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Cops probe park murders most fowl

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO
AND BOB KAPPSTATTER

First it was the trees, now it's the animals.

After 15 trees were fatally attacked - now believed to be the work of a tree hugger and not a tree mugger - Pelham Bay Park's geese and other animals are under attack.

Two injured Ring-billed gulls, a Canada Goose and a squirrel were found wounded by pen-sized darts from a blow gun near the Orchard Beach parking lot on Tuesday, Oct. 9.

In a similar incident in the same area Sept. 21, workers found two birds killed and two others wounded the same way. The wounded birds had to later be euthanized.

Blow guns are often available for sale in convenience stores or bodegas, said Pelham Bay Parks administrator Marianne Anderson.

While there have been issues with cross bows in city parks, these are the first blow gun dart attacks as far as she was aware, she said.

"This is something new," said Anderson. "I have never seen anything like this before."

The bird attacks come as police and Parks enforcement officers are hunting for the individual who stripped rings of bark from

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Photo by Josiane Bank

HUNTS POINT HUSTLE WALK/RUN

Woof, woof! Christian Morehouse gets an early start to Halloween decked out in pooch face paint. He and dozens took part in the Hunts Point Hustle, a 5K walk/run promoting healthier lifestyles and neighborhood revitalization efforts. On Saturday, October 13th Bronxites hustled from Hunts Point Riverside Park to Barretto Point Park during the morning hours. Raffles, music, food and tons of activities were also available. More photos on page 23.

REFI FOR CO-OP CITY

Riverbay Board close to vote for new \$621.5 mil. mortgage deal

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Co-op City is putting the finishing touches on a mortgage refinancing that could save it a whopping \$149 million over 14 years - and eventual maintenance cost savings to its residents.

The sprawling development is in preliminary planning that will allow it to refinance its \$621.5 million mortgage.

Its current rate is 6%, but due to rise to 6.5% over the next 14 years.

Under pending terms of the new mortgage, it would pay about 3% annually for 35 years to Wells Fargo, with Federal Housing Administration insurance.

The current loan is with New York Community Bank.

The re-fi is being made possible through the expansion of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 223(f) program, expanded to cover cooperatives. That should allow the development to realize the 3% interest rate on a new loan between now and 2047, said Herbert Friedman, managing agent for Co-op City's Riverbay Corporation.

"If we close in the next week or two, we will have a rate under three percent for 35 years," said Friedman, noting that the time is now to take advantage of his

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Tracey Towers gets the crumbs

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

They may not have gotten a half a loaf, but Tracey Towers tenants who fought a 65% rent hike will at least be getting a couple of slices.

The tenants lost the major battle in court last week, with the judge ruling the hike would be sliced down to 61.5% over the next four years.

But negotiations are still continuing to soothe the pain.

The tenants' attorney, William Madonna, said that besides trimming the rent hike by 3.5%, a final deal will include the tenant organization at the two towering Mosholu Parkway buildings receiving \$10,000 from the property owners and being given strong oversight in badly needed renovation work there.

"With the deal we are negotiating, the tenant association will be empowered," said Madonna.

"They will have much more authority to deal with issues in the building."

Even with the slight decrease in the hike, many tenants will struggle to cover the first of four annual increases when they finally do take effect.

RY Management, the company running the complex, said the rent hike is necessary for repairs to maintain the dilapidated building, built in 1974 through the Mitchell Lama affordable housing program.

Bronx state Supreme Court Justice Howard Sherman ruled Oct. 11 that the Tracey Towers rent hike can take effect, but kept the door open for further negotiations on the final settlement.

Although no decisions have been finalized and tense negotiations continue, all parties must come to an agreement before the terms of a settlement can be reached.

"We will continue to negotiate until we can finalize something," said Assembly candidate Mark Gjonaj.

Gjonaj unseated 80th Assemblyman Naomi Rivera in the Sept. 13 Democratic primary with about 300 of the 500 vote-margin coming from Tracey Towers voters after he stepped in and secured Madonna as pro bono attorney for the tenants.

"I feel it is a huge loss for residents trying to do the best they can with what they have," continued Gjonaj. "If everyone holds to the commitments that were discussed, it's a compromise."

Gjonaj said he is hoping to have a deal finalized within the next week.

Madonna sued the city in August over its approval of the rent hike, winning a temporary restraining order that delayed the 65% increase for several weeks.

Rather than take their chances and continue the lawsuit without an injunction, the tenants voted to negotiate a settlement with the property owner, Tracey Tower Associates.

The management company has said the poor condition of the building is due to low rents, but tenants blame the management company, charging the property owner has neglected the complex and squandered city funding in the past.

RY Management maintains that they will work with the city to offer rent vouchers and other solutions to tenants that qualify, a spokesman said.

Gjonaj said even with the terms they are negotiating, it is not a perfect situation for the tenants.

"All in all, if and when I am elected, I look forward to passing a bill that will prevent this from happening."



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Tenants hold signs protesting again proposed rent hike outside Tracey Towers on Mosholu Parkway on Saturday, August 11.

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District 9 parents on the march for their kids

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Parents in one of, if not, the lowest performing school districts in the city took to the streets last week to demand better educational opportunities for their children.

“Priority” and “focus” schools - designated as in need of the most improvement - make up about 40% of all schools in Community Education Council District 9 in the southwest Bronx.

The Oct. 17 “Walk in Our Children’s Shoes” march through Mt. Eden followed the path that Araceli Espejel’s two children - Angeles, 1, and Guadalupe, 3 - would take through their school years in the district, from kindergarten throughout high school.

The district covers Grand Concourse, Morrisania, and Tremont.

The protest march, organized by the New Settlement Apartments Parent Action Committee, included stops at PS 64 and the Taft Educational Campus.

It drew about 50 parents, as well as Senator Gustavo Ri-

vera and a representative from Councilwoman Helen Foster’s office.

“We, the mothers of this community, are here today so that our voice will be heard, so that there will be a change in District 9,” said Espejel. “Now we will march to my daughters’ zoned schools.

“All are on the priority list, which means that they are in the bottom 5% of schools in the state. I don’t want this for my daughters, nor for any of the children of this community.”

The march started at the Espejel home and ended there, and along the way parents were vocal what they saw as concerns in local schools, sometimes making allegations of harrowing situations involving their children.

Parent Yoshika Buchanan said that her daughter Tracey was not challenged enough when she was in Kindergarten at PS 64.

She was traumatized, they added, when she was left alone in front of the school when she was late once picking her up.

“Tracey’s kindergarten teacher was outstanding, but Tracey already knew a lot of what they were learning in kindergarten because I take the time to work with her at home,” said Buchanan.

“I felt she wasn’t being challenged, and I want her to be challenged, and to get the best education,” her mom continued.

“I wanted to go observe the classroom, just to see how she was doing and what they were teaching her, but the school said no.”

Valerie Fernandez, the parent of Nick Ruiz, a fifth-grader at PS 64, echoed Buchanan’s concerns on children needing more challenging classwork.

“They need more challenging programs here,” said Fernandez, adding that she would like to see new staff members at the school, but believes that the principal should be given a chance to improve it.

Senator Rivera reiterated his pledge to visit every school in his district.



Photos by Patrick Rocchio

Senator Rivera (above right) speaks to the parents as they march through the streets near PS 64 during the “Walk in Our Children’s Shoes” march on Wednesday, October 17.



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by Bob
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The woman behind Assemblyman **Jose Rivera's** downfall as Bronx Democratic county leader owes the city Campaign Finance Board some big bux.

It slapped former west Bronx Councilwoman **Maria Baez** last week with almost \$73,000 in penalties and a bill for unspent matching funds from the 2009 race she lost to current Morris Heights Councilman **Fernando Cabrera**.

It also hit **Yudelka Tapia**, female district leader in the 86th Assembly District there, with a \$107,704 bill for penalties and unspent funding from that same 2009 council race.

For Maria, who's since slipped into obscurity, the tab was \$45,200 in penalties and \$27,762 in unaccounted-for matching funds from \$70,100 she received.

Board spokesman **Eric Friedman** said the former long-time incumbent failed to respond with an accounting after mailings to her last known address, a post office box. Next, he said, could be

small claims court, and possibly a lien.

Maria was Jose's long-time right hand, especially after he took a deal to step out of the borough president's race against **Adolfo Carrion Jr.** to become county leader.

A lotta partycrats soon charged Jose (through Maria) was turning the party into an all-Puerto Rican, all-the-time benefits group.

One of the final nails in the coffin came when party *consigliere* **Stanley Schlein** demanded Jose choose between him and Maria.

Stanley lost and soon joined dissident electeds who formed the Rainbow Revolution that toppled Jose and installed current leader, Assemblyman **Carl Heastie**.

Yudelka could now have a problem if she had any plans to jump into the 15th Council District race. With Joel Rivera term-limited out of the central Bronx seat, a number of folks have been eyeing it.

Yudelka COULD run, but without new matching funds unless she pays off \$47,774 in fines and repays or accounts for \$59,930 out of the original \$78,828 in matching funds.

One candidate out of the red, so speak, is **Andy King**, who has the backing of the Dem Party in the Nov. 6 special election to fill the northeast Bronx seat of disgraced - and convicted - former Councilman **Larry (The Fox) Seabrook**.

King owed the board \$30,000 from his last unsuccessful challenge in 2009. He's now received \$49,000 in matching funds from the CFB, based on \$28,000 he's already raised for this race, said Friedman.

SIDE NOTE: King was admitted to a local hospital with chest pains Sunday evening, missing Monday night's debate on Gary Axelbank's BronxTalk with five other candidates vying for Seabrook's seat. Hope he's out by now.

To catch the debate, go to www.bronxnet.org/tv/bronxtalk/.

SURROGATE TALE

A little behind-the-scenes look at the Bronx Surrogate's race:

Gov. Cuomo this month named Bronx state Supreme Court Justice **Darcel Clarke** to the Appellate Division in Manhattan, who WAS in the running for party backing in the Bronx Surrogate's race.

Both she and Acting Supreme Court Justice **Nelida Malave-Gonzalez** passed the party's judicial screening panel (former Parkchester Assembly and now state labor commissioner **Peter Rivera** did NOT).

There was lotsa buzz at the time over whether the party would support an African-American or a Latino for the job.

But our source tells us that after passing the appellate division screening panel and being contacted by the governor's people, Clarke informed the party that she was out of the running for the

job as Surrogate.

Current Surrogate Lee Holzman is NOT running for reelection after becoming enmeshed in a scandal involving ex-Public Administrator **Michael Lippman**, currently facing trial for allegedly looting the estates of persons who died without wills.

INDEPENDENT

Assemblyman **Eric Stevenson** packed Maestro's at his Oct. 18 fundraiser against **Jose Padilla Jr.**, who's on the Independence Party line.

Eric said Jose's playing a word game, calling himself "the INDEPENDENT Democrat."

Jose, whose Belmont address was redistricted out of Eric's 79th A.D. in Morrisania, defeated him in 2006 for male district leader, then was knocked off the ballot in 2008 for both district leader and assemblyman **Michael Benjamin**.

Padilla, a former law enforcement officer, said he didn't

go for matching funds in this race, and is planning a last-minute fundraiser in what looks like a Stevenson steamroller on Nov. 6.

SNOOKI RUNNING

Disappointed supporters of Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera**, who lost to challenger **Mark Gjonaj** in the Sept. 13 Democratic Primary will still have a chance in the Nov. 6 general election when Snooki will be on the Working Families line. Good luck!

COP CORNER

We're told cops are calling the Pelham Houses the Tell 'Em Houses after loose lips helped them make a fast ID on a shooter who killed one man and wounded another there.

As for the murder this summer of 88-year-old **Evelyn Shapiro**, sources tell us cops are just waiting for DNA results before they move in on "a person of interest."

