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## A big chill on Armory ice rink plan

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

A local community board is ready to give The Big Chill to a proposed ice rink at the Kingsbridge Armory.

The city is now weighing a number of proposals submitted in March for the long-dormant White Elephant armory, with a final decision due in the coming months.

Among them is a plan from a group including New York Rangers legend Mark Messier and Olympic Gold medalist Sarah Hughes to lease the armory for a complex of ice skating rinks and 5,000-seat arena.

But Community Board 7 is reported leaning toward developer Young Woo's plan for a multi-use complex that would include a concert and sports venue with a cineplex, a weekend market, a food court and one or two "medium box" stores that would not be competitive with the nearby Fordham Road shopping district and community-oriented amenities.

The Related Corp. failed to win a previous bid for the armory because it wanted to bring in a major shopping mall.

Board 7's executive committee met June 5 to discuss the issue and "there was strong sentiment among board members that they are leaning to Mr. Woo's proposal," said Board 7 chairman Paul

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Photo by Walter Porfeldt

## FESTIVAL FUN ON 187TH STREET

Smiling 3-year old Geonelly Torre had a ball riding the carousel at the festival of St. Anthony on 187th Street in Belmont June 8. The four-day festival culminated with the return of the Giglio to Belmont, the first time in about 100 years. The festival showcased great food from Arthur Avenue and music from the 10-member band carried around in the Giglio statue. Rides like the carousel were on hand, a favorite for tykes like Geonelly.

# TENANTS MUST PAY UP

## Webb Ave. landlord still demands rent

BY DAVID CRUZ

Adding insult to injury, tenants forced out of their Bronx building when their fire escapes were removed still have to pay rent.

While landlord Mark Goldfarb is providing \$840 a week for "expenses," he still wants his rent money come the first of the month.

Jonathan Levy with Legal Services NYC-Bronx, called still charging rent "stupid" - but not illegal.

"How the hell you supposed to live off the rest?" said Teresa Matthews, a 16-year resident now staying with her son in Rockland County. She said her blood pressure is "sky high."

Cynthia Curry, a word pro-

cessing clerk, also stayed at a motel only to find a bedbug infestation in her room. Her experience has left her "numb".

It could take at least til the end of the summer - or longer - before tenants from 2400 Webb Avenue can be allowed back in their building.

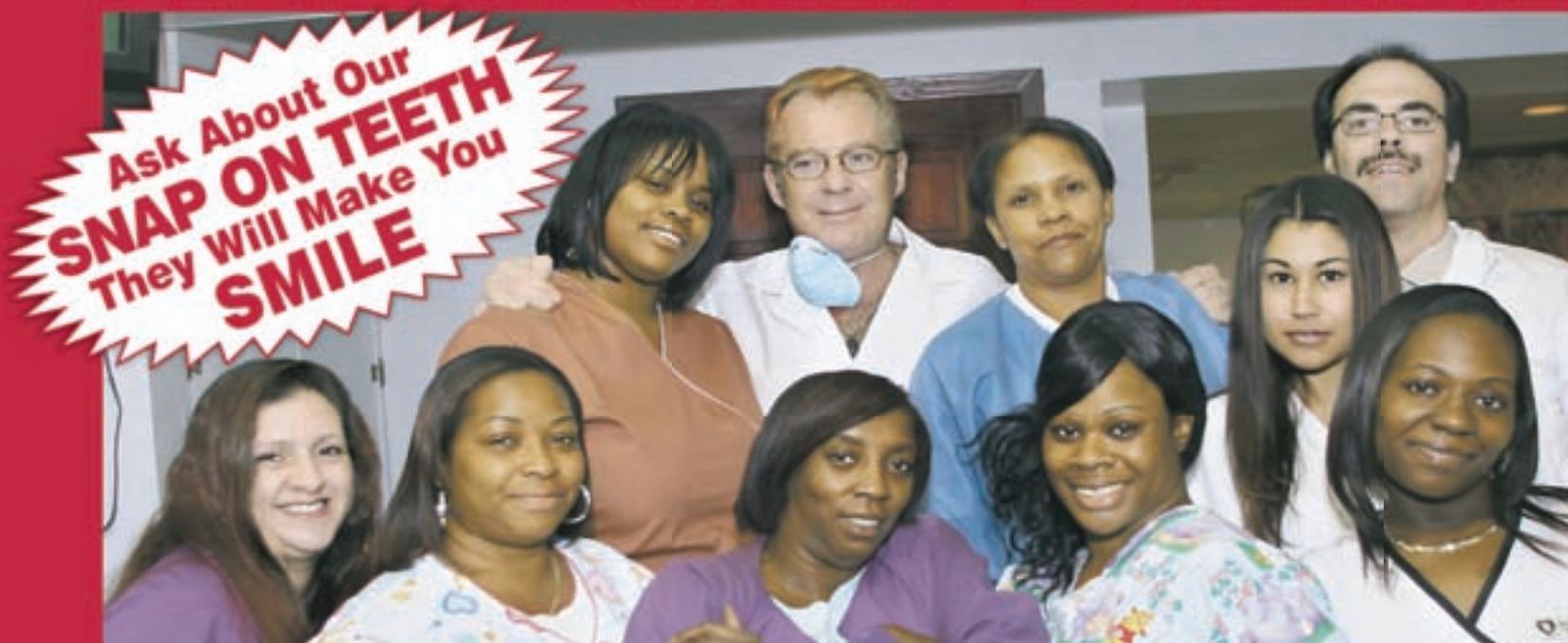
Harold Cruz, a transit worker, called the timeline "nonsense" and a major headache for his two little girls.

"I have to change their schools now because I'm forced to live on the other side of the Bronx."

"My daughter just came home from Syracuse University and didn't have time to pack," said Angela Westmoreland, saying she feels like a "refugee".

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# Sully: City waste plan just 'plane' crazy idea

BY BOB KAPPSTATTER

Opponents of Mayor Bloomberg's plan to build a waste transfer station near LaGuardia Airport are charging it could be a Bronx plane crash in the making.

And they've got Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, who almost did crash, on their side.

Opponents fear no matter how many precautions are taken, the transfer station less than a half mile from the busy airport will draw birds that could be sucked into plane engines - as happened with U.S. Airways Flight 1549 which managed to land safely in the Hudson River.

Sullenberger has called on Gov. Cuomo to block permits for the waste station's opening next year.

The hero pilot would likely have crashed in the Bronx if his craft had taken off from Runway 31, which carries flights directly over the borough, said Charles

Hannon Jr., an air traffic control supervisor with over 30 years experience.

"We fan out the departures, but regardless of where they come from, they're over the Bronx," he said. "Right now, what we have at LaGuardia is called

**We fan out the departures, but regardless of where they come from, they're over the Bronx.**

**Charles Hannon, Jr.**

'controlled chaos,' believe it or not."

"We're looking at it logically," said Hannon, "and the city, somehow they're looking at it another way."

Bloomberg believes the garbage transfer stations -

equally spread around the boroughs - are the fairest and most environmentally sound way to get ride of the city's 10,000 tons of daily household waste.

The city insists the Queens transfer station, the garbage trucks and barges will be safely sealed to avoid attracting seagulls and other scavenging birds.

A panel of federal and state experts found in 2010 that the North Shore Marine Transfer Station "is not inherently in conflict with safe operations at LaGuardia Airport" - but it would require a number of "bird-mitigation and deterrent efforts" such as anti-perching and ultrasound bird-alarm devices.

But local Councilman Jimmy Vacca, much of whose district has planes overhead, said "Never say never."

"I think we need to be reassured these devices will prevent these birds from causing a disaster."



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This could have been the Bronx instead of the Hudson River for U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on January 15, 2009.



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# Private bus service to restore Woodlawn route

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Woodlawn residents left high and dry for the past two years after losing their local weekend bus service are finally getting some relief.

A private van operator has received a license from the Taxi and Limousine Commission to fill the gap.

The van operator will be providing a "group ride vehicle service pilot program" along the Bx34 bus route that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority stopped in 2010 as part of its budget cutbacks.

The private service will make all the stops on Katonah Avenue on weekends, creating in effect a one-fare zone to the No. 4 IRT train last stop near Jerome Avenue and East 233rd Street.

The cost will be \$2 a ride, and plugs a vital gap since Bx34 bus service, discontinued on the weekends in an MTA citywide service reduction 2010.

It should be helpful for seniors who may want to

reach the subway to catch a matinee on Broadway, or for people who work on weekends and need to get to work on time, said Senator Jeff Klein, who helped the private DorCal van service get through red tape at the TLC.

"When the MTA cancelled this vital service to Woodlawn, I was just as outraged as my constituents - people needed this bus," Klein said. "That's why this pilot program is so important."

"First, it restores part of the service Woodlawn workers and seniors rely on. Second, by utilizing this service, it provides a way for the MTA for us to prove to the MTA that a need to restore the Bx34 bus still exists."

Klein declared the new service "open for business" at a June 8 press conference at the bus turnaround at Katonah Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park East.

He was joined by TLC Commissioner Da-

vid Yassky, Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, Woodlawn Heights Taxpayers and Community Association president Christine Sheridan, Msgr. Edward Barry of St. Barnabas Church, and DorCal owner Carl Gomes, along with others supporting the plan.

The public/private partnership creating the new bus line was the culmination of months of work by Klein to find a qualified vendor, and then working with DorCal to bring the project to completion, with help from local Community Board 12.

While Manhattan has very easily reliable cab service, and has plenty of subways and buses, Yassky said outlying communities like Woodlawn have sparser service that often needs to be supplemented by private partners.

"Here we have a provider that is eager to create a new service and a community that wants and needs it," he said, "and we are pleased



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Senator Klein speaks during the announcement of the pilot program that may help Bx34 riders in Woodlawn at weekends. The press conference took place in front of a bus round-about located at Katonah Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park East on Friday, June 8.

to help facilitate it."

Dinowitz called it "very important that middle class communities like Woodlawn receive the services they deserve."

"It is a great place to live, and we deserve all the

services we can get to keep this a vital community in the Bronx," added Barry.

Before the new service riders have been forced to pay two fares or walk along East 233rd Street to the train station, Sheridan said.

DorCal has been in business since the 1980s, when it replaced service after a three-year gap on the city's old Bx14 bus route, which once ran along Edenwald Avenue - a line DorCal still operates, Gomes said.



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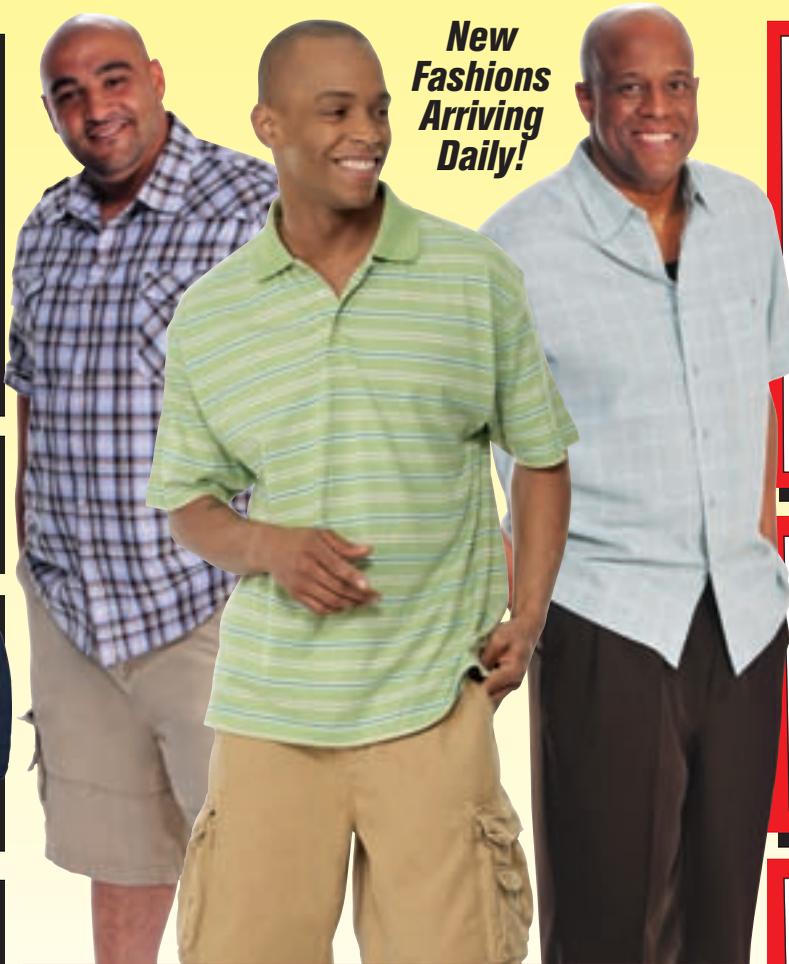
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# Budget cuts threaten Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club in Castle Hill

BY DAVID CRUZ

Expect plenty of kids and seniors "with no place to go" if places like the Castle Hill branch of the Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club get hit with city budget cuts.

That's the warning from Councilwoman Anabel Palma, urging Mayor Bloomberg to rethink his 2013 FY budget proposal that would cut Out of School Time (OST) programs like Kips Bay's at Castle Hill Houses.

The cuts, taking effect in July, could force single parents to give up their jobs to look out for their kids, said Palma.

Standing before a crowd of Kips Bay members and senior citizens at a rally earlier this month, Palma asked Hizzoner to look at the faces of the young and old and think about the ramifications behind the closures.

"This is actually go-

ing to ruin communities," predicts Palma, who herself benefitted from an OST/after school center while growing up in Soundview, once plagued by violent crime.

With Castle Hill on the chopping block, 11-year old Mercy Young said she will be left without her "second family".

"I wouldn't be doing anything at home," said Young, daughter of a single mother "who needs to work." Come September, Mercy doesn't know who will watch her while her mother works afternoons as a nurse's aide.

"It's a second home to me," said Champagne Silva, another one of the 250 Kips Bay members. "The staff motivates you to succeed in life."

About 500 senior citizens who attend the Castle Hill Senior Center will also be effected.

"I have a place to talk to people and learn many things," said Soundview resident Nilda Antonsanti.

The Bloomberg administration stands to close about 35 after-school programs in the Bronx, as part of a plan to close a \$2 billion budget shortfall.

Officials will also eliminate 47,000 citywide spots for kids who would participate in city-run centers. Phipps Community Development's Beacon after-school program is one of those centers, set to shut down next month.

But while Kips Bay and two other centers will close in Palma's district, three others will open in her district in September.

But Palma spokesman Dustin Engelken called the Kips Bay Center "a special case," with "a long history in and connection with Castle Hill. The other three centers don't."



Photo by David Cruz

"Keep it open!" says Mercy Young, urging city not to close Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club's Castle Hill branch.

The Kips Bay Center also supports the senior programming, he added.

Computer classes and games are some of the activities senior citizens get to enjoy at the program.

This is the fifth straight year the Bloomberg

administration has cut children's services, veering off the mayor's message that a child's development outside of school is as important as what happens inside.

The new Fiscal Year 2013 budget still needs a vote by the City Council by the

end of June. Even if the budget passes with the cuts, Palma said there is a chance to restore some of the proposed after-school cuts through City Council funding.

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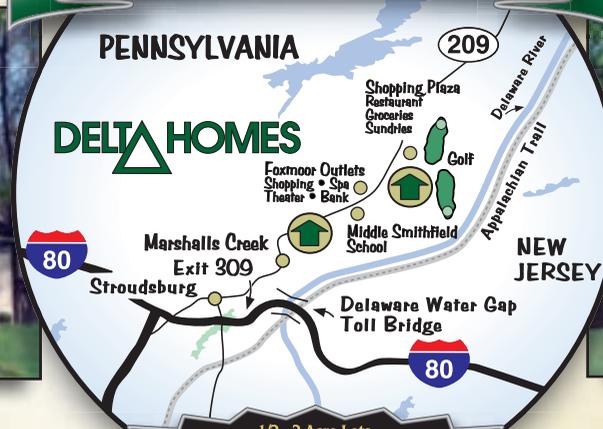
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# BOROBEAT

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## ALBANY ANTICS

So Bronx state Senator **Ruth Hassell-Thompson's** chapeau is in the ring to lead the struggling Democratic Conference.

Present leader **John Sampson** of Brooklyn is a dead man walking for all the anger over his bumbling reign.

Not a lotta folks in his inner circle, including some possibly touched by an Aqueduct Raceway probe, are that eager to take the spotlight - and the heat.

"It's like a circular firing squad, and Ruth is the last one standing," said one Albany insider - NOT Senator **Jeff Klein**, who's likely gloating over Sampson's demise.

Another Albany insider said Ruth at one point was dreaming of a run for congress, until **Charlie Rangel** stepped into the redistricting picture.

Some folks are questioning why the tradition of a African-American conference leader, especially since Samp-

son, and **Malcolm Smith** of Queens before him, have run the conference into the ground, with Smith blowing rare majority control of the Senate to smithereens.

There is serious buzz that someone like **Mike Gianaris** from Queens or perhaps a Latino, like **Malave Dilan** of Brooklyn, might be a better choice.

Whoever replaces Sampson, Klein will still be sitting pretty with his breakaway four-member Independent Democratic Conference and its swing vote with the 32-30 Republican majority.

## GUN SHY

Glad to hear **Mayuh Mike** admit he's "concerned" the city's controversial Stop-and-Feed-the-Numbers program hasn't made a dent in shootings.

But he DID say **Ray Kelly** is "working on it."

That's the same line we've heard countless times from detectives stuck on their cases.

We know Mike and Ray

tremble at the name **Amadou Diallo**, but bringing back the Citywide Anti-Crime Unit, disbanded after the horrible chain of events that night, just might be a better answer. One good anti-crime team, which could SMELL a gun, would get more weapons off the street than 50 rookies looking to make a boss look good at Compstat - while destroying community relations....

## MARTIN LUTHER SEABROOK

Councilman **Larry Seabrook**, whose hands are now being kept out of the funding cookie jar by Speaker **Chris Quinn**, starts his fraud and theft re-trial Tuesday, June 19 in Manhattan federal court after the jury deadlocked last time.

Prosecutors have already asked the judge to bar The Fox's lawyer from comparing him to **Martin Luther King** in opening statements.

This brings to mind a lawyer we once covered named

**Jerry Lewis**, a short man with a pencil mustache, what looked like a hairpiece worn backwards and a gravelly Brooklyn voice who usually repped low-level mob guys.

Jerry's closing argument to the jury would mention Jesus, Moses and other faith and race leaders to cover the jurors, ending with: "And in the woods of dat immortal fallen civil rights leaduh Martin Lutuh King, let my client be able tuh say, 'Free at last Lord, free at last!'"

