

Community remembers Thiebad

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A Bronx business owner, entrepreneur and close community friend known primarily for his coconut-flavored ices passed away after a tragic accident, leaving friends and family members stunned and sorrow-filled.

Alfredo Thiebaud, founder and president of Delicioso Coco Helado, died on Friday, September 19 at the age of 74 after being crushed by an electric overhead security gate.

Friday was just another workday for Thiebaud, who had just finished sweeping outside his factory at 849 St. Anns Avenue and activated an electric overhead gate to close.

After activating the gate, Alfredo somehow ended up on the ground while the gate continued to descend, crushing his chest and neck. He was pronounced dead at the scene when police found his body jammed under the gate.

On Friday afternoon, many of Thiebaud's friends and employees stood outside the factory, creating an impromptu memorial in front of the gate with a photo of him surrounded by flowers and lighted candles, while decorating the factory with images of tropical fruit.

This terrible accident left many Bronxites deeply saddened and emotionally distraught, including Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

"Mr. Thiebaud always gave back to the community, and was among our borough's greatest humanitarians. He was always quick to help a community group or a school with their event, donating money, time or product to numerous worthy

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Photo by Laura Stone

Bollywood In The Bronx

Sisters (l-r) Anjali, Rani, Karishma Latchman at the 2nd Annual Bollywood in the Bronx, hosted by the Westchester Square Business Improvement District at Owen Dolen Park on Saturday, September 20. The event celebrated South Asian culture through music and dance.

PROTEST AGAINST FACILITY

Van Nest rejects transitional housing plan

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A company that provides transitional housing for the homeless has introduced a proposal for a facility in Van Nest, and residents are pushing back.

Metro Safe Housing, a for-profit company that was formed in early 2014, recently presented plans to turn a four-family house on Taylor Avenue into an Emergency Placement Unit for individuals referred by NYC Human Resources Administration.

After the plans were brought by

Metro Safe Housing to members of Community Board 11, the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance organized a protest, imploring that the neighborhood "Invest in families, not facilities."

The goal of the protest was to raise awareness in the neighborhood about the plans for the facility, said VNNA vice president Bernadette Ferrara, and the group collected more than 175 signatures in protest and sent the petition to the community board and local elected

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St. Ray's bids farewell to longtime athletic director

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Ronald Patnosh, former athletic director and founder of St. Raymond High School For Boys baseball program, died Friday, September 19. He was 76.

Patnosh, a Queens native, started his St. Raymond's career in 1962, two years after the school first opened its doors. For 45 years, he coached both the JV baseball and varsity baseball teams and lead them to win 1,080 games during his legendary career. Patnosh was instrumental in the Ravens achieving two city championship victories in 1980

and 1989. According to Frank Eisele, president of the Throgs Neck Little League board of directors, Patnosh frequently recruited many of the league's members for his team and ultimately emerged victorious in their first city championship win. "He mentored a lot of kids," said Eisele. "Ron was respected by everyone."

He continued as head coach until retiring in spring 2010 after his team won the city championship's semi finals. Patnosh was the proud recipient of the Sportsmanship Award by the Catholic

High School Athletic Association and was inducted into the St. Raymond's Hall of Fame by principal, Brother Daniel Gardner and athletic director, Benjamin Aguirre in May.

Aguirre shared memories of the late Patnosh who he knew since he was 12. "He was part of its foundation," said Aguirre. "He was always enthusiastic about St. Raymond's, passionate about the boys, and feisty. He was always real with you and never minced words."

In addition to athletics, Patnosh

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Ronald Patnosh at his number retirement ceremony in May.

Photo Courtesy of St. Raymond High School for Boys

Accident claims cop's life on Bruckner Exp.

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A tragic van accident claimed the life of a young officer from the 47th Precinct in the northern part of our borough.

Mayor de Blasio and New York Police Department Commissioner William Bratton visited the 47th Precinct on Sunday, September 21, after an automobile accident, shortly around 5:08 a.m., took the life of police officer Michael Williams, 25, on the Bruckner Expressway. Eight other officers, also assigned to the precinct, sustained non-life threatening injuries.

The accident is currently under investigation by the NYPD Highway Unit's Collision Investigation Squad.

The group of nine officers were travelling in a police van heading to Manhattan to police a climate-change demonstration on Sunday and the start of a United Na-



Police Officer Michael Williams
courtesy of the NYPD

tions General Assembly when the vehicle struck a jersey barrier on the expressway near Bryant Avenue.

Officer Williams was ejected from the vehicle through a right rear passenger seat window, and was pronounced dead at Lincoln Hospital. No

other cars were involved.

De Blasio and Bratton took questions from the media outside the 47th Precinct after meeting with officers inside.

"Very early in this new day we lost one of our finest, and we lost one of the newest members of our finest, and that hurts even more," said the mayor of the young officer. "Officer Williams's dream was to be an NYPD officer. He came from a police family. This is what he wanted to do with his life."