BRONX BIRTHDAYS

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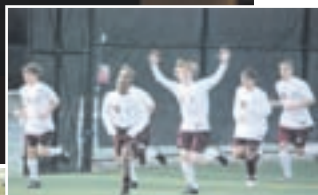
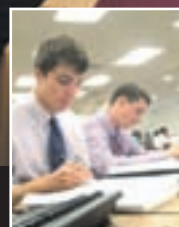
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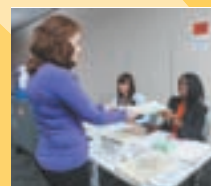
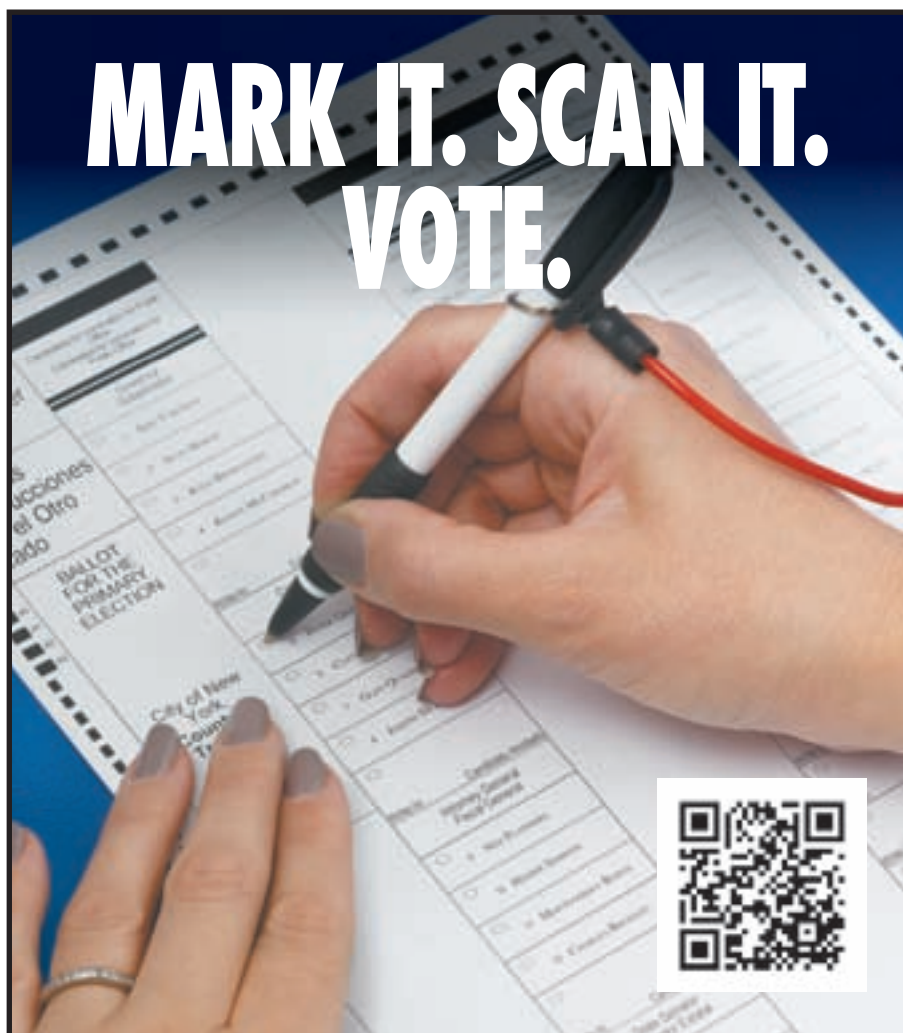
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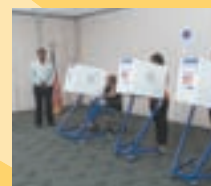
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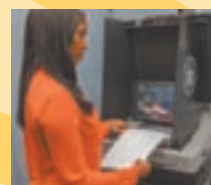
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40th PCT.

WED, SEPT. 26th, 9:55 a.m. — 585 East 137 St. A search was conducted for a female suspect. The unidentified culprit is wanted in connection with an attack upon another female. The female victim was taken to Lincoln Medical Center suffering from a slash wound to the facial area.

FRI, SEPT. 28th, 3:55 a.m. — 3060 Third Ave. Authorities are looking for the black male who robbed a neighborhood Laundromat. The thief robbed the Giant Laundromat at gun point officials indicated. The unknown thief made off with over nine-hundred dollars.

FRI, SEPT. 28th, 7:15 p.m. — 665 Westchester Ave. An elderly Hispanic woman became a crime victim after being attacked by two black males. The 75 year old victim was struck from behind by the unknown culprits and choked. The two culprits fled with an unknown amount of property. The woman was transported to Lincoln Medical Center for emergency care.

41st PCT.

FRI, SEPT. 28th, 10:55 p.m. — 1000 Longwood Ave. Police officers responded to the front of a neighborhood bodega. Two groups apparent had a dispute in front of the store which resulted with two males being stabbed. Both victims were transported to Lincoln Medical Center and reported to be in stable condition. A suspect was arrested by police.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 1:25 a.m. — 1218 Simpson St. Police officials made another arrest as they took another gun off of local streets. The weapon was vouched as evidence.

42nd PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 9:05 a.m. — 836 Freeman St. A city employee was arrested after police officers investigated a complaint. The government employee was charged with menacing.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 7:00 p.m. — Vyse Ave. and East 174 St. A 22 year old black male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from two different wounds. The young man was slashed on the left arm in addition to be stabbed on the right side.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 6:50 p.m. — 501 East 161 St. Officials are looking into the death of a Hispanic man. The man apparently took his own life officials believe. The body was released to the Medical Examiner's staff so that an autopsy can be performed.

43rd PCT.

WED, SEPT. 26th, 12:20 p.m. — Castle Hill Ave. and Story Ave. Police officers were summoned to the scene of an accident. A bicyclist had been struck by a vehicle officials indicated with the victim bleeding from the head. The incident is under investigation.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 1:25 a.m. — Castle Hill Rd. and Cincinnati Ave. A police officer required ad-



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ditional assistance while on patrol. The police officer was surrounded during a fight and became injured. Responding officers ended up arresting four suspects.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 10:35 p.m. — 1690 Metropolitan Ave. Authorities arrested a suspect in the Parkchester community for illegal possession of a gun. The arresting police officers vouched the gun as evidence for the pending trail.

44th PCT.

WED, SEPT. 26th, 9:15 a.m. — 1460 Macomb's Rd. An investigation was launched by local sleuths after a body was found. Police officers were lead to the body which was found inside a dumpster. Units from the Emergency Service Squad were summoned to the scene to conduct a detailed search.

WED, SEPT. 26th, 8:15 p.m. — University Ave. and West 166 St. Police officers were summoned to the emergency room at Lincoln Medical Center. A 20 year old male appeared at the hospital on his own suffering from a bullet wound to the right leg. The victim was reported to be in stable condition as detectives started to look into the incident that occurred in the Highbridge section.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 3:45 p.m. — 280 East 161 St. Authorities were alerted that a young child had fallen from a window. Investigators learned that a four year old child while playing fell from a fourth floor window. The child was rushed to Lincoln Medical Center where medical officials indicated that the child had expired.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 4:05 a.m. — 3125 Park Ave. A shooting came to the attention of police officials. A 20 year old black male had been shot in the back officials reported. The young man was transported to Lincoln Medical Center. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

45th PCT.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 5:55 a.m. — Hutchinson River Pkwy and Bartow Ave. An investigation was launched due to a fatal accident occurred in the Co-op City area. The two vehicle accident claimed a life officials reported. A second victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center with injuries listed as minor. Due to the seriousness of the incident, several of the highway lanes remained closed as the inquiry got underway by officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 4:30 a.m. — 2433 St. Raymond's Ave. An investigation was launched as officials became aware of a home invasion that occurred near Rowland

St. Apparently four Hispanic males entered the home at gun point. The occupant was secured before the culprits fled with a half-a-dozen watches and four-thousand dollars in cash. Police officials at the scene requested assistance from an aviation unit to help with the search.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 10:20 p.m. — 1461 Kennelworth Pl. Police officials looking into a domestic incident arrested three persons including the injured victim that occurred in the County Club section. The male victim was suffering from a stab wound to the stomach area and was transported to Jacobi Medical Center. The inquiry lead to the arrest of the mother, step-father, and the injured male.

46th PCT.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 12:40 a.m. — 1680 Grand Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting. A 27 year old black male was shot once in the right leg officials reported. The young man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the right leg.**SAT, SEPT. 29th, 7:40 a.m.** — 2239 Grand Concourse. Authorities are looking for the person who had a dispute at a restaurant with a male. The dispute started inside the restaurant but spilled out onto the street where the male victim was stabbed. The injured male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 3:10 p.m. — 2034 Grand Concourse. Investigators from several units are looking into an armed home invasion. An unknown male culprit stabbed the occupant after gaining entry to the home. The thief fled with an assortment of property including a cell phone and a laptop computer. The injured victim was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. An inquiry is underway.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 6:00 p.m. — 1982 University Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a Hispanic man. The 49 year old man apparently took his own life officials believe, but the Medical Examiner's staff will make the final decision. The man is believed to have slit his own throat. He expired at St. Barnabas Hospital.

47th PCT.

WED, SEPT. 26th, 9:35 p.m. — East 209 St. and Bronxwood Ave. Three persons were taken into custody by police officers. With the triple arrest, police were able to voucher another hand gun. This time a 357-caliber revolver was kept as evidence for the pending trail.

WED, SEPT. 26th, 10:40 p.m. — 3401 Olinville Ave. A search

was conducted as police looked for a black male who committed an armed robbery. The unknown thief fired a shot from a gun after removing thirty-dollars from the victim. Police officers did recover evidence at the scene, and no injuries were reported.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 5:40 p.m. — 707 East 242 St. Police investigators started an inquiry after learning about a double shooting in the Wakefield section. A 22 year old black male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center after being shot in the shoulder and mouth. The second victim was described as a 27 year old black female who was suffering from a bullet wound to the left shoulder. Additional police officers were sent into the area to assist with the search.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 9:40 p.m. — Barnes Ave. between East 218 St. and East 219 St. Police officers arriving at the crime scene confirmed that a man had been stabbed. A 27 year old black male was suffering from a slash wound to the arm area in addition to a stab wound to the left chest area. The man was transported to Montefiore Hospital's North Division.

48th PCT.

FRI, SEPT. 28th, 3:00 a.m. — 480 East 176 St. At gun point several black males forced their way into a home. The occupant was tied-up and blindfolded by the unknown culprits. The culprits fled with an unknown amount of money. The occupant did escape injury.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 3:40 a.m. — 2423 Beaumont Ave. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a young Hispanic man. A 21 year old man was found suffering from two bullet wounds to the abdomen area. Despite the effects of the medical staff at the hospital, the man reportedly died.

49th PCT.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 8:05 a.m. — 2750 Throop Ave. The Bomb Squad was called to take a look at a suspicious package that was found adjacent to a public school. A dark colored brief case was spotted lying next to a tree near Public School # 121. Local police officers requested the services of both members of the Emergency Service Squad in addition to the Bomb Squad. The experts examined to the brief case and found it to be empty.

FRI, SEPT. 28th, 8:15 a.m. — 2241 Holland Ave. Police officers arriving at the scene were faced with a barricade situation. Additional assistance was requested, but police were able to gain custody of the emotionally disturbed person

shortly before 8:30 a.m.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 12:25 a.m. — Wallace Ave. and Astor Ave. Another teenager was arrested by police. This time the 17 year old black male was found along with a 9-mm semi-automatic pistol. The gun was vouched as evidence.

50th PCT.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 9:15 p.m. — 6241 Broadway. Police investigators are looking into a bias incident. An unknown person did write in more than one place graffiti with unkind phrases against several different religious groups and people of color.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 2:30 p.m. — 503 West 259 St. Authorities are looking to see if there is an connection between two separate bias incidents that occurred in the Riverdale community. This time an unknown person used a marker to write and draw graffiti and other emblems that are considered to be offensive to some groups. The incident occurred at a Jewish school.

52nd PCT.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 5:45 a.m. — 248 West Fordham Rd. Responding police officers arrested three suspects. The trio were taken into custody and charged with a commercial break-in. Police officers also vouched the culprit's getaway vehicle.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 10:30 a.m. — 2195 Andrews Ave. Police officers were alerted that a young boy brought a large quantity of an illegal drug to school. The 9 year old Hispanic boy had transported just under a hundred bags of crack to school. Police were notified which lead to the arrest of the mother's boyfriend.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 4:05 a.m. — Webster Ave. and East 204 St. A dispute ended with two persons being stabbed at the busy Norwood intersection. A 34 year old Hispanic male was suffering from a stab wound to the chest while a 35 year old Hispanic man had been stabbed in the neck. Both men were taken to St. Barnabas Hospital for medical care. Two black males with long hair were spotted fleeing the scene toward Hull Ave.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 2:20 p.m. — 237 East 198 St. Police investigators are looking for the person who robbed a fast food establishment. A store specializing in the sale of chicken was robbed by a male at knife point of \$3,000 in cash.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 5:05 a.m. — 3515 Rochambeau Ave. A 35 year old black male was rushed to Montefiore Hospital. The man had been shot three times in the chest area. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

SUN, SEPT. 30th, 4:25 p.m. — 2654 Valentine Ave. Police officers were alerted that a male had been shot. The male victim who was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital was suffering from a bullet wound to the left hip area. Police officers also recovered evidence at the crime scene.

Fire Log

WED, SEPT. 26th, 9:15 p.m. - 215 Alexander Ave. Firefighters were needed at a high-rise apartment building at the Mitchell Housing Development off of East 137 St. The smoke-eaters were informed that there was a blaze reported in an apartment on the 13th floor. A request was made for additional units since the smoke was filling up the upper floors of the twenty-story high structure. Ladder crews would be conducting searched on these floors in addition to venting each floor which would permit the smoke and gases to escape. By 9:24 p.m., the chief indicated that they had water on the fire and the fire was being contained. Officials indicated that fire damage was contained to the original burning apartment.

THURS, SEPT. 27th, 3:20 p.m. — 1155 Walton Ave. Eight neighbors teamed up to save an elderly man who was trapped in a third floor apartment that was on fire. A 71 year old man was in his home on the third floor upon smelling smoke he attempted to evacuate the apartment. Ronnie Poe, a former U.S. Army paratrooper, was cut off from a fast escape out of the front door. As he attempted to open the door, the flames from the kitchen area came leaping out at him with force. The man retreated to the rear of his home, a bedroom, where he opened the window. Poe then hung out the window holding on for dear life three stories above the ground. Eight men who were near the corner, below the window gathered telling the 71 year man to jump. He let go, ending in their arms. Fire Battalion 17 upon arrival indicated that there were people out of windows. The first arriving engine company got a hose line into operation as ladder crews checked for any other trapped occupant. The fire was contained and quickly extinguished by the arriving smoke-eaters.

