

John Gilder lawn party charity raises \$\$

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Friends of a deceased young man who grew up on City Island came together again to remember him and raise funds for charity.

The 8th Annual John Gilder Memorial Lawn Party took place on Saturday, July 22 and raised funds for scholarships for local youth attending Fordham University's business school, repair of a Jacobi Hospital recreation room and City Island Little League team sponsorships.

The scholarship fund and lawn party are a remembrance by friends of Gilder, who passed away at the age of 23 in August 2009 from an undiagnosed heart condition.

The charities that the John Gilder Memorial Scholarship Fund supports mirror the activities of the young man being remembered.

Additionally, this year some of roughly \$7,000 raised will go towards a cause that friends believe John would have liked to see addressed: helping with opioid addiction, said Jack Jokinen of the charity.

Jokinen said that effects of opioids became evident when he had to erase several people from the lawn party invitation list over the past three or four years because they overdosed.

Even though John's death had nothing to do with addiction, friends believe helping in this way would be what John would want the charity to do, said Jokinen.

Though Jokinen admits he knew little about addiction, community members helped with suggestions, he said.

The charity will donate \$1,000

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PPN'S PRICE TAG AT \$115 MILLION

Community questions the project's rising cost

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Those following the northside re-construction of Pelham Parkway may be getting answers to questions about the project's ultimate cost.

Some Community Board 11 members and community members from other organizations recently questioned the huge \$115 million price tag for the upcoming Phase 2 reconstruction on the northside of the parkway.

The agency in charge of the project, the NYC Department

of Design and Construction, said that the work on the second part of Pelham Parkway's reconstruction is much more involved than the first, completed in 2015.

According to DDC, the much more substantial scope of the work on the roadways and underground infrastructure in Phase 2 accounts for much of the roughly \$75 million difference.

"They are claiming it is a bigger project and they are claim-

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Dressed For Success

Bow tie aficionado Councilman Andy King presented a \$300 check in support of 11-year-old entrepreneur Chase Taylor's bow tie business on Wednesday, July 19 at his district office. Councilman King (I) purchased a new bow tie from Taylor.

Photo by Silvio Pacific

DOT to install turn signal on Broadway after fatality

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

The NYC Department of Transportation will be installing a new turn signal on Broadway after a fatal vehicular accident at the troubled location.

The DOT will install a left turn light on eastbound 230th Street at the intersection of Broadway in the coming weeks, according to elected officials.

The announcement comes on the heels of the Monday, July 10 accident that claimed the life of a 72-year-old woman who was cross-

ing the street at the intersection.

"The addition of a left hand turn signal is an excellent step in the right direction for addressing the traffic safety issues on Broadway," said Councilman Andrew Cohen.

Cohen said he wrote a letter with fellow city council members Robert Rodriguez and Fernando Cabrera asking the DOT to make the change.

"I'm pleased they decided to move forward with an additional

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Retired detective Monahan pens Hart Island thriller

BY ROBERT WIRSING

A local author's new crime thriller explores the history and myths surrounding the mysterious Hart Island.

Residing in Country Club, retired NYPD detective and self-published author Mike Monahan recently published his fourth novel.

In 'The Treasure of Hart Island,' south Bronx Detective Squad detective Mick 'Micko' O'Shaughnessy returns in a pulse-pounding thriller set on the isolated titular island harboring an ancient secret.

Its lore states that centuries ago privateer captain William Kidd wanted for piracy stashed his treasure somewhere on the 101-acre island northeast of City Island.

Present day Hart Island is a potter's field for more than one million destitute New Yorkers with each grave dug by Rikers Island convicts.

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The prison guards aren't exempt from avarice as these disparate groups soon compete for the gold causing more death, danger and mayhem for the cursed island.

Micko gets swept into the maelstrom while working a case of a van load of dead prisoners, the first casualties in the battle of Kidd's cache.

The detective will need to study Kidd's own history in order to survive the conflict ahead.

Monahan's adventure blends historical figures with present-day action establishing an edge-of-your-seat thriller about the true price of greed.

His additional works include the previously released 'Barracuda' crime thriller/horror trilogy.



Retired NYPD detective Mike Monahan's new novel set on Hart Island blends history and myth to create an action-packed thrill ride for readers.

Photo courtesy of Mike Monahan

Monahan utilizes his police work experience and aquatic hobbies as literary inspirations.

"I've been kayaking around Hart Island for over 20 years," shared Monahan. "Everyone in the Bronx has heard of this island which is why I wanted to write a story centered around it."

His novel opens with historical facts about the island before delving into its fictitious depiction.

A Meet the Author event with Monahan is on Saturday, July 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Wicked Wolf Restaurant and Bar on 4029 E. Tremont Avenue.

A Parkchester native, Monahan continued the family legacy established by his father and grandfather by becoming a police officer in 1973.

Serving in the 42nd Precinct from 1973 to 1979 and the 52nd Precinct from 1979 to 1993, he earned the prestigious gold NYPD Detective Shield in the late 1980s.