The mayor added, speaking of Williams' assignment to the four-seven, (a precinct which several months ago saw a spike in violence): "He was assigned here to a tough precinct where a lot of work was needed, and he was part of the team that was turning things around, and I know that was a source of pride. We are all in a lot of pain to-

day to lose a good young man who was just starting out."

Mayor de Blasio also said that the men and women of the 47th Precinct "are hurting right now." The mayor and Bratton both said that they had spoken at Williams' NYPD graduation.

Bratton said that the 47th Precinct command is one of the more active commands, and that it is a very close-knit command even for new officers.

"The mayor and I did

have the opportunity, a few moments ago, to address many of members of the four-seven," said the police commissioner outside of the 47th station house. "They are in deep mourning, as you can imagine, for a colleague."

Williams, who wore shield #11513, is survived by his mother and his father, and was an only child. His father is a 32-year police veteran with the Carmel, N.Y. police department, said the commissioner.

"Most certainly I think Michael's father as a cop for 32-years has probably seen it all, but never expected to see something like this involving his own son," said Bratton outside the precinct, before he went to see the family.

The other officers involved in the crash were removed to St. Barnabas Hospital, Jacobi Medical Center and Lincoln. Six were released, and two were kept in the hospital overnight. All eight should recover.

- Notice of Public Hearing -

On Tuesday, October 7, at 10 a.m., a public hearing will be held in the City Council Committee Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Manhattan, for the purpose of considering a local law which authorizes an increase in the annual amount to be expended in the Fordham Road Business Improvement District (BID) from \$625,000 to \$670,000.

The local law will also authorize an expansion of the BID boundaries and a maximum property assessment limit of \$45,000 per year.

Morris Park 'No Parking' signs cause safety issues

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A pole supporting "No Parking/No Standing Anytime" signs has the residents of Morris Park and Pelham Parkway furious.

The signs, located on the Pelham Parkway South service road, between Williamsbridge Road and Yates Avenue, have created an annoyance and inconvenience amongst pedestrians and drivers that live and work in the area.

The "No Parking" sign pointing towards the beginning of the block states that it is against the law to park within its boundaries from 7 AM to 7 PM including Sundays. The "No Standing Anytime" sign pointing to the zone ahead of it states that it is against

the law to park or stand in the zone at anytime.

This creates a tremendous safety issue, due to the fact that the Pelham Parkway South service road's three eastbound lanes all have to merge into one lane.

Drivers are informed of the merge once they cross Williamsbridge Road and continue along the Pelham Parkway service road with a "Lanes Merging" warning sign posted, except the sign does not advise the driver how severe the merge is.

Reversing these signs would mean that no cars would be allowed to park at the beginning of the block, creating more space for cars to maneuver instead of encountering a race-like scenario where

cars jockey for position to go first after the three lanes and one turn have merged.

Having the "No Standing Anytime" sign pointed towards the beginning of the block, and the "No Parking" sign pointed to the zone just ahead of it, drivers would also be in a safer scenario to park their cars, instead of being forced to park with numerous vehicles from the four lanes behind it.

The placements of these signs don't make any sense," said Jeremy Warneke, district manager of Community Board 11. "I believe switching these signs around would solve this problem instantly and it would make this area a lot safer for drivers and pedestrians."

The signs, which were put up in January 2013 as part of a project to rehabilitate Pelham Parkway, detach one parking zone from the rest of the parking zones, and it's unclear as to why this particular parking zone is isolated and separated from the rest.

According to Warneke, the Department of Transportation informed Community Board 11 that they would switch the signs six months ago.

"This is just one of many problems that have been caused by the attempted revamping of Pelham Parkway," said Frank Vignali, who was born and raised in the neighborhood.

"This is a safety issue due to poor planning by the DOT as well as the city, and it needs to be fixed before someone gets hurt or killed. I demand that DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg agree to a walk through with Community Board 11 and/or the Morris Park Association to discuss and fix this problem."



A pole with "No Standing Anytime" and No Parking from 7 AM to 7 PM" signs on Pelham Parkway South has drivers wishing the zones were reversed.
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Van Nest transitional housing rally

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officials.

Fred Aldehari, CEO of Metro Safe Housing, said he felt disrespected by the protest, which he said left fliers all over the property in question. His company, which currently has four other facilities in the Bronx, is trying to provide a good service, he said.

"Our mission is to provide quality, safe housing for those in need," said Aldehari.

Metro Safe Housing screens the individuals who are referred by HRA, said Aldehari, and they choose only people who would be a good fit for their home.

Beyond that, he said residents agree to a strict code-of-conduct, which includes curfews, and the facility

maintains a no-tolerance policy of illegal activities.

"They earn the right to be there every day by sticking to our strict honor code," he said.

