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## Tracey Towers 65% rent hike compromise

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Tracey Tower tenants facing a 65% rent hike could be on the verge of a compromise agreement with their landlord.

But the clock is ticking for a decision by the tenant association whether to accept or reject it.

After several court dates and hours of negotiations, William Madonna, the lawyer for the tenants, said some offers have been made by the landlord to extend the period of time that the percent rent increase would take effect.

According to Madonna, the tenants will have to make a decision by Friday, September 28, when both sides are due back in court.

"Were trying to resolve this, but I'm not sure it's going to be resolved," Madonna said.

The hike was originally scheduled to go into effect Saturday, Sept. 1, to be spread out over a four-year period at the twin towers Mitchel-Lama co-op.

But it was temporarily stopped when then local state Assembly candidate Mark Gjonaj brought Madonna into the case. Madonna filed for an Article 78 proceeding, used when administrative appeals runs out with the city or state.

The first phase of the rent hike due to go into effect would have seen tenants' rents initially

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Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## ANNUAL JEROME-GUN HILL FESTIVAL

Bubble man Level! Peterkin works a huge bubble during the 11th annual Jerome-Gun Hill BID Fall Festival! Hundreds of families turned out for the festive event sponsored by the BID and a host of others. For several hours Jerome Ave. between E. Gun Hill Road and Mosholu Pkwy were shut down for bands, food and plenty of fun!

# GIVE US HOUSING VOICE!

BP Diaz calls on mayor to put boro reps on Housing Authority board

BY DAVID CRUZ

With a shakeup at the city Housing Authority looming, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. wants a voice for the city's five borough presidents at its decision-making table.

Diaz sidestepped embattled NYCHA chairman John Rhea, specifically asking Mayor Bloomberg to allow borough presidents to appoint at least one unpaid member to NYCHA's board.

As part of a major overhaul to deal with scores of problem-plagued housing projects, Rhea has already agreed to allow volunteers on a reorganized board. But Diaz wants that power to be placed on borough presidents.

"We're the ones investing in NYCHA with our capital dollars," Diaz wrote in a letter to Bloomberg.

Diaz would have his volunteer member serve as a liaison between the NYCHA board and his NYCHA Task Force, which deals with the borough's 11 public housing complexes.

Rhea has said he plans to eliminate the board's highly paid members and bring in unsalaried replacements.

That as a long-awaited consultant's report released in August blasted NYCHA for inefficiency, mismanagements and long delays

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# BCC dedicates new North Hall and Library

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

It was close to 16 years in the making, but Bronx Community College now has a new campus library.

It North Hall and Library has been in the planning and construction stages since the mid-1990s.

Officials said the new facility promises to become a home away from home for the college's commuting students who are both tech savvy and interested in taking advantage of the most modern means of sharing information.

The vast new building, designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects as a modern addition to the campus' 1896 master plan, was officially dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony and speeches by dignitaries on Friday, September 21.

BCC president Carole Berotte Joseph, recalling the role that libraries have played over the ages as storehouses of knowledge,

called the library in her remarks as "something new, something promising that will enrich the lives of all of us."

Among those giving remarks at the dedication were City of New York University system chancellor Matthew Goldstein, vice chancellor Iris Weinshall, chairman of the New York State Dormitory chairman Alfonso Carney Jr., architect Robert A.M. Stern, and president of the BCC student government Ruqayah Zuhair.

Goldstein remarked that he believes there is no community college in the United States that has a building the likes of the North Hall and Library on its campus, and called it a gift to students from the City of New York.

The North Hall and Library includes a first floor filled with 15 modern classrooms with 96 laptop computers, and a second floor "information commons"

and reading room that is dominated by technology - 42 Apple Macs and 158 Dell personal computers.

The second floor is also completely wi-fi accessible, and has 25 "group study rooms" for collaborative learning and a full-sized Library Research Classroom with 48 more desktop computers.

A modern library is still be a focal point of an entire college campus, even with computer technology often making much of the knowledge available in a library accessible from anywhere.

"We used to talk about 'libraries without walls,'" said BCC chief librarian Teresa McManus. "But it is very important to a library to have walls. Our students need a place to study, to learn, to be."

Former BCC president Carolyn Williams called the new library, which she first began planning for in 1996,

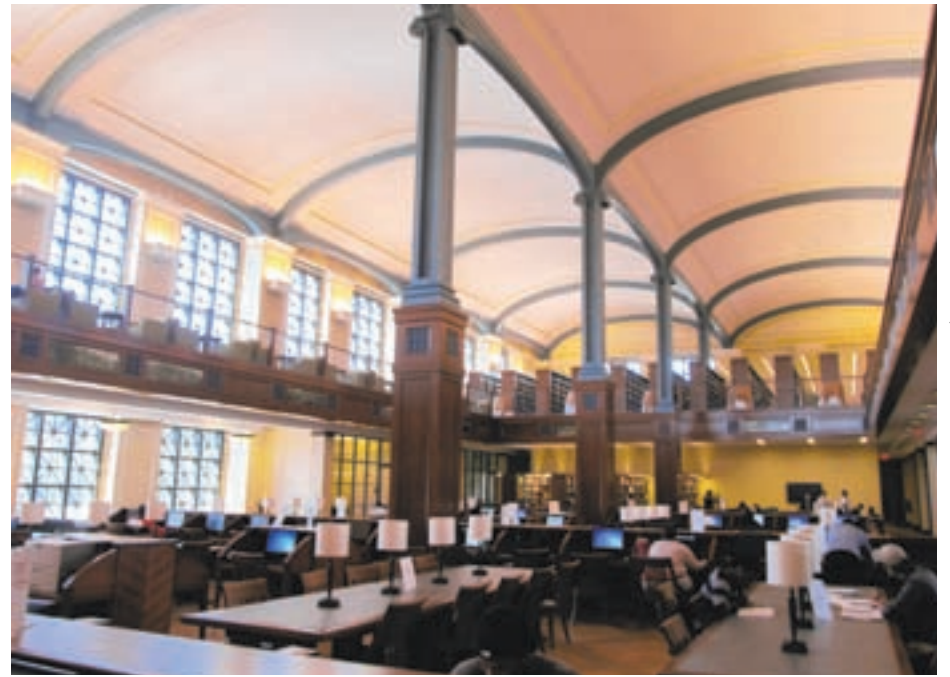


Photo by Patrick Rocchio

The centerpiece of the North Hall and Library of Bronx Community College - "the information commons."

a "labor of love that really paid off."

The elected officials

speaking included Senator and Councilman Joel Rivera, Borough vera. Rivera allocated \$7.7 million in funding.

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# Community Board 9 meeting chaos

BY DAVID CRUZ

Chaos led the agenda at this community board meeting.

What was supposed to be a smooth meeting spiraled into mayhem at Soundview Community Board 9's first meeting after a major member shakeup.

The next major issue for the board could be a vote on retaining longtime district manager Francisco Gonzalez, who has been at odds with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

With almost half its longtime members replaced by Diaz - some charge to stack a removal vote on Gonzalez - the board tried

moving on with elections of new officers. Several recently axed members, including former chairman Al Heyward, were in the audience at the Tuesday, Sept. 20 meeting at the Bruckner Plaza mall.

"This is dysfunctional!" cried one frustrated member.

By the end of the evening, only two of four offices were filled, including new chairwoman Cheryl Marrow and Valerie Patterson as 2nd vice chair.

Questions of candidate eligibility derailed voting vice chair and treasurer.

CB9 members particularly questioned two mem-

bers on the ballot who apparently did not complete a two-year term, a condition set by community board by-laws.

"It was horrible," said newly-appointed member Angel Miranda. "The whole process was improperly done."

"None of us anticipated going that long," said Kenneth Thomas, another new member. Some members stalked off. Others turned up the acrimony.

But even with half the elections processed, several members want to see the entire process redone. They believe the officials ballots with the unqualified candi-



Photo by David Cruz

Community Board 9 acting chairwoman Carmen Rivera (r) tries calling to order the rollercoaster meeting with help from recording secretary.

dates used for the election were tainted.

Members will vote for

the two remaining elections at the next general board meeting set for October 8.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 719-742-3383 or dcruz@cnglocal.com.

# Morris Park Annual Columbus Parade gearing up

BY DAVID CRUZ

It's that time of year for everyone to be Italian for the day!

The annual Bronx Columbus Day Parade is set to step off at noon on Sunday, October 7, with thousands

expected to line Morris Park Avenue.

But before throngs cheer on their Italian

neighbors, organizers are throwing a fundraiser featuring fine Italian eats.

The parade's Dinner Dance is set for Sunday, September 30 at Maestro's Catering on Unionport Road.

For \$85 Bronxites will step into the world of fine Italian cuisine, ranging from freshly-made mozzarella to delicious sweets at the Venetian hour. In the background, guests will hear Neil Diamond's "Coming to America", a symbol of unity for immigrants.

"I play that CD just to remind everybody that we are all one in this country," said lead organizer Tony Signorile. "We all came to this country for the same reason."

A crown for the parade queen

Special guests include her highness, Miss Bronx Columbus, known to many as Christina Iannarino of Throggs Neck. Signorile plans to officially crown the 16-year-old, who will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from the Generoso Pope Foundation, one of the heavy financial backers for the parade.

An independent panel vetted Iannarino, a Preston High School junior with dreams of entering the field

of medicine.

Grand Marshal Phil Foglia and Honorary Marshal Patricia Cassano will also be recognized.

Local restaurateur Joseph Giordano, owner of Riviera Ravioli on Arthur Avenue, will be honored with the Citizen Award for his contributions to the neighborhood.

"He does a lot for the community," said Signorile. "He's always there."

Signorile's journey in organizing New York State's 2nd largest Columbus Day parade proved just as treacherous as Christopher Columbus' journey to the undiscovered country.

"To be number two is getting harder and harder," admitted Signorile.

**Putting it all together**

Leading the effort for the past seven years, Signorile's been working the phones even as he balances a full-time job in Westchester.

Coordinating marching bands is often the toughest aspect of the parade, according to Signorile, mainly since the bands are committed to other parades.

Signorile, a native of Italy, boasts his heritage proudly. The longtime

Morris Park resident immigrated to the states when he was 12, settling in Arthur Avenue.

"Italians have provided a lot to the world," said Signorile, a fond lover of Italian artists Michelangelo and Leonardo DaVinci.

On top of four floats committed to the parade, NYPD bagpipers along with 16 music bands will lay the soundtrack for the parade.

The Bronx Trolley, a throwback to the days of pre-1930s travel, will also snail along Morris Park Avenue.

The Dinner Dance will run from 4 p.m. to 9p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$85.

The parade steps off at noon from Morris Park Avenue and White Plains Road, and marches to a reviewing stand at Williamsbridge Road.

Prior to the parade, there will be a mass and a parade breakfast for the marchers sponsored by Mary Queen of Peace Council of the Knights of Columbus at St. Dominic Church.

Additional reporting by Patrick Rocchio

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# St. Barnabas Hospital unveils parking garage

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The only Bronx hospital without a parking garage finally has one.

St. Barnabas Hospital held a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, September 19 that ushered in use of a six-story, 210,000-square-foot parking garage with 605 spaces on what had been "a chaotic open-field lot," said the hospital's CEO, Dr. Scott Cooper.

Indeed the East Tremont hospital was the only major medical facility in the Bronx, and one of the few in the city, that did not have its own parking facilities, said Cooper, with both the community and employees clamoring for a place to park there since he first started there 30 years ago.

"Accessing this institution was problematic,"

said Cooper.

"Health care is only good if you have access to it."

Construction on the parking garage began in June 2011, with \$20 million in low-interest loans from the federal stimulus American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.'s office provided assistance in securing the funding, Cooper said.

Not having decent parking also made it difficult to recruit staff, he added.

A heart and a purpose

Diaz called the garage an economic development with a heart and a purpose, and provided examples on how the parking lot could improve the

lot of people who rely on the institution for health care.

For example, the borough president said that it would provide the opportunities for a family of a child with asthma to avoid having to circle the hospital and park blocks away while going for treatment, and sometimes risk coming back to their cars to find the "hideous orange envelope" of a parking summons on their windshield.

"This (parking garage) is a way that we can relieve a wife's anxiousness right before her husband is going to go for life-threatening surgery," said Diaz, giving examples of the how the garage can help humanize health care delivery.



Photo by Patrick Rocchio

St. Barnabas board members and officers, St. Barnabas CEO Dr. Scott Cooper, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Senator Gustavo Rivera, and representatives of elected officials stand at the entrance to the garage after a ribbon cutting inaugurating it.

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# \$19M financing for once-blighted Mott Haven complex

BY DAVID CRUZ

After years of standing up to drug lords and murderers, poor families at Jose de Diego Beekman Houses are getting even more relief.

Hundreds of families there have gotten a commitment to keep their rents affordable, with the city stepping in to refinance the complex' \$19 million mortgage at a lower rate, producing a savings for the 1,231-unit complex that will go to help hold down the rents. City Comptroller John Liu handled the refinancing of the 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage through the city's Employees Retirement System and the Police Pension Fund.

Pensioners benefit from the investment thanks to its financial

returns of 6%.

"Diego Beekman Houses serves as a source of inspiration for all New Yorkers fighting to beat the economic odds stacked against them," Liu said.

On top of affordable rent, money will also go towards repairs and upgrades for the Mott Haven structure.

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. also allocated \$600,000 for security cameras to help curb crime.

The 38-building complex was being managed by the Continental Wingate management firm. But through the years the complex turned into a nasty tenement.

Its darkest period was in the 80s when a drug gang essentially ran the complex, intimidating ten-

ants with murder.

The gang, calling itself The Cowboys, were responsible for over a dozen killings, officials said.

Tenants pushed the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to remove Wingate after reports of fraud and neglect surfaced.

The federal agency asked the FBI and police to launch a massive takedown of the gang in the 90s.

HUD soon poured in millions to fix the property. By 2003, the agency transferred the property to the Diego Beekman Mutual Housing Association, operated by residents and outside housing experts.

The association is currently operated by Arline Parks, a longtime resident who stayed at Beek-



Photo by David Cruz

Arline Parks shares a few words on the victory for Beekman Houses securing a \$19 million investment.

man Houses for the sake of family and improving the building.

"You can actually walk the streets," said Parks.

## Resident fights for new sidewalk for community



Photo by David Cruz

Sidewalks along Bruckner Plaza received much-needed repairs thanks to local activist Jose Rodriguez.