SAT, SEPT. 29th, 7:15 a.m. — 100 Debs Pl. A call was received indicating a structural fire in a Co-op City building. Fire units responded to the upper northeastern corner of the complex where the blaze was reported in the 26 story building. The working fire was located on the 8th floor. By 7:32 a.m. the main body of fire had been darken down and searches by ladder crews indicated that no victims had been found and the fire did not extend from the original apartment. The chief indicated that no additional help would be needed. In another 11 minutes the fire was declared under control.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facebook opinions

Dear editor,

Regarding your October 11, 2012 article "Rusty a trojan horse for developers?"

Monitoring Facebook group pages is fun and can sometimes be informative, but in the end, the bulk of what is there is people are spouting their opinions rather than the facts. Let us please stick to the facts.

Senator Klein's office was alerted by many residents of Pelham Parkway and Pelham Bay that there was what seemed to be an abandoned horse in a building which has an order to vacate attached to it due to structural cracks.

The building's vacate order is intended for humans but NO living, breathing thing should be in there at all.

This is not about politics - this is about the welfare of all animals.

IMHO - Senator Klein and his excellent staff, specifically John Doyle, did right by Rusty/Bronx. Senator Klein's efforts to pass Bill S. 6502 which relates to the care and collection of abandoned animals on vacant property will prove worthwhile and amazing for animals.

We grew up in the neighborhood. We rode our bikes up and down the bike path on Pelham Parkway and as we got older, we drove our cars from Stillwell Avenue to White Plains Road. The deterioration of the stables is something we witnessed firsthand.

We thought the stables were totally abandoned and thereby, empty. Imagine our surprise when a few years ago we saw a horse's head peeking out of a small opening in a stall door!

Now to know that Rusty/Bronx is stuck on the second floor of this dilapidated building, all alone and in the dark is sad, and it has made many residents angry. The horse cannot choose to leave. He cannot ask for another blanket, more food, or better shelter. He is trapped there until someone moves him.

Annie Boller and Stephanie Raptis

Death sentence for Bronx Republicans

Dear Editor,

The late Bronx Republican Party chairmen Paul Fino, John Calandra and Guy Vellela would be shocked at the current state of affairs for their once beloved party.

The three former state senators would never have cross-endorsed current Democratic state Senator Jeff Klein for the same seat they all once held.

This cross endorsement represents a death sentence for the Bronx Republican organization.

While this Bronx district is shared with Westchester, it is the only remaining competitive seat that the GOP would have an outside chance of winning. To coincide this seat to the Democrats is a death sentence to the handful of Bronx GOP party leaders and activists.

One way of judging the health of any po-

litical party is looking at the number of candidates running for public office that qualify for ballot status on their line. Political parties are organized on a state Assembly basis with a male and female State Committee person.

Within each assembly district are a series of election districts represented by two district committee people.

Real political parties find candidates and enough active registered party members to circulate nominating petitions. You only need a small number of registered Republican Party members within any assembly district to qualify for ballot status as a candidate for the assembly.

Finding this should be easy. This is necessary to acquire sufficient signatures for qualifying candidate ballot status.

Those political parties that can't perform this most basic task exist only on paper and are essentially dead.

Up until the 1980's, Republican Party members routinely qualified candidates for all Congressional, state Senate, Assembly and NYC Council seats.

There were no GOP candidates on the ballot for 1 of 4 Congressional, 2 of 6 State Senate and 3 of 12 State Assembly races.

The handful of GOP candidates for Congress, Senate and Assembly with ballot status raised insufficient funding for their respective races.

Experienced political campaign consultants and good newspaper reporters know that based on past electoral history, a Republican challenger needs to raise several hundred thousand dollars to be competitive. This is needed to even the playing field against any Democratic incumbent public official.

Up until the 1960's, a majority of registered voters and public officials from the Bronx were of Jewish/Italian and Irish origins.

Subsequently, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and African-Americans grew in numbers challenging the old guard.

Most recently, Mexicans, Dominicans and others from various Caribbean and Central American communities; Koreans, Chinese, Indian and others from various Asian communities, along with the gay and lesbian communities now constitute a majority of registered Bronx Democrats. They are now competing against the old European 1960's majority, who are now in the minority. They are all looking for more competitive seats.

Every 10 years after the census, district lines have to be redrawn. Past Republican State Senate majority leaders, the late Warren Anderson, Ralph Marino, and Joe Bruno cut deals with past Democratic State Assembly Speakers Stanley Steingut, Stanley Fink, Mel Miller, Saul Weprin and Sheldon Silver.

These political back room arrangements were a quid pro quo deal preserving the status quo. Each gave the other unlimited freedom to protect and expand their respective majorities in each legislative house they controlled. The Bronx state Senate seat held by Republicans was always "protected" in these negotiations.

The last Bronx Republican Borough President Joseph Periconi and Congressperson Paul Fino held office in the early 1960's. The last state assemblymember was Guy Vellela, who lost his bid for reelection in 1982. Despite overwhelming Democratic Party enrollment in the Bronx, creative gerrymandering by the GOP-controlled state Senate in 1970, 1980, 1990 and 2000 continued to preserve the seat of Republican state Senator John Calandra, followed by Guy Vellela, who inherited the seat winning a special election upon Calandra's passing in April, 1986.

Vellela was the last Republican elected official from the Bronx. He gave up his seat in 2004 when he had to resign due to personal scandals. The last New York City Councilmember was Nick Savino, who lost his boroughwide at-large seat when they were abolished by court order in the 1980's.

For decades, party leadership gave up running real candidates with proper financing to challenge Democratic incumbents. They preferred living off the political patronage crumbs from Bronx Democrats in exchange for taking a dive.

Democrats in return gave the few GOP office holders a free ride. This combined with Democrats' gerrymandering over decades of district boundaries contributed to atrophy resulting in their virtual disappearance today.

Enrolled Bronx Democrats outnumber Republicans over eight to one. There are fewer Bronx Republicans than any other borough within NYC.

Up until the 1970 reapportionment, Bronx Congressional districts were actually 100% within the borough. The Democratic Party state Assembly Speaker and colleagues attempted to protect their older brothers and sisters serving in Congress by gerrymandering these congressional districts every ten years from 1980 forward.

This practice included extending individual seats into Queens, Manhattan, Rockland and Westchester counties. This includes the 7th CD Joseph Crowley Bronx/Queens; 15th CD Charles Rangel Bronx/New York and 17th CD Eliot Engel Bronx/Rockland/Westchester.

Crossover Democrats, who voted for former Presidents Reagan and Bush Senior in the 1980s, former Senator D'Amato in 1980 - 1998; former Governor Pataki in 1994 - 2002, former Mayor Giuliani in the 1990s along with Mayor Bloomberg in 2001, 2005 and 2009 continue to move out of town, retire out of state or succumb to old age. There is no successful GOP outreach to new Caribbean, Hispanic, Asian, other immigrant groups or middle class African-Americans.

Once the GOP loses any incumbent City Council, state Assembly, state Senator or Congressional representative, they are never able to reclaim the district.

Remnants of the Bronx GOP can now fit in one of those old fashion street corner telephone booths which disappeared decades ago.

Larry Penner

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Borough jobless numbers worst in state

BY DAVID CRUZ

The Bronx once again this month carried the dubious title of having the highest jobless rate in the state.

New September figures released by the state Department of Labor show 12.1% of the borough population still without work.

The good news out of the bleak picture, however, is that the numbers dropped by a full 1% from 13.1% in August, putting 3,000 residents back to work.

The numbers also show the jobless rate is down .4% from the same time last year.

"September is usually a month when you see gains in employment," said Jim Brown, NYSDOL spokesman.

He credited the dip to a spike in seasonal hiring last month when retail, leisure and hospitality sectors hired more.

But the figures, positive or not, have remained

stubbornly high compared to the rest of the state, a trend Brown links to the Bronx's overall level of education.

"A significant portion of the population has lower educational attainments," said Brown.

He pointed to figures from the U.S. Census Data's American Community Survey, showing fewer Bronxites with a college degree or more.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. did not speak directly to the depressing job numbers, but stressed that his office continues to try to put a dent in the problem by creating jobs with help from the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation.

"My office has worked to create jobs for the people of the borough by welcoming new companies," said Diaz, pointing to a number of projects.

So far there are plans to expand the Bay Plaza

Mall and Hutch Metro Center. Plans are in the works to move FreshDirect on-line food distributors operations to the borough, as well as bring in a BJ's Wholesale Club, touting thousands of jobs.

To further combat the high jobless rate, city and Bronx officials have opened two new job search facilities, called Workforce 1 Career Centers, at Fordham Place and at the Bronx Terminal Market,

Job seekers can stop by to polish their resume, pick up interviewing skills and screen for jobs at the site's computer lab.

Kimara Aikulola, a recently laid off insurance agent, has taken advantage of the Fordham office, updating her resume.

"I need it to be done professional," said Aikulola. "I can't do that on my own, it's a job in itself."

It's also working for Edgar Ayala of Tremont, a trained social worker out of



Photo by Spencer Tucker

Mayor Bloomberg opens new Bronx Workforce 1 Center on October 15, 2012.

a job for the past two years. After failing to find work on his own, Ayala turned to Workforce 1.

"Any door that's opened to help me seek employment," he said, "is what I'm doing."

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Armory developer's school promise shaky

BY DAVID CRUZ

It's a tempting offer.

One of the two competing developers for the Kingsbridge Armory looking to leverage their odds, is offering to build a badly needed school next to it.

But the school plan could take years - and face extensive hurdles.

Developers for the Kingsbridge National Ice Center would have to deal with demapping, relocation and financing issues.

When the backers behind a nine-rink facility and giant arena first unveiled its plans for the landmark castle, they threw in a second phase proposal to build a sports-themed school.

Neighbors welcomed the idea as relief from the overcrowded local school district.

The school would house 750 students inside a building now occupied by the National Guard's 1st Battalion 258th Field Artillery.

But National Guard

officials have not been approached by KNIC about taking over the building, said Guard spokesman Eric Durr.

The unit will remain there, he said, until there's a facility that meets its needs.

"If someone can provide us with a facility for training, storage and administrative purposes, then we would move," said Durr. "It's not up to us to find a space."

The scouting for a new Guard unit home, according to Durr, is up to the state.

One longstanding idea from Bronx officials has been to shift the guard unit to the Muller Army Reserve Center in Wakefield.

But the Bloomberg administration already has a deal with the Doe Fund to convert it to a 200-bed homeless shelter.

It's also unclear how the school would be financed.

The School Construction Authority has allocated \$100 million in funds for



Photo by David Cruz

Alice McIntosh, head of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, leads a forum with Young Woo & Associates' Greg Carney and Adam Zucker over the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory. The Kingsbridge National Ice Center developers were a no-show.

two schools near Kingsbridge, but it has not stated whether any funds would go to KNIC.

If the already allocated money is not for them, KNIC would have to wait until 2015 for the next funding round from the SCA.

Another problem would be a requirement to demap

195th Street for the school, a costly urban renewal process that could take months.

A KNIC spokesman said it hasn't given thought of any of those hurdles since the plan is simply in the early stages.

"The school is contingent on the armory," he said.

"Once we get designated to redevelop the armory, then we can start looking into the school."

Meantime, Young Woo & Associates, KNIC challenger and brainchild of Mercado Mirabo, scored community points after appearing at a forum on Wednesday, October 17.

KNIC did not attend due to scheduling conflicts, said the spokesman.

Their absence drew a wave of boos from nearly 300 people who showed.

"I'm very disappointed KNIC didn't come out," said Alice McIntosh, lead organizer of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition.

The group heads the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance, which watchdogs both developers and their commitment to community needs.

KARA has not sided with either developer since neither has fully committed to a community benefits agreement.

Both developers have said they will include some kind of a CBA into the lease deal if their project is approved by the city's Economic Development Corp.

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BY KIRSTEN
SANCHEZ

With Breast Cancer Awareness Month now in its final days, hundreds showed up Sunday at Orchard Beach to take that step at the annual walk for breast cancer sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Survivors, family and friends came out to show support for those who have breast cancer and those who have survived it, with this year's borough walk raising \$487,205.63.

That and other local events across the borough were a grim reminder of how far the fight against breast cancer has come and how far it still has to go.

Victoria Ramos knows first hand.

She is a mother, a daughter, a sister — but most importantly she is a survivor.

About a year ago, the 43-year-old single Bronx mother of three began the fight of her life when she found a lump on her right breast.

"I think it was something not good because my sister got a lump in her right breast when she was 32 and she had cancer for five years," she said. "So we all got tested and told to check regularly, so we learned that the gene ran in our family. So when I felt it, I ran to my doctor."

After a mammogram, doctors told Ramos her results were negative. But she was not convinced.

"I felt sick, I was uncomfortable, I didn't feel like myself," she said.

One of seven sisters - with one lost to breast cancer and one who survived, Ramos decided to seek a second opinion.

Dr. Lisa Wiechman, breast surgical oncologist at the Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care, confirmed during her first visit what Ramos already feared; she had breast cancer.

"She looked and my breast and touched it and knew right then I had cancer. The news was expected because of my sister," she said. "But I still felt bad and upset, but they started treatment right away."

By the time she was diagnosed, the cancer has already reached stage 3 and was growing fast.

At Dr. Wiechmann's recommendation, Ramos underwent bilateral mastectomy and breast reconstruction.