He said he feels the facility, with his involvement and security cameras, can improve the condition of the block they're on.

"I thought it would be something beneficial," he said "The neighborhood looks like it needs help."

But Ferrara and fellow VNNA member and Taylor Avenue resident Sharlene Jackson Mendez resent the idea that the neighborhood should be grateful for the facility.

The community is vulnerable, said Ferrara, and a facility isn't a good fit for the neighborhood that's trying

to improve. Jackson said the area has already shouldered their fair share of facilities.

"If program after program moves in, it won't be a neighborhood any more, it'll be a transient population," said Jackson.

They're also not convinced that Metro Safe Housing can keep out potentially dangerous residents.

"I don't believe they know enough about the people they're accepting," said Mendez.

Ferrara pointed to the company's short track record, which makes her worried that they haven't had to deal with significant problems as they arise, and said she does not trust the company.

"I'm not a wolf in sheep's clothing," said Aldehari.



Van Nest residents gathered on Taylor Avenue on Sunday, September 14, to protest Metro Safe Housing's plan to bring transitional housing to the neighborhood. Photo by Silvio Pacifico

Jackson said she plans to continue fighting the arrival of the facility.

"The people in the community are not going to accept it," said Ferrara. "He needs to go somewhere else."

Ardehali said that while he's not inclined to give up

easily, the plans for the Taylor Avenue facility are not a done deal.

"It's still up in the air," he said.

Community mourns passing of Coco Delicioso Helado's Alfredo Thiebad

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causes across the city," said Diaz Jr., who recalls buying ices from Alfredo when he was a kid living in the south Bronx, calling them "coquitos."

"He was a great man and a great friend who was always there for us and for the Bronx, and this tragic accident has deprived us of one of the best."

Thiebaud was born in Honduras in 1939. By the 1960s he had immigrated to the Bronx with a vision of a business that recreated a dessert that was popular in Latin America and the Caribbean.

He made his home and his business all in one, starting his coconut flavored-ice business "Delicioso Coco Helado" in 1967, in the kitchen of his south Bronx apartment. He would eventually

added more flavors such as cherry and mango.

As Delicioso Coco Helado expanded, Alfredo employed workers and supplied vendors with pushcarts that he built himself in his factory basement. These employees became his family, as well as the Bronx community and the organizations that he supported.

Despite running a growing flavored ice business, Thiebaud still made time to visit his mother and the rest of his family in Honduras every Mother's Day.

The wake for Thiebaud was on Monday, September 22 at the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home, which was attended by Honduras President Juan Orlando Hernandez, among others. His interment was the following day.



Alfredo Thiebaud (L) poses with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and others during an expansion of Coco Delicioso Helado event in 2014. Photo courtesy of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce



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Sopranos actor heads Columbus Day Parade

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

A familiar face to many will be heading up Morris Park Avenue in a few weeks.

The grand marshal of the 2014 Bronx Columbus Day Parade is Vincent Pastore, the actor best known for his role on *The Sopranos*.

Pastore, a 3rd generation Italian-American, said he's proud to represent Italian culture and history at this year's Columbus Day Parade. He described the Italian values as food, family and friendship, pointing to a culture that comes from the roots of civilizations, the Roman Empire.

"We have such a great heritage," said Pastore, "It's an honor to be able to celebrate all that."

Pastore was born in Port Chester, and was raised in New Rochelle, he said, in an Italian-American neighborhood. He has childhood memories of visiting his grandmother on Arthur Avenue, along with the Bronx Zoo and the New York Botanical Garden.

He moved to Pelham Bay in the late 80s when he started pursuing acting, he said, after running night clubs in New Rochelle for about 25 years.



Actor and City Island resident Vincent Pastore, best known for his role on *The Sopranos*, will be the grand marshal of the 2014 Bronx Columbus Day Parade. Photo courtesy of Vincent Pastore

within itself," he said. "Over the bridge you're in its own world."

Pastore is still acting, most recently in Woody Allen's play, *Bullets Over*

rica.

He's also working with the Morris Park Community Association on a cancer-related fundraiser for Calvary Hospital. He recently beat prostate cancer.

"I believe in giving back," Pastore said about his work.

He's looking forward to the Columbus Day festivities in Morris Park, he said, and is happy to follow fellow actor Chazz Palminteri.

"It's a huge honor to be a grand marshal," said Pastore.

The parade will take place on Sunday, October 12, starting at noon at the corner of Morris Park Avenue and White Plains Road, and will follow Morris Park Avenue up to Williamsbridge Road.

A special concert will be held at Loretto Park at 5:30 p.m., featuring the Gio Venuto Band.

Broadway. He also writes, and is in the process of developing his own play based on his bar days in New Rochelle.

Outside of work, he is active in several charitable organizations, including Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, the Light of Day Foundation for Parkinson's disease research, Wounded Warriors, and Self Help Af-

We have such a great heritage. It's an honor to be able to celebrate all that.

