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## Rain water to irrigate NYCHA site

BY BILL WEISBROD

When it comes to dealing with rainstorms, the Bronx River Houses are on the cutting edge.

On Wednesday, November 16, the city Department of Environmental Protection and New York City Housing Authority unveiled a pilot green infrastructure project that is intended to add green space to the Bronx River Houses housing development, while reducing pollution in the nearby Bronx River.

The infrastructure includes basins both on the rooftops of the houses' community center and underground in its parking lot to catch rain water and regulate its entrance into the sewer system. Often sewers overflow during rainstorms and release a combination of water and waste into nearby waterways. The Bronx River Houses were chosen for the pilot program in part because of its proximity to the Bronx River.

Water is also funneled into green space around the housing complex to facilitate the growth of plant life. Bronx River Houses residents were also offered temporary, part-time jobs as part of the infrastructure's installation.

The DEP installed several different types of basins to test which work best for when the infrastructure is installed in other housing developments. The Eden-

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Photo by Samuel Tullhill

## HEALTHY LIVING HEAVYWEIGHTS

Eight-year-old Mott Haven resident Regina Alston flexes her muscles at New York Foundling's World Boxing Cares healthy lifestyles event on Friday, November 18 at Haven Academy Charter School. Regina was one of 100 Haven Academy students who spent the afternoon with over a dozen professional boxers, discussing nutrition, physical fitness and substance abuse awareness.

# TRUMAN LOOKS TO THE SKY

## Students celebrate re-opening of Planetarium

BY BILL WEISBROD

Truman High School's planetarium opened along with the school itself, in 1973. For over 20 years it was a destination for students from all over School Board 11. But the planetarium closed in 1997, and went unused. Until this school year.

On Wednesday, November 16, Truman officially unveiled its new, fully upgraded 186-seat planetarium.

Former Bronx borough president and Truman alum Adolfo Carrion helped cut the ribbon on the planetarium and addressed students during a special assembly. Carrion then joined the students and principal Sana Nasser in watching a show about the solar system on the planetarium's dome.

"So many memories came rushing back as I walked through these doors," Carrion told students.

He said investing in schools and local projects that are benefit young people, such as the planetarium, are key to the country's future.

"If we cannot build the kinds of institutions that promote imagination, then we've failed."

Carrion now serves as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regional administrator for New York and New Jersey.

In 2009, he allocated the \$375,000 Truman needed to revamp the planetarium and bring it up to date.

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# St. Ray's expansion blessed

## Cardinal Egan views 14,000 square foot addition

BY VITO SIGNORILE

A local high school's expansion, opened since September, has finally received its proper blessings.

When school came back into session again this year, the young men of St. Raymond's High School were delighted to finally step foot inside the school's brand new \$8.5 million, 14,000-square-foot expansion.

On Wednesday, November 9, students, faculty, alumni, and others, were joined by Edward Cardinal Egan to bless the new addition. Egan said it was well deserved for a school that not only takes much pride in educating their students, but developing them into respectful young men.

"I came in here this morning, and I met about a dozen young, Catholic gentlemen. Sacrifices have been made, and a greater

gift could not have been made to this school then the expansion they received," Egan said. "We need the kind of education that is being provided in this school, here at St. Raymond's."

The new building is fully completed and includes new offices for staff, a new alumni dedicated library, additional classrooms that include a new computer lab, art room and music room, a book store for students, an elevator for handicapped faculty and students, a new senior guidance center, and a rooftop recreational basketball court that will be ready for use very soon.

Egan was brought around the entire complex by principal Br. Daniel Gardner and St. Raymond's Church pastor Msgr. John Graham, where he blessed each room with holy water. Egan was impressed with

the new state-of-the-art building, and was even given a show by the young men of the newly created school choir, and was also able to take home a specially made art piece made by students.

"We're now in a position to provide a 21st century Catholic education to the young men of the Bronx," Gardner said. "Today is more than just a blessing. Today, we proclaim loudly and clearly to all that will listen, that a Catholic education is alive and well at St. Raymond's. The wonderful tradition of St. Raymond's will live on for the benefit of future generations of many young men."

"It is a privilege and a pleasure to have Cardinal Egan come back to St. Raymond's to celebrate bringing this project into fruition with his official blessing," Graham said.



Egan congratulated the St. Raymond's choir and wished them luck in their new building.



Photo courtesy of Simone Development

Smith Electric's assembly facility will occupy a 90,000-square-foot building in Port Morris, owned by Simone Development, that used to be home to Murray Feiss.

## Electric truck assembly plant to operate in Port Morris

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Manufacturing of green, electric trucks is coming to the borough, with Smith Electric announcing that a new assembly plant will soon open in Port Morris.

Spurred on by tax incentives for fleet owners and successful implementation of electric vehicles in fleets, Smith Electric Vehicles, which builds zero-emission, all-electric vehicles has announced that it's opening a new 90,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at 295 Locust Avenue. Approximately 100 jobs with an average salary of \$45,000 per year will be created, said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at a press conference at bor-

ough hall on Tuesday, November 15.

"Creating over 100 new jobs in the south Bronx is a victory for the local community and clear sign that New York is rapidly attracting innovative opportunities to grow our economy," said Governor Andrew Cuomo.

At the announcement were Diaz; Bryan Hansel, CEO of Smith Electric Vehicles; Ken Adams, president and CEO of the Empire State Development Corporation; New York City economic development corporation president Seth Pinsky; transportation committee chairman Councilman Jimmy Vacca; Marlene Cintron of BOEDC; and Joseph Simone, president of Simone Development

which is leasing the facility to the Kansas City, Missouri-based manufacturing company, among others.

There are a total of \$3.4 million in Excelsior tax credit benefits from the Empire State Development Corporation and \$1.7 million in tax exemptions that approved by the New York City Industrial Development Agency that are being provided to supplement Smith Electric's private investment, according to the governor's office.

Diaz said Hansel had courage for choosing to invest, that this is part of a master plan that has Diaz calling for the creation of green jobs.

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# Mayor expands School Attendance Program at HST&P

BY BILL WEISBROD

On Wednesday, November 9, Mayor Michael Bloomberg held a press conference at the High School for Teaching and the Professions to tout the success of City Hall's mentorship program for chronically absent public school students. He also announced that the city-wide program, which started in 25 schools last year, will immediately expand to 25 more schools and over 4,000 students.

Eight of the original 25 are in the Bronx (including the High School for Teaching and the Professions), while eight of the new 25 are in the borough.

The program pairs adult mentors with chronically absent students from schools that have been found to have high rates of absenteeism. The mentors check in on their students throughout the day, call them in the morning to make sure they wake up in time. They also work with both families and community organizations to hold students accountable for their attendance records.

The program is part of the "Every Student, Every Day" anti-truancy campaign.

Bloomberg released statistics that compared 2009-10 and 2010-11

attendance records of chronically absent (20 or more days missed) and severely chronically absent (38 or more days missed) students with mentors, and those without. Students were separated into elementary, middle school and high school.

About 450 students of the mentored students changed status as a result of the program, according to the report.

"We think this program is the most ambitious of its kind in the nation," Bloomberg said.

Mentors receive training and are expected to work with students for at least 15 hours a week. Each works with 15-20 students.

Teaching and the Professions principal Gary Prince said the program had a tangible impact on his school since it was implemented late last summer, reducing chronic absenteeism by 17.5 percent.

"This was more of a proactive approach," Prince said. "We started these mentor relationships early on, and it really changed the culture of our school and how we deal with attendance."

Elisa Cabrera works as a guidance counselor at Teaching and the Professions, and she was



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

(l-r) Taylor, Cabrera and mentee Jean Robinson.

one of the school's first mentors last year.

"What works about it is being socially connected with the students," she said. "It's like they're looking for a mom and dad away from the house."

Teaching and Professions senior Portia Taylor improved her attendance after being paired

with Cabrera last year.

"I always used to come to school every day, but last year I kind of lost interest," the Gun Hill Road resident said. "But this is definitely making me come to school more often, every time (Cabrera) sees me she asks where I'm going, about my grades."

## List of other Bronx schools

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- P.S. 48 Joseph R. Drake
- P.S. 111 Seton Falls
- P.S. 65 Mother Hale Academy (New)
- P.S. 154 Jonathan D. Hyatt (New)

### Middle Schools

- M.S. 301 Paul L. Dunbar
- I.S. 424 Hunts Point School
- I.S. 219 New Venture School
- X366 Urban Assembly Academy of Civic Engagement (New)
- M.S. 269 Bronx Studio School for Writers and Artists (New)
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# Students accepts award at White House

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

All Hallows High School senior Robert Sandoval accepted an award from First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House on behalf of his school and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Sandoval, 18, who has attended the Gilder Lehrman Saturday Academies program of elective history courses at the All Hallows for six semesters, was chosen by the Institute to accept the 2011 National Arts and Humanities Award Youth Program Award along with the organization's president James Basker from Mrs. Obama in a ceremony at the White House on Wednesday, November 2.

The Saturday Academies are run at schools across the country, and Sandoval, who is expected to be second in his graduating class, said he has thoroughly enjoyed the courses, including the History of the United States through Music 1950-60, the Making of Slavery, and 20th Century Scientific Discoveries.

Sandoval stated, "I think that the programming has inspired me to work harder to make my future plans come to fruition."

Sandoval has been attending the program since he was in the eighth grade, and it has developed quite a following in the Grand Concourse area with 300 students from grades 7 through 12 flocking to the All Hallows Saturday Academy every Saturday, said director of education for Gilder



Photo courtesy of Gilder Lehrman

Pictured at the awards ceremony at the White House on Wednesday, November 2 (l-r) James Basker, president of The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History; All Hallows senior Robert Sandoval, and First Lady Michelle Obama.

Lehrman, Anthony Napoli.

"The program was started in 2002 and has a broad sense of appeal, and has been under the direction of Mr. John Burke since being founded," Napoli stated.

The National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award is the nation's highest honor for after school arts and humanities programs, according to the program's directors. The program has helped Sandoval achieve high scores on high school

standardized history tests, including the Advanced Placement World and U.S. Regents Examinations, and the U.S. History S.A.T. II, Sandoval stated.

"Gilder Lehrman Saturday Academies have helped me gain a better understanding and deeper insight on topics in American History and sharpened my understanding of the past and its effects on the present," Sandoval stated.

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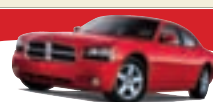


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# Popular Bronx editor cut by Daily News



Photo courtesy of Bob Kappstatter  
Bob Kappstatter.

## Bob 'Kappy' Kappstatter promises to keep his gossip column going

**BY BILL WEISBROD**  
Bob Kappstatter was one of three assistant city editors at the Daily News the day in 1994 when his boss told him "congratulations, you're going to the Bronx."

Kappstatter, who lived in Brooklyn, was incredulous.

"I looked at him and I said 'the Bronx!? You're sending me to the (expletive) Bronx!?"

But it did not take long for the newspaper veteran of nearly three decades to fall in love with the borough.

"A week after I got up to the Bronx, you couldn't drag me away," Kappstatter said.

"Kappy" oversaw the Daily News' Bronx bureau from then until January, 2011 and left the paper altogether on Friday, November 4, when he was a casu-

ality of a round of layoffs. In addition to dispatching reporters to cover the fertile Bronx streets, Kappstatter wrote a popular Bronx-based political column, beginning in the late 2000s.

The 68-year-old plans to keep working. He also vows that the column, which he calls "not a political column, (but) a gossip column with politics," will find a home.

"It's been a great career - and it's still not over yet," Kappstatter said. "I've covered and rubbed shoulders with famous people, mobsters, politicians, and common people with great stories."

The Bronx political/slash gossip column was Kappstatter's most celebrated recent work. He shared his take on the inner workings of borough's politics, with who was ey-

ing what job, who was hiring new staffer.

He coined popular nicknames for some elected officials, such as "The Rev" for Senator Ruben Diaz Sr., "Snooki" for Assemblywoman Naomi Rivera and "Wascally Wabbit" for former senator Pedro Espada.

"I write it for people that don't know inside baseball, inside politics," Kappstatter said.

"It started as a place I could shove stuff that didn't fit anywhere else, and then it was like 'ooh, I can get away with this."

"I pick the targets," he said. "They're the ones that don't pass the smell test, where you know there's something worthy of throwing some darts."

But that does not mean Kappstatter thinks every politician in the Bronx deserves those darts.

"While there are number of talented, hard-working politicians in the Bronx, thankfully there are a bunch to have fun with in the column."

Kappstatter got his start in journalism while attending the University of Missouri in the 1960s. He worked for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's Columbia, Mo. Bureau and a local radio station.

He joined the Daily News immediately after graduation and worked at the paper for over four decades.

Kappstatter covered the police, courts, late breaking news and also worked at the Daily News' Brooklyn bureau.

"It's been like a kid in a candy store," he said. "The things I've seen and the characters I've met."