BY DAVID CRUZ

Jose Rodriguez enjoys a good fight.

He's pitched in during election days, neighborhood causes and has kept his eyes on the streets. His Soundview nabe has known his name since the 70s.

"You have to get involved," said Rodriguez, a squeaky-voice retiree, who stands as a watchdog for Soundview, mentally logging the area's issues.

Rodriguez got into high gear after noticing a dangerous pet peeve crop up along The Bruckner Plaza strip mall - uneven sidewalks.

"This was like Coney Island's Cyclone!" Rodriguez said of the lopsided slabs often elevated or sunken, compared to its adjacent slab.

From his apartment building, Rodriguez saw wheelchair-bound Bronxites and the elderly try to navigate the loopy sidewalks.

"I saw them falling on the floor," said Rodriguez. "I saw people hitting their head."

To avoid the crooked concrete, wheelchair-bound Bronxites would often take their chances stepping out into the street, risking traffic.

"They're scared to come on the sidewalk."

Hundreds of shoppers pass by the massive shopping center on White Plains Road daily, a major worry for Rodriguez who lives behind the plaza.

It's also on the other side of the mall - Pugsley Avenue - where locals got tripped up.

Calls to the city's 311 complaint line proved pointless for Rodriguez. All he got was a complaint number.

He then took the issue to local Councilwoman Annabel Palma, whose staff called the city Department of Transportation, who tracked the 311 complaint.

Inspectors were ordered to check the sidewalks, determining that yes, repairs were needed.

DOT issued work permits to several contractors, including Long Island-based Classic Construction.

Bulldozers and construction crews have now huddled about the sidewalk, starting in the early morning hours to get the job done.

The sidewalks should shortly be good as new. And they have local Bronxite Jose Rodriguez to thank.

## Fr. John Flynn, revered south Bronx priest passes away at 83

BY DAVID CRUZ

Tributes flooded in this week after the passing of beloved Bronx priest Father John Flynn, known for taking God's word - and his own helping hand - to the streets.

Flynn died Monday, September 24 from a long debilitating illness at Riverdale's Schervier Nursing Care Center at age 83.

He retired last year, after serving as pastor for St. Martin of Tours in Crotona for nearly 22

years.

During his years there, Fr. Flynn started the "Save-a-Generation" program funded by former Borough President Fernando Ferrer during the 90s. The program took young people off the street and into an upstate boot camp for five months to learn discipline and earn their General Equivalency Diploma. Youngsters would later work at Bronx parks while preparing for college.

"He was a first class guy and a real priest's priest," recalled Ferrer. "Everything they say about him is true - and understated."

There was no answer at the offices of St. Martin, though a recording asked parishioners to "continue praying for his soul."

A towering figure with a hearty smile, Flynn began serving God in the Bronx during the late 1960s, settling in at Saint Raymond's Church in Parkchester.

But delivering sermons from the pulpit wasn't enough for him. Nor was delivering eulogies next to coffins of young people killed by violence.

After moving to St. Francis of Assisi Church in High Bridge in the 70s, Flynn joined local activists yearning for a better life during the borough's descent into blight. He was a regular at the Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center in West Farms, always ask-

ing its executive team could be done to help the needy, according to The New York Times.

Fr. Flynn would often find prospective candidates for "Save-a-Generation" by touring the streets of the South Bronx. Crucifix in hand, Flynn pleaded for young people to give up their guns for a crucifix. Sometimes managing to make a difference in their lives.

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# BOROBEAT



by Bob  
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The Liberty Democratic Club, never that friendly with Assemblywoman **Naomi Rivera**, still made nice, working for her in the primary - all for naught.

Now the big question is whether they and winner **Mark Gjonaj** will make nice.

Some rather nasty behavior by a certain club member toward voters (and reporters) during the campaign didn't exactly endear the club to Gjonaj's camp - enough, we hear, to now have Mark's circle *thinking* about forming their own club.

The Liberty Dems met Saturday, Sept. 22 to decide where they stood with Mark, with some grumbling by said unnamed club official. But they could be in for a rude surprise.

Mark's already put together a strong campaign organization that could easily morph into a Democratic club unto itself.

That would likely include running its own slate of challengers for district leaders and other posts in the 80th Assembly District next time around.

Current district leader **Kenny Agosto** said he and female co-leader **Miriam Schwartz** have reached out to congratulate Mark and invite him for a friendly sitdown. No return call yet. And we shall see....

Meanwhile, the Liberty Dems are holding their 5th annual awards dinner Oct. 11 at Maestro's Caterers. Among the honorees, BP **Ruben Diaz Jr.**; **Angela Doyle**, exec VP of Local 1199, and **Joe Kelleher**, prez and CEO of the Hutch Metro Center. Proceeds to go a several worthy Bronx groups. Call **Joe McManus** at (718) 644-1841.

And sign of the times, we guess, vegetarian, kosher AND Halal meals available.

#### LOSER IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE

State Committeewoman

**Diane Cerino**, who broke away from the Liberty Dems to work for Mark, lost in the primary to the club's candidate, **Maria Gonzalez**.

"Win or lose, the important thing was working for Mark to win," she told us. "I'm not going away!"

#### DEMS CONVENE

As political parties do across the city shortly after primaries, Bronx Dems gathered last Thursday, Sept. 20 at the Eastwood Manor to hold party leadership elections and a judicial convention to nominate judicial candidates for the Nov. 6 general election.

If either process waned off tight scripts, you coulda fooled us.

Surprise, surprise, Party Boss **Carl Heastie** was overwhelmingly reelected.

#### BENCH MARKS

Meanwhile, judicial delegates from each assembly district voted their nomination for various judicial candidates to be on the Nov. 6 general

election Democratic line.

They would be: Supreme Court Justice **Donna Mills**, who actually sits in Manhattan, for another 14-year-term; **Linet Rosado** to fill the Civil Court seat being vacated by Acting Supreme Court Justice **Fernando Tapia**, running to drop the "Acting" part; and **Eddie McShan** for Civil Court from the west Bronx.

And don't mess with Rosado if she wins. We hear she runs kids' karate classes.

#### UP THE LADDER

While Gjonaj (Joe-nigh) now stands to be the first elected voice for the city's Albanian-American community, Parkchester's growing Bangladesh community gained its first official political voice at the Democratic Party's local convention, with **Mirza Mamin Rashid** named to replace the late **Roselyn Johnson** as a judicial delegate from the 87th Assembly District.

Roselyn's name remained on the ballot in the Sept. 13 Pri-

mary. Assembly primary winner **Luis Sepulveda** said a newly formed political club for the 87th will named after Roselyn.

#### CATCHING UP

We've been so loaded with politics for the past few weeks, that some other stuff we've been meaning to post just got pushed aside. So, here we go:

#### KEY CHARGES

State Senator **Ruben Diaz Sr.** blasted D.A. **Rob Johnson** for charging his police sergeant daughter with a felony after she got arrested for keying her boyfriend's car and sending some rather threatening "woman scorned" text messages. But a D.A.'s spokesman said she was only charged with two misdemeanors - aggravated harassment and criminal mischief.

#### BUFF

Jeez Louise! Isn't it enough Councilman **Jimmy Vacca** has the energy of a chipmunk on speed? Now he's boasting on his Facebook page

that he recently did 404 push-ups in 40 minutes and 345 sit-ups in 30 minutes. "Exciting if I must say so my myself," braggeth Jimmy. "Disgusting!" sayeth gymphobic us....

#### COP CORNER

**Pot luck:** Are Bronx cops playing a numbers game?

Despite PC **Ray Kelly** ordering cops to stop tricking folks into emptying their pockets, making "in plain sight" marijuana merit a misdemeanor collar, we hear Bronx Criminal Court is getting log-jammed with pot cases worthy of dismissal.

**Two down:** It's a two-year anniversary for Four-Five Detective Squad boss, Lt. **Jim Hanvey**. Hope the bosses don't hear it, but we're told he's a real sweetheart of a boss.

#### BRONX BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 25 - Assemblyman and Bronx Democratic Party Chairman **Carl Heastie**. And as we asked Carl on his Facebook, would your hair be gray if you had any?

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## 40th PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 2:45 p.m.** – Third Ave. Bridge. First responders from both Manhattan and the Bronx responded to the Harlem River span after officials received a report that a person was threatening to jump. First responders conducted a search from the air, land, and sea. As officials took a closer look into the incident it was determined that the incident was a false alarm.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 12:30 a.m.** - Willis Ave. and East 145 St. Police officers with an arrest recovered two more weapons. This time a loaded rifle and a hand gun were taken away from its owner. The guns were vouched as evidence by the arresting officers.

## 41st PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 5:35 a.m.** – Hoe Ave. and East 163 St. Authorities are looking into a shooting that sent a woman to Lincoln Medical Center. A 43 year old black woman was suffering from two bullet wounds when found by first responders. The hospital medical staff treated the woman for bullet wounds to the right leg and right arm areas.

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 2:30 p.m.** – 884 Home St. The fear of danger spread through the community after wires were spotted under a vehicle. Police officers were alerted to the problem and responded. Under a mini-van wire were noticed and the through of a possible explosive device alarmed neighbors. After examining the vehicle officials learned that the automobile had previously ran over a battery pack that became lodged under the van. Calm then returned to the neighborhood shortly before 4:30 p.m.

## 42nd PCT.

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 3:20 a.m.** – 1265 Franklin Ave. An 18 year old black male was treated at Lincoln Medical Center. The teen was suffering from a bullet wound to the right arm authorities indicated. Local detectives are conducting the inquiry.

**TUES, SEPT. 4th, 5:05 a.m.** – 1218 Tinton Ave. Authorities are looking into an incident where a teen had been stabbed. A black 19 year old male was suffering from two wounds to the back area after arriving at Lincoln Medical Center.

## 43rd PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 1:00 a.m.** – 1030 Boynton Ave. Authorities are looking into a shooting. A black male, who was transported to Jacobi Medical Center, was found suffering from a bullet wound to the torso area. The man died despite medical effects to safe him official's indicated. The shooting was the apparent results of a dispute between old friends who had been drinking together.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 12:30 p.m.** – 1060 Wheeler Ave. Police of-



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officials were faced with a standoff involving a male. The emotionally upset male told officials that he was going to take his own life. The male proceeded to locked himself inside the home. Additional resources were summoned to scene. The male was taken into custody without anyone being injured.

**TUES, SEPT. 4th, 2:45 p.m.** – Cross Bronx Expwy. It might have looked like an old time incident from the pages of American History but it took place on one of today's busiest interstate roadways, Interstate # 95. A trailer carrying two horses broke down on the westbound lanes. Police officers from the Emergency Service Squad and Mounted Unit joined Highway 1 officers. The specialized police officers were needed to help control the two horses until the condition was corrected.

## 44th PCT.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 10:05 a.m.** – 300 East 169 St. Authorities are looking into the death of an infant. The body of the three old baby boy was released to the Medical Examiner's office so a determination can be made on the cause of death.

**WED, SEPT. 5th, 7:45 a.m.** – Cross Bronx Expwy. Traffic on Interstate # 95 came to a full halt causing a massive backup as specialized police officers rushed to the scene between Jerome and Webster Aves. A woman was perched on an overpass threatening to jump. A truck carry an air bag was dispatched to set up below the woman in addition to several other Emergency Service Units. Local police officers assisted Highway 1 officers in detouring traffic in both directions off the roadway and onto local streets. The woman was taken into custody with-out being injured and traffic resumed.

## 45th PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 4:20 a.m.** – 72 Westchester Square. An investigation was launched after officials learned that a store had been robbed. Three black males showing that they were armed with guns, fled with an I-phone and over four hundred dollars in cash from the Mr. Sport Sneaker Store.

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 5:30 p.m.** – Orchard Beach. Two people were saved by lifeguards at Orchard Beach. A 48 year old Hispanic woman was pulled from the water unconscious and provided with emergency care by the lifeguards. As this was going on, within five minutes lifeguards also pulled a 23 year old Hispanic woman who was endanger out of the water. Both victims were transported to Jacobi

Medical Center.

**WED, SEPT. 5th, 10:30 a.m.** – Rodman's Neck. Emergency units responded to the police pistol ranger. A city Correction's Officer was in need of assistance. The officer suffered from a seizure and was transported to Jacobi Medical Center.

## 46th PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 5:20 p.m.** – 2020 Grand Concourse. A suspect was arrested after a city worker was assaulted while on duty. A traffic agent was spit in the face and also pushed. Responding police officers made an arrest.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 9:50 p.m.** – 1639 Nelson Ave. Four black persons were stabbed in the northern section of High Bridge, two victims reported in critical condition. Three of the victims were females officials report with the oldest being 39 years old. The woman, who was in critical condition, was suffering from a back wound. Also in critical condition was an 18 year old female who was stabbed in the abdomen. Both a 16 year old male who suffered from a wound to the right arm and a 19 year old female who had been stabbed in the abdomen were reported to be in stable condition. Local detectives are handling the inquiry.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 4:10 a.m.** – 2120 Ryer Ave. Police arrested another person who was in possession of a loaded gun. The weapon was taken away from its owner and vouched as evidence for the pending trial.

**WED, SEPT. 5th, 7:40 a.m.** – 2356 Grand Concourse. Police are looking for a black male. The unknown culprit at gun point committed a robbery. The victim lost over three hundred dollars to the thief.

**WED, SEPT. 5th, 12:30 p.m.** – Harrison Ave. and East 180 St. A robbery is under scrutiny by local detectives. Two armed males displayed a gun when they took two I-phones from the victim. The victim escaped injuries.

## 47th PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 1:00 a.m.** – Eastchester Ave. and Hammer-sley Ave. Four more males were arrested as police officers recovered another handgun. This time a 32-caliber pistol was taken away from the culprits and was vouched as evidence.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 3:00 a.m.** – Bronxwood Ave. and East 213 St. An assault on a police officer ended with four persons being arrested. After a black female punched a police officer in the face, additional police officers responded

to the scene. Four police officers required medical attention in addition to the four culprits.

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 3:55 a.m.** – 4373 Wickham Ave. Police investigators were called to the North Division of Montefiore Hospital. A 27 year old black male appeared at the hospital seeking assistance for a bullet wound. The male had been shot in the left arm. Detectives from the Laconia Ave. squad are handling the inquiry.