Vincent Pastore

"It was hard, I was 42 when I broke into the business," said Pastore.

The first film he worked on, "True Love," was filmed in Morris Park. After the success of *The Sopranos*, he bought a house on City Island, where he said he had been visiting since the 60s.

Pastore said he loved how the island had been preserved over time.

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Vietnam veteran's charity helps Saigon's neediest kids

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A Pelham Bay-born, Vietnam vet is celebrating the ten-year anniversary of his charity.

Burke House, a children's charity started by Vietnam veteran Tom Whelan that helps Saigon children, become more educated and financially supported, will host an anniversary fundraiser on Saturday, September 27.

Tom Whelan first thought of the idea for a charity when he took a three-day tour to Vietnam and other countries in Asia in 2002. He had planned to take a retirement-like trip and settle down after ending his previous job tenure working at a computer company.

After seeing the many poor street children of Saigon, Whelan decided to start a charity with the help of his one sister and four



A photo of Tom Whelan from when he served in the U.S. military from 1967 to 1968.

Photo courtesy of Burke House

brothers who also served in the US military in the 1960s.

In 2004, Tom Whelan created Burke House, in honor of his mother's maiden name – the goal being to educate and finan-

cially support the children from Saigon, also known as Ho Chi Minh City.

Whelan, who served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 including the Tet Offensive, said that his interactions with the 10-year old girl Nga greatly influenced his decision on starting this charity.

"When I first met Nga in 2002, she told me that she worked for her family by selling books to tourists," said Tom Whelan. "It made me so sad to see a girl working at such a young age while gaining no education whatsoever, so I had to sponsor and help her."

"There are many kids in Vietnam who don't receive the proper education that they should, along with kids who live in other countries that struggle with poverty. That's the reason Burke House was started – to lift the spirits of the poor street



Vietnam Veteran Tom Whelan poses with members of the Saigon school the Religious of Notre Dame of the Missions
Photo courtesy of Burke House

children by providing assistance to them."

Whelan began making trips to Saigon annually, providing food, tutoring and money to children in need. As the charity grew, so did the number of people that Whelan helped, eventually supporting students from Huynh De Nhu Nghia (School for the Blind) as well as other poor street children in Saigon.

"He is extremely de-

voted to this cause," said Geri Sciortino, owner of the Bronx Design Group, who assisted Tom back in June when he came to the store to get his fundraising journal printed for the anniversary fundraiser.

"He is so dedicated to the kids of Saigon and improving their lives. It's truly inspiring – some Vietnam veterans who were lucky to return to the US don't ever want to go back – he

goes back every year to help those kids."

Ten years later, a children's charity that has been supported solely by the donation of friends and family has seen those in need be provided with education and financial support.

The Burke House anniversary fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 27 at Honey's Thai Pavillion, located on 3036 Westchester Avenue.

Pols push for gun offender database

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

City Hall lawmakers are pushing for a searchable online gun offender database registry, not too dis-similar in its concept from one already in place statewide for sex offenders.

A bill introduced before the City Council and gaining traction among Bronx elected officials including co-sponsor Councilman Ritchie Torres -- as well as Senator Jeff Klein, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz and Councilman Andrew Cohen -- would create an online searchable registry of gun offenders.

This would easily allow the community to search an online database by their geographic area, to see if people who have committed crimes using guns live near them.

The database would

identify gun offenders for four years, at which time, if there is no other crime related to guns, the offender will be removed from the list, said a spokesman for Torres. This provides an incentive for a gun offender to stay away from guns, the spokesman said.

"We must take every measure to stem the tide of gun violence in New York City," said Torres. "This bill will create a commonsense crime-fighting tool that provides both law-enforcement and community members with real-time information on violent gun-offenders in their neighborhoods."

The information in the database will be the offender's name, block on which they live, a physical description, the crime the offender was convicted of, and sentence imposed. It will be updated monthly.

Borough President Diaz first proposed such a database in his 2013 State of the Borough address, he said.

"A safer New York State, and a safer nation, demands that we shine a light on those individuals who would commit gun crimes in our neighborhoods," said Diaz. "An easily-accessible gun crime registry will serve as an excellent tool not only to keep neighborhoods informed about crime, but to serve as a deterrent from such acts."

Senator Klein added: "New York residents deserve access to any information that will help them lead safer lives and give them the tools to better protect their families. By allowing for community access and mandating community notification to the city's gun offender registry we will give our citizens the

knowledge they need to make smart choices."

Sonia Medina, 55, an anti-gun community activist from Fordham who is familiar with the legislation, said she thought it would "empower communities."

"For me, it is a very good idea because it would be easy for people to check around their neighborhood to see if there is someone nearby who caused violence because of guns," she said.