## FOX TAIL

While the feds are trying again to nail The Fox's tail to the barn door, Andy King is looking - again - to win term-limited Larry Seabrook's City Council seat in 2013. This time, King tells us he HAS the backing of his Local 1199 SEIU union. A host of Bronx and city electeds, union leaders and others are on the committee for a June 19 Manhattan fundraiser.

## REVERSE PLAY

Looks like a reverse play - or (mea culpa) bad sourcing on

the party pick for Bronx Surrogate. Our "Weak Throat" had us writing Party Boss Carl Heastie was measuring Bronx Supreme Court Justice Darcel Clark for judicial robes for the plum job. But when petitioning kicked off June 5, the party had Acting Supreme Court Justice Nelida Malave-Gonzalez on their list for the job, which assigns (we assume party-loyal) lawyers to administer (at handsome fees) the estates of persons who die without wills.

## HERMANOS

Assemblyman Peter Rivera flanking Gov. Cuomo at Sunday's Puerto Rican Day Parade. Was that a show of support for a possibly rocky Senate confirmation hearing for Peter as Andrew's new state labor commissioner?

## WABBIT FOOD

Daily News Brooklyn Federal Courthouse reporter **John Marzulli** turning a fancy phrase last week on **Pedro Espada** dumping his lawyer, calling the Wascally Wabbit "the piggy

pol." Still waiting for word on who's going to take over the Wabbit's Soundview Health-care income hutch, with Urban Health Plan reportedly talking behind the scenes with the state health department to take over care of its 20,000 patients.

## SPOILER

**Irene Rukaj**, who got knocked off the ballot twice before challenging Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera**, is running again. Will Snooki or challenger Mark Gjonaj try to challenge her petitions lest she wind up a vote-drainer for one of them? We shall see....

## RANGEL DEBATE

**Charlie Rangel** a no-show at that candidate's debate on BronxNet Monday night, co-hosted by BronxTalk's **Gary Axelbank**, the Riverdale Press and the Norwood News.

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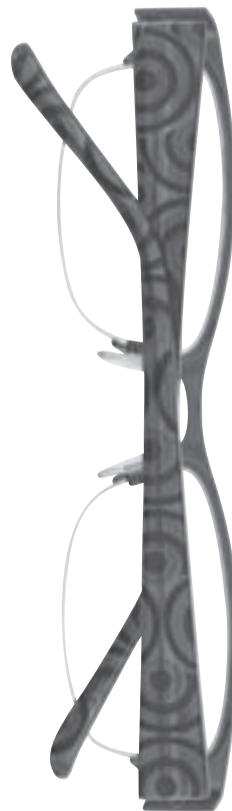
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**40th PCT.**

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 11:35 p.m.** – 303 East 158 St. Police officers were summoned to Montefiore Hospital after a male arrived there suffer from a bullet wound. The 48 year old black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the right thigh.

**41st PCT.**

**SAT, MAY 26th, 5:10 a.m.** – 984 Intervale Ave. A 20 year old black male is facing a year in jail depending on the outcome of his trial. The young male was arrested when police found him in possession of a gun. Apparently the culprit failed to obtain the proper licenses to own a gun within NYC. The 32-caliber revolver was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

**SUN, MAY 27th, 7:15 a.m.** – 664 Beck St. Emergency personnel rushed a baby to a nearby hospital. The baby had fallen from a fire escape. The injuries were reported not to be life threatening. Local sleuths are handling the inquiry.

**MON, MAY 28th, 2:50 a.m.** – 1034 Avenue St. John's. A screaming victim was enough to scare off two males who attempted to rob an occupied home. Armed with a gun, the unknown pair attempted to invade a home, but the occupant started to scream. The two would-be culprits fled empty handed.

**WED, MAY 30th, 3:30 p.m.** – 979 Southern Blvd. Detectives assigned to the Bronx Robbery Squad are looking into the robbery of a jewelry store. Two males walked into the business displaying a gun. They proceeded to secure the staff before gathering a collect of jewelry. The value of the stolen jewelry was estimated to be about two-hundred-thousand dollars.

**42nd PCT.**

**FRI, MAY 25th, 7:30 p.m.** – 1727 Boston Rd. The medical staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a young Hispanic male. The 30 year old man had been stabbed several times before arriving at the medical facility. The man was reported to be in critical condition.

**SAT, MAY 26th, 2:50 a.m.** – 1479 Vyse Ave. An investigation was started after officials learned of a shooting. Police officers arriving at the crime scene found two injured victims. Despite effected to assist the injured; one of the victims's died. Now police are faced with a homicide inquiry.

**SAT, MAY 26th, 6:45 p.m.** – 1580 Hoe Ave. Police investigators were summoned to St. Barnabas Hospital to investigate a shooting. A male victim walked into the medical facility seeking help for a bullet wound to the stomach area.

**43rd PCT.**

**SAT, MAY 26th, 11:20 p.m.** – 1500 Noble St. Detectives were waiting for the results of the medical examiners autopsy re-

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port after a body was discovered. The 76 year old victim's death was deemed suspicious by local sleuths. The victim's body was discovered in a bed. What made officials deem that the death was suspicious was that the body had possible chemical burns including to the facial area.

**SUN, MAY 27th, 2:30 a.m.** – 2125 Randall Ave. Police are looking into an incident where a male had been shot. Authorities reported that a male had been shot in the arm by an unknown person. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**44th PCT.**

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 2:35 a.m.** – 1187 Anderson Ave. An official inquiry is underway after authorities learned that a home invasion team fired a gun in an attempt to scare the victim of the break-in. Two black males broke into the home of a 25 year old black female. At gunpoint the woman was forced back in to her home. While in the home one of the unknown culprits fire a bullet into a bedroom door. No injuries were reported.

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 10:20 p.m.** – 1115 Clay Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a teen to the hospital. The 18 year old black male was shot in the abdomen officials report. The injured teen was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for care.

**TUES, MAY 29th, 8:05 a.m.** – 1304 Merriam Ave. A middle-aged Latino woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. The 42 year old woman apparently had jumped from a 4th floor window. She was reported to be in serious, but stable condition.

**THURS, MAY 31st, 8:00 p.m.** – Lincoln Medical Center. Police were summoned to the emergency room of Lincoln Medical Center on East 149 St. The medical staff was treating a male who had been stabbed in the in the stomach apparently by his wife.

**45th PCT.**

**THURS, MAY 24th, 12:20 a.m.** - City Island. Police officers responding to a reported dispute ended up arresting a male teenager. The 19 year old Hispanic male was in possession of a loaded 40-caliber semi-automatic pistol. The weapon was vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

**THURS, MAY 24th, 11:30 a.m.** – 2750 Lafayette Ave. Police investigators are looking for the responsible person. The unknown culprit has spray painted graffiti that was considered to be bias on the rear of a public school.

**THURS, MAY 24th, 4:50**

**p.m.** – 2407 Fuller Ave. Police officers working in the Zerega community ended up arresting a young man. The 21 year old Hispanic male was charged with illegal possession of a gun. Authorities recovered a 357-caliber hand-gun which was vouched as evidence.

**SAT, MAY 26th, 2:30 a.m.** – 2437 Lyvere Ave. Detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry after two persons were shot. One on the victim's expired at Jacobi Medical Center within two hours after being shot. The inquiry is ongoing.

**MON, MAY 28th, 3:35 p.m.** – Orchard Beach. An inquiry was started after investigators learned that a Hispanic male had been stabbed which at the beach. The 24 year old Hispanic male victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center where he was treated for a wound of the lower back.

**WED, MAY 30th, 1:35 p.m.** – 725 Co-op City Blvd. Two black males approached two different tellers demanding money. The pair fled the bank with the total of only three-thousand dollars. No injuries were reported.

**46th PCT.**

**SUN, MAY 27th, 12:15 a.m.** – 2503 Marion Ave. Police officers on patrol recovered a loaded handgun. Vouched by the police officers was a 25-caliber handgun.

**TUES, MAY 29th, 12:45 a.m.** – 55 Mt. Hope Pl. Authorities were informed of a multiple shooting but arriving officers only found two victims. A 23 year old black male was suffering from a grazed wound to the head.

In addition, a 24 year old black male was shot in the left ankle. Both victims were treated at St. Barnabas Hospital and were both in stable condition. Meanwhile, the medical staff at Bronx Lebonon Hospital was treating a 22 year old black male who walked into the hospital seeking help. The young man was shot in the back, stomach, and right arm. The inquiry is underway by Ryer Ave. sleuths.

**TUES, MAY 29th, 2:30 a.m.** – Morris Ave. and East 179 St. Undercover Bronx police officers arrested a teenage girl. The 17 year old Hispanic female was taken into custody after being found in possession of a 45-caliber pistol. The handgun was taken away from the teen and vouched as evidence.

**TUES, MAY 29th, 9:45 p.m.** – 2000 Valentine Ave. A 22 year old black male was transported to Saint Barnabas Hospital. The young man had been shot in the

arm and face by an unknown person. The male victim was reported in stable condition at the hospital.

**TUES, MAY 29th, 10:50 p.m.** – Morris Ave. and East 184 St. Another person was arrested by police who failed to obtain a license for a gun in NYC. This time police took a 20 year old Hispanic male into custody who was found in possession of a 38-caliber revolver.

**47th PCT.**

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 10:30 a.m.** – Police officers were able to take an emotional person into custody after a stand-off without any injuries being reported. The person had barricaded themselves prior to the stand-off.

**THURS, MAY 24th, 12:00 p.m.** – 4178 Paulding Ave. Additional police officers were called into the community after a robbery occurred. Three black males pushed open a door at gun point authorities indicated. After announcing the robbery, the trio fled with four-thousand dollars.

**FRI, MAY 25th, 6:00 p.m.** – 4636 White Plains Rd. An investigation team is looking into a reported stabbing. Authorities indicated that a male who had been stabbed was transported to a near-by hospital and reported to be in stable condition. The inquiry is underway.

**FRI, MAY 25th, 9:15 p.m.** – Needham Ave. and East 224 St. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated a male who had been shot. The black male was suffering from a bullet wound to the shoulder when he arrived at the hospital. The inquiry is ongoing by local detectives.

**48th PCT.**

**WED, MAY 23rd, 5:05 a.m.** – 1137 East Tremont Ave. The medical staff at Jacobi Medical Center treated a 38 year old black male. The male victim was suffering from bullet wounds to the neck and back areas, but was reported in serious condition upon arrival at the hospital.

**WED, MAY 23rd, 1:10 p.m.** – Hoffman Ave. and East 188 St. A 61 year old male motorist was arrested after being spotted with a fake police parking card. The real police were notified and upon checking, arrested the man. The permit was taken away from the culprit.

**WED, MAY 30th, 10:30 a.m.** – 1 Fordham Plaza. Authorities are looking into a reported attack. A Latino female reported being attacked by her former boyfriend. The victim walked into St. Barnabas Hospital two-hours suf-

fering from slash wounds to her chest and facial areas. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**WED, MAY 30th, 11:20 a.m.** – 664 East Tremont Ave. A search is underway for a black male. The unknown suspect passed a note to an employee in a check cashing store. The worker declined to give the man any money. The would-be thief fled empty handed.

**THURS, MAY 31st, 9:10 p.m.** – 450 Cross Bronx Expwy. Another illegal handgun was taken off of Bronx streets. This time a 40-caliber pistol was taken away from a 31 year old black male and vouched as evidence for the pending court procedures.

**49th PCT.**

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 4:20 a.m.** – White Plains Rd. and Allerton Ave. Authorities are looking to talk to a Hispanic male believed to be in his thirties. It's charged that the Latino male stated to a 34 year old man that he was a federal agent.

**SUN, MAY 27th, 8:30 a.m.** – 2721 Barker Ave. A suspect was arrested after a male was stabbed. Police officials looking into the incident arrested a female who is known to the victim.

**MON, MAY 28th, 9:15 p.m.** – Lydig Ave. and Cruger Ave. Police investigators were informed that a male was at Jacobi Medical Center who had been stabbed. Investigators checked the crime scene after obtaining information about the incident where a 22 year old Hispanic male was stabbed in the abdomen. The inquiry is ongoing.

**50th PCT.**

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 3:15 p.m.** – 3410 Kingsbridge Ave. A 45 year old male in an unstable condition was reported to have been on the fire escape. Police officers responded and were able to contain the emotionally upset man.

**THURS, MAY 31st, 9:40 a.m.** – 5700 Mosholu Ave. An inquiry was launched after officials learned that a pharmacy had been broken into. Police searched the area looking for clues after the Hudson Pharmacy was burglarized.

**52nd PCT.**

**WED, MAY 23rd, 3:00 p.m.** – 100 West Mosholu Pkwy South. Police were summoned to Clinton High School after a teen was slashed. A 16 year old male was in a first floor bathroom when attacked. Responding police officers arrested a 17 year old black male.

**SUN, MAY 27th, 3:50 p.m.** – 3070 Decatur Ave. An inquiry was launched by local detectives after two males had been shot. Both male victims were suffering from bullet wounds to their feet when they were transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

**Transit**

**THURS, MAY 24th, 11:30 a.m.** – Grand Concourse and East 179 St. Transit Police Officers from District # 11 are looking for the persons who robbed an off duty city employee on a train station platform. Simulating that they had a knife in their pocket, a female and a male culprit, robbed the government worker of a cell phone. The robbery took place along the IND's 'D' train.

**Housing**

**TUES, MAY 22nd, 3:20 p.m.** – 1065 Beach Ave. Authorities are looking for the person who discharged a gun at least eight times. One of the bullets entered a day care center by being fired through a window. No injuries were reported.

**WED, MAY 23rd, 2:15 p.m.** – 750 East 163 St. Additional police officers were sent into the area after an interruption occurred in the electrical services being provided to a city housing complex. Working with police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 were firefighters who were busy containing the situation at hand as flames and smoke escaped from a transformer. Surrounding buildings were checked. Con Edison electrical crews responded so that repairs could be started as soon as possible.

**Fire Log**

**THURS, MAY 31st, 5:15 p.m.** – City Island Bridge. Firefighters from several boroughs conducted a joint operation with police department members at the foot of the bridge leading to City Island. Fire Marine Company # 4 received information that there was a person missing who had jumped from the span into the water below. A second report indicated that there might be two missing children. In addition to Engine 70 and Tower Ladder 53, Engine 66, Ladder 61, and Battalion 15 from the Co-op City fire station also responded with Marine 4 cutting through the waters of Long Island Sound. Since the call involved a possible water rescue Fire Rescue # 4 from Queens and Fire Rescue # 1 from Midtown Manhattan also responded besides Squad 61 and the Chief of Rescue Operations. The Bronx Fire Rescue # 3 was not available to respond. Tower Ladder 53 was designated as the "Water Rescue Truck." Fire Marine 6 stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard responded as a second fireboat. By 5:34 p.m. it was reported that there was divers in the water. Rescue # 4 crew was ordered to have their member's 'suit-up' to assist in the scuba operation. Fire Rescue # 1 was added to the assignment as a back-up unit for the divers. By 5:45 p.m., Rescue 4 was on scene with members entering the water. Bronx Fire Rescue # 3 became available and replaced Rescue # 1 on the assignment. The search continued until 6:50 p.m. when it was decided that the call was unfounded.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Can't accept reasons for narrowing road

Dear editor,

There has been quite a bit of debate and print about the reconstruction of Pelham Parkway South which was the first phase of DDC project HWX710. Community members have formed the organization Concerned Citizens for Pelham Parkway South which has protested the narrowing of this important service road east of Williamsbridge Road. Over 750 residents who utilize PPS have signed a petition of outrage in agreement with these concerns. Please take your time reading this letter to the editor, there are no shortcuts in relaying these serious concerns.

The basic facts are as follows: A 5' wide sidewalk was placed on the median side of the road. The problem is that this sidewalk was installed 'IN' the road, not in the unused dirt median between the service and main road. Pelham Parkway South was narrowed by greater than four and a half feet. The original road width was 30' 7" and the resultant road width is 26'! Pelham Parkway South is now one of the narrowest – if not the narrowest road in Morris Park. It seemed to us that somebody forgot that this major service road 1) feeds into our major city hospital/trauma center (Jacobi Hospital), 2) provides access for trucks which cannot travel on the main parkway, 3) allows parking (residents, hospital employees, day care center, group home, doctors offices).....so now we have a roadway whose functionality is compromised.

When these concerns were raised, there seemed to be a blizzard of reasons why this important roadway had to be narrowed. However, with considerable effort, our group has determined that we, the citizens, and those representing our Bronx community were misled with disingenuous information.

- We were told that the sidewalk was a 'federal mandate' -- however, the federal government does not dictate sidewalks! City funding was used in this project. An A.D.A. (Americans with Disability Act) specialist determined that the 'home-side' sidewalk makes PPS ADA compliant. The median-side sidewalk is 'superfluous.'

- If a sidewalk was desired, a pedestrian needs study should have been performed. It was not. In addition, the sidewalk could have been placed in the dirt median through a process called Parkland Alienation. This process takes 1 – 2 years and should have been planned. Approval was probable since nobody is having a BBQ or playing Frisbee in this dirt median! However, when walking to the hospital or the business area of Williamsbridge road the safer route of travel is along the home-side sidewalk since one does not have to cross PPS at the dangerous ends of the median-side sidewalk.

We were told that the citizens of the Bronx should have 'seen this coming' at the presentations before construction. Requisitions of the preconstruction power point presentations by DDC revealed that, in fact, there was no reference/hint/arrow/drawing – nothing indicat-

ing the presence of the sidewalk or narrowing of Pelham Parkway South. We didn't have a chance to 'catch it' before construction.

We were told that 26' is enough and that parking would be maintained. The problem became evident that with cars parked on both sides, a 12' travel lane not only seemed 'tight,' but a door opening into the traffic lane was in great jeopardy of getting knocked off! There was no 'wobble room' to parallel park, to make a delivery, to drop off passengers. The road is so narrow that neighbors have to perform multiple "k" turns to get out of their driveway! It seemed that there must have been some error or oversight. We were told we would simply 'get used to it' and 'would forget' how wide the street was and that we would 'become better' at getting out of our now-awkward driveways! Federal AASHTO studies were cited to us stating that 'in many residential areas, a 26' wide roadway is typical.' Really? Are we really now going to compare our urban service road to neighborhoods in Wyoming or South Dakota? 26' is not enough.