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**40th PCT.**

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 3:25 a.m.** – 3080 Park Ave. Police removed another gun that failed to be registered with NYC authorities. Looking over the weapon, officers realized that the gun had been defaced since the identification numbers had been removed.

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 6:20 a.m.** – Bruckner Blvd. and East 138 St. Police officials are looking into an accident that sent a person in extremely critical condition to Lincoln Medical Center. A yellow taxi cab struck a pillar causing the injury. The accident is under review.

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 5:35 p.m.** – Cypress Ave. and East 139 St. Another person was arrested after being found with a gun that failed to be registered in NYC. Taken away from the culprit, and being held as evidence was a 38-caliber revolver.

**WED, OCT. 26th, 9:50 p.m.** – 571 East 139 St. An investigation was commenced after authorities learned of a robbery. Two armed black males removed over a thousand dollars from a store. The pair also fled with a cell phone.

**THURS, OCT. 27th, 11:05 p.m.** – Authorities are looking into an armed robbery at a bodega. Four unknown females armed with a knife entered the store. The group fled with a cell phone besides fifteen dollars in cash.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 12:30 a.m.** – 69 Bruckner Blvd. A search was conducted for two Hispanic males. The pair while displaying a gun and saying that they were police officers ended up robbing three persons. The culprits fled into the darkness before the real police could arrive.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 12:50 a.m.** – 331 East 146 St. Another teenager was arrested by undercover police officers. The 16 year old Hispanic male was arrested after police found him in possession of a semi-automatic pistol.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 1:40 a.m.** – 400 Brook Ave. The staff at Lincoln Medical Center treated a 23 year old male. The young man was shot once in his back on the left side. Local detectives are conducting the inquiry.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 2:50 a.m.** – 225 Willis Ave. Detectives are looking into a shooting that sent a black male to Lincoln Medical Center. The male victim was suffering from a bullet wound to the hand.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 4:05 p.m.** – 512 Willis Ave. A motorist was arrested after a traffic agent was assaulted. The culprit was charged with pushing the city worker while on duty.



# POLICE BLOTTER

**41st PCT.**

**THURS, OCT. 27th, 8:50 a.m.** – 1117 Westchester Ave. Police officials received a call that a 17 year old boy was barricaded in a neighbor's home. The Latino teenager was telling people that he was going to jump after having a dispute with his father. Police were able to gain control of the emotionally disturbed boy and the teen was transported to Lincoln Medical Center.

**THURS, OCT. 27th, 6:15 p.m.** – 952 Intervale Ave. Authorities are looking into a carjacking. Two black males approached the victim. At knife point, they demanded the vehicle's keys and drove away with the vehicle. The victim received a minor laceration to the right hand.

**42nd PCT.**

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 12:45 a.m.** – 985 Prospect Ave. Police are looking into a shooting that sent the victim to Lincoln Medical Center. The male victim had been shot once in the right side. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 2:30 a.m.** – 1061 Home St. A Hispanic male was transported to Montefiore Hospital after being repeatedly stabbed. Officials indicated that the victim had multiple stab wounds about the body. The inquiry is being conducted by local sleuths.

**MON, OCT. 24th, 10:05 p.m.** – 1097 Boston Rd. Police are looking for the black male who robbed a local business. The unknown armed thief made off with a box of cigars. Taken were several packages of cigarettes, in addition to seven hundred dollars in cash.

**MON, OCT. 24th, 10:10 p.m.** – Third Ave. and East 163 St. Authorities are looking for a motorist who left an accident scene. The injured pedestrian was then struck by a second vehicle. The operator of the second vehicle remained at the accident scene. Responding emergency workers indicated that the victim died at the scene. Officers from Highway 1's Accident Investigation Squad are assisting with the inquiry.

**THURS, OCT. 27th, 7:50 p.m.** – 1011 Washington Ave. Po-

lice investigators are looking into the death of a 24 year old black woman. The woman had a wound to the head area.

**FRI, OCT. 28th, 2:40 p.m.** – 1500 Longfellow Ave. Authorities have started an inquiry into the death of a 26 year old black male. The man had been shot in the head while in the building's stairwell. Investigators recovered evidence at the crime scene officials indicated.

**43rd PCT.**

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 3:45 a.m.** – Story Ave. and Bronx River Pkwy. Authorities are looking into an accident that claimed the life of a female. Apparently a vehicle struck a tree taking the life of a female. The accident is under investigation.

**TUES, OCT. 25th, 1:30 a.m.** – Story Ave. Police officers working in the Sound View area arrested a 22 year old black male. The male culprit was taken into custody after being found with a 380-caliber pistol. The weapon was removed from the young man and vouched as evidence.

**TUES, OCT. 25th, 5:10 a.m.** – 2151 St. Raymond Ave. Responding police officers to a call nabbed a male suspect. The culprit was charged with possession of school property, trespassing, possession of graffiti and burglary tools besides trespassing.

**WED, OCT. 26th, 11:10 a.m.** – 1271 Fteley Ave. Two suspects were arrested by police officers responding to a reported home invasion. The pair, apparently wearing masks, armed with a gun, pushed the occupants into their home before securing them. The culprits fled with over a hundred dollars.

**FRI, OCT. 28th, 8:50 p.m.** – 1486 Westchester Ave. Rapid responding police officers nabbed two suspects after an armed robbery occurred at a commercial establishment. Two black males entered the business. At gun point two employees were secured by the bandits. Merchandise was taken by the pair. Police officers looking into the robbery arrested two suspects and recovered a gun.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 12:15 p.m.** – 1598 Stratford Ave. A construction worker was killed because of

an accident at the site near East 172 St. A 51 year old man was pulled from rubble by first responders in traumatic arrest. The father of three, died as the wall collapsed trapping him. Officials indicated that there was a collapse of the structure which is under construction. The worker was inside the building at the time of the incident. Two other workers escaped serious injuries. City inspectors have issued a stop work order at the construction site.

**44th PCT.**

**MON, OCT. 24th, 11:00 a.m.** – 3135 Park Ave. Police officers were summoned to a residence after a man's body was discovered. The deceased, a 66 year old Hispanic man, was found by his brother. 45th PCT.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 2:05 a.m.** – 4033 East Tremont Ave. An investigation was launched after a male was found suffering from a stab wound. The victim was transported to Jacobi Medical Center suffering from a wound to the back area.

**46th PCT.**

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 3:25 a.m.** – 2261 Ryer Ave. Police officers were able to get another unregistered gun off of local streets. The weapon was removed from its current owner and vouched as evidence for the pending case against the unknown culprit.

**TUES, OCT. 25th, 3:00 p.m.** – 2463 Tiebout Ave. The medical staff at St. Barnabas Hospital treated a 25 year old Hispanic woman. The female crime victim had been slashed in the neck area. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**WED, OCT. 26th, 5:00 p.m.** – Grand Concourse and Mt. Hope Pl. Emergency personnel responded to the busy intersection after a 57 year old Hispanic man was pinned by his own vehicle. The man was pinned against a parked vehicle by his own van that apparently rolled backwards. The injured man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital where he was reported to be in stable condition.

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 11:05 p.m.** – 1895 Walton Ave. Police officers looking into a shooting are current faced with a homicide inquiry. Authorities found a male suffering from a bullet wound to the chest. The victim died within a few minutes at the crime scene.

**47th PCT.**

**WED, OCT. 26th, 4:00 p.m.** – 1641 East 233 St. Another gun was taken away from a person

in the Baychester community. This time the culprit failed to register a 357-caliber revolver. The gun was vouched as evidence for a pending trail.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 1:35 a.m.** – 3722 White Plains Rd. A 30 year old black male was arrested after police found him in possession of a 22-caliber semi-automatic pistol.

**48th PCT.**

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 1:10 a.m.** – Webster Ave. and East 176 St. A teenager was taken into custody by patrol officers after being found in possession of an unregistered gun. The 16 year old black male was found with a 32-caliber revolver. The weapon was being held as evidence for the boy's pending trail.

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 4:10 a.m.** – East 183 St. and Southern Blvd. Police officers looking into a stabbing ended up arresting the victim. Upon checking authorities learned that the unidentified male victim had an outstanding warrant against him. Police are looking into the stabbing.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 11:30 a.m.** – Hughes Ave. and East 181 St. Police looking into a shooting indicated that at least six bullets had been fired. The male victim had been shot in a leg officials indicated.

**49th PCT.**

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 6:30 p.m.** – 2532 Radcliff Ave. Three masked gunmen robbed a male of his keys as they pushed the victim into his vehicle. The culprits then when to the victim's home, removing a bag containing 15 thousand dollars in cash. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**50th PCT.**

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 5:45 a.m.** – West 196 St. and Webb Ave. Police investigators are looking for the culprit who assaulted an on duty traffic agent. In addition to the city worker being assaulted while on duty, their assigned vehicle was also vandalized while the agent was issuing a summons.

**FRI, OCT. 28th, 3:00 a.m.** – Police are looking into a report that a young female was sexually assaulted. Apparently the culprit is known to the victim. Members of the Special Victim's Squad are assisting with the inquiry.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 11:30 a.m.** – Riverdale Ave. A search was conducted for a male who displayed a police type badge during a robbery. Saying that he was a police officer, the culprit removed seven thousand dollars after punching the victim in the stomach.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 4:55 p.m.** – 3042 Health Ave. Emergency personnel responded to assist an elderly woman. The 77 year old woman had multiple health problem officials learned. She apparently died after losing electrical power in her residence.

**52nd PCT.**

**MON, OCT. 24th, 8:00 a.m.** – East 196 St. and Grand Concourse. A 10 year old girl was transported to Jacobi Medical Center. The child sustained a broken leg after being struck by a vehicle.

**THURS, OCT. 27th, 2:30 p.m.** – 3475 Jerome Ave. Police officers were alerted that a black male attempted to rob a neighborhood bank. The man, believed to be in his 30's passed a note to a teller saying that he had a gun. The man demanded money, but fled empty handed from the financial establishment.

**FRI, OCT. 28th, 2:50 p.m.** – 55 West 183 St. Police were alerted that a home had been invaded. The armed Latino male fled with two cell phones and three hundred dollars in cash.

**SAT, OCT. 29th, 9:05 p.m.** – 30 West 190 St. Police are taking a close look at an incident where a male had been assaulted. The attack apparently lead to the victim's death within a few days after being injured.

## Housing

**MON, OCT. 24th, 10:05 p.m.** – 1230 Webster Ave. Housing PSA # 7 police officers ended up assisting a young officer who was assaulted by her older brother. Before the incident was brought under control two family members were arrested. Apparently the younger sister was assaulted by the older brother who in turn was stabbed by his older sister. The injured male was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital for medical care. Both the brother and the older sister were arrested.

**FRI, OCT. 28th, 3:40 p.m.** – 320 Morris Ave. Authorities are looking into the death of a tenant of the Patterson Houses. The victim was taken to Lincoln Medical Center previously in an unconscious state. After two days the person expired. Officials believe that the death was suspicious. Detectives and police officers from Housing's PSA # 7 are looking to question the victim's roommate.

## Fire Log

**SUN, OCT. 23rd, 3:00 p.m.** – 4268 Barnes Ave. Firefighters were summoned to a private home after a blaze broke out on the second floor. Responding fire units quickly summoned additional assistance as the potential of the blaze spreading was extremely high. The first arriving engine stretched a hose line helping to contain the rapidly spreading flames. The blaze did damage the first floor area before being placed under control.

**TUES, OCT. 25th, 3:50 p.m.** – 607 Nereid Ave. A fire was reported in the basement area of a 2-story high building near Carpenter Ave. Arriving fire-fighters were able to get water onto the flames without too much difficulty and had the fire under control by 4:15 p.m. However, officials deemed the incident to be suspicious. Fire Marshals were called to the scene.



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**WED, OCT. 26th, 4:00 p.m.** – 1641 East 233 St. Another gun was taken away from a person

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# BRONX Times

## Happy about COLA

Dear editor,

As a recent retiree, not yet eligible for Medicare, I, like many others was glad to here that a 3.6% COLA was approved. Of course this good news was short lived when I found out my HMO (GHI) insurance premium will increase by \$99.19 a month in Jan 2012,

I guess the State Insurance Department approved the HMO's request for premium increases. Time to look for a new health plan. As for Medicare, the COLA may not be enough to pay the premium increase soon to come.

Robert Neglia

## Support local biz

Dear editor,

Please join me and your neighbors on the second annual national Small Business Saturday, this coming Saturday, November 26. Skip the national chain stores annual Black Friday Madness, which now starts late Thursday night. Stay home and enjoy your Thanksgiving meal with friends and family. Get a good night's sleep and instead come out and support Small Business by shopping local. In these difficult economic times, it is especially important to patronize your neighborhood businesses. There are so many great options to choose from.

My wife and I don't mind occasionally paying a little more to help our local businesses survive. At your favorite local neighborhood restaurant, don't forget your cook and server. We try to tip 20% against the total bill including taxes. If it is an odd amount, we round up to the next dollar. If we can afford to eat out, we can afford an extra dollar tip. When ordering take out, we always leave a dollar or two for the cook. It is appreciated.