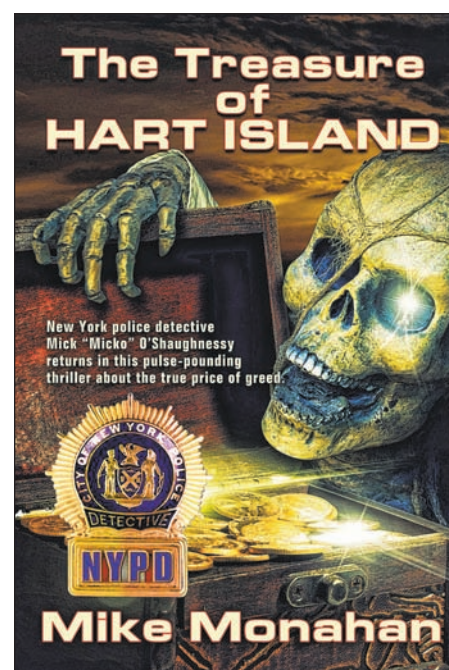
The St. Raymond High School for Boys Class of 1969 alum said he was inspired to become an author after investigating homicides and completing over 100-pages of reports.

A New York's Finest Divers member, Monahan advanced his literary passion by penning informative articles about shipwrecks he explored in the northeastern United States, Australia, Japan and Guam.

Monahan was Divemaster certified in open water diving, deep diving, ice diving, wreck diving, night diving, underwater navigation, underwater photography and search and rescue.

Upon retiring from the force, Monahan worked as an International Police Task Force captain in Bosnia, a United Nations liaison officer, in the various army units assigned as part of a Multi-National Peacekeeping Force and a private investigator for several years.

The Treasure of Hart Island is available on Amazon in paperback and Kindle.



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to Jacobi Medical Center, which the Jacobi Auxiliary will match, to renovate a recreation room that patients undergoing substance abuse counseling use between sessions, he said.

Currently, said Jokinen, in the room there is a pool table that needs resurfacing, as well as a television that could use replacement and a ping-pong table.

Jokinen said the goal is to give the patients "a nice place to go when they have some down time."

Barbara DeIorio, Jacobi spokeswoman, confirmed the donation and match to repair and replace supplies at Jacobi's Comprehensive Addition and Treatment Center's recreation room.

"Providing a place where those in recovery can relax, interact, and spend time in healthy ways is a vital aspect to successful treatment, so we are most grateful for this generous donation," said DeIorio.

The fund will also sponsor Naxolone training at the City Island Community Center on Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m.

The event will teach people to administer the antidote to an overdosing opioid user.

"You don't learn CPR when someone starts choking," said Jokinen of the training.

The fund will continue to sponsor City Island Little League regular season and travel teams, he said.

Mark Gilder, John's father who runs the charity with Jokinen, said he is very pleased how the lawn party continues to grow.



The late John Gilder.

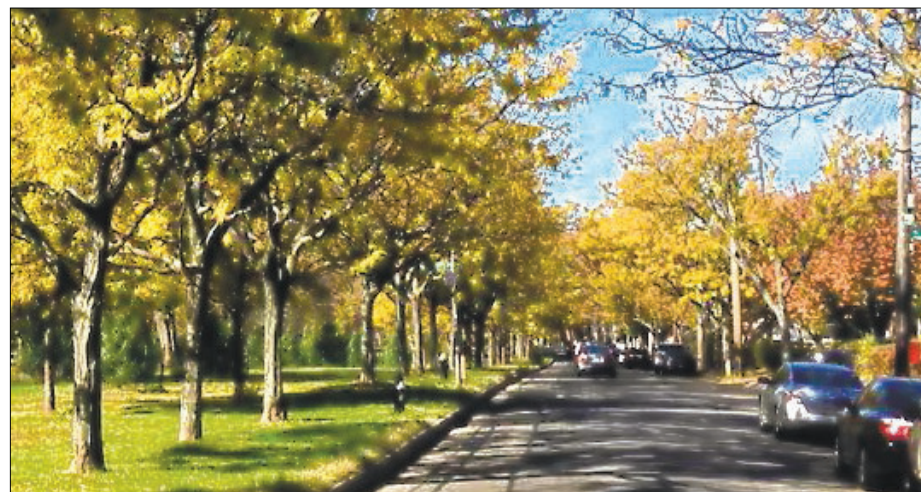
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He said that the fact that it didn't peter out after a couple of years is indicative of the commitment and generosity of his son's friends.

The John Gilder Scholarship Fund has awarded annual scholarships to four local students at Fordham University studying business, as John Gilder did, since 2012.

The fund has also sponsored a scholarship for film students going to college who are seniors at Greenwich High School since 2010.

This year's lawn party took place at the Morris Yacht Club on City Island.



The budget for the Phase 2 reconstruction of the northern side of Pelham Parkway is much larger than Phase 1 on the southern side because of much more involved infrastructure. Pictured is Pelham Parkway North, which will be rebuilt as part of Phase 2.

Pelham Parkway North price tag at \$115 million; community questions the project's rising cost

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ing that there is more work that needs to be done," said John Fratta, Community Board 11 liaison for the reconstruction project.

A DDC spokesman said in a statement that the increase in cost partly involved the inclusion of rebuilding sewer and water mains, the scope of which adds \$30 million to the contract.

"The difference (in cost between) the two phases of the Pelham Parkway project is mainly because of the (NYC Department of Environmental Protection's) participation and the need to replace water mains and sewers in Phase 2," stated a DDC spokesman in an email. "In the 1st phase there was no DEP funding."