**WED, SEPT. 5th, 9:35 p.m.** – 830 Magenta St. Police officials are searching for five males. The team broke into the apartment of a middle aged woman. They were able to gain control of the woman and kept her bounded for two days inside a closet. The team had the woman call her boyfriend. Once he arrived, the man was pistol whipped by the culprits. The male victim was then taken to his home and forced to open a safe where forty-thousand dollars was removed.

## 48th PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 8:05 a.m.** – 4466 Park Ave. Another suspect was arrested as police officers this time were able to voucher a starter pistol.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 10:05 p.m.** – Boston Rd. and Bryant Ave. Police investigators are reviewing an incident where the victim was robbed at gun point.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 2:15 a.m.** – 730 Oakland Pl. Authorities are looking into an incident that occurred near Clinton Ave. where a male had been shot. Additional police officers were ordered into the area to assist local officers. The male victim was transported to a local hospital suffering from a bullet wound to the face. The ongoing inquiry is being handled by local sleuths.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 6:25 a.m.** – East Tremont Ave. and Bryant Ave. A 23 year old man was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital after being shot. Authorities indicated that the man was suffering from a bullet wound to the groin area.

**TUES, SEPT. 4th, 9:40 p.m.** – Southern Blvd. and East 182 St. Local detectives are faced with a homicide inquiry. A black male expired after being shot multiple times. The victim died in thirty minutes after the incident occurred. Emergency Service units were summoned to the crime scene to assist with a search.

## 49th PCT.

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 7:10 a.m.** – 1559 Bassett Ave. A 20 year old male appeared at Einstein Hospital

seeking help for a bullet wound. The Hispanic male was suffering from a wound to the left hip officials indicated. Additional police officers were dispatched into the Morris Park community after the shooting occurred.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 3:35 p.m.** – 1450 East Cun Hill Rd. Officials are looking into an incident that left a male injured. The male victim was slashed while at a grocery store. The injured victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

**TUES, SEPT. 4th, 1:20 a.m.** – 2721 Barker Ave. A 17 year old black male was transported to Jacobi Medical Center after being shot. Police officers at the crime scene gathered information about the incident which left the teen suffering from a bullet wound to the left thigh.

## 50th PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 3:20 p.m.** – Health Ave. and Albany Crest. A male in his forties was transported to a local medical facility. The man was apparently found bleeding from his mouth officials indicated. Local detectives are investigating the assault.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 4:00 a.m.** – 3900 Bailey Ave. A teenager was transported to St. Barnabas Hospital. Officials found the teen to be suffering from a stab wound to the leg when they arrived at the crime scene. The 18 year old Hispanic male was reported to be stable condition.

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 3:00 a.m.** – 370 West 255 St. Police officers were summoned to the Riverdale section of the county after a teenager was assaulted. The victim, a 16 year old male had been pistoled whipped after being approached from the rear by an unknown culprit. The male victim was transported to the Allen Pavilion suffering from a laceration to the head. Local detectives are looking into the incident.

## 52nd PCT.

**SAT, SEPT. 1st, 6:15 p.m.** – 2304 Grand Ave. Four arrests were made as police officers removed a revolver from a West Bronx community. Officials were able to voucher a 38-caliber revolver as they processed the arrest of the four culprits. The arrest was made in the University Heights community.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 8:20 p.m.** – 2461 Davidson Ave. Officials are looking into a robbery where the victim was slashed. A 25 year old Hispanic male required medical attention from the staff at Saint Barnabas Hospital for slash wounds to the torso, arm, and face. Taken away from the Latino man was an unknown sum of money besides a cell phone.

## Housing

**TUES, SEPT. 4th, 9:15 p.m.** – 3555 Bivona St. Police officers from Housing's PSA # 8 are working with detectives from the Laconia Ave. Investigation Squad

as they look into a double stabbing. Two black males were transported to Jacobi Medical Center and reported to be in stable condition.

**WED, SEPT. 5th, 11:00 p.m.** – 3050 Park Ave. Another suspect was arrested by police for illegally possessing a gun in NYC. The culprit lost possession of the 380-caliber pistol as the weapon was vouched as evidence by police officers from Housing's PSA # 7.

## Fire Log

**SUN, SEPT. 2nd, 4:30 p.m.** – 1865 East Tremont Ave. First responders were informed that a fire was reported in a vehicle repair shop located near White Plains Rd. Within four minutes firefighters were on the scene ready to battle the red devil. The blaze was contained to the one story building and was placed under control at 4:53 p.m.

**MON, SEPT. 3rd, 8:42 p.m.** – 1730 Watson Ave. A fire was reported on the top floor of a seven story high dwelling in the Sound View area near Rosedale Ave. Nearby fire fighters quickly arrived on scene within three minutes and started to tackle the problem. The fire was rapidly contained by the first arriving units which permitted the incident commander to declare it under control within twenty-minutes. No serious injuries were reported.

**TUES, SEPT. 4th, 2:48 a.m.** – 5211 Broadway. An early morning conflagration spread rapidly within a one story commercial building just south of West 230 St. in the Marble Hill section. Firefighters from the Bailey Ave. station arrived within four minutes and quickly started to stretch the first hose line while the ladder crew started to force open the door of the store. The fire was located within a 99cent store and spreading to an adjacent store within the structure. Upon arrival of Battalion 19, an additional engine and ladder companies were requested to respond. Around 3 a.m., Battalion 19 reported that one hose line was in operation and a second hose line was being stretched. Ladder companies were opening up the store and searching for the extension of the fire. Police officials at the scene requested additional resources to the scene so that traffic and crowd control could be established. Fire Division # 7 arrived and took command of the extinguishing operations. A second alarm was ordered at 3:06 a.m. which doubled the number of units already at the scene. The second hose line was placed into operation. Firefighters informed the incident commander that there was a heavy smoke condition in one of the adjacent stores. By 3:26 a.m., firefighters made enormous progress that the incident commander was able to report that all visible fire was extinguished. Primary searches in the adjacent store were all negative officials indicated but also forwarded the same report for the 99 cents store within a minute. At 3:57 a.m., the fire was declared under control.

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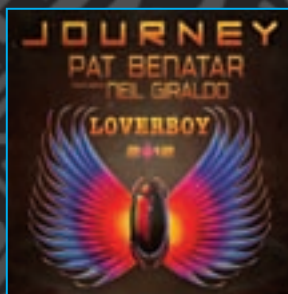
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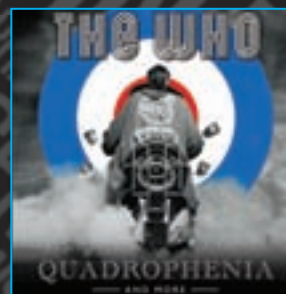
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## Well wishes for Collazzi

Dear editor,

A few words for John Colazzi on his retirement: Thank you for your support of WSZIO when we were just starting out and had few friends, your giving us the opportunity to share our voice through the WSZIO column for 22 years, and for all the good you have done for so many in the community. We will miss you.

Wishing you happiness and the best of luck on your retirement.

Sandi Lusk and the WSZIO Gang

## Thanks for saving dog

Dear editor,

We just want to say Thank You to Rob McGrath and Janin and Kathleen Zarraro for their heroic acts in saving our dog Snowie's life from a vicious pit bull attack. We are home and Snowie is doing better.

It's truly amazing to know there are wonderful, kind people in our community.

Many thanks to the staff at Crosby Veterinary for wrapping Snowie so tightly that they saved her life. Thank you Maxine for your caring help. I wanted to also send my sincerest thanks to Dr. Neal and the staff at Animal Specialty Center for taking such good care of our princess and helping in her recovery. A big thanks to all of you and everything you've done for our dog and myself. You truly are a great bunch of people with great hearts.

We hope to have many wonderful years with Snowie thanks to all of your help.

The Elia Family

## Keep Walmart out

Dear editor,

It is really mind-boggling, and quite frankly, a disgraceful insult to the intelligence of all of us Bronxites that some individuals feel that they can still make us think that Walmart will bring something positive to this borough.

Apparently, their rationale has little regard for small and medium-sized businesses, who will suffer tremendously and in many cases go out of business due to Walmart's significant price advantage, an advantage that has been achieved in a lot of ways on the backs of their under-paid and under-compensated employees.

And similarly, don't these individuals feel that multi-billion dollar retail companies should have any sense of ethical responsibility? Why then would they welcome in a company that makes billions of dollars in profits and then "creates" mainly minimum wage jobs without health benefits, which further worsen our City and State's budget problems by forcing these employees to sign-up for Medicaid, which you and I pay for?

Any concerned Bronxite who reads this paper is a well-intentioned Bronxite. But these individuals seem to have lost their way by arriving at these misguided conclusions. Very misguided.

As co-founder of a CB 11 community organization whose main pillar is to support and

partner with local Bronx small businesses in any project that we spend money on, quite frankly I find it nauseating that this intellectually-shallow and common sense-free mindset still exists.

Walmart: Not Now, Not Ever.

And similarly: Home Dep-No. Too many people submit to uttering the words "Home Depot" when giving advice or thoughts on where to go for hardware and home repair needs. No no no...

Shop at Eljam Lumber in Westchester Square, Van Nest True Value Hardware on Morris Park Avenue, Better Gardens Florist on East Tremont Avenue, Jampol Paint, Star-gate Hardware, the list goes on. There are so many options out there!

When you spend money, it's like voting.

The Pro-big box store mindset ignores all of the long tenures and dedicated employees that these small-business have accumulated throughout their decades of doing business in the Bronx.

This unpredictable economy is bad enough for small businesses. Do we really want to burden them with this damaging pro-Walmart mindset?

The Bronx doesn't need anymore high-promise, low-wage big box stores. We need to keep what we have.

Shop Small-Business and Keep Walmart out.

Raphael Schweizer  
Co-Founder of the Pelham Parkway  
Citizens Conservation Corps

## We need Walmart

Dear editor,

Hey when I read Mr. Pelosi's last letter to the editor, I thought Larry Penner and I had an ally. Then I read on and remembered my friend Pelosi is like that California lady in the House. You know the one who said "let's pass Obama Care and read it later".

What can you expect from a "proud member of the UFT?" Mr. Pelosi is concerned about Walmart's hidden cost to society. What a crock!! Of the 1.7 million in the city now living in poverty, 30.4% live in the Bronx. That's over 1/2 million Bronxites. But hey, they should sacrifice the ability to save a few dollars at Walmart because of the negative im-

pact on society says Mr. Pelosi. Say they save \$10 a week. You do the math. That's only \$5million (just a few bucks).

Consider the facts:

1. Walmart's wages are no less than any of the other big box stores.

2. Walmart is able to offer low prices by keeping labor costs down (no unions). That's competition Mr. Pelosi, unlike what the UFT espouses.

3. Competition is what America was built on.

Bronx unemployment is the highest in NYS - 12.8%. Almost 70,000 Bronxites are unemployed. Suppose one were able to get a job at a new Walmart at \$10 per hour for 35 hours per week. That's \$18,200 a year. That should get some above the poverty level. But then again, think of the "negative impact on society."

"Elected officials lining up with labor unions to block the opening of Walmart within the five boroughs "should have trouble looking at themselves in a mirror;" Mayor Bloomberg declared this week. Unfortunately they don't!

The only way for Bronxites to get back to work and realize the benefits of competition is to vote out those who make up the "Walmart Wall." How long will we tolerate the tyranny of the public sector unions and their crony representatives? A tyranny that results in high unemployment, high prices, the UFT producing students who have minimal math, science and reading capability, politicians that need the taxpayer to pay for their ethical lapses (think Vito Lopez).

Carl J. Cannizzaro

## Marring walls to mourn

Dear editor,

When did mourning a loved one become a community affair?

Everybody has lost someone young and very dear, but a growing faction of our neighbors find it necessary to plaster their grief on building walls, highway memorials that never go away and full page displays in local publications. Enough already. Grief is personal.

War heroes are memorialized; great presidents; firemen and cops who perished for the greater good. Their contributions to society is the reason we gaze upon their images with reverence.

I look upon these painted murals and wonder, what exactly did that person do for the neighborhood? Is being a great son or daughter enough to get your face painted on the side of a building? I don't think so.

I am sure there are those that mourn for your loss, but we as a society should not be subjected to this display on the walls of our cities because of some need of yours to show us all how much worse you feel for your loss than we do for ours.

Do your neighbors a favor and preserve your dignity as a result. Your loss is no greater than mine and just because you put it up on a wall doesn't make it a neighborhood tragedy.

Take down these showy, dramatic displays of grief and go to the cemetery like everybody else.

Kevin John Carroll

## Let us hear from you

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# Montefiore agreement with Empire

Montefiore Medical Center and Empire BlueCross BlueShield announced that they have signed an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) agreement under which advanced care management services will be offered to Empire's Fully Insured members in Bronx and Westchester counties as well as to Montefiore's ASO plan administered by Empire.

This is the first ACO agreement Empire has entered into in the New York region, having chosen to partner with Montefiore due to its experience in improving the health of patients, improving the healthcare experience and reducing expenditures.

The goal of the new agreement is to help the health plan members stay healthy by getting the right care in the right place and at the right time, avoiding unnecessary emergency room visits and prevent-

able hospital admissions. Central to Empire's ACO development is its Patient Centered Primary Care strategy that requires the development of individualized care plans for patients with chronic or complex conditions and continuous monitoring of their health according to tested guidelines for care and services. Montefiore's more than 200 specially-trained care managers can provide health education, care transition assistance and various other services to all members, in addition to intensive case management. More than 200,000 residents of the Bronx and lower Westchester are currently covered by agreements between their health insurers and Montefiore Care Management, similar to the Empire agreement.

"Montefiore's partnership with Empire shows our shared commitment to improving the health and well-being of the Bronx

and Westchester and recognizes our forward-thinking approach to health care delivery. For more than 16 years, Montefiore has been building our expertise in innovative care management and co-ordination and creating a value-based seamless system of care," said Steven Safyer, MD, President and CEO of Montefiore Medical Center. "Through this durable arrangement with Empire, we advance our goal of changing health care from a fragmented misaligned system of care to one where patient experience, outcomes and quality come first."

As part of the new agreement Empire members who are already seeing primary care and specialty physicians affiliated with Montefiore will be eligible for care coordination services to help manage chronic illnesses such as diabetes, coronary artery disease, congestive heart

failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma - conditions that are prevalent in the region. Additionally, all members will have access to wellness and preventative care and will receive educational support to encourage and empower them to positively manage their own health.