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Larry Penner

## Successful bazaar

Dear editor,

The Little Sisters of the Poor wish to thank everyone who participated in any way



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## CROWLEY RECEIVES COMMUNITY HEALTHY AWARD

Representatives from the Bronx Community Health Network presented Congressman Joe Crowley with the 2011 Community Health Advocate Award on Monday, November 14 for his continuous work in improving and increasing the number of health centers across the country. Crowley (middle) accepted the award from (l-r) Judith Carol, Nancy Padilla-Manus, Carol Lau, and Richard Thomas.

Photo Courtesy of the Office of Congressman Crowley  
to help make their Christmas Bazaar at the Jeanne Jugan Residence on November 12 a success. Wishing everyone a Blessed holiday season

### The Little Sisters of the Poor

## Vote no - for now

Dear editor,

On November 21, the Delaware River Basin Commission will vote on a plan to allow over 20,000 gas wells in the Delaware River Basin. The process is called hydraulic fracturing or "fracking."

I have seen ads on TV about how this would create more jobs. No doubt it will - at least in the short term. My concern for the long term is about the safety of our environment, particularly, our drinking water. There are documented cases of well water being contaminated with methane gas in areas where fracking has taken place.

The gas companies are exempt from the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Safe Drinking Water Act. I see this as a huge problem.

The state agencies that are supposed to monitor fracking procedures are understaffed,

and I don't have confidence that the gas industry is adequately going to police itself.

On November 21, Governor Cuomo, Governor Christie, Governor Corbett, Governor Markell, and the Army Corps of Engineers will vote to either approve or ban the fracking of the Delaware River Basin. This river is the primary drinking source for 15.6 million people.

I will call to ask them to "Vote No - For Now." I need a lot more information.

Sr. Elaine Hadzima, PBVM

## Don't fret over Narc Unit loss

Dear editor,

Residents of the 45th Precinct need not fret over the loss of the Narcotics Module (Bronx Times Reporter article, November 17). Based on my personal experience, I can attest to their lack of response to repeated calls and complaints by several residents over a one year period about suspected drug dealing just a few blocks from the stationhouse. Ultimately the Bronx D.A.'s office was notified, but to my knowledge, justice has still not been served.

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# Bronx beat

## MTA records 3 billionth transaction

MTA Bridges and Tunnels recorded its three billionth E-ZPass transaction, hitting an impressive milestone that illustrates the enthusiastic acceptance by motorists of an easier and more convenient way to pay tolls.

Based on traffic data, the milestone transaction was reached sometime Tuesday morning. An average 800,000 vehicles use MTA crossings daily.

Once purchased, the On The Go tag can then be used to pay up to \$30 worth of tolls if linked to a credit card or \$20 in tolls and a \$10 tag deposit if it is not. Customers have 48 hours to register the tag by going to [www.ezpassny.com](http://www.ezpassny.com) or by calling the toll-free number 1-800-333-TOLL. If the tag is not registered, it is deactivated.

Most of us remember working with word problems in high school math class, which taught us how to apply numbers in context. But **Lehman College** Sociology Prof. Esther Wilder believes that the strong emphasis on testing in many high schools dilutes these quantitative reasoning (QR) skills. Instead of developing the ability to apply numbers and data in real-world situations, she says, students focus exclusively on getting the right answer.

Funded by a recent \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), she and more than a dozen colleagues in The City University of New York are developing a new CUNYwide, online course that will train faculty to teach QR skills, not just in math class, but across disciplines. QR is increasingly being recognized as an essential goal of a college education, and dozens of schools throughout the country, ranging from community colleges to four-year colleges and universities, have implemented some kind of course or program to strengthen their students' QR skills. At CUNY, the new proposed core curriculum identifies both mathematics and QR as essential areas of undergraduate education.

Dr. Wilder joined the Lehman faculty in 2002. She received her B.A. in journalism from the University of Massachusetts and her Ph.D. in sociology from Brown University. From 2004 to 2007, she was the Principal Investigator for a NSF-sponsored grant to infuse data analysis throughout Lehman's sociology curriculum. As a result of that project, she published two articles in the American Sociological Association's journal Teaching Sociology.

Bronxite Nicholas A. Gonzalez, enrolled at **Binghamton University, State University of New York**, recently received a Jerome J. & Julia Perl and Dr. Theodore Perl Pre-Med-

ical Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student who has completed their junior year of college and who intends to pursue a medical degree.

It's A Storybook Christmas at **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum**, 895 Shore Road, this year with the house decked out for the holidays and a variety of festive programs. Eight Christmas trees, decorated by community organizations and Real Simple magazine, and inspired by children's holiday stories from around the world, are featured in rooms throughout the landmark mansion.

The mansion's merry atmosphere is enhanced on Fri., Dec. 2, when the New York City-based **MetropoliTones**, the nation's only a cappella group composed of singers from the Seven Sisters colleges, performs a special holiday First Friday! concert from 6 to 8 pm. The **MetropoliTones**, now celebrating their 10th year, were formed in the aftermath of 9/11 as a way to bring healing to the world through their music, and perform throughout New York City. Docents in period dress add to the fun.

The museum will be open from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Visitors may tour the mansion, enjoy refreshments, and do a little holiday shopping. (Christmas storybooks will be available for purchase, as well as lots of other holiday items.) Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and students; and free for members. The free Bronx Seaside Trolley makes a continuous loop from the Pelham Bay Park subway station (last stop on the #6 train) to the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum and to City Island; catch it at the Bx29 bus stop. Reservations are requested.

On Sat., Dec. 3, from 10 am to 1 pm **Bartow-Pell** celebrates its Annual Holiday Family Day, A Storybook Christmas. Children can delight in Christmas storytelling by Joan Huenemann Michie at 10:30 and 11:30 am; decorate gingerbread people with baker Irina Brandler from Sugar & Spice of City Island; and enjoy other holiday crafts. There will also be professional photographs with Santa (additional fee; Domenica Comfort, photographer), holiday shopping, caroling, and more. Crafts and photos with Santa are ongoing. Cost is \$20 for children age one and up; member children \$15. (Adults and children under one year are free.) Space is limited; registration is required.

To register for either event or for more information, call (718) 885-1461 or email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org).

Michael Spierman, the **Bronx Opera Company** artistic director, will be a participating conductor in the annual Handel's Messiah Sing-In on Tues., Dec. 20, at 7:30 pm at Avery Fisher

Hall, Lincoln Center.

The Sing-In, New York's most popular holiday season singing event, brings 3,000 choral singers to Avery Fisher Hall each December to celebrate the holidays by singing Messiah under the leadership of 17 distinguished choral conductors. Each conductor leads the audience-chorus in one of the choruses from Handel's masterpiece.

For the past 44 years, the traditional Sing-In has included nearly every prominent choral conductor in the New York metropolitan area.

Among the 17 distinguished conductors in this year's Sing-In are Michael Spierman, The Bronx Opera Company Artistic Director; Martin Josman, The National Chorale, Music Director; Gail Archer, Barnard-Columbia Chorus, Columbia University, Director; Gregory Hopkins, The Harlem Opera Theater, Artist Director; and Gary Thor Wedow, The Juilliard School. Caren Levine, assistant conductor at the Metropolitan Opera, will be at Avery Fisher Hall's grand organ. Soloists for this year's Sing-In are Zulimar Lopez Hernandez, soprano; Rebecca Ringle, alto; Scott Murphree, tenor; and James Bobick, bass.

The Sing-In belongs to its audience of dedicated choral singers at Avery Fisher Hall and across the United States. National Choral Council has presented Messiah Sing-Ins in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Rochester, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Tulsa, Phoenix, Denver, Seattle, and at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. Sing-In tickets are \$112, \$93, \$79, \$68, \$57, \$34. Group discounts are available. Tickets can be purchased by telephone at (212) 333-5333; online at [www.nationalchorale.org](http://www.nationalchorale.org); by mail from National Choral Council, 1650 Broadway, NY, NY 10019; or at the Avery Fisher Hall Box Office at Lincoln Center.

**BAAD! The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance** presents *Los Nutcrackers*: A Christmas Carajo, written by Charles Rice-González and directed by Mark Finley. The play, returning to BAAD!'s stage for the eighth exciting year, interweaves two holiday classics, *The Nutcracker* and *A Christmas Carol*, and creates a queer, Latino play about a gay couple who go on a psychedelical trip through their lives one Christmas Eve. The play will be presented on Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 pm at BAAD!, 841 Barretto Street in Hunts Point. Tickets are \$20 for shows on Thursdays and \$25 for shows on Fridays and Saturdays with discounts for seniors, groups and Bronx residents offered for all shows, plus special online discounts.

For reservations call (718) 842-5223 or visit [www.BronxAcademyOfArtsAndDance.org](http://www.BronxAcademyOfArtsAndDance.org).

## CONGRESSMAN CROWLEY HONORS ITALIAN HERITAGE



Photo by Dominick Totino Photography

Congressman Joseph Crowley celebrated Italian Heritage Month with a celebration at F and J Pine on Sunday, October 16. Honored was Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr. of Queens, who received an Italian Heritage Award in the shape of the Unisphere. P

Pictured during the celebration are (l-r) district leader Mohammed Aminullah, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Assemblyman Michael DenDekker, Senator Addabbo, Crowley, district leader Julia Rodriguez, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Bob Nolan.



Photo courtesy of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s office

## SANITATION AND BP FIGHT DOG POOP

On Thursday, October 27, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. joined NYC Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty and Bronx Community Board 7 district manager Fernando Tirado to announce a new information and enforcement campaign aimed at keeping Bronx streets free of canine waste.

(Above) President Diaz (c), flanked by Doherty (l) and Tirado (r), holds a "pooper scooper," which typically cost about \$20 each. A fine for failing to cleanup after pets can run up to \$250.



Photo by Robert Benimoff

## FIRST MEETING OF BRONX YOUNG DEMS

On Friday, October 28, the Bronx Young Democrats had their first meeting at the party's borough headquarters on Blondell Avenue.

(Above, l-r) members Kareem Maylor, Ana Ulloa, Kevin Riley, President Lailoni Narvaez, Bronx Democratic County Committee executive director Ischia Bravo, John Zaccaro, Paula Caquias, and Frank Fraioli.

## EMPIRE CITY CASINO FIGHTS DIABETES

Empire City at Yonkers Raceway held a Walk to Cure Diabetes to assist the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on Sunday, October 16. The walk was founded by Empire City's longtime general manager Bob Galterio, whose daughter Cara was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes at the age of 10. More than 2,500 Empire City employees, volunteers and participants took part in the event.

(Above) Team Jessica at Empire City during the walk.

(Right) The Kuntz family walked.

Photos by Laura Stone





Fourteen-year-old spoken words artist NeNe Ali entertained guests with her talents.

## BRONX COUNCIL OF THE ARTS SALUTES BRONX WOMEN



Photos by Samuel Tuthill

The Bronx Council on the Arts hosted the Applause Awards 2011, saluting Women of Bronx Arts, on Thursday, November 10 at the Bronx Museum of the Arts at 1040 Grand Concourse. Many talented women were honored for their work and a silent auction was held featuring works of art. Guests were able to enjoy a fine night of art, tasty food, drinks, music, and much more.

(Above) The 2011 award winners (l-r) Gail Nathan, Rosalba Rolon, Eva Bornstein, Holly Block, and Madaha Kinsey-Lamb were humbled by their honors.



Bronx Council on the Arts co-chairman Joseph Kelleher spoke to the audience before the awards were given out.

## SOBRO SALUTES BRONX SCHOLARS

SoBRO honored its youth scholarship recipients with a formal dinner and award ceremony at the SoBRO Youth and Development at 555 Bergen Avenue on Thursday, November 10. Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo joined the 25 high school students from all over the Bronx to congratulate and honor them for their scholarships. The recipients all received anywhere between \$5,000 and \$25,000 that will be used to help pay for college expenses.

Photo by Aracelis Diamantis



Many business owners took home certificates of appreciation.

## BRONX CHAMBER RECOGNITION EVENT HELD AT F&J PINE TAVERN

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce held its Member Recognition Networking Night at the F&J Pine Tavern on Wednesday, November 9. Several business owners and executive directors of non-profits received certificates of appreciation, and the event served to bring the business community closer together.

Photos by Robert Benimoff



John Bonizio (l.) with Assemblyman Michael Benedetto.



Photo by Laura Stone



## PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS CARDBOARD CITY HOMELESS PROJECT

Preston High School held a "Cardboard City" event on its grounds on Saturday, October 22. The event was designed to help students better understand the plight of the disenfranchised and homeless by simulating conditions that they face, like sleeping in cardboard boxes and eating at soup kitchens.

(Above) Participating in the day were (l-r, front) Elvira Acciarino, Anna Rose Fargale, Danielle Carpentieri, Marie Acosta Scagnello, Sarah Costanza, Kaitlin Dalton, Antonella Carovillano, (l-r, back) Kimberly Sepp, Stephanie Alfonso, and Donatea Zefi.