Ramos also had her ovaries removed, already aware that she tested positive for the breast cancer gene, which greatly increases a woman's risk of breast and ovarian cancer.

Her treatment also included chemotherapy and radiation.

"I lost my hair and everything," she said. "I tried to stay positive. It is so important to stay happy to recover. I went out with my friends, I would listen to happy music and dance, I tried to

Ramos said her message to other women who are diagnosed with cancer is to "stay strong, and trust yourself and your doctors. You can continue. You have to stay positive and keep going."



keep my life normal. My biggest reason to stay alive was my kids."

Ramos said her team at Montefiore helped her greatly with her recovery.

"They took care of me so well," she said. "I felt safe. Dr. Wiechmann is like an angel to me, she is always there for me."

Ramos has been cancer free for two year and describes herself as happy, 100% healthy and most importantly still around for her children.

"I worked so hard to bring them up alone," she said. "I am all they have."



Photos by Laura Stone



(1) Cancer survivor Vanilla Wallace looks pretty in pink as she walks for a cancer cure. (2) Donna Ross, part of Team Sister Josefa from St. Raymond's School, rallies her troops to walk. (3) Forward walk! Jaecie Cruz (behind), Raymond Ortega, Amber Ortega, Connie Munoz are set to walk for several hours along the boardwalk. (4) The event drew thousands to the boardwalk, where some Bronxites formed teams representing a friend or loved one.

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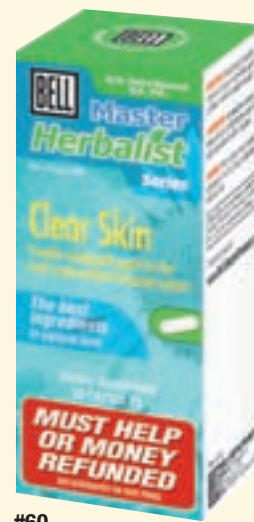
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Montefiore to open ambulatory facility at Hutch Metro Center



Artist sketch, courtesy of Montefiore Medical Center

BY DAVID CRUZ

Medical Mile is stretching.

As Jacobi Hospital, Einstein Medical Center and Calvary Hospital sit along the Morris Park/Pelham Parkway borders, Montefiore Hospital will soon join them with a new outpatient facility at the Hutchinson Metro Center.

The hospital giant has inked a 16-year lease deal with Simone Development for an 11-story, 280,000 ambulatory facility dubbed the Hutchinson Campus, now under construction.

"This new tower will allow Montefiore to bring the healthcare of tomorrow to our patients," said Dr. Steven Safyer, head of Montefiore.

The new hospital will also bring in 260 full-time equivalent jobs to the Bronx, said a Montefiore spokesperson. That number will double in three years.

The hospital already has

history with HMC, taking up 32,000-square-feet for an orthopedic care office inside Tower One.

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Dr. Steven Safyer

health facility will boast 12 operating rooms, four procedure rooms and an onsite lab service.

Montefiore was able to finance the \$142 million project with the city Economic Development Corporation over the summer.

The latest addition to Montefiore's portfolio is

even better news for the Hutch Metro Center, which has seen a streak of projects that's turned the sprawling campus into an attractive venue for companies.

It's already maxed out of office space there, with a number of companies leasing 750,000-square-feet of office and medical space.

Over the summer, plans were announced with Simone Development to build a Marriott Hotel atop a new Atrium building, with LA Fitness and popular restaurant set to arrive.

But HMC's black sheep, the NYPD's second 911 Call Center, scheduled to open in the fall of 2014, still lumbers in the construction phase.

Still, Joe Kelleher with Simone Development is impressed by the growing facility.

"It's really just a little city onto itself," he said.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383.

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Wakefield becoming 'homeless colony'

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Wakefield residents are still smarting over what one local activist has termed a "homeless colony" coming to the community.

Three homeless shelter operators are gearing up to open new shelters or housing for the formerly homeless there.

And as the community fights saturation, the status of the Muller Army Reserve Center as a fourth site seems to have been decided.

But the borough president's office is contemplating legal action against the city to block the shelter at Muller, saying that the process by which the government owned property was designated a shelter was flawed.

"Our office continues to examine our options, including legal options, concerning the future of the Muller Army Reserve Center in Wakefield," said John DeSio, communications di-

rector for Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

Father Richard Gorman, chairman of Community Board 12 said Diaz is looking for a lawyer to argue the case against siting the fourth shelter - a 200-bed barracks-style facility run by the DOE Fund there.

The city contends that a vote on the deal by the city's Local Development Corporation legally took place and that Diaz was present. Diaz disputes attending any meeting where a vote was held.

"The borough president maintains that he did not approve any kind of shelter going into [the Muller Center], and that he did not go to any meeting with any intention of taking a vote for that," Gorman said of a possible legal fight in federal court to block the siting of the shelter at the former federal building.

One of the challenges in finding an attorney to take

on the Bloomberg administration and Department of Homeless Services in federal court is that unlike in state court, federal judges decide when cases end. Plaintiffs may not withdraw their complaints without a judge's permission, said Gorman.

The city has taken possession of the Muller Center, and already entered into a contract with the DOE Fund to operate the facility, said Gorman.

Three other homeless shelters or facilities serving formerly homeless are in the works, including 60 units at 4339 White Plains Road run by Praxis, approximately 60 units operated by Acacia, formerly Basics Housing, at White Plains Road and East 236 Street, and a former warehouse on Bronx Boulevard almost directly across from the former Muller Center that should house at least about 100 units run by Project Renewal, said Gor-



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

The former Muller U.S. Army Reserve Center soon to be a homeless shelter for about 200 men.

man.

The Department of Homeless Services did not return calls for comment as of press time.

"I am going to be stuck with a homeless colony in Wakefield," said Gorman. "It is going to destroy Wakefield and also affects

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Bronx Writers Center workshop

Saranya Wongplugs from Thailand has been awarded a fellowship from the **U.S. Department of State** to participate in the Educational Seminar: 2012-2013 Thailand Educator Exchange Program.

She will be a host of CIS 303 in the Bronx from October 13 – November 1.

The host, Danielle Lerro of CIS 303, who has also been awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Department of State, will travel to Thailand for three weeks summer 2013 for the exchange component of this program.

The Educational Seminar: 2012-2013 Thailand Educator Exchange Program is a short-term, mutual exchange opportunity for U.S. and Thai school educators.

The program provides a short-term professional development opportunity for U.S. and Thailand educators to share best practices on issues of mutual interest to their schools, students and communities.

The Thailand educators spend three weeks in U.S. schools with their U.S. partners in October, 2012 and the U.S. educators travel to Thailand for two weeks the following summer in their partners' schools.

The program is individualized through collaboration between partners and focuses on teaching strategies/instruction, the development of joint educational projects, personnel administration, school systems and management, global issues and culture, curriculum development, student affairs, and/or educational policy.

The Educational Seminar Programs are funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which fosters mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries around the world through academic, cultural, and professional exchanges.

For more information, please contact Principal Patricia Bently of CIS

303 in the Bronx at (718) 583-5466.

Patricia Kolb of **Lehman College's** Department of Social Work has been named chair-elect of the Gerontological Society of America's Research, Education and Practice Committee. She will begin her appointment on November 1, and will continue to serve as chair for the following two years of the three-year term.

Earlier this year, the Society selected Dr. Kolb as a fellow for her widely recognized work on "cultural competence," specifically how ethnicity and background impact the care of elderly patients in nursing homes. Dr. Kolb is the author of *Understanding Aging and Diversity: Theories and Concepts* (Routledge), which is due to be published in 2013. Over the years, she has conducted extensive research and lectured on the topic.

As chair-elect of the committee, she will be responsible for carrying out its mission of fostering multidisciplinary research, education and practice in gerontology, including continued encouragement, development and promotion in these specific areas. In addition, the committee serves as a liaison with organizations giving financial support to these efforts and seeking new ways for the Society to promote such work.

Dr. Kolb has taught at Lehman since 1999. She holds a bachelor's degree from Butler University, a Master of Science in social administration from Case Western University and a M.A. and Ph.D. in sociology from the New School for Social Research.

The **Bronx Writers Center** (BWC), a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA), presents a special three-week hands-on master class – Storylining, A Hands-on Workshop: How to Harness Your Story! – led by award-winning writer and teacher Dianne Spósito. The class meets Saturday,

November 3, 10, and 17, 2012, from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Bronx Writers Center, located in the lower level of the Westchester Square Library at 2521 Glebe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Pay only \$125 for 9 hours of small-group instruction, discussion and support. Participants will be invited to read at a year-end celebration of Bronx writers and their work will be included in an anthology.

The class sessions break down as follows: Week 1: Overview and Introduction; learn the index card technique of "storylining" (using index cards to harness your story); working the process; Week 2: Working with rough drafts; maximizing the effects of re-writing; preparing to polish; Week 3: Presentations of polished work (each student will have a full 15 minutes).

Each student will receive a packet that includes what is covered in the class, tips, techniques, and a select bibliography compiled expressly for writers. Register at <http://bronxwriters1132012.eventbrite.com>. Only registered students will be admitted. Participants must pre-pay. Class is capped at 15.

The Adult Degree Program of the **Lehman College** School of Continuing and Professional Studies will hold a free seminar on Saturday, November 3, 10:30 am-12:30 p.m. in Carman Hall. Information will be provided on this unique program for those 25 years of age and older who have not been enrolled in school for at least five years who wish to earn a bachelor's degree in a way that will not conflict with family and work responsibilities. Day, evening, weekend and online classes; personal attention and advising; college credit for life experience and U.S. military service and individualized majors are some of the special features of the program. For more information and meeting room location, please call (718) 960-8666.

7th Annual 5K Turkey Trot Nov. 17

The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association will hold the 17th Annual 5K Turkey Trot in memory of Geraldine Crowley-Corkin on Saturday, Nov. 17.

The run will be held on the Orchard Beach Boardwalk and Running Path. Check in will be at 10 a.m. and the race will begin at 11 a.m.

All runners and walk-

ers are welcome.

The after-party will be held at Brewski's, at 3718 E. Tremont Avenue.

The fee is \$30.00 Pre-Registration – Postmarked by November 10, and \$35 the day of the race. The fee includes the race, a T-shirt and the post-race party. The fee is \$20 for the party only – if you don't race.

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For more information, contact the Throggs Neck Benevolent Association at (347) 231-6993 or by email at tnba@aol.com.

ITALIANS HONORED BY BP DIAZ JR.

As October rolls along, so do the ceremonies honoring Italian-Americans. The latest was at the Bronx Zoo on Wednesday, October 17. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. hosted his annual Italian-American Heritage & Culture Month Celebration at the Schiff Family Great Hall where entrepreneurs and government officials of Italian heritage were honored.



Photo by Ken Carozza



(Above) Stepping into the spotlight is honoree Louise Delucia, owner of Gowns by Louise, accepting a Citation of Merit from Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

(Left) Vito Mustaciolo, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Enforcement and Neighborhood Services holds his trophy with BP Diaz Jr.

(Above left) Sal Castorina President, Allerton Avenue Homeowners and Tenant Association holds his Citation of Merit with Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.



RUNNERS MAKE THEIR WAY TO VICTORY DURING THE HUNTS POINT HUSTLE

Everybody do the Hunts Point Hustle. Hundreds of Bronxites from around the borough gathered in Hunts Point Riverside Park to run and walk the annual Hunts Point Hustle. The race took place on Saturday, October 13, and led runners from Riverside Park to Baretto Park where they enjoyed a party including music, dancing, food, family activities and healthy-living information.



Photo by Josiane Bauk

Runner number 283, Jonah Blumstein, breaks out leading the race.

HPEDC 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

The Hunts Point Economic Development Corporation celebrated 25 years of economic activity. A “tent party” held October 4th drew elected officials and representatives from the nearly 300 industries doing business in the borough. A BronxNet video commemorating a quarter century of economic transformation at the industrial nabe was also unveiled.

(Right) Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. awards a proclamation to Paloma Hernandez of Urban Health Plan and Josephine Infante, executive director of the HPEDC, two dynamite ladies who’ve contributed to Hunts Point’s growth.



Photo courtesy of HPEDC

Robert Sinko holds up the HPEDC 2012 Chamber Ambassadors Award, surrounding by his Hunts Point pals.

STREET RENAMING FOR THE CHORDS

Community Board 3 with local residents took part in renaming Jennings Street in Claremont after The Chords. The group, coming from the neighborhood, wrote the classic 1954 hit “Sha Boom.” There is only one surviving member of the group that didn’t attend, though relatives attended the ceremony on behalf of members. The “New Chords” performed “Sha Boom” for the event.





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Bronx scene

Yankee Miracles book signing at Empire City

In 1973, Ray Negrón's life changed forever. While spray painting graffiti on the outside of Yankee Stadium, Negrón was caught by Principal Owner George Steinbrenner. Rather than turn in the 18-year-old Queens youth to police, the Boss gave Negrón a job as Yankees batboy, to pay off the cost of the damages. Given the second chance, Negrón thrived. Now he tells his amazing story, which includes close friendships with some of

the game's greatest stars and personalities (Reggie Jackson, Thurman Munson and Billy Martin) as well as a career as a community leader and Yankees advisor, in his new book Yankee Miracles, which recently reached the top spot for both new biographies and baseball books on the Amazon.com list. On Monday, November 5, Negrón will meet fans, pose for photographs and sign copies of Yankee Miracles at Empire City Casino from 6-7 p.m.. Negrón will also con-

duct a special reading and Q&A session at a dinner event in the casino's Good Time Room. Negrón's book, Yankee Miracles, does not dwell on steroids, drug use, or scandals, but creates a portrait of baseball that is unapologetically affectionate and told by someone, a baseball insider, who was given a very unique second chance. Negrón's unique perspective on Steinbrenner – based on the successive breaks the Boss gave him over the last four decades,

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Ray Negrón stands on the field at Yankee Stadium.