Indeed, violence touched Medina very recently. She said that gun violence is common in her Fordham neighborhood, and she received some shocking news in December 2013 shortly after attending an anti-violence rally. She received a phone call from her niece in Pennsylvania that a family member had been shot in the head. Gun violence is ubiquitous from



Councilman Torres (c) speaks about the need for a gun registry, and is seen here with many elected officials from the borough at recent press event.
Photo courtesy of Councilman Torres' office

other states to her Fordham community, where she says there has been an uptick recently.

"We have had quite a

few deaths from gun violence in the past couple of months," she said. "It has gotten worse for sure."

SHCA SUMMER OLYMPICS



A good time was had by all
Photo courtesy of Bob Kurz

The Schuyler Hill sandy beachfront is a perfect place for a sack race! Photo courtesy of Bob Kurz

The Schuyler Hill Civic Association, under the leadership of president Bob Kurz, held their annual Summer Olympics on Sunday, August 25. The day of fun was a family gathering that included running and swimming races, an orange gathering contest, potato sack races, an egg throwing contest, a hula hoop challenge, three-legged races, sponge & bucket races, and pie and watermelon eating contest. There was an awards ceremony where the winners received trophies, medals, toys, or cash prizes.



Adults dig into their plates during a pie eating contest.
Photo courtesy of Bob Kurz



A Sponge and Bucket competition was set up for the 7- to 10-year-olds on the beach.
Photo courtesy of Bob Kurz

The club wishes to thank the following people for the event's success.

JoAnn Balzano, Cathy Mondelli, Cathy Kehoe, Diane Wade, Mary Mullane, John Scuoppo, Nick Arroyo, Mary Forte, Patty, Samantha and Fernando Justiniano, Anthony Romeo and anyone else that helped.

SHCA SUMMER OLYMPIC RESULTS

This information was furnished by Bob Kurz, SCHCA president.

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2nd Eva Wade
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BOYS AGES 7-10

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3rd Danny McCrink

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2nd Mya Henry
3rd Alexis Roque

BOYS AGES 11+

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2nd Michael Casseras
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2nd Tommy Forte, Liam Tighe, Jesse Scarpa, Danny McCrink
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ADULTS • 1st Place Joe Camillo & Wayne Peters • 2nd Marty & Kathy Tighe • 3rd Place Mary Forte and Mary Peters

POTATO SACK RACE

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THREE LEGGED RACE

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2nd Mya Henry & Luke Henry

EGG THROWING



Community Board 10 member Robert Bieder (c) speaks to the capacity crowd about the Bronx having more homeless shelters than other boroughs at the Monday, September 22 Municipal Services Committee meeting. Photo by Walter Pofeldt

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

After a meeting with city homeless officials and a service provider, that was at times contentious and constructive, a Community Board 10 committee voted to oppose the Capri Whitestone Motel homeless shelter.

The motel, located on the Hutchinson River Parkway service road in Ferry Point, was leased to service provider Acacia after the Department of Homeless Services determined need.

Up to 95 families will be housed at that location, according to DHS officials and Acacia representatives at a Monday, September 22 meeting.

After about two hours of discussion with DHS and Acacia, Community Board 10's Municipal Service Committee voted unanimously to oppose the siting of a shelter in the Ferry Point community for a variety of reasons.

"Community Board 10 is

opposed to the installation of a homeless shelter at the location of the Capri Whitestone Motel, due to a lack of nearby services for the proposed tenants, the failure of the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to follow due process and perform due diligence, and the adverse impact that it will have on the socio-economic well-being of the Ferry Point community," stated the resolution that was approved. "The committee further opposes

CB 10 votes "No" on Ferry Point shelter

this siting, because it will have a decided negative affect upon an area slated for future development, depriving the board's service area of the benefits associated with its promised economic rejuvenation of the surrounding community..."

The resolution will be voted on by the full board at its next general meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Riverbay Corporation, 177 Dreiser Loop, Auditorium A in Co-op City.

According to DHS representatives at the meeting, 54 families were housed at the shuttered motel as of September 22. DHS committed to establishing a Community Advisory Board for the shelter, which opened last week in the midst of what the agency termed an "homelessness emergency."

CB 10 board member

Robert Bieder said that although the Bronx is just one of five boroughs, it has about 35% of the city's homeless population. He was cheered by many in the room when this point was made. He said that the entire city has a legal and moral obligation to house the homeless, but the borough has more than its fair share of shelters, which should only be 20 percent. "We are not getting our fair share; we are getting abused," said Bieder about shelter sitings in the Bronx. "It has gotten to the point where you say, 'you know what, we can get away with it, let's put it in the Bronx.'"

Representatives of the Trump Organization were also present at the meeting. Donald Trump's real estate firm is completing work on a new golf course close to the Capri Whitestone in Ferry Point Park. That golf

course was paid for by taxpayer funds.