On April 16, five days after an explosive public forum regarding PPS, the tower ladder truck from local FDNY was brought to test the service road. The test revealed that the narrowness of PPS created compromises in its function. Sure, 'daylighting' or removing multiple parking spaces per block would help enable these large trucks to turn onto the sidestreets, but why all these compromises? Why should the community and FDNY be in this predicament? Shouldn't design follow the community's needs and the function of the roadway? At this point, Senator Jeff Klein and Councilman Jimmy Vacca have stepped up and have written very strong letters to the DDC commissioner demanding reconfiguration of Pelham Parkway South. John Fratta motioned that the board members support the community's protest. The motion passed resoundingly. Compromise in the functioning of, or parking in, this important service road is unacceptable. Local FDNY has been requested to "redo the tests" of the 75' ladder firetruck. Community members are aware that not only is there difficulty making turns onto sidestreets, but also in opening the sidedoors to access equipment and in positioning the tower ladder truck to place the outriggers between cars.

Unfortunately, when a road is narrow, the outriggers which stabilize the truck for ladder deployment cannot simply be placed on the road. In more compromised situations, the operator is forced to raise the ladder with only one side of the outriggers placed. On turn-of-the-century roads (the previous century!) our FDNY is talented to put out any fires. But why, with new construction, is fire response time threatened? The 75' tower ladder truck is 94" (almost 8') wide and the outriggers swing out 70" (almost 6'). Therefore, approximately 14' of open travel lane is needed to put down one side of outriggers 'in the road!' Add to that at least two and a half feet of needed space from parked cars (on the other side) to open doors and one can see that 17' should be considered a minimum for this compromised set-up of putting out one side of the outriggers only. Pelham Parkway with

parked cars provides only 12' of open travel lane. Therefore to place one outrigger on the 'fire side' to support the ladder, the operator must position the truck so that the outrigger fits between cars – hopefully without damaging them. The 8' truck has to be placed in the middle of the road with 2' on either side to open its doors. Some of these doors are 30" wide. "You do the math." All this maneuvering, stress and compromise has to have an impact on response time. Drivers of these massive trucks should not have to deal with these complications after complete road reconstruction. Fire response times should not have to be threatened. Period.

This is the reason the International Fire Code and FDNY Fire Code manuals quote measurements of upwards of 34'-38' (and a bare minimum of 30') for new road construction. 8' (towerladder width) + 12' (2 sides of outriggers) + 14' (7' per side of parked cars) = 34.' This safer road width would allow the outriggers on both sides of the truck to be deployed without maneuvering between cars. Is DDC or DOT aware of these intelligent guidelines? Local FDNY has been asked by some beaurocrats to "redo the tests" for a third time. We wonder what is going on here – what is going to change? Has the firetruck become narrower or has Pelham Parkway South grown wider? Certainly competent FDNY drivers were involved in the first two tests – or is it that hard to maneuver on this narrow roadway?

When it comes to the cost of reconstruction, not all the sewer grates and catch basins need to be moved. Flat sewer grates away from the curb have been seen all over NYC and even on this project. A cost for relocating one catch basin needs to be determined before a reasonable cost estimate for the project could be determined.

While we work, raise families and pay taxes, shouldn't our large city agencies be responsible for these issues? Are we in the Bronx community supposed to accept disingenuous reasoning, ignore what is occurring in our front yards ... to our important access roads, to our quality of life? We are, in fact, glad to hear that the same plans will not be executed on Pelham Parkway North Service road. As we sifted through DDC's responses, we have been steadfast in honestly pursuing the facts pertaining to this roadway. We appreciate the aforementioned political leaders' involvement and anticipate the integrity of FDNY's assessment of safety concerns to lead the way to the safer uncompromised solution for Pelham Parkway South. Remove or reposition the sidewalk and restore Pelham Parkway South to a safer width. 26' is not enough.

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BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Two south Bronx firehouses who started out with horse-drawn fire rigs have earned official city landmark status.

The City Landmarks Preservation Commission unanimously rewarded

the status to Engine Company 41, now known as Engine Company/Squad 41, at 330 E. 150th Street in the south Melrose section of the Bronx, and Engine Company 83, Hook & Ladder Company 29, at 618 E. 138th Street in Mott Haven.

The commission awarded the firehouses landmark status on Tuesday, June 12, citing their architectural distinction and the important roles they played in the city during a period of intense growth.

The firehouses were

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Engine Company 41, now Engine Company/Squad 41, is located between Courtlandt and Morris avenues, and was completed in 1903.

The engine company was one of the first firehouses built in the Bronx following the consolidation of the City's five boroughs in 1898.

Engine Company 83, Hook & Ladder Company 29 is located between St. Anns and Cypress avenues in Mott Haven and was completed in 1905.

The building was one of numerous municipal buildings constructed throughout the City following the 1898 consolidation.



Engine Company 83, Hook & Ladder Company 29, at 618 East 138th Street in the Mott Haven section of the Bronx.



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Engine Company 41 (now Engine Company/Squad 41) at 330 E. 150th Street in the South Melrose section of the Bronx.

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# Long lines turn out for job fair

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

The job numbers have sloowly improved for the Bronx.

But the frustration was still evident as Bronxites waited in long lines last week at a borough job fair.

"I have five children so that should tell you right there how hard it's been," said Haime Steva, 31, out of work for two years now. "Collecting food stamps, that has been my life for the past year."

With long lines formed outside, he and others were being let in twenty at a time at June 6 fair at the Hutch Metro Center, one of five held across across the city and sponsored by Governor Andrew Cuomo, as part of National Job Fair Month.

Recent numbers from the state Department of Labor show the Bronx unemployment rate at 12 percent, down two percent since March, but the highest in the city and among the highest in the state.

Thousands of borough residents showed up at the local job fair for a chance to drop their resumes and pick up job applications. Some desperate job-seekers waited in line for as long as two hours.

Soundview resident Steva said before being unemployed, he worked at Rainbow Ambulette Service, but had to quit after only four months when his last child was born because the hours were too hectic.

"This is my first time coming to a job fair, but after waiting in line this long, I am not sure I'll go to another one," Steva said. "I'm interested in finding something in transportation because that's what I like doing, and I already have my license."

Isaac Konab, 23, said after walking from his home in Soundview, he was debating whether to keep waiting in line to get in or just turn around and go home.

Konab said he has been unemployed for nearly three years after being laid off from his job at the Harlem Children's Zone, a charter school.

"I've just been trying to do a lot of side jobs, under the table to keep myself going," he said. "It's been tough."

Marie Blackman, 30, said she has been out of work for about a year.

"I was working at a direct marketing company before I got laid off," Blackman said. "I'm hoping to find some kind of administrative work."

Blackman said she heard about the job fair on the news the previous night.

"With so many people looking for a job, it makes the search more difficult," she said.

Inside the Metro Center, crowds of people huddled around tables from about 20 agencies, including the Social Security, the NYFD and NYPD, the Visting Home Nurse Service and the state Department of Labor.

Helen Subryan-ott, a human resource assistant for Partners in Care, said her organization is looking for home health aides and has plenty of positions available.

"Applicants need to have at least a sixth-grade reading level, three personal references that they can put down on our application, proof of address and the name of previous employers," Subryan-ott said.

Representatives from the office of Social Security also said they were looking for help.

"We are looking for claims representatives," said public affairs official Bernard Rosen. "The job will entail interviewing people, analyzing data and completing reports."

Rosen said to qualify, applicants must be an American citizen and have a bachelor's degree.

"Although I can't put an exact number on how many positions we have open," he noted that "we have quite a few."



Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

Thousands of Bronx residents waited on long lines, some for up to two hours, at a borough job fair June 7 hoping to find work. Fair was one of five Gov. Cuomo sponsored across the city as part of National Job Fair Month.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Abolish public sector unions

Dear editor,  
Public-sector unions are past their prime and should be abolished. New York State Tax payers are facing the fundamental unfairness of government becoming its own special interest group, sitting on both sides of the table. The public-sector unions have Albany in its pocket, gobbling up taxpayer resources with generous benefits and salaries and "bulletproof" job protections.

It is time for our elected legislators to represent the interest of the taxpayer and not the interest of municipal unions. But thanks to the alliance between city and state legislatures and the public unions, public-sector workers continue to enjoy better benefits than in the private sector. About 64 percent of private-sector workers have access to pensions, compared with 90 percent of state and local government workers. Private-sector workers earn an average of \$8.53 in benefits per hour, while government workers earn \$14.31 in benefits per hour.

Our city and state legislators are beholden to the public sector unions. Look at the City Council and the democratic candidates for Mayor. How do we break this alliance between the municipal and state public sector unions and City and State legislatures? Vote them out!!

Governor Cuomo must follow the lead of the governors of Wisconsin and Indiana if we are to bring business back to NYS and lower our tax rates. It's time!!

Carl J. Cannizzaro

## Stick to the congregation

Dear editor,  
Senator Ruben Diaz whines that Mayor Bloomberg wants to take away his right to scoff down a Big Gulp (a reasonable complaint), yet undermines his pro-civil-liberties argu-

ment by leading the local fight to deny gay people their civil right to marry.

You see, the Bible tells him it's a no-no, and, of course, the lives of others should be based on his own religious beliefs. Another prime example of why religion and politics don't mix in a supposedly enlightened, non-theocratic nation, and why ministers should tend to their tax-exempt congregations instead of holding office.

Ralph Scarpato

## What happened to 'One Bronx'?

Dear editor,

One Bronx. That was the mantra espoused by our Borough President at his inauguration and in numerous speeches thereafter. It was a noble concept. Under the BP's leadership, we would put aside the bickering, the differences and the politics and all work together to improve the borough and its image, and eventually defeat the challenges that have plagued us for so long. Many of us believed it...and worked toward it.

Now we hear (thanks to Bob Kappstatter of Boro-beat) that the One Bronx concept may not be about working together for a better community, but may instead be about following the party line and obeying the machine that runs this borough. "Kappy" reports that the BP "laced into political operative Scott Levenson...and accused him of party disloyalty for supporting a challenger against an incumbent." Both the challenger and the incumbent are Democrats, but if Kappy's report is true, it appears our BP has abandoned his role as leader of One Bronx in favor of being the enforcer of a concept of incumbent party politics.

I certainly hope that this report is not true. In a borough plagued by the highest unemployment rate in the State, and the poorest Congressional District in the Country, the BP should be focusing on the issues that separate the ideologies

of these candidates - not their position in the party's pecking order.

John Bonizio

## Everyone hates the muni meters

Dear editor,

I dislike muni meters! Who made the decision to force these horrible monsters upon us? No vote by the people. Every driver I know hates them.

Drivers are now hogging up two spots. Those little receipts litter the street. Elderly people, people with children in their cars, the disabled. Are muni meters helpful to them, having to walk a half a block to get your ticket then return to your car? How about in the rain, snow and slush?

It's sad because, eventually, small businesses are going to get hurt because people will find it easier to shop at malls where parking is simple.

Jolinda Celentano

## Worrying about nothing

Dear editor,

Perhaps Senator Charles Schumer should worry about more important issues of the day than the current price of airline tickets.

Larry Penner

## Write more parking tickets

Dear editor,

In the recent full page advertisement by the PBA in the Bronx Times Reporter, is the PBA suggesting that illegal summonses are being given out by the NYPD? No way.

As an aged-pedestrian I see more cars deliberately ignoring red and yellow lights, full stops signs and parking in bus stops more than ever.

The 49th Precinct quotas can easily be met by going to Morris Park Avenue and Williamsbridge Road, where there are four bus stops and a very busy traffic light.

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## Express service is atrocious

Dear editor,

This is in follow-up to your article on the state of the Throggs Neck Express Service. I believe your article was too kind. The service is absolutely atrocious!!

Approximately two years ago I sent emails to Councilman Jimmy Vacca and Senator Jeff Klein to complain about the service. Both Klein and Vacca were very prompt to respond and inquired as to which bus stop I utilized to get the bus to Manhattan.

Two weeks later, while waiting for the bus, an MTA employee came to the bus stop and began removing the bus schedule. When I inquired why the schedule was being removed, I was informed passengers were complaining the bus was always late.

I was the one that had complained and this is how the MTA fixes the problem? How insulting!

Today I still take the express bus and the service is progressively worse.

When you call to complain, the MTA thinks you are an idiot as they will tell you the bus is stuck in traffic.

How is it that while waiting for the bus in Manhattan to come home, one will see three Pelham Bay buses go by, three Parkchester buses and not a Throggs Neck bus? If there was traffic, all the buses would be late, not just the one from Throggs Neck.

I would love to see an independent party (not the MTA) chart times at all stops serviced by the Throggs Neck bus and then the results should be made publicly available.

If I notice all the bus schedules disappear from bus stops serviced by the Throggs Neck Bus Service disappear, I will assume the MTA read my letter to the editor.

Councilman Vacca, Senator Klein, I implore you to look into this further.

Terry Murphy-Donovan

## Sickly dose of diversity

Dear editor,

The recent For Your Health column in the Bronx Times Reporter had nothing to do with health but everything to do with diversity, regardless of the fact that this latest diversity ritual was held at St. Barnabas Hospital. Moreover, the column's author wasn't published.

The long column meant for our health but delivered as a paean to diversity expressed fairly well what this fanatical ideology which generally rules America's political, media and educational establishments and possibly even the health-care establishment is all about: extolling virtually everything except America. And as America keeps heading into serious economic recession, time will tell if diversity will be as glorious as its promoters crack it up to be.

In the meantime, I hope

future For Your Health columns are about health and not about diversity or any other unhealthy topic.

And that the author's name be published.

Ken Reynolds

## Thanks for your help

Dear editor,

I would like to express my gratitude to Stephen Kaufman and Kathy Ziegler for their persistence in support of Geri Panatieri, enabling her to rightfully get her house back. As a personal friend of Geri's longtime companion Chris Nugent who passed from cancer due to chemical exposure while serving in Viet Nam, my heartfelt appreciation.

Steve has been a longtime advocate for the people of Throggs Neck and the Bronx for many years, his efforts, his staff, and Mr. Maggio, Geri's tenant, were truly exemplary, they show that there are many good, honest, caring people in the world who are not often recognized, I intend this to be that well deserved recognition as well.

May God bless you!

Tom Hansen

## Let us hear from you

Letters to the editor are welcome from all readers.

They should be addressed care of this newspaper to John Collazzi, Publisher, the Bronx Times Reporter, 900 E. 132nd Street, Bronx, NY 10454, or e-mail to [bronxtimes@cnglocal.com](mailto:bronxtimes@cnglocal.com).

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# New Chamber of Commerce program helps small business

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A new business program promises to organize, educate and “liberate” merchant organizations throughout the borough.

The new Merchant Development Program run by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce is stepping in to fill the gap left by the dismantling of the Bronx Business Alliance due to grants being held up and the retirement of longtime director Margaret Arrighi.

The new group hopes to offer practical assistance to local merchant’s associations, said committee chairman John Bonizio.

Councilwoman Annabel Palma and Councilman Jimmy Vacca helped provide \$95,000 in funding to keep merchants associations going strong and help many form business improvement districts.

Vacca and Palma joined Bronx Chamber chairman Joseph Kelleher, CEO Lenny Caro and others at Coiro, Wardi and Chintz, at 1206

Castle Hill Avenue, on Monday, June 4, to announce the funding.

Joseph Regina, involved in forming the Westchester Square Business Improvement District, as well as running the Morris Park Local Development Corporation, was tapped to direct the new program.

“With the support of the New York City Department of Small Business Services, I was happy to work with my colleague, Council Member Annabel Palma, in allocating funds that will allow the Bronx Chamber of Commerce to form the much anticipated Merchant Business Development Program,” said Vacca. “This new program will allow us to strengthen the businesses of the Bronx, organize and form new merchant’s associations, and hopefully take existing merchant associations and develop them into business improvement districts.”

A strong merchant corridor has a “ripple effect” on

those living around it, said Palma.

“This initiative, which will start on Castle Hill Avenue, will give merchant’s associations across the east Bronx the tools they need to succeed and help our businesses thrive,” Palma said.

For many years the Bronx Business Alliance and the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation provided this kind of “on the ground” assistance to merchants, Regina said. The new program will hopefully provide the technical support necessary for merchants associations to move from being volunteer organizations to self-sustaining business improvement districts, Bonizio said.

“This is a different function than the Chamber of Commerce has had recently,” Bonizio said. “Back in the old days, it was the chamber of commerce’s mission to organize businesses in the neighborhoods.”

Among the many functions the program will pro-



Photo by Walter Pofeldt

At the press conference announcing the formation of the Merchant Business Development program are (l-r) John Bonizio, Castle Hill Merchants Association president Joseph Coiro, Joe Regina, Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro, Bronx Chamber of Commerce chairman Joseph Kelleher, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Councilwoman Annabel Palma

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# Bronx beat

## Affinity Health Plan names director

**Affinity Health Plan**, one of the largest managed care plans in the New York metropolitan area, has named Maryann Gaynor, RN, director of Medical Management. In this capacity, Gaynor is responsible for overseeing utilization and case management services for Affinity's membership and directing and shaping its care management programs.

Maryann has over 20 years of experience in care management, clinical operations and compliance. She has held leadership positions at Health Net, Inc., a national managed care plan, including vice president, Clinical Operations, Northeast Region; and national vice president, Medical Policy and Systems. Prior to joining Affinity, Gaynor was a consultant at Qualidigm in Connecticut, a nationally recognized consulting and research company dedicated to improving the quality and safety of health care.

Maryann has a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and an MBA in health care administration from the University of New Haven. \*\*\*

The **College of New Rochelle** has announced the election of two new members to the college's Board of Trustees: Carla L. Romita Eccleston, Esq. returns to the Board, and Sister Margaret Ann Moser, O.S.U. joins the Board of Trustees of CNR.

Romita Eccleston is senior vice-president of Castle Oil Corporation. In her position at Castle, Romita Eccleston manages company-wide advertising, promotional and marketing efforts and oversees sales and administrative functions for her division which supplies heating oil to thousands of residential and commercial customers in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland, and Dutchess Counties. She is also responsible for managing Castle's human resources, insurance matters, and real estate portfolio.

Her involvement in industry associations includes her positions of past president and current member of the Board of Directors of New York Oil Heating Association, Inc. (and chair of the Empire State Petroleum Association). She is a vice president and member of the Board of Directors at the Independent Fuel Terminal Operators Association and a board member of the Associated Builders and Owners of Greater New York.

Romita Eccleston received her B.A. and M.A. in German Language and Literature from New York University. She received her J.D. from the New York University School of Law.

Prior to joining Castle, Romita Eccleston practiced law at the firm of Reid & Priest LLP in Manhattan, where she specialized in general corporate, utilities financing, and real estate law.