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Van Cortlandt Walking Tour

Join **La Finca Del Sur** as they celebrate Halloween Hootenanny on October 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Halloween Ball will held La Finca Del Sur headquarters on 138th Street and Grand Concourse. The event is free and open to the public. Parents are encouraged to bring their children dressed in their favorite costume. The event will include Ghost-story tellers and haunted Pumpkin hunt, Face painting, a children's games, a haunted house, Bronx Museum's Eco-Bus Tour, farm tours, adult health and wellness workshops, refreshments, and a farm stand.

For more information contact La Finca Del Sur at infosbucf@gmail.com or (917) 880-8159.

The Uptown Coffeehouse will host a concert by Amy Black on Sunday, November 4, at 6p.m., at their new address at the City Island Community Center located at 190 Fordham Street, lower level. (718) 885-2955. Admission is \$15, children under 12, \$5. Bronx Cultural Cards are accepted. The Boston based singer and songwriter Amy Black burst onto the Boston scene a few years ago and has become one of the most sought after new acts in New England. Black's Southern tradition storytelling is a rich mix of folk, blues, classic country, and gritty soul, performed in a style reminiscent of Patty Loveless, Mary Chapin Carpenter and Bonnie Raitt. Black has been a featured artist on "Music City Roots" hosted by Jim

Lauderdale and a headliner at The Basement in Nashville and Eddie's Attic in Georgia at the Americana Music Association's annual event.

The **Lehman College Community Band** will celebrate the fall season with "Falling Leaves," a free concert featuring a cornucopia of music from around the world. This performance, which is free and open to the public, will take place on Sunday, October 28, at 2 p.m. in the Lovinger Theatre.

Directed by Prof. Alan Hollander, the program will include Alfred Reed's Latin-themed Second Suite for Band; Malcolm Arnold's suite of folk tunes entitled Four Scottish Dances; Rimsky-Korsakov's Russian march The Tsar's Farewell; British composer Arthur Sullivan's Pineapple Poll; American Samuel Hazy's Southern Humn; and Vernon Duke's perennial favorite Autumn in New York.

The performance will also feature concert master Ben Baron, performing Rossini's Introduction, Theme and Variations for solo clarinet. The Lehman College Community Band includes students, alumni, faculty, staff and community members.

A senior college of the City University of New York, Lehman is located at Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard in the northwest Bronx and is accessible by bus as well as the #4 and "D" subway lines.

For more information on this event, call the Music Department at 718-960-8247, or visit lehman.cuny.edu/music.

edu/music.

On Sunday, October 28, the Bronx Borough Historian Lloyd Ultan will host a historic walking tour of **Van Cortlandt Park Cemeteries** at 2:00 p.m.

This tour will meet on Broadway and West 246th Street. Please make reservations in advance. Take the #1 train to Van Cortlandt Park/ West 242nd Street or Bronx bus #9, Westchester Bee Line bus #3, or Manhattan-Bronx MTA Express bus #3.

Each tour costs \$10 for BCHS members and VC members, \$15 for non-members. Please make reservations by contacting The Society at (718) 881-8900 to reserve your spot. The tours generally run for 90 minutes.

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ITEM: This is a continuation of last week's story because I ran out of room!

This column want readers to know that The Scott Place Café at 3602 East Tremont (in the new building past the outdoor tables and chairs through double doors end of alcove) is starting live acoustic music for Thursday Happy Hours from 4 to 8 pm. This is in addition to the café's new Sunday Music Showcase.

It all starts the first Sunday in November and continues on Sunday's and Thursdays for the whole month and beyond.

Scott Place Café is the destination for tasty treats, popular sandwiches

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by Fish Altieri

named lovingly after the many neighborhoods of the Bronx, good coffee, teas, beer, wine and soda. Never a cover charge, tasteful and intimate inside with not one but two outdoor seating areas, The Scott Place Café is positioning itself as East Tremont's premier acoustic music hangout and more.

Here's a partial lineup of the music: Sunday, November 4, brings singer/songwriter Rich Deans and Friends; 3 p.m.; Thursday, November 8, 4 p.m., is yours truly; Sunday, November 11

brings singer/songwriter Gus Amador; Thursday, November 15, 4 p.m. to be announced (although I hear the great Bronx NY singer/songwriter Drew Torres will be coming in on one of the Thursdays), Sunday, November 18, is singer/songwriter Curtis Becraft 3 p.m.; Wednesday, November 21, is a special show for Thanksgiving Eve, 4 p.m., featuring the talented Lou Volpe on guitar; and Sunday, November 25, Scott Place is proud to present the Bronx's one and only acoustic trio No Stringz Attached at 3 p.m.; Thursday, November 29, 4 p.m. is to be announced.

Rock on. Rock out.

Free concert at Temple Beth El Nov. 4

All are welcome to attend a free concert at Temple Beth El of City Island at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4.

The concert will feature The Bardekova Ensemble performing a selection of music from the past 400

years, including classical, folk and contemporary music, both secular and religious, with the ensemble founder Ellen Bardekoff on clarinet, Yasmine Tetenbaum on viola, Darla Coolman on bass and Richard

Paratley on flute.

The Temple is at 480 City Island Ave. between Beach and Bowne Sts.

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Jacobi holds 2nd Annual Patient Art Exhibit

In recognition of National Recovery Month, Jacobi Medical Center held its 2nd Annual Patient Art Exhibit, “Celebrating Healing.”

Throughout September, Jacobi’s Atrium was lit up with Doris Rios’ paintings and drawings, and Otoniel Suarez, Jr.’s photographs.

Both patients participate in Jacobi’s Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Center (CATC), a program aimed at improving quality of life through the recovery process, establishing self-sufficiency, and increasing knowledge and skills.

At a closing reception on September 28th, both artists thanked the hospital

for the program that helped transform their lives and for the opportunity to share their artwork.

“Now that I’ve learned strategies to deal with life’s challenges, I am able to paint again and I am happier than I’ve ever been—it’s a natural high!” Suarez said. “Using photography to express myself creatively

has assisted me on the path of healing and recovery.”

Rios said she encouraged anyone who needs help to get the help they need.

“Become addiction free and good things will happen,” she said. “Life is such a reward. It gives everyone the opportunity to achieve their goals. Life

begins when you stop depending on drugs and alcohol – then your mind and soul are clear and dreams come true.”

CATC’s patient-centered rehabilitation process addresses substance abuse, mental health issues and vocational counseling for meaningful employ-

ment as part of the recovery process.

CATC offers individual and group chemical dependency counseling, and day/evening treatment services. For further information, please call Carol Davis, Coordinating Manager, CATC at (718) 918-6165.

Lehman College to present Marisol

The Theatre Program at Lehman College will present Marisol, the 1993 Obie Award-winning drama about a community grappling with poverty and crime.

Performances will be held on Wednesday, October 31, at 3:30 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 4, at 3 p.m.

Set in the Bronx, Marisol is an apocalyptic urban fantasy that urges citizens

to “wake up” and somehow find a way to recover the long-lost and much-needed compassion for their fellow man. Marisol Perez, a young Latino woman, is our guide through this story of devastation and renewal.

The play was written by José Rivera, who received an Oscar nomination for his screenplay The Motorcycle Diaries. His notable works for the stage include Cloud Tectonics, References to

Salvador Dali Make Me Hot and Massacre (Sing to Your Children). John Clancy, founding artistic director of Present Company and of the New York International Fringe Festival, will direct.

General admission is \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors. For more information, call (718) 960-7838 or log on to www.lehmantheatredance.org

Temple Hatikva Pasta Dinner

On Sunday, November 11 at 5 p.m., Temple Hatikva is sponsoring an “all-you-can-eat” Pasta Dinner at its synagogue.

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all evening for your dining and dancing pleasure.

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event and raise funds for the synagogue. And, you can share this evening with your friends and family!

For further information regarding the Pasta Dinner call Temple Hatikva at (718) 792-1109 or send a message to TempleHatikva@aol.com.

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National Circus of China

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts proudly presents one of China’s most acclaimed and influential circus troupes introducing Cirque Chinois, a spectacular new production for its inaugural North American tour. For nearly six decades, The National Circus of the People’s Republic of China has been performing its unique style of circus, making it one of the longest running and most distinguished circus troupes in China. They offer a one-of-a-kind experience that has mesmerized and astounded audiences of all ages. The company’s New York City debut is on Sunday, November 4, at 4 p.m. at Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West.

The National Circus of the People’s Republic of China was founded in 1953, making it one of the longest running and most distinguished circus troupes in China which has travelled the world. It’s especially acclaimed because of its unique



acts such as Grand Flying Trapeze, Group Contortion, and many other outstanding acts. The company’s Flying Trapeze troupe was invited to perform in the U.S. with the “Ringling Bros. and Bar-

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Bronx schools

Honors Night at Spellman

Cardinal Spellman High School held its annual Honors Night on October 2, with over 425 students receiving honors for their achievements during the recently completed 2011-2012 academic year.

In addition to the presentation of honors, twenty-four members of the Class of 2013 joined 791 other students who have received the Diamond "S" since its inception in 1989.

The Diamond "S" is awarded to those students

who have maintained a First Honors average, of 90% or better, for each of their first three years at Spellman. The names of all Diamond "S" students are engraved on a plaque near the first floor entrance to the school.

The highest ranked students in each class were also recognized for their outstanding scholastic achievements during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The top three students of the Class of 2013 were Yougnand Paul, Catherine

Casado-Pabon, and Kathleen Duffy; the Class of 2014: Carla Billena, Kathia Coronado, and Dennis Guzman; and the Class of 2015: Maya Lugo, Varinia Munoz, and Enellie Mikel. A reception was held in the school cafeteria afterward for all students and their families, administration, and faculty who attended the event.

Principal of Spellman Daniel O'Keefe, said the students were examples of what it means to live out the Spellman spirit.



Diamond "S" students at Cardinal Spellman High School.



Photo courtesy of St. Theresa School

St. Theresa School students John and Giuliana hold the flag and letter of dedication sent to the school by Major Rod Cassidy.

St. Theresa's supports troops

When you are far away from home, little things mean a lot.

Knowing that you are in the minds and hearts of loved ones can be a great morale booster. Last spring, St. Theresa School brought this message to a platoon of reservists serving in Afghanistan. They learned that Major Rod Cassidy, a young lawyer working for the Archdiocese of New York, had been deployed to Lagman Air Force Base in Afghanistan.

Joining with other elementary schools in the archdiocese, St. Theresa took its turn to send a message from home: three huge boxes of

snacks and "comfort foods." Maj. Cassidy and his fellow airmen thoroughly enjoyed the gift and appreciated the gesture.

He wrote, "...none of the young soldiers are lucky enough to have friends like you and the St. Theresa family...Remarkably, many of these fine men and women are only a few years older than those who have just graduated from St. Theresa School."

In appreciation, Major Cassidy sent an American flag that was flown at FOB Lagman.

He said, "As is tradition, the flag flew for nine minutes and eleven seconds

in honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Never forget."

In November, the students will be sending another batch of goodies.

This time the recipient will be Airman First Class Christopher Fitzgerald, Class of 2004 and son of Mrs. Diane Fitzgerald who teaches 6th grade at St. Theresa.

Chris will also be serving in the Air Force in Afghanistan beginning in October.

The USO will make the delivery from St. Theresa's of candy, toiletries, and Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations.

Tuition-free History Program offered at Salesian High School

Salesian High School in New Rochelle will once again offer a coed, tuition-free enrichment Saturday History Program on six Saturday mornings beginning November 3.

The program, an extension of the Salesian High School American History Program, is offered to all catholic, private and public school students in grades 7 through 10.

Parents can register their children for the program through October 27.

Students that participate in this program, funded by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and offered twice a year in the spring and fall, have the opportunity to examine selected topics in American History Studies based on materials supplied by the teachers.

In addition to analyzing primary sources, videos, slides and music, students participate in group discussions, use the school's computers, and go on field trips.

Best of all -- no homework and no tests! Upon satisfactory completion of the course, the Academy will send a Certificate of Achievement to the student's school.

The diverse course offerings range from classes on Political Cartoons, the Battle of Gettysburg, American Cinema and even one exploring Baseball.

"Our Saturday History Program gives students an opportunity to experience great moments in American history in a unique manner

as they use our computers, learn from our faculty and take exciting field trips to better understand the fabric of our American heritage," said John Flaherty, principal of Salesian High School. "It is also a great way to showcase our academic offerings and beautiful campus to prospective students and their parents."

The Academy will be held at Salesian High School at 148 Main Street in New Rochelle on six Saturday mornings: November 3, 10

and 17 and December 1, 8 and 15.

Attendance at all classes is required. Applications can be downloaded from the Salesian High School web site: http://www.salesianhigh.org/group_profile_view.aspx?id=ee0c9a89-a0cf-4888-9976-3e675ded99ef.

