfield and classmate Lydia Weiner, who could also play some goal, has shown a knack for scoring in the preseason and will likely start at forward, where Hannah Paige will see time.

The Wolverines will be solid on defense with Sophia Vainsman, Sydney Shulman and Catherine Foy. Sophomore Shayna Ross will join them on the backline. Returnees Anna Karavangelas and Juliet Mullan are fighting for the starting goalkeeping spot.

Injuries and youth may hold Bronx Science back initially. Still, The Bronx power believes while the journey may be different, by season's end, the destination can be the same.

"They have an expectation of being able to get



Bronx Science's Elizabeth Schaeffer is hoping to lead the Wolverines to a PSAL Class A title.

back there again," Eckstein said. ... "All of them have that goal in mind and

I think they all realize that it will be a little tougher for us this year."

## BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP:

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rector of basketball operations and named longtime streetball and AAU coach Maxwell (Bingo) Cole his assistant.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity to get it back to where we were," said Mitchell, who replaces Billy Singleton. "We're down, but we're not out."

For years, the Gauchos were one of the nation's top AAU program, drawing the likes of Kemba Walker, Kenny Anderson and Mark Jackson. The program has fallen on tough times of late, losing its Nike sponsorship and a ton of its top players.

Mitchell plans on making some changes. He wants to emphasize academics and player development more and make the Gauchos more attractive to parents. He will remain coaching the program's players – next season he will coach the Gauchos' fourth-grade team – and will have an office at the Gerard Avenue building.

"It's still a quality program," said Mitchell, who previously coached at dynamo Rice before the school closed for financial reasons. "My challenge is to bring back the name we had, to show the Gauchos are still a place parents should want their kids to be."

Bronx native Larrier headed to Philly: Terry Larrier, The Bronx native who enjoyed a huge summer with Team SCAN, will lead for Philadelphia and The Phelps School on Wednesday, he said. The versatile 6-foot-7 forward, who spent last year at PSAL power John F. Kennedy and has reclassified into the Class of 2014, holds a slew of mid-major offers schools like Drexel, Iona, Siena, Fairfield and Fordham, and high-major interest from Oklahoma, Providence and Texas.

"I think it's good, get rid of all the distractions," Larrier said. "I can just go and focus on my grades, school and basketball. ... It's a good school and it has a good program."

# Pipe Dreams: Slouch forecast; dumb and dumber

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## Philly Fans Didn't Boo This Time

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) quoted Glenn Beckert, "Cubs third baseman Ron Santo — who had just rounded the bases after hitting a three-run homer at Connie Mack Stadium in 1969 — was stunned to see the notoriously cantankerous Phillie fans on their feet cheering as he returned to the visitors' dugout.

"(Santo) comes over to me and says, 'I've never had a standing ovation on a road trip,' " former teammate Glenn Beckert recalled during Friday's Cubs-Rockies telecast. "I said, You still haven't, Ron. Take a look at the scoreboard. A man just walked on the moon."

## Slouch Forecast And Brother Acts

The Couch Slouch (Norman Chad) wrote: "Usually, I find a doormat franchise and pronounce it improbably Super Bowl-bound. But this year is

different. Instead, I have found not just one, but two traditional winning teams which — hidden in plain sight, as it were — are destined to meet in Super Bowl XLVII.

Yes, these are solid teams, but no one expects either to make it to the February finale. I know otherwise — for I am Couch Slouch, a post-modern Newtonian/Euclidean/-Keynesian NFL savant with a beanbag-infused brilliance not seen since Theo van Gogh shepherded brother Vincent through the political minefield of Western European art dealers. Ladies and gentlemen — and Rex Ryan, if you're reading — I give you the Denver Broncos vs. the New Orleans Saint. Mock me if you will — heck,

I wake up most mornings and hear the mocking before I have one foot out of the Murphy bed — but I'll take my chances on Peyton Manning and Drew Brees against the field.

You don't think Peyton is motivated this season?

He's been written off because of a serious neck injury that would reduce most mortals to throwing popcorn in the stands rather than taking hits on the field. "Neither Ryan Zimmerman and Jordan Zimmermann nor Frank and Brooks Robinson are brothers. But your errant inquiry reminded me of baseball's foremost sibling teammates, the Alou boys — Felipe, Matty, Jesus and Boog.