(Left) Stephanie Portillo portrays homeless children in a cardboard box.

## LEHMAN COLLEGE CELEBRATES 80TH

Lehman College's annual Leadership Dinner, "Honoring the Past While Building the Future," was held on Thursday, October 27 at the New York Botanical Garden. This year's gala celebrated the 80th anniversary of Lehman's campus.

(Right) Lehman president (second from right) Ricardo Fernandez joined (l-r) school alumni Congressman Eliot Engel, William Gilbane, Jr., and Dominick Russello.

Photo Courtesy of Lehman College



## AFTER SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Eastchester Gardens Community Center offered the community an opportunity to witness its afterschool program during an Afterschool Fair on Friday, October 14. The program included activities like KidzLit, KidzMath, Zula Patrol, Science Discovery and Arts and Crafts.

Fetti D'Biasi (l), sneaker friend and representative from Nike, presented a pair of sneakers especially designed for Karima Newton (r), who won a raffle at the afterschool program. The community center is located at 3016 Yates Avenue.



## DIABETES WALK HELD AT MONTE

The Clinical Diabetes Center at Montefiore held a two-mile walk on Wednesday, November 2 at its Moses Campus. The event kicked off American Diabetes Month.

(Left) Staffing an information table were (l-r) Maritza Reyes, Rita Louard, Erika Verde, and Dietlinde Wolter-Nitta of Montefiore.

Photo by Samuel Tuthill

## BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE HOLDS UPSTREAM SOIREE



Photo courtesy of Bronx River Alliance.

The Bronx River Alliance celebrated its 10th anniversary with an Upstream Soiree on Tuesday, September 27 at the New York Botanical Garden. Guests enjoyed dinner, cocktails, music and a silent auction. The Alliance has spent the past decade channelling resources and working for a clean, accessible Bronx River.

Above, four key founders were honored (l-r) Jenny Hoffner, Dart Westphal, Alexie Torres-Fleming, and Majora Carter.



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## CELIA CRUZ STUDENTS PERFORM AT HOSPITAL

Students from the Celia Cruz High School of Music on Reservoir Avenue, pose with a plaque they received after performing at St. Barnabas Hospital's Medical Education and Research Fund event. The members of the Armonia String Quartet played the music of Haydn, Mozart, Handel, Schubert and Bach. Above, (l-r) Christian Barros (viola), Raymond Florentino (cello), Jocelyn Rosado, Dr. Scott Cooper, President/CEO, St. Barnabas Hospital; Bremman Burgos (violin), with Dr. Jitendra Barmecha, MERF chair; and David West, Orchestra Director.



## BCC DEBATE TEAM WINS

Bronx Community College students Cory Vendryes and Yanilda Peralta were trophy winners at the Ed Leonard Memorial Speech Tournament held at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey on Saturday, October 22. The two members of BCC's Speech, Drama and Debate Team were winners in the Impromptu Sales event. Vendryes, a liberal arts major with a biology option, placed third. Peralta, who is majoring in computer science, placed sixth.

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## MONTEFIOIRE CELEBRATES HOMECARE MILESTONE

Montefiore Medical Center celebrated the 64th anniversary of Montefiore Home Care, the nation's first hospital-based home care agency on Thursday, November 3. Honored was senior physical therapist Bob Ramos, the President's Award, for perfect attendance and dedication to his patients, and Michele Mayer, the Home Care Hero Award, for 35 years of care giving.

Pictured are (l-r) president of Montefiore Home Care Pamela Joachim, Ramos, and Janice Korenblatt.

## P.S. 36 HOLDS ART SHOW



Photo by Laura Stone

P.S. 36 in Castle Hill held an art show with its student artists on Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16. Students at the K-5 school displayed their best works for parents, faculty and classmates.

Above, art teacher Jason Holt with his fourth grade students and their art work.



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# Bronx schools

## Salesian students welcome change

On Monday, October 24, 10 students from Salesian College in Farnborough, England took the journey across the Atlantic Ocean to begin the first part of the annual Exchange Program with Salesian High School in New Rochelle.

Joined by two chaperones, headmaster Patrick Wilson and Physical Education teacher Matthew Bu-

nyan, the 10 English students spent eight days in America, living in the homes of Salesian High School's seniors.

While at Salesian High School principal, John Flaherty, scheduled field trips to New York City, including Ground Zero, Times Square, St. Patrick's Cathedral, a Broadway musical, The Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. They even got to

visit the historical sites of Philadelphia.

In March, the Exchange Program continues when the 10 seniors travel to England and spend a week and a half with their counterparts from Salesian College.

For more information about the Exchange Program visit Salesian High School at [www.salesianhigh.org](http://www.salesianhigh.org).



Salesian students on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

## Brianna Smith solves Aquinas HS's MegaMath challenge box question



Brianna Smith 2014 receives the MegaMath prize from principal, Sr. Catherine Rose Quigley.

Mathematics isn't confined to the classroom at Aquinas. There's a MegaMath challenge box in the library where students can find the problem of the week, and solve it to earn a chance on a cash prize.

Every week there's a new exercise, a chance to win \$50 in a drawing held every five weeks. The exercises are specified for a particular course each week, so all students have an equal shot at winning the prize.

Sophomore Brianna Smith was the lucky winner when the first drawing was held on November 2. Her correct solution of a Geometry problem earned for her the chance to win. Extra-curricular activities such as MegaMath are funded through the Thomas H. Maren Endowment for Math and Science at Aquinas High School.



## HALLOWEEN AT MSGR. SCANLAN

Pictured are students from Monsignor Scanlan High School enjoying a pre-Halloween celebration on Friday, October 28. The evening included a costume competition, plenty of food with a buffet supper and, of course, dancing to the music provided by deejay, Brian Cabrera. The evening was sponsored by Cervantino, the Spanish Honor Society, and members of the Foreign Language department, Mrs. Butgos and Ms. Ortiz

## Spellman holds annual Spirit Week

Last month, Cardinal Spellman High School kicked off the start of their sports season with Spellman Spirit Week. This was designated by Student Government as a time for the students of Cardinal Spellman to display enthusiasm, excitement, and school pride while, of course, having lots of fun.

The week's events included Twin Day, when friends were given the chance to leave their school uniforms at home and dress alike.

Another Spirit Week event was Sports Jersey Day. Students came dressed in their favorite sports jersey/shirt or wore their favorite pro or college team colors.

Class Spirit Tee Shirt Day offered students still another opportunity to show their class spirit by purchasing a grade specific shirt. The proceeds from the sale of these shirts went to the Sal Schiazza Scholarship Fund.

Finally, at the end of the week, students wore Spellman's school colors, red and

white, for the annual pep rally. Players from the fall sports teams were introduced to thunderously loud cheers that could be heard up and down Baychester Avenue!

The Spellman Band, Cheerleaders, Flag Corps, and Twirlers all performed for the enthusiastic crowd. The week's festivities ended with the Homecoming Dance held Saturday evening.

This week left absolutely no doubt that Spellman has spirit!



The Spellman Boys' Soccer Team enters the gym during the Pep Rally.

## Scanlan students attend college fair

On Friday, October 21, three buses carrying Monsignor Scanlan High School seniors and chaperones attended the Career Council Catholic High School College Fair.

Once there, the seniors had an opportunity to meet with representatives of over 90 different colleges and universities. Each institution had their own information booth which

provided personal time for each senior to meet with them, ask questions regarding the college process, and collect materials such as college applications and financial aid information.

# Calvary names Star awardee

Calvary Hospital recently honored Bronx resident, Gladys Arnau, NA, with the "Catch a Star" Award. The hospital encourages patients, family members, visitors and employees to nominate members of the nursing staff (nurses, cancer care technicians, and administrative staff) who demonstrate the hospital's core values of caring, compassion, commitment, non-abandonment, and dignity through their work. Honorees are also expected to go above and beyond to make a difference, and exemplify a "healing touch" presence with patients and their families. Award recipients are chosen by their nurse administrators, peers, physicians, patients and fami-

lies.

Gladys has worked as a nurse's aide since joining Calvary in 1991. Her nomination forms from colleagues and family members included comments such as:

- "Gladys is very compassionate, caring, loving, and gentle."
- "She treated me with respect and always listened to what I had to say."
- "Gladys always explained the care and services that my mom was receiving; she kept me well informed on what was going on."
- "She was very cheerful and courteous, she took care of my mom with love."

Born in Long Island and raised in the Bronx, Gladys lives in close proximity to the hospital and

is able to walk to work if desired.

Established more than 40 years ago, Calvary Hospital's rigorous six-month training program has produced hundreds of outstanding CCTs with the necessary skills to help people with advanced cancer achieve the best possible quality of life. These talented, dedicated professionals are responsible for skin care, wound care, assistance with feeding, patient safety, and the overall comfort of Calvary Hospital patients. Our CCT program has become a national model of appropriate, cost-effective, and competent palliative care, and has helped us achieve our reputation as a "National Leader in Palliative Care."



(L-r) Fran Nunziata, Assistant director of Human Resources; Lucy Hernandez, RN, Senior Patient Service manager, nurse practitioner; Gladys Arnau, NA, (honoree); Marlene Humphreys, RN, director of Staff Development; and Sally Umbro, vice president, Patient Care Services.

## Klein's graffiti program now online

BY VITO SIGNORILE

Access to a local elected official's graffiti removal program has now become easier than ever.

Since it began in March 2005, Senator Jeff Klein's Graffiti Removal Program has helped clean up buildings, walls, fences, and other tagged-up areas within his district.

For the first time ever, constituents are now able to make their complaints about graffiti directly to Klein's website. Not only can residents include details about a graffiti-marked area, but they can

also upload pictures of the location to show Klein and his staff the extent of the damage.

According to Klein, this new service will enhance the graffiti removal process within his district and will also help local precincts determine marked-up locations.

"This new service is an important tool in our fight against blight," Klein said. "I encourage everyone to sign onto my website and report any and all graffiti they see in their neighborhood. They can even provide a photo that we will

pass along to local law enforcement."

When submitting the information on Klein's website, constituents are required to include their full name, address, phone number, e-mail address, location of the vandalized area, surface type, area of the property that was marked, and whether or not the property owner needs to provide access to clean the location.

To report a graffiti complain, visit Senator Klein's website at <http://www.nysenate.gov/web-form/senator-jeff-kleins-graffiti-removal-program>.

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## Bronx Zoo, BP Diaz lead holiday toy, food drive

**BY PATRICK ROCCHIO**  
 The Bronx Zoo kicked off the holiday season with a call for toys and food for children in need, enlarging its mission to include helping the community that supports the institution throughout the year.

The zoo kicked off its holiday toy drive held in conjunction with Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s office, and its food drive in partnership with City Harvest, with a visit from a group of schoolchildren from P.S. 205, Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene, and Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro on Wednesday, November 16.

The group gathered to drop the first batch of toys into a drop box for the ceremonial start to the holiday

season. The box was in front of the museum's Amazing Amphibians exhibit in the Zoo Center.

"The Wildlife Conservation Society is thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the borough presidents, the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Bronx Toys, and City Harvest to give back to communities that have never wavered in their support of WCS and our zoos and aquariums," said John Calvelli, WCS executive vice president of public affairs. "The toy drives and the food drive are truly worthy causes. We are proud to play a role in making the holidays more enjoyable for families in need of a helping hand."

Through the end of December, the Bronx Zoo,

as well as the WCS's other facilities in Brooklyn and Queens, will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys to designated drop-off points around the zoo. They will also be accepting some canned fruits and vegetables, jars of peanut butter, and packaged macaroni and cheese and hot and cold cereals.

Caro pledged 1,000 toys from Bronx Toys, a Chamber member, and that donation is part of a 10,000 toys that the Chamber and Bronx Toys will be distributing around the borough in what is the largest toy donation in recent memory, Caro said.

"This is our third year participating in this drive with the Bronx Zoo, and we

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Photo by Patrick Rocchio

Joining children from P.S. 205 are John Calvelli of the WCS, Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene, and Bronx Chamber of Commerce CEO Lenny Caro at the start of the toy and food drive in the Bronx Zoo's Zoo Center on Wednesday, November 16.



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# Wave Hill offers green-gift building

This week surely was created to give us a breather between two of the most joyous yet taxing times of the year. Wave Hill offers a satisfyingly serene, stunningly beautiful setting for contemplating life, natural and human-made, in all its seasons. And if you should be free on Friday, I encourage you to stop by the Perkins Visitor Center for the first in a series of free drop-in sessions offered by its staff. This one features suggestions for creating green gifts. What could better satisfy the DIY spirit we all want to nurture in ourselves!

By the way, if the Members Night on December 1 has convinced you to become a member, keep in mind that the 20% savings that starts that night extends for ten days.