The spokesman stated that Phase 2 includes types of work that were not part of

Phase 1: the construction of a large sewer chamber, the installation of an improved drainage system and pile driving activities.

Original projections for the budget on Phase 2 also had to be increased because the time frame for the project increased from two years to four years, according to the DDC spokesman.

"Monthly recurring items like field office costs, maintenance of site, traffic control agents, flag persons and others is doubled," stated DDC's spokesman, also adding "The inflation factor unfortunately means prices go up year to year for the same quantity of work."

Fratta said he is planning on having further meetings with DDC to discuss the issues.

He said sewer and water main work was included in Phase 1, but added that

based on what he is being told, work on Phase 2 infrastructure is much more complicated.

"The price is the price, we want to make sure it gets done right this time and it is not botched up," said Fratta, referring to a roadway paving job in the Phase 1 reconstruction that showed signs of needing repair within the first year and is scheduled to be redone.

CB 11 chairman Tony Vitaliano said he recalls estimates for Phase 2 being lower during initial planning several years ago.

Vitaliano said recently that he believed the city should justify the expense, while also expressing his displeasure that the contractor who won the bidding on the project was the Phase 1 contractor.

Phase 1 was completed at a \$38.543 million cost on a contract originally bid at \$36.165 million, according to DDC.



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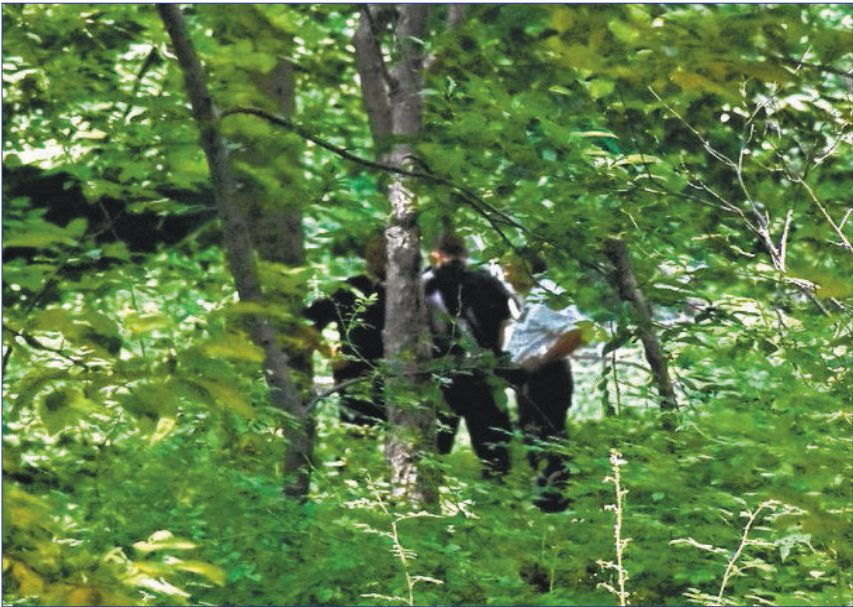
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BODY FOUND INSIDE MAKESHIFT SHANTY



Police are investigating the death of a homeless man discovered inside a makeshift shanty in Pelham Bay Park. According to police, the man believed to be in his mid-30s was discovered by NYC Parks employees on Tuesday, July 18 at around 10:30 a.m. inside the park near Wilkinson Avenue and Bruckner Boulevard. The man, whose name has not been released, was found sprawled out on the ground face-down inside a small encampment among thick bushes on the western side of the green space near the Aileen B. Ryan Recreational Complex. The shelter had a tarp stretched across some trees to protect the man from the elements, a small barbecue and black plastic bags which the man slept under. First responders did not find any signs of trauma on the man's body. An autopsy will be conducted to determine his cause of death.

Photo by Edwin Soto

POLICE ARREST ALLEDGED PURSE THIEF



Police arrested an aggressive thief in Pelham Bay last week. Police chased down and arrested Lindall Cauley, 31, of 240 Nagle Avenue, on Tuesday, July 18 at around 12:52 p.m. on the Hutchinson River Parkway Service Road between Westchester Avenue and Middletown Road. According to police, at 12:15 p.m. last Tuesday Cauley approached a 31-year-old woman in front of 1546 Crosby Avenue and snatched her purse that she was carrying on her left shoulder resulting in pain and bruising to her shoulder. Cauley fled with the purse, but was soon stopped and apprehended by police. He pushed and punched the arresting officer, a NYPD spokesman confirmed. Cauley faces charges of robbery, assault in the 2nd degree and resisting arrest. He has prior arrests for aggravated harassment, criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

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Elder question of the week

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CM Cohen awards June's Activist of the Month

Councilman Andrew Cohen awarded Daniel Reynolds of the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park the June Community Activist of the Month award.

As a resident of the community for five years, he felt that the park at his doorstep, Henry Hudson Park, was underutilized by the community.

In April 2015, Reynolds

I appreciate the service of those who use their free time to make sure that our parks are clean and beautiful for everyone.

Councilman Andrew Cohen

decided to create a group of community members to help maintain parks in their free time. Since then, the Stewards of Henry Hudson Park have gathered regularly to clean up Henry Hudson Park and recently expanded to maintain a Greenstreet in the area.