Applications can also be filled out in person during the Salesian High School Open House on Saturday, October 20 from noon - 3 p.m.

On the application, students can check off if they

want one or two classes. They must check off three choices in order of preference for Period 1 (9:00 - 10:15 a.m.) and two for Period 2 (10:30 - 11:45 a.m.). Salesian High school will choose the classes from the choices students give them, with priorities on making sure the first choices are met.

For more information on the Open House and the Saturday American History Enrichment Program, visit www.salesianhigh.org.

Preston's 65th anniversary Thanksgiving celebration

Preston High School, an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school founded by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion will celebrate 65 years of education to young women at a very special Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration on Sunday, November 18.

The event takes place at the Marina Del Rey at 11:15 a.m. As a part of the celebratory program, PHS will honor three very important members of the Preston family; Peggy Hearn Sobier '63, former Director of Advancement at PHS, Sr. Mary Ellen Bernard, RDC, long time faculty member, and Kathy Gibney Gallagher '79, prominent Throggs Neck

community leader.

The 10 a.m. mass at St. Frances de Chantal Church will be dedicated in honor of PHS's very special milestone.

"Preston High School has a proud 65-years-long tradition of educating girls to become Women of Accomplishment, Faith, Respect and Integrity, who respond with compassion to the needs of others and who are able to take on leadership roles in their communities," Principal Jane Grendell said. "So it is only right that we take time to celebrate our history and achievements with our alumnae, families, friends and supporters. It is also appropriate that we

recognize the outstanding contributions of such admirable women as Sr. Mary Ellen Bernard, former Chair of our English Department; alumna and former Director of School Advancement Peggy Hearn Sobier, and alumna and local businesswoman Kathy Gibney Gallagher to Preston's long standing success."

For more information about Preston High School's 65th Anniversary Celebration or to make reservations please contact Jennifer Geideman in the Advancement Office at (718) 863-9134 x. 143 or jgeideman@prestonhs.org. Sponsorships and journal ads are also available.



Pictured from left to right are: Sally Umbro, RN, vice president, Patient Care Services; DLucy Hernandez, RN, senior patient service manager, Nurse Practitioner; DAndrea Joseph, RN, Daisy Award honoree; D

Calvary bestows Daisy Award

Calvary Hospital honored Andrea Joseph, RN, with the Daisy Award.

Nurses recognized with this quarterly award must demonstrate excellence through clinical expertise as well as extraordinary, compassionate care. Honorees are also expected to go above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a "healing touch" presence with patients and their families. Award recipients are chosen by their co-workers, admin-

istrators, peers, physicians, patients and families.

Andrea began working at Calvary Hospital in 2009 as a Registered Nurse. She received numerous nominations by her fellow nurses as well as family members.

DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune

System. The foundation was formed in January, 2000, by the family of J. Patrick Barnes who died at age 33 of complications

related to Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). Barnes really liked Cinnabons at the end of his life and always made sure there was enough of this culinary treat for all the nurses in his unit. As a result, all DAISY honorees are treated to Cinnabons at every presentation. Each hospital also receives a special banner to hang in the recipient's unit as a way to celebrate the DAISY Award honors and the nursing profession.

5th Annual Preston Idol

These high school students sang their hearts out.

Parents, students, family members and friends filled the auditorium at Preston High School to participate in the fifth annual Preston Idol singing showcase and competition on Saturday, October 6.

Twelve students, including Azina Alexander, Camerin Allen, Claudia Alvarez-Plaud, Madeline Bonsignore, Tessa Marie Condeza, Akilah Edwards, Joelle Encarnacion, Brittany Mitchell, Brianna Ragucci, Concetta Rinaldi, Sarah Rosario, and Cristina Todino, were selected to compete from the group of over 40 students who auditioned in September. The audience had the opportunity to vote by secret ballot for their favorite three artists to determine the top six performers. After the top six girls sang a second time, the audience voted for their top contestant.

In addition to the contestant performances, the audience enjoyed student-choreographed dance routines and guest performances by the 2008 Preston Idol winner, Adriana Murano and 2011 Preston Idol win-

ner, Amanda Lebron. Votes were diligently tallied by the PHS Parent Association and freshman Cristina Todino was crowned the

2012 Preston Idol. The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance and everyone is already looking forward to next year's competition.



Preston Idol participants sings to the crowd.

Two new community schools

Join Community District Education Council 11 for the ribbon cuttings of two new schools in the community.

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Prospects: The job market has never fully recovered from the recession that began in 2007, and many have been out of work for several years. If your desired field of work is not thriving, then your prospects of finding gainful, rewarding employment might be rather slim. Of course, the economy can still recover, and that recovery might open up a wealth of attractive opportunities, but switching careers to a field of work that is struggling financially might not be worth the gamble.

Qualifications: Some careers only require experience, and your experience in your current field might easily translate into a new line of work. Other careers, however, might have certain requirements with regard to education. In such instances, you might have to go back to school. Your willingness to learn new skills and possibly return to school should weigh heavily in your decision to change careers or to stay put.

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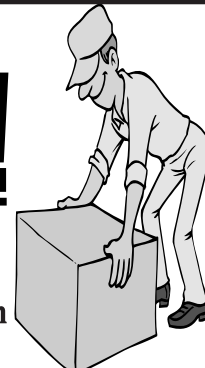
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Highest poverty rate

Dear editor,

The Bronx is suffering from having both New York State's highest poverty rate at 30.4% and highest unemployment rate of 12.8%.

Our elected officials, mayoral wannabees and some city council members have come up with a constructive measure to solve this Bronx tragedy: Keep Walmart out!

Commerce is the lifeblood of America and results in improvement in everyone's quality of life. Commerce is the free trading that occurs between owner and worker; you have a skill that I need as an owner and I will pay you to perform that skill, and the product you make I will sell to another at a profit.

That's free enterprise and the only path to prosperity.

Both parties to the trade, owner and worker benefit. If the owner is unfair in the trade agreement the worker can demand fair treatment from the owner, he can strike, organize, unionize, and all his/her acts are protected by law.

Walmart has over one million employees across the United States and these employees are organizing, bargaining, striking and taking actions to improve their hourly rates, benefits, etc., all in accordance with their rights under law. It's hard work that they do BUT THEY ARE WORKING!

Dear Mr. Schweizer and Mr. Pelosi, why deny that opportunity to our fellow Bronxites?

Nothing you have stated justifies your position. What are you afraid of? This is not about Walmart, it is about freedom. The freedom of the marketplace!

The Bronx must be open to any legal business that wants to come to the Bronx. The market place, not government should decide (especially NYC government) because when government decides, the people bear the burden of unemployment and poverty.

At a Council hearing in February of last year, which Walmart chose not to attend, Council Speaker Quinn noting Walmart's absence stated "she was skeptical about them as a company."

Walmart brings its low price business model to over 10,000 retail outlets in 27 countries. With that business insight, I'm skeptical about not only the future of the Bronx, but NYC, should Speaker Quinn be our next mayor.

Carl J. Cannizzaro

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Dear editor,

I find it disturbing that the prime news media is not informing the public, mainly seniors, of the \$8 Billion that was temporary restored in Medicare Advantage funds by the Health and Human Ser-

vices using funds from a program called "demonstration projects".

This was done so seniors would not lose their trusted insurance program in the middle of an election year.

Congressman Darrell Issa, has subpoenaed The Department of Health and Human Services to turn over documents by October 18.

The congressman said the effects of Obamacare's \$200 billion in Medicare Advantage cuts over the next decade would have been felt starting this week if not for the bonus payments.

That the bonus program is being used to mask the first round of Medical Advantage cuts in connection with the health care overhaul in order to win favor with seniors.

It will be interesting to see if the documents are provided as requested and if the Congressman's suspicions are proven true.

Robert Neglia

Protect our parks

Dear editor,

I was saddened by your recent article on the deliberate destruction of 15 mature swamp Spanish oak trees in Pelham Bay Park.

According to a NYC Department of Parks spokesperson the trees cannot be salvaged and a gaping wound will be left in the South Meadow for many generations to come.

In another incident an individual was seen hunting in the park with a dart gun.

Thousands of people enjoy Pelham Bay Park each day.

As the largest park in New York City, we cannot stand by and allow this criminal activity to destroy one of our borough's greatest treasures.

The Parks Department must find the necessary resources to keep these incidents from reoccurring.

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Weekly Health Update

BY DAVID KASEMAN, D.C.

Mental Attitude: Cannabis and IQ? A recent study indicates that daily cannabis use by teenagers (< 18 years old) results in neuropsychological decline, which persists even after they stop smoking. The group also had IQ scores that were 8 points lower than their counterparts who never smoked or started. - *Proceedings of the National Academies of Sciences, September 2012*

Health Alert: Bad Medicine? Approximately one in five prescriptions to elderly people are inappropriate. Some of the medications with the highest rates of inappropriate use were the antihistamine diphenhydramine, the antidepressant amitriptyline, and the pain reliever propoxyphene. - *PLOS ONE, September 2012*

Diet: Chocolate? Chocolate may be beneficial for reducing stroke risk in men. Flavonoids found in chocolate may decrease blood concentrations of bad cholesterol and reduce blood pressure. Flavonoids, a group of polyphenolic compounds known to have beneficial biochemical and antioxidant effects, appear to protect against cardiovascular disease through antioxidant, anti-clotting and anti-inflammatory properties. Men who ate the largest amounts of chocolate (63 grams - a third cup of chocolate chips - per week) had a 17% lower risk of stroke than men who never, or very rarely, ate chocolate. Also, for each additional 50 grams of chocolate consumed per week (a quarter cup of chocolate chips), there is a fall in stroke risk of about 14%. Many researchers maintain it is dark chocolate that is good for the heart, but about 90% of the chocolate

intake in this study was milk chocolate. - *Karolinska Institute, August 2012*

Exercise: Lack of Exercise As A Medical Condition? According to physiologist Michael Joyner, M.D., "physical inactivity is the root cause of many of the common problems that we have." These problems include obesity, diabetes, joint damage, and high blood pressure. If lack of exercise (deconditioning) was treated as a medical condition, then perhaps more patients and doctors would see exercise as a treatment that should be considered first for many medical complaints. - *Mayo Clinic, August 2012*

Chiropractic: What Causes Pain? One possibility is joint pain due to inflammation of tissues between and around the joints. As a person ages, or with trauma (old or new), their joints lose flexibility. As muscles and ligaments tighten and shorten, inflammatory chemicals can become trapped. Over time, the joint complex can degenerate and osteoarthritis may develop. - *Physical Exam Spine and Extremities, Hoppenfeld*

Wellness/Prevention: TV Time? 31% of US children and adolescents are overweight or obese. Reducing TV viewing may be an effective strategy to preventing excess weight gain among adolescents. In this study, there was a clear association with reduction in TV hours and decreased weight gain over one year. - *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, September/October 2012*

David Kaseman, D.C. is located at 3505 East Tremont Avenue. For further information call (718) 597-6400.

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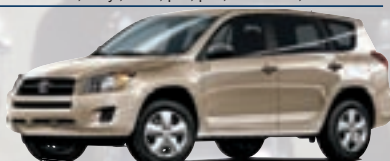


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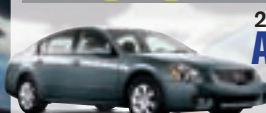
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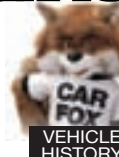
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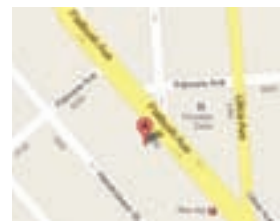
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By Bob Connolly

What could I buy?

Victor Cruz said this win was a “Signature Game.” That game’s signature was as big as John Hancock’s on the Declaration Of Independence.

The Giants usually have a hard time when they travel to ‘Frisco, but this time they quieted the Niners all over the field. They had 3 ints & 4 sacks on Alex Smith. Wilson is exciting on runbacks and could break one every time he runs one back.

Jets (3-3) 35

Colts (2-3) 0

Is a fake punt a Wildcat? Who cares, when it works (as it did in the Colts game). Dominant- that’s how I’d describe the Jets performance. They had 2 picks and 4 sacks. Shonn Green ran for 161yds. & McKnight had 71. Sanchez threw 11/18,82 and Tebow was 1/1,23

What Could I Buy?

Those Congressional earmarks our DC Reps added onto the Federal Budget total about 1% of the expenditures. That doesn’t sound like a lot but remember the budget spending total is more than \$3.5Trillion. I can’t check that because all of those zeros made me dizzy.

In The Final Analysis

Was all the money spent by the US Anti-Doping Agency to investigate Lance Armstrong warranted? Was it spent to justify their existence? Did taxpayer money pay for that?

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Livingston runs Clinton past Kennedy

BY JOE PANTORNO

To DeWitt Clinton coach Howard Langley and Kennedy coach Andy Lancberg, the borough rivalry between their sides is the best in New York City.

“This is unlike any rivalry in the country,” Langley said. “So many of us are friends and it goes back years. It’s really big for us”

A 1-5 start wasn’t the record Clinton was looking for at this point in the season, but for a week that doesn’t matter thanks to a 24-21 victory over visiting Kennedy in a PSAL Championship Division game Saturday afternoon. Clinton’s running attack was led by Haleem Livingston, who rushed for 132 yards with two touchdowns and Junior Valerio, who ran for a touchdown of his own.