In addition to her duties at Castle, Romita Eccleston serves on the Leadership Board of Project Y.E.S.S., which raises funds to finance capital improvements for the inner-city schools of the New York Archdiocese. She is also the chair of the Board of Trustees of The Ursuline School in New Rochelle and previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees of The College of New Rochelle from 2006 to 2011.

Sister Margaret Ann Moser is president of the Ursuline Academy of Dallas, Texas as a position she had held since 1989. On June 30, she will retire as president of the Ursuline Academy and assume a new part-time position as President Emerita.

A graduate of Ursuline Academy, she professed her vows as a member of the Order of St. Ursula in 1959 and received her B.A. in History from The College of New Rochelle in 1962, and then earned her M.A. in Theology at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

She has had a long career in teaching and administration spanning more than four decades. She has been principal of schools in St. Louis and New Orleans, served as Associate Director of Religious Education with the Office of Religious Education in Springfield, Illinois, and in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Sister Margaret Ann also received her certification in spiritual direction in New Orleans and extended her ministry to also include retreat facilitation.

Under her leadership, the academy has grown tremendously and she has led multimillion dollar fundraising campaigns and directed landmark expansion of campus facilities. Over the years, she has also promoted steady growth in endowments for scholarships, faculty, and facilities.

In February of this year, The Catholic Foundation honored her with the 30th Annual Catholic Foundation Award in recognition of her commitment and service to Catholic education and the Dallas community.

She is currently a member of the Catholic Housing Initiative Board, Sisters of Our Lady of Charity Advisory Board, and the Ursuline Academy of New Orleans Board of Trustees. She is a former member of the boards of St. Alcuin Montessori School, Dallas, and Duchesne Academy of the Sacred

Heart, Houston. \*\*\*

Two Bronx residents, Lisa Blanco and Leah Fredman, captured the top honors at **Lehman College** commencement this year: Blanco, a double major in English and Italian, won the Ella Burst-ein Award for the graduating senior with the highest index and psychology major Leah Fredman earned the Margaret Spahr Alpha Chi Alpha Award for the graduating senior with the highest index in the social sciences.

Blanco, a dual major in English literature and Italian, came to Lehman knowing that she wanted to study literature, but she developed a love for Spanish, in which she earned her minor. Combined with her knowledge of Italian—she attended high school in Italy—she now wants to pursue a Ph.D. in comparative literature.

A Lehman Scholar, she graduated summa cum laude and is a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Golden Key. She also attained High Honors in both English and Italian and won the Patricia Solomon Scholarship, the Herman Melville Prize from the English Department, in both 2011 and 2012, for the best undergraduate paper in literary criticism, the Patricia A. Cockram Portfolio Prize in English, the Cafferata Prize for Excellence in Italian, and the 2009 Tussiani Award for Excellence in Italian.

Fredman, who minored in art, has fond memories of her time at the College, where she worked as a tutor in the Psychology Department, helping her fellow students understand statistics as well as other aspects of her field. \*\*\*

Bronxites Jonathan Miguel Baez, graduated from **Dickinson College** on May 20 with a BA in American studies. Baez is a graduate of Dewitt Clinton High School; William Tyler Perry graduated from Dickinson College on May 20 with a BA in American studies. Perry is a graduate of Trevor Day School; and Matthew Santiago Vidal, graduated from Dickinson College on May 20 with a BA in international business & management. Vidal is a graduate of All Hallows High School. \*\*\*

Bronxite Jessica Rosado received a degree in Civil Engineering from **Norwich University** on May 13. \*\*\*

Gloria Evans of the Bronx received a Certificate degree in Advanced Continuing Education from **Lancaster Bible College** on May 11.

## R.A.I.N. Middletown to host flea market

The R.A.I.N. Middletown Senior Center, 3035 Middletown Road, will hold

a flea market on Thursday, June 14, from 9:30 am. to 2 p.m.

There will be something for everyone, including lots of arts and crafts.

# GIGLIO RETURNS TO BELMONT

It's been a century in the making - the return of the Giglio to Belmont! Hundreds turned out on Arthur Avenue to see the Giglio statue carried through the streets for the Feast of St. Anthony on Saturday, June 10. Organizers said this is the first time in about 100 years since the 65-foot Giglio has been carried at the feast. The statue honors St. Paulinus, a poet who converted to Christianity. About 50 neighborhood men, some descendants of Italian immigrants from Nola and Brusiano, put their backs into lifting and carrying the massive statue.

(Right) Father Eric Rapaglia of Mount St. Carmel Church recognizes the faithful who turned out for the event and blesses the Giglio at the start of the procession.



Photos by Walter Pofeldt

Little Isabelle Alexandre is too young to understand the Giglio. She takes a gander at something that she does understand - sweets! Here she eyes yummy cakes and cookies on display at a bakery on 187th.



John Jerez is just four years old, but thought he had something to toot his horn about. Maybe it was for Giglio.



Dozens of muscle-bound guys carried the Giglio statue around the streets, putting their grunt face on for the Christian saint.



Angelo Cappola feasts his eyes on the Giglio.

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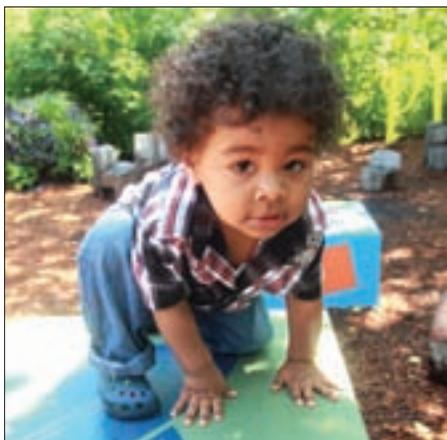
What is Art? That was the question experts answered for kids in grades K-3 from P.S. 114 in Highbridge at the "What is Art? Family Day" held May 26 at the Andrew Freedman Home at 1125 Grand Concourse. The event was inspired by artist and former Bronx resident Carmen Julia Hernandez recent exhibit "This Side of Paradise" art show. (Right) Students from P.S. 114 get their white gloves on as they participate in mural drawing with performance artist Carmen Julia Hernandez.

Photo courtesy of Bronx Museum of the Arts



## BRONX DAY AT THE NYBG

It was Mother Nature - and the New York Botanical Garden inviting folks to enjoy the 22nd annual Bronx Day at the garden on a sunny Saturday, June 2. And besides the flowers and trees and grass, there was face painting, kite flying, music and other entertainment for the family.



One-year-old Jalen Kellam tries to match his sister by jumping off the play equipment.



Not to be flip, but this Hunts Point group of performing teens put a fun spin on the day. Photos by Walter Pofeldt



Butterflies are free, including the face-painted one on nine-year-old Jealeen McMillian, 9.

## LEAPING LEMURS AT BRONX ZOO

The Bronx Zoo's lemur population just got bigger. Several lemurs were born this past spring just in time for the Bronx Zoo's exhibition dubbed Madagascar! There are five species of lemurs on exhibit in Madagascar! along with many other animals unique to the African island. Opened in 2008, Madagascar! educates zoo visitors about the country's incredible biodiversity and the challenges it faces.



(Above) A Coquerel's sifaka, born this spring, clings to its mother's back as she perches on a branch in the Madagascar! exhibit at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo. All lemur species come from the island nation of Madagascar. The sifaka are seeing dramatic declines in population due to loss of suitable habitat. Because of this, the Coquerel's sifaka is now listed as an Endangered Species.



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A collared lemur, also born this spring, curls up to its mother as she reclines on a rock. The lemur is listed as 'Vulnerable' by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

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# On the road again: Ready your car for summer travel



Summer road trips can prove disastrous if drivers don't take the right steps to prepare their vehicles for travel.

The return of warm weather marks the return of road trips for millions of motorists across the country. Whether going to the beach or heading off to parts unknown, hitting the open road with the windows down is a time-honored tradition for drivers of all ages.

But such road trips can prove disastrous if drivers don't take the right steps to prepare their vehicles for summer travel. The following are a few ways motorists can ensure their cars are ready to tackle the open road.

- Tighten things up. Loose parts, such as exhaust clamps, license plates, and interior trim panels, can create rattles and cause parts to get damaged or fall off. What's more, rattling sounds can be a noisy nuisance for drivers and passengers alike.

- Wash your car. A newly

washed car not only looks good, but it's often much safer as well. Take your car to a car wash a few days before the trip and have the vehicle thoroughly cleaned. A thorough cleaning will remove dirt and grime from the vehicle's undercarriage, not to mention unsightly bird droppings and water spots or salt stains leftover from winter.

- Fix foggy headlight lenses. Many summer road trippers travel at night so their days can be spent soaking up some sun at the beach or lake. Before heading off for parts unknown, motorists should inspect their headlight lenses to reduce risk of accident. If the lenses are yellowed and foggy, that's likely because salt, ozone, and road debris has dulled them to a point where vision can be impaired, placing drivers and their passengers at risk.

- Check the battery. Over time,

battery terminals and cables will start to corrode. Such corrosion will eventually eat away at the battery's parts, creating a bad connection that sooner or later will require the battery be replaced. Check the battery before your trip and remember to clean the battery periodically as part of routine vehicle maintenance.

- Address windshield nicks and bull's-eyes. Nicks and chips in the windshields are a common problem regardless of the season. But such damage is most prevalent in the winter because of the extra debris that's on the road. These nicks and cracks need to get fixed as soon as possible to prevent them from spreading and resulting in the need for a windshield replacement. Oftentimes, motorists can address nicks and bull's-eyes in their own driveways in a matter of minutes.

## Stop paying so much at the pump

Fuel prices have traditionally been at their highest during the summer months. That's unfortunate for vacationers and road trip enthusiasts who must budget the cost of fuel into their vacation expenses. Those costs can be considerable, especially if gas continues to hover around \$4 per gallon as it has for much of 2012.

But, as costly as gas has become, drivers can still mitigate those costs by employing a few strategies aimed at increasing their driving efficiency. The following are a few ways drivers can offset high fuel costs regardless of the time of year.

- Maintain a consistent speed. Though it might be hard to maintain a consistent speed when driving during rush hour, it should not be too difficult to do so when hitting the open road. If most of your driving is done on the highway, go easy on your engine by maintaining a consistent speed. The easier you are on the engine, the less taxed that engine will be and the less fuel it will need as a result. If going on a long road trip, or if your daily commute involves long stretches of highway driving, rely on your vehicle's cruise control function to make things easier on your engine and conserve fuel.



Drivers can employ several strategies to conserve fuel and save money at the increasingly costly gas pump.

- Don't drive when you can walk or bike. It might sound simple, but the best way to conserve fuel is not to use it at all. During the warmer months, walk or ride your bicycle when performing local errands. This is especially beneficial during the summer, when gas prices are typically higher. Save a few gallons of gas by running errands on foot or on your bicycle. If a physical condition makes it hard for you to walk or bike, make use of public

transportation when you need to travel locally.

- Obey the speed limit. The open road entices many drivers to put the pedal to the metal, but driving over the speed limit is both illegal and expensive. The U.S. Department of Energy notes that drivers pay an additional \$0.31 per gallon for every five miles they drive over 60 mph. Since gas prices have already hovered around \$4 per gallon for much of the year, drivers would be wise to obey the speed limit and conserve their fuel as well — as their money.

- Don't make your vehicle into a traveling closet. Many drivers keep excess materials in their cars, whether it's a cooler for picnics, a set of golf clubs, or an old baby stroller. Excess weight will rear its ugly head at the pump. The Department of Energy notes that an extra 100 pounds in a vehicle can reduce its miles per gallon by as much as two percent. Before hitting the highway, check your trunk and the backseat and remove any unnecessary items.

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# The pros and cons to third-row seating

**T**hird-row seating has become a priority for many people purchasing new vehicles. Many consumers actively seek out a car or SUV with a third-row seat so they'll have plenty of room for passengers during commutes or school carpools. There are many advantages to a third row of seating, but there are also some disadvantages. Weighing the pros and cons before purchase will help shoppers determine if a third-row seat is really what they need.

## Advantages

The primary reason for purchasing a vehicle with a third-row seat is to increase passenger capacity. Most standard cars and mid-size SUVs can seat five passengers comfortably. However, a third-row seat can add a spot for an additional two to three passengers.

The need for a third row of seats stems primarily from the increased prevalence of booster and other child safety seats, which tend to take up a lot of space. This enables more children to be seated safely, a boon to parents who carpool.

Third-row seats are also advantageous to commuters who carpool. Several adults can sit comfortably and ride into work together, splitting the cost of gas and tolls. Many vehicles with third-row seats offer good gas mileage, making carpooling an even greener method of getting to work.

The third-row seat can often be folded down and allow for more cargo room when not needed. In some models, a third-row seat can be removed entirely.

## Disadvantages

While the third-row seat offers more passenger room, it cuts down on storage space. Many vehicles that offer the extra row of seating do so at the expense of trunk or cargo



Third-row seating is a feature that many potential car buyers look for in their vehicle.

space. There may be little more than a few feet of room to store groceries or luggage.

Vehicles with a third-row seat tend to be more expensive than comparable cars and SUVs without one. Some minivans are more expensive than similarly sized SUVs. If money is a factor, a third-row seat may not be an asset. In addition, insurance companies might charge more for a larger car.

Size might also be a disadvantage to some drivers. Larger vehicles might be difficult to park in urban areas and may require special parking spots in parking garages.

Third-row seats can be very advantageous for people who frequently transport several people. But they may not be the best option for individuals looking for a lower-priced car or one with maximum cargo space.

## These gadgets make driving safer

**G**uys love gadgets. Be it the newest smartphone or the latest model television, men revel in staying up-to-date on the latest gadgets and gizmos to hit the market. While many popular gadgets are geared toward entertainment, some are aimed at making life safer for consumers. Such is the case with the following gadgets and innovations, each of which makes the roadways safer for drivers and their passengers.

•**Blind spot detectors:** Blind spot detectors and intervention systems use radar or image detectors on side mirrors to determine if an object is in the car's blind spots. Intervention systems are connected to the braking system of the car. The systems pull the vehicle back to safety should the driver attempt to change lanes into potential danger. While this technology has the poten-

tial to prevent accidents, sometimes the detectors offer false positive warnings, picking up oncoming traffic, parked cars, and even trees.

•**Back-up cameras:** In an era of monster-sized vans and trucks, some drivers have difficulty gauging the length of the vehicle with respect to items behind it. Also, taller vehicles may have obstructed vision in the back by the rear bumper, which can be a safety hazard should a child or object be in the path of the vehicle. The camera can provide an image of what's behind the car to better assess whether it's safe to go in reverse. A beeping sound or other signal also may alert to a potential obstruction.

•**Lane departure warning:** This mechanism is designed to warn a driver when a vehicle begins to move out of its lane, unless a turn signal is activated to alert

to the lane change. These systems use a camera or another tracking device to pick up on the visual lines on a roadway, accommodating for turns. Some will signal with an audible sound, visual notification, or a vibration of the steering wheel if the driver is veering into another lane. Other systems will work in concert with the steering to keep the car in its lane.

•**Night-vision technology:** Individuals who do a good portion of driving at night may want to consider night-vision options on a vehicle. This is a system that increases the driver's perception and seeing distance in darkness or poor weather beyond the scope of headlights. Many systems rely on the driver looking at a screen that portrays a video image, which some assert is a danger in itself because it takes one's eyes off of the road.

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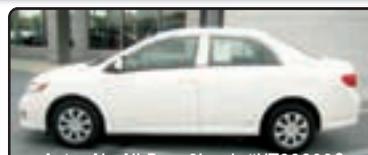
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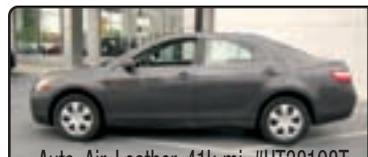
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# How to maintain a healthy environment inside your car

Over the last several years, homeowners have increasingly emphasized clean air in their homes. The growing popularity of home air purifiers suggests today's homeowners want to make certain the environment inside their home is as healthy as possible.

While protecting the environment in a home is important, it's equally as important for motorists to maintain a healthy environment in their vehicles. The average American spends roughly 10 to 15 hours per week inside a car, where dust, odors, smoke, and other potentially sour smells can make riding in a car rather unpleasant. In addition, air pollution and allergens inside a vehicle can pose a significant health risk to drivers and their passengers. Fortunately, there are several steps drivers can take to maintain a healthy environment inside their vehicle.

•Improve air quality. Perhaps the best way drivers can ensure their passengers

have a healthy environment while traveling in a car is to improve the air quality within the vehicle.

•Clean the vehicle's interior. Many automobile owners pay particular attention to the appearance of their vehicle's exterior. However, those same drivers don't spend nearly as much time, if any, tending to the vehicle's interior. But a neglected interior doesn't just fall victim to spills and dirt or other particles brought in from the outside. Over time, a neglected interior might begin to grow mildew, which is both unhealthy and unpleasant. In general, clean the vehicle's interior once a month to prevent mildew growth and the buildup of



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dirt and grime.

•Don't fall in love with the "new car smell." Few consumers can resist the famed "new car smell." Though enticing, the new car smell is actually an outgassing of toxic chemicals from newly formed plastics, and the chemicals in these gases have been linked to birth defects, impaired learning, liver toxicity, premature births, and early puberty in laboratory animals. Though this doesn't mean consumers should avoid buying new cars, it should inspire

consumers to address the new car smell immediately.

•Vacuum carpets, floor mats, and between seats. Carpets and seating are an-

other collection point for dirt and pollutants and need to be vacuumed thoroughly. Make sure to get the floor mats, the floor under the floor mats, and all the way under the seats. Pound your seats with something large like a baseball bat to loosen and knock out all the dirt and soil that has settled into the creases and stitching.

•Protect newer vehicles on hot days. Hot weather can take its toll on drivers, and it can also wreak havoc on their vehicle's interior. Heat from the sun can cause the vehicle's plastics, vinyl, or leather parts to emit volatile organic compounds, or VOCs, which, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, can produce both short-term and long-term adverse health effects. Whenever possible, park in the shade or use a sun shade on the windshield. In addition, slightly opening the windows in spring and summer promotes air flow through the cabin, helping reduce the risk of VOC buildup inside the vehicle.



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# Routine auto service never more important

Given the turbulent economic news, consumers are tightening their belts and cutting back on spending. Delaying or ignoring routine automotive service is no exception, but a bad decision, according to the experts at the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

Car care extends the life of your vehicle and can prevent minor problems from growing into much more expensive issues. Worn brake pads, if ignored, can escalate into more costly rotor repairs.