## Stephen A.: "The Jets Are A Joke

Stephen A. Smith (ESPNNewYork.com) wrote: "No matter how much talent the New York Jets possess, which coaches are guiding them, what prognostications emanate from their camp -- habitually different than what anyone else thinks, of course -- all we need are two good eyes and a spec of common sense to see where Rex Ryan's crew is heading this season.

Which is to say ... no-

where at all.

Blame a general manager in Mike Tannenbaum who forgot about his offense this offseason. Blame a coach who probably encouraged him to do so. Pay attention to the absence of a bona fide No. 1 receiver, no-names as No. 2 wideouts and an offensive line still in training, and what you have is a mediocre team trying to sell itself as something better. Meanwhile, the Jets ranked 22nd in rushing last season and still plan on relying on Shonn Greene. We know Greene can play, that he rushed for 1,054 yards and showed some effectiveness as a receiver. But Greene is the same dude who didn't eclipse 60 yards rushing in a game until Week 5. And not knowing who the New York Jets are, four years into the Rex Ryan era, is absolutely unacceptable. Who will pay the price for that -- Ryan or Tannenbaum -- remains to be seen.

Dumb And Dumber

Mike Biachi (Orlando Sentinel) asked: "What was the dumber play — the Kent State player who ran 68 yards the wrong way with a fumble on Thursday night or the two Towson State players who tackled him before he got to the end zone? Let's defer to Joe Theismann, who once said, "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

## The Year Of The Rook

We haven't seen more than two rookies start for an NFL team since the year of the NFL-AFL Merger (1970) but this year we have five: Andrew Luck (Indianapolis), Brandon Weeden (Cleveland), Robert Griffin III (DC), Russell Wilson (Seattle), and Ryan Tannehill (Miami). But watch out for Greg McElroy (Jets) who currently is listed as 3rd string but might take over for the other two mediocre QB's

Walk A Mile In My  
Shoes

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) talked about LeBron's newly marketed sneakers. "Nike's new LeBron X Nike Plus will go for about \$300 a pair. They're nice sneaks, but I'm waiting for the 2013 model, with a GPS that tells you how far your head is up your armpit."

## Drinking At Sporting Events

Norman Chad thought Bowling. "Speaking of which, if every American bowled at least once a month, 35 percent of our problems would disappear. Bowling more would reduce the federal deficit and global warming. And I firmly believe that, in addition to having a valid birth certificate, every U.S. president be required to have a 145 average."

## The Brooklyn Bridge

RJ Currie of SportsDeke.com, on Andy Roddick, 30, announcing his retirement from tennis: "This means spending more time with Brooklyn Decker. What took him so long?"

# Clark has Riverdale thinking NYSAISAA three-peat

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dale returns a large contingent. Speedy lacrosse star Madeline Hopper, who spent last fall studying abroad, returns for her junior season. She will be joined at forward by senior Ali Hyman, Sarah Horne and lightning-quick sophomore Amaris Hemmings.

"She is going to be like a terror," Osorio said of Hemmings. "When you least expect it, she comes out of nowhere and strips the ball."

There will be a new duo at center midfield with senior Melissa Libutti and

sophomore Courtney Taylor. Sydney Hard, Jackie Dworkin and Athena Bermeo will be at outside midfield. Clark and Taylor could form a dangerous combination up the field.

"They could be like a machine at the end of the year," Osorio said.

The Falcons will have an experienced group in the back as Olivia Barry and Emily Dann return with sophomore sweeper Sarah Tiffany. Osorio is high on sophomore Caroline Cutler. Jennifer Kronish, who is recovering from a mild knee injury, returns in net and

will be backed up by freshman Leah Moore.

Osorio said his players don't let the pressure of the streak get to them, though they expect to play well and win every time they take the pitch. While this group is still working out a few kinks, there is plenty of talent to believe another NYSAISAA title is possible.

"There is a little bit more added pressure knowing that we have an even larger bull's-eye on our back," Clark said. "Every team is going to want to take us down."



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# September Primary underway

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But a number of other incumbents are also facing challenges that would be upset victories if the challengers DO win.

The other closely watched race is to fill the assembly seat vacated by longtime incumbent Peter Rivera, recently appointed by Governor Cuomo to become his new labor commissioner.