“This was precious,” Valerio said. “Something I tell my kids and grandkids about when I get older; my first time playing Kennedy.”

Kennedy used a methodical drive to open up the game, taking 8:03 off the clock as quarterback Anthony Cruz capped off the drive with a 3-yard touchdown run.

Livingston responded by taking his first carry of the game 59 yards down the left sideline to the one yard-line. On the next play, he pounded the ball in for a score and then converted the ensuing two-point conversion to give Clinton an 8-7 lead with 46 seconds left in the first.

“We just wanted to pound the ball,” said Livingston. “That’s all I wanted to do.”

Kennedy came right back and with 34 seconds gone in the second quarter, Mathew Evora took a hand-off straight up the middle



Clinton’s Haleem Livingston carries a defender.

By William Thomas

for a 50-yard touchdown run. The extra-point attempt was blocked, but the Knights had a 13-8 lead.

With 2:19 left in the half, a 5-yard touchdown from Livingston and another two-point conversion run put Clinton up 16-13 going into the break Where the offenses proved unstoppable in the first half, the second half provided more of a stalemate as the defenses attempted to settle in.

“Both teams executed,” Lancberg said. “It’s football. We just had to bang it out.”

Clinton began to utilize the sweep play towards the end of the third quarter as the Governors began a drive to extend its lead. Valerio capped off a 76-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run with 6:11 left to play to help put Clinton up 24-13.

Kennedy was not done yet.

Starting on their 33-yard line, the Knights put together a 67-yard drive in a minute and a half as Demetrius Wade turned on the jets down the left sideline for a 29-yard touchdown run to make it a three-point game. Kennedy was given an opportunity to at least tie the game after stopping Clinton, but a turnover on downs with 44 seconds left ended any hopes of a comeback.

Jara kicks Columbus past division champ Truman

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

A tie was all Christopher Columbus coach Javier Escudero was hoping with his tired team heading into the second overtime with first-place Truman. He knew he had a chance for better as Romina Jara ran onto a loose ball along the right side.

“Anytime the ball is at her feet things can happen, Escudero

said.

Jara, a freshman, out ran the Truman defenders along the left side and deposited the ball for the winner and her second goal of the game to the far low post. It gave Columbus an emotional 4-3 win over Truman in PSAL Bronx B girls soccer Friday night at Lehman high school.

“I just took a lucky shot,”

Jara said. “I was hoping it would go in.”

The victory secures the Explorers (7-4-0) a winning record and avenges a 3-2 defeat to Truman earlier this season. Thania Gonzalez and Jewel Thompson each added goals for Columbus. All of the Columbia goals, until the winner, answered Truman scores

“It was the best feeling beat-

ing a team that we lost against,” Jara said. “It’s the best feeling we’ve had this season.”

For Truman (10-2-0), the disappointing loss doesn’t put a damper on a successful season the schools first ever soccer title in the newly former division of Bronx teams moved down from the ‘A’ league. What makes coach

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Fordham University hoops continues progress under Pecora

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Tom Pecora has seen a steady growth in his first two seasons at Fordham University. More consistent success is what the program is looking for now.

“If we mature as a team it’s less of a roller coaster effect,” Pecora said...“You can’t take a possession off in this league.”

Pecora feels this is the best collect of talent he’s had since his been with the Rams, after going 10-19 and 3-13 in the conference last year. His roster is filled with New York City talent including Bronx native Jeff Short and Brandon Frazier and Bryan Smith from Brooklyn. Fordham returns its three top scorers in Chris Gaston, an all-conference first team selection in the preseason, Frazier and Smith. The unit has just two upper classmen who see time and the rest are freshman and sophomores.

“We are still young, but we look like an Atlantic 10 team,” Pecora said. “We

have turned that corner. We are big enough. We are physical enough. We have players in Chris Gaston and Brandon Frazier who I think can be all-conference players again.”

Gaston, a 6-foot-7 senior, has already been that and is the Rams clear star. He averaged 17.1 points per game and 9.9 rebounds a contest last season. Gaston had 35 points and 15 rebounds in a win over Texas State a year ago. Pecora feels Gaston has gotten his due of the years, but the team winning will allow others to see just how special a player he is.

“I think he’s gotten pretty good hype, but I think we got to win,” Pecora said.

Frazier, a junior, scored 11.7 points per contest and was the team leader in assists. Smith had a breakout freshman campaign and is joined in backcourt by classmate and fellow starter Devon McMillian. The Rams also added former Cardozo standout Ryan Rhoomes, a 6-foot-8 forward. They are



By Joseph Staszewski

Columbus’ Romina Jara scored twice, including the winner against Truman.

all expected to be contributors.

“A lot of the freshman got minutes last year,” Pecora said. “This freshman group is big a physical and they are going to make a

lot.”

The Rams task gets even tougher this season with the addition of VCU, which has been to the Final Four and Butler, which has to gone to consecutive

Final Fours, to the Atlantic 10 The Rams, who are looking forward to the added competition, were picked to finish 14th out of 16 teams by leagues. St. Joseph’s was selected first.

“It just elevates the league,” Pecora said. “You are not going to find a more competitive college basketball league in the country than the Atlantic-10.”

Jara kicks Columbus past Truman

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John Burke even prouder is he’s done with a roster willed with mostly basketball players looking to stay in shape, including point guard Lynda Fields and forwards Linda Forrester and Marika Gordon. He felt Columbus and second-place Clinton has more technically sound players.

“We don’t have that naturally gifted soccer player,” Burke said. “What we do have are these tremendous athletes.”

The closest thing Truman has to a pure soccer player is junior Lillian Barreto, in her first season on the team. She showed that dribbling past three defenders along the left side and scoring what looked to be the winner from the top of the box late in the second half. Dalia Martin and Fields each scored goals for the Mustangs.

Burke, who also coaches basketball, took over the team in 2009 and kept a program close to being dissolved, alive by using his



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basketball players. He joked that it beats them running around the track and now the team of basketball players earned a soccer championship in the process.

“It feels good to be recognized,” Barreto said. “We may not have the supplies or the best field, but you have the best team.”

Warriors highlights and results

BY THE CHIEF Flag Division

Another nice Saturday in Pelham Bay Park marked the halfway point of the Football season for the Warriors and brings some new player names to the forefront.

For the Dugout Sports Shawnees it was Rocco Cirotti and Joel Grandos.

For the Mister Softee Blackfeet it was Daniel Negron and Chris McCauley who stood out.

The Parkview Sports Cherokee were very pleased with the play of Brandon Acevedo and David Bakauskas.

Anthony’s Flower Farm Sioux noted the improved play of Chris Adams and Tim Li.

The Barino’s Market Mohicans noted as special this week the play of Hunter Burgos and John Curtin.

The Pruzzo’s Supermarket Apaches were very happy with the enthusiastic efforts of Mark Piri and Luis Figueroa.

Chief Jerry Demers thanks all coaches for their

efforts to make Flag Football fun. Congratulations to the parents who cheer for all our players. Remember there are no standings or scores.

Mites Division

The North Bronx Paint & Hardware Jets continued their undefeated and unscored upon season by defeating the Middletown Animal Chiefs 7-0. Jaylen Lopez scored the only touchdown on the opening drive from 6 yards out with a dive up the middle and Gary Phillips III scored the extra point on a pitch to the outside. On the first play from scrimmage Gary Phillips III rumbled for 35 of his 80 yards on the day.

Brandon Muniz, Kenneth Maxwell and Eric Mitchell also ran hard. Jayden Delgado and Jaylen Lopez each had a sack on defense and Eric Mitchell and Gary Phillips III made several tackles on the outside. Daniel Donahue, Anthony Bell, Endrit Balidemaj, Kevin Glenn and Joseph Gorgoglione did a great job on both sides of the line all game. The Chiefs

Jabril Sumpter and Bryant Ellis played spectacular on defense with 6 tackles each. Peter DeFabbia, Christian Hernandez and Ferdinand Cosom also had a great day with 4 tackles each. The Chiefs offense didn’t score but had a bunch of good runs by Aidan Haney-Piri and Kasson Potts.

Junior-Pee Wee Division

The Design Development Spartans lost to the Miller Tire Blue Devils 21 to 7. The score does not describe the intensive game played by both teams. The Spartans Defense worked extremely hard the entire week on drills that would make it hard for Mr. Brandon Lopez to score easily.

The Spartans did just that by not allowing the Blue Devils to score during the entire 1st and 3rd quarters. The Spartans made sure that any touchdown scored by the Blue Devils would have to be earned this week. With 3 seconds left before the half and the Spartans on the Blue Devils

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7 yard line, QB Tyrell Foster faked a handoff, rolled right and threw a perfect spiral to TE Yari Hernandez who made an exceptional catch inches away from the end zone but time ran out; that would have lead to a 14 to 14 tie. Honorable mentions must be given to Sebastian Rodriguez and Tyrell Foster at Corner's for forcing Mr. Lopez back to the inside and not giving up the sidelines. On offense, great passes and running by our talented QB Tyrell Foster. Flanker Justin Fernandez made a phenomenal 25 yard catch, and scored the Spartans only touchdown, followed by an extra point on a quarter back sneak by Tyrell Foster. FB Kevin Franceschini and RB Sebastian Rodriguez had exceptional inside and outside runs. David Cojocarú played exceptional with great blocking on the outside and Francisco Correa also played tremendously at Center. A thank you to all of the Spartans for playing with heart throughout the game.

The Blue Devils' Brandon Lopez scored two touchdowns and John Tomsen added another touchdown. Extra points were made by Jimmy McGaughan, Nick Tulipano, and John Tomsen. The Blue Devils' success could not have been made possible without the fine blocking by lineman Juan Correa, Jorge Mendez, Ethan Colon, Daniel Santiago and Jack Morrissey. Exceptional tackling by Nathaniel Colon, Alex Gomez, Novell Jordan, Austin Haney, Eric Reyes, Juan Correa, Eric Colon, and Jimmy McGaughan, Nick Tulipano, John Tomsen, and Brandon Lopez. Great work Blue Devils.

Pee Wee Division

The Warriors Pee wee Division, closed week 5

with the Balsamo's Funeral Home Javelins vs. the McNulty Funeral Home Rams for their 2nd meeting this year. The Rams went back to their usual self, pounding the ball behind big runs from Justin Montoyo and Jed King. The Rams got on the board with a 15 yard touchdown pass from Gino Galella to tight end Steven Manfredi. The conversion failed, giving the Rams a 6-0 lead. On the Rams next defensive play, Connor Hanley-Piri recovered a fumble, giving the Rams great field position. After several runs, the Rams struck again with the combination of Gino Galella to Steven Manfredi for the second time in the game, this time for a 25 yard touchdown pass. The conversion run by Jed King was successful, for a 13-0 Rams lead. The following kick off was then stripped by Connor Hanley-Piri forcing his 2nd turnover. The Rams were forced to punt, but on the next defensive play, Gino Galella intercepted a pass to give the Rams the ball in great position. A quarter-back exchange fumble gave the ball back to the Javelins. Gino Galella then made up for his previous fumble by intercepting his 2nd pass of the day. The Rams went into halftime with a 13-0 lead.

To start the 2nd half, the Javelins came out passing, connecting for a huge bomb to their tight end, almost scoring if it wasn't for the hustle of safety Gino Galella, who slowed the receiver down and allowed linebacker Moises Prado to make the tackle inside the 20 yard line. The Javelins had a 2nd opportunity to score as their running back look to have a clear run into the touchdown but a heads up play by safety Gino Galella, who knocked the ball out of the runner's hands. The Rams defense stepped up

the pressure and forced another interception by Moises Prado to end the Javelins' drive. The Javelins next possession was also stopped by Moises Prado as he recovered a fumble. The Rams defense played outstanding allowing only 1 first down and forcing 6 turnovers to give the Rams a 5-0 record for the season.

The Ralph Giordano's Funeral Home Saints put together a win over the Ridgewood Savings Bank Black Knights 13-6 starting with an unusual play in the first half. After the Knights scored first with a great sweep play, the Saints came back with Paul Turner catching his own pass after it was deflected by a Knights defender. Paul ran down the sideline for a 40 yard touchdown. In the second half the Saints made an adjustment with great offensive line play by Nicholas Bracer, CJ Perry, Isaiah Holder, and Robert Brown. The winning score was created by tough running up the middle with Julian Cardona leading the way. The defense came to play in the second half with outstanding play by Nick Appolon, Arben Kukaj, Angel Sanchez and Anthony Bobbit leading the way.

The Knights had a dazzling touchdown scored by Roberto Perez on a sweep play. Oscar Abreu, as usual played courageously at the quarterback position and threw great passes to Damien Thorne, Daniel Johnson and Jimmy Bloss. Offensive lineman Santiago Rodriguez and Maurice Nix played great and vreated big holes for running back Jonathan Rodriguez. Tremendous defensive plays by David Kollbeck, Michael Montanez, Dylan Matos, Daniel Ferrond and Frankie Mennona.

Pipe dreams: Gambling & NFL

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Joba Chamberlain was hit on the elbow by the fat end of a shattered maple bat. It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured by one of these sharp missiles. Uncle Bud Selig sounds like Sgt. Schultz when Schultz used to say, "I see nothing. I see nothing."

The A-Rod Question

Mike Bianci (OrlandoSentinel) asked if anyone else felt that A-Rod's power shortage started when Rodriguez stopped using steroids.