A “check-engine” light may signal something as minor as the need to replace an inexpensive oxygen sensor. But if ignored, costly damage to the catalytic converter can ensue.

Nor should service intervals be ignored. Failure to change out the engine’s timing belt according to the owners manual’s schedule can result in major engine damage if the belt fails.

Much less dramatic are routine things such as scheduled oil changes, replacing dirty filters, or simply paying attention to



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tire pressure. These seemingly minor services help you get better gas mileage.

Automotive Service Excellence — the

group that tests and certifies automotive technicians — offers the following tips on locating a good repair shop:

- Start shopping for a repair facility before you need one.

- Ask your friends and associates for recommendations; consult local consumer groups.

- Arrange for transportation so you will not choose a shop based merely on location.

- Look for a well-organized facility, with vehicles in the parking lot equal in value to your own and modern equipment in the service bays.

- The staff should be courteous and willing to answer your questions.

- Look for policies on estimated repair costs, diagnostic fees, guarantees, and methods of payment.

- Look for signs of professionalism such as civic, community or customer service awards.

- Look for evidence of qualified technicians: trade school diplomas, certificates of advanced course work, and certification by Automotive Service Excellence.

- For major jobs, ask whether the repair facility usually handles your type of repair work.

## What to do with a cracked windshield

The scenario is all too common. Drivers are traveling down the road, and a pebble gets kicked up and hits their windshield, causing a small chip to appear. Slowly but surely that chip turns into a spreading, snaking crack that only gets worse with each bump and pothole.

Having a broken windshield is not only unsightly and a big inconvenience, it can also be illegal. That’s because the crack reduces the efficacy of the window safety composition, meaning it may shatter in the event of an impact accident and cause extensive injuries. The crack also may impede a driver’s ability to see the road clearly.

It’s important to note that liability car insurance typically doesn’t cover a cracked windshield that occurs in a collision. Instead, drivers hoping to be covered need to have collision insurance on their vehicle. However, not all windshields crack in a car accident. Many are damaged in nonaccident related circumstances, whether this be a tree branch that falls on the car or a rock kicked up from the roadway. It’s important to read an



**A windshield crack is something that should be remedied soon.**

insurance policy thoroughly to be sure that nonaccident related cracks to the windshield will be covered.

Even if the damage is covered, it may not be worth the expense of paying the insurance deductible and filing a claim, which may end up raising your rate in the long run.

Many small nicks can be repaired easily with a kit purchased from an automotive supply store. Inexpensive and user-friendly, the instructions guide users through the process of sealing the crack and preventing it from spreading.

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# Vintage baseball for Dad's Day at Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum

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After dad's opened his present this Sunday, give him another treat - an old fashioned - and we really mean OLD fashioned - baseball game.

The Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum's is holding its fifth annual Take Dad Out to the Ball Game 1864! from 1 to 3 p.m.

Playing by 1864 rules, the 19th-century "base ball match," as the game used to be called, between the New York Mutuals and the Mineola Washingtons (both from Old Bethpage Restoration Village on Long Island), will feature historically accurate replicas of uniforms, bats, and balls.

New York Mutuals president, Tom "Big Bat" Fesolowich, will serve as announcer, entertainingly explaining the differences between this earlier

version and the current game.

"With no gloves, just a ball and a bat to hit it with, this is baseball in its purest sense — when it was a gentleman's game," said Thom "Dirt" Fioriglio, the team's captain. "It's where love of history and love of the game meet."

BPMM executive director Ellen Bruzelius added, "Enjoying America's favorite pastime 19th-century style in Bartow-Pell's historic setting is a wonderful way to celebrate Father's Day with your loved ones. So Take Dad Out to the Ball Game!"

After the game, there will be a raffle of the game ball, and team members will play rounders — baseball's precursor — with children on site.

Tours of the 19th-century Bartow-Pell Mansion, at 895 Shore Road, will also be available.

Registration is requested, with tickets \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for children 6–17; for members, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$3 for children 6–17. Children under 6 are free.

Call (718) 885-1461 or email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org) for more information and to register.

For directions and to learn more about upcoming events, visit [www.bpmm.org](http://www.bpmm.org).

For additional information about the New York Mutuals, visit [www.nymutuals.com](http://www.nymutuals.com). There is no rain date for the event.

Bartow-Pell, an 1840s Greek Revival mansion and a National Historic Landmark, is owned by the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, operated by the Bartow-Pell Conservancy, and is a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City.



Photo courtesy of Bartow-Pell

It'll be take Dad out to an old fashioned - we're talking 1864 here - baseball game at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park on Fathers Day, Sunday, June 17, when it holds its annual Take Me Out to the Ball Game 1864! vintage baseball "match" at 1 p.m. The New York Mutuals will play with 1864 rules, bats, balls, and uniforms - and no helmets or gloves.

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# Traffic triangle rehab plans call for food concession

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A former "beat up traffic triangle" in the heart of the Fordham Road shopping district is about to be transformed into a green oasis, complete with a possible 'Shake Shack' type of concession stand.

The transformation, thanks to a mix of new funding, was revealed at The Fordham Road Business Improvement District's recent annual meeting May 31.

One of the highlights of the meeting, at the Bronx Library Center on East Kingsbridge Road, was the announcement of \$2.5 million in mostly federal grant money for the redesign of Bryan Park, a triangular area were East Kingsbridge Road, East Fordham Road, and a slip ramp to Fordham Road meet.

When the project is completed, there should be a green area that will include a plaza and much improved parkland, and should include some sort of

concession that should be something fairly unique to the area - such as a food concession that sells smoothies, said Daniel Bernstein, the BID's deputy executive director.

**When I got there, it was just a beat up traffic triangle. We worked directly with the Parks Department to put more plantings in the area, and held our Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony there.**

**Daniel Bernstein**

No concessionaire has yet been selected, he added.

According to the plans, when construction is complete, the park should include new street trees, a plaza, a decorative granite seat wall, stainless steel fencing, solar trash bin, drinking fountain, and other ameni-

ties.

Bernstein said the district received a \$2 million Federal Highway Administration grant for the project, but needed to raise 20% in matching funds.

and be complete in 2013, Bernstein said.

"When I got here, it was just a beat up traffic triangle," said Bernstein. "We worked directly with the Parks Department to put more plantings in the area, and held our Holiday Tree lighting ceremony there."

A number of other events - including health screenings - are now held in the park, he noted.

Keynote speaker at the meeting, Small Business Services commissioner Robert Walsh, announced his agency will be opening a new workforce development center near the BID sometime around Labor Day.

Also speaking at the annual meeting were Comptroller John Liu, Borough President Diaz, who said that he remembered shopping on Fordham Road when he was a young man and now takes his children shopping there, and a representative from Councilman Joel Rivera's office.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and Councilman Joel Rivera each provided \$250,000.

Partnering with the city Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Transportation, the project is expected to begin sometime in the summer



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Bryan Park is due for some major renovations.

## YMCA leads Zumba at Terminal Market

BY DAVID CRUZ

Dress to sweat at the Bronx Terminal Market this Saturday.

The giant retail shopping center, also known as the Gateway Center Mall, will hold its second annual Fitness and Fun with Zumba from 10am-1pm.

But this time the Bronx YMCA will join in on the fun, and so will Hip Hop pioneer-turned-exercise-enthusiast Mele-Mel.

Dubbed the original MC, Mele-Mel will take locals through 45 minutes of hip swinging, knee-dipping Zumba hijinks meant to pump up those muscles.

He was a good get, according to Jessica Chiamulera, spokeswoman for Bronx Terminal Market Management.

"Mele-Mel's a Bronx native," Chiamulera highlighted, explaining he tries "to educate people more on fitness and fun."

Originating in Colombia during the 1990s, Zumba is now taught at 110,000 locations in 125 countries, according to founder Beto Perez.

The exercise event comes as the borough, particularly Mott Haven, continues to see the highest rate of obesity throughout the five boroughs.

The south Bronx saw between 32% and 45% of its population drinking sugary beverages, according to the latest city Department of Health stats.

"We're very concerned with helping the community," said Chiamulera, adding that the Market is committed to finding healthier alternatives for the borough.

The retail giant already boasts two fitness stores - GNC and BX Sports.

Store discounts and raffle prizes await those who attend.

As an added incentive,  
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Photo by David Cruz

The Bronx Terminal Market will hold a Zumba class atop the Gateway Center Mall.

## City proposes roof farm in Hunts Pt.

BY DAVID CRUZ

The farm of the future could be coming to Hunts Point.

If city officials get the okay, it would create one of the largest rooftop farms in the world.

The industrial building at 600 Food Center Drive, home to Citarella and Sultana foods, has been proposed for redevelopment into a rooftop farm that would grow fresh fruits and vegetables year round.

The goods would then be sold within the 800 local businesses within the Hunts Point peninsula and out to 23 million New Yorkers.

Officials with the New York City Economic Development Corporation filed a Request for Proposal asking developers to create a rooftop farm, covering 200,000 square feet - or 9.7 acres.

If a developer does build the massive homestead, it would be added to a growing

list of roof farms throughout the borough.

Right now, the Bronx boasts 13 green roofs through Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s Green Roof Initiative.

Diaz welcomed the news, adding it would "create much needed jobs" to a borough suffering with a 12% unemployment rate.

NYCEDC head Seth W. Pinsky looks forward to someone generating interest in the rooftop farm.

"We will create important new opportunities to connect producers," said Pinsky.

As Pinsky thinks about the producers, The Point's Kelly Terry-Sepulveda hopes the finished produce will be available to Hunts Point residents.

"We hope that whatever product that's grown goes to the community," she said.

But Josephine Infante,  
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Viva Puerto Rico! Sonia Vasquez loses herself to the Latino beat on the street.

## BRONX CELEBRATES AT TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL PUERTO RICAN DAY PARADE



The 25th annual Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade kicked off at E. 192nd Street on Sunday, June 3 and marched north to E. 205th Street. Puerto Rican singer Alberto Santiago along with veterans from various wars, local elected officials, and Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade vice president Ruben Rios joined in the celebration.

(Left) Three-year-old Noah Silva takes the event through the barricades.

(Below) Parade goes cheer in celebration during the parade from the sidelines.

Photos by Walter Pofeldt



Four-year-old Casly Paulino who dances through the streets with her dance group.

# Animal activists: Gimme shelter

BY DAVID CRUZ

Gimme Shelter isn't just a Rolling Stones' song.

It's also the quest of Bernadette Ferrara and other animal care advocates seeking a 24/7 animal shelter for the Bronx.

She most recently sought the help of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. to make it happen.

The longtime Van Nest resident and several animal rights activists met privately with him June 7 in a preliminary discussion.

Ferrara has been trying to secure a meeting for the past year and a half with any elected official willing to listen.

And while both sides were tight-lipped on the outcome, one thing's certain—Ferrara is staying on message.

"What I would like to see is a full-service shelter in the Bronx," said Ferrara, who volunteers as a certified Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) rescuer, capturing feral cats. For now she said she's bur-

dened with a task belonging to the city Health Department's Animal Care and Control Unit, which she charged is dragging its feet.

"It's getting to the point

Ferrara's campaign stretches back to 2009, nine years after the New York City Council passed the Animal Shelters and Sterilization Act, requiring full-service

leveraged it as a community center instead.

Patrick Caruso of Community Board 10 has listed a number of possible sites over the years, but none of them were city-owned buildings.

A City Council bill introduced and fast-tracked in 2011, and backed by animal advocates and Bronx council members, provides bigger budgets to the city's animal welfare centers, but would eventually nix the mandate to build a full-service animal shelter.

Advocates called the law a win for animal receiving centers since it would provide more money for services through 2014.

Ferrara said the law does nothing for the Bronx except provide money to receiving centers that are simply "holding areas".

Ferrara wants to see the law amended to include an animal shelter.

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

**F**or now [Bernadette Ferrara] said she's burdened with a task belonging to the city Health Department's Animal Care and Control Unit, which she charged is dragging its feet.

where [TNR rescuers] are burnt out," Ferrara said, who said she's captures about 150 cats within the Van Nest neighborhood alone this year.

With no shelter to hold the strays, many are hauled off to Manhattan's ACC center to be euthanized instead of put up for adoption. Others are taken to Westchester County, overwhelming shelters there, according to Ferrara. "Others are just abandoned in our streets."

animal shelters in every borough.

The borough does have spay and neuter services, but Ferrara said that's not enough to control the animal population.

"We're not making as much of a dent as we feel we can be."

The Bronx almost saw a shelter at the Old Fordham Library on Bainbridge Avenue in 2008, but public pressure from local residents



Photo by David Cruz

Give me shelter! Bernadette Ferrara continues fight to open full-service shelter in the Bronx for the sake of the cats!

# Breast-fed is best-fed to give newborns start

BY SALLY URANG, RN, CNM, MATERNITY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COORDINATOR AND PERINATAL SAFETY NURSE, OB/GYN, ST. BARNABAS HOSPITAL

Breastfeeding gives a baby the best start in life, and it's a healthy step for mothers, too. At St. Barnabas Hospital, we offer free breastfeeding instruction in English and Spanish, and we strongly urge all new moms to breastfeed. Here are just a few of the many reasons:

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Breastfeeding is Good for Mom's Health

- Breastfeeding helps moms lose their pregnancy weight faster

- Moms who breastfeed have a decreased risk of adult diabetes, breast cancer, cancer of the ovaries and osteoporosis

- Moms who stop breastfeeding early, or who chose not to breastfeed, have a higher risk of postpartum depression

Breastfeeding is Con-

venient

- Breast milk is ready to go – you don't have to mix or heat anything.

- There are no bottles or formula to pack when you go out.

Breastfeeding Can Reduce Childhood Stress

- Breastfed babies can handle childhood stress better than bottle-fed children.

Breastfeeding May Prevent Obesity

- Childhood obesity may be linked to formula feeding in the critical early days of life.

- Bottle-fed babies are usually overfed with formula, and this can increase their risk of obesity.

## Doctors create kids teaching kit

Meir Scheinfeld, MD, PhD, Attending Physician, division head of Emergency Radiology, Department of Radiology at Montefiore Medical Center, has created an interactive radiology teaching kit to introduce children to and educate them about the specialty of radiology in a fun, exciting and age-appropriate manner. Dr. Scheinfeld's paper, entitled "Radiology goes back to school: presenting the face of radiology to school children," highlighting the effectiveness of the kit in teaching kids about the fundamental importance of radiology in diagnosing a patient, appears in the May edition of *Journal of the American College of Radiology*.

Dr. Scheinfeld, assistant professor, Department of Radiology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, the University Hospital for Montefiore Medical Center, collaborated on the creation of this teaching kit with Laura L. Avery MD, assistant radiologist, Department of Emergency Radiology, Massachusetts General Hospital. The goal of the kit is to build awareness of the

specialty, as many people are unaware of what radiologists actually do and often do not know that they are highly trained doctors and experts in image interpretation.

The kit consists of a variety of images of bones but also includes orthopantograms of teeth and ultrasound images of fetuses, allowing the doctors to speak about various disciplines within healthcare and educate children on broader topics, for example oral hygiene. Images of foreign objects lodged in the body are also shown to the children and they are asked to identify what the objects might be. By showing these images and explaining the circumstances that might lead to them, Dr. Scheinfeld provides important safety advice and also teaches children not to fear the hospital environment.

"For many people, radiologists are the unknown individuals who sit in dark rooms and take pictures," said Dr. Scheinfeld. "Nearly half of patients receive some form of imaging when they visit the emergency room in order to get a diagnosis and

we wanted to help children gain an understanding of the radiologists' role in patient care."

Dr. Scheinfeld created two customized teaching kits; one for preschoolers and one for early elementary school children. The kits include radiologic images of fractured and dislocated bones, as well as x-ray images of popular toys – Mr. Potato Head and Barbie – and various other objects including fruits, vegetables, items of clothing and animals. Games, such as skeleton assembly, where kids are given x-ray images of bones and prompted to create a complete skeleton, teach the children about the human body and keep them engaged as they learn.

For older children, Dr. Scheinfeld uses the kit to explain the differences between various modalities, CT scans, MRI and ultrasound and explains how these images are generated. He emphasizes the role of radiologists in detecting abnormalities and teaches the scientific and technical aspects of imaging as well as the medical aspects of arriving at a diagnosis.



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# Bronx scene

## Animal Tales at Bronx Zoo

The family-friendly fun of Animal Tales Extravaganza at the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo continues in June with a complete line-up of performances, entertainment, and activities for zoo-goers of all ages.

The original production of Avenue ZOO – featuring a guest appearance by Kate Monster, the beloved puppet star of the Tony Award-winning musical AVENUE Q – is running two shows a day on the Asia Plaza stage on weekends through Sunday, Sept. 9 and starting July 5th, Thursdays and Fridays through September. Avenue ZOO is a musical tale in which Kate Monster meets exotic animals and discovers that though they may seem strange and different, they

are not so scary after all.

Animal Tales Extravaganza weekends also include the story time corner, presented by Plum Organics at the zoo's Dancing Crane Pavilion where guests can take a break and read from a wide variety of animal-themed books from Simon & Schuster, Candlewick Press, and Hyperion. Children can then stage their own animal tale with a puppet they create at the Bright Horizons Early Education & Preschools crafts area.

The main stage features something new each weekend in June including:

June 9 and 10 - Barney™ Sing-Along and Magic School Bus®; June 16 and 17 - Super Sprowtz™; and June 30 – Spider-Man takes over the zoo

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On Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, don't miss the sing-along with children's favorite Barney™ the Dinosaur. Ms. Frizzle from Scholastic's Magic School Bus ® will be at the zoo for a special reading on the Asia Plaza stage on Sunday, June 10.

Actor LeVar Burton, host of the Peabody award-winning series Reading Rainbow will make an appearance on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17 for a special storybook reading.

Visit [www.bronxzoo.com](http://www.bronxzoo.com) for more information.

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## City Parks Foundation launches interactive Summer Stage Kids

City Parks Foundation has announced the 2012 launch of SummerStage Kids, New York City's unique, interactive family festival presenting more than 95 free performing arts events at 36 locations citywide. This free festival will run from June 10 to August 22, exposing New York City youth to the world of arts and culture through a vast and diverse collection of engaging entertainment unparalleled by any other festival of its kind in NYC.

The festival will feature artists specializing in dance and include a wide range of music such

as classical, rock, Latin, jazz, and soul. The event will also encompass storytellers, theatre, contemporary circus, juggling, poetry and puppetry. With a focus on international culture, the performances will introduce the city's youth to the diversity of New York City. The series is made possible through the support of Disney.