The Stewards of Henry Hudson Park and their volunteers meet every Saturday

morning to empty trash cans, clean blocked drains and perform dog waste removal. With guidance from the Parks Department, they have also removed three dead trees from the park. The group weeds, mulch and prune the landscape and have installed new gardens they maintain.

"We have so many beautiful parks in the Bronx," said Cohen. "I appreciate

the service of those who use their free time to make sure that our parks are clean and beautiful for everyone. It's an inspirational way to give back to the community."

Every month, the councilman recognizes local activists who have shown outstanding service to the community with the Community Activist of the Month Award.

PAL children explore "Music from Around the World" at summer day camps

This summer, Police Athletic League (PAL) children who are participating in summer day camps in the Bronx will explore the theme "Music from Around the World." Young people at PAL's 21 summer day camps, taking place at PAL centers, will learn about a wide variety of global music genres and showcase what they have learned at PAL's annual Cultural Day and Pennant Quest events.

PAL summer day camps in the Bronx will help children gain a better understanding and appreciation of music from across the globe. At the New South Bronx Center, located at 991 Longwood Avenue, boys and girls will focus on Calypso music in the Caribbean, a type of folk song primarily from Trinidad characterized by highly rhythmic and harmonic vocals. The youngsters at P.S. 48, located at 1290 Spofford Avenue, will explore the origins of Folk music in the United States. Children at P.S. 47, located at 1794 E. 172nd

Street, will research Haka music in the Pacific Islands, a traditional war cry or dance from the M'ori people performed by a group with vigorous movements and stomping of the feet with rhythmically shouted accompaniment. Young people at M.S. 118, located at 577 E. 179th Street, will discover the roots

of music in India. Hindustani music is one of two principal types of South Asian classical music, while Punjabi music is more diverse, with styles ranging from folk to classical. Meanwhile, at the Webster-Giannone Center, located at 2255 Webster Avenue, participants will learn about K-Pop music in South Korea, a



PAL summer day camp participants.

tronic dance music arranged in conventional pop song structure.

"Children at PAL summer day camps will immerse themselves in the music and sounds from a variety of places, learning about different countries of the people who formed those rhythms, and their culture," said Frederick Watts, executive director, Police Athletic League. "Summer at PAL is full of fun outdoor activities and learning experiences."

PAL's summer day camps give kids a safe place to go during the summer months, with a wide range of academics, arts, sports, field trips, and other activities. Each of these elements helps develop fitness for the body and mind. Special citywide events will be held throughout the summer and give campers the opportunity to learn and practice team work, self-control, center spirit, and friendly competition among representatives from all PAL centers. These special events are held at various parks throughout New York City.

PAL's Education and Program Development Department will supply academic enrichment programming for elemen-

tary and middle school children. Elementary school children will participate in PAL's Academic Athletics, which sets aside two hours a week to focus on guided and independent reading, as well as improving math skills, such as multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. PAL Smarts is the middle school educational curriculum with an emphasis on math and journaling, which gives participants the opportunity to practice writing and self-expression skills. The "word of the day" helps to build sight word recognition and usage while enhancing vocabulary knowledge. Some of the clubs at PAL centers for middle school children will include the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in fashion, computer literacy, cooking and nutrition, journalism, newsletters, photography, dance, sports, and community service projects. In addition, activities have also been designed to promote team work, problem solving, critical thinking and self-expression. A Summer Learning Loss Prevention Assessment will also be utilized throughout the city.

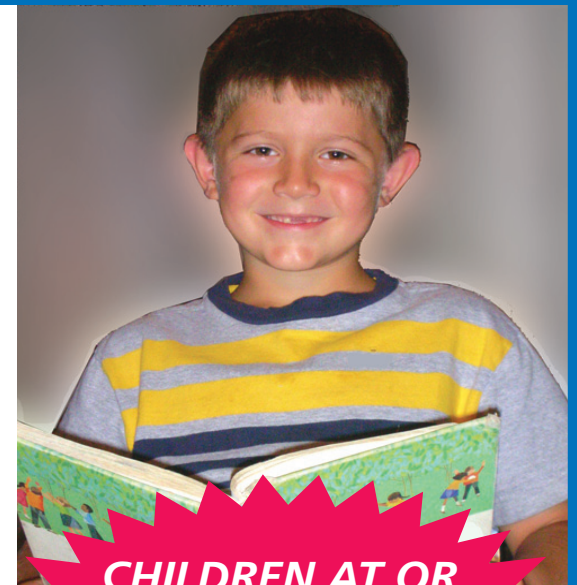
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Mario Borgatti honored with street co-naming

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

A legendary merchant in Belmont was immortalized with a street naming near the store he ran for decades.

Mario Borgatti, proprietor of Borgatti's Ravioli & Egg Noodles on East 187th Street and a fixture in Belmont's business and philanthropic efforts for decades, was posthumously honored with a street co-naming near his iconic business on Sunday, July 16.

Borgatti, whose parents started the business in 1935 and who later ran the shop before turning over its helm to his son Christopher Borgatti, was recalled as a humble man who was helpful and generous to those around him.

Councilman Ritchie Torres said that Borgatti was a widely respected business owner and community member in Belmont.