Gambling & The NFL

Norman Chad had some thoughts about the NFL's hypocrisy. "(Hypocrisy was a spiritual descendant of the Greek god Hypocrates, who never practiced what he

preached and purportedly was the first Raiders fan.)

The NFL's spectacular growth over the past half-century has been dual-fueled by television and gambling. The league puts out a compelling product greatly enhanced by broadcasters and bookies, yet the league has always distanced itself from the serious and friendly money wagered on all of its games. This year, for the first time, the league is allowing teams to display local casino advertising in stadiums, as long as the casino does not have a sports book. "We remain steadfast in our opposition to the proliferation of gambling on NFL games," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy announced. "There is

a distinction between accepting advertising in a limited fashion and gambling on the outcome of our games.

"Let's review both parts of that statement. 'We remain steadfast in our opposition to the proliferation of gambling on NFL games.'

Translation: 'Where would we be WITHOUT the proliferation of gambling on our games?' 'There is a distinction between accepting advertising in a limited fashion and gambling on the outcome of our games.' Translation: 'Casino millions, come on down!!!' Speaking of the proliferation of gambling on NFL games, the league has its own website - nfl.com/fantasy. As in fantasy football."

AFC highlights and results

BY THE SHADOW

The ovens are still hot as Loretta's Pizza "recycled" Bronx City Recycling, 4-0. Tossing the dough for Loretta's were Christos Argyros(2), Nicholas Apicella(1) and Lauren Catherall(1). Delivering the pies were Domenic Arciulo, Angel Cruz, Leonardo Nikollai and Anthony Malyshti. The premises were cleaned by Mikaela Apicella, Luke Mullane, Daniel Nicolas and Kristen Kenny.

Finest Auto Body put some dents in Ann Clair Caterers, 5-1. The scoring was shared fairly equitably with Kaylin Guadalupe and Christian Marano netting 2 each and Darin Jurado 1. Supporting the main denters were Matthew Hernandez, Jason Irizarry, Amanda Pjetrush and Matthew Febles. The "D" was held by Caitlin Keenan, Vincent Jones, Nalini Rumardo and Geovanny Rodriguez.

Macaroni Kids "solved" Advanced Solutions, 2-1. Joseph Healy was a scoring machine with both goals. The offensive support was given by Rene Serrano, Besiana Adzovic, Kevin Killeen and Adonis Kurtovic. Keeping the score close were Arielle Justine and Norysa Nelms.

Neighbors on Ampere Ave, Barino's Market and International Caterers tied 1-1. The lone goal for Int'l Caterers was scored by AJ Aviles with Grace Cammkerata assisting.

Other strong performanes by Daniel Zefi, Haley Grill and Marisa Mussachio..

Captain Mikes Diving sent Crosstown Diner to "Davey Jones Locker", 2-0. Using the scuba equipment to her advantage was Maddie Giannini with both scores. Feeding the shark was Georgia Argyros, Emily Gaudio and Sasha Contreras. Weighing down Crosstown were Katherine Carew, Katie Tierney, Sid Zefi, Nikoleta Marku and tender, Melissa Knecht.

Burns & Rodriquez continued their winning ways defeating Today Realty, 5-0. The scoring shared by Andres Roman(2), Ryder Calderon, Riley Murphy and Jack Murphy with 1 each. Supporting "O" came from Marko Martinez, Kaitlyn Dallarís and Emilia Hemmingway. The "D" was held by Matthew Cyntje, Liam Ali, Gianna Argento and Vincent Cirigliano. Pitching a shutout was keeper, Joseph Marano

Schuyler Hill F.H. was forced to pay a luxury tax by Bronx Taxman, 3-0. Filling out the 1040's were Jessica Von Kessel, assisted by Danae Dookie, Emma Carillo and Maureen Crowe. Other strong showings from Nikki Spinola, Catherine Ficke, Nicole Carillo, Charly ann Casali and Rebecca Cerini.

Porco Adjusting "dulled the lances" of the Knights at St. Frances, 2-0. Joseph Cala

and Dominick Munafo had a goal each. The defensive was held by Maria Hernandez and Kara Molly.

The sailors from Throgs Neck Clipper tied the bone stretchers from Dr. Ken Gonoud 1-1. The lone goal for the the Clipper was scored by Julian Zefi with offensive push from Fabian Romano, Nick Dallarís and Dante Romano. The "D" was supplied by swabbies Albert Rugova, Chris Soto and keeper, Marco Trombetta.

The dancers from Performers Edge "tapped around" Isabella Carting, 2-0. Even in defeat there were strong performances by Michael Grandansti, Sara Vikic, Antonio Torres, Jayleen Resto and Nicholas Bulla.

The last two matches highlights ended inties, McNulty's F.H. and Sensory Works and Triumph Constrction and Magic Touch Cleaners, both 1-1. For McNulty's, Kylie Dundon scored with offensive help from Jillian Barnett, Joseph Lisanti and Rose Hohl. The wall was formed by Chris Vitale, Gregory Dualatos and Lauren Tierney.

Triumph top players were Aidan Martinucci, Madison Freter and Conor Picard. Magic Touch had strong showings from Rachel Menna, Michael Tarul, Emily Bernhard and Anthony Giuliano.

Co-op City Little League now open for registration

Co-op City Little League is now open for registration to all children ages 5 to 16 at 177 Drieser

Loop Room #17, on Saturdays, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday, October 26 from 6 to 9 p.m.

and November 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 at the same times.

For more information call (718) 379-8242.



Photo courtesy of NYC Park Advocates/Joseph Morales

(Above) This Ring-Billed Gull was found near the Orchard Beach Parking Lot shot near its eye with one of the blow gun darts in question. The gull is pictured here on Friday, October 14.

Cops probe fowl park murders

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around 15 pin oak trees inside the park sometime earlier this month near a spot popular with birders and hikers.

“Girdling” the trees like that condemned them to a slow death by cutting off their flow of nutrients.

The 40-year-old trees stand very close to the park’s oldest tree, a towering 400-year-old white oak.

“It looks like whoever ‘girdled’ those trees knew what they were doing,” said a source.

“It’s possible they were concerned about the roots from those trees eventually choking off the roots of that giant tree,” they said. “At least that’s one working

theory.”

Removing or hurting a park tree is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$15,000 fine and/or a year in prison. The girdling in Pelham Bay Park is worth “thousands of dollars” in damage, Anderson said.

As for the blow gun attacks, “I didn’t even know these things are for sale,” said Anderson, adding that perhaps the dart guns are like BB guns for the current generation.

Geoffrey Croft, head of the NYC Park Advocates, said that the attacks highlight the need for more Parks Enforcement Police for the Bronx, which has only six for the entire borough, he said.

“It is terrible because

attacking defenseless animals is not what is supposed to happen in a public park,” said Croft. “It is not just about human safety. We also have to be mindful about our animals, trees, and things that grow.”

The 45th Precinct has assigned a case detective, and patrol cars are giving extra attention to the area.

Following news reports about the death or injury of the nine animals in the park, local Councilman Jimmy Vacca took the first steps, proposing legislation banning the sale of blow guns.

“They serve no productive purpose,” he said, “especially when they are used illegally and unacceptably used to kill and maim animals.”

Refinance for Co-op City mortgage

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torically low interest rates. “That is the reason we are doing it.”

The refinance may reduce carrying charges for Co-op City shareholders, said Friedman.

According to a “savings calendar” released by Friedman, the cumulative annual projected savings of Co-op City’s mortgage being refinanced at about 3% a year instead of about 6% a year would result in a savings through 2047 of \$449,952,608.

Under the plan, the Riverbay Corp., which run Co-op City, will have a new loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration. The federal Department of

Housing and Urban Development will administrator the loan, with Wells Fargo as the original lender, said Friedman.

Elected officials involved in the effort to lobby FHA and HUD to agree to help Riverbay lower its long-term payment include U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Congressman Elliot Engel, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.

“For decades, Co-op City has been a middle-class haven and this application to HUD for refinancing is critical to make sure we maintain its affordability and quality-of-life for generations to come,” said Schumer. “This crucial refinancing plan would secure

Co-op City’s financial future and it remains a bastion of middle class affordability for families, young couples and seniors for many more years to come.”

Assemblyman Benedetto said that he had been encouraging Schumer’s involvement in the process, and that the senator is certainly helping it along.

Benedetto said he is optimistic about the Riverbay board will approve the plan.

“Assuming that the terms are not onerous, I am sure that the board will approve it,” said Benedetto. “Co-op City will be saved an awful lot of money every year, and it bodes well for the long-term stability of Co-op City.”



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Co-op City mortgage may be refinanced at a lower rate in a move expected to help the sprawling housing development.

Celiberti to be honored at Bronx Community Health Network gala

Richard Celiberti, senior vice president network development of Montefiore Medical Center and executive director of Montefiore Wakefield Hospital, will be honored at the Bronx Community Health Network annual gala on November 8. The award recognizes Celiberti’s leadership in advancing quality health care in the community.

BCHN is the largest

federally-qualified health center in the Bronx, partnering with Montefiore Medical Center and Acacia Network (formerly Promesa) to operate 15 comprehensive community- and school-based health care centers.

The street-level network spans a 20-square-mile area of the Bronx, from Morrisania in the south Bronx to Mosholu Parkway on the Yonkers border, and from the

Major Deegan Expressway on the west to Morris Park on Eastchester Road near Pelham Bay. BCHN serves close to 95,000 patients annually.

In addition to Celiberti, BCHN will honor Christopher Cregan Ellis, a young man who is making a name for himself by raising money for numerous health-related charities, and Lowell Hawthorne of Golden Krust Restaurants.

“I am gratified to be recognized by such an outstanding organization,” said Celiberti. “BCHN is a model of truly excellent community-based and comprehensive health care responding dynamically to the needs of the Bronx. Montefiore’s long-standing partnership with BCHN is a source of great personal pride and is essential to achieving our shared vision—providing innova-

tive care that transforms health and enriches lives.”

Celiberti was appointed senior vice president, network development of Montefiore, in 2008. His 30 years of health care administrative experience includes leadership positions at hospitals and an international accounting/consulting firm.

At Montefiore, he has been responsible for developing and expanding external

strategic relationships with local and regional health-care organizations. Prior to coming to Montefiore, he was president of Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center.

Celiberti also serves as executive director of that hospital campus.

Dr. Bob Lee of WBLS radio and BronxNet will serve as MC, and the gala, at Marina del Rey, will have a disco/1970s theme.

BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

As you may be aware, there has been a great deal of discussion, both on network News programs and in print, regarding the severe problems of childhood obesity, Childhood Diabetes and ADD or ADHD. Did you know that Prescriptions for Insulin and Ritalin for children under 12 have more than DOUBLED since 2004? We at Dr. Smile may be Dentists, assistants or Hygienists, but we are almost all Parents too. Sweets do not just damage teeth, they damage children...sometimes irreparably!

Halloween, and the traditional winter holidays, wreak havoc on our diets as adults. Winter weight gain is bemoaned at every social gathering from November until March. But as adults, curtailing our outdoor activity, for most of us at least, is just another fly in the ointment. Instead of sitting on the beach, we sit in the house. Instead of playing golf, we may walk the malls. We lose about 10-25% of our calorie burning

exercise when we move indoors as the weather cools. For our children, however, coming off of a summer of physical activities like skating, bike riding, jump rope, hopscotch, softball and swimming, Winter can cut their calorie burning by up to 75%! It is impossible to send them out into the cold to play the way we can in the summer! Television, video games and telephone calls give their fingers the exercise their bodies don't get. Chuck E Cheese and a day at the movies includes snacks, sodas and pizza! And to make matters worse, many schools have cut down gymnasium time and after school programs due to budget cuts, so team sports for the younger set is often unsupported unless you pay.

What can we do, as parents, to increase activity and decrease caloric intake in the Winter months? Check your neighborhood for active programs like scouting. Encourage your kids to help with yard work this time of the year. Put in a ping-pong table, and try out ac-

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tive stand-up games like Wii dance and Wii fit to replace the seated Mario Brothers. Change your winter menu and use low fat/calorie substitutes for Milk, cheese and prepared snacks. And finally, plan your holiday meals with traditional foods prepared with less traditional ingredients: sugar substi-

tutes, and reduced fats.

Here at Morris Park Dental we are doing something special for Halloween. Each year we try to buy back some of that Halloween Candy your children collect. Our motto is, "keep the best, and sell the rest." At our one afternoon "Halloween Buy-Back" we pay your children \$1.00 per pound for any candy they bring in on November 1st, after school. That candy is then packaged and sent to Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends packages to tour

troop overseas. In addition to the money they get, we also provide a new free toothbrush for each child, and a visit with the Tooth Fairy, who manages to fit us into her busy schedule between 4pm and 5:30 pm on that day. It's a nice lesson in giving, as well as a net loss of a few thousand calories per child. Information is being disseminated in many of the local schools this week, but you are welcomed to call the office if you would like further information. Or you may stop in for a flyer.

Join us in our focus on sugar substitutes and healthy snacks. Try to encourage active play both at home and in the schools. Help us turn Halloween into a Dental Holiday, and join us on November 1, 2012 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for our annual bigger and better Candy Buy-Back. And meet the Tooth Fairy!

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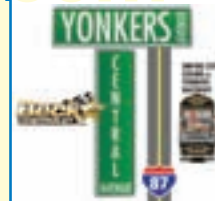
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