"Empire is pleased to partner with Montefiore in this new program that rewards quality outcomes that result in better patient care," said Mark Wagar, President and CEO of Empire BlueCross Blue Shield. In the end, our members win as we create better access to primary care physicians that will help the member navigate through the complex health care system, making the member active participants in their health care through shared decision making that will result in better health outcomes.



Photo by Laura Stone

## NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL

The Bronx Native American Festival, a free event from the Bronx Tourism Council, celebrating the unique Native cultures of the Americas, was held on Sunday, September 23, 12-4 p.m. in the south picnic area of Pelham Bay Park. Event goers enjoyed music, storytelling, dance and food. The event also included historical exhibits, live horses, and arts & crafts.

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In addition, verbal instructors will teach strategies for approaching sentence completion

and passage based reading sections that comprise the critical reading sections of these tests.

Grammar rules and strategies for success on the writing sections of the tests will also be covered.

The classes will be held at Bronx House on Wednesday, October 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will be continued on every Saturday to follow for the remainder of the eight sessions.

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## Men's health seminar at St. Barnabas Hospital

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To provide answers to these men and their partners, urologists Dr. Sapan Polepalle and Dr. Sherwin Zargaroff will hold a free public seminar at St. Barnabas Hospital on Thursday, October 4 at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the Braker Boardroom on the St. Barnabas Hospital campus located at Third Avenue between 180th and 183rd Street.

"Problems with impotence may stem from any one or more of the following reasons - use of certain medications, chronic illness, fatigue, psychological reasons, or various lifestyle issues," said Polepalle. "This seminar will examine why ED

happens, and then take a look at the current options and treatments available, including penile implants, pills and injections."

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Polepalle holds M.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Northwestern University Medical School and its Kellogg School of Management, respectively. He trained at the University of California San Diego Medical Center and is certified by the American Board of Urology.

Zargaroff graduated from the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago and did his training in general surgery and urology at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He is specially fellowship trained in penile prosthetic surgery.

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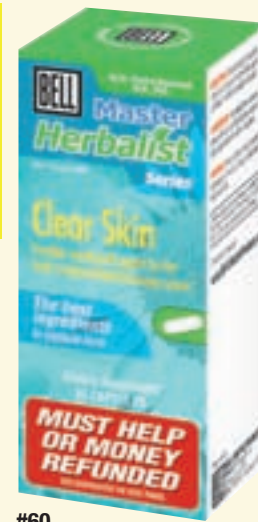
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Dr. Dara Rosenberg and Dr. Ivan Vazquez will offer important information on such topics as proper nutrition, children's dental issues, dental implants, laser dentistry, options for dentures, advances in painless

dentistry, and alleviating oral pain as a result of TMJ and other problems.

Rosenberg has been Director of Dentistry at St. Barnabas Hospital since 1988. An Associate Professor at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, she holds a dental degree from New York University's College of Dentistry, Master's degrees in Public Health and Envi-

ronmental Health Sciences from UCLA and Hunter College, respectively, and a BS from SUNY Stony Brook, and did her residency training at Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center. She publishes and lectures frequently.

Vazquez has worked at St. Barnabas Hospital for many years, as well as at the Neighborhood Family Care Center in the Bronx.

He received certification in pediatric dentistry at Interfaith Medical Center in Brooklyn, and has a dental degree from the NYU College of Dentistry and a B.S. from the University of Puerto Rico.

"We encourage members of the communities we serve to take advantage of our Dinner with a Doctor series," said Len Walsh, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at St. Barnabas Hospital. "It gives them a chance to meet some of the area's best doctors and clinicians, and get answers to questions they

may have on various health and medical topics. This upcoming event on how to keep or enhance your smile should appeal to parents of young children as well as seniors."

The event, which is open to the public at no cost, will be held in the Braker Building boardroom on the St. Barnabas Hospital campus (Third Avenue and 182nd Street). It is limited to 60 people, with free parking available by entering the hospital at 183rd Street and Third Avenue. To RSVP, call Diana Loubriel at 718-960-9295.

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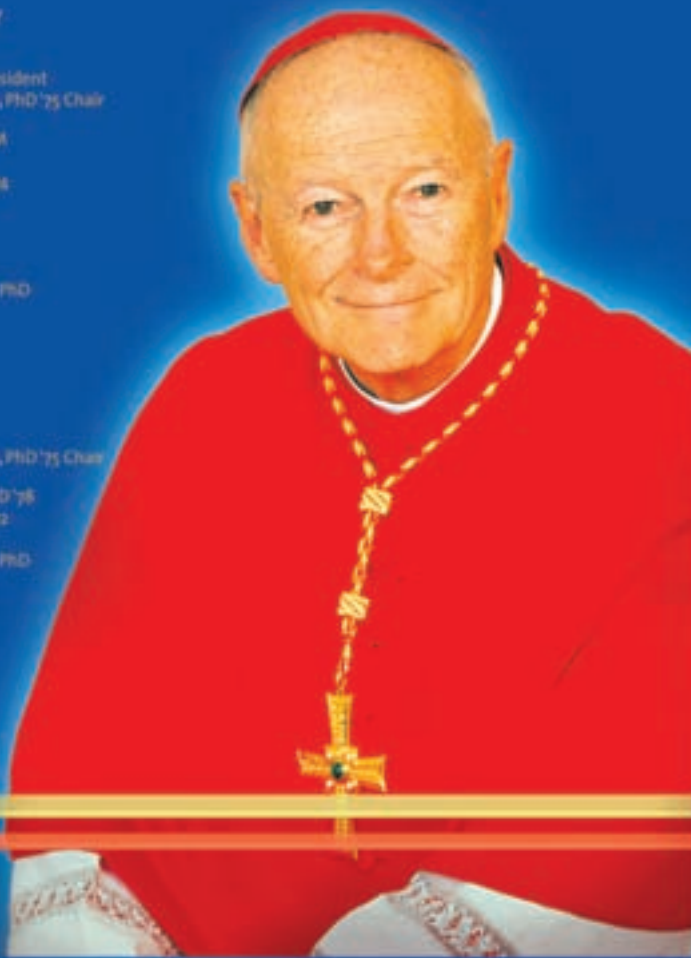
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## Community Cinema screens documentary

Community Cinema, a national documentary screening series sponsored locally by Triple Front Syndicate, Inc and the Independent Television Service (ITVS), will host a screening of *Half The Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, based on Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's best-selling book, at Bronx Community College on Thursday, September 27th, at noon.

Six talented actress-advocates — Eva Mendes, Meg Ryan, Gabrielle Union, Diane Lane, America Ferreira, and Olivia Wilde — join Kristof as he travels to Asia and Africa to meet face-to-face with inspiring individuals working to bring about change and the women and girls who confront extreme gender inequality in their daily lives.

Women and girls around the globe face threats — trafficking, prostitution, violence, and discrimination — every day of their lives. As portrayed in *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, hope endures as fearless women and men are developing innovative ways to turn the tide.

The Community Cinema screening of *Half the Sky* will preview one of

six stories featured in the mini-series. The screening focuses on economic empowerment, a crucial element in turning the tide against poverty, violence, and the oppression of women. When women have money of their own, they invest more than twice as much as men in their families, education, and the future. In Kenya, Olivia Wilde joins Kristof to see firsthand how women entrepreneurs are changing not only their lives but their communities. Ingrid Munro founded Jamii Bora, a microfinancing organization for women; one of Jamii Bora's greatest success stories is Jane Ngori, a former prostitute and single mother of four who is now running a dressmaking business. In Nairobi, they meet Rebecca Lolosoli, the founder of an all-women's village called Umoja, which was established as a haven from rape and violence and sustains itself by creating and selling traditional beaded wares.

"One of the best ways that we can deal with all of the abuses that are so troubling against women and girls is through economic empowerment," says Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. "Unleashing the economic potential of women is a win-win economic strategy."

# Bronx actress makes home in Hollywood

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Lights, camera, action: A Bronx-born star is born, making a name for herself in Hollywood.

Growing up in the Pelham Gardens section of the Bronx, Nicole Zeoli knew by age 11 she wanted to see her name in lights.

After performing in the lead role of “Sandy” in P.S. 71’s production of “Grease,”

“Italian American Reconciliation” and “A Dreamer Examines His Pillow.”

Zeoli soon decided it was time to make her way to Hollywood.

“I literally went to LA for a week, came home and said ‘Ma, it’s now or never! I’m moving to LA!’” she said. “After she stopped crying, she eventually helped me with the big move.”

show,” she said. “Until this day it remains one my fondest working experiences. Working with Vin Diesel has taught me invaluable insight into this business I will treasure forever.”

Although Zeoli is in California, she still has very strong connections to the Bronx.

“I bring my Bronx background into everything I do



NICOLE ZEOLI

she was hooked.

“I guess you could say I was always a performer,” Zeoli said. “My cousins and I would put on ‘plays’ for my grandparents, and even from a very young age I knew this was something I wanted to do forever.”

“The real spark hit in my P.S. 71 6th grade production of ‘Grease. That will always stick out in my mind as the first time I knew acting was something more than just fun, it was something that I always wanted to be part of my life. Nothing made me feel like being on that stage did.”

Zeoli continued working on her craft through high school, but really focused on it while studying theatre at Bronxville Concorde College as well as New York Film Academy and Carnegie Hall.

After graduating, Zeoli began her theater career in small theaters in and around New York, including leading roles in productions of John Patrick Shanley’s

In the five years since, she has appeared on shows such as the TNT series “Trust Me” alongside Eric McCormack and Tom Kavanaugh, as well as on the Starz series “Gravity”.

In February, Zeoli appeared in the Valentine’s Day episode of “How I Met Your Mother” on CBS.

More recently, she wrapped production on the Fox original Netflix Series “The Ropes” written and directed by Vin Diesel, loosely based on his life as a New York club bouncer.

Although the producers decided to take a different route with the part she auditioned for, she was offered a different part.

“After a few rehearsal’s with Mr. Diesel and his production team, they were so impressed with my work ethic and what I brought to the character, he decided to write a completely new role in the script for me, making the character she created in rehearsal a larger and more integral part of the

in this town, I’m so proud of it. Once I say I am from the Bronx, you immediately get ‘street cred’ out here,” she joked. “A lot of this town is about tenacity, integrity and loyalty. These are all things I’ve learned by growing up in the Bronx. Street smarts give you an extra edge out here. The roles I get tend to be tough, smart and edgy.”

Zeoli’s parents, Linda and Richard Zeoli, were long time concession stand operators at Orchard Beach, where she spent many summer working.

Zeoli said if she could do it all over again, she wouldn’t change a thing.

“You know, it’s funny, I really believe I am exactly where I am supposed to be at exactly the right time,” she said. “Sure, there is part of me that wishes I would have pursued this as a young child, but then I wouldn’t have had all the amazing experiences I had growing up the way I did in the Bronx.”

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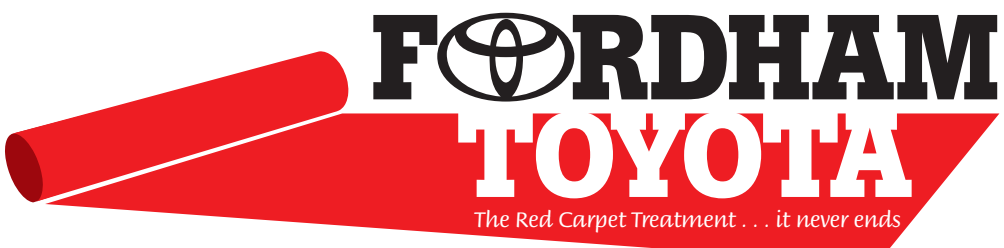
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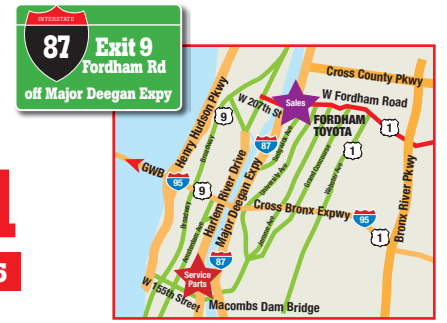


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# Longtime Realtors leader Greco steps down

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The chief executive officer of the Bronx-Manhattan Association of Realtors is stepping down after 30 years at its helm.

But expect the organization's programming and events to stay pretty much the same as the group seeks a replacement.

Nunzio Del Greco, CEO of the trade organization that represents realtors and provides educational training and programming, leaves the organization running smoothly, with a capable staff to run networking events and educational programs, said Richard Guarino, who began a two-year term as president of the board of governors on Saturday, September 1.

"I don't think we are going to feel much of a hiccup from Nunzio leaving, though he will be missed," said Guarino. "We will do what we have to do to fill Nunzio's shoes as quickly as possible."



Richard Guarino  
President, Board of Governors

Since Del Greco was the CEO for so long, his staff is "well-groomed" and should be able to run the organization with the board of governors while a replacement is found.

"We are looking for someone with ties to the Bronx, and maybe to the real estate marketplace," said Guarino. "Whether they work for another



Kathy Zamechansky  
President-elect

non-profit, a real estate office, or even in a political office, we are looking for someone who understands the Bronx, and is young and hungry to grow this organization."

Guarino is a co-founder and managing director of ERG Property Advisors, which specializes in investment properties. He leads a team of salespeople

for Bronx properties.

Kathy Zamechansky was selected to a two-year term as president-elect, in a position similar to vice president, taking over whenever Guarino leaves office.

"It is with pride and enthusiasm that I prepare

to lead this incredible organization," said Zamechansky, president of KZA Realty Group, "and I am especially humbled to be one of six women to have this opportunity."

The Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors is the local chap-

ter of the New York State and National Association of Realtors.

Its office is located in Morris Park at 1867 Williamsbridge Road. Its telephone number is (718) 892-3000 and its website is bmar.org.

## DOE's text messaging program

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

With cell phone texting now an acceptable way to communicate important information while on the go, the city Department of Education now has a new text messaging program for school-wide information.

While students are still barred from carrying cell phones into school, parents and family members can enroll by texting "nycschools" to 877-877 to receive text messages throughout the school year.

As text messaging has

become more of an acceptable way of communicating, and students grow up in households where typically both parents work and are on the go, the DOE worked to create the new information system to help, said Bloomberg.

The new information system can give parents the ability to easily find calendar updates, reminders and tips on how to access school resources.