Disney's support will also be used to help SummerStage Kids host a series of Family Days. These weekend programs take place in the late afternoon and feature music, dance, and spoken word performances for audiences of all ages, with dance classes and craft workshops available. Fam-

ily Days will be held in five locations: Rumsey Playfield in Central Park, St Mary's Park in the Bronx, Springfield Park in Queens, and Herbert Von King Park in Brooklyn and Marcus Garvey Park in Manhattan.

SummerStage Kids is also offering its first ever series of expanded day programs. Families are invited to come early to enjoy a full day of family entertainment, and adults are invited to stay for an evening concert and film.

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ITEM: They were filming a murder in an office on East Tremont Avenue and this column was invited to witness! Wait. It wasn't a real killing.

First of all the killer was a special effects creature and the victim was an actor. It was all in a day's work for the crew of Amuck Duck Films: a dedicated group of creative Bronx people making a new indie horror film called "Krackoon 2".

As you can tell from the title the new film is a direct sequel to their original independent film "Krackoon". That first film was an oddly compelling unnerving cult horror film from director and local resident Jerry Landi about a mutated raccoon on a rampage. The fun continues with bigger budget, more fun, more blood and guts and of course more of that furry little ravenous title star. Jerry runs a happy efficient set. A small group moved with purpose as they redressed a local friend's office to pass as a Nursing Home residence. Most of the crew work triple duty wearing different hats at different times but never getting in each other's way as ringmaster Jerry documents warped monster movie madness onto film.

Here's a sampling of some of the Amuck Duck crew: Sal Amore acts in the film, is first assistant director, grabs locations, casts actors and works out the production schedule which is no easy task since this film requires everyone to participate around the busyness of their own lives and families. Other credits for Sal includes a film with Louis Lombardi called "Doughboy" and also "Nightbird" from director

## rock on the bronx

by Fish Altieri

Damian Chapa. Jerry's good friend John, an important part of the production team, is directing a few scenes in lieu of a future film project he will direct. "Uncle" Mike Sabelli is actor, grip and behind the scenes photographer. Martin Vanihel is actor, production assistant, grip and all around comfortable positive force to have around. Jeff Adorno is cameraman and Jeff Guerrero is second unit cameraman. Kevin Clune is a relaxed young grip who hooked up with the film after a scene was shot in his dad's office. Energetic Lisa Giordano is a production assistant and actress in her own right.

The film again stars young Joe Ferri as the friend of the furry bug eyed title creature. I had just missed Joe's scenes for that day. Marc Makowski is a special effects man with many credits. Marc's friend Julio, a serious artist who lets his creations do all the 'talking' built the amazing Krackoon creatures bringing them to life with classic puppetry and future CGI effects to be inserted later. In fact when I walked in I immediately met the monsters propped up on desk; a row of little Krackoon puppets each one showing a different state of grotesque development.

The crew nicknamed them Leonardo and Gabriella or is that their names in the film? So much was going on I had to just hold on and catch up. I watched in fascination as the team covered the walls, ceilings and floors with plastic in preparation for the special effects

bloodletting about to happen. Marc, enthusiastically with the energy of one who loves making movie magic happen, tested his "arterial spray" contraption that would simulate just one of the imaginative victim dispatches in this heavy body count sequel.

Once the director, cameraman, special effects guy, and actor were all in agreement Jerry respectfully let loose with a "Quiet on set! Sound....action!" Three takes of actor "Little Bob" sitting on a toilet being attacked by the creature from up his back and into his neck were filmed. Each time the blood was quickly cleaned up and "Little Bob" was attacked again by the creature, deftly maneuvered into life by Julio off camera. At first I sensed a general air of quiet disappointment because what everyone thought would be fake blood spewing forth in a fountain of endless red seemed to be just a quick huff of crimson steam BUT when the crew gathered around the monitor for a replay the genius of the effect became clear and the magical eye of the camera caught something that made the crew erupt in applause.

The camera had captured something in glorious splendor that in person the naked eye didn't quite register but will now surely become one of the jump out of your seat moments when "Krackoon 2" is released. Amuck Duck have big plans for the future including more product, opening up a studio and of course providing the jobs that come with that.

The Bronx is alive with talent! More on this film as it progresses. Rock on.

Rock out.

## Pelham Bay Library schedules June events

The Pelham Bay Library, 3060 Middletown Road, will offer the following events:

Friday, June 15, 3 p.m., Sing Along with Robin Bady: Stories and songs to laugh and sing along to. For ages 2 to 6.

Fridays, June 15, June 22 and July 6, 1 p.m.; Wednesday, July 11 and 25, 4 p.m., Tai Chi Easy: Tai

Chi Easy is an exercise program that uses gentle movements, breath exercises, self massage and relaxation techniques to help improve health and decrease stress levels. Open to all ages.

Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m., John Yao Quintet: Asian-American trombonist, composer, arranger John Yao has been an integral member of the Jazz

Latin music scenes. He has played at Carnegie Hall, the Village Vanguard, Birdland, and the Kennedy Center.

Monday, June 25, 4:30 p.m., Wild @the Library: Join Andrew Simmons and his traveling zoo as he introduces you to pythons, alligators, eagles and owls. For ages 12 to 18.

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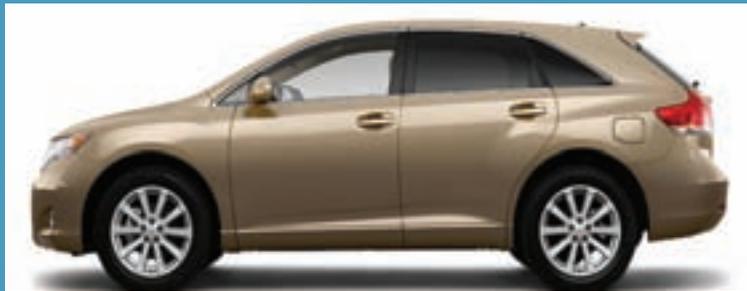









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## Greenmarket returns to NYBG: bringing affordable food products

One of the borough's green treasures just got a little greener - and healthier for local folks.

Greenmarket, the popular farmers market of GrowNYC, returned to The New York Botanical Garden yesterday.

Located at the base of Library Allée inside the Garden's Mosholu Gate entrance every Wednesday, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through Nov. 21st, it's back for the 11th year, bringing affordable, locally grown produce and fresh, nutritious baked goods to the Bronx.

Every third Wednesday, the MetLife Healthy Families Program, through support of MetLife Foundation, will teach visitors how to lead a heart-healthy lifestyle.

"With the return of the Greenmarket to The New York Botanical Garden, vendors from the Hudson Valley region and beyond will offer a wide array of seasonal produce," said Jennifer Rothman, associate vice president for children's

and public education at the Botanical Garden. "The market gives New Yorkers access to fresh, nutritional, and delicious food produced by New York farmers."

Visitors to the Greenmarket can also talk to the farmers to learn more about the nutritional and health benefits of gardening and eating locally.

They can learn how to use produce from the market to make easy, nutritional meals and find out about composting, recycling, growing vegetables, and more at special demonstrations throughout the seasons.

Visitors can also hear "What's in Season" at the market each week by calling (718) 362-9561 and pressing 406#.

Before or after they shop at the Greenmarket, they can enjoy walking tours of the Botanical Garden, either with Garden docents on scheduled tours or with a self-guided walking map.

Overflowing stands of

just-picked, orchard-grown goods, include peaches, pears, apples, raspberries, and cherries; a wide selection of seasonal vegetables, including heirloom tomatoes, corn, squash, eggplant, and assorted greens; fragrant herbs; and sweet cider, honey, and homemade old-fashioned donuts, pies, and breads.

The market accepts food stamps, EBT cards, FMNP/WIC and Senior coupons.

Wednesday's are free admission days to the Garden, allowing visitors to explore the Garden's other offerings such as the ever-changing flowers and plant collections in the award-winning, sustainable Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, Jane Watson Irwin Perennial Garden, and inspiring Home Gardening Center.

Greenmarket is a program of GrowNYC. For more information, visit [nybg.org/greenmarket](http://nybg.org/greenmarket)

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## Outdoor fitness event scheduled for Bronx Terminal Market

On Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., New Yorkers will celebrate the arrival of summer with an exciting outdoor fitness event at Bronx Terminal Market. Join the Bronx YMCA on the Level 6 garage roofdeck for a free 45-minute Zumba class starting at 10 a.m. Bring your friends and family to try Zumba, the exhilarating, easy-to-follow latin dance workout spreading across the nation. Stick around after the class to receive a free Bronx YMCA day pass to their facility in the Castle Hill neighborhood of the Bronx featuring fitness classes, a pool, and kids' day camps.

Also, swing by to meet

Hip-Hop Legend, Grandmaster Mele-Mel. As the host of BronxNet's Grandmaster Fitness, Mele-Mel helps you master your fitness challenge as part of BronxNet's Bronx Strong Fitness campaign inviting locals to forge pathways to health and fitness. The program teaches viewers how to keep their bodies fit through workouts, nutritious eating choices, and euphoria-inducing, fun-filled activities as Mele-Mel talks to fitness experts, celebrities and others who inspire locals to get fit.

In celebration of the special event, Bronx Terminal Market stores — including GNC, Target, Marshalls,

Stechers, Raymour & Flanigan, Applebee's, Home Depot, BJ's, BX Sports, Marisco Centro, Burlington Coat Factory, and more — are offering a wide array of special offers, the latest in affordable activewear, and free prizes.

Event is rain or shine. All activities are free and open to the public. Bronx Terminal Market is located at 610 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY and accessible by public transportation from 149th Street and Grand Concourse or Exit 4 and 5 on the Major Deegan Expressway. More details available at [www.bronxterminalmarket.com](http://www.bronxterminalmarket.com).

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# 4-star general hailed from Van Nest

Forum talk

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I attended the outdoor Memorial Day ceremony at the monument in Van Nest Park dedicated to those who lost their lives serving our country.

It was hosted by the East Bronx History Forum and the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance and was held on the east sidewalk of Unionport Road at Mead Street.

As I stood there, I recalled that it was right near the home of a four-star general. James F. Collins was raised at 1820 Unionport Road.

He was born of native Irish parents on September 2, 1905 and attended P.S. 34 from 1911 to 1919 before going on to Regis High School. Thereafter he received an appointment to the West Point Military Academy from which he graduated and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1927.

Collins was assigned to Field Artillery and served in the Hawaiian Division

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

before and during the Second World War.

He fought in the Papua New Guinea campaign where he led American and Australian forces in ousting the Japanese from New Guinea.

He also fought at Luzon in the Philippines and even after the war he continued to command the artillery in the Philippines and at Japan.

It's well to note that he was promoted to Brigadier General as the war drew to a close in 1945. The following year he was assigned to the National War College where in 1950 he would join their faculty.

His next command was heading up our forces in Alaska from 1954 to 1956. Thereafter he led the Second Infantry Division

which had included South Korean troops until being deactivated.

The Pentagon then assigned him as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel under Assistant Secretary of Defense Herbert F. York from 1958 to 1961.

It was on April 1st of that latter year that President John F. Kennedy promoted him to Four-star General, the 54th person to hold that rank. Collins was serving as Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Army Pacific at the time. He retired in March of 1964.

The following month he was named president of the American Red Cross where he set about enhancing their services to our military in Vietnam. He increased services to civilians, but among his prime



Four-star General James F. Collins hailed from Unionport Road.

concerns were blood donations and its availability to our injured troops. He retired from the Red Cross on September 30, 1970.

He married Marian A. McLaughlin in 1932. She passed away on April 13, 1986 and is buried with the

General in Section 2 of Arlington National Cemetery. General James F. Collins, the pride of the Bronx, died on January 22, 1989 of prostate cancer. He was 83 years old and is survived by his daughter and grandchildren.

The East Bronx History Forum will dedicate its final meeting of the season to a "Show and Tell" night on Wednesday, June 20. Members and their guests are invited to bring in an object or two from around their house or garage that is either historical or odd. It could be something old or just something that they have no idea what it is or was used for.

Let the local historians help you solve that enigma and figure it out or perhaps learn something new from you.

Please let the Forum secretary, Tom Casey, know that you will be participating so he can set up the order of presentations to avoid confusion and to keep the meeting moving apace. Also bring an index card with your name on it so that the items can be displayed and identified. Tom may be contacted at Thomasxcasey@yahoo.com.

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"I would never draft a high school player in hopes to sign him if I didn't think he could play in the major leagues. This kid [Andrew Velazquez] has skills present day that play in the major leagues now."

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

# It makes me proud

I'm proud to say I've known Peter Quillin since he appeared, in a four rounder, on a John Duddy St. Patrick's Day card at the Garden. Quillin (27-0, 20KO) has matured, improved his skills and become a force, within the Middleweight boxing division, with whom to be reckoned.

He won his match with Winky Wright handily (97-92, 98-91, 98-91). But it was the way he allowed Wright to finish on his feet (51-6-1, 25KO) when he had Wright rocked in the ninth that impressed me the most. Quillin was aware that this ex-World Champ had never been KO'd.

### I Vote NO About Instant Replay

It's pretty much a given that the quality of play among today's Major Leaguers is not as high as it once was because the number of Major League teams has increased and the player-selection pools are smaller. Likewise, the prospective umpire pools have gotten smaller.

So, don't be so quick to jump on the instant replay bandwagon.

Initiation of instant replays will eliminate the human factor from baseball to a large degree. The game will become sterile, shiny, and glimmer like stainless steel. It's the human factor that allows fans to be able to argue over interpretations

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# Errors sink Rams in intersectional finals

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Mistakes Fordham Prep didn't make all season came out Friday night – most of them in the first inning.

Misplayed bunts, errors and mental miscues marked a disappointing loss for the fourth-seeded Rams in a 9-2 loss to No. 6 Iona Prep in the CHSAA Class AA baseball intersectional finals at St. John's University.

"We came out tentative," Fordham star Andrew Velazquez said. "You could feel it. We didn't bounce back from those errors."

The first five batters reached base for Iona Prep (18-6) in the first inning and all five of them scored. Dan Fischer led off with a bunt single that Fordham starter Steve Fondu threw away. Jack McDermott reached on another bunt. Pat Decea had an RBI single and Sam Garito had another bunt single.

It all added up to a nightmarish first inning for the Rams (16-9) and Fondu, who had been so effective during the playoffs.

"I guess people got caught up in the moment, got a little scared in the beginning," Velazquez said.

Fordham really never recovered. The Rams had multiple opportunities, but never cashed in. Most of those chances were nullified by multiple double plays turned by Iona Prep shortstop Vinny DeMaria. Robbie Lynch and Zach Leone

grounded into 6-4-3 double plays in the second and fourth innings, respectively. Then Paul Pache and Ryan Mahoney lined into doubles plays in the fifth and sixth.

Iona Prep starter Tim McCarthy ended up going the entire way, giving up two runs and scattering eight hits.

"He was smarter than he was in the last game," Fordham coach Pat Deane said of McCarthy.

Fordham scratched across a run in the first on Leone's sacrifice fly that scored Velazquez. Jack Becker, the ace pitcher who has missed the entire season with an arm injury, came up with an RBI single in a feel-good moment.

But those were few and far between for Fordham Prep, which had to win Friday night and then again Sunday to take home the crown in the league's double-elimination format. The Rams did just that three years ago when they won the title by beating Archbishop Stepinac.

It was still an excellent season for the Bronx school. Fordham Prep won the CHSAA Bronx/Westchester division and advanced all the way to the finals. Velazquez became the first-ever athlete taken from the school in the MLB First-Year Player Draft when he went in the seventh round to the Diamondbacks.

It just wasn't quite the ending the Rams wanted.

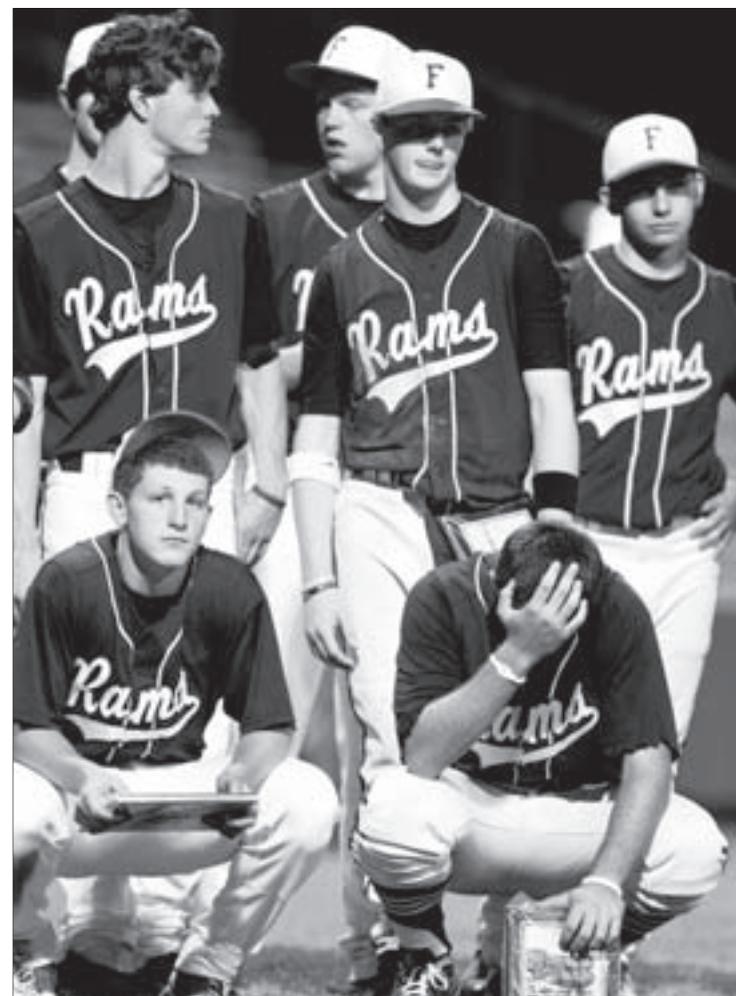


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Fordham Prep players upset after loss to Iona Prep.

# SUNY Maritime football releases 2012 schedule

Maritime College football head coach Clayton Kendrick-Holmes released the schedule for the upcoming 2012 Privateer football season. It will be the seventh year that the program will be playing a full slate of games since rejoining the NCAA Division III back in the 2006 season.

"We have a challenging schedule ahead of us for 2012, which we are very excited about," said Kendrick-Holmes. "We graduated a good number of key players last year, but this year we have our largest class of seniors and we should have great leadership and drive to continue our recent success."