**Friday, December 2;**  
**Sunday, December 11** - Members Sale In The Shop

At Wave Hill: The December 1 Holiday Members Night kicks off a 10-day Members Sale in The Shop at Wave Hill, a pre-holiday opportunity to enjoy 20% savings on your purchases of luxurious, feel-good textiles; buttery-soft leather goods; fabulous handmade soaps; homemade fudge; nut brittle, jams and dessert sauces cooked up in New York State farmhouse kitchens; and a charming collection of succulents and cactus plants perfect for a winter windowsill. Perkins Visitor Center, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Friday, December 2** - In The Perkins Visitor Center - Green Gifts: This special drop-in program will get you inspired with ideas for creating truly green gifts! From candles surrounded by fresh greens to flamboyant potted amaryllis, this demonstration shows you how to give the gift of green. Samples

available for sale. With Assistant Director of Public Programs Laurel Rimmer.

Free with admission to the grounds. Perkins Visitor Center, 1 to 3 p.m.

**Saturday, December 3;** **Sunday, December 4,** Family Art Project - Season's Greetings: Be inspired by Wave Hill's wintry wonderland. Then make your own special pop-up and slider holiday cards that come alive with scenes of the season. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon. Ecology Building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunday, December 4,** Garden & Conservatory Walk: Join in for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds. Meet at Perkins Visitor Center, 2 p.m.

Wave Hill is located at 675 West 252nd Street. For further information call (718) 549-3200, ext. 232.



Photo by Joshua Bright

Family Art Project Season's Greetings.

## BP, Bronx Zoo lead toy drive

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are always proud to be a part of this toy drive through the borough president's office," Caro said. "This year, through the hospitality of our corporate sponsor and board member Bronx Toys, we are going to reach a total of 10,000 kids in foster care, homeless shelters, juvenile justice centers, as well as at Madison Square Boys and Girls Club, Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, and Bronx Y.M.C.A."

Caro presented the

students from P.S. 205 with toys that they could keep from Bronx Toys, including basketballs, kickballs, and plush toys that bear the NYPD or FDNY logos.

"We want kids to realize that when they see a police officer, they are there to help," Caro said.

Greene said that she was glad that the Bronx borough president's office set a precedent in partnering with the Wildlife Conservation Society on a holiday toy drive, because now the

Queens and Brooklyn borough president's have joined in and are working on their own drives.

"Every family deserves to be happy, especially during the holidays," said Diaz Jr. in a statement. "By donating a toy that will put a smile on a child's face or donating food items to help feed families in need, New Yorkers can help make the season a little brighter for hundreds of families throughout the city."

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# Bartow-Pell kicks off holidays with a storybook Christmas event

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895 Shore Road, kicks off its special events for the holiday season with a luncheon on Friday, December 2, 12:30-2 p.m. and an evening holiday celebration on Saturday, December 3, 7-10 p.m. The glorious Greek Revival mansion will be fully decorated for the holidays with A Storybook Christmas theme, featuring eight Christmas trees inspired by children's books from around the world in rooms throughout the house.

Real Simple, the award-winning Time Inc. Lifestyle Group magazine, is participating in the holiday event for the first time. Real Simple editors and renowned stylist Jeffrey Miller are using the popular children's book, The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg (United States), as inspiration and will decorate their tree with beautifully designed cookie creations — polar bears, trains and snowflakes — by New Jersey cookie designer Sweet Dani B.

The remaining seven trees will be decorated by: The Pajama Program: 'Twas The Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore (United States); the Pelham

Public Library: Christmas in Noisy Village by Astrid Lindgren (Sweden); PACT (Parents and Community Together): The Legend of the Poinsettia by Tomie dePaola (Mexico); Ballet Arts of Westchester: Angelina's Christmas by Katherine Holabird (England); Westchester Children's Museum: Uncle Vova's Tree by Patricia Polacco (Russia); BPMM docents: The Tailor of Gloucester by Beatrix Potter (England); and Act One with Dana's Dramarama: Madeline's Christmas by Ludwig Bemelmans (France).

Besides a delicious and festive meal, guests at the Holiday Luncheon can enjoy shopping for gifts, homemade goodies, and a variety of silent auction items. In addition, 20-25 year Bartow-Pell Conservancy members will be honored at the luncheon. Cost is \$40 per person; \$65 to be listed in the program.

The Evening Holiday Celebration includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, caroling by the AcaPelhams, silent and live auctions, a live auction, and more.

The live auction — short, sweet and sophisticated — includes four

unique items: a weekend at a four-bedroom City Island landmark Victorian house overlooking the Long Island Sound; a country house in the Berkshires for a long weekend; a dinner for 10 people in the double parlors of the Bartow-Pell Mansion; and sponsorship of the museum's shutter restoration project. The City Island Victorian is perfect for housing out-of-town guests for a family reunion, graduation, or birthday celebration, or just for some quiet time in a unique city setting. The Berkshires country house is excellent for a ski weekend or a summer Tanglewood visit. Stays at both houses will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time between the owners and highest bidders. Pelham resident John Hastings will serve as auctioneer for the evening. Cost per person for the Evening Holiday Celebration: Angels \$250; Cherubs \$200 (both include listing in the program); Snowflakes \$125.

Reservations are required for both the luncheon and the evening celebration, and festive attire is requested. Call (718) 885-1461 or email [info@bpmm.org](mailto:info@bpmm.org) by November 30.

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## EAST BRONX HISTORY FORUM THANKS SPEAKER

Tom Vasti, vice-president of the East Bronx History Forum presented a Certificate of Appreciation to guest speaker Barbara Dolensek of the City Island Historical Society at the forum's November 16 meeting. Dolensek spoke about the myths, mysteries, and realities of modern day City Island in her PowerPoint presentation.

A Native American pestle found on the island in the 1920s was also donated to the City Island Museum by forum president Bill Twomey.



# Anne Hutchinson faced fate portrayed in *The Crucible*

I recently attended another great theatrical production of the City Island Theater Group. This time it was "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. He wrote it in 1953 and it brought to life the Salem Witch trials of the 1690's. What it didn't say, but what lurked in the back of Miller's mind when he wrote it, and in the minds of those savvy enough to understand the political climate of the day, was Wisconsin Senator Joe McCarthy's quest to rid America of Communists. He managed to see one behind every tree and made it his mission in life to unmask them. Although I'm sure he did some good also, it appears that he hurt a lot of innocent people along the way and was eventually censured for his actions.

What "The Crucible" overtly discoursed upon was the existence of witches in the minds of many of our fore founders. Hallucinations possibly brought about by ingesting bread

## do you remember

by Bill Twomey

made from ergot infected rye or a variety of other possible explanations appears to have caused the village of Salem to become panic-stricken. Betty Parris, the young daughter of the local minister was the first victim to exhibit the strange behavior and it soon spread throughout the village with real or imagined results. Soon a good portion of the settlement went amok with visions of witchcraft.

That spring and summer of 1692 saw nineteen hard working men and women hanged and one old man crushed to death under the weight of heavy rocks placed upon his chest for not admitting to witchcraft. It was a sad time in our colonial history and the theme was resurrected by Arthur Miller when he saw

how ugly and often untrue accusations were causing the political or economic destruction of numerous good people simply because McCarthy accused them of being communists or abetting leftists. Some of his accusations may have been true, but it's the innocent victims who also suffered. The play was an apt metaphor but unfortunately many minds were already closed.

Watching the inquisitors question the accused reminded me, and some of the others in the audience familiar with colonial history, of the trial of Anne Hutchinson (1591-1643). As most readers know, this is the 420th anniversary of her birth and has been celebrated all year in some areas of Massachusetts as

well as here in the Bronx and in the Town of Eastchester. Although she was not accused of witchcraft, she was declared to be an antinomian which was a treasonable offence in that era. She was forced to remain standing for the full two days of her civil trial on November 7th and 8th, 1637 and then had to face a religious trial the following March. She was condemned at both trials and her sentence was excommunication from the church and banishment from the colony. The methods of inquisition had not changed much from 1637 and 1638 to 1692. The theatrical production was well worthwhile and I'm certainly glad that I made it a point to attend.

(Right) Both the civil and religious trials of Anne Hutchinson resulted in guilty verdicts and she was excommunicated from the Church of Boston and banished from the colony.



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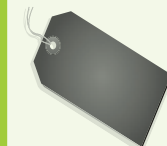
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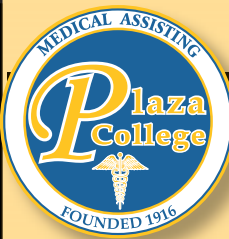
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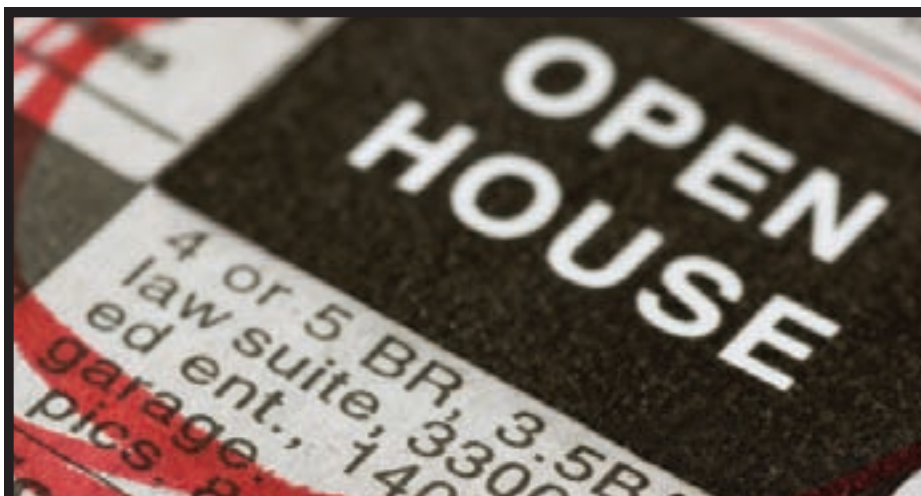


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# To give thanks

BY FATHER  
RICHARD F. GORMAN

I suspect that by the time you have the opportunity to see this column, you might well be feeling a bit tired, a touch full in the stomach, and, perhaps, a tad out of sorts. This is quite understandable, as you will be reading my words subsequent to our annual "Gobblefest." Of course, I am making light of our beloved national holiday, Thanksgiving Day. However, I refer to it as "Gobblefest" not only because of this holiday's signature tradition of enjoying a turkey dinner, but likewise because Thanksgiving is all too frequently a busy and bustling day upon which one contends with "I," "C," "T" -- i.e., "Irritation" with preparing for visiting relatives and guests, "Congestion" on the highways, and "Indigestion" after eating and drinking too much! Too many of us, "Yours Truly" included, "gobble" down a little more than we should in the course of commemorating this yearly event.

Nonetheless, in spite of the aforementioned, Thanksgiving is a day to take stock of life and to take the time to be grateful for whatever blessings with which we have been gifted. As we sit round and about our Thanksgiving dinner tables, we can plainly and immediately see right in front of our nose the most significant and precious of these graces and good fortunes -- viz., family, friends, health, happiness, and the means with which to provide for ourselves. In these gifts, hopefully, we are prompted and prodded to celebrate those two fundamental realities that underlie and underwrite them -- first of all, the God who gives us life and who redeems it and, secondly, a free country with its open, democratic society that affords us the opportunity to enjoy and to exercise our God-given human rights and dignity. For



God and for nation, and for all those blessings that issue forth from them, we need to be humbly appreciative for who we are and for all that we have.

On this Thanksgiving week in the Year of Our Lord 2011, I write to give public thanks for all with which I have been given, not the least of which is the privilege of serving as the chairman of Community Board 12. It has been, and remains, an awesome honor that I neither take for granted nor fail to be grateful for each and every day of the tenure of my service. Notice here that I utilize the expression "to give thanks" for, to my mind, there is a big distinction between merely "Saying Thanks" and really and actually "Giving Thanks." The distinction between them is neither superficial nor simply stylistic or terminological. There is a bona fide dichotomy that is best defined and highlighted by the wisdom contained in the familiar, old adage "Actions Speak Louder Than Words." I am further reminded of the insightful admonition that words are oftentimes cheap. The values that we truly cherish and that form the basis for how we think and live are best manifested by our actions, not by our words. More importantly than maintaining that I am a grateful person is the upholding and the daily observance of a way of life that exhibits thankfulness and gratitude. The undertaking of such a lifestyle, in my humble estimation, is the genuine test of Thanksgiving and all for which it stands. Thanksgiv-

ing is not just a day. Thanksgiving should be, and must be, a way of life!

This avowal naturally should lead a thoughtful individual to inquire what a "Thanksgiving" way of living entails. For what it is worth, I believe it requires one to live in peaceful, respectful, and civil concord with others. Scripture instructs us that gratefulness to God is best demonstrated by esteem and regard without distinction for all of God's children, icons of the Divine Image and Presence in whose Holy Image we have been created. Appreciation for the blessings of our magnificent land is preeminently displayed in facilitating and protecting the exercise of those God-given and constitutional liberties that we claim for our loved ones and ourselves. A most excellent fashion in which to proclaim our appreciation of family, friends, home, and the ability to support them is to enable others to realize and to have the benefit of these blessings as well. Such is the challenge of a genuinely thankful person, not only on the Thursday that is called "Thanksgiving Day," but on each and every day in each and every year. May it be an endeavor that we all accept with relish and in which we succeed beyond all expectations.