It comes after the DOE received a high volume of requests for electronic delivery of school information across

all demographic groups in the 2010 and 2011 annual parents School Surveys, according to a statement.

Among the information parents and family can receive - with previous years' surveys showing it's important to parents - are the 2012-2013 school calendar; information on how to enroll in school programs; breakfast and lunch menus; and tips on how to log onto ARIS Parent Link, which is a web resource with student attendance, test score and grade data.

## Empire City Casino bus service

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

Tired of taking multiple trains, buses or expensive cabs to get to Empire City Casino?

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The new bus service now runs daily from Giovanni NYC Restaurant at 579 Grand Concourse across from the Bronx General Post Office at 150th Street, directly to Empire City Ca-

sino, every two hours from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m.

The trip takes about approximately 30 minutes, depending on traffic.

The service come courtesy of Doreway Transportation Services.

Empire City receives about 7 million visitors a year, with about 1 million coming from the Bronx, said Taryn Duffy, a spokesperson for the Casino.

That's in addition to the nearly 400 Bronx residents the casino employs, she added.

The \$20 round-trip ticket includes a \$5 food voucher and a \$10 voucher in free play for the slot machines.

The bus leaves Empire City Casino to return to the Bronx at 3:45 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 11:45 p.m., 1:45 a.m., and 4:00 a.m.

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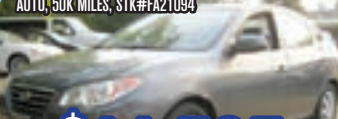
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# Small cars may be the future

Consumers have long operated under the presumption that “bigger is better,” which is often reflected in the size of the vehicles on the road. However, future mandates on fuel economy could significantly increase the number of compact cars being bought and sold, and big cars might get a run for their money.

In the past, bigger cars might have been the popular trend. Muscle cars of the 1960s, giant sedans of the '70s and even the pumped-up SUVs of modern day are all bigger vehicles. But with the advent of the fuel-efficient car and hybrid or electric models, many people could find themselves driving a compact car in the next few years.

According to U.S. federal requirements, automotive industry products must average 35.5 miles per gallon by 2016, and proposed regulations could increase

that number to 62 mpg by 2025. What this means for auto makers and consumers alike is that small cars could grow increasingly popular.

Automakers are already beginning to invest heavily in smaller vehicles. Compact cars were popular and prominently featured attractions at auto shows throughout 2010 and into 2011.

Consumers who once leaned toward larger vehicles may now purchase compact cars thanks to escalating fuel costs and more eco-conscious consumerism. Compact hybrids have already become trendy among the celebrity set, and many fans may choose to emulate their favorite A-listers. The “green” movement has certainly changed consumer perception of small cars.

What's more, automakers are revamping features that normally caused people to shy away from compact cars. Interior space

is being reconfigured to offer more headroom and legroom. Plus, automakers are packing compacts with innovative features and gadgets that make them appealing to an increasingly tech-savvy society.

Even people who are not fiscally or environmentally minded may lean toward the abundance of smaller cars at dealerships. That's because compact cars are affordable first cars or good options for singles and older couples looking to downsize. Young males may consider sporty, super-up coupes. With small cars, there certainly is a widespread market.

The hardest demographic to convince to switch to a smaller car will be the average family. Families with multiple children might feel compact cars don't provide the room needed to transport everyone. Automakers will no doubt address the needs of families in years to come.

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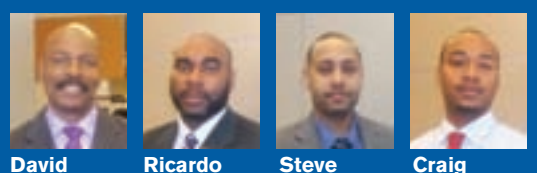
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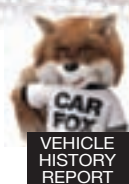
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2001	Toyota Corolla, 73k	17062	\$2,995	2003	Jaguar X-Type, 150k	70362	\$3,995	2003	Honda Civic Hybrid, 154k	001383	\$4,995
2003	Toyota Camry, 108k	67147	\$2,995	2006	Chevy Cobalt, 100k	70263	\$3,995	2005	VW Passat ndsmtr, 24k	69686	\$4,995
1999	Acura TL, 126k	73364	\$2,995	2004	Nissan Sentra, 53k	UC16122	\$3,995	2005	Toyota Camry, 65k	62871	SAVE
2003	Hyundai, 63k	H1088	\$2,995	2002	Ford Escape, 97k	67450	SAVE	2003	Ford Mustang, 99k	63795	SAVE
YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STK /VIN	PRICE	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STK /VIN	PRICE	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STK /VIN	PRICE
2003	Cadillac CTS, 145k	70281	\$5,995	2008	Toyota Corolla, 7k	43265	\$6,995	2007	Mazda 3, 5k	JU13340	\$7,995
2003	Toyota Rav4, 84k	250554	\$5,995	2008	Chevy Trailblazer, 116k	62530	SAVE	2008	Toyota Corolla, 40k	42365	\$7,995
2003	Mazda Protege, 99k	186675	SAVE	2003	BMW x5, 110k	68755	SAVE	2006	Cadillac CTS, 67k	JU12013	SAVE
2000	Mercedes C240, 126k	66680	SAVE	2006	Chrysler Town & Country	JU14877	SAVE	2008	Honda Civic, 14k	JU12353	SAVE

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YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STOCK /VIN	PRICE	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL/MILES	STOCK /VIN	PRICE
2006	Nissan Altima, 6K TMU	65610	\$6,995	2004	Toyota Highlander, 134k	69228	\$9,995
2007	Chevy Impala, 28k	42370	\$7,995	2008	Jeep Liberty, 17k	54235	\$11,795
2009	Chevy Cobalt, 56k	65308	\$7,995	2011	Ford Escape XLT, 25k	74493	\$11,990
2005	Nissan Quest, 60k	63458	\$8,995	2011	Nissan Rogue, 50k	69968	\$13,995
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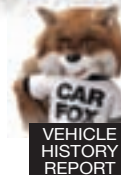
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# Bronx Zoo awarded top honor for education

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums awarded its top honor for educational programming to the Bronx Zoo for the Online Teacher Academy that helps educators discover teaching methods while inspiring student learning and conservation action.

The zoo's education department was presented with the award at a ceremony at the 2012 Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

The award recognizes outstanding achievement in educational program design – judging programs on their ability to promote conservation knowledge, attitudes and behavior, show innovation, and measure success.

WCS created the Online Teacher Academy in 2007 with support from the Laura Niles Foundation.

The Online Teacher Academy introduces educators to life science content, teaching methods, and new technology while using resources like zoos

and aquariums as serious tools for teaching science. The program helps teachers further develop their understanding of the living world and revitalize their love of nature and science.

“This web-based resource for teacher professional development has already made a tremendous difference in teaching educators about conservation in New York City, across the country, and around the globe,” said Don Lisowy, WCS director of education. “The project uses the power of animals and nature as vehicles to engage teachers and, by association, their students. We are hopeful that it will serve as a model for the development of future science education programs.”

Online Teacher Academy includes a suite of seven online graduate courses taught by WCS's education staff, WCS webinars featuring WCS's field conservation staff, and resources to support teaching and learn-

ing.

The zoo's education department serves more than 100,000 students and 2,400 teachers annually. It works across NYC to provide science, technology, engineering, and math education to under-served students and offers subsidized and free programs to thousands of students from all five boroughs each year.

The zoo is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 5:30 p.m. weekends. Adult admission is \$16.95, children (3-12 years old) \$11.95, children under 3 are free, seniors (65+) are \$14.95. Parking is \$14 for cars and \$16 for buses.

It is conveniently located off the Bronx River Parkway at Exit 6; by train via the #2 or #5 or by bus via the #9, #12, #19, #22, MetroNorth, or BxM11 Express Bus service from Manhattan that stops just outside the gate.

To plan a trip, visit [bronxzoo.com](http://bronxzoo.com) or call 718-367-1010.

## Mount St. Ursula grads donate

Two of Mount St. Ursula's have been completely remodeled, thanks to two alumnae, Adrienne Rolla, class of 1976, and Kerri Gould Reynolds, class of 1986.

With the help of Reynolds' husband Richard and

his construction company, Plaza Construction as well as several others, work on the new bathrooms was completed over the summer.

The total cost for the remodeling would have been \$50,000 for materials and labor if the school had to in-

cur the cost.

The school will hold an open house on Sunday, October 28 from 12 to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.amsu.org](http://www.amsu.org).

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# Bronx beat

## Parkchester South Condos to hold blood drive Sept. 28

Parkchester South Condominiums, in conjunction with New York Blood Center (NYBC), will sponsor a blood drive on September 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1449 West Avenue in the Bronx.

The Labor Day holiday, back-to-school preparations, and busy schedules have all contributed to a lower than normal blood inventory. Parkchester South Condominiums hopes to reverse this trend by opening their doors to the community and inviting their neighbors to donate blood.

Each and every day there are patients who depend on the transfusion of red blood cells, platelets and plasma to stay alive. Last year, approximately 56,000 blood products

were transfused to patients in the Bronx while the number of pints donated was approximately 15,000. Volunteer blood donors who take an hour to attend a blood drive or visit a donor center can help ensure that all patients receive the blood they need. Blood donors truly make a difference and save lives.

To donate blood or for information on how to organize a blood drive, please call 1-800-933-2566 or visit: [www.nybloodcenter.org](http://www.nybloodcenter.org).

**Toastmasters** will host their fall humorous and table topics speech contest on Saturday, September 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bartow Mall at 2049 Bartow Avenue

room 28.

Come out and hear exciting table topics and some of the funniest speeches ever made.

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Sandra Reid at (718) 862-2524 or by e-mail at [slmreid1994@live.com](mailto:slmreid1994@live.com).

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**Castle Hill Library** will host its second annual open house on Monday, October 1 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Staff will be in hand to explain to visitors the wide array of services the library has to offer. Castle Hill Library is located at 947 Castle Hill Avenue. For more information, call 718-824-3838.



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<b>BRONX</b> Tuesday, October 2nd 5:30PM – 9:00PM	Bronx Community College 2155 University Avenue Bronx, NY 10453
<b>MANHATTAN</b> Thursday, October 4th 5:30PM – 9:00PM	Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture 515 Malcolm X Boulevard New York, NY 10037
<b>STATEN ISLAND</b> Tuesday, October 9th 5:30PM – 9:00PM	New Dorp High School 465 New Dorp Lane Staten Island, NY 10306
<b>QUEENS</b> Wednesday, October 10th 5:30PM – 9:00PM	LaGuardia Community College Little Theater 31-10 Thomson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101
<b>BROOKLYN</b> Thursday, October 11th 5:30PM – 9:00PM	Medgar Evers College Founders' Auditorium 1650 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11225

Prior to the hearings, you may submit written comments to the NYC Districting Commission by mail to: NYC Districting Commission, Attn: Jonathan Ettricks, 253 Broadway, 7th Fl., NY, NY 10007, or by email to: [hearings@districting.nyc.gov](mailto:hearings@districting.nyc.gov) on or before 5:00 P.M. on the date of the hearing. Please indicate in your correspondence the date of the hearing for which you are submitting your comments.

**NOTE:** The hearing locations are accessible to those with physical disabilities. Individuals requesting an interpreter for sign language or any other language at any hearing should contact the NYC Districting Commission at [hearings@districting.nyc.gov](mailto:hearings@districting.nyc.gov) or by calling 212-442-0256 five days in advance of the hearing, and reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate such requests.

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## HISPANIC LEADES HONORED BY BRONX CHAMBER

The borough president, two assembly members and heads of two chambers of commerce were honored at the Hispanic Heritage Month Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, September 19. Sponsored by the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, the awards ceremony at the F&J Pine recognized nine Hispanic-Americans for their leadership contributions in the borough. The celebrations were part of Hispanic Heritage Month that started September 15.



(Above) Several of the honorees hold up their plaques. They include (l-r) Assemblyman Felix Ortiz, NYS Federation of Hispanic Chambers of Commerce Alfred Placeres, NYPD Assistant Chief Edward Delatorre, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Hunts Point Chamber of Commerce Josephine Infante, the Botanical Garden's Elizabeth Figueroa and Roberto Ramirez of Mirram Group LLC. They stand with Bronx Chamber of Commerce Chairman Joseph Kelleher (far left) and Chamber President Lenny Caro.

## BRONX IMMIGRANTS TURN OFFICAL CITIZENS



Photo by Walter Pofeldt

The proud bunch rise from their seats, right hand up, ready to take the Oath of Allegiance.

They passed the citizenship test, followed all the criteria and now 50 people are bonafide U.S. citizens. On September 20 at the Bronx International High School at 1110 Boston Road, four-dozen Bronxites raised their right hand to take the Oath of Allegiance. The newly proud Americans hail from all around the world, coming as far as the United Kingdom and Vietnam. The event celebrated Constitution Day in the country.

(Right) Mom Johanna Stigel carries baby Mia who proudly holds the red, white and blue flag as 11-year-old Alysha looks on.



## BRONX HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Learning calisthenics, karate and just have a good ol' fashion time were the highlights at the Bronx House on Saturday, September 15. Neighbors stopped by 990 Pelham Parkway South to learn all about the center during an open house taking place for the whole day. Staffers walked through prospective members over the many activities Bronx House offers.

(Below) Curious locals walked in and out of Bronx House where staffers doled out flyers featuring its services.



## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HOLDS BBQ



Photo by Ken Carozza

The Bronx Democratic County Committee held its annual barbecue at the end of the summer near its headquarters off Eastchester Road on Saturday, September 8. Elected officials enjoyed a good BBQ and gave speeches.

Pictured are (l-r) Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Civil Court Judge candidate Eddie McShan, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx City Clerk Shirley Saunders with granddaughter, Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, Senator Jose M. Serrano and son, Councilman Fernando Cabrera.

## MADONNA LOOK-ALIKE CONCERT



Photo by Ken Carozza

Madonna fans gather outside of Yankee Stadium on Friday, September 6 for a look a like contest before heading inside for her concert.



Photo by Walter Pofeldt

## AUTHOR RAY NEGRON AT BAY PLAZA

Ray Negron autographs his book for Lenny Caro, President of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

## STARKS READS AT STEBBINS-HEWITT



Photo courtesy of Cablevision

Former New York Knick great John Starks visited a summer reading event at the Stebbins-Hewitt Housing Development in Longwood recently. Starks joined Assemblyman Marcos Crespo and representatives from Cablevision's Power to Learn program to bring the children the "Knicks Read to Achieve @ powertolearn.com." Starks read excerpts from the popular children's book "I Can Make A Difference" by Marian Wright Edelman. With participating children are (l-r) Starks, Crespo and Cablevision vice-president Dan Ahouse.