"He worked for 80 years at Borgatti Ravioli and Egg Noodles, establishing the store as a core business in Little Italy with generations of loyal customers," said Torres. "Mario was extraordinarily generous, with both Mount Carmel Church and with needy residents who would come to the shop for lunch."

The southeast corner of East 187th Street and Hughes Avenue will be henceforward co-named 'Mario Borgatti Way,' in honor of a man who was remembered by his son as having a great deal of humility.

Christopher Borgatti said that by working with his dad for four decades he personally got to witness him giving back to the community.

Among these instances were food (eggs and ravioli) and monetary donations to Part of the Solution on Webster Avenue, the Little Sisters of the Poor at Jeanne Jugan Residence in Throggs Neck and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

One of his earliest recollections of his father's philanthropy was a donation of 30 dozen eggs around Easter to the Little Sisters of the Poor in the early days of the two men working together.

Mario Borgatti worked at his family business until a year or two before his passing at the age of 97 on October 8, 2014, his son said.

His philosophy when it came to making pasta products by hand was easily explained.

"He would say 'make it

like nonna would make,'" said Christopher, adding that it was his grandmother's recipe Borgatti's used.

Borgatti said he believes that his father's sense of humility and generosity originated in his youth during the Great Depression and his religious faith.

His son said that his mother, Erma Contento Borgatti, was behind his father's successes.

Frank Franz, community member and part of the Belmont Business Improvement District board, said he recalls standing in line outside Borgatti's to buy noodles as so many did during the holidays.

"He made artisanal food before it was popular and charged a fair price," said Franz, adding that he was both concerned about his business and generous.

Franz recalled that during the effort to form the Belmont BID, Mario Borgatti was someone who could be counted on.

"He was like everyone's Italian grandfather," said Franz.

Borgatti served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Prentiss, and was awarded Good Conduct, Asiatic-Pacific [one-star], American Theater and Victory medals.



Christopher Borgatti, the son of honoree Mario Borgatti, receives an honorary street sign recognizing his late father's contributions to the community. Pictured with him are Councilman Ritchie Torres and Frank Franz, Belmont BID executive director.

Photo by Laura Stone



Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. celebrates the groundbreaking for new supportive housing in Melrose July 24 with Samuel Roberts of Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Jennifer Trepinski of Corporation for Supportive Housing, Breaking Ground CEO Brenda Rosen and Comunilife founder Dr. Rosa Gil.

Silvio Pacifico

Work begins on La Central supportive housing in Melrose

BY ARTHUR CUSANO

Work officially began Monday, July 24, on 160 units of supportive housing, 96 units of which will be set aside for adults with HIV/AIDS and formerly homeless veterans in the La Central multiuse development in Melrose.

A torrential downpour did not deter representatives from developer Breaking Ground, partner Comunilife and other assorted guests from holding a groundbreaking at the site of the planned building at 626 Bergen Avenue.

Breaking Ground will build and manage the building, while Comunilife will run a community health and wellness clinic on the ground floor.

Breaking Ground CEO Brenda Rosen said the project was a testament to what is possible when the public and private sectors collaborate for the good of the community.

"La Central is going to accelerate the revival of the south Bronx and create important new community amenities, all the while insuring the neighborhood remains affordable for Bronxites from all walks of life, including our most vulnerable neighbors," Rosen said.

The project received \$25 million in state funding, and will also receive operating funding through the Governor's Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative.

Comunilife president and founder Dr. Rosa Gil said the company has been creating low income and supportive housing since 1992.

"The reason why is that we believe that housing is a right, not a privilege," Gil said. "Our housing units and services help them build a foundation to become self-sufficient and live independently in their community and be good neighbors to all of us."

The massive mixed-use project by developer Hudson Inc. is set to change the landscape of the neighborhood with a mix of market rate, affordable and supportive housing, community resources such as a YMCA, a planetarium and a new BronxNet studio, and 45,000 square feet of street level retail space.

The development will be also have a system of interconnected courtyards with playgrounds and garden spaces, as well as a skate park and a rooftop farm.

The million-square-foot development is estimated

to cost \$67 million, and is funded through several city and state agencies.

Altogether, La Central will feature 992 residential units in five buildings centered at 430 Westchester Avenue.

The supportive housing is part of the first phase of construction, which also includes two other buildings that will together create 660 units of affordable housing.

La Central is the largest project to fall under the city's new Mandatory Inclusionary Housing policy that requires affordable housing to be built in all housing projects.

Affordable units will be distributed via lottery, with local residents getting first preference for half of the units, according to the developer.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. said he was excited to see an influx of diverse housing, businesses and jobs into the area, but he said the biggest impact was the revitalization of the area's reputation after decades of decay and neglect.

"It will go a long way towards showing the rest of the world that this corridor here is vibrant, that we are back, that we are no longer the Bronx of the seventies and eighties," he said.

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Rain bursts TN Little League's hopes to enter World Series

BY BOB GUILIANO

Rainfall stopped the game after the fifth inning Tuesday night, and the Throgs Neck Little League All-Stars team's hopes to complete the game to enter the World Series were washed away.

Their opponents at West Deptford, NJ, had a 1-0 lead at the time, that became the final score.

"The players and the coaching staff are heartbroken over the fact that the weather took their chances away, not giving them the opportunity to play the last two innings to tie the game up," said Frank Eisele, TNLL president.