On behalf of myself, my district manager, Carmen L. Rosa, our staff members, Ursula D. Cruz-Greene, LaShieka Williams and Jakira Torres, our associates, Joyce Anthony and Verna Smith, and all of my colleagues on CB 12, I convey best wishes for this holiday and for the others soon to follow, along with the hope that our gracious and grateful way of living will redound to the benefit of our neighborhood, our Borough, our City, our State, and our Nation, and, indeed, all the world.

June 30, 2012. Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m.; lunch at 11:30 a.m. and snack at 2 p.m. for free. For more info call (718) 466-3917.



Photo by Bill Weisbrod

Rivera, Strickland and Lopez in front of green space enhanced by the green infrastructure program.

## Rain water to irrigate NYCHA site

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wald Houses are expected to be the next NYCHA development to receive the installation, possibly as soon as spring 2012.

The \$1 million Bronx River Houses project, which began in Summer 2010, is part of Mayor Michael Bloomberg's city-wide Green Infrastructure Plan.

Cecilia Rivera has lived in the Bronx River Houses for 31 years. When the DEP and NYCHA first told tenants about the program at a meeting two summers ago, she was skeptical.

"I thought they weren't going to do anything," she said.

The best parts of the

program, from Rivera's perspective, are how it has reduced flooding throughout the development, and that it is resulted in more vegetation.

"Flooding has been an issue, even in the buildings, and we have a lot of puddles," she said. "Also there's the greenery. We need trees and plants so we can breathe better."

The jobs component of the program are a bonus to the primary goal of reducing pollution in the Bronx River.

"We think this will be a template for other programs," DEP commissioner Carter Strickland said.

The DEP will mainly be paying attention to what

components of the infrastructure do the job the best, for the cheapest.

"We're looking for how cost effective it is...and we're monitoring how much water is absorbed over the next two years."

But the DEP will not wait two years to expand the program. And to NYCHA commissioner and environmental coordinator Margarita Lopez, the more green infrastructure projects, the better.

"By putting this project in place we are going to have better control over financial issues associated with the sewer system," she said. "I'm ready for the next one."

## Students celebrate opening of Planetarium

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Renovating and reopening the planetarium was Nasser's brainchild.

She had repeatedly lobbied Carrion for the funds while he was in office. But initially she thought it would cost seven figures, and Carrion said the price was too steep.

Once Nasser found a contractor that could complete the project for under \$400,000, she immediately called Bob Nolan, Carrion's budget director to relay the price quote. Nolan informed Carrion, who approved the

project, and Truman's new planetarium was set in motion.

"We had talked about the project, but it was too much," Nolan said at the opening. "But once (Carrion) heard it could be done for less, he said 'Bob, whatever we have to do. Put it at the top of your list.'"

It has been used by science classes since school opened this year. Truman's science faculty expect it to be fully worked into the high school's curriculum by the spring semester.

Sophomore Kathy Co-

lon said the revamped planetarium will be an asset.

"It will help kids with learning," she said. "We'll use it with science classes, so instead of just writing all the time, we'll be able to actually see it."

Nasser sees eventually being an amenity for not just the high school, but younger students from nearby schools, and the entire surrounding community.

"Every kid will be here," she said. "People go to the Hayden Planetarium (in Manhattan) just for fun. I want them to come here."

## Nutritional food program for 5 and under

The Bronx Early Learning Center announces its participation in the New York Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all

children 5 years and under without charge, at the site and times as follows: At the Bronx Early Learning Center, 1887 Bathgate Avenue, till

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## Hayes’ chemistry a question

### Four Rice players join talented team

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Joe Lods finds himself in a Catch-22.

The fourth-year Cardinal Hayes coach is pleased with all the new talent that has come into his program in the last year, the four Rice kids who came in when their school closed for financial reasons, but isn’t sure how they will mesh with the holdovers. He’s excited about moving up to CHSAA Class AA, but is also aware of the prat-falls.

“It’s a double-edged sword,’ he said, later adding: “I’ve got a lot of pressure.”

Hayes was installed as a title contender by some, even before pre-season practices. It makes sense, on paper at least. Senior forwards Amadou Sidibe and Jalen Jenkins return, along with versatile wing Fadir Yacoubou from last year’s ‘A’ runner-up.

Lods, who took over for legendary Hayes coach Tom Murray four years ago, is high on 6-foot-6 sophomore Mustafa Jones. The Rice imports, junior guards Chris Robinson and Tyler Wilson, senior guard Naasir Williams and sophomore guard Shavar Newkirk, all possess different strengths and will likely change the Cardinals’ identity, from their traditional half-court style to a pressing, up-and-down pace.

“We have a different philosophy,” said Lods, who has installed a series of press defenses that fits

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Photo by An Rong Xu

Forward Jalen Jenkins is part of a potent inside punch with Amadou Sidibe.



## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

### Arturo Gatti’s death reviewed

Arturo Gatti

A Quebec medical examiner’s report said there wasn’t any hard evidence that Gatti was murdered. The report listed the “probable” cause of death was “asphyxiation by neck constriction” from a blood stained strap from a purse belonging to his wife Amanda Rodrigues. But the remaining big question is if the constriction was caused by another party.

The Canadian coroner, Jean Brochu said, “The Brazilian authorities mishandled forensic evidence making it difficult to conclude with certainty what happened. Due to the fact there is no clear evidence of foul play, I cannot dismiss the formal conclusions reached by the authorities of the country where it occurred.”

Gatti’s widow, Amanda, felt this was a vindication of her position of not being involved with the death, which was maintained by her from the beginning.

In Brazil, where Gatti died in 2009, authorities said the fighter’s death was a suicide. However the private investigator hired by Gatti’s manager Pat Lynch, said Gatti was a happy-go-lucky guy who liked to party and was murdered.

Gatti’s family is still engaged in a legal dispute, in Canada, over trusts created by Gatti for his daughter Sofia, borne by his one-time girl friend, and

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## NY Giants name Stepinac’s O’Donnell Coach of the Week

The New York Giants have selected Mike O’Donnell of Archbishop Stepinac High School as “The Lou Rettino High School Football Coach of the Week” presented by BP for the week of November 14. The Crusaders will be playing St. Anthony’s this weekend in the CHSFL AAA Championships after defeating Xaverian

in the semi-finals.

In recognition of coach O’Donnell’s success and commitment, he will receive a certificate of recognition signed by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Giants head coach Tom Coughlin and a \$1,000 check will be granted to the Crusaders football program. Coach O’Donnell will be acknowl-

edged by a stadium announcement when the Giants host the Philadelphia Eagles on November 20 and an announcement will also be posted on the Giants web site, www.giants.com.

The Lou Rettino High School Football Coach of the Week Award presented by BP, is part of the Giants’ continuing effort to promote

youth football. The Giants elected to name the award in memory of former Union High School (NJ) coach, Lou Rettino, for his fine commitment to the game of football, his community and the betterment of his athletes’ lives.

The Coach of the Week pro-

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# Zodiacs compete in XC Track Meet

BY WINSTON DINKINS

On Veterans Day, the Zodiacs traveled to Prospect Park in Brooklyn to compete in the Green's Team XC Track Meet.

The course was challenging with many hills and the competition was great.

The events were a 2.5 mile run, 1 mile run and an 800 meter race. Awards were given out to the top six in each division (boys and girls) for each event.

Medals were awarded for the 800 meter races and lovely plaques were given to first place in the 1 mile and 2.5 mile runs. Plus, medals were given to second through six places in those events.

Zodiacs had 13 athletes compete and won 10 awards, this was an outstanding accomplishment due to the fact that this was the first time we competed on this course. T

he children couldn't run their normal speed, because they weren't sure which way to go. However we were able to win 4 plaques and 6 medals. The following athletes who earned awards were: In the 800 meter race, Jalina Robinson 4th place for bantam girls, Tiffany Dawson 1st place for bantam girls, plus she beat all of the bantam boys, Tionne Thomas 1st place for the midget girls; Jordan Samuel 3rd place

for the bantam boys.

In the 1 mile run; Tiara Williams took 4th place for the midget girls and Jacqueline Kendall took 4th place for the bantam girls. In the 2.5 mile run: Xavier Wajid took 2nd in the youth boys run, Giovanna Tolbert won the bantam girls run, Josephine Kendall won the midget girls run, Darius Gordon won the midget boys run and Aaliyah Wajid won the youth girls 2.5 mile run, almost a clean sweep. Plus it was extra satisfying to see our sprinters run so well with speed and endurance. In-door season will be interesting.

On Sunday, November 13, Zodiacs took 13 children

to the USATF New York District Championship/Regional Qualifier at Van Cortland Park. They made the coaches and parents proud. 10 of the 13 children medal and moving on to the Regional's on November 20th in Lake George NY. The following that children qualified are: Julian Coley, Adrian Swift Henry, Ralph Escobar, Giovanna Tolbert, Jacqueline Kendall, Darius Gordon, Josephine Kendall, Aaliyah Webster and Xavier Webster. Great job!

Co-op City Youth Sports Coalition is holding a Petition drive for the Construction of a Community Multi Purpose Athlete Field and Track. The field will have an accessible area to walk, play, host community events and provide an adequate recreation area for all Co-op's City residence. When you are confronted by one of our members, please sign the petition. More information will be in next week's paper.

If you have or know of any children between the ages of 6 and 16, who are looking to utilize track and field to improve their horizon, contact president Thomas Francis at (718) 679-2060 or co-president Winston Dinkins at (914) 441-6196, email WATCLT@AOL.COM or visit our web site ZODIACSTRACK.ORG.



Zodiacs athletes showing their awards.

## MONROE MUSTANGS TOPS

# Strong opening propels season

BY GARY AXELBANK

Of course the goal is to be #1 when the season ends as opposed to when it begins, but there's no denying that right now the Monroe Mustangs are the #1 NJCAA Division I men's basketball team. With the national poll just released, the 5-0 Mustangs are at the very top, for the first time in their history.

"It's great to be highly-regarded, however, and it's a

big however, talk is cheap," said coach Jeff Brustad. "Every team who plays us is going to go extra hard to try and knock us off and it's up to us to prove it every single time we step on the floor. We can't allow this to make us over-confident. It has to make us want to work even harder to prove ourselves."

When the season opened, Monroe was listed as the preseason #2-ranked team. But after they defeated the #1 College of Southern Idaho convincingly and then had a 3-0 trip to Florida, including a tough 90-87 win over Indian River, many observers thought the time was right for Monroe to move to the #1 ranking.

Monroe will be on the road for three games in Maryland over the next two weeks, but will return for the second Mustangs Inviational on Friday, December 2. Men's basketball schedule

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Photo by Victor Chu

Coach Jeff Brustad's team is ranked #1 in the NJCAA Division I.

# Four Rice students join Hayes' talented basketball team

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his new talent.

Hayes has as many as eight possible Division I players, though the Fairfield-bound Sidibe is the only player that has committed. Jenkins may or may not go to prep school; he has offers from Temple and UM-ass. The skilled Newkirk is one of the city's most highly recruited sophomores while Wilson and Robinson have mid-major looks.

Potential, though, is a tricky word, Lods said.

"Potential can be dangerous," he said.

It's not just the players that have changed at Hayes.

Top assistant Justin Simon left the Bronx school to take a job at Yale and has been replaced by New Heights coach Joel Shapiro, who recently worked with Ray Voelkel at Collegiate.

Chemistry is obviously an issue. Wilson and Williams, who will spend the most time on the ball, have to get used to playing with forwards like Jenkins and Sidibe.

"We have to learn where everybody wants the ball," Wilson said. Lods has to find a way to make all his players happy, to spread out the minutes evenly. The holdovers have to get used to playing for a full 32 minutes,

Jenkins said. They could get away with taking it easy in spurts in the 'A' league.

While Lods sounded somewhat hesitant about 'AA,' his players are excited. Jenkins thinks the Cardinals could've competed last year.

They aren't a wild card now, not with all of the additions. The Rice players are used to this role, anyway, and after losing to Christ the King in the city final the last two years, they are hungry for a title, even if it is in a new jersey.

"I feel we have a great chance to win it all," Wilson said. "We have great players at every position.



Photo by Denis Gostev

Cardinal Hayes coach Joe Lods has plenty of talent to work with this year.

# New league presents new challenges

## Young Fordham Prep team plans to match wits

BY MARC RAIMONDI

Kevin Pigott is excited. The Fordham Prep boys basketball coach knows his team is going to have a completely different experience competing on the Class AA level in the league's revamped power structure, but it's one the Rams will relish.

He'll get to match wits with legendary coaches like Archbishop Molloy's Jack Curran and St. Francis Prep's Tim Leary. His team will take the court against new division rival St. Raymond twice.

"It's just a different type of intensity," said Pigott, who is in his 22nd year coaching the Rams. "We're gonna play St. Raymond's. We're gonna go over to Molloy. We have to go to All Hallows. We can't let up for a second."