## TOY AND SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY AT HAVEN ACADEMY



(l-r) Toy Industry Foundation Manager Marisa Medina; Haven Academy Principal Jessica Nauiokas; The New York Foundling Manager of Community Relations & Volunteer Services Alan Shatz; and Haven Academy Kindergartners.



Photo courtesy of New York Foundling

It was Christmas in September for kids at Haven Academy in Mott Haven. Inside 170 Brown Place, charter school kids received duffel bags filled with toys and school supplies thanks to the Toy Industry Foundation and My Stuff Bags Foundation. Sponsored by the New York Foundling, the charter school educates kids living in the foster care system.

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# Bronx scene

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## Bronx Cultural Trolley rolls again Oct. 3

Calling all hats! **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, located at 2500 Westchester Avenue, will hold its annual old fashioned tea social and hat show on Saturday, September 29 at 4 p.m. All are invited to sample a variety of teas, sandwiches and other delicious treats. In spirit of the event, ladies of all ages are encouraged to create or wear their finest and most outrageous hats. Proceeds from this fund-raising event will benefit the outreach programs of St. Peter's.

Admission is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under the age of 12. Tickets must be purchased in advance and may be obtained by calling the church at (718) 931-9270. Tickets will not be available to purchase at the door.

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The **Bronx Culture Trolley** rolls again on Wednesday, October 3, featuring a number of family activities along the South Bronx Cultural Corridor including art exhibi-

tions at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos, Bronx Museum of the Arts, BronxArtSpace, The Clock Café & Martini Bar and the Bruckner Bar & Grill. BCA's BronxArtworks Artisans Collective will set up their boutique of hand-made items in the Hostos lobby. The Longwood Art Gallery will host a musical performance, the Bronx Museum will feature a literary event, and you can wind down your trolley night with food, drink at the Bruckner Bar & Grill. The Bronx Culture Trolley is a program of the Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA). Admission to venues is free and all are welcome to hop on board and enjoy them.

The Trolley will begin at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street, at 5:00pm for a meet-and-greet opening reception and a viewing of Puerto Rico In Its Labyrinth, Chronicles of a Country and a World in Crisis, an exhibition of works on paper and sculpture by Puerto Rican artist,

educator and social scientist José Buscaglia. The exhibition comments on the legacy of colonialism and the history of oppression in the Caribbean, the Americas and Africa in the midst of a global crisis and change. Plaza de la Identidad: Public Art Under House Arrest is an installation of Buscaglia's 2003 public work commissioned by the Puerto Rican legislature which, until recently, was kept in storage because it was deemed too nationalistic for public display. Also in the gallery, a 6:00pm Introduction to the exhibition by Jose Buscaglia followed a musical performance by vocalist/guitarist Gian Carlo Buscaglia (son of the artist) whose all-original repertoire of Salsa, Latin Jazz, Nueva Trova, Guaracha and Bomba embodies the protest tradition of Latin America's New Song movement with its deep sense of poetry, irony, and call to social action. Outside the gallery in the Hostos Memorial Plaza: *Conversing Bricks*, an installation by artist Hatuey Ramos-Fermin.

The bricks, initially sent to Congress in an effort to convince them to build a wall on the US-Mexico border, were brought to the Bronx for use in a pro-immigrant art installation, turning their message of hate and division into one of hope and reconciliation. In the Hostos lobby BCA's BronxArtworks Artisans Collective will display and sell their imaginative creations in all price ranges. Items include paintings, post cards, crocheted hats, knitwear, illustrations, jewelry, sculpture, papermache and ethnic masks, vases, note cards, crafts, and more. All items are original designs created by Bronx crafts artists.

The trolley bell clangs at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm, indicating the trolley's departure from Hostos on its way to the evening's cultural events.

In addition to Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, this month's trolley stops and attractions include: The Bronx Museum of the Arts for

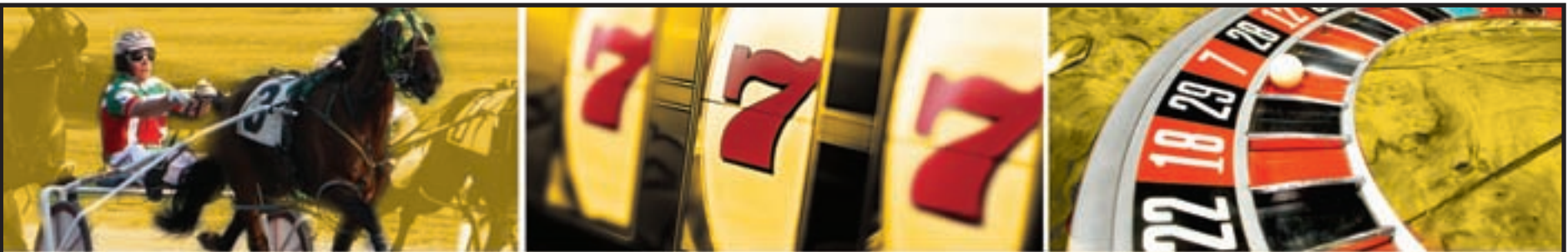
readings and conversations with author Ramone Smith who will discuss his recent book *African American Healthy Self-Esteem*. Also, there will be a guided tour of the museum's exhibitions: *Urban Archives: The Rituals of Chaos* complements the work of Mexico's renowned photojournalist Enrique Metinides; *Bronx Lab: Style Wars*, a group exhibition about graffiti that includes painting, drawings, prints, sculpture, and video; and revolution not televised features works by contemporary Cuban artists; BRAC at BronxArtSpace for a viewing of *Process and Progress: Sonya Blesofsky and Lan Tuazon* featuring Ms. Blesofsky's bri-colage installation of drawings and 3-D forms, overlapping and juxtaposed to reflect the inconsistencies at play within the landscape of West Farms and Ms. Tuazon's four composite sculptures accompanied by a series of prints utilizing silhouettes of utopian structures overlaid with cityscape prints of the Bronx. The

Clock Café & Martini Bar for a viewing of *Historical Chronicles*, mixed media paintings by artist Juliette Pelletier that represent a bridge between centuries, continents and cultures and explore temporal constructs, individuality and philosophy.

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There's no better way to end a school day than with an art class at the **Bronx River Art Center**.

Art classes are taught by professional artists with experience in a wide variety of techniques including: drawing and painting, digital photography, ceramic sculpture, cartooning, and portfolio review and preparation. Classes for children and teens meet once a week for two hours either after school or on Saturday and cost \$75. Classes for adults meet for 2 hours on Saturday afternoons and cost \$100. All supplies are provided.

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Among the list of programs on Wave Hill's calendar of events from October 5 — 12 are:

**Saturday, October 6 Family Art Project — Sailing the Sky**

Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Ecology building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Saturday, October 6 Tai Chi Chuan**

Short and long form classes are led by Irving Yee, an active member of the William CC Chen Tai Chi School. Sessions are held outdoors only and are weather dependent. Call (718) 549-3200 ext. 245 by 8 a.m. on the day of the class for weather updates. Session fee: \$15 Member and \$23 Non-member. Registration opens on-site at 9:30 a.m.

On the grounds, 10 a.m. for beginners, 11 a.m. for intermediates

**Saturday, October 6 Gallery Tour**

Tours take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Free with admission to the grounds.

Glyndor Gallery, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, October 7 Hatha Yoga**

Classes are led by Neem Dewji, certified in Hatha and Therapeutic Yoga from The Yoga for Health Foundation in Bedfordshire, England, and The Integral Yoga Institute in NYC. Participants should bring a mat, dress in loosely fitting clothing and come to class with breakfast well digested. All levels welcomed. Sessions are held outdoors only and are weather dependent. Call (718) 549-3200 ext. 245 by 8 a.m. on the day of the class for weather updates. Session fee: \$15 Member and \$23 Non-member. Registration opens onsite at 9:30 a.m.

On the grounds, 10–11:15 a.m.

**Sunday, October 7 — Sailing the Sky**

Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Ecology building, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Sunday, October 7 Creative Actions—Capturing a Moment: Chinese Brush Painting**

With artist Mansheng Wang. Depicting birds, flowers and landscapes, this genre is one of the world's oldest surviving styles of art. Session fee: \$20 Member/\$30 Non-member. Registration required, online at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org), by calling (718) 549-3200 ext.305 or at the Perkins Visitor Center.

Ecology Building, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 7 — Garden Highlights Walk**

Join us for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free with admission to the grounds.

Meet at Perkin's Visitor Center, 2 p.m.

**Monday, October 8 — Raptor Day**

Wave Hill takes flight as we celebrate birds of prey! This day-long event features live raptor shows, bird walks, discovery tables, owl pellet dissections and more. Overlooking the Hudson River, Wave Hill is the perfect place to spot hawks, eagles, kites, ospreys and falcons. See the full schedule of events at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org). Free with admission to the grounds.

On the grounds, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 9 — Garden Highlights Walk**

Join us for an hour-long tour of seasonal garden highlights. Free, and admission to the grounds is free until noon.

Meet at Perkin's Visitor enter at 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 9 — Gallery Tour**

Tours take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Free with admission to the grounds.

Glyndor Gallery, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, October 11 — Nature Photography: Landscapes Large and Small**

Session 1 with photographer Benjamin Swett.

Series fee: \$180 member and \$210 non-member. Registration required, online at [www.wavehill.org](http://www.wavehill.org), by calling (718) 549-3200 ext. 305 or

at the Perkins Visitor Center. Series continues Thursdays, October 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15.

Ecology building 1 to 4 p.m.

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**Lehman Center for the Performing Arts** continues its 32nd season with two of Salsa's hottest vocalists — Jerry Rivera and Tito Nieves — for one night only on Saturday, October 13 at 8pm. Jerry Rivera has been one of the stars of Salsa romantica since 1992's Cuenta Conmigo shot to the top of the charts. With 20 albums to his credit, he returns to Lehman Center to deliver hit after hit from his career, including "Casi un hechizo," "Amores como el nuestro" and "Ese." Also returning is Lehman Center favorite Tito Nieves, who brought the tropical sound to a new audience in the '80s, creating "the New York sound." His vast list of three decades-worth of smash hits includes "Sonámbulo," "I'll Always Love You" and "De mí enamórate."

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is on the campus of Lehman College/CUNY at 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West. Tickets for Jerry Rivera and Tito Nieves on Saturday, October 13 at 8 p.m. are \$60, \$55, and \$45 and can be purchased by calling the Lehman Center box office at (718) 960-8833 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and beginning at 12 noon on the day of the concert), or through 24-hour online access at [www.LehmanCenter.org](http://www.LehmanCenter.org). Lehman Center is accessible by #4 or D train to Bedford Park Blvd. and is off the Saw Mill River Parkway and the Major Deegan Expressway. Low-cost on-site parking is available for \$5.

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**Castle Hill Library** will host a special Halloween program for children on Wednesday, October 17 at 4 p.m.. Storyteller Regina Ress will tell ghost tales from around the world. This program is recommended for children five years old or older.

The library will also host a information session on table manners for teens on Thursday, October 18. Teens will learn about table manners throughout the ages and across culture. This program is for teens ages 12 to 18 years old.

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by Fish Altieri

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book cover capturing the stories' independent rock and roll spirit.

The eBook Amazon format is supported by most smart Phones, tablets, Windows, Macs and of course the Kindle Book readers. "BandLand Book One" is eBook only and available for just 99 cents.

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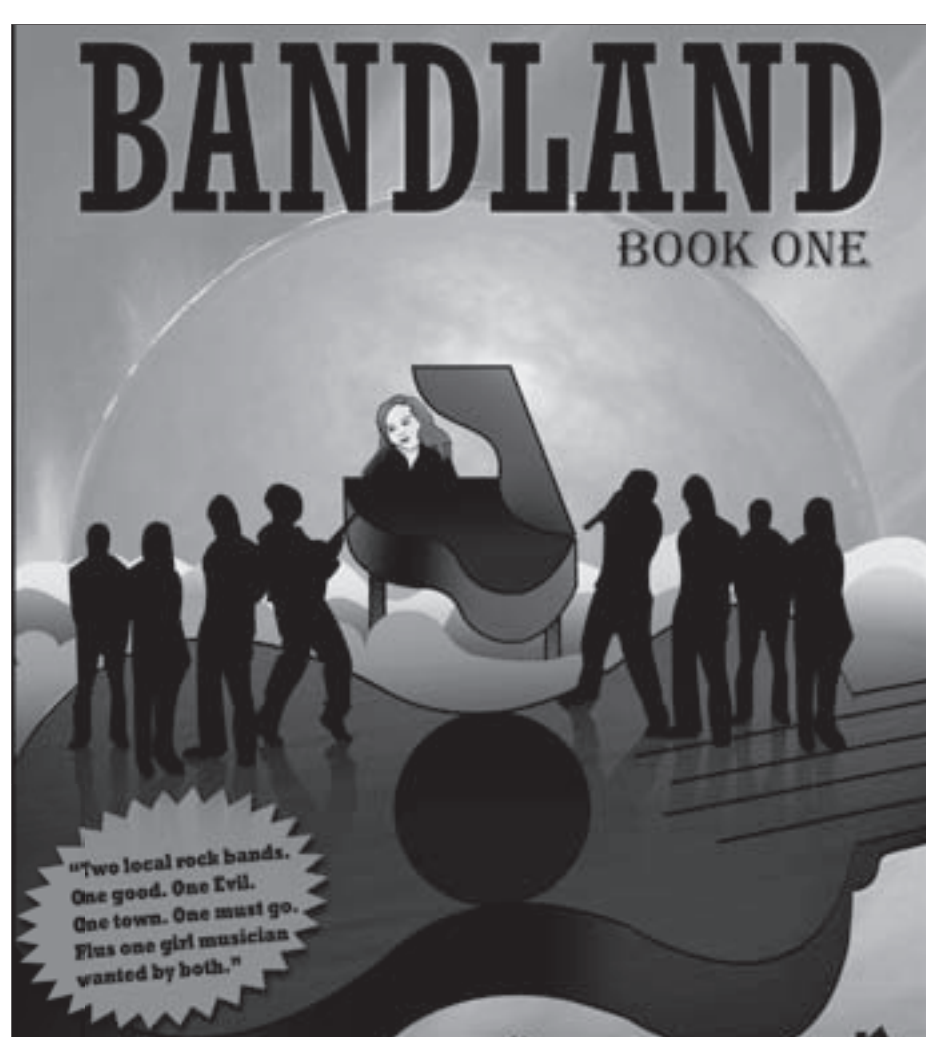
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ITEM: Dear friends, pardon this slight digression from the usual Rock on the Bronx column. I wanted to share with you the happy news that I have written and released an eBook called "BandLand-Book One".