"It was an official game, so the score at the end of five innings counted," Eisele said. "That is really tough. I would think they are in shock. You never expect something like that to occur, you really don't."

The Throgs Neck Little League 15- and 16-year-old All Stars won all five district tournaments again for the second year in a row, according to Eisele.

They won 11 games in a row

after losing their first game 14-5.

Then in the loser's bracket they lost 1-0 in five innings because it rained for three hours in New Jersey.

"It's a tribute to all the boys winning their five district-level championships," Eisele said. "We're having a Family Trophy Day on August 19. We'll celebrate all the boys' victories in the district on that day at the field on Throgs Neck Boulevard and Harding Avenue."

The Throgs Neck senior division All-Stars team's Eastern Regionals game had been rained out Monday night vs. West Deptford and postponed to Tuesday night.

Team coach Joe Silvestri had been concerned how the weather would affect that game and, ultimately, making it to the championship game to enter the World Series.

Until Tuesday night's loss, Silvestri was optimistic about the team's fate.

"Right now we are top seed, we are 3 and 0," Silvestri said. "By Wednesday, there has got



The Throgs Neck senior division All-Stars team was eliminated from its bid to play in a World Series championship game due to a game rained out after the 5th inning Tuesday night in West Deptford, NJ. Photo courtesy of Throgs Neck Little League

to be a winner."

If the Bronx team had kept the best tournament record by Wednesday, it would have made it to the World Series game by default, according to Silvestri.

"If we play (Tuesday), it becomes a key game, but they're expecting bad weather," Silvestri said. "As long as we're undefeated, we go to the Promised Land."

On the down side, Silvestri added, "The only unfortunate thing that can happen is if we lose and it rains, they do away with the loser's bracket and we get knocked out. It can work

for us. It can work against us. We're going to go out there and win this game and that'll be the end of it."

Unfortunately, the downside was the team's ultimate fate after a valiant effort to advance thus far.

The World Series is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 through Saturday, August 5 in Easley, SC, with teams from within the U.S. and around the world.

Last year, the Bronx team lost in the semi-finals of the Eastern Regionals, according to Eddie Mooney, league concession manager.

"Now, they're undefeated," Mooney said. "If they win (Tuesday), they will be in the championship game to go to the World Series, which no one else has done in the Bronx besides us in 1970."

Mooney said he played in 1970 for the Bronx little league team that lost to Tampa, FL, in that World Series.

Within the U.S., teams competed in regional games in Central, Southeast, Southwest and West areas.



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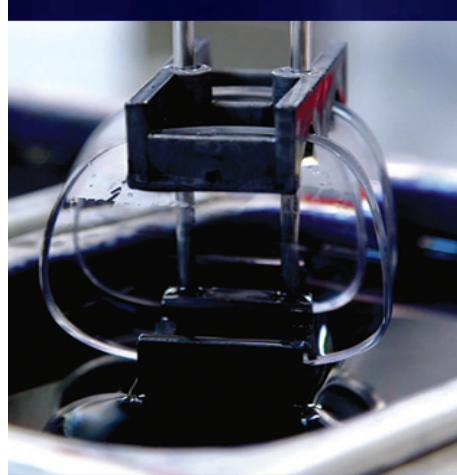
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Looking forward to fall term: public versus private colleges

BY SHIVAJI SENGUPTA

To most of us, colleges are colleges. You go there because you need a degree so that you can get a good job. Time was, when a high school diploma fetched you a decent living. No more. Nowadays we are witnessing what I call a “devaluation of degrees.” The job you could get with a high school diploma in the 1950s, you will not be able to get it today with an A.A. degree. The reason is an ever-increasing population increasing the competition for jobs. So, high school graduates have to get college degrees.

The Bronx has a wide variety of institutions that provide higher education. There are as many as 10 options, but most of us are satisfied if we get into a college. Some of us have heard of the big colleges like New York University, or Columbia; or, here in the Bronx, of Fordham. But we really don't know the difference between a Bronx Community College and a Fordham University, except perhaps in their

reputation? Good students go to BCC; better students to Fordham.

Some people may know that Bronx Community College is a public university whereas Fordham is private. But then, what is the difference between a public and private university? Private universities cost a lot more to study in because they are funded by private sources: wealthy individuals and private corporations who have no financial stake in the university. Public colleges, on the other hand, cost much less because the city and state governments fund them. They pay for the buildings, learning resources and faculty salaries. In private colleges, everything has to be paid from donations and private support.

Every state in the USA has at least one public university or college; most states also have private colleges. A university gives Master's and Ph.D. degrees. Colleges give up to the bachelor's degree, and, in some cases, a few

Master's. Community Colleges, which came into existence only in the 1940s, after the Second World War, give up to the Associates degrees. In the Bronx, there are 10 public and private universities or colleges (not counting divinity schools and beauty schools): Albert Einstein School of Medicine, Boricua College, Fordham University, Manhattan College, Mercy College, Metropolitan College and Monroe (all private); Bronx Community College, Hostos Community College, Lehman College. One of the above mentioned colleges is Monroe. It is private, but a for-profit college. What's that?

Well, profit-colleges have to make profits to exist; continuous loss will result in them being closed down. For example, though they strive to provide a quality education, if a program in a for-profit college isn't making them money, they will cut it even if that's not in the best interests of their students. Not-for-profit colleges won't do that.