Luis Sepulveda is running against Danny Figueroa for the vacant seat in the newly designated 87th A.D. (formerly the 76th A.D. before redistricting), which covers Parkchester, Castle Hill and West Farms.

Sepulveda, an attorney, has the heaviest political backing, with support from the Bronx Democratic or-

ganization; both Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and his father, local Senator Ruben Diaz Sr.; and a large segment of the local Bangladeshi population.

Figueroa, also an attorney, has the endorsement of both Peter Rivera, for whom he served as chief of staff for many years, and from Bronx County Clerk Luis Diaz,.

Sepulveda ran unsuccessfully against Rivera in the last primary two years ago, pulling in a healthy 44 percent of the vote.

The other borough primary race that has drawn media and public attention is over in the west Bronx, where Senator Gustavo Rivera faces a challenge from Manny Tavares.

Rivera (no relation to the other Rivera's) is now in

his first term after defeating the now disgraced and convicted Pedro Espada for the seat in the 33rd Senate District covering the northwest corner of the borough.

Tavares has picked up the support - in campaign vans and volunteers - of Senator Diaz, a Pentecostal minister opposed to Rivera's support of gay marriage and pro-choice.

Meanwhile, Naomi Rivera faces local Realtor, businessman and city Taxi and Limousine commissioner member Mark Gjonaj (Joe-nigh), Adam Bermudez running a grassroots campaign, and longtime community activist Irene Estrada-Rukaj.

But as Rivera campaigns, she also faces four city, state and federal inves-



MARK GJONAJ



ASSEMBLYWOMAN NAOMI RIVERA

tigations.

There are also new revelations of her son and boyfriends on the taxpayers' payrolls, embarrassing Facebook photos, one of the worst attendance records in Albany and not one single original bill signed into law during her almost eight

years there.

She too has the backing of the Bronx Democratic machine and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., who has been going door-to-door campaigning with her.

majority leader. With the multiple investigations in allegations

that have sent other fellow Bronx electeds to jail, a victory in office might be short lived.

Her recent campaign expenditure filings show a \$10,000 retainer to the law firm Gibson Dunn & Crutcher.



Photo courtesy of Borough President's Office

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. distributes leaflets in 2010's "Peace in our Streets" rally.

## BP Diaz: Give peace a chance

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was shot to death during a robbery at a Belmont gas station he manned. The 28-year-old is survived by his pregnant wife living at home. Police are now looking for two masked men linked to the shooting.

And in late July, Baychester 14-year-old Kemar Brooks was found dead from a stray bullet in Haffen Park.

A staunch supporter of gun control, Diaz Jr. has turned up the volume on getting the city to discuss ways to end gun violence beyond the Bronx.

His "Peace in our Streets" initiative is just

several efforts to take illegal guns off the streets. Other initiatives include a gun buyback program co-sponsored by the NYPD.

He's furthered his stance on gun control by asking Mayor Michael Bloomberg - another gun control advocate - to rethink its "competitive bidding" process after finding the city sold used NYPD shell casings to Georgia ammunition dealer.

Otherpolshaveramped up efforts to get guns off the streets., including Assemblyman Eric Stevenson who has launched "Occupy Corners" with help from Reverend Al Sharpton.

The pair stood at the corner of 225th Street and White Plains Road the night of August 31 urging young people to resolve disputes without using a gun.

Stevenson has also endorsed the NYPD's stop-and-frisk measure so long as there are enough reforms to curb illegal stops.

"Peace in our Streets" takes place at Forest Houses community center at 955 Tinton Avenue. Similar rallies will happen on October 6 and 27 with another set for November 3rd.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383 or [dcruz@cnglocal.com](mailto:dcruz@cnglocal.com).

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# Can't solve problems using the thinking that created them

BY DAVID KASEMAN, D.C.