I have been mulling the story for a quite a while and was able to finally get it down in an intense two week period in August. It's a fictional music-melodrama about two local rock bands in a small town. One band is good, the other is evil.

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## PIPE DREAMS

By Bob Connolly

### Week 2 Giants (1-1)

The Giants had a fantastic comeback despite the poor officiating and the un-flagged Bucs' fouls. The most egregious foul came at game's end when as Eli was taking a knee and a TB defenders fired out at full strength knocking Eli to the turf (no penalty but a memory). Eli was 31/51, 504yds. The team had over 600 total yards. Nicks and Cruz each had double figure catches with close to 400 yards. The NY DBs have to get better. TB passed for 243 yards

**Steelers (1-1) 27**

**Jets (1-1) 10**

The rumored Jet D doesn't seem to be that good having given up 721 yards and allowed 55 points in two games. Roethlisberger was 24/32, 275; Jets passed 10/27, 138yds. and ran 28 times for 66yds. What "wildcat" offense?

**Week 3 Giants (2-1)**

**36- Panthers (2-1) 7**

After the Giants scored 40pts in a win over the Bucs, some of the southern guys were saying that they wanted to see if the "G-Men" could do it again.

Well they didn't score 40 but did score 36 in beating Carolina.

Darden, Bennett, & Brown were asked to step-up and play in place for injured regulars. Step-up they did (Darden 9/138, Brown ran 20/113)

The Giant D only gave up 60yds on the ground but allowed

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## State champs look for back-to-back title

BY DANIEL MARTIN

Fordham Prep might be the defending CHSSA Class AA state champions, but if coach Peter McNamara and the Rams are to win back-to-back titles, they will have to do it with a roster that returns only a handful of players from last year's championship team.

"We would like to continue to play this way," said assistant coach Gustavo Palomino, who filled in for head coach Peter McNamara Thursday. "We have a lot of new players, but little by little we're playing the right game."

The Rams lost two key players from last season's championship team, Mark Kramarchuk and Dylan Cope, both of whom are now signed to play Division I soccer at Bucknell and Iona respectively. But, even with those two having graduated, players have stepped in and provided leadership to fill the void.

"Last year, we had built up from the beginning," said senior co-captain Sebastian Palomino, the assistant coach's son, after a 4-0 win over Holy Cross last Thursday. "We didn't have that good of chemistry, but after all these practices we came out here and showed that we can play as a team."

This 2012 squad, which is 4-0-1, has added talent from the inside, too, capitalizing on the development of its junior varsity team and helping those younger players into key roles on the varsity squad. Among them is junior Pat Quirke, who scored two goals against Holy Cross, opening the game with a score in the first half, and sealing the game with another late in the second.



*Continued on page 56*

By Denis Gostev

Sebastian Palomino is looking to lead an inexperienced Fordham Prep team to another CHSAA Class AA state crown.

er late in the second.

"Wherever coach puts me, I'm just trying to help out," he said. "It might be tough to repeat what we did last year with a lot of good kids leaving, but we have a bunch of good juniors and sopho-

mores that can help out."

Fordham Prep was relentless on the attack Thursday night, particularly in the second half, keeping pressure on the Holy Cross defense and producing four goals. That up-tempo style has

produced 11 goals in four games for the Rams.

"I think there's a lot to work on, still," Sebastian Palomino said. "I think we have to take it game by game and see how it progresses from there."

## Mount St. Michael big win in CHSFL Class AAA play

BY DANIEL MARTIN

Coming off of a loss to Holy Cross last week, Mount Saint Michael bounced back with a big 41-14 win over Fordham Prep in CHSFL Class AAA play Saturday night at Fordham University.

Mount coach Mario Valentini and his squad used their three-running back set, plus quarterback Isaiah Matir, almost exclusively on Saturday night.

Albert Sutton led the way, carrying the ball 14 times for 102 yards and scoring a touchdown. Kasim Thomas caught a touchdown and ran for another, while collecting 61 yards on the ground.

"I got good blocks from the offensive line, which helped me out," Sutton said. "Coach told me to run hard. Just run hard and keep my legs moving."

Mount St. Michael led by just

one point, 8-7, at the end of the first quarter, but went on a 36-7 scoring run to finish the game and secure the big victory.

Matir also got the Mountaineer offense moving with his legs, breaking off a 54-yard run up the middle to put Mount (1-1, 1-1) in position to score in the third quarter. T was a much needed win after falling 20-14 to Holy Cross in the final seconds last week

"We executed well on offense, but we still have a lot of work to do," Valentini said. "We're coming along."

The loss keeps Fordham Prep (0-3, 0-2) winless to start to the season. The Rams lost a tight game to St. John the Baptist, a Class AA-A team in its opener and was handled by Chaminade last week.

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# Eagles looking to win second straight title

BY JOSEPH STASZEWSKI

Arianna Francis' signature sequence headband isn't the only thing that makes her stand out on the volleyball court.

"I think I am the only one who wears it," the Fieldston outside hitter said with a smile.

The stylish senior is also arguably the Ivy League's most dominant player for an Eagles team looking to win a second straight NYSAISAA crown. He athletic 5-foot-9 frame can unleash powerfully swing that allow her to score through, over and a around a block.

That along with her serving and digging was on display in the Eagles 25-18, 25-13, 25-13, win over an injury-plagued Poly Prep team in an Ivy League girls volleyball game in The Bronx Friday. Francis had two long service runs in the first set, got Fieldston off to a good start in the second and along with Catalina Jimenez and Danielle Sutton closed out a feisty Blue Devils team in the third.

"That's the type of Ari you expect to see," Fieldston coach Collin Henry said. "I try to tell her she is on another level from the competition in this league, but she plays down some times. It annoys me and then she turns and gives me

those little dimples to say, 'I know I messed up because I am not being aggressive.'"

What makes Francis even more dangerous is the tandem she and Jimenez form on the court. Their versatility allows Henry to play one in the front line and one in the back at all times. Both are superb servers and diggers and can hit effectively from anywhere. It leaves opponents without a break and concerned that either one can get on a roll. Fieldston used the same plan during its title run, but with more experienced players around them.

"By putting them opposite each other you get the same thing in every rotation," Henry said. "It looks like nothing has changed it's a big luxury to have."

They are lynchpins, along with right side Lisa Slivken, of a team that is still learning how to play together. New sophomore setter Abby Kingsberg is beginning to find her chemistry with her teammates and junior libero Rowyn Paul is building off the experience she gained after being called up from the JV late last season.

"She is doing big things," Jimenez said of Kingsberg.

Fieldston hopes to accomplish some lofty thing as team as well.



Photo by Denis Gostev

Fieldston senior Arianna Francis is one of the city's top hitters.

## Salesian vs. Regis

To the players, it's like the World Series

Salesian vs. Jesuit. Salesian vs. Regis. There's just no way to downplay the intensity of this rivalry. There isn't a single person affiliated with these two names that isn't aware of the elephant in the room. Yes there is a rivalry. Every time these teams play it's a battle. Neither wants to lose...it's like the World Series in these players' eyes. If Regis takes a drubbing from Stepinac...no biggie, just wake up the next day and get back to work. Regis loses to Salesian? Cue the violins, stock up on tissues, and get the energy drinks ready for the next day because no body is sleeping that night. So why is this year different then all the others? Now...even more then before, there is more incentive for these teams to win.

Kevin Del Valle is the coach of Salesian's Varsity team. On Saturday, September 29 at 1 p.m., his team will take on Regis. Who

coaches Regis? His brother, Keith Del Valle. The trash talk has already begun. There are no light jabs being thrown here...these two are literally not speaking to each other at the moment. Call it boys being boys or brothers being brothers, either way this game promises to be exciting. Could there be the sentimental moment at the game's conclusion where both brothers meet at the mound and hug? Maybe. We'll have to see. I'm sure both coaches will have a special pre-game pep talk prepared for the locker room. To these two brothers, it's about who has the better coaching ability. Who led their group of young men to become the better baseball players. The bottom-line is they both want to win...badly.

Salesian vs. Regis. Kevin Del Valle vs. Keith Del Valle. Bragging rights on the line.

It's is off to a perfect start in Ivy League play, but fell to a healthy Poly Prep team at the Brearley tournament and to Bronx Science

in the Battle of the Bronx tournament final over the weekend. If show them what this club is capable moving forward.

"We are determined to win this year," Francis said. "I believe we can do it. We all believe we can do it."

## Mount St. Michael big win in CHSFL

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Fordham Prep coach Pete Gorynski said. "I thought we were better than what we've shown.

For Fordham Prep, the one bright spot for an offense that struggled to really get going was running back Malik Crossdale.

He carried the ball 16 times for 95 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown in the second quarter. It kept the Rams close early before Mount broke the game open. Despite the slow start to the season, Gorynski says the Rams are looking to quickly change course and that could mean a shake up in the

line up.

"We're going to try to find guys that want to be out here," Gorynski said. "As I told them, my free time this weekend will be spent watching film...We're going to start juggling personnel. Problem is, I don't know how much of the deck I can shuffle."

# Limping Horace Mann defeats Riverdale 4-1



Photo by Robert Cole

Injury plagued Horace Mann is hoping to compete for a second straight Ivy League crown.

## BY MIKE MCAVOY

The injury bug has been swarming around Horace Mann this season, but not even that can slow down this senior-laden squad.

Horace Mann defeated visiting Riverdale 4-1 in Ivy League boys soccer Friday afternoon. The Lion's clicked on all cylinders despite missing two of their captains Andrew Silberstein and Troy Sipprelle due to injury.

Senior captain Bernie Rawlins stepped up big in the absence of his classmates. He had his hand in three of the team's goals, scoring two of his own and assisting on a third.

"Bernie's a great captain and a great leader," Horace Mann coach Neil Berniker said. "He has outstanding speed, he wants the ball, and he knows what to do with it. He's a driving force."

Rawlins will have to continue his hot play as the Lion's will be without Silberstein and Sipprelle going forward. Sipprelle will be sidelined the entire season, as he recovers from surgery for a torn meniscus. Silberstein suffered a high-ankle sprain, but his timetable is unknown.

"He is, what I consider, one of the top players in the league," Berniker said of Silberstein. "We need him

to recover."

The Lions wasted no time against Riverdale. Senior Michael Chon scored off deflection of a Rawlins' shot in the 10th minute. Rawlins added a goal past diving Riverdale goalie Noah Stern to give Horace Mann a 2-0 lead with a minute left in the first half.

In the 48th minute Lyle Dershowitz tucked a header into the left side of a corner kick from senior Andrew Arnaboldi. Rawlins capped the scoring off a feed from Dershowitz. The win was just step toward against competing for a division title and NYSAISAA crown.

"Our depth has been key, especially since the injuries" Arnaboldi said.

The Lions return 11 seniors from a team that won the Ivy League last year. They were eliminated in the semifinals of the playoffs by eventual state champions Collegiate, who handed Mann their only loss this season by a score of 3-0.

"It was a tough game," Rawlins said. "We'll see them another time and we'll be ready for them."

It's that type of attitude that's made Berniker proud of the way his club has come together despite the injuries and the early season loss to Collegiate. He only sees good things ahead for his team ahead.

# Pipedreams: Elite QBs; workload

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288 in the air (no TDs); remarkable, on three days' rest.

## Elite QBs

Greg Cote (Miami Herald) ranked some of the top NFL QBs:

Elite: 1. Tom Brady, Patriots; 2. Aaron Rodgers, Packers; 3. Drew Brees, Saints; and 4. Manning, Broncos. Near elite 5. Eli Manning, Giants; 6. Ben Roethlisberger, Steelers; and 7. Philip Rivers, Chargers. Next tier 8. Matt Ryan, Falcons; 9. Joe Flacco, Ravens; 10. Matt Schaub, Texans; 11. Matthew Stafford, Lions; 12. Tony Romo, Cowboys; and 13. Cam Newton, Panthers."

## More On Bounty-Gate

Dan Daly (DC Times) had these thoughts: "The league has always contended that some of those big plays were deliberate attempts to injure. The question has always been: How much? But that isn't the question Vilma and the others have been preoccupied with. What they've been preoccupied with is: How much does the NFL really know, and how

much do we have to admit to? Or to put it another way, it's become a battle between the Best Interests of Football and the Best Interests of Four Players — and there's no intersection between the two. Up to now, the Bounty Four have been perfectly content to hang the whole thing on a rogue coach (Williams) who's been banished from the league for a year. That "affect the head" business? Oh, that was just Gregg being theatrical. Nobody took that seriously. One piece of evidence the NFL showed the union, though, listed the Saints' "2010 'kill the head' totals," Mike Freeman of CBSSports.com reported. "It's a simple column that has player names and then the phrase 'kill the heads' with numbers underneath. Vilma, for example, had 62 kill the heads."

## Workload

Bob Molinaro (HamptonRoads.com) wrote that, "It's hard not to be cynical about the NFL's professed concern for players' health and safety while teams are asked to go to work on short rest in order to satisfy the

Thursday night schedule. When the Ravens play the Browns on Thursday, Sept. 27, it will be Baltimore's fourth game in 17 days."

## "Sawx" Sale

Tony Mazz (Boston Globe) talked about some rumblings. "Charles Gasparino of the FOX Business Network has reported that the Red Sox are at least "mulling" a sale in the wake of the historic trade that felt like a corporate gutting. Henry denies this. On the baseball side, Boston felt liberated by the trade that sent Adrian Gonzalez, Josh Beckett, and Carl Crawford to the Los Angeles Dodgers. On the business side, people like Gasparino saw it as a quarter-billion-dollar downsizing that could make the Sox far more appealing to prospective buyers. The truth, as always, probably rests somewhere in the space between, and we all know that semantics are everything when the temperature gets hottest. If the Sox are "mulling" a sale, does that mean they will sell? No. But even Henry has publicly stated that he never intend-

ed to own the club for more than 20-25 years, which puts him and his partners somewhere around the 50-yard line."