CB 10 chairman Martin Prince said, among other comments presented during the meeting during a robust Q&A period, that the eventual number of DHS' homeless families slated for this facility will outnumber the current residential population of the Ferry Point community.

JoAnne Somers, president of the Ferry Point Civic Association, Inc., stated at the meeting that the area was going to be inundated with traffic because of school buses and a shuttle service going and coming from the motel.

Dotti Poggi, leader of the Ferry Point Community Advocates, said that the DHS' bullied her community into accepting it, and expressed concern about the "image" of the area.

Parkway walkway paths are deemed unsafe

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

An isolated walkway in Pelham Parkway has generated numerous complaints from residents and caused a major safety issue for pedestrians.

The dirt walkway, located in the park area between Pelham Parkway North and South, near Tenbroeck and Narragansett avenues, has been an ongoing problem for residents and employees who work in the area who need to cross from one side of the parkway to the other.

The problem is that the walkway doesn't lead anywhere - anywhere or safe, that is.

While walking from Pelham Parkway North side to South, a pedestrian has the option to walk on a dirt walkway.

More than likely, this person will continue walk-

ing on the path, believing that the walkway will lead them to the other side.

This walkway is deceiving, however, leading pedestrians instead into a guard rail at the end of the park on the south side that separates the park from the parkway. To go further they must climb, hop, jump - or whatever - to get over the railing and onto the Pelham Parkway service road sidewalk safely.

Easier said than done, especially when a mother is pushing a stroller or when a handicapped person needs to get to the other side of the parkway and is incapable of doing so because there is no handicap ramp.

And nobody wants to make a five-block U-turn via wheelchair.

Walking from the south side to the north side of

Pelham Parkway poses the same issue for those who need to get across quickly and safely. Doctors and nurses from Jacobi Medical Center and students from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, among others, are forced to run across the parkway to give themselves enough time to successfully hop over the railing before a car hits them.

This is also a problem for Bx12 bus passengers that get off at the bus stops on Pelham Parkway and need to get to the other side, two of these stops being located right next to the walkway.

Their placement creates the illusion that the bus stop and walkway are connected to each other, until the guard rail suggests otherwise and generates confusion.

"I always see people attempt to cross the park, ei-

ther from the service road or when they get off the bus," said Orthodontist David J. Stevens, who works at 1228 Pelham Parkway South, right near the dirt walkway.

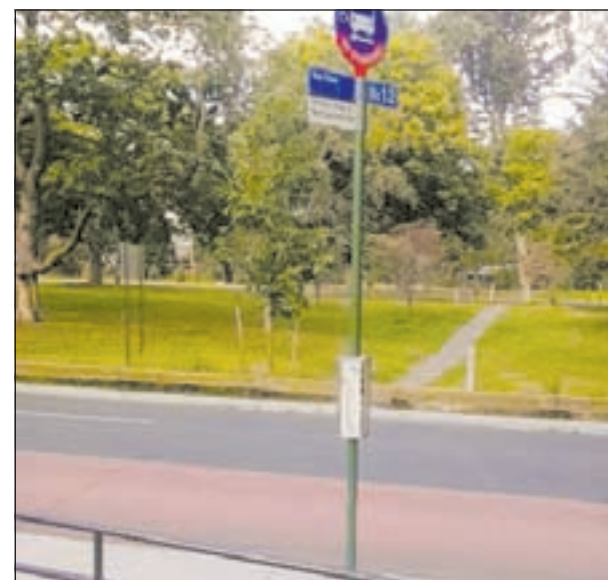
"It's dangerous for pedestrians as well as for drivers, and every time I see people attempt to get across it looks like somebody's about to get killed."

To make matters worse, a "No Pedestrian Crossing" sign right next to the bus stop faces north, making it completely invisible to the pedestrians that need to walk from the southern part of the parkway.

"I've seen parents carry baby strollers over the guard rail while watching the other children to make sure they don't get hit by traffic," said longtime Pelham Parkway resident Frank Vignali, who is outraged by this whole situation that he claims has been dragging on for over two years.

Frank Vignali also expressed the frustration the winter months create.

"When it snowed last winter, the dirt walkway



A dirt walkway on Pelham Parkway, just across from a Bx12 bus stop, has created an unsafe crossing scenario for pedestrians.

Community News Group / Steven Goodstein

was shoveled and the sidewalks on the service road weren't," said Vignali. "When the dirt walkway is shoveled, or any walkway for that matter, it's ensuring people that they are eligible to walk there."

"Somebody is going to get hurt because the city chose

not to listen to the people in our neighborhood that have problems crossing the parkway on a daily basis," said Vignali.

"I don't care how many or how few people cross Pelham Parkway. In this situation, two people crossing is too many people crossing."

Bronx neighbors

PROFILE

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Pastor Jay Gooding Sr. is on a mission to stop gun violence, and to spread the "good news" of the gospel.