Private not-for-profit colleges in the United States are obligated to use their profits first for the enhancement of the institution: increasing facilities, learning resources and so on. If there is still profit left over, salaries may be increased. In short, for private not-for-profit colleges, profit is not a primary motive.

The most obvious difference between a private and a public college is the price. Public universities are less expensive than private universities. In most, but not all, private universities tuition can amount to well over \$100,000 for a four-year degree. In the Bronx, for colleges next year the tuition will be approximately \$5,100 annually for public colleges. For private colleges, they vary from Boricua College (\$11,000) to Fordham University (\$49,000). While public universities might be less expensive, private universities tend to be more geographically diverse as the tuition is the same price for students regardless of whether they

live in the state that the university is in. Alternately, public universities are more demographically diverse due to the lower cost of tuition.

What college you are thinking of choosing depends upon what you are looking for. Each type has its own general set of characteristics that may appeal to you. Which type of school is cheaper? Which colleges are bigger, and what opportunities exist in private vs public universities?

You should know that because private colleges are more expensive they also offer smaller classes and more variety in instructional methods. Every class is not a lecture as it is likely to be in most, but not all, public colleges. F

inally, although all colleges offer educational programs to adults, some private colleges actually specialize in educating adults. In Boricua College, for example, more than 80% of its full time students are adults.

Boy Scout Camp celebrates 90th anniversary

Ten Mile River, the historic, 12,000-acre boy scout camp founded by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and other prominent individuals will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Saturday, August 5.

FDR, before he became governor of New York and then President of the United States, helped select the TMR site with a goal of developing a camp large enough to accommodate the burgeoning growth of scouting in the New York metropolitan area during the 1920s. The goal was to have a camp that was able to accommodate 3,500 scouts at a time. With his dedication and leadership he organized

and masterminded this successfully when the scouts outgrew their camps in Bear Mountain State Park.

FDR, who was then president of the New York City Boy Scout Foundation, selected TMR's site, and was fundamental in overseeing the land acquisition process, including raising funds for the camp's development.

“Ten Mile River has been an incredible asset for generations of Boy Scouts in the greater New York area,” said Ethan Draddy, scout executive. “We will celebrate this milestone by bringing past and current boy scouts together again to honor the importance of the camp in peoples lives.”

In 1952, a Manhattan Boy Scout was recognized as the 250,000th scout to attend TMR and given a special award by FDR's widow, Eleanor Roosevelt. Now well over half a million scouts have camped at TMR.

The property is roughly the size of Manhattan and is located near Narrowsburg, NY. It has three miles of frontage on the Delaware River, and is owned and operated by the Greater New York Councils of the Boy Scouts of America. It is the principal boy scout summer camp serving New York City and often used by troops from other parts of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey for summer,

winter and canoe trips.

TMR is heavily wooded with seven lakes and ponds for boating, swimming, sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking and other aquatic activities. The camp also houses as an Olympic-size pool. In addition to specialty camps such as Science Technology Math and Engineering Camp (STEM), National Youth Leader Training, Trail to Eagle Camp, Shooting Sports Camp, and Aquatics Camp. It has a central headquarters area, a state-of-the-art outdoor amphitheater, a high ropes team-building course, three climbing towers, an ATV program, horse-

back riding, sports complex, family camp, and three active youth camps, each offering different programs and activities.

The anniversary will include activities such as: tours of the camp, memorabilia displays, a luncheon, games and activities for family members and most importantly a chance to remiss with fellow campers and staff members.

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TOP DRIVER DISTRACTIONS

Using mobile phones

Leading the list of the top distractions behind the wheel are mobile phones. Phones now do more than just place calls, and drivers often cannot pull away from their phones, even when driving. According to the California Department of Motor Vehicles, studies have shown that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell

phone conversations. The use of a hands-free device does not lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to dialing is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

Daydreaming

Many people will admit to daydreaming behind the wheel or looking at a person or object outside of the car for too long. Per-

haps they're checking out a house in a new neighborhood or thought they saw someone they knew on the street corner. It can be easy to veer into the direction your eyes are focused, causing an accident. In addition to trying to stay focused on the road, some drivers prefer the help of lane departure warning systems.

Eating

Those who haven't quite mastered walking and

chewing gum at the same time may want to avoid eating while driving. The majority of foods require a person's hands to be taken off of the wheel and their eyes to be diverted from the road. Reaching in the back seat to share some French fries with the kids is also distracting.

Try to eat meals before getting in the car. For those who must snack while en route, take a moment to pull over at

a rest area and spend 10 minutes snacking there before resuming the trip.

Reading

Glancing at an advertisement, updating a Facebook status or reading a book are all activities that should be avoided when driving. Even pouring over a traffic map or consulting the digital display of a GPS system can be distracting.

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National Night Out events set for Tuesday, August 1

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

National Night Out Against Crime, an annual evening of community and police togetherness, is coming to the borough.

Every NYPD precinct and police service area's community council will be hosting a public event to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1.

NNO, which started 34 years ago, is designed to enhance relationships between community and police.

Events vary from precinct to precinct, often featuring rides and games for children, and useful crime prevention information, according to precinct council presidents.