**Mental Attitude: Think You Are Fat?** Researchers found that normal weight teens who perceive themselves as fat are more likely to grow up to be fat. 59% of girls who felt fat as a teen became overweight in adulthood while 31% of girls who did not consider themselves fat during adolescence were found to be overweight. Normal weight girls were more likely than boys to rate themselves as overweight (22% of girls vs. 9% of the boys). One reason for weight gain in later years may be due to psychosocial stress, which can be associated with gaining weight. Under this scenario, the psychosocial stress related to having (or not having) an ideal body type, along with the perception of oneself as overweight, can result in weight gain. Another explanation may be that young people who see themselves as fat often change their eating habits by skipping meals, which can lead to obesity. Also, a diet you can't maintain over time will be counterproductive, as the body tries to maintain the weight you had before you started to diet. - *Norwegian University of Science and Technology, July 2012*

**Health Alert: Depression.** It's widely believe that depression is a phenomenon of Western culture, but researchers who analyzed studies involving over 480,000 people across 91 countries have found the opposite is true. They estimate the rate of depression in Middle Eastern and some Asian countries (~9%) is twice that found in countries like the United States and Australia (~4%). - *World Health Organization, 2010*

**Diet: Bad BBQ News!** Barbecue can sabotage your waistline. A 20 ounce T-bone steak can weigh in at 1,540 calories, with 124 grams of fat. A cheeseburger has 750 calories and 45 grams of fat. Pork or beef ribs come from the fattiest part of the animal. Healthier options include pork tenderloin, skinless chicken breast, and lean ground beef. - *American Heart Association*

**Exercise:** Regular exercise maintains or improves

joint flexibility, improves your glucose tolerance and reduces workdays missed due to illness. - *Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, 1996*

**Chiropractic: Motion and Nutrition.** Cartilage is avascular, meaning it does not receive nutrition via blood vessels. Like a sponge, it takes in fluid and releases the fluid when compression is applied. This alternating compression and re-expansion allows it to receive its supply of nutrients and remove metabolic waste. - *Arthritis & Rheumatism, 1984*

**Wellness/Prevention: Lose To Gain?** People who are overweight or obese could gain ten years worth of health benefits by simply losing 20 pounds. Modest weight loss (average 14 lbs) reduced the risk of individuals developing Type 2 diabetes by 58%. Weight loss of just 10% of a person's body weight has been shown to have long-term impact on sleep apnea, hypertension, quality of life, and to slow the decline in mobility that occurs as people age. - *American Psychological Association, July 2012*

**Mental Attitude: Feeling Sleepy?** One third of all workers sleep less than six hours each day, instead of the recommended 7-9 hours. People at risk of not getting enough sleep include those in the health care, social assistance, and transportation fields. - *CDC, June 2012*

**Health Alert: Cancer and Aging.** Why does our risk of developing cancer increase as we age? By the time we stop growing in our teens, we accumulate a large percentage of the mutations we will have during our lifetime. There's a mismatch between the mutation curve and the cancer curve, meaning that if cancer is caused by reaching a tipping point of mutations, then we should see higher cancer rates in 20-year-olds, as this is when the mutation rate is highest. The body's healthy cells function best in healthy, younger tissue; however, in older tissue, cancerous cells may adapt better in that environment than healthy cells and more easily propagate. - *OncoGene, June 2012*

**Diet:** "The obesity cri-

sis is made worse by the way industry formulates and markets its products, and so must be regulated to prevent excesses and to protect the public good," writes Kelly Brownell, a leading food expert. He argues that left to regulate itself, the food industry has the opportunity, if not the mandate from shareholders, to sell more products irrespective of their impact on consumers. Thus, government, foundations, and other

powerful institutions should push for regulation of, and not collaboration with, the food industry. - *PLoS Medicine, July 2012*

**Exercise:** Exercise reduces your risk of developing Type II (non-insulin-dependent) diabetes, reduces the risk of developing breast cancer and improves mental cognition (a short-term effect only). - *Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and Health, 1996*

**Chiropractic: Joint Friction?** The supplement chondroitin sulfate significantly reduces the friction coefficient of articular cartilage, which, in turn, leads to a decreased risk of joint degeneration. - *Journal of Biomechanics, 2007*

**Wellness/Prevention: Vitamin D, Fractures:** Taking 800-2,000 IUs of vitamin D per day significantly reduces the risk of most fractures in men and women age 65

and older. In a study, the top 25% of Vitamin D consumers sustained 30% fewer hip fractures and 14% fewer fractures of other bones. There was no benefit to taking Vitamin D in doses below 800 IUs. The cost of treating a hip fracture is \$26,912. - *New England Journal of Medicine, June 2012*

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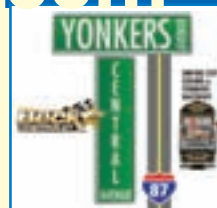
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