While leading and providing spiritual sustenance as pastor of two churches - Fellowship Tabernacle in Williamsbridge, which he founded 17 years ago, and Miracle Revival Temple near the Grand Concourse - he is also one of the leading lights in an anti-violence program based out of Jacobi Medical Center called Stand Up to Violence.

The anti-violence initiative employs people to try to prevent retaliation when shootings happen in communities and Gooding, 52, leads rallies within 72-hours of gun violence to urge a stop to bloodshed. The program, also referred to as SNUG ('guns' spelled backwards), was founded earlier this year by Senator Jeff Klein with other elected officials and medical, religious and community leaders.

"I have been called on through pastoring to help families who have lost loved ones tragically," said Gooding, adding that he was asked by Senator Klein to be a part of the program.

"I believe in ministry, and I look at ministry as being able to serve," he said of his work. "The reward that I get is being able to serve and maybe save a life. I do about 200 funerals a year and I



Pastor Jay Gooding Sr.

am tired of burying our young people. But if we can bring 'life' to them, and save a life, that is the greatest thing we can ever do."

Gooding came from a church family. He is the son of the late Bishop Ceacer Gooding of Miracle Revival Temple. His father was pastor of the temple until 2009, when Gooding became co-pastor there with his mother Josephine Gooding. Both houses of worship are now referred to as "one church in two locations."

His entry into ministry was partially through gospel music, he said. He began playing the organ at age of five, and became the organist at his father's church when he was 11. While in his teens, he played football for DeWitt Clinton High School.

From 1984 through 1987 he was a member of the award-winning gospel music group "The Ecstatistics." His music ministry led him to es-

tablishing a community choir: "Jay Gooding and the Fellowship" in 1991. The choir has recorded five albums, including a track called "No Stopping Us Now - The Remix Project," which was a number one single on a countdown of WTHE, a gospel music radio station.

While at times he never thought he would become a pastor, music helped lead Gooding back to God, he said. He preached his first sermon in 1993. Today, he is a Bronx superintendent for the Church of God in Christ.

His community service is extensive, including: president of the 49th Precinct Clergy Council, the executive board of the 44th Precinct Clergy Coalition from 2002 to 2008, executive of Chaplains Helping in Police Situations (C.H.I.P.S.), and now director of community outreach for SUTV. He is the recipient of the 49th Precinct Community Council's Tom Twyman Citizen of the Year Award for 2009, and NYPD 2013 Partnership in the Community Award.

He is married to Nicole Stacey Ann Gooding, and has four children and five grandchildren. Gooding said that his motto is "life is a gift from God; what we do with that life is a gift to God."

To learn more about Gooding and his ministry, visit: www.fellowshiptabernacleministriescogic.org

Street art group 'tags' the Bronx

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

One group of artists have made it their mission to beautify Bronx streets.

TAG Public Arts Project, founded by local artist J. "SinXero" Beltran, brings artists together to treat the borough's buildings as their canvases as a way to affect change in neighborhoods.

"We encourage graffiti artists, street artists, and fine artists to work together, while enhancing the visual landscape of urban communities with art," said Beltran.

The group works with business owners who want the murals on their walls, often in spots that are plagued with graffiti tagging. The murals become a positive, uplifting thing for the community, said Beltran.

"If you put something beautiful up, people feel proud of what's in the neighborhood," he said. "They want to keep it going."

The organization brings artists, some local and others international, together to create the multiple murals at the locations, said Beltran. So far, he said the group has facilitated about

35 pieces of public art, covering 100,000 square feet of wall space.

TAG Public Arts Project, started by Beltran along with artists James "Sexer" Rodriguez and Luis "Zimad" Lamboy, is still working on gaining its non-profit status, but Bel-

If you put something beautiful up, people feel proud of what's in the neighborhood.

j. "SinXero" Beltran

tran has grand visions for the group.

He'd like the organization's projects and mission to spread outside the Bronx to other boroughs, and then to other cities.

Within the Bronx, Beltran hopes to develop an indoor space for the group with aerosol ventilation, so they can start street-art

youth programs and give kids opportunities to explore their creativity.

"Idle hands are the devil's playground," said Beltran about the need for youth art programs.

Beltran said the group also has an interest in combating negative stereotypes about the Bronx. One of the ways its doing that is by developing the Bronx Street Art Tour with MCNY Tours, which brings tourists from Manhattan to see the groups murals, along with Bronx landmarks. The company hosted the first street art tour on Sunday, September 21.

TAG Public Arts Project's three artists are also part of an art exhibit, with two other collaborators, called "Bronx Quintessential" at the Andrew Freedman Home from October 24 through November 8.

To see some of their outdoor artwork, look for TAG Public Arts Project's murals at 2100 Glebe Avenue, 2303 Westchester Avenue, or 1401 Ferris Place.

To learn more, visit tagpublicartsproject.org, and to contact Beltran, email tagpublicartsproject@gmail.com.