## NHL Lockout?

John Feinstein (DC Post) wrote that, "The NHL wants more and it wants the players to accept less — again. The players, led by former baseball union chief Donald Fehr, are willing to accept some cuts — but not the cuts the owners want. And so, there is a good chance that hockey fans — arguably the most loyal fans in sports — will face another fall without hockey. What's worth remembering is that this is not Fehr's first rodeo. He ran the baseball union during numerous work stoppages, including the strike of 1994-95, when the owners cancelled a World Series and actually began spring training with replacement players.

And then there's one other question: Do the two sides understand how sick and tired all fans, even hockey fans, are of hearing millionaires bickering with billionaires?"

# Full schedule of matches for AFC

## BY THE SHADOW

Another beautiful weekend at Cintron Field brought out a full schedule of matches for the players of AFC Rapid Soccer. The highlights are as follows:

The Sportsters from Side Street "performed body work" on Finest Auto Body, 2-0. Both goals were scored by Ralph Pulitano, with offensive help from Christopher Norvelli. The wall was formed by Skylar Leonard and Aninatu Diallo.

The ovens at Loretta's Pizza were burning white hot, defeating Barino's Market, 5-0. The scoring was shared fairly equally between Leonard Nikollis(2), Domenic Ariculo, Nicholas Apicelli and Christos Argylos 1 score each. Strong midfield play, along with the goal by Christos and Lauren Catherall. The sweeper was Luke Mul-

lane.

The pasta was al dente as Macaroni Kid "boiled" International Caterers, 4-0. Joseph Healy(2), Adonis Kurtovic(1) Jasianna Vasconcellos (1), with an assist by Arielle Justine. Other offensive standouts were Besiana Adzovic and Grace Mutze. The "D" was held by Norysa Nemis and Kevin Killeen.

Yesterday, today & tomorrow came for Today Realty stopping Sensory Works, 5-2. The scoring was supplied by Osuman Diallo, Max Wiehler and Christopher Crowe. Great offensive efforts from Kayleigh Crowe, Brielle Bordes and Chris Healy. Finn Wiehler turned a great game in the net with support by Dylan Salveggi, Samantha Forese and Holoye Diallo.

The Sor bones of Dr Ken Gonoud Tied the counter menm McDonald's, 2-2.

The scorers for Dr Ken were Matthew Kahn and Nicholas Kola. Stellar game from the Kimmel brothers, Brian and Aidan.

Pro Active PT performed some rough on Thros Neck Clipper, 3-2. Coming back from 2-0 deficit in the first half, Brennan Seoane(2) and Joseph O'Keefe (1) pulled off the victory. Alex Kosko played an all around great offensive game, as well as William Pastone and Ibrahim Diallo. Ivan Santos, sweeper, Samir Hoti and Jaball Kwesi held the defense.

The lances were sharp for St Frances K of C defeating Al-Boro Security, 4-1. Ryan Canela(1) and Clayshon Hibbert the hat trick made scoring. The push was supplied by Jade Haney and Miranda Lougheryl. The "D" came from Emily Melendez and Giuseppe Benvenuto.

Porco Adjusting "triumphed over" Triumph Construction, 3-2. Joseph Cala(2) and Domenic Munafo(1) did the scoring for Porco. Strong performances by Ryan Turne, Rocco LePore and Vinny Ferrante. For Triumph, Aidan Martinucci and with his 1st goal, Ben Romano. Defensive standouts were Sophia Ryan and Conor Picard.

The attorneys from Patrick Wynne shutout Isabella Carting, 3-0. The scoring was shared equally by Matthew Tirrballo, Nicholas Tripoli and Caitlyn Byrne. Joseph Villanueva and Dakota Strain each had an assist. Francesca Bulzkowski and Nelson Nunez played great defense, while Landon Lynch pitched a shutout. Strong play turned in by Susie Malshyti, Jayleen Resto, Jaiden Gamez and Steven Purrell for Isabella.

# BP Diaz calls on mayor to put boro reps on Housing Authority board

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with upkeep and repairs.

Published reports show the agency sitting on \$1 billion in government funding meant for repairs, while tenants have waited in vain.

As Rhea works to fix his board, the borough president wants to see a backlog of fixes made at the Bronx's NYCHA complexes, which account for 25% of the borough's crime.

Several high-profile shootings happened at local projects over the summer, including the killing of 4-year-old Lloyd Morgan at Morrisania's Forest Houses. He was killed in the crossfire of two rivals during an evening basketball tournament in July. The complex has no security cameras.

Residents at Forest Houses must also deal with a laundry list of filthy hallways, musty smells, flicker-

ing lights and graffiti tags.

On Saturday, September 22, Diaz held his annual "Peace in the Streets" initiative at Forest Houses, personally asking tenants to report any illegal guns.

He said the initiative allowed him to keep his ear to the ground over a "myriad" of problems at the complex.

Over the last several months, two murders rocked Pelham Parkway Houses, once "the jewel of NYCHA" where part of the complex is now dubbed "Siberia" for its high crime rate.

During the overnight hours of August 26, a 25-year-old was shot dead and another seriously wounded after arguing with several people.

Tenants were shocked in June by the gruesome murder of Evelyn Shapiro, an 88-year-old grandmother bludgeoned to death inside her apartment.

The murder drove Councilman Jimmy Vacca to set aside \$4.6 million for security cameras and a "layered-access" system at Pelham Houses. Installation is set for next year.

Vacca agreed with Diaz's idea, saying "Having those voices on the NYCHA board to share those insights could be valuable to NYCHA."

The letter comes as Diaz Jr. weighs a run for Public Advocate, though he told the Bronx Times his letter was not politically motivated.

"Whether I'm the public advocate or not," he said, "I will always advocate for the people."

NYCHA did not respond to requests for comment. The mayor's office has not responded to Diaz Jr.'s idea.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383.



Photo courtesy of the Borough President's office

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. hands out leaflets outside Forest Houses in Mott Haven. He recently sent a letter to Mayor Mike Bloomberg requesting unapaid members to NYCHA's board be appointed by borough presidents.



On Saturday, August 11, tenants of Tracey Towers organized a protest against R.Y. Management for a proposed increase in rent. The proposal would raise tenants' rents by a total of 65% by 2015. The protest was led by Jean Hill, president of the tenants association and member of Community Board 7.

(Above, right) Helen Newton, president of Tracey Towers senior citizens, leads a march outside Tracey Towers to protest a proposed rent increase on Saturday, August 11.

## Tracey Towers rent hike compromise

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increase by 16%, followed by further increases over the next three years.

But Madonna won a temporary restraining order.

Madonna said he presented the offer to extend the rent increases to the tenant association on Friday, September 21.

Extending the amount of time would reduce the amount tenants would be required to pay each year, but would also extend the number of years the rent would continue to gradually increase.

"It really doesn't lower the increase much," Madonna said. "They have to put it to the board members and vote on whether to accept the offer or not accept and proceed with the case."

The biggest impediment in the case is the owner's commitment to repayment of a \$40 million dollar loan, for major renovation and repair work on the complex, which is in serious need of upgrades and repairs.

"The loan creates a major problem for us because it has made it hard for us to rework the numbers because it is all based on the repayment of that loan," Madonna said. "Now everyone is stuck with repaying this loan."

Liz Burke, a spokesperson for R.Y. Management, said the driving factor for the rent increase, which was approved by the city's Department of Housing Preservation and Development, is that the current rent structure simply can not support the building's monthly operating budget.

"Our goal is to work

with the tenants, provide solutions for those who may be impacted financially, and continually work to improve and upgrade Tracey Towers so that residents may enjoy safe, comfortable and attractive housing," Burke said.

Meanwhile, the management firm has been trying to help blunt the economic hit by working with tenants to enroll them in various financial assistance programs.

"We have been assisting senior citizens at Tracey Towers in obtaining Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemptions (SCRIE) for those who may be eligible," said Burke. "SCRIE will freeze the rents for qualifying seniors and shelter them from this increase," she added, as well as other possible government financial assistance programs.



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BY DR. WILLIAM WOLFSON

Wisdom teeth are the upper and lower third molars, located at the very back of the mouth. They are called wisdom teeth because usually they come in when a person is between 17 and 21 years or older—old enough to have gained some “wisdom.” Wisdom teeth that are healthy and properly positioned do not cause problems.

What causes problems with wisdom teeth? Wisdom teeth may break partway through your gums, causing a flap of gum tissue to grow over them where food can

become trapped and a gum infection can develop. Wisdom teeth can also come in crooked or facing the wrong direction. Or, if your jaw is not large enough to give them room, they may become impacted and unable to break through your gums. You may have trouble properly cleaning around wisdom teeth because they are so far in the

back of your mouth and may be crowded.

What are the symptoms of wisdom tooth problems? Wisdom teeth often cause no symptoms. Symptoms that may mean your wisdom teeth need to be removed include:

- Pain or jaw stiffness near an impacted tooth.
- Pain or irritation from a tooth coming in at an awkward angle and rubbing against your cheek, tongue, or top or bottom of the mouth.
- An infected swelling in the flap of gum tissue that has

formed on top of an impacted tooth that has partially broken through the gum.

- Crowding of other teeth.
- Tooth decay or gum disease if there's not enough room to properly care for the wisdom tooth and surrounding teeth.

Most problems with wisdom teeth develop in people between the ages of 15 and 25. Few people older than 30 develop problems that require removal of their wisdom teeth.

**How Are Problems With Wisdom Teeth Diagnosed?**

Your dentist will ex-

amine your teeth and gums for signs of a wisdom tooth coming through your gum or crowding other teeth. You will have X-rays to find out whether your wisdom teeth are causing problems now or are likely to cause problems in the future.

**What Is The Treatment For Wisdom Tooth Problems?**

The most common treatment for wisdom tooth problems is removal (extraction) of the tooth. Experts disagree about whether to remove a wisdom tooth that

is not causing symptoms or problems. Oral surgeons generally agree that removing a wisdom tooth is easier in younger people (usually in their early 20s), when the tooth's roots and the jawbone are not completely developed. In the late 20s and older, the jawbone tends to get harder, and healing generally takes longer.

*Dr. William Wolfson is the director of Morris Park Dental Associates, located at 960 Morris Park Ave. Call 718-377-6453 for more info.*

## Health alert

BY DAVID KASEMAN, D.C.

**Mental Attitude: Positive Emotion.** Older adults display more positive emotions and are quicker to regulate out of negative emotional states than younger adults. Older adults may be better at regulating emotion because they tend to direct their eyes away from negative material or toward positive material. - *Current Directions in Psychological Science, August 2012*

**Health Alert: Alzheimer's Research.** The global market for Alzheimer's disease therapeutics could soar to \$8 billion once therapies are approved that actually change the course of the disease. The current therapeutic market is valued at \$3-4 billion and is shared among drugs that temporarily delay disease progression or address the symptoms but do not alter the underlying disease. Despite all the research on amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles, there is still a debate on whether these biological phenomena are causative or symptomatic of Alzheimer's. Once scientists can clearly and unequivocally define key factors related to the actual biology of the disease itself, therapeutic advances could take place much more quickly. - *Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology News, August 2012*

**Diet: Summer Time Blues!** Barbequed hot dogs and sausages are common summer time treats, but are they the right choice for your diet? It's not just the high levels of fat or calories that are

cause for concern, most hot dogs, bratwurst, and other sausages are also very high in sodium. The average hot dog contains 280 calories, 15 grams of fat, and 1,250 mg of sodium. - *American Heart Association*

**Exercise: Micronutrients and Physical Fitness.** Adolescents' blood levels of micronutrients are correlated with how well they perform in physical fitness tests. For cardio-respiratory fitness, concentrations of hemoglobin, retinol, and vitamin C in males and beta-carotene and vitamin D in females was positively associated with VO2 max (peak oxygen uptake). - *Journal of Applied Physiology, Aug 2012*

**Wellness/Prevention: Nutrition and IQ.** Children fed healthy diets at a young age may have a higher IQ when tested at eight years old. A study looked at the link between the eating habits of children at six months, 15 months and two years, and their IQ at eight years of age. Children breastfed at six months and who had a healthy diet regularly including foods such as legumes, cheese, fruit and vegetables at 15 and 24 months, had an IQ up to two points higher by age eight. Those children who had a diet regularly involving biscuits, chocolate, sweets, soft drinks and chips in the first two years of life had IQs up to two points lower by age eight. - *University of Adelaide, Aug 2012*

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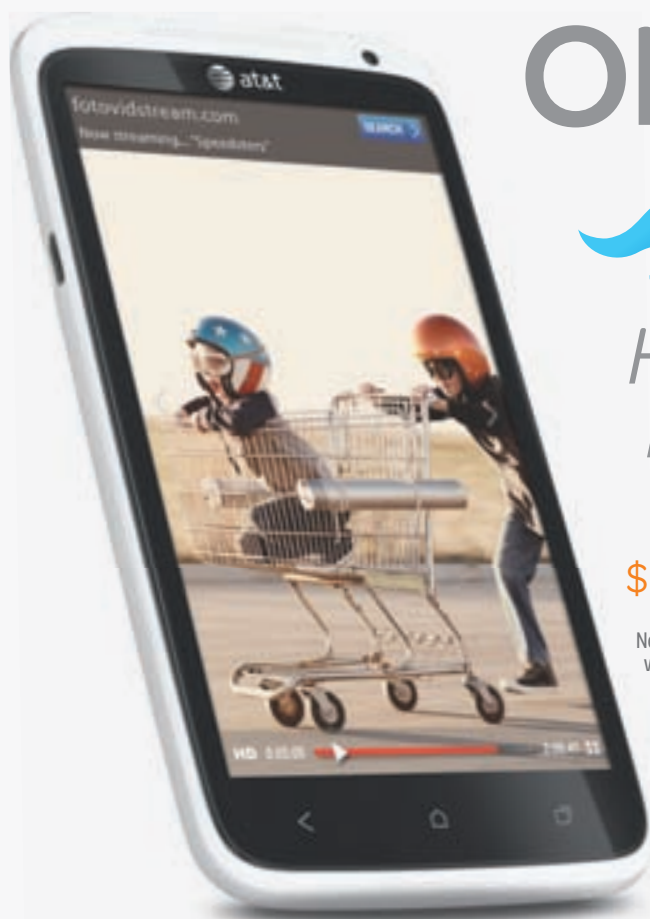
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