The schedule will once again

feature 10 games – three non-conference contests to go along with seven games against Eastern Collegiate Football Conference (ECFC) opponents. There is an even split of five home games and five away games. All home games will be played at Reinhart Field right here on the SUNY Maritime campus. The squad will be looking to continue its winning ways and build upon the 8-2 (7-1 ECFC) record achieved in 2011.

"For each home game this year we will have great game day events for students, staff, the local community and fans of both teams," said Kendrick-Holmes. Follow this link to view the entire schedule, including the spe-

cial events for all home games in Throggs Neck.

All of the action in 2012 will get underway in just over three months time, when the Privateers open the season under the lights at Reinhart Field in the Chowder Bowl against rival Massachusetts Maritime on Friday night, September 7, at 7 p.m. The following week, Maritime will travel just across the East River to Great Neck, Long Island, to face arch-rival Kings Point in the "Seafaring Scuffle" at the Mariners' Tomb Field on Saturday, September 15 at 2:30 p.m.

"We are excited to have the Chowder Bowl back on the schedule after a one-year hiatus," commented Kendrick-Holmes. "The

rivalry games, both with Mass. Maritime and Kings Point, are always closely contested, often times coming down to the wire. Hopefully, we can meet the challenge of staying on top of our industry rivals."

Maritime will play its first ECFC game of the season during the third week, when the squad will travel up to Castleton, Vt., on Sept. 22 to take on the Spartans of Castleton St. The Privateers then return home for their Homecoming Game on Saturday, September 29 at 2 p.m., squaring off against a new opponent, William Paterson of the New Jersey Athletic Conference. The campus community will

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# DANDY ANDY!

## Fordham star describes how it feels to be drafted

BY ANDREW VELAZQUEZ

Every other week this spring season, Andrew Velazquez will take us inside the Fordham Prep baseball team. In his exclusive diary on NYPost.com, the Virginia Tech-bound shortstop will give us an inside look at the Rams' quest to win a CHSAA Class AA inter-sectional title and his preparation for the MLB First-Year Player Draft.

What can I say? No words can describe this feeling, but I'll do my best. First off, it all started when I was just a baby. My first word was "ball." It took off from there. Countless ground balls and swings later, I found myself watching the MLB draft tracker live on a friend's phone while on my way to a semifinal game against St. Joseph by the Sea with a chance to go to the city championship.

In the weeks leading up to the draft I was well aware that not many teams were after me. There was this one team though: the Arizona Diamondbacks. After seeing me a year ago at an Area Codes Games tryout, they be-

came interested and saw me a few times in the summer and during the high school season. When the draft was approaching, I had many discussions with the Diamondbacks as to where I should expect to be taken by them and how much they were willing to offer. I was expecting somewhere in the 5-10 round range, so as one can imagine when the fifth round came around I started becoming anxious, nervous, excited, etc., all at the same time.

Watching live on a friend's phone as the draft entered the seventh round and the Diamondbacks were only a few picks away, my phone began to ring. It was my parents calling to let me know that Arizona had called and were going to be taking me with the next pick. This made me very anxious and in the picks leading up to theirs I was still tentative to celebrate until I saw my name pop up on that screen. My teammate, Steven Fondu, announced, "and the Diamondbacks are on the clock!" My heart began to race like crazy. In the next coming

moments my teammates mobbed me as if we had just won the city championship. Had to be one of the best moments of my life.

To go in the top 10 rounds to a team that has shown the same amount of love that I found when picking schools in Virginia Tech was something that made that moment that much better. To know that there were people who believed in the way I play and the future that I can have in the game that I love left me speechless. To this day it's slowly sinking in and I look forward to hopefully reporting to Arizona sometime soon to prove my worth.

Being drafted was a culmination of all the hard work and sacrifice I put in throughout the past few years. From learning how to switch hit, to making the transfer from center field to shortstop. There were plenty of ups and downs, but the end result has turned out to be a new beginning and great opportunity in my life. It's funny how your life can change in an instant.

A few things that stood

out to me were facts like being the first player ever drafted out of Fordham Prep by MLB. That's pretty amazing in itself. Also, to be the first in the city to be drafted this year with all of the tremendous talent. Kids I grew up playing baseball with like Fernelys Sanchez and Nelson Rodriguez are amazing players who were steal picks for the teams who took them when they did. We grew up messing around about playing either with or against each other in college and in the pros and now that it can be a reality is pretty surreal.

It's truly a blessing to be given the opportunity to chase your dream. By no means will it be an easy task, but I'm positive that we're up for the task at hand and have trained long and hard for this opportunity. Now it's time to make our marks in the history books.

This week just keeps getting better as we get to play in a championship against our rivals, the Iona Prep Gaels. It's only fitting that we end the season with the team we started off with. Between the

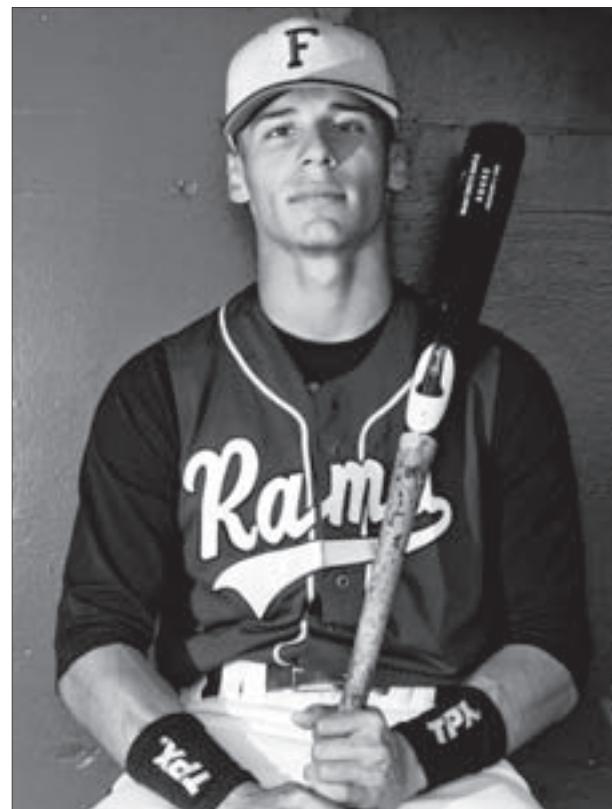


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Fordham Prep's Andrew Velazquez discusses being drafted and the upcoming CHSAA Class AA finals.

way our lineup has been hitting and the pitching with "Mac & Cheese" (Steven Fondu & Sean McNamara) and A.J. Pinto, I see no reason why we can't bring the trophy back to Fordham. As a team we are jelling and coming together at the right time. Ei-

ther way it was a memorable senior season set up perfectly for a fairy tale ending.

Only time can tell how it will end, it's in our hands now.

This is Andrew Velazquez's final diary.

## Fordham Prep star is highest CHSAA baseball draft pick in decade

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Andrew Velazquez was on the Fordham Prep bus with his teammates when his phone rang. It was his father, Kenny.

"They called," Kenny told him.

Velazquez knew exactly what that meant. He just wasn't fully confident until he saw it in writing. Seconds later, he did - watching a MLB First-Year Player Draft tracker on teammate Steve Fondu's smart phone.

Velazquez, the Fordham Prep senior, was taken in the seventh round (243rd overall) by the Diamondbacks. Then the celebration commenced, the Rams all but tackling him.

"We were shaking the bus," Velazquez said with a laugh.

The speedy, 5-foot-8 shortstop was the first high school player from New York City taken this year and

the highest CHSAA player picked directly out of high school since Xaverian's Danny Christensen, who went in the fourth round in 2002. Velazquez is also the first-ever player selected from Fordham Prep.

"I came in trying to make my mark in high school," he said. "Today I think basically was the peak of my high school career. I think I made my mark here."

Velazquez is committed to play college baseball at Virginia Tech, but there seems to be a very good chance of him signing with the Diamondbacks. Normally, pro organizations don't draft a high school player this high unless they're sure they can come to an agreement on a contract - especially this year with the new collective bargaining agreement and a cap on money determined by round.

"At this point, I think me

and the Diamondbacks are on the same page," Velazquez said. "We've been talking about money for awhile now. It shouldn't be any hard negotiation, but we'll see. If not, I'll go to Virginia tech. But at this moment, I'm optimistic."

Added Kenny: "That's up to Andrew. It's his life, it's his money, it's his dream. We'll see what he wants to do. He worked hard for it."

While other teams took a look, Arizona was the main team interested in Velazquez. Area scout Todd Donovan saw him last year at an Area Codes game tryout and has followed him since then, including this past summer with the nationally ranked Marucci Elite (La.) travel team. Velazquez knew all along that he'd be going to the Diamondbacks, it was just a question of what round.

"This guy saw something, he believes in him,

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Photo by Denis Gostev

Fordham Prep's Andrew Velazquez was selected in the seventh round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft by the Diamondbacks.

# Hoops stars lead Kennedy to inaugural PSAL flag football title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Lashauna Phinazee was limping as much as her Kennedy team in the closing minutes. The Knights star, who also plays basketball at the school, tweaked an already nagging ankle and was helped to the sideline after a Fort Hamilton interception in the end zone.

"It was like my ankle was about to fall off, I swear," Phinazee said. "I thought I wasn't going to get back in the game. Thought it was over for me."

She missed only a few plays, came back but was unable to get to Rigopoulos Nasopoulos in time to stop her from catching a Virginia Mancuso pass that gave the Tigers the lead with 57 seconds remaining.

Phinazee made sure that advantage didn't last long.

On Kennedy's following play from scrimmage, she caught a 35-yard touchdown from close friend Deaisia Acklin to put the third-seeded Knights up

for good in a 46-40 victory against No. 1 Fort Hamilton in the first-ever PSAL girls flag football championship game Wednesday at Mott Haven in The Bronx. The game is played on a 40-yard field with no offensive line.

"I just knew I had to get it," said Phinazee, who also batted down Fort Hamilton's final pass attempt. "If I didn't, I felt it would be over."

It was the fourth time the pair, who have known each other since they were 7, connected for a score. Phinazee (six catches, 82 yards) credited Acklin, who also ran for two touchdowns, for getting the ball to her in that spot. It was a bit of a broken play as Phinazee moved from the middle to the open sideline. Acklin completed 14-of-23 passes for 162 yards and five touchdowns and ran for 141 yards and two scores for Kennedy (12-0).

"If the pass is on target I know she is going to catch it," Acklin said.

They and fellow basket-

ball star Joya McFarland, who had a big pass break up early in the second half, were a big part of Kennedy's unbeaten season. They joined just to have something to do after basketball season ended. McFarland kept telling Phinazee she's "the best" after the game. The Knights lost to McKee/Staten Island Tech in the Class AA hoops quarterfinals. Treanda Foster, another basketball player, had a touchdown grab for Kennedy, which led by as much as 12 in the second half.

"During basketball season the camaraderie has to be there," Knights coach Rafael Vallejo said. "When they came out to the field you could tell they were helping each other."

Fort Hamilton (11-1) felt the momentum had swung back in its favor after Nasopoulos' interception and touchdown gave them a 40-38 lead with less than a minute to play. Daniella Zamora had a great leaping 35-yard TD grab right before the half to put her team up 21-19 at the break. Mancuso completed 14-for-23 for 171 yards. The Tigers had one final drive in the closing seconds, but penalties and incomplete passes kept them out of the end zone.

"She is a very special kid," Fort Hamilton coach Richard Sherry said of Nasopoulos. "She's been doing it all year."

He believes the sport is only going to grow as 250 girls tried out for his team, some leaving other sports to do so. The PSAL featured 29 teams in their first season. It's given those who don't play other sports a team to join and kids who are already athletes another outlet for their talents. Kennedy was honored to win the first time, but knows it's not the last.

"I wish they would have made it freshmen year, I would have stopped playing basketball," Phinazee joked. "We just know this sport is going to be big. Girls basketball started somewhere.

DeMaria Sr. helped Iona Prep (18-6) out of its own bind. The team forgot its batting helmets back



Photo by Denis Gostev

Iona Prep coach Fred Gallo gets Gatorade shower as his team sends him out a champion.

## Championship send-off: Iona Prep wins title in legendary coach's final game

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Vinny DeMaria's father, Vinny Sr., played on Fred Gallo's first baseball team at Iona Prep, back in 1983. So getting the legendary coach his second – and final championship – was paramount for the senior shortstop.

"It's special, because it's his last year," DeMaria said.

Gallo, the Hall of Fame head man, announced his retirement last week and last night his team sent him out a champion.

Sixth-seeded Iona Prep defeated No. 4 Fordham Prep, 9-2, in the CHSAA Class AA inter-sectional baseball title game at St. John's University. And both DeMaria's – father and son – had a hand in the victory.

DeMaria Jr. went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI and also turned four double plays, bailing Temple-bound ace Tim McCarthy out of jams. Two of those twin killings were on line outs with DeMaria catching runners off first base in the fifth and sixth.

DeMaria Sr. helped Iona Prep (18-6) out of its own bind. The team forgot its batting helmets back

at school and, after using Fordham Prep's helmets in the first inning, DeMaria Sr., pulled a bag of them out of his trunk. He's the coach at Woodlands HS in Westchester.

"My full circle started with a DeMaria and ended with a DeMaria," Gallo said.

Ironically, Iona Prep did most of its damage in the first inning with Fordham's helmets. The Gaels battered Rams starter Steve Fondu for five runs in the initial frame, giving McCarthy some breathing room.

"We said from now on, we're taking other people's helmets," DeMaria said with a laugh.

McCarthy, a 6-foot-7 right-hander who also won a Class A title with the Iona boys basketball team, gave up just two runs on eight hits with four strikeouts. Gallo and McCarthy met in an embrace afterward.

"Nothing like going out on top," McCarthy said of his coach.

Normally, McCarthy gets little run support – Iona Prep is not known for its offense. He lost to Fordham Prep (16-9), 9-1, in a Bronx/Westchester first-place tie-

breaker game two weeks ago, which sent Iona to a longer playoff path.

"I was afraid Timmy McCarthy wouldn't be able to pitch with a lead," Gallo joked.

After 30 years, it's that rapport with players that the 71-year-old Gallo will long for in the future, not so much the trophies and the victories.

"You know what you miss?" Gallo said. "You miss the camaraderie with the kids. ... I never worried about games and wins."

Iona Prep, which won six straight games in the postseason, tacked on two more runs in the third on RBIs by Christian Berg and Cody Polchinski and Berg had another RBI in the fifth when the Gaels extended their lead to 9-2.

A light-hitting team all year, this was the perfect time to break out. It was all for Gallo, who retires with a 543-263 record, nine division titles and four Archdiocesan crowns.

And now one more city championship.

"I will never lose another baseball game," Gallo said. "It's a great way to go out."



Photo by Robert Cole

Lashauna Phinazee leaves defender on ground on her way to winning score for Kennedy.

# Victoriano, South Bronx win first PSAL 'B' title

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Jesse Orosco, it wasn't. After striking out Radisson Moronto to win South Bronx the PSAL Class B baseball title, Kevin Victoriano flung his glove in the air behind his head, wildly waved his arms to the sky as he hopped to the side of the mound and slid down to two knees, similar to the Mets reliever after the 1986 World Series. Before he knew it he was engulfed in a dog pile by ecstatic teammates.

Victoriano drove in a run and struck out 11 in a two-hit, complete-game performance to lead No. 1 South Bronx past third-seeded Queens Vocational, 2-1, on Friday at MCU Park in Coney Island and complete a perfect 21-0 season.

He started out on fire, striking out the first four batters he faced. Victoriano overpowered the Tigers (19-2) with his fastball and when they tried to start their swings early, he dropped in a nasty breaking ball.

Queens Vocational did a get a run off him in the sixth after Jose Monegro led off with a double to the wall in left field, by far the hardest hit ball off of Victoriano. After walking Diony Perez – his lone free pass of the afternoon – he struck out

Bryant Cartagena and Daniel Corona to escape further damage. And he set down the side in order in the seventh, blowing a high fastball past Moronta to clinch the crown and cap is economical 83-pitch gem.

"Kevin is our horse," Colon said. "We relied on him from beginning to end."

It was only fitting Victoriano and teammate Danny Baez keyed the victory, driving in the Phoenix's lone runs in the third. The two were the leftovers from last year's South Bronx (21-0) team, which became Mott Haven when several schools inside South Bronx Campus moved over to the new Mott Haven Campus as part of a restructuring.

Victoriano and Baez were called upon to lead this new group full of junior varsity call-ups or players previously cut. The two were disappointed they didn't get to join their old teammates at Mott Haven, but made a pledge to each other to make the best out of a tough situation.

When it was all over, after Victoriano's odd celebration, the two SUNY Westbury-bound teammates found each other in a warm embrace on the bottom of the pileup.

# Pipe Dreams: I vote 'no' on instant replay

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among themselves (I STILL think Jackie Robinson was out when he tried to steal home in the World Series but was tagged by Yogi Berra),

Bruce Jenkins (SF Chronicle) disagreed and said, "Umpires will lose quite a bit of authority. But they have lost the right - through sheer incompetence - to keep the traditional system. Technology is worthless if you don't put it in play."

I figure there were an average of 260 pitches to be called per game; plus 51 putouts called in a game; figure 310 times 162 games per season; times 14.5 teams= almost 3/4 of a million umpire calls.

Umpires DO matter, need to be in charge, and be the live arbiters.

## Another Annoying Thing

When I read or hear a recap about a pitcher's no hitter and the reporter refers to it as a "no-no," it makes me shudder as though I just heard nails scraping across a blackboard. It isn't cute or hip.

## Rogue Ump

Joe Girardi is playing down Russell Martin's trip to the AL office to talk about the back-and-forth he had with umpire Laz Diaz. Diaz might have just had a bad day before coming to the park because after Martin complained about some balls and strikes calls, Diaz refused

to allow Martin to throw replacement balls back to the pitcher, saying that Martin had to EARN (?) that privilege. The league might have their eyes on Diaz to see if there's a repeat.

## I Feel A Draft

There are 40 rounds in this year's amateur draft for MLB. At the max, it could mean that 1200 players could be chosen. You might have to find a new newspaper delivery person. Steve Rosenbloom (ChiTrib) wrote in his "Rosenblog", "That the amateur draft will continue, I believe, until every graduating high school student in America is selected." Former ChiSox GM, Ron Schuler, drafted his daughter in the 43rd round of the 1993 draft.

## What A Difference An "A" Makes

It didn't seem too long after Osi Umenyiora parted ways with his agent Tony Agnone that the Giants announced that Osi's contract was "restructured." Umenyiora said he wasn't going to sign on with another agent for now. We might see Agnone return at the end of next season when Osi's interim deal expires.