It might not be the most opportune time for Fordham Prep to be in the 'AA.' The Rams were the last of six teams in the Archdioc-

esan to make the 'AA' in a spring vote of the league's coaches. Iona Prep, which has had a lot of success in the 'A,' was the next team and it'll continue on in that league.

Fordham, Pigott admits, is young and doesn't have much size. But he thinks that could end up being an advantage against teams that figure to be very fast and athletic. What he does have are multiple guards who can run, handle and, most importantly, shoot the ball.

"We're gonna have to run our stuff," said Pigott, who employs a Princeton-style offense. "We're gonna have to play good defense. We're gonna have to stay in games."

He'll be expecting a lot in terms of leadership and on-court production from 5-foot-10 guard Jack Becker. The senior can shoot, handle the ball and has been having a strong preseason.

Sean McNamara, a

6-foot-2 junior wing up from junior varsity, will have to provide Fordham size. Pigott envisions him in the high post on offense, using his diverse skill set. He has range, is physically strong and can also handle the ball. Killian Connelly, a 5-foot-11 junior guard, can also shoot well and so does Conor Murphy.

Pigott is expecting contributions from 6-foot-3 burly football running back Jarred Moorer and 6-foot-3 wide receiver Brendan Kennedy once that team's season is done - it plays Kellenberg on Saturday in the CHSFL Class AA final and still has to meet rival Xavier in the Turkey Bowl next week.

Fordham Prep will be preserving some of those 'A' rivalries this year in basketball with non-league contests against Xavier, Iona Prep and Regis. But there will also be the contests against St. Ray's and All Hallows. The Rams will



Photo by An Rong Xu

Fordham Prep coach Kevin Pigott is excited about the challenges of Class AA.

crossover against the bottom two Brooklyn/Queens teams, Molloy and St. Francis Prep.

"We have to shoot

the ball well," Pigott said. "We've gotta play really good 'D.' We just have to keep the games close. Games have to be in the 40s

and 50s, not 60s and 70s."

He added later with a laugh: "It's gonna be interesting to go scout Jack Curran."

## St. Ray's Dingle finds right fit

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

Daniel Dingle spent the July live recruiting period playing at big events in front of hundreds of college coaches. He got to know a few of the faces well. The one weekend that month he was home playing in the first annual Lightning Live, he wasn't expecting to see any familiar faces.

Instead, when Dingle took the court, Temple head coach Fran Dunphy was one of the coaches on hand.

"It really showed me I'm the guy he wanted," the St. Raymond 6-foot-7 senior forward recalled.

Dingle rewarded Dunphy's loyalty Tuesday morning, choosing the Owls over Miami, Seton Hall and Auburn.

He took official visits to Temple and Auburn and felt comfortable at both places.

Last week, before official varsity practices began at St. Ray's, he spent a lot of time thinking about his decision.

"I loved Auburn and I loved Temple," said Dingle, who becomes the third member of Temple's 2012 recruiting class, joining 6-foot-5 wing Quenton DeCosey from St. Joseph Metuchen (N.J.) and 6-foot-9 forward Devontae Watson of Lincoln Park (Pa.). "Coach [Tony] Barbee [of Auburn] did a great job recruiting me. He came to my school numerous times. They were a family down there. At the end of the day, I had the same kind of relationship with Coach Dunphy and it was closer to home."

Dingle's entire family, from his parents Willie and Mattie to older brother, basketball mentor and AAU coach Dana, can attend every home game at the Phila-

delphia school.

They attended every AAU he played over the summer for the Long Island Lightning, with Dunphy front and center. Dana Dingle told his brother to pay attention to the schools that attended when it came to make a decision.

Dingle said he wasn't focused on conference level, but the place he could succeed at. Last year alone, for instance, mid-major prospects such as Hofstra's Charles Jenkins Morehead State's Kenneth Faried were drafted. Plus, Temple isn't pigeon-holing the versatile Dingle. He will play some power forward, some small forward, and will get to handle the ball on occasion.

"That really stood out to me, getting the opportunity to do different things," said Dingle, who averaged 17

points, 12 rebounds and five assists per game in leading the Ravens to the CHSAA Class AA intersectional semifinals last winter.

He also felt at home in Philly with the school's diversity.

"He's gonna be a very versatile, inside-out combo forward," one Division I coach said. "He's the type of kid that doesn't have a position, he's just a basketball player. Everyone says he's small to play the 4, too slow to play the 3. But he's a workaholic, he's a winner. He's skilled where he doesn't have to average 20 [points] and 10 [rebounds] to make a difference in the game."

Intangibles are a major part of Dingle's game, along with a relentless work ethic he got from Dana Dingle that was instilled at St. Ray's by coach Oliver Antigua.

## PSAL championship final returns to boro

BY ZACH BRAZILLER

The PSAL City Championship division title game will be back at Yankee Stadium in early December, the league announced Monday night.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. the PSAL's elite will face off for the crown.

A press conference will be held as well, though no day or time has been set. Fort Hamilton topped Lincoln, 8-6, in last year's matchup.

"It's great, it was a first-class operation they put on for the kids," said Lincoln coach Shawn O'Connor, whose top-seeded Railsplitters are favored to get back to The Bronx. "Even that press conference, it was great for the kids. The field was in great condition, the

locker room situation and playing in front of that many people, it was a great showcase for our kids, both schools and the city."

Before last year, the game had been held at Midwood Athletic Complex in Brooklyn every year since 1998. It was also the first time in a long time that the game will be played at night and not on a weekend. The Bowl and Cup division championship games, which are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 27, will likely be at a different neutral site.

Two college football games are also scheduled to be held at Yankee Stadium. On Nov. 12, Army meets Rutgers and the second annual New Era Pinstripe Bowl will be held Dec. 30.

# AFC Rapids - Week XI

## BY THE SHADOW

As the fall season winds down there some make-ups to be played. The reported highlights are as follows:

Buy their groceries at Bonavita-Keyfoods defeating them, 1-0. Anthony Penisi scored the lone goal of the contest. Additional offense for Crosstown was supplied by Marissa Musachio, MikaYLA Deluca, Grace Cammzrzta and Kiaria Russin. The defense was held by Patrick Purcel, Dion Regura and Steve Purcel. The shut-out was pitched by Daniel Purcel.

The mariners from Locust Point Y.C. lost a tough one to Bronx Taxman, 4-2. The goals were evenly divided between Adam Biolsi and Lance Neil. An assist was scored by Leart Krasnigi. Another offensive standout was Brian Waters. Fantastic defense played by Jonathon Cerini, Xavier Soto and Demetri Kiskinis. Excellent saves from Artie Claudio.

McNulty's F.H. "cemented" Seal-Tite Builders, 4-0. The funeral directors were Christos Argyros(2) and Laura Pabon(2). Midfielders and forwards were Giana Eugene, Olduda Marks and Gabriella Onofretti' The "D" was held by Matthew Cynjte, Grace Mutze and Goalie, Ryan Pabon (shut-out).

Seal-Tite's second match of the weekend resulted in a 0-0 tie with

Prtista Café. The offensive standouts for Perista were Skylar Leonard, Kylie Dundon, Sammy Carrillo and Adelina Hoti. The shutout was held by Emily Adams with defensive help from Anthony Raggossilia, Eddie Nevis and Dylan Salvaggi.

Schuyler F.H. and St Benedict's each had two games on this weekend. Schuyler Hill defeated B & A Plumbing, 1-0. The only goal of the c contest was scored by Darin Jurado. The push came from Kaitlyn Dallaris and Ryan Molloy. The wall was formed by Kiki Iglesias, Melany Chusah and goalie, Matthew Freni.

The double victory weekend was had by Schuyler Hill over St.Benedict's, 3-0. The scoring came from Kaitlyn Dallaris(2), three for the weekend and Ryan Molloy(1).

Additional "O" from Anthony Perroncano and Brianna Hall. The "D" was supplied by Victoria Gebbia, and the Karampimpera sisters, Anastasia and Laskarina. Stellar performance es for St. Benedict's from Joseph Cala, Nicholas Massey, Rafael Baez, Johnny Zerfa and Jake Maskara.

St. Benedict's suffered their second defeat of the weekend to Dr. Ken Gonoud, 3-0. Even in defeat the Knights had strong showings from Nyla Torres, Rafaek Baez and Joseph Cala.

# Pipe Dreams: Unmoveable forces; radio daze

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the final disposition of the balance of the \$3.9 million estate.

This could go on for a while and one day appear as a segment on "Law and Order Ripped From the Headlines." I can almost hear those two tones-bum,bum.

My troubling feeling is that I don't know how somebody could hang themselves by a purse strap without it breaking.

## Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao (53-22, 38KOs) began his pro-boxing career weighing 106lbs. Now, 16-years later he was at 144lbs. I wonder if he traveled the high road or the low road to get to this weight.

## A Questionable Decision For Manny

Pacquiao won by a majority decision that was disputed by a lot of attendees. Thr scores read were 114-114, 115-113, 116-112. The CompuBox stats were 578 punches thrown by Pacquiao to 436 by Marquez they landed 176 to 138.

Generally American judges will score punchers higher than counter-punchers.

Tim Smith of the NY DailyNewsscored it 116-112 Marquez; Michael Woods said the rounds were hard to score but gave the nod to Pacquiao. Lance Pugmire (LA Times) didn't give a score but hinted Marquez. He said to score it yourself when the replay is aired.

## Giants/Jets Week 10

The NY Giants (6-3) played the SF Forty-niners (8-1) in Frisco and the game was a good one won by the 'Niners 27-20. The final outcome wasn't decided until the last minute when the last Giant pass fell incomplete.

Harbaugh pulled out all the tricks with an on-side kick in the 2nd and a 2pt conversion late to secure the win.

## Jets Thursday Night Week 11

The Jets (5-4) turned over a win to the Patriots (6-3) 37-30. The Jets lost 1 fumble, threw 2 INTs and 1 intentional grounding, allowed 5 sacks. In the final analysis this wasn't a very good game for the entire team.

## Jets-Broncos Week 11

The NY Jets were upset by the Denver Broncos 17-14, when Denver QB Tim Tebow ran for 20 yards with under a minute remaining in the game to finalize a 95-yd. drive with a TD. This loss is likely to put the Jets in danger of sinking under the surface of the Sea of Mediocrity.

The Jets' "ground and pound" game didn't have that much success by rushing 28 times for only 83yards.

Sanchez was 25/40, 252yds. with 1 INT. and 3 sacks. There were also 3 fumbles, 1lost.

## Shanahan?

Greg Easterbrook (ESPN.com) pointed out that Mike Shanahan had an NFL coaching record

of 54-18 ( .750) with John Elway as his QB and he's 108-96 (.529) with anyone else as his QB.

That proves the point that good QBs will always improve a coach's smarts.

## Unlikely BFF's

Tom Friend (ESPN.com) wrote that Pete Rose was sitting on the corner of "Irrevalence and Oblivian" when he was contacted by Alex Rodriguez, who moved Rose to the corner of "Pertinent and Grateful." A-Rod asked Rose for his hitting advice and, more importantly, attitude advice. Friend referred to them as a new "Odd Couple."

A-Rod still hasn't mastered his attitude problems in the post-season, so it's still a work-in-progress.

## Two (un)moveable Forces

Let's see-on one side, you have billionaire and millionaire owners of NBA teams who are trying to squeeze another percentage point out of their players and on the opposite side, the players are trying to squeeze another percentage point out of the owners in the negotiations for a new CBA using the BRI (basketball related income) golden egg.

Make no mistake; this is NO labor-management dispute.

How long will it be before both sides realize the craving for BB tickets and merchandise by purchasers will be satisfied by college basketball?

## Radio Daze

I remember listening to the third fight, the rubber match, between Ingemar Johanson and Floyd Patterson, on the radio.

It took place on a night in June of 1961. I sat at the kitchen table with a soda and some pretzels.

Anyway, we turned on the family radio to the NBC- Gillette Cavalcade of Sports. That was the program that began with a bell chime and the announcer saying, "To look sharp; feel sharp, be sharp-use Gillette Razor Blades everyday." Don Dunphy was telling us that this was the fight to settle all the arguments about who was better-Patterson or Johanson. Patterson weighed in at 194lbs after weighing 182 in the first and 190 in the second which is pretty light by today's standards.

Johanson knocked Patterson down twice, with what Johanson referred to as his "tunder"( his right hand), in the first and was knocked down once himself in that first round. The fight lasted until the sixth when Patterson knocked Johanson down and he was unable to beat the ten-count. Those were the days when you didn't have to ask "For what group?" when somebody mentioned the heavy-weight champion of the world.

This was a fight that took place fifty years ago and its memory has lasted.

# NY Giants name Stepinac's O'Donnell as Coach of the Week

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gram is supported by BP, a sponsor of the Giants. This year, BP is continuing its support of local youth football leagues, coaches and parents in the New York metropolitan area. In addition, BP is also making equipment donations to leagues in need and providing an opportunity for youth players to participate in a unique practice at a Giants facility.