Joe Thompson, 49th Precinct Community Council president, said one of the joys of NNO is seeing police and community conversing with one another, adding even simple interaction can build trust between police and young people.

People from all parts of the precinct get a chance to mingle with one another and realize that they have common interests.

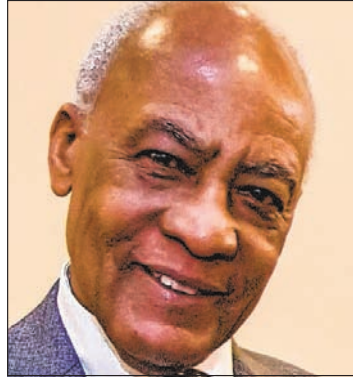


Aurora Carrion, 43rd Precinct Community Council president, said that she would bring a group of about 50 public and private organizations dispensing useful information to the public. Silvio J. Pacifico

"For me, that is what it is all about," said Thompson, "bringing all these communities and people together and recognizing that this is one community."

About 4,000 people attend the 49th's NNO annually, said Thompson.

Over in the 43rd, this year's NNO will feature a lot of useful



"For me, that is what (National Night Out) is all about: bringing all these communities and people (in the precinct) together and recognizing that we are one community." - Joe Thompson, 49th Precinct Community Council president. Silvio J. Pacifico

information, said Aurora Carrion, precinct council president.

"We bring the community together - and not only that - we bring a lot of services," said Carrion, adding that over 50 organizations from both the public and private sectors will be on hand.

Carrion said these include

groups that seek to halt domestic violence and those geared toward seniors, including the Department for the Aged.

She said there should be information for children and parents, immigration and health services, with about 3,000 people attending annually.

Bob Bieder, 45th Precinct Community Council president, said that Assemblyman Michael Benedetto would be sponsoring a movie during the event.

Bieder said that council vice-president Joe Boiko barbecues for the crowd, and local bands perform.

"I love the idea that people get together and come out in the street and let it be known that they care about the community," said Bieder.

NNO takes place in many locations:

- 40th Precinct: 3 to 7 p.m., Brook Avenue between East 137th and East 138th streets.

- 41st Precinct: noon to 8 p.m., Julio Carballo Fields, 765 Manida Avenue.

- 42nd Precinct: 3 to 7 p.m., Jennings Street between Union and Prospect avenues.

- 43rd Precinct: 2 to 6 p.m., Metropolitan Oval in Parkchester.

- 44th Precinct: 3 to 8 p.m., East 169th Street between Gerard and Walton avenues.

- 45th Precinct: 6 to 9 p.m., Co-op City in the rear of 140 Benchley Place.

- 46th Precinct: 4 to 8 p.m., Grand Concourse between East 181st Street and East 182nd streets.

- 47th Precinct: 4 to 8 p.m., Grenada between Laconia and Ely avenues.

- 48th Precinct: 4 to 8 p.m., Crotona Parkway between East 178th and East 179th streets.

- 49th Precinct: 6 to 9 p.m., Comras Mall in Bronx Park, enter at Bronx Park East near Lydig Avenue.

- 50th Precinct: 4 to 8 p.m., West 234th Street between Broadway and Bailey avenues.

- 52nd Precinct: 2 to 6 p.m., Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center, 3225 Reservoir Oval East.

- PSA 7: 2 to 8 p.m., Moore House, East 149th Street and Jackson Avenue.

- PSA 8: 4 to 8 p.m., 1085 Beach Avenue.

DOT to install turn signal on Broadway after fatality

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left hand turn signal," Cohen said. "While there's more work to be done, I know the Department of Transportation is taking the issue of Broadway seriously and I look forward to working with them to improve safety on Broadway in the future."

There have been five motor vehicle-related accidents reported by the DOT as of the end of May, according to the city's new Vision Zero website, www.nycvz.info.

According to Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, 131 independent incidents occurred in 2016 with 61 of those occurring on or near the exit/entrance ramp to the Major Deegan Expressway.

The assemblyman applauded the change but also called for a total reexamination of West 230th Street.

"Residents from all over

the Bronx use the street to gain access to the Major Deegan and many of them deal with this hazardous situation daily," he said. "What happened on Broadway and West 230th street was a tragedy that must never be repeated."

The fatality occurred just after 1 p.m., according to police.

An NYPD investigation determined that the victim was crossing on Broadway, east to west, at West 230 Street within the marked crosswalk, when a black Honda traveling westbound on Exterior Street made a left turn onto Broadway, striking the pedestrian within the crosswalk.

The victim was found unconscious from head trauma.

She was transported by an EMS to St. Barnabas Hospital, where she later died of her injuries.

The driver of the Honda

remained at the scene. No arrests were made.

Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee chairman Joseph O'Brien said he asked the DOT to continue studying safety issues at the intersection.

"You have traffic coming from several directions, and it's difficult to time all the lighting so that it's absolutely safe," O'Brien said. "You have two left turn lanes and then you have the Broadway traffic and the cross traffic - its not your typical layout."

Traffic in the area has only gotten heavier since a multi-level shopping center was built at the intersection, he said.

A large Dunkin Donuts and Baskin Robins store now occupies the corner where a gas station once stood which has exacerbated the problem, he said.



The DOT will install a left turn light on eastbound 230th Street at the intersection of Broadway in the coming weeks, according to elected leaders.



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