## NBA Draft

Brad Dickson (Omaha World-Herald) comment about this year's NBA draft lottery, "As usual Kim Kardashian got first pick."

## Local Amateur Draft

It's always near impossible to predict where these players will be in four years.

At first look, I'd give the Mets a C+ by picking Gavin Cecchini (shortstop) as # 1 and Kevin Plawewcki (catcher). The Yankees get a B from me for picking Ty Hensley (right handed P) as #1; Austin Aune (cf) and Peter O'Brien (catcher) in the 2nd round.

## Start Me Up

Scott Ostler (SF Chronicle) wrote, "The Warriors took about a week to identify a new arena site, make plans and announce their intent. Meanwhile, Bud Selig's blue-ribbon committee is making plans to celebrate its fourth season of dithering.

-- That blue-ribbon committee has been around longer than the Rolling Stones." Scott also wrote: "If you are a person who whines, 'C'mon, refs, let the players decide the game,' next time you are the victim of a crime, don't call the cops, work it out with the criminal."

## A Crisis In Waiting

The Sports Curmudgeon looked at the upcoming NHL talks with doubts, "Well, you do have to consider that the NHLPA has a new leader. Donald Fehr is now in charge there and Donald Fehr has a history of work stoppages and obstructionism that goes along with any and all of the benefits that he has accrued for players in unions under

his direction. Moreover, Donald Fehr has an ego-bruise that he needs to soothe. When last we saw Donald Fehr in a "starring role" he was sitting in a Congressional hearing room being dressed down like an impudent schoolboy by a bunch of Congressthings over his obstructionism regarding steroid testing in MLB. He has a need to remind folks that he is indeed the "smartest guy in the room" Remember you read it here second!

## Mutt-check Time

Dwight Perry (Seattle Times) wrote, "A veterinarian told CBS he's spotted golf balls, fish hooks, needles and toys when X-raying a dog's stomach. 'They've pretty much seen it all,' noted Cam Hutchinson of the Saskatoon Express, '... well, except homework.'"

## How Fitting

Dwight remarked that the Charlotte Bobcats, "After posting the worst winning percentage in NBA history- couldn't win the draft lottery, either." Dwight passed this along from Brad Dickson (Omaha Neb. World-Herald), on Barry Bonds' desire to work for the Giants in some capacity: "Baseball executives said Bonds will be welcomed back with open arms, just as soon as the commissioner can find jobs for the 1919 Chicago Black Sox."

# Fordham Prep baseball star drafted

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the Diamondbacks believe in him," Kenny said.

Other scouts were turned off by Velazquez's lack of size. That was never something Donovan worried about. After telling the Diamondbacks about all of Velazquez's skills, Donovan said, they didn't care at all about his height.

"The five tools in baseball are field, throw, hit, hit for power and run," Donovan said. "Size is not listed in there and it hasn't been since the game originated one hundred some years ago. Andrew is a shortstop. We believe Andrew has the tool set, the mindset, the reactions to stay there long term."

Velazquez's fluidity in the field, speed and love for the game, Donovan said, is what attracted him initially. His power and hitting ability are extra for the Diamondbacks. Donovan says Velazquez has "the pace of a professional" and "not a lot of panic in his game."

"I would never draft a high school player in hopes to sign him if I didn't think he could play in the major leagues," the scout said. "This kid has skills present day that play in the major leagues now. He is very far from the major leagues. He has a long way to go. Our job is to project."

Fordham Prep coach Pat Deane believes that any

knock on his star player due to size is silly. Velazquez, he says, is a five-tool prospect.

"Speed never slumps," Deane said. "You might have a bad day at the plate, a bad day defensively, but you're always going to be able to run. His speed separated him from a lot of people. His arm strength, his range at short. The fact that he can drop a bunt down the first-base line and park one in right field."

Fordham's championship round elimination game against St. Joseph by the Sea was postponed due to inclement weather. The teams will meet Wednesday at St. John's University for the right to go to the championship against Iona Prep.

# SUNY Maritime releases schedule

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welcome back alumni – both new and old – and their family members for what is sure to be a great weekend of festivities.

From there, it will be all conference games to finish out the regular season, beginning with a home contest against Becker on October 6 at 1 p.m. The Privateers are then on the road for two consecutive weeks, travelling up to Massachusetts both weekends to take on Anna Maria (October 13) and Mount Ida (October 20). Maritime will come back to Reinhart Field and welcome in Husson on October 27 at 1 p.m., before hitting the road again for its second trip to Vermont of the

season to take on reigning ECFC Champion Norwich. The Privateers' 2012 regular season will come to an end on Saturday, November 10 at 1 p.m. where the team will pay tribute to its seniors with a special ceremony prior to kickoff.

Maritime has a combined 31-11 record against its 2012 opponents, with only one team holding a series advantage over the Privateers (Norwich). The Privateers and Cadets have been first and second in the ECFC standings for the past two seasons and each of the two meetings were the "de facto" ECFC Championship games. Norwich is also the only team that Maritime

has yet to defeat on the road, a task that will present itself this season.

Each of the conference opponents present obstacles for the Privateers – Castleton and Anna Maria are both in their fourth seasons with a great number of seniors that have a lot of playing time under their belts; Mount Ida has an even record of 3-3 against Maritime and the Privateers have only beat the Mustangs once on the road; Becker and Husson will come into town looking for revenge over defeats the past two seasons; and Gallaudet is always a season-ending battle, with the two teams alternating wins since the series started in 2007.



Photo courtesy of Cardinal Spellman High School

Seniors who received awards, some of the more than 275 Spellman student athletes honored at the Block "S" Sports Award Dinner.

# Block 'S' Dinner honors Spellman athletes

Cardinal Spellman High School recognized the contributions of over 275 student athletes at the Block "S" awards dinner held at the school on Saturday, May 12. president of Cardinal Spellman, Rev. Trevor Nichols, and Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, principal, welcomed everyone in attendance, and acknowledged the dedication, competence, and loyalty of the Spellman coaches and moderators. O'Keefe commented on the value of teamwork, leadership, and determination as valuable elements of success in later years. Jane Morris and Fred Oppen, athletic directors, praised athletes and coaches for their strong sense of commitment.

The evening included the induction into the Spellman Hall of Fame of two longtime faculty members, om Cabrera and Jeri

Faulkner. Faulkner, Dean of Students and Science teacher, has coached girls' varsity volleyball for the past 30 years at the school. She is also a Spellman graduate. Tom Cabrera, a Health and Physical Education teacher, has been boys' varsity soccer coach for 25 years, and since 1995 has coached boys' varsity volleyball. He also served as an assistant track coach for many years. Both of these inductees have acted as teachers, role-models, and mentors to countless students.

The night also featured the presentation of the Schiazza "S", which is given to students who have received eight or more varsity letters over their four year high school career. It is named in honor of the late Salvatore Schiazza, who served at the school as Athletic Director, Moderator of the Alumni

Association and member of the Board of Trustees. Seniors Victoria and Christine Quinones, Robert Biolsi, and Jurgen Kurti were recipients of the 2012 Schiazza "S". Also presented with the Schiazza "S" were John and Bernadette O'Hara, in recognition of their outstanding dedication to Cardinal Spellman High School athletics through the years.

Scholar-Athletes, recognized for their excellence in both athletics and academics, were Matthew O'Hara and Amanda Butler. Amanda will attend Manhattan College in the fall, while Matthew is heading to Iona. Athletes of the Year were Germain Ngaba and Victoria Quinones. The following received the Most Valuable Player award in their respective sports: Baseball: Danny Panissidi and Christopher

Sholkoff; Boys' Basketball: Matt Kerrigan; Girls' Basketball: Onia Webb; Bowling: Dominick Giannotto; Football: Brandon Miller; Boys' Soccer: Corey Allen; Girls' Soccer: Taylor Addison; Cheerleading: Chel-

sea Hagans; Softball: Tiffany Rondon; Boys' Indoor Track: Lamar Gillespie; Boys' Outdoor Track: Raymond Arno; Girls' Indoor Track: Luana Bowers; Girls' Outdoor Track: Nikiya Harris; Boys' Cross-Country:

Luther Gillespie; Girls' Cross-Country: Kathleen Duffy; Boys' Volleyball: Jurgen Kurti; Girls' Volleyball: Jessica Ricciardi, Kerri Connelly, and Amanda Butler; and Lacrosse: Germain Ngaba.

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# MTA beats on fare beaters

BY DAVID CRUZ

Fare beaters beware - the MTA is coming after you!

The agency is re-doubling its efforts in nailing illegal riders who slip in through the back doors of buses to avoid paying.

But first the agency said it needs to see how bad the problem is so it can develop a "plan of action."

"We are now in the process of gathering a complete and accurate account of this problem," said Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokeswoman Deidre Parker.

The latest initiative comes amid published reports that the Bx19 bus, running from Harlem to the New York Botanical Garden, sees a high number of violators who scoff at paying for \$2.25 fare.

With 6.2 million riders across the city, the cash-strapped MTA estimates it loses about \$14 million annually in lost fares.

Details on the crack-down are being worked out, according to the MTA.

For now, there are several initiatives in place for keeping the trend at bay. NYPD Chief of Transit Joseph Fox said "EAGLE Teams" are regularly assigned to the Bx12 Special Bus Service, conducting surprise checks, asking riders to see the ticket receipts they're supposed get before boarding. They face a \$100 fare beating fine.

Pelham Parkway rider John Wohlberg has witnessed plenty of those shenanigans on the Bx12 SBS, which runs from Pelham Bay to Manhattan's Inwood.

"They should be given a summons and pay," is Wohlberg's solution.

But enforcing the problem is a losing game for bus drivers, according to TWU spokesman Jim Gannon.

"The protocol for fare-beaters is to diplomatically tell the person that they have not paid the fare," said

Gannon. "If the person still refuses, the driver is to allow the person on without confronting them."

Gannon also said that while there is a protocol for dealing with fare beaters boarding the front of the bus, there is none for those who enter in the rear. Another problem, he said, is that many drivers simply do not want to confront fare beaters.

"Fare disputes are the cause of many assaults," he said, citing incidents of verbal, spitting and physical abuse.

One such case happened to Bronx bus driver Lisa Clark, who was viciously spat by a pair of fare-dodgers while heading from Webster Avenue to Fordham Plaza last year. The couple fled.

Clark now carries pepper-spray.

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Photo by David Cruz

Residents of 2400 Webb Avenue share their tales of woe to city officials at special get-together in Kingsbridge.

## Webb Ave. landlord still demands rent

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Many suspect Goldfarb deliberately removed the fire escapes to force longterm tenants out - a move tenant Yvonne Tyson equated to "pre-meditated murder".

At an informational get-together with various city agencies on Tuesday evening, tenants blasted the Department of Buildings for allowing work that ultimately caused the removal of fire escapes at the 75-unit building before the city moved in three weeks later and ordered tenants evacuated.

Donald Ranshte with the Department of Buildings said much of the delay rests on the agency's probe and building new steel fire escapes.

"They have to be tailor made," said Councilman

Fernando Cabrera, who hosted the meeting.

Cruz and other tenants were outraged FDNY didn't keep a sharp eye for the lack of fire escapes.

"Nobody reported anything to us," said FDNY Borough Command Chief Kevin Butler.

The tenant troubles started back in late April when landlord Goldfarb Properties began exterior renovations. Engineer Roland Draper was issued a DOB permit but also filed paperwork to remove every fire escape in the six-story building.

But even as the paperwork went through the system, the DOB said Draper removed the fire escapes anyway.

Tenants were left to live in the deathtrap for weeks until the Department of Buildings caught wind of

the situation through the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development. DOB officials soon issued a vacate order, alerting the FDNY to move tenants out June 4.

The fire escape fiasco has affected everyone from a 92-year old tenant to building super Mehmet Mavras, who says he was fired for trying to report the situation to the city.

"They knew what they were doing," insisted Mavras.

As the city continues its probe against Goldfarb, tenants are preparing a class action lawsuit against the company.

For now, tenants have filled out rent reduction forms based on decreased services.

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## City Park's summer program starts July 2

Wondering what to do with youngster out of school over the summer months?

Here's the perfect solution. The City Parks Foundation will kick off its 2012 Summer Sports Program for young people in the Bronx next month.

Starting July 2 and throughout the summer, City Parks provides over 13,000 City children free tennis, golf, and track and field instruction including free use of equipment in over 60 locations citywide, including ten in the Bronx.

It will run the borough programs in Williamsbridge Oval, Woodlawn Park, Haffen Park, St. James Park, Van Cortlandt Park, St. Mary's Park, Mill Pond, Pelham Bay Park, Macombs Dam, and Soundview Park.

CityParks Tennis presented by Chase provides free tennis lessons to children, ages five to 16, in more

than 35 parks throughout the five boroughs.

CityParks Tennis runs through August 10th and concludes with an exciting tournament for beginners held at the Central Park Tennis Center and the JP Morgan Chase Aces Tournament for intermediates held at Flushing Meadows Tennis Center in mid-August.

CityParks Golf presented by René Lacoste Foundation makes it fun and easy for boys and girls, ages six to 16, to learn to play golf.

The free golf lessons, and use of equipment, held in public parks and on city-wide courses, are for kids of all skill levels.

The program gives kids a chance to improve their skills and ultimately try out for the CityParks Intermediate Program and Junior Golf Academy-specialized programs for dedicated young golfers avail-

able at the CityParks Junior Golf Center in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

CityParks Golf will be held in two sessions, running from July 2nd through July 26th and from July 30th through August 23rd.

CityParks Track & Field teaches kids ages five to 16 the basics of the sport, from hurdles and relay races, to long jump, shot put and javelin throw. Youngsters will display the basic skills at the end of the season at an organized track meet Aug. 9 at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island.

For more information and a full list of City Parks Foundation's 2012 kids programs, go to [www.CityParksFoundation.org](http://www.CityParksFoundation.org).

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## YMCA leads Zumba line at Bronx Mall

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the Bronx YMCA will give out day passes to its Castle Hill facility.

Participants will already be getting a preliminary workout to get to the class - hiking up six flights of stairs to get to the Level 6

garage roofdeck of the mall at 610 Exterior Street.

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## City proposes roof farm in Hunts Point

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executive director of the Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation, was skeptical of an urban farm atop a Hunts Point roof.

"It's wait-and-see, and it's too early to see if the farm is going to work," said Infante, who hopes a thorough study of the success of these trendy farms will be completed.

The NYCEDC said developers have until July to file their proposals.

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# A big chill at Kingsbridge Armory

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Foster, who was out-of-town at the time.

The board could “stop the clock” on the city’s Uniform Land Use Review Procedure if the city’s Economic Development Corp. opts for the ice rink.

“The question is, how would an ice rink fit in with the community,” said Foster. “Mr. Woo’s presentation seemed to be something more of what they would like to have in the community.”

Foster said he hoped “that the city would listen to the community if the desire is to go against the ice skating rink.”

With a set time-limit on how long the approval process has to wend its way through the various levels of local and city government,

the local board could delay its formal vote until the very end of its 60-day review period before sending it for a vote to Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and the Bronx Borough Board, comprised of the boro’s city council delegation.

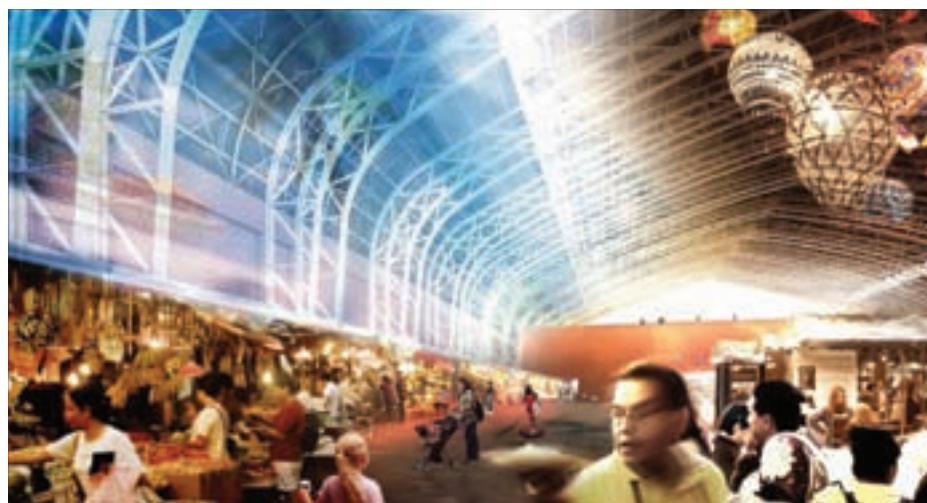
Diaz has so far been mum on which of the two leading proposals he favors for the armory, but the City Council usually goes along with the desires of a borough’s council delegation.

Local University Heights City Councilman Fernando Cabrera has said he is against the ice rink proposal and leans toward developer Woo’s multi-use proposal.

Among some of the other proposals reported is a group that wants to combine arts, arts and crafts, flea markets, and an organic

food market; The Georgia-based mega-World Changers Church International led by televangelist Dr. Crelo Dollar; a virtual reality production facility for film and television productions; a minor league hockey and entertainment venue, and a bicycle velodrome and sports center.

Many to most of them lack prior financing, while both Woo’s and the ice center would not need government funding.



A look at interior of Kingsbridge Armory as proposed by developer Young Woo proposal.



Developer Young Woo, who is proposing multi-use center for Kingsbridge Armory.

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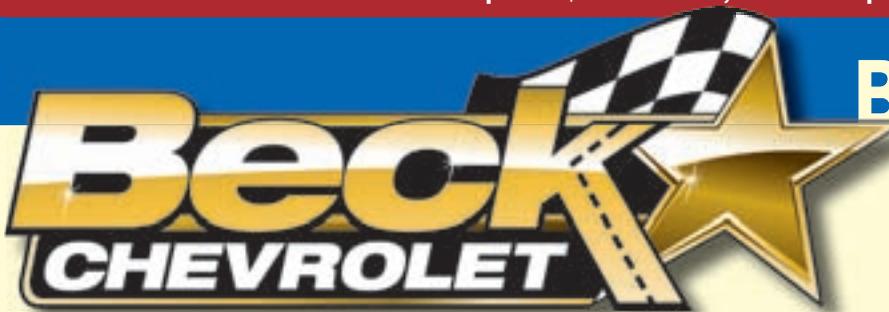
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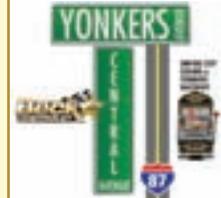


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