Each week during the 2011 high school football season, the Giants will select one area high school head coach as the Coach of the Week winner. The selection is based on the coach's continuing commitment towards promoting youth football, developing motivated student-athletes and his overall community involvement. At the conclusion of the 2011 season, the Giants will choose a Coach of the Year. That coach

will receive \$2,000 for their school's football program. They will also be invited to attend a dinner hosted by the Giants and BP.

Coach O'Donnell has been coaching at Archbishop Stepinac High School for 31 years total - 24 of those years as the Head Coach. His career record is 140-122. His teams have won the CHSFL Division Championships in 1993, 1995, 1997, 2009 & 2010 and CHSFL AA Championships in 1995, 1997 & 2010.

Last year the Crusaders finished 12-0 and had the first undefeated season in the school's history. Coach O'Donnell was named the Daily News Suburban Coach of the Year in 1993, 1995, 1997 & 2010 and received Honorable Mention in 2009. He was the Daily News Coach of the Year finalist in 2010, the Lohud.com Coach of the Year in 2010 and received the Cardinal O'Connor Service Award in 1999. He is in the Stepinac Hall of Fame,

is on the CHSFL Board of Governors, the CHSFL Executive Committee where he serves as Vice President and was admitted into the CHSAA Hall of Fame in 2007. In addition, he was named the New York Jets Coach of the Week in 2007 and is a Con Edison Scholar Athlete Award Committee Member. Coach O'Donnell served as the Grand Marshall in the White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade and is on the committee. He won

the Archbishop Stepinac Board of Trustees award in 2010. He coached basketball at Archbishop Stepinac for 10 years as well.

Coach O'Donnell is currently the Archbishop Stepinac athletic director. Coach O'Donnell was lucky enough to see some of his former athletes make it in the professional ranks: Eric Ogbogu (Jets, Cowboys), Brian Sweeney (Mariners, Padres, Devil Rays) and Marty Conlon (Boston, Miami).

# Warrior Football League continues exciting season

BY PETER FRAGALE

Week seven of the Warrior Football Club season continued providing all its fans with exciting offensive and grueling defensive plays.

## Flag Division

Flag Football reached its next to last game on Saturday November 12th, but attendance and enthusiasm was not diminished.

The Mister Softee Cherokees played an exciting game against the Parkview Sports Blackfeet with outstanding play from Rocco Lepore, Joe Caib and Michael Gierum. Dylan Walsh of the Cherokees tried to hide the ball by covering it with grass but it didn't work.

Coaches Dino Cala and Danny Moylan thank sponsors Mister Softee and Parkview Sports for their help.

Jay Johnson of the Villa Barone Manor Shawnee praises Lenny Esposito and Ryan Bisone of his squad.

For the Pruzzo's Supermarket Apache, Coach Mike singled out Donovan Beauvoir and Luis Figueroa.

Veteran Coach Tony

Sbano tells us that Daniel Ferrer and Frankie Lipo-race were top performers on Saturday for the Anthony's Flower Farm Sioux.

Barino's Market Mohicans' players had another amazing game.

## Mite Division

Youth Star Photography Giants defeated the North Bronx Paint & Hardware Jets 13 - 6. The Jets gave the undefeated Giants a real scare with a hard fought game. The Jets controlled the clock with a calculated running attack by running backs Aiden Hanley-Piri, Ethan Colon, Kane Rodriguez and Joseph "The Monster" Martino. QB Zach Smith had the Jets only TD with a 50 yard highlight film run up the sidelines. Smith's TD run was made possible by the brutal blocking of TE Damien Delfino, Center Chris Maldonado, Tackles Victor DiPierro and Micheal Delosantos and Guards Kane Rodriguez and Diego Morales. The Jets QB's Vic DiPierro and Zach Smith also completed an unprecedented four passes for first downs.

In an exciting game

the Schuyler Hill Funeral Home Lions overcame the Middletown Animal Clinic Chiefs 14-13. Brandon Lopez scored both touchdowns, with Jimmy McGaughan scoring the much needed extra points. Great QB sack by Jayden Rosado and Matt Marquez, resulted in breaking up a crucial pass play attempt. An outstanding across the field tackle by Novell Jordan kept the Chiefs contained in the first half. Great defensive plays were made by Nick Tulipano and Jary Hernandez. Late in the fourth quarter Novell Jordan, Jayden Rosado, and Matt Marquez caused the Chiefs running back to fumble and the ball was recovered by Jimmy McGaughan, which helped clinch the game. Outstanding blocking by my linemen Chis Tomsen, Rich Dieguez, Joe Kobeck, Nat and Sebastan Hernandez, Anthony Bell, Mike Tyrell, Joshua Cameron and Anthony Pressimone. Great job Lions!

The battle of two mite division rivals paired the Youth Star Photo Giants against the North Bronx

Paint & Hardware Jets. On the first play of the game, a Giants fumble that was recovered by the Jets gave them momentum to score first. On the next Giants possession a long run to the one yard line by Truth Harris followed by a 1yard TD run and a 1point conversion by Harris gave the Giants a 7 - 6 lead that lasted until after half time. Both Defenses played very well throughout the game. The edge went to the Giants D led by Antonio Andrades, Nick Gadson, Deven Perez and Kevin Manning, who held the Jets offense scoreless the entire second half. Great offensive line play by MauriceThompkins, Marcus Manning, Kasson Potts and Jaheim Latouche opened up wholes for Harris who scored two more touch downs. Final score Giants 20 - Jets 6

## Pee Wee Division

On a windy afternoon at Pelham Bay the Miller Tire Blue Devils took on the Design Development Spartans in a pivotal pee wee division game. Like veteran boxers the game was a slugfest dominated

by both defenses in the first half. A tough running attack by the Blue Devils was stifled at first by the Spartan defense. In the second half some solid blocking by Nick Bracer, Oscar Abreu, Nick Appolon, Abraham Polanco, and Erim Pelinkovic finally was able to get star running back Marquis Jimenez some holes to run through. The Blue Devils finally struck through the air with a go pattern to Marquis Jimenez from Oscar Abreu for 30 yds and a touchdown. The extra point was good on a swing pass to Marquis Jimenez to make it 7-0. The Spartans answered quickly with a kick return for a TD but the defense again came up big with an interception of the extra point by Matthew Juarez to stop the Spartans. Outstanding defensive performances by Jonathan Rodriguez, Angelo Reyes, Alex Kaufman, Henry Pevey and Matthew Tejada helped the Blue Devils stay undefeated.

Design Development Spartans and the Miller Tire Blue Devils game lived up to all the hype of a grueling defensive showdown

resulting in a tough Spartan loss 7 - 6. After the Blue Devils score, The Spartans special teams took over and thanks to the outstanding blocking of Daniel Ferrond, Tristan Williams, John Fragale, Gino Galella, Matt Bustamante, C.J. Perry, Jimmy Bloss, Nick Furio, Dylan Matos and Miguel Bustamante enabled Return Specialist Paul Turner to score his team and league leading fourth kick return touchdown by sprinting 82 yards for the only Spartans score of the game. The Spartans defense took over for the remainder of the game thanks to tremendous tackling by Furio, John Tomsen, Shane Harris, Dylan Matos, Daniel Johnson and Jacob Simmons.

Jimmy Ryan's Ramblers defeated the Dr. David Stevens Steelers 20 - 6.

## Juniors Division

Ralph G. Giordano Funeral Home Saints defeated the McNulty Funeral Home Rams 20 - 6.

The Balsamo's Funeral Home Javelins defeated the Paddy Doherty's Black Knights 13 - 0.



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# LIGHTNING FLASH

## *A Look at Lehman Athletics*

### Lehman Lightning End A Memorable Season

BY NAILEAN ARZU

One thing that can be said about the Lehman College men's soccer team is that they succeeded in making 2011 an unforgettable season.

By virtue of its 7-1 regular season conference record which earned it the top seed in the CUNYAC Championships, the Lightning was considered serious contenders for the title.

The Lightning was clicking on all cylinders in the CUNYAC Championship quarterfinals as it overcame the College of Staten Island by the score of 5-0 to advance to meet the Hunter Hawks, an all too familiar foe for the Lightning, in the semifinals.

In fact, it was Hunter that had eliminated Lehman one season ago in the 2010 CUNYAC Championship match. Would the Lightning face a similar fate or once again shock spectators and move on to the finals?

Happily, the Lightning proved yet again to expect the unexpected.

Coach Joe Andre's Bronx bunch scored first when starting forward Oumar Niang drilled a goal off a penalty kick in the first half of the match. Niang struck again in the second half to put Lehman up 2-0. Riding strong play in goal by powerful junior keeper Marcos Coto-Batres, Lehman held off the Hawks and ended Hunters bid for the CUNYAC trophy.

Oh, how the tables had turned. Defeating the same team that ended its road for the CUNYAC trophy last year, the Lightning was now embarking on a similar journey to the championship game for the second consecutive season. This time it came against the Bearcats of Baruch College, the team responsible for its lone regular season loss. Set at Randall's Island, anticipation for this game was at an all-time high.

The game was intense. After 110 minutes of action that produced a 2-2 score, both teams were left with a penalty kick shootout to decide the title.

After several goals made by both teams, the match was knotted once again, but at 4-4. It was still anyone's for the taking. A beautiful save by Coto-Batres on Baruch's Andreas Hansson gave the Lightning a chance. Junior Thaddeus Ikwuka was next in line. He converted. The title was Lehman's.



*The 2011 CUNYAC Soccer Champions*



*"Difference-Makers Oumar Niang (left) and Marcos Coto-Batres (right)*

The 5-4 shootout win captured the CUNYAC championship and allowed the Lightning to participate in the NCAA Soccer Tournament. The team would battle the Ducks of Stevens Institute of Technology a week after in Hoboken NJ. Fresh off its championship win the Lightning hoped to end the Ducks 15-game winning streak.

Unfortunately the Ducks ousted the Lightning, defeating them 3-0 in 90 minutes of play.

With the loss Lehman completed its amazing season 13-6-1.

In its program's history, Lehman managed to do two things for the first time: win the CUNYAC trophy and head to the NCAA tournament. Both came in just three short years.

It was a season to remember that can be described in just two words: CUNYAC champions.

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# Most devastating complication from diabetes - damage to the eyes

BY GENE MATUSOW, MD,  
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One of the most devastating—and preventable—

complications from diabetes is damage to the eye's retina and blindness.

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quires further treatment

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If you are diabetic and have not had a complete eye examination within one year, don't delay. Make an appointment with your eye care specialist today.

## Montefiore receives a neo-natal care grant

Montefiore Medical Center celebrated the 40th anniversary of the nation's very first Surgical Physician Assistant (PA) residency program, at a ceremony held in the Cherkasky Auditorium, October 31, 2011. PAs are highly trained health care providers working under the guidance of a physician. While PAs traditionally practiced general medicine, Montefiore was the first institution in this country to conceptualize and implement the Surgical PA residency program, inspired by the military model where wounded soldiers during the stresses of wartime, were treated by Medics and Corpsmen under the guidance of their physician colleagues.

In 1971, Montefiore began accepting PAs for a residency program in surgery after completion of their undergraduate studies. These PAs could later become part of the surgical staff. At this year's ceremony, 10 PAs of the Class of 2011 graduated and members of the 2012 Class were announced. To date, Montefiore has trained over 375 surgical PAs practicing around the country.

"Forty years ago, Montefiore welcomed the first class of Surgical Physician Assistants in the nation," said Steven M. Safyer, M.D., president and CEO Montefiore Medical Center. "Physician Assistants are integral members of our healthcare team. Our Surgical PA residency program reflects our investment in the advancement of PAs and in promoting the highest standards of clinical expertise so vital to our exceptional surgical care."

"Surgical residency changes you," said Robert

Sammartano, RPA-C, program director PA Residency in Surgery, Senior Surgical PA Pediatric Surgery and President of the American Association of Surgical Physician Assistants. "It makes you courageous, drives you to be a leader. Everyone in the industry knows that Montefiore set the standard in the early '70s and we continue with a reputation of excellence and quite simply, being the best."

One of the very first PAs to participate in the Montefiore program, Clara E. Vanderbilt, was in attendance at yesterday's 40th anniversary ceremony. Clara was the director of the Physician Assistant Surgical Residency program at Montefiore Medical Center from 1978 to 2000, and the founding president of the New York State Society of Physician Assistants.

"Being a Surgical PA was a challenging role and one I took great pride in," said Ms. Vanderbilt, who received the "PA of the Century" award from Montefiore in 2000. "Four decades ago Montefiore established a tradition that became the inspiration for over 40 residencies in surgery and other medical specialties around the country. I am honored and proud to have been one of the founding students."

"Many of the PAs who graduate from our program have gone on to become leaders in their field," added Arnold Berlin, M.D., Medical Director, PA Residency in Surgery, Associate Professor of Surgery. "We congratulate this year's graduates and wish the members of the 2012 Surgical PA class success."

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