Founder of TAG Public Arts Project, J. "SinXero" Beltran, in front of an in-progress series of murals at 370 E. 134th Street.

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CB 10 makes Fiscal Year 2015 budget requests

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Community Board 10 submitted its wish list for the upcoming city budget, which will be finalized in June.

The process, which includes a number of written recommendations and public hearings with board members and the community, is already underway with four major Fiscal Year 2015 recommendations made so far from CB 10, said district manager Kenneth Kearns.

According to Kearns, the four key requests, in no particular order, are: the dredging of Hammond Cove in Throggs Neck; acknowledgement that the elliptical buildings, the "pavilion" at Orchard Beach, could be turned into a year-round performing arts center; expediting of the Country Club/Waterbury Avenue sewer reconstruction proj-

ect; and getting more police and law-enforcement vehicles for the 45th Precinct.

"We did not do very well last year, no board did," said Kearns of CB 10 capital and expense budget requests for Fiscal Year 2014. But he held out hope that community boards might do better this year with the de Blasio administration in place.

"All the indications are the current administration is going to try to do things a little differently than they were done in the past," he said. "It was elected with a different mandate, so we will see what they can do."

Hammond Cove

Hammond Cove, near Locust Point, is not living up to its potential because it is silted up and needs to be dredged, said the district manager. It is the site of a city-owned marina, as well as a private one that

serves as a rescue site for the FDNY boats, according to sources.

"There is a big boat-owning public in Community Board 10, and on top of that there are other waterborne sports that could be launched from that site, like kayaking or jet-skiing or canoeing," said Kearns.

The district manager believes that the state Department of Environmental Conservation could also be helpful in moving the dredging projects.

Locust Point Yacht Club member Pat Devine concurred that DEC might be of help. He said that at low tide, many larger boats cannot get in or out of the channel, and this would include FDNY that sometimes dock at LPYC.

Orchard Beach Performance Arts

The elliptical buildings above the current stage at



Hammond Cove in Throggs Neck.

Community News Group/Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Orchard Beach, built by 20th Century public works honcho Robert Moses, said Kearns, also has more potential.

"We think that it can be winterized," he said, adding "we think that they should work on that and make it a year-round event space."

Sewer Project Change Order

A sewer replacement project in Country Club

around Waterbury Avenue hit a snag when the contractor discovered a large boulder which changed the scope of the work, according to several sources.

The board is advocating for an expedited 'change-order', if possible. The process usually takes several months, said Kearns.

More Police at 45th Precinct

The board service area

needs more police for a variety of reasons, including the newly opened malls, an increased population, and a drug-trade that is different than all other Bronx precincts, said Kearns.

"We just need more cops because it is one of the largest geographic regions that needs to be patrolled and we don't have enough of them," the district manager said.

St. Ray's farewell to athletic director

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nosh's credentials included serving as an assistant principal for 15 years, a teacher of Global History, the chairman of the History Department, and moderator of the History Club. "He dedicated his whole life to the boys here at St. Raymond's," said Aguirre.

St. Raymond's coach Marc DeLuca remembers his friend as being "a very prominent coach in the area" and well known for his competitiveness on game day.

"He would do anything for anyone especially for his players and his students. He was like a second dad to them," said DeLuca. "He was never married and didn't have a family of his own, but he had a St. Raymond's family."

After retirement, Patnosh continued supporting the school's student athletes and academic community. Even nearing his

final days, he retained his charismatic personality. Despite health concerns, "he was in good spirits," recalled Aguirre who saw and spoke with his predecessor at last Friday's varsity game.

As he did in life, Patnosh's death has had a tremendous impact upon the entire St. Raymond's community. "He was our heart and soul," said Aguirre. "When they think about St. Raymond's, they think of Ron Patnosh."

One local St. Raymond's alum, Robert Gaspari, the owner of Loretta's Pizzeria was saddened by Patnosh's death. "He was a lot of help to the school and to the students," said Gaspari. "He was a great guy and served almost as a mentor to us. He was really someone you could look up to."

A Class of 1978 alum, Gaspari played for four years as the Raven's first baseman and pitcher during the Patnosh era. "He

knew everything about the game and he was one a really tough cookie," said Gaspari. "He really put his heart and soul into the game every time."

Patnosh was survived by his sister, Mary Ellen Storniola and his nieces, Stephanie and Kim. In lieu of flowers, his family requested donations be made instead to the Ronald Patnosh Foundation, dedicated to the care of St. Raymond's. Details to follow.

A memorial service was held in St. Raymond High School For Boys Gymnasium on Monday, September 22 and a funeral Mass was conducted the following morning. Over 1,000 people were in attendance to bid him a final farewell.

"He was the one who built everything and was responsible for the school's success," said DeLuca. "You know you're important when they move the venue from a church to a gym."

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